



Hyacks Football Headlines

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High School News & Notes

HYACKS CLINCH PLAYOFF BERTH

The Hyacks picked up their 3rd straight win this past Friday, a 31-21 victory over Notre Dame at Burnaby Lake. As a result, New West clinched 2nd place in the Western Conference and a first round bye in the AAA playoffs.

The Hyacks scored first on a 17 yard run by **Nigel Eberding**, his first of 3 TDs on the night. Notre Dame fought back to take a 21-12 lead, before **Daniel English** returned the subsequent kickoff 81 yards for a major in the 2nd quarter and gave New West some much needed momentum.

In the 3rd quarter, Eberding gave the Hyacks the lead for good, making it 25-21, and then **Torsten Jaccard** rounded out the scoring with 7 yard strike to **Tyler Digby**. This was the 3rd straight game that the Hyacks were able to shutout their opponents in the 2nd half.

Blain Cawkell went over the 100 yard mark for the 7th time in 8 games with 136 yards, but for the first time this season he did not lead the Hyacks in rushing. That distinction went to Eberding, who finished with a career-high 159 yards. Cawkell did break the 1000 yard mark for the 2nd year in a row (currently at 1097). Defensively **Vivie Bojilov** finished with a game-high 9 tackles, while **Marko Susic** (pictured here) played a tremendous all-around game with 7 tackles, a sack, 2 tackles for loss and a fumble recovery.



The win improves the Hyacks record to 3-1 in league play (6-2 overall). They remain 4th in the provincial rankings. Since resurrecting the football program in 2003, the Hyacks have now reached the post-season for the 5th time in 6 years (3rd time in 4 years at the AAA level).

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

<http://www3.telus.net/a4a14494/Notre%20Dame%202008/index.htm>

HYACKS WRAP UP REGULAR SEASON ON HALLOWEEN

The Hyacks will travel to Carson Graham for a rare Friday afternoon contest against the Eagles. The game will not have any effect on the standings as the Hyacks are locked into 2nd place and the Eagles have been eliminated from the playoffs.

Despite their record, Carson has been very competitive against most of the teams in the Western Conference. They will be led by athletic QB Tyrell Longley, receiver Mike Nichol and DE/Rec Adam Zaruba. Last season the Hyacks turned in a convincing 41-20 win against the Eagles at Mercer Stadium.

On Thursday prior to the game, the Hyacks will have a Halloween Costume contest for all players. Prizes include tickets to a BC Lions playoff game. Friday following the game the team will head to Vera's Burgers for dinner as part of their participation in last week's Vera's Burger Bowl promotion against Notre Dame. They will return to Mercer Stadium following dinner at Vera's.

Junior Varsity News & Notes

JV'S FALL TO EARL MARRIOTT

The JV Hyacks came out firing in their game to visiting Earl Marriott. Big runs and a couple of touchdowns from returning full back **David Ramirez** let the Hyacks keep the game within reach. Strong catches by **Amit Bath** and **Damon McCulloch** kept Earl Marriott off balance but the Hyacks were never able to put them away. Special teams played solid with **Arron Staradub** making his presence felt on the field.

The Hyacks defense, had a few breakdowns did have some bright spots with some big plays coming from **Clay Alexson** who was relentless coming off the edge. His tenacity led to some big sacks and tackles for a loss in the contest. **Lucas London** and **Connor Brady** both played well with **Brandon Braich** coming in from the safety position for some big hits. The Hyacks fell to Earl Marriott 20-19. The team is 3-4 overall and 1-3 in league play. The JVs play host to Notre Dame this Thursday at 5:30 at Mercer in the final game of the regular season

Pee Wee News & Notes

The Hyacks hosted the North Surrey Cardinals on Friday night but could not get on the scoreboard, falling by a score of 44-0. **Matthew Kipp** displayed his intelligence and athleticism by filling a number of roles on offense due to injuries befalling his teammates, with **Dylan Sharpe** and **Mackenzie Ratcliffe** providing the bulk of offensive progress for the team. **Sequoyah Good**, **Enzo Gentile** and **Jonathan Tomalty** were the top defenders for the Orange & Black. The peewees close out the season with a post-Halloween Saturday morning game against the visiting Westside Warriors (10:00 am kickoff at Mercer Stadium).

Junior Bantam News & Notes

Despite several pounding runs and punishing tackles by **Harshdeep Bains**, the Hyacks could not prevail against the league-leading North Surrey Eagles on Friday night. **Aaron Holloway** led the offense, passing the ball several times to **Nicolas Cutler** and handing off to **Jonathan Cote**. On defense, **Ryan Rickaby**, **John Chan** and **James Nicolas** had strong performances. The Hyacks will look to end the season on a high note on Friday night against the visiting North Surrey Falcons (7:30 pm kickoff at Mercer Stadium).

HYACKS REMIND ALL SUPPORTERS TO VOTE

Saturday, Nov 15 is the day for municipal elections and there are a couple of Hyack Football parents that are running for City Council. Lorraine Brett and Susan Wandell have both been active volunteers with the football program and throughout New Westminster for many years. Regardless of who you vote for, it is important that we all get out and vote!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Varsity:

Friday, October 31, 2:00 PM at Carson Graham HS, North Vancouver
The Hyacks hope to fine tune their game for the playoffs

Jr Varsity:

Thursday, October 30, 5:30 PM vs Notre Dame, Mercer Stadium
The JVs look to clinch a playoff spot.

Youth Football

Jr Bantam:

Friday, Oct 31, 7:30 vs North Surrey

Pee Wee:

Sat, Nov 1, 11 am vs Westside

The Hyack youth teams wrap up their seasons at home

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