



FALCON FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Falcons v. San Pasqual – November 5, 2009

Carmel Valley – You can call the Torrey Pines Freshman Football team a few things, including—after Thursday’s 42-8 beating of San Pasqual—“undefeated at home.”

The Falcons (6-2) ran their winning streak to five games and are set up to battle La Costa Canyon (8-1) next week for the Avocado League championship. Both Torrey Pines and LCC are 4-0 in League Play. The winner of next Thursday’s Guacamole Bowl is the League Champion.¹ There are no playoffs in Freshman Football.

Unfortunate San Pasqual (2-7; 0-4) was a speed-bump for the Falcons as they tuned-up for the season finale against arch-arch-arch-rival LCC.

Head Coach **Mike Wahlstrom** earns kudos for taking a ragged mob of 80 Freshmen boys, shrugging off a 1-2 start, and running off five consecutive well-played victories. Coach Wahlstrom has the team positioned to earn its second Freshman Avocado League title in three years.

Defensive Coordinator and Linebacker Coach **Matt Brooks** has taken the Defense from porous to impervious—the Defense has not allowed a touchdown in the first half for five consecutive games.

Cornerback and Wide Receiver Coach **Evan Gibb** has dealt with a season-ending injury to one starter, and has shaped the defensive backfield into a hard-tackling, pass intercepting unit.

Line coach **Ror Gladnick** surveyed the smoldering wreckage after the Oceanside scrimmage and Cathedral Catholic loss and completely revamped both lines. The San Pasqual game featured some new rotations on Defense as Gladnick started to work in two new Ends: Cameron Dale recovered not one, but two fumbles from the right-end spot, while Paul Chamberlain played well on a 3rd Quarter series to extend the shut-out of San Pasqual. A Ryan Bath fumble recovery gave the D-Line three take-aways for the game. On Offense, Center Dan Maneval, Tackles Derek Lipincyzk and Jacob Alsadek, and Guards Tyler “T-Bone” Lavery and Johnny Yacovelle dominated the Eagles. Jack Condon, normally in the offensive line rotation, is sporting a cast from a broken thumb—but still playing linebacker and kicking off.

Special Teams coach **Jessie Mindlin** has auditioned four punters and overcome the loss of his kicker and kick returner, but has the coverage and PAT teams on

¹ Fans of Pac 10 and Big 10 Teams used to throw roses on the field when their teams clinched a trip to the Rose Bowl. Red Wings Hockey Fans throw dead squid on the ice. Orange Bowl attendees, oranges. DON'T bring Avocado's next week. They are big and would hurt. Guacamole Dip is o.k.

“automatic.” The (long snapper) JW Morrison to (holder) Mike Ward to (kicker) Jack Condon combination was again flawless on point-afters: 7 for 7.

Prepping for the LCC game, and suspecting spies and film crews in attendance, the Falcons went with a “vanilla” offense. The first series featured six carries and over 50 yards by stellar back Jaxon McAllister, a 13-yard first-down sneak by QB Mark Detrow, a Dillon Loyek carry, and, finally, a 1-yard TD by McAllister. TPHS, **7-0**.

The second series started with a hitch-and-go for 9-yards to wide-out Brian Cuff. Another double-digit keeper by Detrow, some Loyek runs, and a tough 6-yard carry up the middle by “The Beast”, Chase Pickwell. Falcons, **14-0**.

The third Torrey Pines offensive series took less than two minutes. Cole Jaczko ran for 7 yards. WR Lucas Doucette caught a pass for 12. McAllister ran for 5. Then, quarterback Detrow sent the ball in high and hot for tight end Ryan Bath. Bath leaped, caught it, and kept running for a 25-yard touchdown. Torrey Pines, **21-0**.

Meanwhile, the Falcon Defense, with Bath, Grant McGahey, Michael Cox and Billy Maggs on the line, was stifling the Eagle attack. Linebackers Jack Condon, Chase Pickwell (5 tackles and a sack in the first 11 plays), and Miles Ahles absorbed everything that leaked through the line.

With all the Falcon TD’s, there were more than a few Falcon kick-offs (no punts). Somehow, Dillon Loyek managed to be in on nearly every tackle, with at least four Special Teams stops on the evening. Eat your heart out Kassim Osgood.

Running Back Billy Maggs personally put the game out-of-reach in a three-minute span near the end of the second quarter. On a second down with the Falcons needing eight yards, he over did it with a 56-yard touchdown run down the left side. A short while later, he took a hand-off near mid-field and went 46 yards for the score. Falcons at half-time: **35-0**. For Maggs, 2 carries, 112 yards, 2 TD’s. The LCC film crew will have something to study next week.

The second half featured a most curious offensive drive, and some heroic defensive efforts that pushed the shut-out to the two-minute warning.

Falcon relief pitcher Mike Ward came on in the third quarter and handed off to backs Tully Burgoon and Eric Mejia for nice gains. Then, three consecutive Torrey Pines penalties walked the team backwards to its own 18 yard line.

First down, and 33 yards to go.

Ward back-pedaled and hit Garret Roper for a wide receiver screen that gained half the yardage back. The next play was a Ward pass to Tully Burgoon for another 10 yards. RB Eric Mejia took the next hand-off wide to the right, cut up field, and never stopped. A 63-yard touchdown. *After facing a 1st and 33*. Falcons, 42-0.

Linebacker Spencer Brewster, an early casualty (broken collar bone) in training camp, has been working his way into the starting lineup the past two games. On two defensive series in the second half, he showed his worth.

After a Falcon fumble, the Eagles had the ball near mid-field. Stops by D-End Michael Cox and LB Pickwell brought up a fourth and short. San Pasqual went for it, faked everyone, and almost broke it for a touchdown. Brewster made the stop. But, first down Eagles. Their longest sustained drive of the day brought them to first and goal. After some Grant McGahey, Miles Ahles, Cox and Pickwell stops, a fourth and goal. Naturally, the Eagles went for it.

Brewster blitzed and dropped the back on the four yard line. Threat over. Welcome back, Spencer.

The Eagles, showing heart, kept pressing. Late, late, ever-so-late in the 4th Quarter, they mounted a drive. Falcon linebacker Nolan Weinberg had two stops up the middle, while Jonathan Raby and Miles Quigg shut down several attempts. But, a long San Pasqual run (saved by Falcon CB Eric Mejia) brought the Eagles within range. With 1:31 left, they pushed the ball across for their only TD. Two point conversion: “good.” Final, Torrey Pines, **42-8**.

The 5th Quarter: Falcon QB Patrick Boyd showed some strength in hitting wide-out Brady Silverwood on a deep sideline pattern. D-End Grant McGahey, doing his ‘Refrigerator Perry’ imitation (check out the 1980’s, Guys), scored a TD from the fullback position on the days’ final play.