

Home > Beverly Citizen > Sports

E-mail Graphic Popular

Panthers pounce early on Lynn Classical

By Eric Snyder/ beverly@cnc.com

Thursday, November 9, 2006 - Updated: 01:59 PM EST

The schedule is getting harder for the Beverly High football team, but the results are staying the same.

The Panthers won their fourth straight game Nov. 4, exploding for 31 first-half points in a 31-22 win over Lynn Classical at Hurd Stadium.

Pat Bailey ran for 158 yards and two touchdowns, and the senior also added a 74-yard kickoff return for a score.

The Panthers (7-1) raced out to a 21-0 lead before the end of the first quarter. J. Michael Nardella put Beverly on the board with a 2-yard TD run, then Bailey had scoring runs of 68 and 19 yards.

When Classical got on the board on a 1-yard pass from Mike Quintana to Tony Johnson, the Panthers responded with Bailey's kickoff return for a score.

Liazar Cuko completed Beverly's first-half barrage with a 27-yard field goal as the Panthers headed to halftime up 31-14.

"We just tried to take advantage of what we were doing well plus what the defense allowed us to run," coach Dan Bauer said. "That's what we did. Not bad for the first half."

Special teams lived up to its name. Not only did Bailey have the big kickoff return and Cuko hit his field goal and all four of his extra points, but a big hit on kickoff coverage caused a fumble that led to Bailey's second touchdown, and with the score 31-22 at the beginning of the fourth quarter, a big punt by Nick Tanzella buried Classical deep in its own territory.

Heading into the game, Bauer was worried about Classical's size up front and its ability to control the clock with the run game on offense and to stuff Beverly's run game on defense.

"Our line did a great job," Bauer said. "In terms of the big guys they have, we were able to stay with them step for step. To have 200 yards of offense on the ground is very good against Classical."

Bauer said his defense did a nice job shutting down the run in the first half. Classical went to the air in the second half and produced some yardage, but a bend-but-don't-break defense did the job for the Panthers.

"I thought our defense played pretty well," Bauer said. "I thought we held the run game in check; that was one thing we were concerned about."

The schedule stays tough Friday as the 7-1 Panthers, winners of four straight, travel to Gloucester to play the 8-1 Fishermen, winners of six straight. Both teams' only loss was to Winthrop.

"It's a big game. It should be a good match-up," said Bauer, whose team ends the season Thanksgiving Day against Salem. "The seniors have high expectations. These next two games are really big for our program."








Panther quarterback Nick Tanzella, whose late-game clutch punt buried Lynn Classical, hands off to Quad Capt. Pat Bailey against Marblehead. (Staff Photo By Toni Carolina)

Herald Interactive Tools

- [Recent articles](#)
- [E-mail article to a friend](#)
- [Graphic version](#)
- [Search site](#)
- [Sign up for home delivery](#)

E-mail Graphic Popular

Recent articles

-  [School and city consolidations progress](#)
-  [Briscoe gets help to fight drug abuse](#)
-  [Mayflower renovation warmly received](#)
-  [Ventron condos pass unanimously](#)
-  [Screwball comedy challenges high school cast](#)

Today's most read Town Online articles Updated 8:04 PM ET

1. [Obituaries](#)
2. [Obituaries](#)
3. [Letters to the editor](#)
4. [Community mourning young teen](#)
5. [Obituaries](#)

Search the site



Enterprise-level broadband service provided by [Expedient: America's Largest All-Ethernet Network](#)



Wireless broadband service provided by [Towerstream](#)

[[contact us](#)] :: [[print advertising](#)] :: [[online advertising](#)] :: [[Browser Upgrade](#)] :: [[Jobs](#)]

Order Home Delivery Online: [Weekly papers](#) [Daily papers](#) or call **1.800.982.4023**

© Copyright of GateHouse Media and [Herald Interactive, Inc.](#)

No portion of townonline.com or its content may be reproduced without the owner's written permission. [Privacy Commitment](#)

bh.heraldinteractive.com: www.townonline.com: 0.062164:Thu, 09 Nov 2006 18:59:38 GMT