

The scoreboard showed that Malvern Prep had topped St. John Neumann by 22-0. But, in all honesty, no one had seen much of anything.

Quarterback Mike Burke, who passed 5-for-11 for 102 yards, left at the half, pointing to an upset stomach. David Orr (13-24), who did not feel well from the start, never got moving. Mike Laino later (11-92) went out with a cramp.

"We did get a little conservative in that second half," stated Gaspare "Gamp" Pellegrini. "We still wanted to score, though. Perhaps if we'd gotten one more TD, we would have gone South and the game could have been relaxing.

"Our troubles in the second half were not a case of lack of conditioning. They stemmed from the fact that our second-line kids aren't as far along in terms of coaching. It was a coaching problem, not a kids problem."

For Neumann, QB Ed Yocum, halfback John Leonetti and seven or eight others suffered injuries of some kind.

"Oh, we'll hit you," said Pellegrini. "But, gosh, that was a mushy game."

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