Lacey Lions cruise past Brick's Green Dragons, 38-0

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BRICK — After Lacey rolled to its second consecutive big-margin victory, defeating Brick 38-0 on Friday night in a Shore Conference Class B South game, Lions' coach Lou Vircillo said the results so far are up to the expectations after losing only four starters from last year's quality team.

But while this outing had plenty of highlights — three touchdown passes by Craig Cicardo, a 75-yard touchdown run by Jarrod Molzon, and Molzon later showing off his foot with a 49-yard field goal — Vircillo said he is getting more comfortable that this unit is also capable of favorable results in the key division games to come and beyond.

Lacey (2-0, 1-0) has won its two games by a combined score of 65-7.

"This may sound strange but we've been playing conservatively in both games," said Vircillo, the only head coach in program history. "We're capable of opening things up. We did a little bit of that as this game went on. It went well. I saw some of that all preseason and in the summer when we were playing 7-on-7. We did very well."

Cicardo was 6 of 6 for 123 yards. He didn't have to throw more than that. Two passes were touchdowns to Deon Smith, another TD pass went to Zach Torrell.

But the game plan for the most part relied on runs outside the tackles by Jake Dabal and Cicardo keeping the ball. Dabal carried the ball 14 times for 83 yards. Cicardo rushed 15 times for 44 yards.

"At some point we're probably going to have to mix it up more offensively," Vircillo said. "Defensively we kept them off the scoreboard and we used a lot of kids and we were able to get some of our starters off the field."

Brick (0-2, 0-1) remains in a rebuilding mode but coach Patrick Dowling made it clear to his players after the game that it's time to advance. He did so by having his assistant coaches take turns speaking to the players in the postgame huddle. There was some scolding. There was some encouragement. There was a theme from the surrogates that better is expected. Brick hasn't scored thus far in the season. The Green Dragons lost 34-0 to Brick Memorial last week.

"I think the kids will respond," Dowling said. "Our first drive this game was our best drive of the season, but we couldn't finish. We're too inconsistent. There's no excuses."

Junior quarterback Brandon Kieslor completed 9 of 14 passes, Lacey's secondary contained the damage, yielding only 67 yards on the passes.

Lacey scored its first points on Molzon's long TD run with 1:23 left in the first quarter. When Smith caught a well-zipped throw by Cicardo on a slant pattern, he turned it into a 45-yard touchdown to give the Lions a 21-0 halftime lead.