

## Reports for games of Oct. 3:

**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 Green 8, Beaverton Orange 13**

After a disappointing game against Lincoln in week three, Tigard fifth/sixth-grade Green arrived in Beaverton with a new offensive scheme and prepared for a better showing against Beaverton Orange.

Although there was some solid play by Olsen, White, and Stewart on the interior line, Tigard failed to stop the Orange who completed a 15-yard TD pass with 6:42 remaining in the first quarter. The 1-point running conversion was good. Unable to gain any offensive momentum, Tigard couldn't keep the Beaverton offense on the sideline and with 2:31 remaining in the first quarter. Beaverton broke open a long run up the middle for 6. Tigard made a nice goal line stand to stop the conversion attempt.

The Tigard Green offense stalled again to start the second quarter but in what proved to be the theme of the day, Tigard's defense started to shut down Beaverton Orange. Midway through the second quarter multiple tackles by Schock and Briles held the Orange in check. With fourth and inches, team tackling by the interior lineman and line backer core got the ball back on downs. The Tigard Offense started to awake and with 2:11 remaining in the half. Critchfield carried the load running behind the strong blocking of Norman, Stevenson, and Kennedy. Taking the ball into Beaverton territory for the first time, Tigard lost the ball on a fumble. In the following series a crushing tackle by Eric Darden at the line of scrimmage, and a nice open field tackle by Ryan Schaffer held the Orange to the final play in the half. David Schimmels closed out the half by stopping a reverse with a great tackle in the backfield.

Starting the second half deep in their own territory, Tigard continued to improve on offense. With 8:18 remaining, third and 7, Taylor Smith made a key block to spring Ryan Schaffer for a first down on the QB keeper. With 3:39 left in the quarter, David Schimmels busted out of the scrum for a 44 yd. touchdown run to get the Tigers on the board. Schock sneaked in the 2-point conversion kick to make it 8-13 Beaverton. With the third quarter winding down and a nice stop by Schimmel for a 2-yard loss, Beaverton converted on fourth and long with the reception of a 30 yd deflected pass completion. Game on the line, there was no quit in the Green D. Great penetration by the defensive line allowed An Nguyen to make three tackles in a row to either hold or throw the Orange back for a loss. Spencer Olsen closed out the stand with a key tackle on fourth down allowing the Green O to get back on the field.

With 9:07 remaining in the game, Tigard turned the ball over again. Another defensive stand featuring a jarring tackle by Olsen and fumble recovery by White ensured Green O had a final shot at

winning the game. With less than 6 minutes remaining. Max Briles made several nice runs. After a false start penalty the Green O re-grouped and on carries of 9, 8, and 5 yards Tyler Critchfield grinded it out to the Beaverton 31 yard line. Two strong runs by Schimmels allowed the Tigers to be within striking distance at the Beaverton 20. With the clock winding down Critchfield gave his best effort to make something out of a busted play and was stopped as he attempted to turn the corner on the games last play.

An improved Tigard Green faces Aloha Green at home on Saturday.

### **Tigard JV Green 20, West Linn Black 14**

In what seems to be an annual affair, the Tigard JV Green went toe-to-toe with a very good team from West Linn.

The Tigard defense was challenged right from the beginning by West Linn's power running game. The defensive line play of Brett Leitherer, Paul Vickers, Jacob Logan, Austin Hamby, Justice Davis, Chance Callaway, Dylan Mickanen and Andrew Bach was excellent and slowed West Linn's inside running game. Tigard linebackers Thomas Vickers, Ryan Bay, Sam Averette, Xavier Hallinan, Joel Johnson, JT Greenough and Kevin Gress pursued the football and kept the Lions running attack contained for key parts of the game. Defensive backs Kyle Baldes, Peter Bauer, Tyler Walker, Brett Jackson, Stephen Burdett, James Osburn and Michael McCoy provided timely run support and took away West Linn's passing game.

Offensively, Tigard was very balanced between run and pass. The Tigers ground attack was lead by Tyler Walker, Alex Compton, Kyle Baldes, and Xavier Hallinan. Quarterback JT Greenough threw touchdown passes of 52 yards, 25 yards and 3 yards. The 3-yard TD pass came in the closing minutes of the 4th Quarter to seal the deal for Tigard.

Injured teammate Andy Tan provided tremendous support and encouragement during the game. With the victory, Tigard JV Green goes to 4-0 on the season.

### **Tigard varsity Black 34, Oregon City Red 8**

Tigard Varsity Black traveled to Oregon City for their first road game of the year. Tigard was also playing their first game with out their leading tackler Jake Biglow , who injured his knee in the last game. Tigard's team defense rose to the test and came out and held Oregon City Red to eight points, to help Tigard come away with a 34-8 victory.

Tigard's defense was lead by linebacker Nic Hayes who had 15 tackles and one sack. Defense back Alex Janac was all over the field, he broke up 5 passes, he intercepted one pass and returned it 35 yards, he also added 3 tackles. Tigard played great pass defense all game limiting Oregon City to 3 completions in 20 attempts. Bradley Imai had 10 tackles, Cam Yarnell, Michael Roberts, Nic Dauphinais, and Mau Rasmussen added 8 tackles. Justin Jackson played a great game at defense tackle, JJ had 7 tackles and recovered a fumble. Garret Anderton finished the game with 2 sacks and Aaron Saddler had one sack. Tigard players Gabe Nielsen, Justin Campbell, Roman Mori, Janak Ward, Eric Clarke, and Matt Hilliard all added tackles.

Tigard's powerful running attack dominated Oregon City, gaining 285 yards on the ground and scoring 34 points. Manu Rasmussen lead the way with 207 yards on 20 carries, and he scored 3 touchdowns on runs of 40, 53 and 15 yards. Bradley Imai gained 50 yards on 4 carries. Imai scored 2

touchdowns, one was a 4 yard run where he carried 5 Oregon City defenders on his back, and the other touchdown he broke up the middle and ran 41 yards untouched. Imai also caught a pass for 33 yards. Cam Yarnell quarterbacked the first half and then moved to fullback in the second half where he scored on a 15 yard run on a quick opener up the middle. Eric Clarke quarterbacked Tigard in the second half and did a great job running the offense, leading Tigard to 20 points in the second half.

Tigard's offense line has done a fantastic job all year against much bigger defense lines all year. The line plays very quick and smart, opening big holes for the running backs. The line has been led by center Matt Hilliard, guards Nick Duphinais, Eric Peters, Justin Jackson, Aaron Sandler, and tackles Nic Hayes, Janak Ward, Austin Koch, and Ian Schacter.

Tigard is back home this week against Clackamas Red at 7 p.m. at Tigard High School.

### **Tigard varsity Green 30, West Linn Gold 24**

Tigard Varsity Green made it a 3-game winning streak with a thrilling 30-24 home victory over West Linn Gold. Tigard improved its season record to 3-1, surviving with the win over a strong West Linn team that has a solid scheme and skilled players.

The Tigers rolled up over 200 yards total combined rushing and passing, including over 100 yards rushing by running back Joe Lobbato and 77 yards passing by quarterback Jett Even, to 4 different receivers. The offensive line of Ryan Linder, EJ Albaugh, AJ Hotchkins, Zach Crawford, David Brugato, Connor Lebrun, and Nathan Wick opened nice holes all evening for backs Lobbato, Jacob Mullen, and Justin Alvarizares and provided Even with time to complete 8 of 12 throws. Big tight end Jack Nadelhoffer led the receiving corps with 3 clutch catches.

The first quarter saw the teams trade possession back and forth as the defenses dominated. Tigard kept the Gold Lions off balance behind the hard-hitting of cornerback Marty Ramos, linebackers Lobbato, Mullen and David Brugato, the pass defense of d-backs Hotchkins, Alvarizares and Even, and the strong defensive line pressure of Lebrun, Linder, Damian Vonahlefeld, Jimmy Robinson and Maclain Bartley. Bartley and Hotchkin's sack of the West Linn QB forced the Lions to punt after a short drive and gave Tigard its first good field position.

Tigard's initial score came after a nice 6-yard pass completion from Even to wide receiver Ryan Cleveland and then Lobbato's exciting 50-yard weave through traffic to give the Tigers the lead, 6-0.

Tigard's second scoring drive of the half came from sustained, dominating o-line play, coupled with strong running by Lobbato and Mullen, ending with a 1-yard plunge for the score by Even behind center Lebrun. Hotchkins made the PAT kick to give Tigard a 14-0 lead late in the second quarter.

With only 17 seconds remaining in the 1st half Tigard quickly stopped West Linn after the kickoff, holding them to only 5 net yards, including the punt, behind the bone-jarring tackling of Hotchkins and an Alvarizares pass breakup.

The Tigers scored in 3 short plays from the West Linn 28, getting the touchdown on a 21 yard pass from Even to Mullen, as the game clock struck 0:00 to end the half. The home crowd roared! Hotchkin's kick made it Tigard 22, West Linn 0.

West Linn came out of the locker room fired up to start the 3rd quarter, quickly getting on the scoreboard with a touchdown with 8:32 to go in the quarter. The Lions ripped off a long kickoff

return followed by strong running and then a 23 yard pass for the touchdown, making it Tigard 22, West Linn 8.

West Linn kicked off to Tigard and their defense stiffened up, sacking Even twice for loss and forcing a Tigard punt. West Linn quickly coughed up the ball with a fumble on first down and Tigard took possession with great field position on the West Linn 21 yard line.

The Tigers slowly ground up the clock on a sustained drive, scoring to open the 4th quarter with the tough running of Lobbato and Mullen and a gritty 18-yard pass catch by Nadelhoffer over the middle. A 1-yard Mullen touchdown run and Hotchkins PAT gave Tigard a 30-8 lead.

West Linn made the game a little too close for comfort down the stretch, scoring twice on two long, sustained drives. West Linn had a good mix of tough runs and long pass plays and made the score 30-16 at the 6:16 mark. They followed with another score just two minutes later, closing to within 30-24 with 4:15 to go in the fourth.

But the Varsity Green Tigers held tough! The o-line continued to key strong running by Lobbato and Mullen, enabling a nearly 4 minute drive before punting. Lobbato completed his strong game, making a punishing hit on defense from his linebacker position, causing, then recovering, a West Linn fumble with just 0:55 remaining. Tigard then smartly ran out the clock to close out the Lions. Tigard Green won again to make it three in a row.