



## FALCON FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

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### Falcons v. Escondido - October 15, 2009

**Escondido HS** – Through the first four games of the Torrey Pines Freshman football season, Falcon running back Dillon Loyek had zero carries.

But, two weeks ago, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter after the victory over El Camino he had two long runs. A teammate came home from practice during the Bye Week and reported, “Dillon ran wild over the First String ‘D’ today. He runs fast and hard.”

The coaches noticed.

When the Torrey Pines offense lined up for its first series after receiving the opening kick-off, Loyek was in the backfield with quarterback Mark Detrow and fullback Jaxon McAllister. Detrow kept the ball on the first play and managed 5 yards to the outside. McAllister got 11 tough yards and a first down up the middle on the next two carries before Loyek got his first chance: a failed misdirection and a two-yard loss.

But, after another McAllister first down, Detrow hit Loyek with a 6-yard pass. A quick-snap keeper up the middle by Detrow caught the Cougars unaware for a 13-yard gain. Then, another completion for 10 yards to Loyek brought the ball to the 6 yard line. With fullback Chase Pickwell in as a lead blocker, Loyek took the second down hand-off and sprinted to the outside. There were two men to beat. Pickwell took one, and Loyek jukeed the other and outran him to the pylon for his first High School touchdown and a, 6-0 Falcon lead.

Injuries and illness are a big part of the Falcon Freshman story this year. Week 5 of the season was no exception. An unfortunate off-field injury to punter-kicker-kick-return specialist-half-back-cornerback Collin Brown left several holes in the line-up. Right tackle Jacob Alsadek then went down with the flu—leaving some very big (size 16) shoes to fill

Linebacker Jack Condon stepped up to handle the place-kicking chores, and promptly hit the first PAT to make it, 7-0. Condon had 4 successful PAT’s on the day. Wide receiver Jackson Gentes, seeing his first action as a punt returner, looked like a veteran stepping in for Brown. After the Cougars went three-and-out on their first possession, he camped under the punt, made the first two men miss, and threaded his way upfield for a 7 yard gain. D-Tackle Mike Cox replaced Alsadek, and helped the Offensive Line of Derek Lipincyzk, Johnny Yacovelle, Andrew Maneval, and Tyler “T-Bone” Lavery open gaping holes for the backs. McAllister had 12 carries for over 100 yards, while Loyek managed 20 yards on 5 carries. The line gave Detrow time to throw (over 150 yards in the air), and opened enough holes for him to have nearly 30 yards rushing as well.

The Falcon Defense, fresh off a shut-out of El Camino, didn't miss a beat. Defensive End Ryan Bath stopped the Cougars at the line on the first offensive play, while Condon disrupted the Escondido offense and dropped the back for a two-yard loss on the second play. A short completion was stopped by linebacker Jonathan Raby.

The Falcon Offense was back on the field after the Gentes punt return. They needed 10 plays to score on their first drive. This time, only seven. It was Loyek left, Loyek right, McAllister and Cole Jaczko up the middle, then tight end Ryan Bath out-jumping an Escondido defender in the end zone to pull in a Detrow pass for a 13-0 lead.

The Torrey Pines Defense bent a little as the Cougars managed two first downs rushing on the next drive. But, cornerbacks Patrick Boyd and Brian Cuff knocked down a couple of passes, and the middle, with Phillip Wright, Condon, Pickwell and McAllister stopped the Cougars for no yards bringing up a third down play. A play-action fooled 10 of the defenders, and the Escondido QB hit a wide-open back in the left flat. Alone on the outside, linebacker Ryan Crawford made a beautiful open-field tackle to prevent a long gain and bring up fourth down and four yards. A blitzing Jack Condon destroyed the next play and the Cougars turned it over on downs.

The methodical Torrey Pines Offense kept to its rhythm: McAllister up the middle; Loyek on a misdirection; more McAllister, a QB Keeper. They mixed in a quick side-line pass to WR Brian Cuff who lunged to get the first down. Then, from the 16 yard line, McAllister went right on a misdirection, saw a hole to the left, cut and raced untouched for a 20-0 Torrey Pines half-time lead.

After the half, the Falcon Defense continued to throttle the Cougars, as D-tackle Cameron Dale had 2 sacks and a "hurry", cornerback Greg Newman intercepted a pass to kill a Cougar drive, and DB James Nasella checked in with a nice tackle. Linebacker Aaron Small dropped an Escondido back for a 7-yard loss to start one Cougar drive. And with the game nearly out of reach, middle linebacker Nolan Weinberg put the nail in the Cougar coffin with a fourth down sack.

The Offense scored on five consecutive series, including the first two to start the second half. Chase Pickwell carried twice for 14 yards on the first drive before Detrow hit Cuff for a 26-yard completion. Another Pickwell run brought the ball to the 12 yard line. Detrow then faked to Pickwell, while tight end Ryan Bath sealed the left side of the line. Billy Maggs took the hand off around left end for a 12 yard TD. Falcons, 27-0.

Mike Ward replaced Detrow in the third quarter, and the Offense never missed a beat. A backfield combination of Jaczko, Loyek and McAllister pounded the ball, while Ward mixed in a 20-yard completion to McAllister. Jaxon put it in from 10 yards out to make the score 34-0.

The Falcon Defense couldn't hold Escondido's big running back forever, and he finally broke through for two touchdowns late in the fourth quarter. Final, **34-12**. Freshman now 3-2 (1-0 in League). Mission Hills up next.