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through the Northwest defense for a five-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. The Bulldogs are 5-0 for the first time since 1995.

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start since 1995, the Bulldogs (4-0 Montpelier) appeared in the Maryland final. The five conference games are the most they've won since 2004, when they made their first playoff appearance.

The strong start can be attributed to first-year Coach Joe Allen on to keep the triple-threat offense of his predecessor intact at the school from Bethesda-Chevy Chase. But to be successful, the team needed a run-pass game centered around the player.

Churchill 30, Northwest 22

Dixon Dashes: Running back Hasson Dixon was a main cog for Northwest after the break with 141 yards rushing after halftime. He finished with 199 yards and two touchdowns.

Milestone: With the victory last night, Churchill Coach Joe Allen has eclipsed the four career wins he had during his two-year tenure as coach at Bethesda-Chevy Chase.

wide receiver on offense and safety on defense. "His leadership showed through from the start," Allen said. "He's a lot better passer than people give him credit for."

And from the beginning Friday night, the senior came out firing. After just missing on a long bomb

play opening drive with a 31-yard touchdown pass to Marcus Brown.

After Northwest (1-4, 1-2) responded with an 18-yard touchdown pass from Jarrhett Butler, Kantor culminated a 12-play Churchill drive with a five-yard touchdown pass to senior. He finished

over-the-shoulder touchdown pass of 45 yards to Brandon Swepton.

Kantor saved his best for last. He started the fourth quarter with a seven-yard touchdown run, had a potential game-clinching interception bounce off his face mask while playing safety, then capped it all off with a 17-yard pass to tight end Matt Risk on a fourth-and-six play with Churchill clinging to an eight-point lead.

For the game, Kantor finished with 250 total yards (146 passing, 104 rushing), a stat line that he would have considered inconceivable just a few months ago.

"I'm having a lot of fun," said Kantor. "I love being in the spot-

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