

Ethen Knox's name has been added a third time to the list of Pennsylvania's single-game rushing leaders that can be found on Wikipedia.

The junior ran for 437 yards Friday against North East after powering/sprinting/juking his way to 402 last week against Corry. He made his debut on the list last year when he astounded one and all with 477 against Franklin – No. 8 all-time. There are now 48 such games.

But one entry is questionable since he likely doesn't exist. That would be Toad "The Toad" Miller, who supposedly ran for 429 yards in a 2007 game for Penn Hills High School near Pittsburgh.

Obviously, the name – Toad "The Toad" (eyeball roll) – should be a dead giveaway. But there's always the chance that his given name is Throckmorton or something.

I've looked around for years (since Christian Cole) to find evidence that The Toad exists but can find nothing. I admit last year I edited his name off the list. Oh yeah. But when I returned to Wikipedia to include Knox's 402-yard game last week, there it was again. *The Toad*.

Let me tell you this: Penn Hills back then was led by one of the WPIAL's most venerable coaches – Neil Gordon, a sort of Dan York I. Gordon did not like to throw the ball. Even when he had Anthony Morelli, who received a scholly to Penn State based on his arm, the Indians only averaged 13 passes a game.

Morelli was one of only two QBs to throw for 1,000 yards in a season under Gordon. In 1995, when Penn Hills won a WPIAL title, the Indians averaged three passes a game. Sound familiar?

In 2007, Penn Hills had a quarterback named Tom Fulton who could throw a little bit and Gordon allowed him to pass 27 times a game. The Indians' leading rusher as of Oct. 11, 2007, was a kid named Ted Blakeman, who had 316 yards on 59 carries -- a game's work for Knox, only on fewer attempts. So where was The Toad? No mention of him in this Post-Gazette story. Or anywhere else. Ever. Except Wikipedia.

You know, you have to jump through hoops to be allowed to edit anything on Wikipedia.

Yet, it is where the legend of the non-existent "Toad" lives.