

Flick's four TDs power Barons in 48-7 win

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With his 16 rushing touchdowns this season, Manheim Central's Tyler Flick was already among the L-L League leaders in that category.

Only Solanco's Joel Mc-Guire, with 22, had more.

But the Baron senior running back kept his foot on the pedal last Friday night, rushing for four touchdowns and 290 yards to help lead Manheim Central to a 48-7 victory over Conestoga Valley in a Section Two game in Witmer.

Junior QB Evan Simon added 71 rushing yards and a TD on 10 carries, as the Barons piled up 433 total yards on the ground against the Bucks' D.

"We were pretty strong in our running attack," Manheim Central coach

Dave Hahn said. "Flick had a really strong night, we had good blocking from our line and from tight end Evan Hosler and H-back Jake Harbach. They both had very solid games."

The victory improved the Barons to 4-0 L-L (8-0 overall), one game ahead of second-place Cocalico (3-1 L-L) with two games remaining.

The Buckskins (3-2 L-L, 5-3 overall), who were missed running back Keegan Martin (146-803, 12 TDs) with an injury, managed just 194 yards.

"(That)'s right around what we've been averaging all year," Hahn said. "So I think we did fairly well. The kids came to play and did a good job."

From the get-go, it was evident that the Barons came



Manheim Central senior Tyler Flick (24) follows All-State lineman Tyler Dougherty (54) for a big gain in the Barons' win over CV last Friday. **Photo by Alan Johnson**

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to play, as they received the opening kick and then Isaac Perron scored on a four-yard run to put Manheim Central up for good.

Not long afterward, the 6-foot-0, 191-pound Flick showed off his skills on a 30yard TD run, which put the Barons in front 14-0.

“Obviously, that makes it a lot easier when you have a quick start,” Hahn said. “It was just a combination of things. We got the ball first, we were able to take it down and score. Our defense had several stops at the beginning forcing them to punt and we were able to get good field position and drive the ball down and score again.”

In all, Flick scored on four TD runs of 27 yards or longer, and his 50-yard sprint with 10:03 left in the half pushed the Barons’ lead to 21-0. With his effort against Conestoga Valley, Flick surpassed 1,000yard plateau, finishing the game with 1,103.

Later, Simon got into

the scoring himself with a 22-yard run, extending Central’s advantage to 28-0.

In the final minute of the half, CV finally got on the scoreboard when QB Bradley Stoltzfus found receiver Parker Graff for a 10-yard touchdown pass. Joe Cardina added the PAT, cutting the Buckskins’ deficit to 28-7.

“Other than one series. I think we were pretty pleased (defensively),” Hahn said. “We had one series where we gave up two third-down conversions and one fourth-down conversion for a touchdown. It was just a mental lapse, and other than that, we had a really good night defensively. I would say we shut them down and made them work for it.”

CV would get no closer in the second half, as Manheim Central scored 20 unanswered points in the third quarter to invoke the mercy rule.

Flick started things in the period with a 27-yard TD run, then Evan Simon (9-of-17, 82 yards) threw his 13th touchdown pass of the season when he connected with Ben Wagner on a 29-yard strike, and then when Flick rumbled for a 42-yard run, that

completed the scoring.

Overall, Manheim Central gained 515 yards of total offense in the game. “I think we’re still improving,” Hahn said. “I think that we still have things that we can work on, which is good. So there’s always room for improvement. But I think we’re doing pretty well.”



Manheim Central’s Isaac Perron (11) takes the hand-off on a jet sweep and follows his blockers for a firstdown gain last Friday at CV. **Photo by Alan Johnson**

