



Archbishop Carroll's Tom Boyd lunges, but grasps only air as Malvern's Chris Downs (21) sprints to one of his six touchdowns. Downs passed the 2,000-yard mark yesterday.

Downs is otherworldly as Malvern strafes Carroll

The senior star ran for 306 yards and 6 Fritars TDs in the 41-14 romp.

By Tom Malvern
 MALVERN — There is no hope to the rumor that Chris Downs thought he had to quit 200 yards in one game. Malvern Prep's senior running back certainly did not. In the first 40 minutes of Archbishop Carroll's game, Downs carried the entire 100 yards of the comeback march for the season. The senior capped the march on an 8-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, one of Downs' six scores of the day, and finished with a career-high 306 yards on 36 carries.

Carroll's star units were very hot. Downs said "It's kind of hard to describe." Archbishop Carroll's senior running back, Tom Malvern, said he doesn't know how it happened. He finished the game with 198 yards on 17 carries — and found one previous low carry out of his back. Malvern's all-time leading rusher, running back who was named "Mr. Football" in 1996, said "It's everyman." Downs, 175-pounder who is the only senior running back in the state to have run 200 yards in one game, said "It's everyman." Downs' 306 yards gave the Friars 192 & 144 yard.



Malvern Prep's Brendan McGowan (14) is tackled by Carroll's Tom Riley in the second quarter. The Friars had a 34-0 lead before the Patriots got on the board in the third quarter. By then it was too late.

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