

Sharon pass/catch duo one of District 10's best

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Sharon Area head coach Bob Fromm witnessed something Saturday that he hadn't seen in his five-year tenure leading the Tigers.

What was that something? How about a five-touchdown performance from his senior quarterback Todd Rearick, and a career day for Rearick's favorite target, senior wide receiver Mike Tomko.

Ever recall a day like that, coach?

"No, not that I recall," Fromm said.

Neither Fromm or *Sharon Herald* sports editor Lynn Saternow could confirm whether the two individual performances were school records, but the numbers for Rearick and Tomko were quite lofty, to say the least.

Rearick's stat line: 18 completed passes in 27 attempts for 341 yards and the five touchdown passes against zero interceptions.

Tomko's stat line: Eight receptions for a game and season high 213 yards and three touchdowns (all in the second quarter). Tomko averaged 26.6 yards per reception, and five of #7's eight catches went for 23 yards or more.

After their respective performances, check out each player's season stat line:

Rearick: 106-of-206, 1,687 yards, 27 TD, 7 INT. Tomko: 44 receptions, 845 yards, 13 TD.

But here's the most impressive thing to keep in mind about this 10-1 Sharon team: they can also run the ball very, very effectively. Don't let the 68 rushing yards on 25 attempts fool you – Fairview is a good, run-stuffing defense.

However, Fairview's defensive game plan, to take away the run, left Rearick to dissect the red and black defense all game long.

"I think that's why playing us is so tough sometimes, because you gotta do one or the other," Fromm said. "They (Fairview) loaded up in the box a little bit and we got rid of the ball pretty quickly."

Sharon's opening drive was a classic example of how the day played out for Rearick. He completed all five passes on the drive for 76 yards – the last of which went to Louis Brown on a 17-yard touchdown pass.

“If they (the opponent) make us do something, we just adjust to it,” Rearick said.

Fromm explained the play of his quarterback in this way: “We executed a couple of plays on our script that we ran pretty well in practice,” the Tigers’ boss said. “He (Rearick) is doing a good job of finding what the defense is giving him and taking it.”

He had little trouble adjusting to Fairview’s scheme. Instead of hooking up on passes with Dustin Norcross in the second quarter, he just went right to Tomko.

The duo hooked up six times in the second quarter for 164 yards. The three Rearick-to-Tomko scoring passes covered distances of 8, 17, and 66 yards, and pushed Sharon’s lead to 28-0 at halftime.

“Me & Todd were on the same page all day, and we just kept firing,” said Tomko, a potential All-state candidate.

“Passing-wise, I think, is our strong point,” Rearick said. “We’ve got so many weapons.”

He’s not lying, either. In addition to Tomko, senior Dustin Norcross (25 rec., 363 yards, 7 TD) is a steady target, as are Ron Howard and Louis Brown, who are each over the 20-reception and 200-yard marks in receiving.

“You can’t cover every single one of them on every single play,” Fromm said of his mass offensive arsenal, which topped 400 yards on the day and now averages just a little under 290 yards per game.

Tomko agreed. “It’s big,” he said. “Now we’ve got teams on their heels. All we want to do is keep on winning.”

But the winning won’t stop this week, according to Rearick.

“We’re thinking state championship,” he said.

Fromm was a little more cautious. “It’s Round 1 – we had a good performance,” he said. “The kids came out and played well for four quarters, and I’m proud of them.”