

Reports for games of Oct. 17:

All stories written below were submitted by the individual Tigard teams. If you do not see your team, then they did not submit a story for the week.

Tigard 5/6 Grey 18, Newberg 0

To be a good team you have to handle adversity well. Battling a four game losing streak, a mud pit of a field, a slippery ball and yet another road game Tigard Gray 5/6 had plenty to deal with to secure their second win of the season. Prone to slow starts Tigard knew they needed a spark early and they got just that when Jacob Chesler took the opening kickoff down the sideline for a 65 yard touchdown. Energized by the early touchdown the Tigard defense took command of the field not allowing Newberg's offense to move an inch forward. Led by defensive team leader Sam Nihill the Tigard defense shut down Newberg's running and passing game. Nihill was in the Newberg's backfield all afternoon finishing the day with 1.5 sacks and 9 tackles all for negative yardage.

When Newberg doubled Nihill that only opened holes for Matt Hockman, Luke Benedict, and Chesler to quickly reach the quarterback and tailbacks. Hockman finished with 2 monster sacks on third downs. Chesler, again, was busy on both sides of the ball by causing and recovering a fumble and registering 5 tackles and 1.5 sacks. The outside were contained by Sterling Roberts who finished with 5 bone crushing tackles with one of his hits causing a first quarter fumble. With Newberg struggling on the ground they went to the air where Tigard was just as effective. The Tigard defense allowed only a single completion on a quick swing pass for 1 yard gain. Anchoring the defense backs was Dakota Holloway who stepped in front of an intended receiver and intercepted a pass returning 10 yards before being tackled. Sam Larson, Ryan Worthley, Sam Jackola and Casey Bauer were just as instrumental in grounding Newberg's air attack by knocking down each pass that came their way. Other Members of Tigard's iron curtain registering key tackles or hits were Jack Chimenti, Kyle Nottingham, Austin Tarabochia, Zakiri Ross, Tyler Cancelosi, Tyler Streicher, Anthony Raye, Jordan Fullerton, Conner Davis, Jordan Lundstrom, Jake Benedict, Ben Presley and Julian Body. The first half ended with Tigard leading 6-0.

The Tigard defense and special teams had done their job but could the Tigard offense do theirs? The offense found the footing and handling difficult in the first half having several big plays but only to be done in by fumbles or penalties.

However, you could feel that they were inches away from the big play. After pounding the ball up the middle and outside with running backs Body and Chesler, QB Brady Bjorkman zipped a pass in between defenders to Sam Larson for a 15 yard gain. The drive stalled at the Newberg 25 when Bjorkman was hit and fumbled while handing off to Body. Although the rain stopped at halftime Tigard Grey did not. They came out of halftime poised to take control of the game and they did just that on their first possession of the second half. After a Newberg punt Tigard seemed to find their

footing and gained a tough 5 yards by Chesler who finished with 7 rushes for 20 yards. The next play saw Bjorkman bust through the middle of the defense for a 40 yard touchdown run.

Tigard had a 12-0 lead after a failed PAT. The defense continued to hold their ground causing fumbles and flying to the ball in force. Julian Body set-up the final touchdown by darting in and out of would be tacklers for a 20 yard gain down to the Newberg 12. Body finished with 34 rushing yards on 15 carries. After a hard fought 5 yards on the ground by Bauer, Bjorkman followed by throwing a 7 yard strike to a slanting Austin Tarabochia in the back of end zone. Bjorkman finished 2/7 for 22 passing yards, 1TD and 2 rushes for 47 yards, 1TD. The offensive line led by Raye, Hockman, Cancelosi, Hontr Hval, Benedict and Fullerton held the towering Newberg defense at bay in the muddy trenches throughout the day. The offensive line paved the way for Chimenti, Ross, and Nottingham who each rushed for positive yards. On the sidelines, injured player Keishon Dawkins could be seen with a wide smile as he celebrated the victory with his teammates. Tigard Grey plays at Clackamas on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Tigard JV Green 30, Rex Putnam Gold 0

In an important mid-season match-up amongst foes at the top of their division, the Tigard JV Green traveled to Rex Putnam High School to meet the Kingsmen Saturday afternoon. The Tigard defense controlled the game from the opening kick-off.

The defensive line play of Brett Leitherer, Paul Vickers, Jacob Logan, Austin Hamby, Dylan Mickanen, Justice Davis and Andrew Bach was excellent and stopped Putnam's attempts to run inside. Tigard linebackers Thomas Vickers, Ryan Bay, Sam Averette, Xavier Hallinan, Joel Johnson, JT Greenough and Kevin Gress pursued the football and tackled well preventing Putnam's spread offense from making any big plays. Defensive backs Kyle Baldes, Peter Bauer, Tyler Walker, Brett Jackson, James Osburn, Stephen Burdett, Andy Tan and Michael McCoy provided timely run support and took away Putnam's passing game. Ryan Bay had 2 interceptions in the game.

Offensively, the Tigers ground attack was lead by Tyler Walker, Alex Compton, Kyle Baldes, Sam Averette and Xavier Hallinan. Tigard rushers ran for 247 yards. Quarterback JT Greenough threw for 125 yards and two touchdowns. Injured teammate Chance Callaway provided tremendous support and encouragement during the game. With the win, Tigard JV Green goes to 5-0-1 on the season.

Tigard varsity Black 40, Sunset Purple 18

Tigard Varsity Black took on Sunset Purple on Saturday night Oct. 17 at Sunset High School and came away with dominating 40-18 victory. Tigard offense was lead by Manu Rasmussen who gained 350 on 26 carries, he also cored six touchdowns Tigard's defense smothered Sunsets offense all night, giving up only 46 net yards on 13 plays through the first three quarters of the game. Tigard's defense was flying to the ball all night, intercepting a pass, and recovering four fumbles.

Tigard's defense held Sunset's offense to three and out on their first series. Sunset punted the ball, which hit a Tigard player, but it was recovered by Tigard's Roman Mori. On Tigard's first play from scrimmage center Matt Hilliard, guard Nick Dauphinais, and tackle Nic Hayes opened up a huge hole, which Rasmussen burst through, using his blazing speed for a 63 yard touchdown run. The pat was blocked by Sunset.

Tigard kicked off and Sunset started from their own 47 yard line. They completed 2 passes and ran the ball down to Tigard's 8-yard line. Sunset then completed a tough pass for a 8 yard touchdown pass. they missed the pat. Tigard's defense toughened up and held Sunset to a negative seven yards until the start of the fourth quarter.

In the second quarter Rasmussen scored on 60 yard run behind the blocks of fullback Bradley Imai, Janak Ward, Nick Dauphinais, and Matt Hilliard. His third touchdown of the first half was a two yard plunge up the middle, center Hilliard blew Sunset nose guard and Rasmussen followed in for a touchdown.

Rasmussen started the third quarter with a 58 yard run behind the blocking of Austin Koch, Nic Hayes, and Ian Schacter. In the third quarter Rasmussen also scored on an eight-yard run behind the blocking of Imai, Ward and guard A.J. Saddler. His sixth touchdown was scored in the third quarter behind Ward and tight end Michael Roberts. Manu Rasmussen finished the game with 350 yards on 26 carries and he scored six touchdowns. Bradley Imai gained 32 yards on 7 carries, he also caught 3 passes for 28 yards. Alex Jana carried the ball 6 times and gained 20 yards. Cam Yarnell quarterbacked the team, he completed 3 passes in 6 attempts, for 28 yards. Yarnell also carried the ball one time gaining 3 yards. Tigard's powerful offense gained a total 433 yards for the game.

Tigard Black's defense was a total team effort, lead by Cam Yarnell with 8 tackles and a fumble recovery that he returned for 10 yards. Nic Hayes had 7 tackles, Rasmussen added 6 tackles, 3 for 20 yard loss, and causing a fumble. Eric Clarke had a great game with 6 tackles until he sprained his ankle. Alex Janac finished the game with 6 tackles and a pass interception. Garrett Andeton had 4 tackles and recovered 2 fumbles, Michael Roberts had tackles and recovered a fumble. Bradley Imai, Justin Jackson, Nick Dauphinais, Justin Campbell, and Matt Hilliard all aided Tigard's cause with tackles.

Tigard came away with a dominating 40 to 18 victory over Sunset Purple. The 5 and 1 Tigard Black play Tualatin Black at Tualatin High School this Saturday.