



## FALCON JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

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### TPHS at Ramona, Friday, Oct. 20, 2010

**Ramona HS** – The Ramona High School football team puts new meaning in the “Junior” in “Junior Varsity.” According to the Bulldog website, 26 players—nearly half the JV roster—are in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Torrey Pines High School JV suits up only 3 juniors, and 40 sophomores.

Advantage: Falcon Class of 2013.

The Torrey Pines 10<sup>th</sup> Graders (8-0; 3-0) won in the Palomar League matchup Friday night, 33-0 at Ramona. The Falcons play Poway next week, in Poway, for the Palomar League JV Title. Both Torrey Pines and Poway (2-0) are undefeated in league play. Poway had scored 243 points, and allowed 103 through seven games.

The Falcon Defense has allowed a paltry 31 points this year. Friday’s game at Ramona was the fourth shut-out of the season. The First String Torrey Pines Defense has yet to yield a touchdown. The only first half points allowed by the Falcons came in the season’s second game when the Offense fumbled inside the 10 yard line, and Cathedral got an easy field goal. Cathedral (11) was also the most points allowed in any one game.

Against Ramona, with the rural scent of happy cows wafting over the field in the late afternoon, the Falcon Defense forced four punts, stopped the Bulldogs twice on fourth down to get the ball back, and had two interceptions: a tip and grab by linebacker Miles Ahles on the third play of the game, and a second half interception return for a touchdown by linebacker Jack Condon. D-Tackle Grant McGahey was stout in the middle with two tackles for losses, two other stops, and a blocked punt. Safety Brian Cuff saved two touchdowns with great open-field tackles downfield. Linebacker Jonathan Raby and Cornerback Patrick Boyd had three tackles each. D-Ends Chase Pickwell and Ryan Bath combined for three sacks and half-a-dozen stops. Pickwell recovered McGahey’s blocked punt and ran it to the one-yard line. AJ Nomikos and Jordan Andrusky (two of the team’s 3 juniors) combined to squelch Ramona on the first two plays of their final drive, while big Daniel In finished the Bulldogs off with a crunching sack.

But, it all begins with the offensive line. Win in the trenches, keep the ball moving, and good things happen. Left tackle Derek Lipinczyk played despite a “slight” injury: a broken arm and enormous cast. Lipinczyk got blind-sided in the prior week’s game and came out a few plays later. X-rays at urgent care showed a broken arm, and the doctors informed Derek, “your season is over.” Fortunately for the Falcon running backs, the orthopedic surgeon he saw a few days later understands the importance of a good left tackle. Some duct tape, a little gum and bailing wire, and Derek was back on the field. He was joined by left guard Tyler “T-Bone” Lavery, centers Jake Ashby and

Johnny Yacovelle, right guards Aaron Small and Mike Cox, and right tackle Andrew Maneval. The line helped 9 different Falcon ball carriers gain 275 yards on 40 carries.

Collin Brown had 91 yards and a touchdown on 9 carries. Penalties negated a touchdown and two other runs by Brown for 30 yards. Brown added field goals of 41 and 33 yards, and converted 3 out of 4 PAT's. The wiry corner back also kicked off, and when the score was still only 10-0, saved a TD by bringing down the Bulldog return man after he had split the Falcon Special Teams.

Sean Haratyk carried the ball 7 times for 28 yards, and scored the game's first touchdown when T-Bone Lavery took out the right side of the Bulldog line to open a hole on the Falcon's first offensive series. Fullback Jaxon McAllister gained 60 yards on only 7 carries, while Chase Pickwell ran the ball 7 times for 45 yards, caught a screen pass for 12, and earned five first downs.

QB Mike Ward put the ball in the air only five times (three completions), but one toss was a 44 yard bomb to Jackson Gentes who stretched out, made a difficult grab, and somehow managed to keep his feet to sprint 10 yards into the end zone. Gentes' most important contributions, however, might have been his three vicious crack-back blocks delivered against Bulldog linebackers on Falcon sweeps. He leveled a linebacker to seal off the left end on Collin Brown's 41 yard TD in the first half. The Falcon Offense never punted. Their day looked like this:

<b>Drive</b>	<b>Result</b>
5 Plays	Touchdown
9 Plays	Field Goal
11 Plays	Field Goal
1 Play	Fumble (Ramona recovered)
3 Plays	Touchdown
8 Plays	Touchdown
11 Plays	Fumble (Ramona recovered)
5 Plays	Turn over on downs as Falcons killed clock

With the game out-of-reach, and Torrey Pines not the type to run up the score, backs Garret Roper (3 carries, 10 yards), Spencer Brewster (2 for 13), Rich Rosales (1 sweet carry for 20 yards), and Jonathan Kalench (2 carries) ground it out in the final quarter.

Cornerback / Running Back Jacob Han, who scored his first touchdown last week, had two carries for 6 yards. The tall (6'), lean Han never played Pop Warner, and attended Canyon Crest (which has no football team) his freshman year. But, he had a yearning to play football and so transferred west to Torrey Pines. His teammates admire his desire, and have rewarded him with a team-leading two dozen nicknames, including Ghengis Han, Han Solo, Handa, Hando, Attila the Han.

Falcons versus Poway at Poway next week for all the Palomar League marbles.