



FALCON JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

TPHS v Rancho Bernardo Friday, Oct 22, 2010

Ed Burke Stadium – The Torrey Pines Junior Varsity Football team ran its record to 7-0 (2-0 in Palomar League Play), while deconstructing the visiting Rancho Bernardo Broncos, 49-7.

It was as thorough a mauling as any the Falcons have delivered this season. They scored three touchdowns on their first 11 offensive plays. The Defense did not allow a Bronco first down until there was less than one minute left in the second quarter. It was 28-0 at the half. 35-7 after three quarters. Torrey Pines scored on 5 of its first 6 offensive series in the game.

Fullback Chase Pickwell scored on runs of 15, 75, and two yards. For the game, he had 113 yards on 6 carries, and 16 receiving yards on 2 receptions. Mark Detrow—back on the JV after last week's cup-o-coffee with the Varsity—showed zip, size and moves, while scoring once on a 58 yard run, and carrying 4 times for 84 yards. Sean Haratyk added a rushing touchdown in the first quarter. Jacob Han broke through over the middle to score his first touchdown of the season, while Richard Rosales ran 23 yards in traffic for his first score.

Two weeks ago against RBV, long snapper Andrew Maneval, holder/QB Mike Ward, and kicker Spencer Brewster were 7-for-7 on PAT's. This week, it was still Maneval and Ward, but it was Collin Brown's turn to tie the record with a 7-for-7 kicking performance.

Falcon linebackers had one of their quietest games, as not much made it past the Torrey Pines D-Line. Grant McGahey and Mike Cox clogged the middle on the first series, while D-End Ryan Bath almost intercepted a pass on the game's second play. LB Spencer Brewster had a sack, but it was mostly sack or coverage for the D as the Broncos were forced by the score and lack of a running game to go aerial early and often. A hustling linebacker Aaron Small pushed an RB receiver out of bounds in the third quarter to hold off an RB score. Miles Ahles, who earned Scout Player of the Week honors scrimmaging against the Varsity, had two big hits in the second half. Jaxon McAllister carried the ball several times, and recovered a fumble on a kick-off. Will Johnson had a solid all-around game with a tackle from the corner spot on Defense, a 20-yard kick-off return, and a nifty gain on a wide receiver screen in the first half.

The game was lacking one thing: drama. After last week's tight contest against undefeated Westview, the team was guarding against a let down. They had to focus on execution. Through the miracle of McAllister Video Productions, we can break down some of the games' biggest plays for a closer analysis:

First Play: The opening kick-off goes out of bounds. The Broncos have the ball at the 40 yard line. Torrey Pines Defense looking to set the tone. The four-man Falcon front is Mark Detrow, Grant McGahey, Mike Cox and Ryan Bath. Rancho Bernardo gets a decent push, while a lead fullback heads left and the running back takes the hand-off. After the initial one-yard pushback, the Falcon D-Line stiffens, while middle linebacker Miles Ahles splits a gap and gets a hand on the ballcarrier. The running back escapes, but his stutter steps allows the swarming Falcon defense to converge. The O-line can't hold their blocks, and the entire play collapses as Bath, Cox and linebacker Jack Condon tackle the back.

Falcons on Offense, leading, 7-0 after 6 minutes of the first quarter. The Broncos have just punted to Patrick Boyd, and Torrey Pines comes out on Offense with the ball at their own 25 yard line. Left Tackle Derek Lipinczyk tells the huddle, "Guys, I'm really tired. Let's score on a one-play drive." With some bravado, fullback Chase Pickwell replies, "O.K., but you guys are going to owe me." Rancho Bernardo spreads four down lineman and a linebacker on the line of scrimmage. The Torrey Pines left side is Lipinczyk at tackle, Tyler "T-Bone" Lavery at guard, and Jake Ashby at center. At the snap, Lipinczyk cuts right and takes out the D-tackle in front of Lavery. Ashby grapples with the nose guard, and wills him to the right side. Lavery pulls and takes on the D-End. He pushes him back to the inside, and holds the block for a crucial three seconds. Running back Sean Haratyk is leading the play, and takes on a linebacker, pushing him outside. Pickwell sees the hole. The typically north-south contact runner actually cuts back inside to avoid a Bronco, and darts through the hole. After the hand-off, QB Mike Ward and halfback Collin Brown had continued to the left, acting as if the play was a pitch-out to Brown. The outside linebacker was fooled for a split second and froze. When Pickwell cut back inside of him, it was too late. He dove and missed. RB's last hope was the right cornerback. But, Falcon wide-out Jackson Gentes shoved him downfield and he didn't have the speed to recover and catch Pickwell. When their fullback can outrun your secondary, you know it's going to be a long day. When five of their guys can hold blocks at the point of contact, it's all over.

Falcons on Offense, leading, 21-0. About one minute left in the half. The Falcons have just had an incomplection on first down from the Bronco 36 yard line, and are hoping to keep this drive going. Will Johnson lines up wide left, with Collin Brown between him and the left tackle, Lipinczyk. Ward takes the hike and drops back. The O-line all hold their blocks for a crucial second (and very convincingly), and then let the D-Line past them. Fullback Pickwell heads into the right flat. Ward has taken the five-step drop and is looking to the right side. It appears to be "Baker Screen Right." But, Johnson, after faking a move downfield, comes back inside towards Ward. *Wide Receiver Screen Left.* Ward is back-pedaling, the D-Line almost on him, when he turns left and tosses to Johnson. The O-Line is out in front, but running back Sean Haratyk throws the crucial block downfield that allows Johnson to pick up 12 yards. The Line can act, and the QB can look right and throw left. Gotta like it.

Falcons on Defense, leading, 28-0. Broncos have just had a long completion to mid-field, and are showing some signs of life. They try a running play. The left side of the Falcon D-Line is having no part of this. Mike Cox and Phillip Wright shed blockers and tackle the back. The next snap is bobbled briefly, and before the QB can recover, Grant McGahey has split two Bronco O-lineman and has the QB on the ground. The RB QB drops back on third down and looks deep. But, Falcon defensive end Ryan Bath is right on him, and when he turns inside, he sees No. 36 (McGahey). *Bad memories.* He throws it deep and out of the way. The Broncos punt.

Falcons on Offense, leading, 28-0. Ball on the 42 yard line. The Falcon backfield is Spencer Brewster, Jaxon McAllister and Mark Detrow. Ward takes the snap from center Johnny Yacovelle. Brewster heads straight in to the line to block, while McAllister and Detrow head left. McAllister pushes a linebacker out of the way, while Detrow turns the corner and heads up-field. Dillon Loyek is downfield and manages to mess-up the Bronco secondary with a shove that runs one cornerback into a linebacker, while Detrow tight-ropes down the sideline. Amazingly, after making his first block at the 38 yard line in the backfield, McAllister is now 10 yards downfield, and makes another block to free Detrow. Detrow spins and extricates himself from a tackle, while right guard Jack Condon makes a key block to open a pathway. Detrow sprints down the left sideline with McAllister one step behind and blocking out the pursuing Broncos. Nice job, Mark. Miracle job, Jaxon. Came out of the backfield, blocked two guys, and was step-for-step with the ball carrier.

Falcons on Defense, leading, 35-0. Third quarter. You could forgive them for relaxing a little. The Broncos have a third down. The RB QB drops back and looks left. He fires to his wide receiver. The Falcon cornerback gets greedy and goes for the pick—but misses. The WR spins away and streaks downfield. Looks like a TD all the way. Linebacker Aaron Small isn't thinking about the score. He hustles hard and pushes the WR out at the 15-yard line. When their linebackers can run down your wide receivers, it's a long day.

Seven minutes left in the 4th Quarter. Rancho Bernardo on Offense. Ball at their own 20 yard line. They try a wide-receiver screen to the left side. Looks promising. The Bronco O-line is out in front. About 8 yards down field, cornerback Jonathan Kalench comes up to make the tackle, and simultaneously strips the ball. He deftly scoops recovers. Tackle, strip, recovery. Textbook, Jonathan. Like that. Ball to TP.

Han Touchdown. Falcons at the 2 yard line. Brian Cuff at QB. Han is lined up in the “Baker” spot, directly behind Cuff. Rancho Bernardo has a four man front, and its defense is cheating in this close to the goal. Center Johnny Yacovelle snaps the ball to Cuff, and Yacovelle and right guard Jack Condon immediately double team the nose guard and push him left. Big right tackle AJ Nomikos takes on the D-End and blows open a gaping hole on the right side of the Torrey Pines line. Running Back Mark Detrow hits the hole barely a split second ahead of Han. The Bronco middle linebacker unwisely takes on Detrow, while Han breaks through for the touchdown. 42-0, Falcons.