



Hyacks Football Headlines

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High School News & Notes

HYACKS WIN SEASON FINALE AT MERCER



Make it two in a row for the Hyacks who defeated West Van 26-7 on Friday in their final home game of the season. In a similar script to last week's win, New West fell behind early 7-0, before scoring 26 unanswered points. **Enoch Osei** got the Hyacks back on even terms with a 21 yard run. Fellow senior **Blain Cawkell** then scored from 13 yards out to give the home team a 13-7 halftime lead.

In the 2nd half **Dylan Myers** kicked a pair of FG's including a 40 yarder in the 4th quarter that put the game out of reach. In between, **Torsten Jaccard** found **Daniel English** for a 56 yard TD pass. In all the Hyacks offense gained over 300 yards rushing and passed 400 total yards for the 5th time this season. Cawkell led the way with 172 yards

rushing. He is now on the verge of breaking the 1000 barrier for the 2nd consecutive year and remains 4th in the province in rushing with 961.

Defensively, **Casey Chin** and **Abdul Ali** led the way for the Hyacks with 8 tackles apiece. Chin is 5th in BC in tackling (48) and Ali is tied for 3rd in interceptions (3). **Tyler Digby** finished with 5 tackles and a sack. The win improves the Hyacks record to 2-1 in league play (5-2 overall). They also moved up one spot to 4th in the provincial rankings.

This was also Seniors Night as eleven Hyacks played their final home game at Mercer Stadium: Ali, Cawkell, Digby and Myers, along with **Dimitri Golimbonis**, **Azaad Lidder**, **Rama MacMillan**, **Enoch Osei**, **Aaron Purdey**, **Andre Stroud** and **Marko Susic** all said thank you to their parents and good bye to Friday Nights at Mercer.

For a complete look at the outstanding photo album courtesy of Alan Wardle, log onto:

<http://www3.telus.net/Hyacks/photo.htm>

HYACKS VISIT NOTRE DAME WITH PLAYOFF BERTH AT STAKE

The Hyacks will make the short trip to Burnaby Lake Sports Complex this Friday night for a huge Western conference matchup with Notre Dame. The winner will clinch a post-season berth and be all but assured of 2nd place in the conference and a first round bye in the playoffs.

Like the Hyacks, the Jugglers are also 2-1 on the season after a thrilling 35-33 win against Carson Graham last week. In that game Stephen Spagnuolo scored the game winning TD on the final play of the game. It was part of an outstanding game for the grade 11 RB who finished with 337 all-purpose yards and 4 TDs. He currently leads the province with 1325 yards (220.8 ypg).

Last season the Hyacks won a defensive battle, 17-7 at Mercer Stadium. We invite all Hyack supporters to drive down Canada Way for this important contest. Wear your orange and black and cheer on the Hyacks!

DIGBY COMMITS TO NCAA DIVISION 1

Congratulations to Hyacks TE/DE, Tyler Digby, who recently accepted a scholarship to Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, PA. Tyler's scholarship is for both football and lacrosse. He has excelled at both sports for the past 5 years and will look to do the same at the NCAA Div 1 level. Tyler is the 3rd Hyack to accept an NCAA football scholarship (Nasser Jamal and Marc Moore in 2006). He received recruiting interest from a number of schools in the eastern US and the Big Sky conference.

Tyler is currently among the province's leaders in receptions (15 for 221 yards, 3 TDs) and sacks (4). Most importantly, he has shown outstanding leadership and commitment this season. The RMU Colonials are currently 1-2 in the Northeast Conference.

Tyler gave his verbal commitment last week and will sign his NCAA Letter of Intent at a press conference in February. Look for an article on Tyler in this Sunday's Record newspaper. Congrats Tyler, and good luck in the NCAA!



Junior Varsity News & Notes

JV'S DEFEAT BELMONT 41-6

The JV Hyacks took advantage of a young Belmont squad en route to a 41-6 win. The JV Hyacks controlled the ground game behind the strong offensive line with **Clay Alexson**, **Eric Peters** and **Justin Naidu** stepping in to control the trenches. The JV's racked up big yards with two touchdowns by **Manraj Bains** and another ground major by **Lucas London**. **Sean Davies** stepping again into Quarterback in the 3rd quarter ran one in for a score as well. The aerial attack was also successful with big catches and a touchdown by **Amit Bath**. **Rylee Wray** had a big first down completion catch from **Serafino Gentile** in the 4th quarter to put it away.

The defensive had a solid outing holding Belmont to just six points with both **Connor Brady** and **Brandon Braich** stopping Belmont in their tracks with big hits in the middle. The team is 3-4 overall and 1-3 in league play. The JVs play host to Earl Marriott this Thursday at 5:30 at Mercer in a game that will determine a playoff spot.

Peewee Hyacks News & Notes

The peewee Hyacks visited Langley for the second time in three weeks, but were unable to defeat the host Cowboys, falling by a score of 45-0. **Dylan Sharpe**, **Mackenzie Ratcliffe** and **Michael Cirillo** led the Hyacks on offense, while **Nolan Duncan**, **Enzo Gentile** and **Matthew Kipp** were the defensive leaders. Next up for the Hyacks are the North Surrey Cardinals, who visit Mercer Stadium on Friday night (6:30 pm kickoff).

Junior Bantam News & Notes

Despite a second-half surge, the junior bantams were not able to get on the board against the league-leading Coquitlam Raiders, falling 55-0 this past Sunday in Coquitlam. **Aaron Holloway** quarterbacked the offense, whose best progress on the day came on runs by **Harshdeep Bains**, **Nick Cutler** and **Ryan Rickaby** behind the blocking of **Greg Levkine** and **David Beaudoin**. Defensively, **Yahia Gamaa**, **John Chan** and **James Nicolas** stood out for the Hyacks, with **Eric Stonehouse** also registering a QB sack. The Hyacks close out the last two weeks of the season at home against North Surrey teams, starting with the Eagles this Friday night (8:15 pm kickoff).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Varsity:

Friday, October 24, 7:30 PM vs Notre Dame, Burnaby Lake Sports Complex
The Hyacks look to clinch a playoff spot on the road

Jr Varsity:

Thursday, October 23, 5:30 PM vs Earl Marriott HS, Mercer Stadium
The JVs look to clinch a playoff spot and improve to .500

Youth Football

Friday, Oct 24, 6:30 / 8:15 pm vs North Surrey, Mercer Stadium
The Hyack youth teams return home to take on North Surrey

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