

## Late surge lifts Beverly

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After spending most of the first three quarters failing to take advantage of myriad Swampscott mistakes, Beverly's offense made good in the final frame, rallying for two touchdowns and a dramatic 20-16 comeback win yesterday.

Following an out-of-bounds kickoff by Swampscott, George Louis took a sweep to the left sideline for a 55-yard score, cutting the deficit to 16-14.

After failing to respond on two more Swampscott turnovers, Beverly's last chance came with 1:26 remaining, and this time the Panthers cashed in.

Starting at midfield, the Big Blue (7-2, 2-1 Northeastern Small) committed their third holding penalty of the game to set up first-and-10 at their 40-yard line.

On fourth-and-6 from the 36, Mark Hannable found a leaping Rashad Sims in traffic for a critical 21-yard gain with 36.6 seconds remaining. Two plays later, Hannable (7-of-19 for 46 yards; 4 carries for 24 yards rushing) ran up the gut for a 13-yard TD and a 20-16 lead after a blocked extra point attempt.

"I just focused on the catch," said Sims, who was held relatively quiet with just 23 yards on 13 carries. "I just wanted to get the catch to get close enough to make the field goal, but we came out with the touchdown, so that was even better."

After being held to 26 net yards in the first half, Beverly (7-2, 3-1) rebounded with 148 in the second while holding Swampscott to 83.

"We were in the game (at the half)," Beverly coach Dan Bauer said. "We were misfiring on offense, but the kids did a tremendous job defensively of keeping us in the game."

Ryan Izzo rushed for 185 yards on 23 carries, and his two touchdowns in the fourth quarter helped Walpole stave off a furious Needham rally and keep the Rebels unbeaten with a 35-20 victory.

Cameron Hooper threw three touchdowns, including a pair to Joe Gaughan, and Braintree (3-6) held off Wellesley, 28-24. . . . Pat Cavauagh's TD run gave Norwood (7-2) a 29-23 win over Brookline.

Nick Habosian threw a pair of TD passes, including the game-winner to Sam Shackleton, as Westford Academy (6-3) edged Boston Latin, 27-26.

Justin Flores scrambled for a pair of scores as Woburn (3-6) defeated Lexington, 21-16, in the Middlesex League.

Corey Spencer threw a pair of touchdown passes to Joe Wesolowski as Arlington Catholic (6-3) defeated Cardinal Spellman, 22-15, in the Catholic Central Large.

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