

H.S. FOOTBALL

Strath Haven's line gets job done in Media Bowl victory

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NETHER PROVIDENCE » In an age where 300-pound linemen are common at the high school level, Strath Haven is built a little different.

The Panthers only list 10 players on their roster at 200 pounds or more, only three above 220 pounds and no one more than 250. The offensive line, including two tight ends, averages 6-2 ½ and 211 pounds, certainly small from a football standpoint.

Yet what the Panthers lack in physical stature they more than make up for in athleticism, speed, tenacity and technique.

All of those qualities were on display Thursday night at George L. King Field as Strath Haven rolled to a 35-0 victory over neighborhood rival Penncrest in the Media Bowl.

Five different Panthers ran for at least 55 yards, four for more than 70, as the Panthers (2-0, 1-0 Central) stretched their winning streak in the series to 10 games.

Strath Haven ran for 376 yards on 47 carries, an av-

erage of eight yards per attempt. Senior fullback Ryan Mudrick led the way with 87 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries. Junior halfback Derrick Bradley ran for 79 yards and a score on just three tries. Junior fullback Landon Barlow carried the ball 12 times for 75 yards and three TDs. Junior halfback Kasey Hudson added 71 yards on nine attempts. Junior halfback Yosef Ali had 55 yards on seven carries.

The Panthers scored on five of seven offensive possessions. They punted on their first possession of the game, then ran the clock out of the final series of the second quarter. Strath Haven scored all three times it had the ball in the second half.

The young men up front who made that highly efficient ground game possible were center Chase Shuster (6-4, 200), guards Nick Farabaugh (6-0, 200) and Zach Milligan (6-0, 205), tackles Paul Oblek (6-5, 221) and Jackson Miller (6-1, 250) and tight ends John Reilly (6-4, 195) and Tyler Slaughter (6-4, 205).

"I'll take athletes any day," Strath Haven coach

Kevin Clancy said of his offensive line. "They're all good athletes. They get on people quickly. Their footwork is outstanding and they get great leverage. Sometimes, big kids have trouble getting down low. Someday we're going to run into a team that is bigger and more physical but right now they're battling and doing a good job."

Farabaugh, the only returning starter on offense, said that tenacity is the key to the offensive line's success.

"Stick and stay," Farabaugh said. "You hit them and drive."

Speed helps, too.

"Teams don't see it with the pulling guards and tackles," Farabaugh said. "It really adds an element of surprise."

The victory was a methodical beatdown, which is the Strath Haven way. Three of the Panthers' five scoring drives were of 10 plays or more. Four of the five drives were 60 yards or more.

"I tell the guys all the time that (the Panthers) want to play the game like a boa constrictor, on both sides of the ball," Penncrest coach Paul Graham said. "They want to

H.S. FOOTBALL**WEEK 2****THURSDAY****Central League**

Strath Haven 35, Penncrest 0
Upper Darby 29, Conestoga 9

Nonleague

Chichester 36, Audenried Charter 16
W.C. Rustin 35, Interboro 7
Archbishop Carroll 54, Delco Christian 8

FRIDAY**Catholic League Crossover**

Cardinal O'Hara 28, Archbishop Wood 20

Central League

Ridley 54, Lower Merion 12
Haverford 22, Garnet Valley 7
Springfield 34, Marple Newtown 17
Radnor 35, Harriton 0

Ches-Mont League

Sun Valley at Great Valley, late

Nonleague

Unionville 35, Academy Park 14
Avon Grove 41, Penn Wood 0
Episcopal Academy 52, Simon Gratz 0

SATURDAY**Catholic League Crossover**

Bonner & Prendergast vs. Archbishop Ryan, at Ocean City H.S., 3

Nonleague

George Washington at Chester, 11 a.m.
Haverford School at Wyomissing, 1:30



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Strath Haven's Kasey Hudson carries the ball in the Panthers' Week 1 win over Interboro.

play, 75-yard march with a 15-yard scoring run in the first quarter. Barlow tallied the first of his three TDs on a 26-yard run to complete a 10-play, 68-yard march in the second period. Barlow bolted 22 yards to finish off a four-play, 60-yard drive in the third quarter.

Bradley's 53-yard jaunt completed a two-play drive on Strath Haven's next possession. Barlow picked up a Luke Mulhern fumble and scored from 2 yards out to finish a 11-play, 65-yard march and cap the scoring in the fourth quarter.

"We have a very good running back corps," said Barlow, who has six touchdowns in two games. "We have a rotation that we can use in a lot of ways. We can run any way. We can run up the middle and around the ends. We have a lot of weapons and a lot of options and our line

makes it work."

As good as the offense was, Clancy was more pleased with the defense. Penncrest (1-1, 0-1) ran for 306 yards and had 394 yards of total offense in a 40-18 triumph over Sun Valley last week. Quarterback Paul Graham did most of that damage with 206 yards and five touchdowns on the ground. He also threw for a score.

Strath Haven limited him to 74 yards on 20 carries, and the Lions to 125 yards rushing and 153 yards of total offense to keep the Hometown Trophy in Wallingford.

Penncrest only crossed midfield twice in seven possessions.

"I thought our defensive guys did a good job," Clancy said. "They were given a game plan and the kids really executed it."

NFL

Parsons set to arrive in Green Bay after record deal

By **Steve Megargee**
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GREEN BAY, WIS. » Micah Parsons is embracing the expectations that come from joining the Green Bay Packers with a record-setting contract.

"I just want to do whatever I can to help the Pack-

ers win a championship," Parsons told The Associated Press on Friday, a day after the edge rusher was traded from the Dallas Cowboys and agreed to terms on a contract that makes him the highest-paid non-quarterback in league history.

Parsons, who will hold

his introductory news conference in Green Bay on Friday evening, received a four-year, \$188 million contract with \$136 million guaranteed. The Packers sent two first-round picks and three-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Kenny Clark to Dallas in exchange for Parsons,

who already has 52 ½ career sacks through his first four NFL seasons.

Parsons' new team could result in a new uniform number. At Dallas, Parsons had No. 11, which wide receiver Jayden Reed currently wears for Green Bay.

The 26-year-old Parsons

hinted at a new number Friday when he went on X and asked, "Should I go 0 or 1?"

Adding Parsons makes the Packers among the league's top Super Bowl contenders after they reached the playoffs with the NFL's youngest team each of the last two years.

Parsons shores up a pass rush that wasn't reliable last season, when the Packers went 11-7 and lost at the Eagles in the NFC wild card round. Parsons should make up a formidable pass-rushing tandem with Rashan Gary, who has 39 career sacks in six seasons.