

Reports for Championship games of Nov 8:

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Tigard 5-6 Green 20, Southridge Gold 12

The championship game of the Montavon Valley Conference Playoff's pitted the regular season co-champions against each other. Both Tigard fifth/sixth-grade Green (9-0) and Southridge Gold (9-0) came into the game undefeated and rarely scored upon. The game was a battle from the beginning with neither team able to score on their opening drives.

Tigard was successful driving the ball deep into Southridge territory with a 37-yard blast by Tyler Walker. The Tigard drive was stopped with a turnover. However, Southridge was unable to move the ball due to the defensive line play of Sam Averette, Blake Hoggans, Kevin Henneman, Jack Chimenti, Justin Ziehnert, Tyler Prock, Jacob Logan, Alex Compton, Paul Vickers, Nate Heaukulani and Austin Lassiter. On fourth-and-3, deep in their own territory, the Skyhawks elected to go for it. Linebackers Thomas Vickers and Ryan Bay quickly filled and stuffed the play giving the Tigers a golden opportunity to take control of the game early.

The Tigers struck in four plays behind the ball handling of QB JT Greenough and the offensive line play of Chance Callaway, Joel Johnson, Ryan Bay, Thomas Vickers, Paul Vickers, Nate Heaukulani, Zack Jacobs, and Michael McCoy. On First and 10 on the Southridge 20-yard line, Tigard wingback Kyle Baldes took the counter hand-off and raced 20 yards off-tackle for the touchdown. With 4:25 left in the first quarter, Tigard took the lead 6-0.

Southridge quickly struck back in the second quarter and tied the game at 6-6. Tigard then went on a methodical 13 play; 7 minute drive. Fullback Alex Compton powered his way in from 1 yard out to give Tigard the lead. With Ryan Bay's PAT, the Tigers lead 14-6. The Skyhawks refused to go away quietly though and quickly answered with a score of their own just before the end of the second quarter. The PAT was wide left leaving the Halftime score Tigard 14, Southridge 12. On the opening drive of the second half, Southridge found very little success in the face of the Tigard defensive line. The Tigers were also the beneficiaries of great support from defensive backs Michael McCoy, AJ Wilson, Nash Rauen, Jack Block and Ryan Schaffer.

On a key fourth down and short play, Tigard's Sam Averette, Jack Block and Tyler Walker stopped the Southridge's tailback short of the first down. Tigard was not able to drive on the Skyhawks defense on its first possession of the third quarter and turned the ball over on downs. Even with great field position, Southridge found little success against the Tigers defense. On fourth-and-5, Southridge elected to go for it again. Tigard Defensive Tackle Paul Vickers busted through and stopped the play well short of the first down. The Tigers kept pounding away on the Southridge

defense eating up the clock in the process. Eventually, Southridge was able to force Tigard to punt. However, thanks to a great punt by Ryan Bay and great coverage by Jack Block, the Skyhawks were faced with driving 80 yards for another score. The Tigard "Gang Green" defense came up big again and forced Southridge to turn the ball over on downs around mid-field. The Tigers hit pay dirt on a seven-play series featuring Kyle Baldes, Alex Compton and Tyler Walker. The drive was capped off with an 11-yard run over right tackle by Compton to push the score to 20-12, Tigard, with 1:21 left in the game.

On the ensuing kick-off, Southridge mishandled the football and a fumble was recovered by Tigard's Matthew Ferguson. Thereafter, the Tigers were able to run the game clock out to secure the victory and the Montavon Valley Conference Championship. Unfortunately, defensive back Jacob Davis was unable to play due to a broken wrist. However, he provided the Tigers with great sideline support. With the victory, the Tigard Green closed their season a perfect 10-0.

Tigard JV White 32, Sherwood White 6

Tigard JV White beat Sherwood JV White 32-6 to win the Percich JV Valley Championship of the Tualatin Valley Youth Football League. Tigard finished the year with a record of 8 wins and one loss. Tigard avenged their only loss of the year, having lost to Sherwood 30-13 in the last game of the regular season at Sherwood High School.

Sherwood kicked off to Tigard to start the game. Tigard's Garrett Anderton caught the short pooch kick on Tigard's 42-yard line. Tigard made a change this week in their offense scheme, they moved Bradley Imai from the wing to fullback. Tigard's first two plays were Imai up the middle pounding Sherwood defense for a first down. Tigard using Imai up the middle and Manu Rasmussen and Alex Janac from their wing positions for sweeps drove the length of the field for an eleven play touchdown drive. Manu Rasmussen scored on a 3 yard run to finish off the drive. Tigard's Jake Biglow had to kick a 25 yard extra point because of a penalty.

Tigard's defense came out ready to play, holding Sherwood's offense to four plays and out. Tigard was helped out holding call that called back a 55-yard touch down pass.

Tigard's offense took over on Sherwood's 37-yard line. Quarterback Travis Sanders took the snap from center and ran up the middle for 12 yards. Imai carried the ball for 2 yards up the middle to end the first quarter. On the first play of the second quarter Manu Rasmussen took the ball around the end, broke three tackles and then ran away from the Sherwood defenders for a 23 yard touchdown run.

Tigard's kick off went out of bounds. Sherwood's offense took over on the 35 yard line. Sherwood's offense mixing up runs and passes drove the length of the field, scoring on 15 yard run around the end. This would turn out to be Sherwood's only score of the day.

Jack Nadlehoffer recovered the kickoff on Tigard's 42 yard line Tigard started the drive with an illegal procedure penalty and a incomplete pass. Rasmussen carried the ball twice for 16 yards, on the next play Imai took the hand off from Sanders broke through the middle, broke two tackles and then used his speed to run away from the Sherwood defense for a 48-yard touchdown run.

Sherwood's offense drove down to Tigard's 20-yard line. Tigard's defense led by Justin Jackson, Ryan Linder, Tyler Deisner, Jake Opatrny, Rasmussen, Imai, Sanders, Janac, Anderton, Biglow, Nadlehoffer, and Miguel Delgado stopped Sherwood's offense from gaining any more yards. Tigard's offense took over and ran the clock out. Tigard lead 20-6 at halftime.

Tigard's defense came out fired up to start the second half. Alex Janac, Justin Jackson, and Jack Nadlehoffer sacked the Sherwood quarterback for a five-yard loss on fourth down. The offense took over on Sherwood's 45-yard line. They drove the length of the field in seven plays. Rasmussen scored on a 10 yard touchdown run. The key play of the drive was Rasmussen breaking a 33 yard run. The third quarter ended with Tigard up 26-6.

Tigard's defense dominated the second half. The line play Jackson, Linder, Deisner, Delgado, Chris Watkins, Matt Hilliard, Jacob Borja, Jaylin Robinson controlled the line of scrimmage. The linebackers Imai, Sanders, Biglow and Anderton was again lead the team in tackles. The defense backs Janac, Opatrny, and Nadlehoffer broke up Sherwood passing attack and helped in stopping the run.

Tigard's last drive was quarterbacked by Opatrny, who because of injuries had to play most of the game at offense guard. Opatrny finished off the drive with a fake to Imai, he spun around burst up the middle for a 6 yard touchdown run. The game ended with Jack Nadlehoffer interception. It was Nadlehoffer team leading 5th interception of the year.

Tigard's offense was led by Rasmussen who gained 128 yards on 16 carries and scored 3 touchdowns. Imai gained 120 yards on 14 carries and scored 1 touchdown. Janac gain 25 yards, Sanders rushed for 19 yards, and Opatrny gained 8 yards and scored a touchdown.

Manu Rasmussen had an amazing year gaining 1584 yards on 127 carries, he caught 3 passes, and he scored 34 touchdowns and 10 extra points. Bradley Imai rushed for 808 yards on 83 carries, he caught 5 passes, and he scored 16 touchdowns and 4 extra points. Travis Sanders did a brilliant job quarterbacking the team., running the ball, passing the ball, and handling the ball with very few fumbles on the exchanges.

Alex Janac, Jake Opatrny, and Jack Nadlehoffer also ran the ball.

The offense line was hard hit by injuries this year. Center Matt Hilliard and tackle Jake Biglow played every play on the offense line this year. Hilliard did a great job at center, with only one bad center to quarterback exchange all year and blocking a tackle that was usually 50 pounds heavier. Jake Biglow was the workhorse of the offense line, most of the plays Biglow was the lead blocker on most of the plays, and he led the team in pancake blocks knocking over any player that got in his way. Garrett Anderton, Miguel Delgado, Jack Nadlehoffer, Jake Opatrny, Ryan Linder, Jaylin Robinson, and Jacob Borja had to move to the offense line because of the injuries and did a great job. Tigard line was much smaller than the defense lines they went against but they were very, quick, physical, and smart and punished the other teams.

The running attack could not have worked if not for the wide receivers and their down field blocks. The receivers were Trevor Ellenson, Gavin Roche, Jordan Haire, Gabe Nielsen, Tyler Deisner, and Jack Nadlehoffer. Jordan Haire had a key block on Rasmussen 23 yard touchdown run that sprung him for the last 10 yards.

The linebackers were the strength of the team, Bradley Imai lead the team with 120 tackles and Jake Biglow finished the year with 112 and also lead the team with 10 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. Manu Rasmussen was third on the team with 80 tackles. Travis Sanders, Garrett Anderton, Trevor Ellenson, And Matt Hilliard also played linebacker.

The leading tackler on the defense line was Justin Jackson, who had 10 tackles in the championship game. Jackson finished the season with 50 tackles. The mainstays on the defense line was Ryan Linder, Jaylin Robinson, Miguel Delgado, Jacob Borja, Chris Watkins, and Matt Hilliard. Tigard White also used the famous Mighty Mite defense line of Tyler Deisner, Gabe Nielsen, Gavin Roche, and Jordan Haire, They had a big size disadvantage but used their speed to disrupt the other teams offense.

The defense backfield of Jack Nadlehoffer, Alex Janac, Jake Opatrny, and Trevor Ellenson did a great job defending the pass. They also added support against the run. Nadlehoffer lead the team with 5 interceptions.

Logan Charboneau was injured in the 4 the game of the year ,he was a starting linebacker and starting guard on the offense line. The game he was hurt in he recovered 2 fumbles.

Nick Hayes was injured in the third game of the year on the second play from scrimmage. He was a starting lineback and a starting tackle on the offense line.

The coach staff did a fantastic job all year teaching the boys how to play football and how to play as a team. The coaches taught the kids what they could accomplish through hard work and discipline, and they also provided the right amount of tender loving care to turn these group of kids into a great team, that played as a team and won as team.

It was a great year for Tigard JV White. The Team and the coaches represented the community of Tigard well.