

Youth Football

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Reports for championship games played Nov. 10



Tigard Green 28, Clackamas 27

The Tigard fifth/sixth-grade Green entered the championship game as the Landry Division / Pacific Conference regular season champion and No. 1 seed. The Clackamas White entered the game as the No. 3 seed after avenging a regular season loss to Lakeridge Gold. Clackamas opened the game on offense but was stuffed by Tigard's "Gang Green" defense. Tigard's opening offensive possession was sparked by a Josh Miller 20 yard blast up the middle; followed by a Kyle Baldes 19 yard run around the end. Tigard got into scoring position with Roman Mori's 42 yard run off-tackle. During the course of the run, Mori broke 3 tackles and was finally brought down inside the Clackamas 20 yard line. Tigard cashed in when Brian Pete raced 15 yards for a touchdown. With the battery of David Brugato, Roman Mori and Ryan Bay, Tigard converted its PAT and lead 8-0.

Clackamas' attempts to answer came up empty on the tremendous defensive line play of Janak Ward, Cary Watts, Hunter Kalnins, Kodi Scott and Connor Lebrun. Just before the end of the first half, with Clackamas beginning to drive, Tigard Linebacker Josh Miller dropped into pass coverage and intercepted a Clackamas pass returning it 28 yards. Despite solid offensive line play by Kris Lennartz, Chance

Callaway, Trever Ellensen, Jordan Haire, Alex Kelly and Michael McCoy, Tigard was unable to cash in on the turnover and went into the halftime break with an 8-0 lead.

On their opening possessions of the second half both teams were unable to successful sustain a drive. On fourth down and 10, Clackamas elected to go for it. Tigard Linebacker Thomas Vickers stuffed the Clackamas run-option action for no gain giving Tigard the ball in good position near mid-field. On the ensuing play, Tigard running back Brian Pete raced 54 yards down to the Clackamas 1 yard line. Behind center Paul Vickers, quarterback Travis Kamerer plowed into the end zone to give Tigard a 2 score lead.

On the ensuing possession, Clackamas got on the scoreboard on a great run by quarterback Cade Wilkins. However, Tigard didn't wait to strike right back. On the arm of JT Greenough, Tigard hit for another touchdown on a 24-yard reception by Roman Mori. Not to be outdone, Clackamas scored a second time just before the end of the third quarter making the score 20-14.

In the fourth quarter both teams stiffened on defense. Late in the game, Tigard's defensive line forced a fumble. However, Tigard was unable to move the ball with consistency. Shortly thereafter the fireworks started. With less than 2 minutes and forced to punt, Tigard's punt team left too much daylight on the outside and just like that Clackamas scored to tie the game at 20-20. Clackamas' PAT failed thanks to a great pursuit tackle by Josh Miller.

In the overtime, Clackamas scored quickly to take a 27-20 lead. Tigard's first two offensive plays in the overtime were shaky at best. On third down and 18, Tigard's Brian Pete refused to go down and gained 14 yards. On fourth down and 4, Tigard drew Clackamas off-sides for a first down and the momentum shifted Tigard's way. Following another off-sides penalty on Clackamas, Pete scored from 3 yards out to bring Tigard within one point at 27-26. With the championship on the line, the extra-point team of Brian Pete, Jake Dettra, Thomas Vickers, Paul Vickers, Christian Watkins, Janak Ward, Chance Callaway, Josh Miller and the battery of David Brugato (snapper), Roman Mori (holder) and Ryan Bay (kicker), was dead-on perfect for the game winner. With the victory, the Tigers finished the year 10-0 and champions of the Tualatin Valley Youth Football League - Landry Division / Pacific Conference.