



Hyacks Football Headlines

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Varsity News & Notes

HYACKS WIN THRILLER vs WEST VAN

Dylan Myers 24 yard FG with 20 seconds left on the clock gave New Westminster HS a 38-35 win over West Van and propelled the Hyacks into top spot in the Western Conference (2-0 in league play, 4-1 overall).

Once again, the Hyacks ground game proved to be too much for the Highlanders, as the New West backfield combined for a 5th straight 300+ yard rushing performance. This time it was **John Drury** who led the way with 202 yards and a pair of TDs (3, 35 yds). In the process he set the new NWSS career rushing record with 2162 yards, breaking **Mike Tuangkitkun's** mark of 2081 (set in 2003-04).



John Drury displays his fine form en-route to a 202-yard rushing performance at West Vancouver. Photo: Alan Wardle

The Hyacks had a heavy edge in time of possession but needed a late 60 yard drive to pull out the victory. Drury led the way with a 35 yard run and a spectacular diving catch on 4th and 6 to keep the drive alive. That set the stage for Myers heroics. He had earlier kicked a 37 yard FG and is now 8 for 9 on FG attempts this season.

TE **Tyler Digby** (13 yds) and QB **Matt MacGrotty** (1 yd) also scored for New West in the first half, while **Blain Cawkell** returned to the game in the 4th quarter to score from 40 yards out. He finished with 100 yards despite missing almost half the game with an injury.

MacGrotty was 9 of 15 on the day for 97 yards, his favorite target was Digby who caught 3 passes for 60 yards. Defensively the Hyacks were again led by linebackers **Darnell Sikorski** (6 tackles, 1 sack, 1 fumble recovery) and **Glenn Boyce** (5 tackles, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble)

FIRST PLACE BATTLE THIS SATURDAY FOR HYACKS

The Hyacks will take their 4-game winning streak to O'Hagen Field this Saturday for a first-ever meeting against traditional powerhouse Vancouver College. Both teams come into this game with unbeaten conference records and a win will go a long way towards finishing in first place in the Western Conference. The Fighting Irish have reached the Subway Bowl provincial final five times in the past six seasons and are led this year by the province's leading rusher Jamal Allen. Vancouver College is currently ranked 3rd in BC, while this week New West climbed up to 5th.

HYACKS VISIT HUSKY STADIUM

Amongst the crowd of 66,000 in Seattle on Saturday at the University of Washington were 40 members of the Hyack Football program. The group was guests for the nationally televised college football game between Washington and number-one ranked USC. The Hyacks also got to come out of the same tunnel that the players use and watch the pre-game warm up from the field. A great time was had by all!



Junior Varsity News & Notes

DISSAPOINTING LOSS IN NORTH VANCOUVER

The JV Hyacks suffered an 8-0 upset at the hands of the Handsworth Royals last Thursday, dropping their conference record to 1-1 (2-2 overall). **Nigel Eberding** turned in a solid game at RB and **Casey Chin** and **Alex Saavedra** stood out defensively. Ultimately penalties and turnovers kept New West out of the endzone for the first time in 2 years. This week the Hyacks will play host to a tough Vancouver College squad on Thursday at 5:30. They will welcome back RB/LBs Vivie Bojilov and Andrew Lee to the lineup. Both have missed the past two games with injuries.

Junior Bantam News & Notes

Ouch! In what the coaching staff was expecting to be a competitive game, the junior bantams did not fare as well as expected and lost 38-8 to the visiting South Delta Rams on Friday night at Mercer Stadium. Ryan Schucroft opened the scoring for the Hyacks with a 36-yard TD reception from Thomas Tse (Harshdeep Bains was successful with PAT kick), but the Rams scored 30 unanswered points to post a 30-8 half-time lead. Missed

coverages, fumbles and inadequate tackling were the downfall of the Hyacks, who are looking to respond with a much stronger performance this Friday night when they host the Vancouver Trojans for their fourth home game. With a 2-3 record, the boys will have to fight hard to win a spot in the league playoffs – and it all begins with an 8:00 pm kickoff at Mercer Stadium on October 5.

Pewee News & Notes

The Hyacks were unfortunate to come out on the wrong end of the score against an experienced and talented Coquitlam Wildcats teams on Friday at Mercer Stadium. The Wildcats, coached by former CFL player Robert Holland, soundly defeated their Royal City hosts by a score of 51-0. Despite strong efforts by the boys, the Hyacks were unable to mount much of an offensive or defensive attack.

Despite two lopsided losses that have recently put their overall record at 2-3, the boys on the team have remained very enthusiastic and are excited about the prospect of winning another home game this weekend against the Vancouver Trojans. The coaching staff believes that a solid week of practice will lead to success on Friday night (6:00 pm kickoff at Mercer Stadium).

Upcoming Events

Junior Varsity vs. Vancouver College Fighting Irish

Thursday, October 4 5:30 PM Mercer Stadium

The Hyacks are seeking revenge from last year's loss to the Irish, and will be looking to make a statement on their home turf.

Youth Football: Hyacks vs Vancouver Trojans

Friday, October 5 6:00/8:00 PM Mercer Stadium

Both the peewees and junior bantams will be hosting teams from Vancouver's eastside Trojans club.

Varsity vs. Carson Graham Eagles

Friday, October 12 7:30 PM Mercer Stadium

Carson Graham visits for the first time ever in league play, so the Hyacks will be aiming to keep the Eagles from flying away with a win.

Hyacks Football Shoe Drive

Friday, October 12 7:30 PM Mercer Stadium

Help raise money for the football program by bringing any shoes your family no longer needs to the varsity game. The shoes will be collected next to the bleachers. Please note that shoes will be sent to impoverished areas in countries where people have no use for ski boots, skates or slippers. The more shoes you bring, the more successful this fundraiser will be!

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