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Quarterback Witchie Exilhomme drives for a few extra yards while running back Murphy during yesterday's 29-0 win.

# Malden seniors stand tall

## QB Valley leads charge

By MIKE DEL ROSSO

MALDEN — It was senior day for Malden, and they made sure their last game would be special.

With all four touchdowns scored by upperclassmen, the Golden Tornadoes swirled to a 29-0 victory over Medford at

<b>MALDEN</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>MEDFORD</b>	<b>0</b>

MacDonald Stadium yesterday, in the 123rd Thanksgiving Day showdown between the two rivals.

"I'm ecstatic for our seniors going out," Malden coach Joe Pappagallo said about his 17 departing players.

Senior offensive lineman Aaron Samano's 1-yard barrel into the end zone got the ball rolling for Medford (5-5) as the first quarter came to a close.

"The O-linemen don't really get a lot of love in the paper. Aaron's been a good player for Malden High for four years," Pappagallo said. "The history of this game is so fabled that (we couldn't pass up) the opportunity to put an offensive lineman's name in the books forever."

Only up seven at the half, however, Malden turned it on in the second to pull away from the Mustangs (0-10). Malden took the kickoff and drove for a touchdown. Quarterback Kevin Valley (7-of-11, 126 yards, one TD passing, one rushing TD) tossed a quick screen to halfback Frankie Dunn, who scampered 55

yards down the right sideline for the score.

Up 14-0, the Tornadoes immediately got the ball back on an interception by Witchie Exilhomme, who also had seven tackles and a sack on the day. The hosts quickly added to their lead, with Valley running it in from 5 yards out, then converted a fake PAT into two more points by finding an open Dunn by the pylon.

"It went from good to bad real quick," Medford coach Rico Dello Iacono said. "Joe Pappagallo did a great job. He knew that our passing game was nonexistent, with a freshman quarterback.

"(Valley) throws a beautiful screen pass and (Dunn) runs up the sideline. What a great play call at that point ... then we throw the interception."

Medford can take this season as a learning experience for the underclassmen returning next year, who Dello Iacono said "played their hardest (this year)."

"We've got nine out of 11 (players) on offense and nine out of 11 returning on defense," Dello Iacono said. "After a year of playing football against the guys they've played against this year, I think they'll be ready for what's in store."

In the fourth quarter, senior Kenny Mettelus capped the day with a stirring 12-yard scoring run, breaking through three Mustangs defenders to get over the goal line and make it 29-0. Malden now leads the overall series, 59-54-10.

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### DIVISION 1

**Wells 38, Haverhill 21** — Kyle ... threw for a pair of ... as the Red Raiders (5-6) ... the Hillies in a nonlea- ... tilt.

**Malden Catholic 12, Waltham** — Matt Heriveaux scored ... touchdowns and nose- ... Scott Lader had three

sacks and forced two fumbles as the Lancers speared the Hawks in a nonleague game.

**Somerville 34, Matignon 6** — Devon Hairston rushed for 112 yards and a TD, while Josh Scarry added 109 yards and a score for the Highlanders (4-6).

The teams' Thanksgiving series will end next year. Somerville will play Cambridge starting in 2012.