

Unbeaten Barons pummel Elizabethtown

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Keeping Elizabethtown QB Cole Patrick in check was among Manheim Central's top goals last Friday.

The senior signal-caller had thrown for 1,139 yards and 11 touchdowns through the Bears' first four games, so he certainly commanded attention.

But the Barons were up to the task.

While limiting Elizabethtown to only 141 total yards, Manheim Central earned its second shutout of the season while cruising to a 50-0 Section Two

Manheim Central senior defensive back Will Rivers tries for an interception in front of E-town receiver Cole Hitz last Friday night. **Photo by Kirk Neidermyer**



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win at Elden Rettew Field in Manheim.

Besides getting a pair of interceptions from Isaac Perron, the Barons also sacked Patrick seven times — two of those by senior linebacker Landan Moyer.

"I'm very pleased with our defense, they played great," Manheim Central coach Dave Hahn said. "They kinda really put the clamps on Patrick and didn't give him a lot of time to throw and made him move in the pocket."

While the defense was taking care of business, Evan Simon (11-of-20, 268 yards) passed for three touchdowns and running back Tyler Flick, who carried the ball 16 times for 103 yards, scored three times to lead the offense. It was the fourth game this season that Flick rushed for more than 100 yards.

"We've got the ability to run and pass the ball and we want to be able to do that on a consistent basis," Hahn remarked. "We never want to rely too heavily on the pass or too heavily on the run. We want to be able to count on both."

The Barons (1-0 L-L, 5-0 overall) took command by jumping to a 36-0 lead at the half over Elizabethtown (0-2 L-L, 2-3 overall).

Flick's one-yard TD run in the first quarter got the scoring started, and then Simon's 54-yard TD pass to Colby Wagner capped a three-play scoring drive, and a two-point conversion pass to kicker Niko Gavala pushed the lead to 15-0.

Later, another one-yard touchdown run by Flick gave the Barons a 22-0 lead at the end of one.

That was more than enough for a Baron defense which limited Patrick (14-of-27, 129 yards) to just 28 yards on their first opening nine plays. For the game, the Bears managed just 18 rushing yards on 22 carries.

Manheim Central's offense, meanwhile, gained 317 total yards, and Flick's seven-yard TD burst in the second quarter and Simon's second scoring pass of the night to Wagner — this one for 40 yards — put the Barons comfortably in the driver's seat at the half, 36-0.

Wagner finished with two receptions for 95 yards and Perron added five catches for 51 yards.

"Evan did good. He had a good night," Hahn said. "I would say we left a couple of things out there that I know he wishes he could have back. But we're still working our passing game out. We're getting better each week, but we're still not where we want to be. But I think he had a fairly good night."

Ben Wagner hauled in a 65-yard touchdown pass from Simon in the third quarter, and then a five-yard TD run by Chris Shaw (6 carries, 38 yards) in the final stanza completed the scoring. The Barons will return to the field this Friday when they travel to Denver for a key showdown against Section Two rival Cocalico (1-0 L-L, 4-1 overall).



Manheim Central senior running back Tyler Flick protects the ball as he beats Elizabethtown linebacker Adrian Traore to the hole on his way to a big gain last Friday night. **Photo by Kirk Neidermyer**