

Torrey Pines JV Game Summaries 2009

Week 1: Torrey Pines 21, Sunnyside 7

The Junior Varsity Falcons began their 2009 campaign with a big win over the visiting Fresno Sunnyside High School Wildcats.

After receiving the opening kick off, the Falcons quickly established their ground game with runs by Sean Doyle, David Bagby, and Andrew Fargo steadily moving the ball downfield. After three successive first downs however, the Falcon offense stalled after passing midfield and was forced to punt.

Sunnyside's first possession was a series of three explosive runs by tailback Garcia of 42 yards, 27 yards, and 11 yards culminating in a touchdown and a quick lead of 7. Not to be denied, the Falcons' Sean Doyle returned the ensuing kickoff 135 yards (76 yards downfield) for an electrifying touchdown to tie the game at 7 apiece.

The Falcons' defense stiffened on Sunnyside's second possession with LB Willie Mort coming up with a big tackle in the backfield on a critical 4th down with 2 yards to go. Torrey Pines' offense then kicked into high gear with a screen pass to Andrew Fargo who rumbled for 32 yards, a 12 yard sweep to David Bagby, and an 18 yard completion from QB Andrew Perkins to Jack Mitchell taking the ball and four defenders down to the 1 yard line. Andrew Fargo punched it in for a touchdown and a Torrey Pines' lead of 14 to 7 after Mitchell's successful extra point.

After shutting down Sunnyside on the first three plays in the second half, the Falcons' offense pushed the ball downfield, highlighted by an 11 yard run up the middle by Andrew Fargo and a 16 yard Perkins-to-Mitchell completion. After moving the ball for 45 yards, the Falcons' drive was stymied at the Sunnyside 25, and Torrey Pines turned the ball over on downs.

Torrey Pines swarming defense shut down Sunnyside's powerful running game in the second half with a strong inside push by Codi Jones-Cooper and Eric Weatherman, outside contain by DEs Justin Cremer and Dustin Skousen, and a relentless pursuit by LBs Ben Burgoon, Cody Combs, Jonathan Silver, Willie Mort, and Andrew Fargo. This caused the Wildcats to alter their offensive game plan after Tailback Garcia was tackled in the backfield by Ben Burgoon twice on the drive. However, the Sunnyside scrambling and elusive QB successfully ran the ball and completed a pass to the Falcons' 5 yard line. In perhaps a game-saving play, Willie Mort recovered a fumble on the Falcons' 3 yard line after a big hit by the interior line of the Falcons.

The strength and power of the Torrey Pines offensive line (Chris Watkins, David Lederer, Russ Harwood, Michael Tillson, and Vinny Arvia) became evident near the end of the third period. The Big Ten "Three Yards and a Cloud of Dust" offense became "12 Yards and a Cloud of Artificial Turf" behind the strong push of the O-Line with Andrew Fargo moving the ball downfield.

With nowhere to run, the Wildcat offense was now forced to place the ball in the air which resulted in two interceptions by Falcons' FS Andrew Perkins. The game was sealed with a 12 yard sweep by Neema Hosseini for a touchdown and a Jack Mitchell PAT for a 21 to 7 lead.

Next up – our cross-Del Mar Heights rival Cathedral Catholic. Come cheer on our JV Falcons next Friday, 11 September at home. Game time – 4:30 pm.

Week 2: Torrey Pines 16, Cathedral Catholic 13

The Torrey Pines JV football team fought valiantly, improving their record to 2-0, with a win over their Latin neighbors on the south side of Del Mar Heights, the Cathedral Catholic Dons.

After taking the opening kickoff, the Dons established the tone of the game by calling a series of powerful runs by former Falcon Szongaia Brown. Steadily moving the ball downfield, the Dons coughed up the ball after a strong inside rush by Codi Jones Cooper and Eric Weatherman, with DE Dustin Skousen picking up the loose ball.

The Falcons' first possession featured an 18 yard sweep by David Bagby. However, the Falcons' drive stalled at midfield, and they were forced to punt.

The Dons' second possession, much like their first, centered on the successful inside rushing of Szongaia Brown racking up a series of first downs. Rolling outside with DE Dustin Skousen ready to make the tackle, the Dons' QB was called for intentional grounding. On the following play, DE Justin Cremer's punishing big hit on the Dons' QB stopped an attempt to run the option. On the ensuing fourth down and long, CB Brandon Williams picked off an errant Dons' pass and ran it back for 18 yards.

After a 17 yard Falcons' gain by a David Bagby sweep around the left end, the Dons' FS picked off a pass and returned it 43 yards for the first score of the game -- Falcons 0, Dons 7.

First blood had been drawn, inciting revenge in the Falcons' minds. QB Andrew Perkins began with a beautifully executed 26 yard screen pass to RB Ben Burgoon and further showcased the Falcons' vertical game with a 52 yard TD bomb to Jack Mitchell, tying the score at seven apiece.

The Dons' next drive was thwarted on a critical fourth down with four yards to go when DE Dustin Skousen penetrated behind the offensive line and dropped Brown in the backfield for a loss.

Rolling on, the Falcons' Thunder and Lightning combination of Andrew Fargo and Sean Doyle racked up the yardage on a 15 yard up-the-middle carry by Fargo and a 9 yard carry by Doyle who inflicted a punishing hit on the Dons' CB at the sideline. Unfortunately, some Torrey Pines' trickery resulted in an interception and the end of the Falcons' drive.

Two plays later, the Dons' QB was intercepted by CB Jack Mitchell which was quickly followed by a lightning fast 43 yard TD run by Sean Doyle. After a blocked extra point -- Torrey Pines 13, Cathedral Catholic 7.

The Dons' sixth possession of the half ended with a fumble after a vicious hit by inside LBs Jonathan Silver and Ben Burgoon with CB Brandon Williams recovering the loose ball to close out an exciting first half of play.

On the opening possession of the second half, the Falcons' David Bagby ran for 23 yards behind the "Student Body Left" of linemen Chris Watkins, David Lederer, Russ Harwood, Michael Tillson, and Vinny Arvia. This was followed by a powerful run by Andrew Fargo to the 9 yard line of the Dons', setting up a 24 yard field goal by PK Jack Mitchell -- Torrey Pines 16, Cathedral Catholic 7.

The Dons' first possession of the second half closed out the third quarter and expended nearly half of the fourth quarter as they moved the ball steadily downfield. The tenacity and heart of the Falcons' defense was clearly on display as they made a valiant goal-line stand. On first down and goal to go on the Falcons' three yard line, the defensive line pushed back the bigger Dons' linemen, and LB Jonathan Silver came up big filling a hole and hitting the Dons' RB in the backfield for a loss.

However, after a bruising nearly 11 minute drive, the Dons finally scored a TD but missed the extra point -- Torrey Pines 16, Cathedral Catholic 13.

A quick "three and out" by the Falcons set up the Dons in Torrey Pines' territory once again. However, DB Sean Doyle perfectly anticipated a Dons' 5 yard pass and made an open field tackle on a critical third down ending the Dons' drive with 3:13 remaining in the game. The Falcons followed this with an 11 yard seam pass to TE Dustin Skousen and several runs up the middle by RBs Ben Burgoon and Andrew Fargo. Coach Blackwell called his favorite play last, having Andrew Perkins take a knee to run out the time and close out a Falcons' victory -- Torrey Pines 16, Cathedral Catholic 13. And what a victory it was!

Week 3: Torrey Pines 10 Rancho Bernardo 8

The Torrey Pines' JV football team improved their record to 3-0 after winning a hard-fought defensive struggle with their I-15 rival Rancho Bernardo. With starting RB Sean Doyle called up to the Varsity squad and then suffering an injury and starting RB David Bagby then also called up, RBs J.P. Woodhead, Neema Houseini, and Cody Combs and the entire offensive line "Stepped Up" to the challenge, securing the Falcons' third victory in the 2009 campaign.

Rancho Bernardo took the opening kickoff and methodically drove the ball downfield with a balanced running and passing attack. Setting the tone of the game, the Falcons' defense stiffened in the Red Zone, highlighted by the relentless pass rush of DE Dustin Skousen. The Broncos turned the ball over on downs at the Falcons' 5 yard line.

On their first possession, Torrey Pines could not get the offense moving and was forced to punt.

On RB's second possession, the tough Falcons' defense stopped the Broncos' offense with a big hit by ILB Jonathan Silver and with DEs Justin Cremer and Dustin Skousen meeting the Broncos' QB deep in the backfield, dropping him for a loss. OLB Codi Jones-Cooper closed out the possession with an open field tackle on fourth down.

The Falcons' offense shifted into gear on their second possession with RB J.P. Woodhead breaking tackles up the middle and a long pass from QB Andrew Perkins to TE Dustin Skousen for a 51 yard TD for the first score of the game -- Torrey Pines 7, Rancho Bernardo 0.

After a good kickoff return (aided by some questionable penalties), the Broncos began their next possession in Torrey Pines' territory. However, the inside rush of Codi Jones-Cooper and Eric Weatherman resulted in an intentional grounding call and a second stop by the resilient Falcons' defense inside their own 5 yard line. Unfortunately, on the ensuing possession, a fumble by the Flacons so deep in their own territory resulted in a safety for the Broncos -- Torrey Pines 7, Rancho Bernardo 2.

Rancho Bernardo's Michael Vick-like scrambling QB, Nate Long, added a level of complexity for the Falcons' defense. However, with a big hit up the middle by DT Russ Harwood, DE Justin Cremer sealing the outside, and a QB sack by OLB Andrew Fargo and DE Dustin Skousen, the Broncos' offense was once again stopped, ending the first half with the Falcons leading -- Torrey Pines 7, Rancho Bernardo 2.

Torrey Pines returned the second half kickoff and steadily moved the ball downfield behind the powerful offensive line of Chris Watkins, David Lederer, Russ Harwood, Michael Tillson, and Vinny Arvia. This time-consuming drive, featured 27 and 12 yard runs by J.P. Woodhead, and runs of 9 and 7 yards by Andrew Fargo. Stalling at the Broncos' 30 yard line, Jack Mitchell kicked a 48 yard field goal -- Torrey Pines 10, Rancho Bernardo 2.

The back and forth defensive struggle continued thru the end of the third quarter with a notable big hit in the middle of the line by ILBs Jonathan Silver and Willy Mort, forcing out the ball for a fumble.

With only four minutes remaining in the game, CB Brandon Williams delivered a crushing blow to a Broncos' WR which killed a certain first down and forced the Broncos to punt.

Unfortunately, the Broncos' 63 yard punt (which took a home field bounce, a roll, a further bounce, and yet another long roll) pressed the Falcons back to their own 5 yard line. A Torrey Pines' fumble turned the ball over at the goal line which was quickly followed by a Nate Long QB run for a TD. Momentum had shifted, and it was now -- Torrey Pines 10, Rancho Bernardo 8.

But momentum is a capricious friend, and the Broncos' attempt for a two point conversion came up short with a game-saving tackle by ILB Ben Burgoon -- still Torrey Pines 10, Rancho Bernardo 8.

All Torrey Pines required to close out the game with a win was to retain possession of the ball, and the offense rose to the occasion. A series of powerful runs by RBs Andrew Fargo and Ben Burgoon, with swarming Broncos' defenders attempting to rip the ball free, and a 12 yard pass to TE Dustin Skousen close out the game for the Falcons -- Torrey Pines 10, Rancho Bernardo 8.

Playing an away-game shorthanded, the Falcons certainly "Stepped Up". Their bend-but-never-break defense showed their strength, resiliency, and heart when it counted.

Week 4: Torrey Pines 23, Poway 14

The Torrey Pines' JV football team improved their record to 4-0 as they defeated the Poway Titans. The Falcons' hard hitting defense once again set the tone of the game -- shutting down the Titans' ground game, picking off Titans' passes, and showcasing another brilliant goal-line stand.

After taking the opening kick-off, the Titans' were forced to punt after just three plays from scrimmage. The Falcons' drove the ball methodically downfield, featuring a David Bagby run of 8 yards around the left end, a screen pass from QB Andrew Perkins to Andrew Fargo for 12 yards (aided by a critical block from Russ Harwood), and a hard run up the middle for 7 yards by RB Neema Hosseini. RB Andrew Fargo capped this drive with a 1 yard TD run behind the powerful offensive line of Chris Watkins, David Lederer, Harwood, Michael Tillson, and Vinny Arvia -- Falcons 7, Titans 0.

After an exchange of possessions by both teams, the Titans' Safety nabbed a Falcons' pass and looked like he was headed for the end zone before being pushed out of bounds by Dustin Skousen on the Falcons' 3 yard line. However, Poway quickly punched the ball in to even the score -- Falcons 7, Titans 7.

After forcing a turnover on downs, the Titans returned the punt for 42 yards before being forced out by Punter Jack Mitchell at the Falcons' 10 yard line. It was time for

the Falcons' defense to "Step Up" and they once again demonstrated their strength and heart. DE Justin Cremer stopped a run to the outside for a loss, ILB Jonathan Silver came up big with a hit up the middle for a loss of yardage, and, on 4th down and goal to go now on the Falcons' 9 yard line, ILB Willie Mort sacked the QB, turning over the ball on downs.

With under 2 minutes remaining in the first half, RB Neema Hosseini ran the ball twice for 13 yards and 16 yards and QB Andrew Perkins hit WR Jack Mitchell on a bubble screen, resulting in a 12 yard pick up. However, time ran out for the Falcons ending their drive and the first half -- Falcons 7, Titans 7.

RB David Bagby took charge of the opening second-half Falcon drive with a 15 yard gain around the left end and an electrifying run around the right side for a 65 yard TD -- Falcons 14, Titans 7.

On the ensuing kickoff, ILB Willie Mort laid a bone-crushing hit on the Titans' returner, stopping him at the 22 yard line. The Titans' offense was unable to move the ball with DT Codi Jones-Cooper sacking the Poway QB for an 11 yard loss.

Unfortunately, a roughing-the-kicker penalty on the Falcons' punt return team extended the Poway drive. With a new lease on life, the Titans moved the ball downfield, concluding with a 27 yard TD pass -- Falcons 14, Titans 14.

The Falcons' second possession of the second half featured a 39 yard screen pass from QB Perkins to RB Andrew Fargo. However, the offense stalled at the Titans' 25 yard line, and the Falcons settled for a 42 yard field goal by Jack Mitchell. Torrey Pines recaptured the lead -- Falcons 17, Titans 14.

The shutdown defense of Torrey Pines once again stopped the ensuing Poway possession dead in its tracks with ILB Willie Mort dropping the Titan RB in the backfield on a critical third down and 3 yards to go.

With 8:26 remaining in the game, the Falcons took over at midfield. After an 18 yard screen pass to RB Fargo and a 5 yard run up the middle by RB Ben Burgoon, the Falcons kicked a field goal with Jack Mitchell splitting the uprights from 37 yards out -- Falcons 20, Titans 14.

Poway took to the air with a series of passes to their big and athletic receivers. Of note was CB Brandon Williams' strong defensive play breaking up a sure first down pass with another lung-deflating hit. With Poway entering Torrey Pines' territory, CB Jack Mitchell picked off a tipped ball and returned the interception 64 yards to the Poway 1 yard line.

With the Poway Titans desperately attempting to tear the ball from the Falcons' RB, a loose ball disappeared into the rugby scrum with G David Lederer emerging victoriously. Unable to push the ball in however, Torrey Pines was forced to settle for a third field goal -- Falcons 23, Titans 14.

The game ended with another Falcons' interception by ILB Ben Burgoon. Final score -- Falcons 23, Titans 14. The combination of the big hitting Falcons' defense, the offensive line's powerful blocking, and the RBs' gap-busting speed proved lethal once again.

Week 5: Torrey Pines 24, El Camino 6

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Week 7: Torrey Pines 32, Escondido 13

Torrey Pines JV football team improved their record to six wins and no loses after taking down North County powerhouse Escondido 32 to 13.

Upon taking the opening kickoff, the Cougars' running game immediately marched down the field with a series of powerful runs and a 45 yard swing pass. After just three minutes of play, the Cougars put the ball over the goal line for the game's first score -- Falcons 0, Cougars 7.

On the Falcons' first possession, QB Andrew Perkins moved the team downfield with a 14 yard keeper around the right side. However, a fumble at midfield ended the drive before it had started. On the Cougars' second possession, the Falcons' defense rose to the occasion and stopped the Cougars dead in their tracks. A swing pass was broken up by OLB Cody Combs and CB Brandon Williams and, then on a critical fourth down with 2 yards to go, ILB Jonathan Silver dropped the Cougars' RB for a loss and a turnover on downs.

The Falcons' high octane running game struck quickly with RB David Bagby taking the ball 39 yards followed by a 32 yard TD run. After the successful PAT -- Falcons 7, Cougars 7.

The third Cougars' possession was summarily ended on a big hit by FS J.P. Woodhead breaking up a deep pass over the middle. Escondido punted, and the Falcons marched down the field on a 16 yard sweep by RB Sean Doyle, a 9 yard sweep by RB David Bagby, and a 31 yard scamper by Doyle for a TD with T Vinny Arvia leading the way, creating havoc deep downfield. After a miscue on the extra point -- Falcons 13, Cougars 7.

Asserting their dominance, the Falcons' defense forced the Cougars to punt on their next possession after just three snaps. ILB Ben Burgoon and OLB Andrew Fargo stuffed a run up the middle and then Fargo lowered the boom on a blind-side sack of the QB for a 7 yard loss.

Despite moving the ball downfield, the Falcons' offense was set back after two critical penalties and was forced to settle for a 47 yard field goal by K Jack Mitchell. Unfortunately, the ball was kicked wide, and Escondido took possession on their own 20 yard line.

A relentless pursuit by the defensive line of Dustin Skousen, Codi Jones-Cooper, Eric Weatherman, and Justin Cremer once again stopped the Cougars. This time, ILB Jonathan Silver shot the gap created by the interior line and hit the Escondido QB as he attempted to pass on third down and seven yards to go.

On their next possession, the Torrey Pines' offense fell uncharacteristically quiet and punted the ball. However, Ben Burgoon dropped the Escondido punt returner with a thump that was felt high up in the home field stands. Check those ribs. The first half of play ended with the score -- Falcons 13, Cougars 7.

The Falcons exploded in the second half on the second play from scrimmage with a Jail Break run by RB David Bagby for a 56 yard TD. After an unsuccessful two point conversion -- Falcons 19, Cougars 7.

On their first possession of the second half, the Escondido QB was once again forced to make a hurried pass downfield as OLB Andrew Fargo applied the pressure from the outside, which resulted in an interception by FS Sean Doyle. The Falcons moved the ball downfield on a 21 yard pass from QB Andrew Perkins to TE Dustin Skousen and a 22 yard run by RB David Bagby. This drive was capped by a 1 yard step forward by RB Andrew Fargo for a TD after the offensive line of Chris Watkins, David Lederer, Russ Harwood, Michael Tillson, and Vinny Arvia blew open a gaping

hole. Trying to take advantage of the momentum, the Falcons tried a two point conversion and were unsuccessful – Falcons 25, Cougars 7.

With two incomplete passes and a QB sack by the relentless Willie Mort, Escondido was forced to punt the ball after just three plays from scrimmage yet again. The Falcons' offense struck like lightning with a 61 yard run by RB Sean Doyle, setting up an 8 yard run by RB David Bagby for a TD. After a successful PAT – Falcons 32, Cougars 7 (the scorekeeper missed this one and we can give him a mulligan ... but just this one time).

On Escondido's final possession of the game, ILB Ben Burgoon and FS J.P. Woodhead stopped a sweep around the far side and DT Ian Robinson delivered a big hit up the middle dropping the Cougars' RB dead in his tracks. After a QB sneak at midfield, the Cougars ran a misdirection play which cut across the seam of the Falcons' defense and resulted in a 44 yard TD. After a missed Cougar PAT – Falcons 32, Cougars 13.

With the Hands Team on the field for the expected onside kickoff, Codi Jones Cooper perfectly fielded the wildly bouncing pigskin (careful about showing those skills too often as we need your strength and aggressiveness on the line!). With 2 minutes and 15 seconds remaining in the game, RB John Anderson darted through the line for a 27 yard pick up which was unfortunately negated by a motion penalty on the Falcons. RB J.P. Woodhead ran the final play from scrimmage with a 5 yard gain as the horn sounded ending the contest -- Falcons 32, Cougars 13.

Week 8: Torrey Pines 27, Mission Hills 6

On a sunny October afternoon in North County, the Torrey Pines JV Falcons football team improved their record to seven wins and no losses with a 27 to 6 win over the Mission Hills' Grizzlies.

The Falcons received the opening kickoff and steadily drove the ball downfield with a series of runs by RBs Sean Doyle, David Bagby, and Andrew Fargo. After just three minutes of play, the Falcons drew first blood with an 8 yard Sean Doyle TD run -- Falcons 7, Grizzlies 0.

On the Grizzlies' first possession, the stout Falcons' defense set the tone on the first play from scrimmage as OLB Andrew Fargo sacked the QB for a 6 yard loss. With the Grizzlies facing a third down and 16 yards to go, a tipped pass was picked off by CB Jack Mitchell who returned the interception to the 10 yard line of the Grizzlies. Unable to push the ball over the goal line in three plays, the Falcons were forced to settle for a 26 yard field goal by K Jack Mitchell – Falcons 10, Grizzlies 0.

On their next possession, the Grizzlies moved the ball with quick-hitting runs up the middle for 6 to 8 yards per crack. As one Grizzly RB cut back across the grain, he was dropped and nearly cut in half by DT Russ Harwood. Relying upon a rugby scrum-like offensive push, the Grizzlies moved the ball inside the Red Zone. On a 12 yard bubble screen to a Mission Hills' WR, the Grizzlies finally put the ball into the end zone. After a miscue on the PAT – Falcons 10, Grizzlies 6.

The Falcons struck back with a balanced air and ground attack. QB Andrew Perkins pass to WR Jack Mitchell for an 11 yard gain was followed by a beautifully executed screen pass to RB Andrew Fargo. Unfortunately, a scramble for a big gain by QB Andrew Perkins was partially negated by a questionable block-in-the-back call. With the ball at midfield, a Sean Doyle sweep to the right and an 18 yard seam pass from

Perkins to TE Dustin Skousen put the ball on the Grizzlies 2 yard line. This was followed quickly by a David Bagby TD run. With 2:56 remaining the first half – Falcons 17, Grizzlies 6.

On their next possession, Mission Hills threw the ball deep downfield for a 32 yard gain. However, the duo of ILB Ben Burgoon and OLB Willie Mort busted up a slant pass, sandwiching the WR between these two big dogs. Then on a critical third down with 8 yards to go, DE Dustin Skousen dropped the QB on a backside blitz. This ended the Mission Hills' drive and the first half of play.

Opening the second half, the Grizzlies placed the ball in the air again with an 8 yard hitch pass followed by a 14 yard hitch pass to their WRs. DE Dustin Skousen again destroyed this rhythm by cutting across the backside of the O-line and dropping the RB for a 4 yard loss. This was followed by DTs Codi Jones-Cooper and Eric Weatherman stuffing a run for a 1 yard loss which forced a punt.

On their first possession of the half, Torrey Pines moved the ball downfield with a 7 yard run by RB Sean Doyle and a 13 yard run around the left end by RB David Bagby. However, this drive was stalled at the 25 yard line forcing a 42 yard field goal which was pushed wide right. The Grizzlies' offense was stopped after just three plays turning the ball back to the Falcons. On the first play from scrimmage, RB Sean Doyle sprinted 54 yards for an electrifying TD. The combination of the big men on the line (Chris Watkins, David Lederer, Russ Harwood, Eric Weatherman, and Vinny Arvia) opening up gaping holes and the lightening fast running of Sean Doyle proved deadly once again – Falcons 24, Grizzlies 6.

On the ensuing Mission Hills' possession, the Torrey Pines defense once again asserted its dominance. A hitch pass was cut down at the line of scrimmage on the first play, and OLB Willie Mort utilized the sideline as a 12th defender, pushing the RB out of bounds for a 4 yard loss. The Grizzlies once again turned the ball over on downs after just three plays.

With Torrey Pines back in control of the ball, RB Andrew Fargo busted up the middle, dragging half the Grizzlies with him for a 19 yard gain which was negated by another block-in-the-back call. It appears as if our referee crew recently worked the Angels-Yankees game (a Grizzly defender falls down in the backfield - behind the run, and a Falcon trips over him; most reasonable men would not consider this penalty, but I digress). This penalty was followed by two movement infractions. With a third down and forever, QB Andrew Perkins hit WR Jack Mitchell on a deep out for a 16 yard gain, but still well short of the first down. This set up a 42 yard field goal by K Jack Mitchell who split the uprights. With 6:51 remaining the game – Falcons 27 Grizzlies 6.

Mission Hills' last possession ate up the clock but steadily moved the ball downfield. The Falcons' defense featured OLB Willie Mort dropping a WR on a bubble screen for a 1 yard loss, ILB Codi Jones-Cooper stopping a run up the middle for no gain, DT Russ Harwood fighting off a double team and taking down the RB, and ILB Ben Burgoon dropping the RB in the backfield. With 1:53 remaining in the game, DE Dustin Skousen bull-rushed his way thru a double team hurrying the QB which resulted in an errant pass to the awaiting soft hands of ILB Codi Jones-Cooper for an interception.

The game ended with a RB John Anderson sweep around the right end for a gain of 25 yards. Final score – Falcons 27, Grizzlies 6.

Week 9: Torrey Pines 14, Fallbrook 7

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Week 10: Torrey Pines 28 San Pasqual Eagles 21

The Torrey Pines JV Football Team defeated the San Pasqual Eagles 28 to 21 after a punishing contest and improved their record to an unbeaten nine wins and no losses.

San Pasqual took the opening kickoff and established the offensive tone of the game. RB Duenas powered his way up the middle behind the big men of the San Pasqual O-line while the QB optioned the ball to the outside. This combination proved highly effective in the steady progression of the Eagles downfield. On the first possession, CB John Anderson made a hard open field tackle, upending the QB running the option, which was followed by ILB Codi Jones Cooper dropping Duenas at the line of scrimmage and forcing the ball out which was recovered by DT Eric Weatherman. With Torrey Pines recovering the fumble on the San Pasqual 34 yard line, momentum immediately shifted to the visiting side of the field.

On their first possession, the Falcons' RB David Bagby ran the ball twice to the Eagles' 5 yard line setting up a QB Andrew Perkins to TE Dustin Skousen pass over the middle for the first score of the game – Falcons 7, Eagles 0.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Eagles returned the ball down the sideline to the Falcons' 46 yard line. This set up a series of runs up the middle by San Pasqual RB Duenas at 7 to 12 yards a crack down to the 20 yard line. Despite a DE Dustin Skousen sack for a 5 yard loss, the Eagles threw a slant pass over the middle which was followed by Duenas pushing the ball over the goal line on a 4 yard run. After the PAT – Falcons 7, Eagles 7.

After moving the ball downfield, Torrey Pines fumbled the ball at midfield which was recovered by the Eagles. Football punishes teams who lose the ball, and the Eagles followed up on the turnover with several runs up the middle by Duenas which, despite two tackles by ILB Codi Jones-Cooper at the line of scrimmage, culminated in the TD – Falcons 7, Eagles 14.

Torrey Pines retaliated on the next series with RB Andrew Fargo barreling his way up the middle for gains of 14 yards and 17 yards and RB Neema Hosseini taking the ball 11 yards around the end. An 8 yard hitch pass from QB Andrew Fargo to WR Jack Mitchell was followed by an Andrew Fargo TD run, evening the score – Falcons 14, Eagles 14.

The San Pasqual QB kicked it into high gear with several successful off tackle keepers. ILB Codi Jones-Cooper stopped the Eagles at the line of scrimmage which set up a critical 4th down with 1 yard to go on the San Pasqual 40 yard line. The Eagles' coach rolled the dice and won -- a 2 yard run by RB Duenas, powering his way over the middle, resulted in a first down and movement of the chains. With 56 seconds remaining in the first half, San Pasqual completed another slant pass to the Falcons' 35 yard line. However, the first half ended with shutdown CB Brandon Williams breaking up a deep pass in the end zone – Falcons 14, Eagles 14.

On the opening possession of the second half, the Falcons struck paydirt early. A 17 yard sweep by RB Neema Hosseini set up a 49 yard corner pass from QB Andrew Perkins to WR Jack Mitchell for a TD – Falcons 21, Eagles 14.

The Falcons' defense stiffened on the next drive with ILB Jonathan Silver dropping the RB in the backfield twice. This strong inside push from DTs Eric Weatherman and Michael Tillson and ILB

Codi Jones-Cooper forced an errant Eagles' pass which OLB Codi Combs returned for a 35 yard TD romp. With a seemingly commanding lead – Falcons 28 Eagles 14. Not to be denied, the San Pasqual offense geared up for a long, punishing, and time-consuming drive. With QB options outside and Duenas running between the tackles, the Eagles steadily moved the ball downfield. DT Eric Weatherman dropped the QB in the backfield, setting up a 4th down with 2 yards to go situation. However, for the second time in the game, Duenas ground out 3 yards, sustaining the drive. ILB Jonathan Silver and OLB Willie Mort teamed up to drop the QB attempting to get outside which was followed by a 22 yard slant pass and the end of the Third Quarter of play. A fumbled ball on the option was recovered by the Eagles, but CB Brandon Williams tackled the runner in the backfield for a loss. After a Duenas run up the middle, the Eagles were forced to roll the dice on the game's third fourth down with short yards to go. Once again, San Pasqual succeeded -- this time with a QB keeper for nine yards and a Duenas TD run -- Falcons 28, Eagles 21.

Torrey Pines received the kickoff with 8:06 remaining in the contest. With a questionable call of holding on a long RB Andrew Fargo run, the Falcons' drive stalled and they were forced to punt. Special Team cover men Noah Friedman and John Anderson smothered the Eagles' ball carrier dropping him at the San Pasqual 27 yard line.

The Falcons' defense rose to the occasion and shut down the powerful Eagles' running game with DE Dustin Skousen knocking down the QB on a critical third down. After just three plays and with 4:20 remaining in the game, the Eagles punted the ball back to the Falcons.

RB David Bagby ran the ball on successive carries 15 yards and 8 yards downfield. However, with 3:05 remaining in the game, the Falcons were stopped at midfield. Unable to sustain the drive, the Falcons punted the ball to the Eagles' 15 yard line. With the game on the line, all the Falcon defense needed to do was stop the Eagles for a victory. Easier said than done.

On the first play, CB Jack Mitchell hit the RB dropping him at the line of scrimmage as he attempted to run up the sideline. This set up a successful slant pass which moved the ball to the Eagles' 40 yard line. After another QB keeper which pushed the ball over midfield and another pass to the TE, the Eagles, without any timeouts and with only 93 seconds remaining, were suddenly threatening on the Falcons' 37 yard line. However, a big hit on the QB by ILB Codi Jones-Cooper resulted in a fumble to the Falcons' sideline where DT Russ Harwood, DE Dustin Skousen, and CB Jack Mitchell converged on the Eagles' WR who retained possession of the ball despite this punishing triple hit. With a final desperation Hail Mary pass falling well short of the intended receiver, the Eagles breathed their last gasp and expired – Falcons 28, Eagles 21.

Up next – the La Costa Canyon Mavericks. This meeting of the two undefeated Avocado League teams will be the Falcons' toughest challenge of the 2009 campaign. The LCC squad is undefeated in two years and nineteen games of laying waste to their opponents ... we need to dominate.

Torrey Pines Falcons Fall in Finale to La Costa Canyon Mavericks 3-27

In a battle of the unbeatens for supremacy of the Avocado League, La Costa Canyon rolled over Torrey Pines 27-3, closing out the 2009 JV football season. On a promising start to the game, the Falcons stopped the Mavericks on the first three plays from scrimmage featuring an open field tackle by ILB Codi Jones-Cooper.

On their first possession, the Falcons steadily moved the ball with a 5 yard RB David Bagby run followed by an 11 yard RB Sean Doyle run. With a fourth down and 3 yards to go on the LCC 37 yard line, Coach Blackwell rolled the dice and won on a RB Sean Doyle sweep for the first down. QB Andrew Perkins then hit TE Dustin Skousen on a 21 yard out pass taking the ball deep into LCC territory. The Falcons' drive was then stalled after a run by RB Andrew Fargo and a hitch pass from QB Andrew Perkins to WR Jack Mitchell. This forced the Falcons to settle for a 29 yard field goal by K Jack Mitchell. Drawing first blood -- Falcons 3, Mavericks 0.

LCC took to the air on their second possession throwing two incomplete passes before setting up a middle screen which, after a Maverick block in the back and a holding (both of which were missed by the zebras), resulted in an 80 yard TD pass -- Falcons 3, Mavericks 7.

The Falcons' offense was unable to move the ball and, after three straight plays, was forced to punt. Taking over on their own 42 yard line, the Mavericks' Junior RB Vergara powered his way up the middle on several runs for 8, 9, and 11 yards at a crack. On a first down and goal to go on the Falcons' 9 yard line, OLB Willie Mort shot a gap and stopped the run. Not to be denied, the LCC Junior bull-rushed his way over the goal line on the following play for a TD. After the successful PAT -- Falcons 3, Mavericks 14.

Torrey Pines' third possession set the tone for the balance of the game. The relentless pressure and speed of the Mavericks forced QB Andrew Perkins to scramble and shut down the Falcons vertical game. Perkins ran for 12 yards on a broken play; however, after two short gains up the middle and a sack of Perkins, the Falcons were forced to punt the ball away.

The Falcons' defense found an answer for LCC's powerful running game with ILB Codi Jones-Cooper sacking the Mavericks' QB and DE Neema Hosseini cutting across the backside of the O-line and taking the RB down in the backfield. With 2:30 remaining in the half, the Mavericks and Falcons traded punts to close out the first half of play -- Falcons 3, Mavericks 14.

The Falcons received the second half kickoff and, mirroring their successful opening drive, moved the ball steadily downfield behind three powerful runs of RB Andrew Fargo for 19 yards, 14 yards, and 7 yards. However, after a QB sack and stiffening of the LCC D-line, the drive ended, and the Falcons were forced to punt the ball with LCC taking possession on their own 9 yard line.

The running game of LCC was simply too powerful for the Falcons to consistently stop, with Junior RB Vergara racking up carries of 10 yards, 9 yards, 21 yards, and 15 yards. Deep inside Falcons' territory, ILB Jonathan Silver and OLB JP Woodhead cut down a sweep to the outside and CB Brandon Williams nearly picked off a pass for a quick six points. After a fourth down and 6 yards to go, the LCC Junior K McQueen split the uprights with a 44 yard field goal -- Falcons 3, Mavericks 17.

Despite a strong run up the middle by RB Andrew Fargo, the Falcons' drive was once again stopped, forcing a punt back to the Mavericks. Taking the ball at the start of the fourth quarter, OLB Willie Mort dropped the LCC RB and OLB Codi Combs and DE Dustin Skousen teamed up to drop the Maverick ball carrier in the backfield. However, the LCC Junior QB Kelly hit their big TE who rumbled for 51 yards downfield until tracked down from behind by CB Jack Mitchell. With DE Neema Hosseini twice hitting the RB in the backfield for no gains, the LCC Junior K came out on the field again to attempt a 41 yard field goal. Proving again it was just not the Falcons' night, the ball hit the crossbar and rolled over -- Falcons 3, Mavericks 20. With 6:14 remaining in the contest, the Falcons took possession on their own 38 yard line but were unable to move the ball and again forced to punt the ball away. The LCC Junior RB Vergara closed out the game with a series of runs between the tackles, taking the ball 10 plus yards downfield at a pop. With a mere 44 seconds left in the game, a miscue between Vergara and the QB resulted in an unplanned "fumblerooskie" and TD. Final score --Falcons 3, Mavericks 27.

Finishing the 2009 campaign with nine wins and one loss, the Falcons have much to be proud of. In virtually every game, when it mattered most, the defense came up big and stopped their opponents inside the Red Zone, preserving the win. The offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage throughout the season. The running back corps featured both electrifying runs around the end and powerful carries up the middle. The linebacking cadre's punishing hits dropped the RBs in their tracks. This was a season to be proud of, and winning nine games is no easy feat.

If these game summaries have focused upon a few of the Falcons, I plead guilty. It is difficult to not focus upon the ball carrier and his immediate environs. However, football is a team sport, and it requires each of the 11 players on the field to execute their respective assignments to perfection in order to succeed. The season began back in early August with two-a-day practices while peers were relaxing on the sunny southern California beaches. The long hours of practice, the inevitable conflicts with school work, and the injuries and pain are the inevitable consequences to devoting four months of your lives to playing the game of football. The entire team of 34 warriors is to be congratulated for your disciplined work ethic, endurance, perseverance, and athleticism.

GO FALCONS!