



Hyacks Football Headlines

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Varsity News & Notes

IRISH EDGE HYACKS AT O'HAGEN FIELD

The Varsity Hyacks saw a steady diet of rain and Irish RB Jamal Allen on Saturday as their 4-game win streak came to an end in heartbreaking fashion, losing 28-19 at Vancouver College. New West had a 13-7 lead and was threatening to score again, instead they came away empty and Allen managed to give his team a 14-13 lead at halftime. In the 4th quarter, the Hyacks came from behind with 2 minutes remaining and appeared ready to tie the game when **Tyler Digby** caught a 9 yard TD pass from **Matt MacGrotty**. That made the score 21-19, but the Hyacks could not make the 2-point convert that would have tied things up. Allen scored his 4th TD on the day with 20 seconds remaining to round out the scoring.



John Drury and the offensive line paved the way for Blain Cawkell's 118-yard rushing performance. Photo: Alan Wardle

Darnell Sikorski scored a pair of TDs for the Hyacks and finished with 91 yards on 9 carries. **Blain Cawkell** led the Hyacks with 118 yards on 28 carries. In all, the Hyacks rushed for 266 yards against VC and have now gone over the 2000 yard rushing mark in just six games, tops in BC. Sikorski and **Vivie Bojilov** each recorded 8 tackles on defense. **Glenn Boyce** added 7 tackles while **Sando Falbo** and **Alex Saavedra** each had 5. The game was the first ever meeting at the varsity level between New West (ranked 5th) and Vancouver College (ranked 3rd). The loss drops the Hyacks to 2-1 in conference play (4-2 overall).

HYACKS RETURN TO MERCER FRIDAY NIGHT vs EAGLES

After two weeks on the road, the Hyacks will return to Mercer Stadium this Friday night to take on Carson Graham. With a win, New West will clinch a spot in the AAA playoffs. This will also be the first meeting between the two teams at the varsity level, although the programs are not strangers to one another as they play regularly in the spring game. This past spring the Hyacks won 27-0. The Eagles will be led by star RB/LB Daniel Xavier who is a former member of the Hyacks program (2004), now living on the North Shore.

A reminder that the Hyack Football Shoe Drive will be taking place at the game. Please bring your gently worn shoes to the game and leave them in the boxes provided. The shoes will be distributed to third world countries with the proceeds coming back to Hyack Football.

Junior Varsity News & Notes

HISTORIC WIN FOR JV HYACKS OVER VC



Brent Fletcher heads for the endzone against the Fighting Irish. Photo: Alan Wardle

The JV Hyacks bounced back from their loss to Handsworth in fine fashion on Thursday by defeating perennial power Vancouver College 25-14 at Mercer Stadium. After the Irish opened the scoring on their first possession, the Hyacks answered with 25 straight points. VC added a late score after the outcome had long since been decided. **Vivie Bojilov** opened the scoring for the Hyacks, tying the game at 7 after the first quarter. Late in the half, QB **Torsten Jaccard** executed the 2 minute drill to perfection and found **Daniel English** in the endzone to give the Hyacks a 13-7 lead at the break. **Brent Fletcher** and Jaccard himself rounded out the scoring. Bojilov and fellow LB **Casey Chin** were dominating on defense. The win improves the Hyacks to 2-1 in conference play, tied for first place. New West plays host to West Vancouver this Thursday at 5:30 pm at Mercer Stadium.

Junior Bantam News & Notes

In what was surely one of the most exciting games in the four-year history of the junior bantam team, the Hyacks battled hard against the visiting Vancouver Trojans but lost 15-14 in a very close and entertaining game on Friday night at Mercer Stadium. Despite giving the Trojans very advantageous field position in the first quarter due to turnovers, the Royal City defense was resilient and kept the visitors out of the endzone. After several strong series rushing the ball, the Hyacks scored midway through the second quarter to take an 8-0 lead into half-time. Early in the second half,

Daizon Earl had an exciting run down to the 1-yard line that **Thomas Tse** converted to a touchdown on a QB plunge. Unfortunately, **Harshdeep Bains** was unsuccessful on his second PAT kick, which would prove costly. The Trojans answered back, scoring a safety and two touchdowns – the second with under three minutes remaining. Despite a furious effort, the Hyacks were unable to convert their final two drives into the winning points. The boys will be on the road for the next three weeks, playing in Richmond this coming Sunday against the 1-5 Raiders (11:30 am kickoff, Minoru Park).

Peewee News & Notes

After two tough losses, the Hyacks rebounded with a very strong game, defeating the Vancouver Trojans 18-0. After giving up some yards early in the game, the Royal City defense began to dominate, swarming to the ball and gang-tackling, giving the offense great field position. **Matthew Lattimer** had an excellent game at quarterback, persevering despite being sick the night before to lead a punishing ground attack that featured eight different Hyack ball-carriers. The hard work of the offensive line resulted in the Hyacks being able to

move the ball in a balanced fashion, inside and out, left and right. **Jonathon Cote**, **James Nicolas** and **Dezmond Earl** were the leading ball-carriers, while **Nolan Duncan**, **Dylan Sharpe** and **Nathan Macedo** led the enthusiastic defense. The team is now set for three weeks of tough road games before closing out the season at home on November 2. Next up is a game this Sunday against the Cloverdale Lynx (12:00 pm kickoff, Cloverdale Athletic Park).

Where Are They Now?

Graham Wardle – Grad 2004

Graham has a starring role in a new CBC television series called *Heartland*, which premieres this Sunday night at 7 pm, where he plays the role of Ty Borden. Graham has also appeared in *The Land of Women* and *Fallen*. Prior to "becoming a star," Graham was a captain of the inaugural Hyacks Football team in 2003. He was also an assistant coach with the junior bantam Hyacks in 2004-05. Upon graduation from NWSS, Graham enrolled in the Film Studies program at Capilano College in North Vancouver. More information on *Heartland* can be found at www.cbc.ca/heartland. Congratulations Graham! See you soon at the Oscar's!



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