

Ground gets Beverly by in comeback

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BEVERLY — Matt Carnevale knew exactly how powerful the arm of Danvers' Nick Andreas could be.

"We knew that this quarterback rolled out a lot," said the Beverly junior linebacker.

His researched showed. Intercepting Andreas three times, Carnevale helped lead the Panthers to a come from behind, 33-20 non-league win at Hurd Stadium yesterday.

Beverly (1-1) frustrated Andreas early, chasing him out of the pocket and making him throw on the fly, so Danvers turned to running back Chris Behen to pick up the slack. He did — already having scored a 2-yard touchdown on the Falcons' second possession, Behen broke three Beverly tackles on a 46-yard TD run to put Danvers up 13-0 with 8:20 left in the first half.

The Panthers turned to their diverse ground game to fuel their comeback. Eating up 6:23 of the second quarter, they used four different ball carriers — Christian Miller, Peter Mulumba, Matt Madden and Jordan Rawding — on a 15-play drive, capped by Madden diving 2 yards into the end zone.

"It's not so much like other teams, where you have that one running back," said Madden, who finished with three touchdowns and 101 yards. "Beverly has four of those."

After Mike McKenna intercepted Andreas four plays into the second half, Miller and Madden led a five-play drive; Miller gave the Panthers their first lead with a 3-yard score. Andreas regained his composure, connecting with younger brother Matt on a 3-yard touchdown toss that put Danvers (0-2) back in front to end the third quarter, but the Panthers ground out another scoring drive, Madden going in from 1 yard out.

Andreas built momentum with Behen's rushing, but when he turned to his arm on a first-and-10 on the Beverly 41, Carnevale was right there to intercept him. Danvers Marco Lagambina did not allow Carnevale to go far, stripping him of the ball. Two plays later, Andreas tossed a short pass that Miller tipped into the open arms of Anthony Nolasco, who rumbled 37 yards with the interception to put the Panthers up for good with 7:32 left in the game.

Madden's final score, from 7 yards with 1:57 remaining, made it 19 unanswered fourth-quarter points for Beverly.

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