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star receiver was being double-teamed. The throw came out wobbly as Allen was hit as he threw, but Contreras pulled the ball down with one hand and dragged a pair of defenders into the end zone for the score.

"I do that a lot in practice and this was my one chance to do it in a game," Contreras said of his one-handed grab. "That was really cool."

The Panthers still trailed by two after being unable to cross the plane on the two-point conversion. But they still had a chance to score when they got the ball back late in the second quarter.

On the last play of the first half, Allen connected with Contreras across the middle

for a 25-yard score, giving the Panthers the lead going to the locker room.

"(Contreras) is a phenomenal athlete. He's the type of kid that is going to be successful no matter where you put him," Carr said. "He works hard in practice every day and he wants to make the big plays."

While the Panthers offense played a crucial role in the comeback, it was the defense that set the tone for the team in the second half.

Claggett Creek held Straub scoreless in the second half, and forced three turnovers in the final 16 minutes of the game. Angel Vargas was

a terror for the Panthers on the defensive line in the second half, coming away with four tackles for loss.

"(Vargas) came out laying out some kids in the second half. The other guys on the line of scrimmage did great too," Carr said.

Straub

had a chance to take the lead in the final minute of the contest, but a desperation pass deep downfield on fourth down fell incomplete, allowing the Panthers to seal the victory.

"It took a lot of teamwork and dedication to get this win," Contreras said.

Claggett Creek returns to action on Wednesday, Oct. 2 when they travel to Leslie for a 4:30 p.m. kickoff.

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— Izeyah Contreras
Claggett wideout



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Claggett Creek running back Manny De Dios Luna tries to shed off tacklers.



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Claggett Creek cornerback Drake Derby lines up against a Straub receiver.

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