

**Oct. 22 Football**

## **Adams happy with Northstars' win but hopes for a little more in the future**

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**Oct. 22:** Jon "Big Dawg" Adams wasn't going to complain about a win, but he did have a bit of a gripe with how it came about.

Nottingham came off its bye and loss to West Windsor-Plainsboro South by taking a 28-6 victory over Trenton today. The Northstars jumped to a 28-0 lead before the Tornados tacked on a fourth-quarter touchdown.

And therein, lies the rub.

"We should have scored a couple more," Adams said. "We missed a wide open receiver and dropped one. We're not finishing yet. They've got to go for the jugular.

"We put three good quarters together. But in that fourth quarter we could have really put them away and subbed in some guys and done what I wanted. But we didn't finish and that's what got us beat last year."

Adams then added, almost as an afterthought "But it was a win."

A pretty important win at that, as Nottingham (4-2) had lost two of its previous three games.

Quarterback Esayah Obado put up his best all-around numbers of the year, going 7-for-11 for 156 yards and three touchdowns and rushing eight times for 81 yards and a TD.

Two of the touchdown passes went to prized freshman Jameel Bailey, who caught scoring strikes of 19 and 11 yards.

"He's a highlight machine, he's the next big thing," Adams said. "He's got tremendous ability, he does that kind of stuff.

"On his one catch, the kid had one arm pinned against his body, he reached out with the other hand and bear clawed it, like it was a piece of fruit. It was amazing. Every day in practice, he does that two or three times, we watch the kid do it all the time. He has that ability."

Another Obado target was Ayoub Kamara, who had three catches for 101 yards.

Defensively, Nottingham held Trenton (2-5) to 175 yards of total offense.



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*With a couple of big play receivers making big plays today, Nottingham gave its cheerleaders a hair raising performance in beating Trenton (Photo by John Blaine/purchase photos by e-mailing [jbsportsphoto@aol.com](mailto:jbsportsphoto@aol.com)).*

“Stuart Hasty had a great game,” Adams said. “Dennis Hernandez played his best game of the year along with Tyree Patterson. I thought they played real well.

“Even though their receiver had a couple grabs, our secondary played much better. Jimir Jenkins and Marquise Pursell (two interceptions) did a nice job. We did some good things. . .we just have to finish.”