

## Unusual TD propels Lions past Raiders



Lacey's Jarrod Molzon heads toward the end zone to score a touchdown off of his own blocked field-goal attempt.  
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LACEY — Jarrod Molzon's seen and been a part of some strange plays in the time he's spent playing football, but none compared to the one just before halftime Saturday.

Molzon, who also plays running back and defensive back, had a 42-yard field goal attempt blocked, scooped up the loose ball himself and raced 34 yards down the right sideline for a touchdown with 3.1 seconds left in the second quarter.

"There's been some strange ones, but that tops it, definitely," Molzon said.

The play broke a scoreless tie and propelled Lacey, No. 2 in the Asbury Park Press Top 10, to a 27-0 victory over Toms River East in a Shore Conference nondivisional game.

After Toms River East's Matt Schmidt broke through the line to block the kick, Molzon had the presence of mind to pick up the ball and beat a defender to the edge. He said he went to make a play, rather than just falling on the ball, out of instinct.

"I always just scoop and score if I can," said Molzon, who also rushed for 59 yards on eight carries. "If I couldn't I would have jumped on it so they didn't score, but I had the opportunity to scoop and just went with it."

Toms River East forced the Lions to punt on their first four possessions and Lacey had only 60 yards of offense when it took over, the game still scoreless, at its own 43-yard line with 1:09 to play in the first half.

Lacey's drive stalled at the Raiders 25, leading to Molzon's field goal try with 14.4 seconds remaining in the half.

On the opening possession of the third quarter, Raiders quarterback/punter Joey Clarizio completed a 28-yard pass to Joe Funicelli down to the Lacey 15 on a fake punt, but Toms River East turned the ball over on downs.

Later in the quarter, Zach Torrell intercepted Clarizio and returned the ball to the Toms River East 25. On fourth-and-three at the 18, Cicardo completed a pass to Cameron Blackwell, who broke a tackle at the 10 and scored to extend Lacey's lead to 13-0.

Cicardo added touchdown runs of 10 and three yards in the fourth quarter, while the Lacey defense wrapped up its third shutout of the season. Opponents have scored only 20 points against the Lions through six games.

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