

Tri-County All-Star Game Big plays lift North past South, 49-27

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David Martin Robinson had a game-high eight catches and 180 receiving yards, including a pair of touchdowns, to lead the North squad to a 49-27 win over the South in last Saturday's 17th annual Tri-County All-Star Football Game at Marheim's Eden Reserve Field.

For his efforts, the Hillsfield senior, who will continue his career at Towson University, was named the North's Most Valuable Player. Connections' Shilys Inoa Rashon, another Towson recruit, took home MVP honors for the South after grabbing five receivers for 44 yards with a pair of TD catches.

Warwick's Evan Clark, Carter Forney (1 catch, 14 yards), and Isaac Pivinger (1 rush, 7 yards) played on the South team, while Mannheim Central's Colin Eric, Gavriel Filiteri, Jaxod Heuser, Giovanni Lester, Jake Novak (2-50 receiving, TD) and Tyler Simon (NT return for a TD) helped the North earn its third straight victory in the all-time series, the North now leads a nine 9-6 series in all.

"It's always good to go out with a win," Filiteri said. "It was great to come back and see our home turf. We had six guys on our team on that was from the region. Mannheim. We met a lot of guys around the league—it was good to meet them."

It was the South who actually struck first, capitalizing when Coastal QB Owen Zimmerman intercepted a pass from Mannheim's Steve Himmelsbach. A few plays later, Barton pulled down an eight-yard TD pass from Garden Spot's Cameron Reib, who finished 2 of 6 through the air for 37 yards, in addition to rushing seven times for 24 yards.

Just over two minutes later, the North's big-play offense responded as Himmelsbach (8-12-1, 132 yards) found Novak for a 21-yard TD. It was the first of the North's five scores of 20 yards or more.

After forcing the South team to punt, the North took a lead it never lost when Northern Lebanon QB Nikilijan Dauli (5-130, 212 yards) called Elizabethton's Anthony Funk in to take for an 80-yard score. Cleveland's PAT made it 13-7 with 3:15 left in the first.

In all, the North squad controlled 478 yards of total offense, with 404 of those coming via the passing game.

With just 35 seconds elapsed in the second quarter, another North player got into the action and when Clark intercepted Elizabethton QB Todd Shelley from his "backer" position and returned the ball 55 yards to paydirt. That was one of four South turnovers in the game.

On the South's next series, Christian Trader's INT set up Himmelsbach's six-yard TD pass to Martin Robinson, stretching the North's lead to a commanding 27-7 with 8:02 left in the half.

"Just holding onto the ball (was key) and playing our game," Filiteri said. "We didn't have to be much in the game plan, so we kept it simple."

The South kept it interested in their ensuing possession, with Coastal's Brandon Burdick (4-8 running), McGehee's Ray Godwin (12-37 running) and Poque Valley QB Jordan Lapp combining to carry the ball six times, and Lapp completing 3-of-4 passes, including a four-yard TD pass to Barber with 3:32 to go in the second quarter, cutting the North's lead to 27-14, which is how it stayed at the half. The South finished the game with 226 yards of total offense.

With the South team due to receive the opening kick in the second half, things looked promising for them to make a little bit closer. But the North scored an inside kick and went to work, scoring on Dauli's



Photos by Dwight Math Monwick's Carter (top) and Mannheim Central's Jake Novak (right) are shown on the field program at the 17th annual Tri-County All-Star Game last Saturday in Marheim.



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seven-yard TD pass to Tracer with 1:21 elapsed in the quarter.

A three-yard TD run by Brubaker capped an eight-play, 31-yard drive with 6:42 to play in the third, cutting the South's deficit to 34-20.

But the big play offense came out again for the North when Great found Martin-Robinson for an 85-yard TD pass with 2:06 left in the quarter, making the score 40-20.

"We know it's all man coverage on the defensive side," Fiteley said, "so it's like, our guys can beat their guys if you know what we went for."

Belwin beat the North's defense around the right corner for a six-yard TD run on the third play of the fourth quarter, completing the South's scoring with 10:43 remaining in the game.

Just over four minutes later, Himmelbach (7-33 rushing) sprinted up the middle, broke a couple tackles and scored on a 30-yard run. On the extra point, holder Jake Novak scrambled right and hit Fiteley in the endzone for the two-point conversion, making it 44-27.

"Jake said I wasn't a good snapper," Fiteley said.

Following an INT by Cedar Orsata Brandon Shovana, Daalinger's 40-yard field goal attempt with 2:18 left was wide right.

But it didn't matter, as the North went on to clinch their third straight victory over the South Al-Stars.

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First Quarter

S- Jesse Barboe 8 pass from Cameron Roth (Payton Daalinger kick). M- Jake Novak 31 pass from Mark Himmelbach (kick blocked). N- Anthony Funk 60 pass from Michigan Daub (Glad Rylaac kick).

Second Quarter

N- Tyler Smith 28 interception return (Clair Ryland kick). N- David Martin-Robinson 6 pass from Mark Himmelbach (Glad Rylaac kick). S- Jesse Barboe 3 pass from Cameron Roth (Payton Daalinger kick).

Third Quarter

N- Christian Tracer 7 pass from Michigan Daub

(Clair Ryland kick). S- Brandon Brubaker 3 run (kick failed). N- David Martin-Robinson 85 pass from Michigan Daub (kick failed).

Fourth Quarter

S- Ray Godwin 5 run (Payton Daalinger kick). N- Mark Himmelbach 38 run (Jake Novak pass to Garrett Fiteley).

South North

First Downs 18 17 Rushes - Yds. 35-65 17-66 Passing Yds. 258 404 Passes 13-29-0 10-28-1 Punts - Avg. 3-45.9 3-35.0 Fumbles - Lost 3-1 3-0 Penalties - Yds. 3-20 7-34 RUSHING: SOUTH- Ray Godwin 12-37, Cameron Roth 3-24, Brett Shelley 2-14, Brandon Brubaker 6-8, Isaac Ralinger 1-7, Jacob Aird 1-6, Owen Zimmerman 2-3, Dan Wright 2-1, Jesse Barboe 1-1, Jordan Lapp 4 (misc. 16); NORTH- Mark Himmelbach 7-33, Kaedell Shand 2-20, Michigan Daub 2-19, Joaquin MacMillan 1-2, Stephen Herb 1-2, Devan Sososok 3-3, Trent 1 (misc. 19).

PASSING: SOUTH- Jordan Lapp 8-11-1 100 yards, Teld Shelley 5-11-2 58 yards, Cameron Roth 2-6-3 37 yards, Jacob Aird 1-1-0 yards; NORTH- Michigan Daub 8-13-0 272 yards, Mark Himmelbach 8-12-1 132 yards, Xavier Roman 0-1-0 0 yards.

RECEIVING: SOUTH- Owen Zimmerman 1-60, Jesse Barboe 5-44, Michael Lefever 2-25, Cam Niereyer 1-20, Ben Wright 1-25, Isiah Speller 1-24, Jacob Aird 2-14, Carter Homay 1-11, NCR 1; David Martin-Robinson 5-183, Anthony Funk 2-88, Jake Novak 2-85, Joaquin MacMillan 2-42, Xavier Roman 1-23, Christian Tracer 1-7.



Photo by Dwight Palm Warwick senior Evan Clark (R), a lineman for the South Al-Star stars, blocks Mannheim Central's Jared Hauser, playing for the North squad.