

**Oct. 3, 2009 Nottingham Football**

## **Wiggs is Mr. Big in Nottingham's first win**

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**Oct. 3:** Nottingham not only got its first victory of the season, it got a record-setting performance as well.

Robert Wiggs tied a school record with nine catches, good for 161 yards, as the Northstars rolled to a 34-0 victory over Hightstown today. That raised Nottingham's record to 1-3, including a couple of tough losses.

"This was really big for us," Wiggs said. "Coach (Jon Adams) talked all week about staying relaxed, playing within ourselves.

"He kind of did it a little different. Right from the start he usually talks about what we need to do and accomplish against the other team. This week he said we just gotta worry about ourselves, don't worry about them."

Nottingham had nothing to worry about after the second quarter, as Mark Newlin scored on a one-yard touchdown run and Wiggs caught a 33-yard scoring pass from Newlin.

In the third quarter, Wiggs electrified the crowd with a 74-yard interception return. He admitted to being more proud about that, than his record-tying performance.

"Yeah, actually I was," he said with a laugh. "Coming into this year coach told me he needed me to play defense and offense, I was skeptical about it.

"I didn't know if could do defense. Coach (Frank) Gatto (defensive coordinator) stuck with me and got me through it. Today I got my first interception and my second two-touchdown game. I was surprised when I caught (the interception). Hopefully I'll get some more."

That play was a dagger for Hightstown, but Nottingham didn't stop there. Meshack Desane caught a 29-yard pass from Newlin and Wiggs added another 25-yard touchdown reception. Nottingham racked up 445 yards of total offense, with Newlin 13 of 26 for 220 yards. Robert Pressley-Harris rushed for 79 yards and Andy Vital picked up 77.

As for his record day, Wiggs took it in stride.

"Records don't mean much to me," he said. "I broke records in track and stuff like that. It was a big accomplishment, but you try to forget about it and just try to re-break your own record."

The speedster actually got more satisfaction out of the victory, saying the Northstars never lost hope.

"We were confident in ourselves," he said. "In the Lawrence game we beat ourselves, in the Princeton game we beat ourselves. Practice got a little more intense and people just got tired of losing.

"This will give us a big lift. We have Hamilton next week and now we'll come into that game confident knowing we can run the ball and throw the ball. People think we can only run, but we can throw it too."

Add it all up, and it spells win No. 1.