

Hannable returns, helps Beverly win wild one over Lynn Classical

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LYNN — Safe to say, the Beverly High football team got its offense back in gear — thanks in large part to the return of senior quarterback Mark Hannable.

Having missed his team's first three games with mononucleosis, Hannable threw three touchdown passes as Beverly scored 28 points in the second quarter, then got the only score of the second half when Hannable hit Curtis Manuel with a 17-yard TD pass late in the fourth quarter as the Panthers knocked off host Lynn Classical, 34-28, at Manning Field.

Hannable, who replaced Joe Wioncek in the second drive of the game, was 11-for-16 for 157 yards on the night. He also hit Justin Marrs for a 30-yard score and hooked up on a 40-yard scoring toss to Steve Dubois.

"(Hannable) is a really good player who comes with a lot of hype," said Lynn Classical (2-3) coach Tim Phelps. "He's definitely worth that hype."

The second quarter of the game saw seven touchdowns on seven possessions between the two clubs. In addition to Hannable's two TD passes, Beverly (3-1) senior Dylan Terry scored his team's other two scores: a 17-yard run on the first play of the second quarter, then on a 6-yard fumble return for another score.

In that period, the Rams' Casey Johnson also scored two touchdowns: a 39-yard scamper and a 25-yard pass at the end of the half. Jasper Grossa added the third Classical touchdown of the quarter on a 3-yard run.

"A lot of things can happen throughout a football game," said Beverly head coach Dan Bauer, speaking about the wacky second quarter. "We teach our kids that for every high, there is a low; we just have to play the game."

Bauer knew that the Panthers' ariel success was due to the hard work of the squad's beefy offensive line.

"First and foremost, the offensive line has to protect the quarterback," said Bauer. "(Lynn Classical) is very quick up front, but our protection held up pretty good."

All of this offensive outburst came just five days after the Panthers had managed only eight yards of offense in a 41-0 loss to Gloucester.

Bauer also praised the play and leadership of Wioncek, who after being replaced filled in at linebacker for Beverly. The junior helped to hold the Rams scoreless for the final 20 minutes of the game. The Panthers also recovered a pair of fumbles, with Theritchnide Roc and Mark Pappas falling on them.

"Bottom line is that Joe is a class act," said Bauer. "We are grateful for what he's done and are lucky to have him. He made some good plays out there at linebacker."

"After last week's loss, it was good for us to to come and play a good team that's well coached and pull out a win."

Beverly will need to continue its strong road play next week when they head to Danvers to face the Falcons (3-2) Friday night.

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