

Reports for games of Sept. 19:

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Tigard 5/6 Green 28, Southridge Gold 13

After fighting back against St. Helens with two fourth-quarter touchdowns and a dramatic game winning PAT kick in the final seconds the week before, Tigard fifth/sixth-grade Green returned home to host the Southridge Gold.

Continuing to show improvement, the Tigard offensive line provided strong surge allowing Tyler Crutchfield to take it outside for multiple carries over 15 yards and into the endzone for a 6-0 lead with 6:49 remaining in the first quarter. Strong defensive play up the middle by Taylor Smith, Kenny White, and Spencer Olsen held the Southridge offense in check and a great solo tackle on the outside by Ryan Schaffer helped force a turnover on downs. Tigard played tough defense throughout the second quarter shutting down attempted end arounds, and the lateral passing attack. Jacob David, Spencer Olsen, and Ethan Schock all made impact plays.

With 5:18 left to play in the second quarter, Tigard tailback Tyler Critchfield broke a tackle in the backfield and with a great second effort scampered 56 yards to the to set up the next touchdown. David Shimmels layed up the perfect touch pass to Blake Chisolm in the end zone flats for 6. Schock converted the PAT kick. John Vandenburg baffled the Southridge kick return team with a perfect squib/pooch kick off that was recovered by a hustling Kenny White. With 1:25 left to play Tyler Critchfield broke another long run to score for Tigard Green and with the PAT kick conversion the score was 22-0.

Starting out the second half Tigard Green continued to dominate on defense. Through out the 3rd quarter Olsen, Vandenburg, and Smith combined to make tackles for no gain, with Kenny White responsible for two quarterback sacks and a fumble recovery.

In a last ditch effort to get something going on offense Southridge employed a "Wildcat" offense and was able to score one touchdown with a failed PAT to end the third quarter. A solid kickoff return and good running by Max Briles and Dante Friesen moved the ball down the field for another Tigard scoring opportunity. David Schimmels rushed on a critical fourth down conversion to keep the drive alive. A nice run off left tackle by Max Briles set up Tigards final score.

Strong blocking from the right side allowed Schock to sprint to the cone for 6 but the PAT was no good. Even with the game in hand Tigard showed great effort in the closing minutes with great defensive plays by Colby Oswill Williams making a touchdown saving tackle and Thomas Kennedy

making a great goal line stop. In the end Southridge managed a meaningless score in in the final minute of play.

In a great display of team unity tail backs and linebackers were seen thanking their interior linemen for a hard days work.

Oregon City Black 30, Tigard 5/6 Grey 6

Tigard fifth/sixth-grade Grey team knew the Oregon City team was big...but what surprised them most was that they would be "that" big. As one coach put it, "The tape does lie," referring to video highlights they had seen from previous Oregon City games. It was to be David vs. Goliath part 2, but could David slay the giant again? It certainly did not seem so in the first half with Oregon City scoring on their first 3 possessions. The Tigard defense sealed up the inside fairly well for most of the rain soaked day. Jacob Chesler led the team with 6 bone crushing tackles followed by Sterling Roberts, Tyler Streicher, and Sam Nihill who each dropped an Oregon City runner 4 times. Matt Hockman caused havoc in the Oregon City backfield all day but it was not enough to eliminate the Oregon City big plays. The defense found it's rhythm in the second limiting Oregon City to only 6 points. Big plays by defensive backs, Ryan Worthley and Conner Davis, kept Oregon City at bay down the stretch by knocking passes intended for the Oregon City receivers who were met with the blanket coverage. Other key contributors to the defensive effort were the run stopping Benedict brothers, Luke and Jake. Also swarming to ball and registering tackles were Dakota Holloway, Austin Tarabochia, Jack Chimenti, Sam Larson, Tyler Cancelosi, Anthony Raye, Jordan Fullerton, Casey Bauer and Davis. Undersized the Tigard Grey defense never quit and fought the battle to end.

On the offensive side of the ball, like the defense, Tigard could not find their rhythm until the second half. The first half was dictated by the Oregon City defense. When Tigard did make a play it was nullified by untimely penalties. Following Oregon City's second touchdown in the first quarter Tigard seemed to come out confident they'd cut the deficit in half. A hard fought 4yds by Chesler, a 1yd gain by Julian Body and 10 yd holding penalty on Oregon City gave Tigard a first down at their own 43yd line. Poised to get back in game QB Brady Bjorkman dropped back and rifled a pass over the middle to a streaking receiver, Sam Jackola, who made a spectacular diving catch for 7 yards. On the next play, and start of the 2nd quarter, Bjorkman took a 3 step drop looking for more but was flushed from the pocket and hammered out of bounds after gaining another first down. However, momentum was quickly lost as Tigard was penalized for a block in the back. Facing second and forever, Bjorkman dropped back and was sacked for a 4 yd loss thus ending what seemed to be promising drive.

The OC defense was up to the task to contain the mighty Tigard offense. It wasn't until the second half that Tigard jumped on the scoreboard. Fired up following the halftime pep talk the Tigard offense came out swinging (pun intended). Tigard kept the Oregon City defense off balance to start the third quarter by throwing swing passes to Julian Body. Bjorkman and Body connected for a 9 yard gain on first down which led to more open holes for Body and Chesler to run through. A key play of the drive was a 31 yard swing pass from Bjorkman to Body who took the pass down to the Oregon City 10 yard line. Following a 2 yd gain by Body, Bjorkman floated an 8yard TD pass to Body who made an acrobatic catch in the end zone. Bjorkman finished the game 4/10 for 55 yards 1td/1int. Body had 10 carries for a hard fought 8 yards and 3 receptions for 48 yards. Chesler working hard on both sides of the ball pounded the ball up the middle 7 times for 6 yards.

Looking for daylight on their first carries of the season were Kyle Nottingham and Casey Bauer. In addition to the excitement generated by Tigard's first drive of the second half and the defense's strangle hold on the space up the middle Chesler found himself throwing the games last play on a flee flicker that went for 25 yards to Jackola. Jackola was looking to cut into the deficit but was tackled as time ran out near the 50yd line. Jackola finished with 2 receptions for 32 yds. Unfortunately the Oregon City defense was too good on this day and not much daylight was found on the field or in the sky on this grey and rainy day. Chalk this one up for Goliath, but know that Tigard never quit and never will...and will rise again and slay that giant the next time around. Tigard Grey plays at Sherwood Cardinal at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Tigard JV Green 33, Oregon City Red 0

The Tigard JV "Gang Green" came ready to play Saturday afternoon in Oregon City. Tigard started quickly when Kyle Baldes recovered an Oregon City fumble on the opening kick-off.

In short order, Tigard drove down the field and scored on a Sam Averette plunge from 4 yards out. Thereafter, the defense was tough. The defensive line play of Brett Leitherer, Jacob Logan, Austin Hamby, Andrew Bach, Justice Davis, Chance Callaway and Paul Vickers was excellent. Joel Johnson had a fumble recovery following a big hit. Tigard linebackers Ryan Bay, Thomas Vickers and Kevin Gress pursued the football and kept the Pioneer's running attack under wraps for most of the game.

Defensive backs Kyle Baldes, Peter Bauer, Tyler Walker, Brett Jackson, Stephen Burdett, James Osburn and Michael McCoy kept a close watch on Oregon City's passing attack. Baldes, Bauer and Xavier Hallinan all had interceptions in the game.

Offensively, Tigard rushed for 271 yards. The Tigers ground attack was lead by Tyler Walker, Alex Compton, Kyle Baldes, Xavier Hallinan (71 yard TD), Stephen Burdett and Sam Averette. Quarterback JT Greenough threw 2 touchdown passes and had completions to Walker, Hallinan and Compton. The snapper / holder / kicker combination of Paul Vickers, Tyler Walker and Ryan Bay were 3 for 3 on PAT's. The "combo" also connected on a 32-yard field goal to cap off Tigard's scoring. Injured teammates Dylan Mickanen and Andy Tan provided tremendous support and encouragement during the game. With the victory, Tigard JV Green goes to 2-0 on the season.

Tigard varsity Black 37, West Linn 8

Tigard Varsity Black dominated West Linn Black Saturday at Tigard High School to come away with a 37-8 victory. Tigard's hard hitting defense did not give up a first down to West Linn's offense until there was 50 seconds left in the first half. Tigard's offense controlled the ball and time of possession all game.

Tigard's defense star of the game was Alex Janac, who intercepted a pass and returned it 25 yards to set up a touchdown. He also recovered a fumble, which led to another touchdown. Janac played great pass defense all night knocking down 5 passes. He also made two tackles.

Jake Biglow led the team with 8 tackles. Nic Hayes finished the game with 6 tackles. Gabe Nielsen, Manu Rasmussen, Nic Hayes, and Jake Biglow all had sacks in the game. Tigard players also making tackles were Bradley Imai, Justin Jackson, Cam Yarnell, Justin Cambell, Garrett Anderton, Roman

Mori, Nic Dauphinaus, Janak Ward, Michael Roberts and Matt Hilliard. Tigard limited West Linn to 80 yards of offense.

Tigard's offense was lead by the running of Manu Rasmussen and the passing of Cam Yarnell. Tigard's offense gained 250 yards on the ground, Rasmussen lead the way 204 yards on 26 carries, he also scored 3 touchdowns and score 1 pat. Bradley Imai picked 37 yards on 11 carries and scored one touchdown on a 7 yard run up the middle. Yarnell completed 3 passes in 8 attempts for 38 yards and one touchdown. Tight end Jake Biglow caught 3 passes for 38 yards and one touchdown. Tigard's offense line played great all day, opening big holes for the running backs, the line of Janak Ward, Nic Hayes, Matt Hilliard, Nick Dauphinais, Austin Koch, Ian Schacter, Justin Jackson, Adam Saddler are not big but they hit hard and play very smart.

The running attack was also helped by the blocking of tight ends Michael Roberts and Jake Biglow, and down field blocking by wide receiver Gavin Roche ,Garrett Anderton , and Roman Mori.

Tigard Black came away with 37-8 victory over West Linn Black to move their record to 2-0. This Saturday Tigard takes on Southridge Red at 7 p.m. at Tigard High School.