

Reports for games of Sept. 20:

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 3-4 Green 16, Lakeridge Blue 14

In what proved to be a slugfest between two excellent third/fourth-grade youth football teams, Tigard Green came out on top 16-14 over Lakeridge Blue last Saturday at Lakeridge High School. Lakeridge jumped out 8 - 0 in the first half and continued to build on that lead in the second half by going up 14 - 0 mid way through the third quarter of play. Many teams may have given up at this point, instead the Tigers found their true character and fought their way to victory.

Wingback Colby Williams-Oswill was the first Tiger to taste the end zone when he ran off tackle and scored on a 21-yard scamper with 2:00 left in the third quarter of play. Williams-Oswill finished with 6 carries for 42 yards on the day and turned in a gritty second half performance that help to propel the Tigers to victory. Kicker, Zane Woodard, added a PAT to cut the deficit to 14-8. This proved to be the turning point in the game as the Tiger players rallied behind their teammates and turned in a clutch performance.

Immediately after the score, the Tigers' Cole Bankston recovered an onside kick by Luke Smith right along the Tigard sideline. The players and fans could feel the momentum shift as the Tigard Green offense headed out onto the field. The winning drive of the game was finished off by wingback, Woodard, who scored on a marvelous 40 yard touchdown run as he tip toed down the Pacer sideline into the end zone, tying the game 14-14. Woodard finished the game with 7 carries for an impressive 80 yards on the day. Head Coach Jim Hungerford gave the nod to Woodard to kick the extra point giving the Tigers a 16-14 lead early in the fourth quarter.

The Tigers defense was not to be denied victory and kept Lakeridge from scoring for the remainder of the game. Some outstanding defensive performances were turned in by several players. Linebackers Tyler Streicher, who finished with 8 tackles, and Brock Klosterman who finished with 6 tackles, laid some pad popping hits on the Pacer running backs. Defensive tackle, Anthony Raye had 8 tackles, 2 of which were for a loss, and Safety, Williams-Oswill, contributed solidly with 7 tackles. The defensive squad rallied and would not be denied victory. The Pacers tried, in vain, to put together a last minute drive but the secondary headed up by Smith, Williams-Oswill, and Joe Hungerford thwarted the Pacer pass attempts down the stretch. Smith turned in an outstanding performance and stymied the Pacer attempts to run on the outside by keeping containment and chipping in with 6 tackles of his own.

This was truly an impressive total team victory and the coaches and parents gushed with pride after the game. Tigard Green, now 3 - 0, travels to Oregon City next Saturday to do battle with the Oregon City Red team at Jackson Stadium.

Tigard 5-6 Green 30, Tualatin Cardinal 0

The Tigard fifth/sixth-grade “Gang Green” took control of the “Tualatin River Shootout” in the First Quarter and never looked back. Following a punt on Tualatin’s opening possession, running back Tyler Walker raced 26 yards to set-up a J.T. Greenough 2-yard keeper for Tigard’s first score.

Tualatin’s defense did a nice job early in the game rushing the passer. On Tigard’s second possession, Tualatin broke through sacking Tigard’s quarterback and recovering a fumble. However, Tigard’s defense responded immediately when defensive end Joel Johnson batted down a backwards swing pass, scooped the ball up and sprinted 55 yards for a Tigard touchdown. Tigard linebacker Thomas Vickers threw two blocks on the Johnson return to spring the “scoop-n-score.” Tigard’s final two scores were the combined result of strong runs by Tyler Walker, Alex Compton, Kyle Baldes, Jack Block, Jack Chimenti and Matthew Ferguson. Tigard place-kicker Ryan Bay was 3-for-4 in PATs.

The defensive line play of Jacob Logan, Zack Jacobs, Blake Hoggins, Kevin Henneman, Jack Chimenti, Justin Ziehnert, Sam Averte, Tyler Prock, Paul Vickers and Chance Callaway was excellent. Their work allowed Tigard linebackers Ryan Bay, Thomas Vickers and Nate Heaukulani to rally to the football and keep Tualatin’s running attack under wraps. Tigard cornerbacks Nash Rauen, Kyle Baldes, Ryan Schaffer, Jacob Davis and Michael McCoy did a nice job of executing the outside vice. With the victory, the Tigard Green pushed its season record to 3-0.

Tigard 5-6 Black 35, Aloha Gold 31

Saturday was another perfect day at Tigard High School as the fifth/sixth-grade Black Tigard Youth Football team took their home field for their last regular season game. They were confident and ready as they looked upon the Aloha Gold team for the first time, but how could they possibly imagine the surprises that awaited them. They would go on to win the topsy-turvy event by a final score of 35-31, but how they got there is the real story.

The Tigers looked sharp driving down the field for scores on their first two possessions. The offense made good use of their three starting running backs, Michael Adkins led all with 69 yards and a score. Tanner Tropio contributed 39 yards from scrimmage and a most impressive punt return bringing his TD tally to 2 in the game. Cary Watts turned in another touchdown along with 48 total yards up the gut. Brady McGetrick gave his usual 100 percent commanding the offense and turning in 59 yards rushing. The feeling in the stands toward the end of the second quarter was that of good things to come as the scoreboard read 29-0.

With a significant lead heading into the third quarter, it was decided by the coaching staff to take advantage of the situation by letting much of the second string get on the field and prove their metal in the face of the nearly vanquished Aloha Gold team. The only problem was no one told Aloha, as they took possession and in good form executed their offense down the field for a score. Amidst a successful onside kick and a fumble recovery that led to scores, Aloha Gold was right back in it and

primed for victory. It took mature and calm leadership on the part our team to wrest control back from the opponent.

The most notable stand out on defense was Aaron Smith Jr. with 4 tackles, the same number of stops were also given over by Cary Watts. Brady McGetrick provided 2 difficult open field tackles. Solo tackles were turned in by Jacob Dettra, Michael Adkins, Tanner Tropio, J.D. Wack, Paul Molatore, David Schimmels, Dakota Halloway, Cameron Smith, Jake Sanders, Taylor Smith, Alexander Treat and Dorian Grimes. Passes were defended against by David Schimmels and Jonathan Meusch who also intercepted another pass attempt. As a highlight during the game Ethan Judd and Cary Watts met in the backfield for a QB sandwich, eliciting favorable reactions from the crowd.

A younger less experienced team might have folded under the pressure of such a momentum swing. As the coaches reverted their scheme, and got the starters back in the team was soon back to business as usual. The kickoff return team recovered two other onside kick attempts that would eventually ensure a Tigard victory. According to Coach Schimmels, “The boys got an “A” grade and defined themselves as a football team.”

Tigard 5-6 White 12, Tualatin Gray 38,

The fifth/sixth-grade Tigard White team played a tough team from Tualatin at Tigard High School losing 38-12.

After receiving the initial kickoff, the Tigers played very well marching down the field on a 14-play, 55-yard drive. The drive ended in a touchdown on a gritty 7-yard run by Jacob Spadafora in which he had to elude a number of defenders after a broken pass play. The PAT was no good and Tigard led 6-0.

Poor execution on the kickoff return allowed Tualatin’s return man to return the ball for a touchdown on the very next play. After the PAT kick was blocked, the score stood tied at 6-6.

Tigard was forced to punt and if not for a game saving tackle by Nick Stevens the Wolves would have scored again on a special teams play. Tigard’s defense stood tall and forced the Wolves to turn the ball over on downs at the Tiger 5-yard line. Unfortunately, the Tigers offense sputtered and was forced to punt deep in their own territory. It took the Wolves 5 plays to go 13 yards and score their second touchdown of the day. The PAT was no good, which left the score 12-6 in favor of Tualatin.

On the second play of Tigard’s next drive, Jacob Spadafora was blind sided by a vicious hit that caused a fumble and Tualatin returned it for a touchdown. The PAT was muffed and the score at halftime stood at 18-6.

Tualatin received the ball to open the second half and marched 56 yards on 7 plays to score and increase their lead to 24-6. On Tigard’s next drive, the Tigers turned the ball over on downs after 7 plays and a fumble. Tualatin took two plays to score again from scrimmage and make the score 30-6. After Tigard turned the ball over on downs again and a Tualatin fumble that was recovered by Bryan Baker, Tigard’s Sam Inos ran for a 55-yard touchdown making the score 30-12.

Tigard’s Kenny White successfully recovered the onside kick but Tualatin intercepted a Spadafora pass ending the drive. Not feeling comfortable with less than a 4 touchdown lead, Tualatin turned

again to their starting running back who ran 60 yards for another score. Tigard's last play of the game was a pass play from Jacob Spadafora to Alex Kelly for a 13-yard gain.

The Tigers defense only allowed 35 yards of offense during the first half and 205 yards for the game. The defensive unit was led by Stephen Burdett and Bryan Baker who each had 4 tackles. Christopher Bates and Zach Stevenson each had 3 tackles; Branden Baker, Nick Stevens, and Kenney White had 2 tackles; and Luke Benedict, Owen Black, William Holman, Sam Inos, and Spencer Olson each had 1 tackle.

Tigard's offense gained 170 rushing yards and 13 passing yards behind the offensive line of Luke Benedict, Jackson Fisher, Spencer Olson, Branden Baker, Bryan Baker, John Louw and Ryan McGraw. Sam Inos led all rushers with 115 yards on 15 carries, Jacob Spadafora had 29 yards on 10 carries, William Holman finished with 20 yards on 13 carries and Zach Stevenson had 1 carry for 1 yard.

Tigard JV Black 19, St. Helens 38

The Tigard JV Black Bandits faced a determined, aggressive, and well Coached St. Helens Lions JV team this week and lost a hard fought, yet penalty riddled game 38-19.

The Tigard JV Black ball carriers were led by Cameron Yarnell and Joe Lobbato. Both pushed for extra yards on each run. Joe Lobbato followed his blockers for the first score for Tigard Black. Jett Even connected with Cameron Yarnell on a solid touchdown pass in the second half. Cameron Yarnell also threw a tight spiral to a streaking Ryan Cleveland for a 50-yard Touchdown pass. Justin Alvarizares also made a spectacular catch and weaved through the St. Helens defense for a nice run in the second half. Josh Paskawich also had a nice catch and Braxton Latt weaved through the defense for a nice running gain in the second half.

The Tigard Black Bandit Defense had a tough assignment against a large and well-executed St. Helens Offensive attack. Joe Lobbato and Jacob Mullen led the defense with some nice behind the line of scrimmage tackles and individual effort. Justin Alvarizaris and Nathan Wick also contributed some solid tackling from their Linebacker positions. Ryan Cleveland and Jett Even continued to contain St. Helens sweeps with tough individual tackles, while Tyler Woodworth was a scrappy contributor from his Nose guard position.

The Tigard Black Bandit special teams were led by a solid punt from Ray Barlow, who also had a crunching tackle on the Kickoff team. Jacob Mullen almost made an extra point, while Braxton Latt returned a kickoff 35 yards on a nice return. Jett Even also connected with Ryan Cleveland on a nice extra point.

Tigard JV White 49, Wilson 26

Tigard JV White traveled to Jackson Middle School to take on Wilson. Tigard came away with a 49-26 victory lead by exceptional performances by Manu Rasmussen on offense and Jake Biglow on defense.

Rasmussen gained 267 yards on 15 carries. Rasmussen scored 5 touchdowns on runs of 56, 26, 15, 52 and 43 yards. He also intercepted a pass on defense and returned 51 yards for a touchdown. Manu also scored 2 point after touchdowns.

Bradley Imai also had a standout game on offense. Imai gained 93 yards on 3 carries. Imai had an 88-yard touchdown run, breaking through the line of scrimmage and then pulling away from the Wilson defenders. Imai also caught a 55-yard touchdown pass from Travis Sanders. Jake Opatrny and Rasmussen also caught passes. Sanders did a great job at quarterback, he completed 3 passes in 4 attempts for 70 yards. He also rushed for 20 yards. Alex Janac also gained 10 yards on the ground.

Tigard's offense was running on all cylinders gaining 400 yards on the ground and 70 yards passing. Tigard got great blocking from their offense line of center Matt Hilliard, the guards Logan Charboneau and Garret Anderton, tackles Miguel Delgado and Jake Biglow. Charboneau did a great job filling in for Nic Hayes who was injured on the third play from scrimmage. The offense was helped out by terrific blocking from the wide receiver Jack Nadlehoffer, Gabe Nielsen, Gavin Roche, Jordan Haire, Trevor Ellenson, and Tyler Deisner

Tigard defense was lead by Jake Biglow, who was all over the field blowing up Wilson's offense. Biglow finished the game with 20 tackles, he had 5 tackles for losses. Bradley Imai had 8 tackles and he recovered a fumble. Jack Nadlehoffer intercepted 3 passes and had 5 tackles.

Justin Jackson led the defense line with 5 tackles. Jaylin Robinson, Ryan Linder, and Jacob Borja also had many tackles on the line. Borja also recovered a fumble on Wilson first drive to set the tone for the game.

Tigard also used their mighty mite defense line of Jordan Haire, Gabe Nielsen, and Gavin Roche. Wilson had a huge offense line, but the mighty mite line used their speed and toughness to stuff Wilson's offense even though they were out weighted by 100 pounds per person.

This week Tigard JV White plays Canby at Tigard High School on Saturday night.

Tigard Varsity White 6, Aloha 30

Tigard Varsity White suffered its first defeat at the hands of Aloha last week. After receiving the kickoff, Tigard took control on offense. The Tigard offensive players included: Ethan Lange, Nick Smith, Ken Timmins, Andrew Hungerford, Aaron Andrus, Cain Adams, Matt Franz and Chandler Kelly on the line with Will Schaer, Benny Wick, Justin Evans and Hayden Flake in the backfield. Tigard stalled on its first drive and turned the ball over on downs in its own territory. Tigard's defense with Xiao Liang, Ken Haskett, Parker Garland, Lange. Smith, Taylor Courtney and Adams on the line and Ryan Bickel, Wick, Flake, Evans, Mark Hall and Kelly in the backfield came out with sheer determination. Aloha struck quickly and scored a touchdown, taking an early 8-0 lead.

After receiving the kickoff, Tigard's offense began moving the ball downfield, then turned the ball over to Aloha on a fumble. Aloha struck again with two quick passes and a touchdown, stretching the lead to 16-0. Tigard started its next drive deep in its own territory. Aloha's defense was unyielding and forced Tigard to turn the ball over on downs again. Aloha put Tigard in a hole with another quick touchdown but Tigard denied the extra points leaving Aloha with a 22-0 lead.

Tigard Varsity White was relentless in their determination to win the battle, despite the deficit. After punting the ball to Aloha on their next offensive play, Tigard's defense (with Jerube Phillips on the line now) stiffened up. Bryan Cabral and Schaer had back-to-back quarterback sacks and forced Aloha to punt. Tigard's offense (with Chance Taylor and Hall on the line now and Garland and

Michael Ehrenfelt in the backfield) played possession ball again, wiped seven minutes off the second quarter clock and nearly scored before the half ended.

Aloha scored quickly at the beginning of the second half to extend its lead over Tigard to 30 points. Tigard regrouped on its next possession and put together a 60-yard drive for their first touchdown. Highlights from this drive included both a 30-yard and a 2-yard TD run by Wick. The score was now Aloha 30 Tigard 6. This was to be the last scoring for the game. Tigard's defense stood strong again on its next opportunity and forced Aloha to punt again. Big tackles were provided by Cabral and Hall during this drive. Tigard's offense controlled the play clock in the second half and kept Aloha's offense on the sidelines. Rushes by Wick, Flake, Lange and Schaer drove the ball down into Aloha's territory. Tigard's offense unfortunately stalled and turned the ball over on downs. Garland recovered a fumble on Tigard's last defensive stance when time ran out. The coaches were proud of the effort from their team, and inspired by the determination with which they played till the final whistle blew.