



Reports for games of October 27:

3-4 GREEN

Tualatin 16, Tigard Green 6

It was early in the morning on a clear and dry yet chilly Saturday. The Tigard Youth Football third/fourth-grade Green team took to their home field for one final game. They lost to Tualatin by a score of 6-16, but some would say they just needed a little more time to pull out a win.

The early kickoff led to a slow start for the Green Tigers. Facing outstanding special teams, they lost two onside kicks before Luke Benedict recovered a fumble, giving the ball to his offensive unit for the first time late in the first quarter. Tigard got things going at that point with Christopher Bates tallying 24 yards up the middle and on the edge. Zachary Stevenson turned in 12 tough yards against a quick to collapse defense.

Brady Bjorkman, making his first start at RB was able to hand in 64 yards. 33 of which came on a QB scamper featuring a cut back in which he juked his would be tackler out of his shoes on his way to the end zone. Parker Chiapuzio, making his first start at QB ran for 6 yards and caught a pass on a trick play. Kyle Nottingham ran for 3 yards for more exposure to the mechanics of the game. Tyler "the mainstay" Critch-field completed a pass and ran for 74 yards on the hills of Tasrif Khan, Blake Hoggans, Jordan Fullerton, Dante Friesen, Blake Chisholm, Austin Wilson Joe Hungerford and Ryan Worthley. Samuel Larson, too sick to attend, was there in spirit and would have certainly been listed here with his O line brothers.

With the exception of 2 huge plays by Tualatin the Green Tiger defense turned in another stellar performance. Matt Hockman, Tasrif Khan and Luke Benedict forced 4 fumbles. Tyler Critchfield, Luke Benedict, and Matt Hockman combined for 4 sacks. Christopher Bates led the defense with 5 tackles. 4 tackles in the flat and in the back field were made Zachary Stevenson. In addition to his consistent showing throughout the day, Luke Benedict also had 3 tackles. Many players had solo tackles including, Brady Bjorkman, Parker Chiapuzio, Dante Friesen, Tasrif Khan, Jonathan Meusch, Samuel Nihill, and Risean Williams. Tyler Critchfield, Sterling Roberts and Matt "hard hitting" Hockman also turned in 2 tackles apiece.

It's been a long journey for these boys. They have learned much about teamwork and effort. Each of them has grown as a person, and respects what it means to make a commitment to the group. Realizing that the needs of the team outweigh the needs of the individual was Jacob Davis, in game jersey only, storming the sidelines and cheering on his teammates. Thanks to the coaching staff for placing a high priority on "keeping it fun."

5-6 WHITE

Tigard White 16, St. Helens 6

The Tigard White fifth/sixth-grade team battled a very hungry, physical St. Helens team on a frigid, fro-zen Saturday morning.

The Tigard Tank O and D lineman cleared the path for the Running Backs and stopped the opponent in the backfield. This unit was led by AJ "Big Rig" Saddler, Joe "The Destroyer" Lobbato, Forrest "Smack Down" Harris, Jacob "Hot Dog" Mullen, Jimmy "J Rob" Robinson, Dorian "Snack Shack" Grimes, Brad-ley "Show Time" Hansen, Justin "Jack Hammer" Jackson, Joel "The Rock" Johnson, Ethan "Dynamite" Judd, and Jon Jon "2J" Reid Davis. Cameron "Bam Bam" Yarnell threw a tight spiral down the sidelines to a streaking Ray "Crack back" Barlow for the opening touchdown of the game. "Bam Bam" Yarnell also motored 70 yards down the sidelines for the other Touchdown on the day. Jett "Lightening" Even con-nected with Zack "Thunder" Vollstedt for a long gain and David "Barn Burner" Barnes on another critical 4th down play. Ryan "Shake and Bake" Cleveland, Owen "O Zone" Black, Tyler "Tower of Power" Powers, Kevin "Polo" Henneman, and Jack "Sidewinder" Sanders delivered key blocks on Offense and gang tackling on Defense. Kevin "Magic Man" Gress pounding running style earned tough yards all afternoon. Michael "Mad Skills" Andreas twisted and turned on each running play and threw his first pass of the season. Jacob "Sultan of Swat" Spadafora, Eric "TNT" Clarke, and Gabe "Hollywood" Nielsen also churned and sliced through the defense for well deserved yardage. Jacob "Hot Dog" Mullen also converted both Extra Points on the afternoon.

The Coaches and Players would also like to thank the Parents for their enthusiastic rain or shine support the entire season.

5-6 GREEN

Tigard Green 22, LO 12

The Tigard fifth/sixth-grade "Gang Green" tea, wasted no time getting on the scoreboard Saturday afternoon at Lake Oswego High School.

On the game's opening kickoff, Tigard's Brian Pete raced 83 yards for a touchdown. Pete's run was made possible by peel-back blocks from Trever Ellensen and Thomas Vickers. Lake Oswego responded right back with a touchdown drive of their own. The Tigers countered when running back Roman Mori found daylight over the Lakers right side and ran 44 yards for another Tigard touchdown. Tigard's third touchdown was the product of great runs by Kyle Baldes, Josh Miller and Travis Kamerer, as well as, great blocking from Bradley Williams, Peter Bauer, Jordan Haire and Michael McCoy.

Tigard's defense took control of the game in the third Quarter. The defensive line play of David Brugato, Janak Ward, and Christian Watkins was excellent. Tigard cornerback Roman Mori intercepted a Laker pass early in the third quarter to steal the momentum in the game. Mori played a key role again as the recipient of a JT Greenough pass to keep a Tigard possession alive.

Tigard put the game away with a great punt from Ryan Bay which pinned Lake Oswego deep in its own territory. After another exchange of possessions, defensive end Chance Callaway and defensive tackle Connor Lebrun blew through the line and tackled a Lake Oswego ball carrier in the end-zone resulting in a safety and two points for Tigard. Thereafter, the Tigers were able to run the clock out. With the victory, the Tigard Green finished the regular season at 8-0.

5-6 BLACK

Tigard Black 26, Lincoln 13

Tigard Black fifth/sixth-grade team finished up its regular season with a dominating 26-13 victory over Lincoln Gold. Tigard Black finished the season with 6 wins and 2 losses.

Tigard started the game with a bang when Bradley Imai received the opening kickoff on the 30 yard line, followed the blocking wedge up the middle, he made a beautiful cutback move then burst into the open, and used his speed to pull away for 70 yard touchdown run.

Tigard's offense dominated the rest of the game with running attack. Tigard picked up 250 yards on the ground, controlling time of possession. Manu Rasmussen gained 151 yards on 13 carries, he also had 2 touchdown runs one of 40 yards and the other was 30 yards. Bradley Imai gained 40 yards on 7 carries and Landon Floyd gained 33 yards on 3 carries. Floyd scored a touchdown on a 30 yard sweep. Braxton Latt, Justin Alvarizares, and David Johnson all carried the ball for positive yards.

The offense line lead by Frankie Redfern at center, Jake Biglow and Ryan Linder at guard, Matt Hilliard and Zach Crawford at tackle opened up huge holes with a physical blocking attack. Josh Kutcher, Maclain Bartley, Jacob Pond, Brandon Long, Brenden Rude and Nicholas Hayes also had key blocks for Tigard's offense.

Tigard's defense was very strong and powerful all game, controlling the line of scrimmage. Jake Biglow had 10 tackles and one sack to led the team in tackles. Bradley Imai had 8 tackles with 2 sacks, one of Imai's sacks was for a 12 yard loss. Nicholas Hayes, Braxton Latt and Manu Rasmussen helped the defense with 7 tackles each. Scott Roberts, Tyler Woodworth, Dylan Mickanen, Zacobi Greenberg, Brenden Rude, Justin Alvarizares all helped Tigard's cause with several hard hitting tackles.

Tigard Black starts their playoff run this week against Westview this Saturday at Aloha High School.

JV WHITE

Tigard JV White 22, St. Helens 8

The coaches of the Tigard Tigers had two goals going into the 2007 season; first, have a winning season; second, make the playoffs. Mission accomplished. Tigard defeated the Lions of St. Helens to make it five wins in a row and secured a spot in the playoffs.

On a day that was perfect for football Benny Wick was nearly perfect. The Tigers went to their star tail-back early and often and put on a rushing clinic. Wick rushed for 260 yards and three touchdowns. To top that he added a dozen tackles on defense and led the way to another solid win for the Tigers. Tigard came out hitting hard in the first half as Aaron Andrus, Zack Tamez, Andy Pin and Chandler Kelly all contributed to the effort and held the Lions scoreless in the first quarter. The core of the defense showed that it can do it week in and week out. Justin Evans posted eight hard tackles despite a knee injury that sidelined him for a spell. Connor Olson picked up the slack and added six tackles and anchored the middle along with Andrew Hungerford Blake Chamberlain and Ethan Lange who also recovered a key fumble.

St. Helens fought hard and made the Tigers work for every yard. Crucial penalties cost the Lions and kept Tigard on the move and by the end of the first quarter scored their second touchdown on a twelve yard blast by Benny Wick. He also converted two extra point kicks to give the Tigers a 16-0 lead. The Lions pushed back and promptly marched up the field in the second quarter to score on a nice 25 yard pass play into the end zone. St. Helens proved to have a well balanced offense as they mixed a series of runs and passes to keep the Tigard defense on its heels. Chandler Kelly made a great touchdown saving tackle on a long run by the Lions during the drive but they were not to be denied and scored on the next play. St. Helens also kicked their extra point drawing closer at 16-8. The Lions threw the ball regularly forcing the Tigard coaches to spread out the defense. Ryan Bickel intercepted a pass in the end zone but the ball was spotted at the one yard line. Tigard got the short end of the stick on several calls from the officials but it didn't matter in the end as they dominated on both sides of the ball. Bickel led the pass defense along with Shane Lepper and Alex Chang who saw plenty of action.

Tigard's defense was superb and held yet another team scoreless in the second half thanks to more solid play by Nick Smith, Dylan Rhinevault, Parker Lambert, Michael Ehrenfelt, Chance Taylor, Taylor "TC" Courtney, Evan Garrison, Logan Charboneau, Gannon O'Gorman and Clay VanRiper. Benny Wick tacked on the Tigers' third score of the day in the fourth quarter on a 62 yard burst against a St. Helens defense that had not given up a big play all day. The Lions were a tough, physical team but the Tigers won by a final score of 22-8 and finished their season with six wins, two losses and a seat in the playoffs next weekend.