

## Lions roar past Toms River East in second half

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TOMS RIVER — It was a tale of two halves in Lacey's 42-14 win over Toms River East last night.

At the break, the teams were tied at 14, but in the second half, it was a different story as Lacey scored 28 unanswered points to pull away in the Shore Conference Class A South matchup.

"I thought we did a good job containing them in the second half," said Lou Vircillo, Lacey head coach. "We made some adjustments at the half and slowed them down. We put them in situations that were more predictable."

Lacey's second half onslaught started on their first possession when junior quarterback Tom Kelly capped an 86-yard drive with a 2-yard touchdown run to make the score 21-14.

After the touchdown, it was the Lacey defense's turn to step up. The Raiders offense drove the ball down to the Lacey 2-yard line but was unable to score.

"They had that nice drive in the second half, but our defense made a play when they needed to," Vircillo said. "We made some nice plays in the second half."

During halftime, the Lacey coaching staff challenged their players to step it up, according to senior Casey Sirotniak.

"They told us that we had to step it up on defense, during the first half they were driving the football right at us," Sirotniak said. "We came out of the half with a new defense. Coach went over our new assignments and we changed everything."

After holding the Raiders out of the end zone, the Lacey offense then went back to work. Kyle Spatz scored on a 3-yard run to cap a 9 play, 91-yard drive.

"They are a good team, we rearranged some of our assignments and corrected some of our missed blocks and played perfectly in the second half," Spatz said. "We executed perfectly in the second half."

Spatz finished the day with 204 yards on 204 yards on 23 carries and 3 touchdowns.

"It feels great. That is what I want every game," Spatz said. "Only higher yards, lower carries. I was having fun out there. It was a blast."