FOOTBALL: Malvern keeps rolling with 32-point triumph

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Purple People Eaters. Wrong Way Reigel. Doomsday Defense. Gang Green. Real colorful stuff.

Into the fray comes a new nickname, from out of the Main Line. A group of young men who play defense for Malvern Prep. A stingy bunch, they are. Allowing only 10 points a game. They're rugged. Ornery. Unkind to quarterbacks and running backs. They're some bad dudes.

They're known as Mt. No Rushmore.

A pregnant pause here for a moment of reflection. You like? Think it's cute? Chuckle at it?

Hey, do what you want. It ain't funny to those who have to play against it.

The Friars' defense held down the fort early in last Friday night's game at West Chester East, until the offense decided to take advantage of glorious field position. The end result was a 41-9 thumping of the Vikings.

Chew on this statistic for a second: East totaled 222 yards.

Not bad. But, 168 of those yards came on three plays. So the Vikes could muster less than 60 yards for the rest of the night. Malvern Prep (4-0, ranked No. 14 in this week's [Pasportsfever.com](http://pasportsfever.com/) Pennsylvania Top 25) forced five turnovers, including four interceptions of East quarterback Tom Duncan.

"We felt great on defense," said T.J. Cascio, one of the Friars' defensive ringleaders. "We can always depend on our defense. When we're stepping on the field, we want to represent a good Malvern team. We can't ever let up. When you're at the top, everybody points to you as their toughest game."

After Malvern's 35-7, blowout win over Downingtown on Sept. 22, Friars coach Gamp Pellegrini didn't want his charges falling prey to an East team willing to knock Malvern on its derriere.

"East certainly played well for the first quarter-and-a-half," said Pellegrini. "Our team gets too pumped. During the first quarter, I thought, 'Here we go again. We're in for a struggle.' But these kids are good. They believe in each other, they have confidence in each other, they root for each other. They make the coach look good."

Five of Malvern's six first-half possessions started in East's end of the field. The first three went nowhere, thanks to the Vikings' defense. Then the dam burst, as the Friars scored touchdowns on four of their next five possessions.

"They did a good job against Downingtown," said East coach Joe Carroll, "but they were better tonight.."

D.J. Driscoll, who had a pair of interceptions and a fumble recovery, got Malvern moving with his first pick. With the ball at the East 48, the Friars needed eight plays to go the distance, with Cascio pounding it in from the 1. Brendan Carney then converted the 100th extra point of his scholastic career.

East responded, as Scott Rafetto tore off a 65-yard run before he was tracked down by Kevin Barr at the Malvern 12. But, after two sacks of Duncan, the Vikes had to settle for a 37-yard Dan McAllister field goal with 7:41 left in the first half.

Malvern then went 80 yards on its next drive. Gerald Price followed a Mike Meehan block for a 32-yard gain on a sweep. Matt Skellan threw a 14-yard completion to Chris Emper, before Skellan executed a brilliant play-action fake and tossed a 15-yard touchdown pass to Barr.

The lead swelled to 21-3 at halftime when Mike Treston closed out a 45-yard drive with an eight-yard run, following an excellent block by Price on the corner.

The scoring run continued at the opening of the second half, as the Friars went 74 yards in 11 plays, capped by a 13-yard bullet pass from Skellan to Emper.

A Meehan interception put the ball on the East 23. Treston took care of the final 12 yards on a sweep of right end, going in untouched.

Eric Chamness gave Vikings fans something to cheer about on East's Homecoming night, popping a guard trap for a 62-yard touchdown run. But, even that enthusiasm was dampened when backup Friars quarterback Dave Moore bootlegged around left end for a 30-yard touchdown.

Malvern Prep            West Chester East

23      First downs      7

241      Net rushing      150

115      Net passing      72

356      Total offense      222

0      Fumbles lost      1

4      Intercepted by      1

3-25      Penalties      2-10

2-34.5      Punts      3-25.3

Malvern Prep      0      21      7      13-41

West Chester East      0      3      0      6-9

Scoring

MP-Cascio 1 run (Carney kick)

WCE-McAllister 37 field goal

MP-Barr 15 pass from Skellan (Carney kick)

MP-Treston 8 run (Carney kick)

MP-Emper 13 pass from Skellan (Carney kick)

MP-Treston 12 run (Carney kick)

WCE-Chamness 62 run (kick failed)

MP-Moore 30 run (pass failed)

MALVERN PREP                  WEST CHESTER EAST

Rushing      tc      yds      lg      Rushing      tc      yds      lg

Treston      15      80      12      Chamness      2      66      62

Cascio      13      54      12      Rafetto      3      61      65

Price      4      43      32      Hackett      4      23      12

Moore      1      30      30      Herndon      3      16      13

McKeeta      3      24      13      Burt      1      8      8

Liva      1      7      7      Leotta      2      6      5

Lilly      2      6      5      Boyd      2      5      4

Mackrides      1      6      6      Atwell      1      1      1

Gough      1      2      2      Babinecz      1      0      0

Dougherty      2      -3      -1      Muldwney      2      -9      -2

Skellan      3      -8      4      Duncan      6      -27      1

Totals      46      241      32      Totals      27      150      65

Passing      a      c      i      yds      Passing      a      c      i      yds

Skellan      15      8      1      115      Leotta      2      2      0      48

                              Duncan      13      2      4      24

Totals      15      8      1      115      Totals      15      4      4      72

Receiving      cgt      yds      Receiving      cgt      yds

Barr      2      31      Powell      1      41

Emper      2      27      Rafetto      1      18

Price      1      25      Chamness      1      7

Cascio      1      20      Wunderlich      1      6

Driscoll      2      12

Totals      8      115      Totals      4      72