

Big second quarter carries the Barons past GS, 63-0

Tyler Flick rushed for four touchdowns and 107 yards to lead Manheim Central to a 63-0 shutout of Garden Spot in a Section Two game in New Holland last Friday night.

The first-place Barons scored in all three phases of the game -- offense, defense and special teams -- while improving to an unbeaten 5-0 L-L (9-0 overall), one game ahead of second-place Cocalico (4-1 L-L, 7-2 overall). With a victory this Friday at home against Solanco (23, 6-3), Manheim Central can clinch the Section Two crown outright with a perfect regularseason record for the second year in a row.

In all, the Barons outgained Garden Spot 301-130 in total yards, while holding a 14-9 advantage in first downs.

But it was the special teams that opened the scoring for Manheim Central when junior Colby Wagner fielded Jesse Martin's punt at the Barons' 29 and took it 71 yards to the house for an early 7-0 Manheim Central lead. Niko Gavala was 9-of-9 in PATs in the game.

Later, Flick got his big night started with a 14-yard TD run, pushing the Barons' lead to 14-0, which is how it stayed at the end of one. With his effort against the Spartans, the senior running back now has 1,210 rushing yards and 24 touchdowns for the season.

A 35-point second quarter broke things open for Manheim Central and put the game out of reach.

After Flick scored on a 26yard touchdown run

with just



off the ball in the Barons' 63-0 win over Garden Spot in a Section Two game in New Holland last Friday night.



Photo by Kirk Neidermyer Manheim Central's offensive line prepares to fire

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1:02 elapsed in the quarter, Wagner again reached paydirt, this time on a 66-yard pick-six which stretched the Barons' lead to 28-0. Flick then chipped in with his third TD run of the night, from 10 yards out at the 6:43 mark, and Isaac Perron (3-56 receiving) hauled in a 13-yard TD pass from junior quarterback Evan Simon to make it 42-0 with 3:47 left in the stanza. Simon finished 7-of-9 for 113 yards, with no interceptions.

Not long afterward, Jake Harbach recovered a Spartan fumble and the Barons needed just two plays to answer, with Flick

breaking free for a 19-yard TD run with 2:07 left in the half, which sent Manheim Central into the intermission with a commanding 49-0 lead.

In the second half, senior Will Rivers showed off his speed when he returned the kickoff 90 yards to paydirt to extend the Barons' advantage to 56-0. Later, the Spartans (0-6, 0-9) found themselves with excellent field position after recovering a Manheim Central muffed punt near midfield. But a half-back option pass was intercepted by Perron to end the threat.

On the next play, Manheim Central senior running back Chris Shaw picked up his second TD of the

season, scoring on a 29-yard run with 9:30 remaining in the third quarter to wrap things up. Shaw finished his night with 70 rushing yards on 10 carries.



MC receiver Will Rivers, who had two receptions for 34 yards last Friday, pulls away from a GS defender. Photo by Kirk Neidermyer

