



## FALCON JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

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TPHS v Rancho Buena Vista Friday, Oct 8, 2010

**Carmel Valley** – It was too much. Too much Falcon team speed. Too much Miles Ahles on defense. Too much Sean Haratyk on offense. Too much Torrey Pines blocking. Too few penalties (only 1 hankie dropped against the Falcons). Torrey Pines defeated a game Rancho Buena Vista squad, 42-0. The Falcons are 5-0 on the season.

Torrey Pines needed only 2 ½ minutes to score after a crisp, 7-play opening drive. Running backs Haratyk and Jaxon McAllister took turns carrying the ball, with Jaxon throwing some nice blocks. With third down on the 41 yard line, Haratyk took a pitch from QB Mike Ward, got a beautiful block from right guard Jack Condon, and outran the Longhorn defense to the goal line. **7-0**, Falcons.

The Falcon Defense, led by end Mark Detrow, linebacker Ahles, and cornerback Patrick Boyd, then forced a three-and-out.

The Offense took over at mid-field. This time, with the O-Line of Derek Lipinczyk, Aaron Small, Jake Ashby, Jack Condon, Andrew Maneval, and Tight-End Nolan Weinberg paving the way, they needed only 6 plays. A Collin Brown 10-yard gain for a first down, a run and then a pass-catch by McAllister, a 25-yard screen to Brown, a three yard reverse to Brown, then crisp blocks by WR Will Johnson, Condon, and Detrow (now in the backfield), opened a huge hole for Haratyk. He sprinted 14-yards to the cone. **14-0**, Falcons.

Condon—the rare O-Lineman / Kick-off specialist—booted the ball and pinned the Longhorns in after a Dillon Loyek special teams tackle.

Rancho Buena Vista then put together a nice 10-play drive, despite stops by linebacker Chase Pickwell, D-End Ryan Bath, linebackers Spencer Brewster and Ahles. The beefy interior LB Ahles was everywhere on the drive, while Bath had three tackles. Safety Brian Cuff stopped a long gain, while CB Patrick Boyd had blanket coverage to stop the Longhorns on third down. RBV attempted a screen on 4<sup>th</sup> and three yards, but Pickwell disrupted the play, while Bath swooped in for the kill. The ball turned over on downs.

100 Meter track star Haratyk gained 42 yards on the first two plays of the ensuing Falcon drive with a 7 yard run, and 36 yard pass from QB Ward. Spencer Brewster carried once before D-End, and former QB Detrow made his backfield debut: a 13 yard rushing gain courtesy of a nice block by pulling guard Aaron Small. Brewster added 11 yards on the next carry. Pickwell took the ball over the left side from the 5 yard line. **21-0**, Falcons.

Falcon LB Jordan Andrusky started the next series with the ‘Hit of the Day’—he exploited a gap in the Longhorn line and crushed the back for a 3-yard loss. The Falcons have a ‘Quick D-Line’ (Detrow, Bath, McGahey and Mike Cox) and a ‘Big D-Line’ (Cox is on both), and early in this series the Big Boys were on the field. And the hitting was fierce. Phillip Wright, AJ Nomikos and Nolan Weinberg pounded RBV, while Ahles and Andrusky punished the Longhorn running backs. RBV fought hard, though, and it took a couple of Pickwell tackles, a big McGahey sack, and a Jonathan Raby stop to subdue them. The Longhorns attempted a field goal from 28 yards and missed. The half ended with the Falcons up, **21-0**.

Condon kicked-off to start the second half, and Brian Cuff made the special teams tackle. The Usual Suspects--Detrow, McGahey and Ahles--combined for three tackles to force an RBV punt on the following series.

After a 5-yard loss on the ground, Falcon QB Mike Ward went to the air—in a big way. He heaved the ball 30 yards downfield where Will Johnson had slipped behind the Longhorn DB. Johnson grabbed the ball, ran, and the Falcons had a 64 yard gain and a first down on the 15 yard line. Ward dropped back on the very next play and found tight end Ryan Bath open for a split second in very tight coverage. The quick release and it was Falcons, **28-0**.

Ward was 5-6 on the day, for 140 yards and one touchdown. *Nearly* perfect.

The PAT team, however, *was* perfect. Long-snapper Andrew Maneval to holder Ward, to kicker Spencer Brewster. 7-for-7 on the day.

It started to get ugly in the second half. McGahey padded his stats with a special teams tackle, while Wright, Brewster, Cox and Weinberg stymied the next Longhorn drive. McGahey made the key tackle on 4<sup>th</sup> and one yard to stop RBV.

Twelve different Falcons carried the ball on the day, including Michael Shepherd (41 yard gain on a pitch out); Richard Rosales (2 carries for 10 yards), and Garrett Roper (a 26 yard carry to the 6” line). Jacob Hahn handled the ball, while Brown (5 carries and 1 catch on the day) added a touchdown to put TPHS up, **35-0**. QB Brian Cuff scored on the Keeper after the Roper run to make the final, **42-0**.

Last week, an unprecedented 17 Falcon players make defensive tackles. This week, it was 20 (including Special Teams Gunner Dillon Loyek). Eddie Rodriguez recovered a fumble.

Only one statistic matters in football. Wins. You can’t measure the blocks. Or the hustle. You can’t measure the heart that Daniel In, T-Bone Lavery, Johnny Yacovelle, Patric Burns, or AJ Nomikos brought to the O-Line in the second half as they blocked and battled, and kept the Falcon talon on the neck of the Longhorn defense. A total team effort from start to finish. **Undefeated Westview JV next week to test undefeated TPHS JV.**