

Prep Football 2017

PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR

FOX ON THE RUN

Evans' explosiveness hard for defenses to contain

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HARTSVILLE

Tiyon Evans looks at his seventh-grade season with mixed emotions.

On one hand, he scored on every two-point run.

On the other hand, those were the only times he saw the field.

"I played scared my seventh-grade year. That's why I didn't get much playing time," Evans said. "My eighth-grade year? I don't know what happened."

It was like a switch came on, and Evans scored 18 touchdowns.

Racing and rumbling on, the Hartsville High School junior is the Morning News Preseason Football Player of the Year after rushing for 2,247 yards and 28 touchdowns last season.

Evans rushed for 264 yards and a touchdown in last year's Class 4A state championship game. But the stat that lingers with him is the game's score: A 51-28 win by South Pointe.

Looking to this season, Evans ponders what he can do better to help Hartsville's Delaware Wing-T dominate even more.

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"I'm not trying to be cocky or nothing, but I don't feel there's no one person who can tackle me straight up. In order to tackle me, you're going to need more than one person. So, if it's just me and the touchdown and you're right there, I'm going to score."

Tiyon Evans

Hartsville's Tiyon Evans rushed for more than 2,200 yards last season for the Red Foxes.



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