



FALCON JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

TPHS v Carlsbad HS Friday, Oct 1, 2010

Carmel Valley – The Torrey Pines HS Junior Varsity squad beat a solid Carlsbad team, 14-0, Friday at Ed Burke Stadium, to run its record to, 4-0. The win showcased Falcon balance—three different running backs had 10 carries each; and depth—17 Falcons had at least one tackle on defense or special teams. Torrey Pines scored in the air—QB Mike Ward 66 yard TD pass to Jackson Gentes—and on the ground—56 yard TD run by Collin Brown. They were tough against the pass (interception by CB Patrick Boyd), and the run (stop on 4th and inches by Falcon D-Tackle Michael Cox).

Yet, they weren't even the most complete squad wearing Falcon colors on the field. The 25 members of the JV Cheer Team flawlessly executed their throws, flips, songs, dances and routines. Head Cheer Coach Scott Chodorow's charges competed throughout the summer, and have kept the same rigorous training and game schedule as the JV Football Players. Win, lose, ahead, behind, they are motivated and cheering.

And, they can't miss a beat. A half-second lapse, a missed throw, and it is "Girl, Down!" According to several studies, these athletes account for 65% of all serious injuries among high school girls. The throws are stunning. The coordination precise. It's rugby in skirts. Wrapped around a Broadway musical.

Friday night JV football games wouldn't be the same without Cheer Team standouts Selena Amurgis, Julia Biernacki, Helena Brantz, Nikki Brunnhoelzl, Luciana Contreras, Carly Goldberg, Rachel Harbison, Siena Ledger, Lexie Lewis, Caiti Lumpkin, Kacey Mikuteit, Molly Millar, Sara Mills, Ellis Murrow, Taylor Onosko, Julia Osinski, Casey Regottaz, Haley Seyle, Sarah Smith, Madi Souza, Megan Stinchcomb, Hannah Turner, Alyssa Vasquez, Meghan Wilcox, and Shaina Wooley.

Head Cheer Coach Chodorow, his assistants, wife Suzy Chodorow and Ashley Paradise, have had the girls practicing three days a week for 8-9 hours and 6-8 hours on game days (both JV and Varsity Cheer Teams attend all away and home games). The routine includes running, conditioning and choreography. Not to mention throws, lifts and (thank goodness) catching.

Contrary to rumor, the "Flyers" who reach the heights on the shoulders of the other girls, didn't draw the short straw. They auditioned for the spot. (Girls? Can we talk? That is *dangerous*!) The girls with impeccable timing and coordination who catch them ("Base") are also picked for the position. The combination of Flyers and Base, tunes, cheers, throws, head-fakes, dance moves, sprints and pom-poms provide some much-needed sound, and cardinal-and-gold color at the Torrey Pines JV football games.

Fortunately, the girls have had a lot to cheer about this season. Against the Lancers Friday, it was D-E-F-E-N-S-E.

Spencer Brewster and Mark Detrow led the team with 5 tackles each, while active Tackle Mike Cox flushed the Lancer QB out-of-the-pocket three times, had two tackles, and was the first man in the hole to stop Carlsbad when they went for it on 4th and inches late in the second quarter. LB Miles Ahles contributed three tackles and turned the Lancers away from the middle, while cohort Chase Pickwell had four tackles and spun nicely out of a block to force the Lancer QB out-of-bounds in the first half.

D-End Ryan Bath had three tackles and turned plays inside for LB's Jordan Andrusky and Jonathan Raby to make tackles. D-Tackles Philip Wright and AJ Nomikos were involved in some mayhem along with D-End Nolan Weinberg.

But, the Falcon Cheer Team also had a few T-O-U-C-H-D-O-W-N's to announce.

Mike Ward's favorite target Jackson Gentes got a step on the Carlsbad secondary early in the second quarter. The Lancers brought extra men on the rush, but both Pickwell and Sean Haratyk stayed in and picked up the blitzers. Ward used the extra time to hit Gentes in stride for a 66-yard TD (Collin Brown, PAT—Good). Later in the same quarter, punt returner Will Johnson picked up 12 nifty yards for the Falcons, which left the offense set up for a quick pitch to RB Collin Brown. He went 56 yards for the score, kicked the PAT, and it was, 14-0 Falcons.

With Torrey Pines O-Linemen Derek Lipincyzk, T-Bone Lavery, Jake Ashby, Jack Condon, and Andrew Maneval pounding away in the first half, and Johnny Yacovelle and Aaron Small stepping into the line in the second, Falcon coaches went with the ground game. 35 rushing plays for over 175 yards.

Falcon Noseguard Grant McGahey usually dominates with his play on the line. And, this evening, he had a few tackles. But, he also had two stops on Special Teams. Which tied him with Big, No. 76, who, due to roster discrepancies, shall remain nameless, but who twice plugged big holes in the Falcon return team and stopped what might have been serious Carlsbad threats with emphatic hits on kick returns.

San Diego Charger fans know that the departure of All-Pro Gunner Kassim Osgood has left that teams' coverage units in tatters. We may have a replacement. Falcon Dillon Loyek nearly beat the ball downfield on two punts, and laid out the Lancer return man twice for no gain. He managed the second hit with a Carlsbad player draped over his back (flag? Can we get a flag here?).

With less than 3 minutes left in the game, rangy fullback Jaxon McAllister returned from a 3 week injury hiatus. He showed why he was the 2009 Falcon Freshman Team MVP. He had three shifty carries for 14 yards, and his ferocious lead block sprung Brown for 13 yards.

Notes: Brown had three carries for -4 yards before busting his 56 yard TD. He finished with 10 carries for a net 98 yards. RB Sean Haratyk also had 10 carries (32 tough yards), and Chase Pickwell carried 10 times for 35 yards, as Head Coach Burt Blackwell spread the wealth. TE Nolan Weinberg (7 yards), Will Johnson (8 yards, and a first down), and Brown (17 yards), also had pass receptions. T-Bone Lavery had a nice kick-out block late in the fourth quarter to open a lane for Collin Brown (+9 on the play). Next week's opponent, Rancho Buena Vista (Pop. 3,077) has the largest enrollment of the 18 Division I schools. Torrey Pines is 15th with 2,642 students.