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Tennent fullback Bob Baus slants untouched into the end zone for one of his two touchdowns in Saturday's rout of Neshaminy

## Panthers turn it on in second half

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The William Tennent football team has faced a number of formidable foes this season, but coach Bill Juzwiak said his club beat the toughest opponent of them all Saturday — adversity.

"We put ourselves in a tough position early," Juzwiak said after the Panthers (3-0 in the Suburban One League National Conference and 4-2 overall) defeated Neshaminy (0-3 in the National Conference and 1-5 overall), 41-13, in a National Conference game. "We faced adversity all through the first half, yet still came out in the second half and played good football. That says something about our character."

Tennent led after one half, 14-7, despite losing three fumbles. The Panthers scored first, on a Kevin Gallagher 18-yard scamper, in the first quarter. Neshaminy tied the game when quarterback Dave Dug-

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gan found running back Mike Downs open down the sideline for a 49-yard scoring pass.

"Gallagher, [quarterback Jeff] Ferguson and [fullback Bob] Baus all played very well," Juzwiak said. "Our offense has become so balanced I don't know how I'd defend against it if I had to."

The Panthers collected 361 total yards, 208 on the ground and 153 through the air. They had 11 first downs and 65 yards in penalties.

Gallagher gave Tennent the half-time lead when he returned a second quarter kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown. All the mistakes finally out of their system, the Panthers took off in the second half, scoring four times to Neshaminy's once.

Baus (53 yards on 11 carries) scored on runs of one and 16 yards, and Ferguson (six of nine pass attempts for 147 yards, 105 rushing yards on 11 carries) scored on a 10-yard keeper and tossed a 65-yard scoring strike to Kevin Mylett.

On his second touchdown, Baus followed blocks of Tom Marte and Gary Kohler into the end zone. Ferguson's scoring pass came on a fake draw to Baus.

"We played outstanding in the third quarter," Juzwiak said. "Baus played excellent defense as well as offense and Mark Phillips and Rich DeLaurentis did excellent work at linebacker."

"Baus comes in on passing situations to play defensive tackle and although he's the smallest tackle in the world, he's tough. However, our kicking game is still giving us trouble."

Neshaminy's Downs duplicated Gallagher's feat in the third quarter,

returning a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown. "We have to work on that aspect of our game," Juzwiak said.

Tennent tight end Dean Borowsky played an excellent game for Juzwiak, catching three balls for 65 yards, including a 37-yarder to set up Baus' first touchdown. The Panther defense limited Neshaminy to 138 total yards and compiled eight sacks for 35 yards lost. They punted only twice, while Neshaminy collected only six first downs and punted seven times.

"It was a very satisfying win because we had to draw upon our pride and character to come back after some tough breaks," Juzwiak said. "A win like this certainly makes a team more confident."

"All we have to do now is remain consistent and play football the way we know how. Every team faces adversity during a game or two in a season, but it takes a talented one to come through it. So far, we have."