



Hyacks Football Headlines

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High School News & Notes

HYACKS WRAP UP FALL CAMP

The Hyacks wrapped up training camp with an Orange-White scrimmage on Friday afternoon. It was the 2nd such scrimmage in s many weeks, with each team winning one – both games were very competitive and intense. Overall training camp was very productive and a number of players made an impression on coaches throughout camp.

Among linemen, **Alex Saavedra** stood out on both sides of the ball. **Tyler Digby** has taken his blocking to another level and is poised to have a dominating year on offense and defense. **Alex Popov** looked unblockable at times during the last scrimmage. At inside linebacker, **Casey Chin** and **Vivie Bojilov** appear to be in mid-season form, while **Aaron Purdey** and **Shiraz Chaudhary** were among the hardest working Hyacks. Newcomers **Warren Reece** and **Andre Stroud** should also make an immediate impact.

Offensively **Blain Cawkell** leads an explosive deep backfield. Unfortunately the Hyacks will be without **Nigel Eberding** until the start of league play because of a broken arm. At Quarterback, **Torsten Jaccard** had a consistent camp and **Jeremy Davis** made big strides during the second week. RB **Milton Nevy** was arguably the most improved player in camp. And there are still a few battles for starting positions along the offensive line that will likely take all of the pre-season to play out.

Perhaps the most significant development during camp was the leadership of the senior class. Players like **Marko Susic**, **Enoch Osei**, **Azaad Lidder**, Digby and Purdey have led by example and have shown plenty of maturity



Season Opener - Pinetree



For the first time in four seasons, the Hyacks were not able to schedule a game on labor day weekend, as a result they are very anxious to face someone in another colored jersey. Their opponents will be the Pinetree Timberwolves, a team the Hyacks defeated 33-7 in last season's home opener. The Timberwolves are making the transition from a Power-I offense to the Spread. They will be led by QB Mike Phillips, RB Ryan Partington and LB Max Benoit.

New West's Blain Cawkell rushed for 104 yards and 1 TD on just 12 carries in last season's victory. Enoch Osei also scored, while Daniel English and Tyler Digby combined for 140 yards receiving. Defensively Aaron Purdey had a breakout game in his only appearance for the Hyacks in 2007, registering 7 tackles, 1 sack and an interception. The following week, Purdey suffered a season-ending knee injury in practice, but he is now fully recovered.

JV Opens Season on Thursday:

The JV's will get arguably their toughest test of the season right off the bat when they face the two-time defending provincial champion, Terry Fox Ravens, this Thursday in Coquitlam. The Ravens ended the Hyacks season in 2007 with a 14-8 win in the JV playoffs. Like the varsity, the JV Hyacks are coming off a very productive two-week fall camp and have plenty of reason to be optimistic about the upcoming season.

Offensively, the Hyacks will be led by quarterback **Regan Eberding**, who did an exceptional job of learning the Hyacks offense this off-season. He will be joined in the backfield by bruising fullbacks **Ian Henderson** and **David Ramirez**, while first-year halfbacks **Manraj Bains** and **Peter Routenbach** have also made an impression during fall camp. At receiver, **Amit Bath**, **Sean Davies** and TE **Damon McCulloch** have looked solid. The offensive line will be led by **Jamie Wandell**, **Nick Adomat** and **Devin Clayton**. The following Thursday the Hyacks will play their home opener against Handsworth.

TAILGATE AUCTION IN TWO WEEKS

The sixth annual Hyack Football Tailgate Auction/Night of Comedy will be held later this month on Saturday, Sept 20th at the Justice Institute of BC. The format this year will again include a selection of top comedians and entertainers from around the lower mainland. Prizes include a trip for two to one of golf's "Majors", an all-inclusive trip for two to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and a Brett Favre autographed helmet. For tickets please contact Marilyn Davis @ 604-525-2196. Cost is \$50 per person, or a table of 8 for \$350.

HELP WANTED

There are still a number of roles in the Hyack organization that need filling. If you are interested or have any ideas, please contact Coach Lalji at: flalji@hyackfootball.com

Upcoming Events

Varsity:

Friday, September 12, 7:30 PM Toledo HS (Toledo, OR)

The Hyacks travel across the border to face a 3A playoff team from Oregon. The following day the team will take in the Oregon State vs Hawaii NCAA football game

Jr Varsity:

Thursday, September 4, 3:45 PM Terry Fox HS (Perry Perry Stadium, Coquitlam)

The JVs open their season against the two-time defending provincial champion, Ravens

Youth Season Openers

Friday, August 31 6:00/8:00 PM Mercer Stadium

The peewee and junior bantam teams travel to South Surrey Athletic Park to take on the White Rock Titans. Peewees start at 2:00 PM, with the junior bantam game following at 3:45 PM.

Homecoming Game vs South Delta

Friday, September 19, 7:30 PM Mercer Stadium

The Hyacks look to make it 4-0 in Homecoming games, with the Kushnir Boot on the line. It's always the biggest crowd of the year so don't miss it!

Football 101 For Ladies

Saturday, September 13, 3:00 PM NWSS Room 188 (Pearson Wing)

The Hyacks host our 2nd annual Football 101 for Ladies. By the time this fun-filled afternoon is over, the gals will be able to out-throw their sons and husbands. For more information please contact Linda Lincoln at linda_lincoln@telus.net

Tailgate Auction/Night of Entertainment

Saturday, September 20 6:00 PM Justice Institute of BC

The Hyacks host our 6th annual Tailgate Auction – Along with great food and auction items, the night will be highlighted by plenty of music and comedy from some top local acts. This is the Hyacks biggest fundraiser of the year and a great time is guaranteed. For tickets please contact: mddavis.family@gmail.com

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