



# Hyacks Football Headlines

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## News & Notes

### FALL CAMP OFF AND RUNNING

The first week of fall camp is in the books and there is a lot to be encouraged about at both the Varsity and JV levels. The backfield trio of **Nigel Eberding**, **Brent Fletcher** and **Warren Reece** has been explosive and consistent. **Milthon Nevy** has also been impressive and is possibly the team's most improved player over the summer. **Torstan Jaccard** has done a tremendous job of executing the offense, and has been well protected by a solid offensive line led by **Matt Mussenden** and **Alex Saavedra**.

Defensively **Casey Chin** has picked up where he left off, after a provincial all-star season in 2008, while **Shiraz Chaudhary** has been all over the field. This is the final season for an outstanding senior class of 24 players. They have all been very enthusiastic and are showing the leadership necessary to be playing in December.



### SEASON STARTS THIS FRIDAY

The Varsity Hyacks will open the 2009 campaign this Friday night, as they make the short trip across the border to take on Blaine HS. The Borderites finished 7-5 last season and reached the quarter-finals of the Washington St AA playoffs before losing to the eventual state champions from Lynden. They will be led by QB Jordan McCarty, who is the younger brother of Edmonton Eskimos star RB, Calvin McCarty.

Game time is 7 pm. Blaine HS is located just across the Pacific Hwy Truck Crossing (first light past border). *Please note, Blaine HS will not be accepting Canadian currency at the stadium ticket booth. All Hyacks fans should bring US currency.*

### JV's SHOW BIG IMPROVEMENT

Perhaps the most encouraging development of fall camp has been the improvement of the JV team. Coach Oatway's squad has plenty of depth (47 registered players) and the attitude and energy is as good as he has seen at any level. **Regan Eberding** has looked sharp at QB, while **Serafino Gentile** has made big strides at that position. The offensive line has a number of battles brewing with the likes of **Harshi Bains**, **Harmon Virk** and **Jonathan He** and the 17 linemen battling for playing time in the trenches. **Austin Ma** and **Jeremy Wilson** have also stood out on offense.

Defensively **Connor Brady**, **Jordan Chin**, **Jonathan Lopez**, **Kevin Sabau** along with newcomers **Derek Stagner** and **Makoto Brennen** have stood out. Expect the JVs to return to the top form of the 2006 and 2007 seasons. The team will be having an intra-squad game on Thursday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm at Mercer and all parents and friends are invited to attend.

## YOUTH FOOTBALL UPDATE

The Hyacks youth football teams are primed for their best seasons ever, with the regular season due to begin on Sunday, September 6th. All of the teams have been battle-tested in pre-season tournaments and scrimmages, and have shown tremendous improvement - especially considering at the youngest levels all of the players and coaches are new to the sport.



This past weekend, the flag and atom teams played in the North Delta tournament, with the atom team tying for first-place against some tough competition. Frank Wang and Paul Roadilla were standouts for the atoms (8-and 9-year-olds), led by head coach Norm Stevens. The flag (5- to 7-year-olds) team has improved tremendously on both offense and defense, with Dante Bayliss and Armaan Sidhu developing into solid open-field runners under the direction of head coach Athena Dancey.

At the North Surrey Bronze Boot Tournament, the peewee and junior bantam teams had their best showings ever at this prestigious invitational tourney. Under the direction of head coaches Paul Bridges and Manvir Dosanjh, the peewee team progressed throughout the day and began to drive the ball against some tough teams led by the efforts of Josh Rogal and Sarban Sidhu. The junior bantams competed very well, jumping out to leads in several of their games but narrowly lost each of them, receiving many compliments from opposing coaches on their improved play compared to past years.. Julian Ochoa, Prabh Bal and James Nicolas accounted for the Hyacks scores on the day.

Having more than doubled in size since the previous season, the Hyacks are poised to make some noise in their league play and hopefully into the playoffs. The players, parents and coaches appreciate all of your support this season.

## COME OUT FOR A SPARKLE AND SHINE

On Sunday, September 6th, between 9:00 and 5:00 the Royal City Hyacks Football Club will be hosting a Car Wash and Bottle Drive at the Esso Station (at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>). If your car is in need of a wash or you need to clean out the bottles/cans from your garage, come on down and show your support. No need to sort the recycling, just throw them in a box or bag and we'll take care of the rest. Don't forget to pass this along to your friends and family.

Any Senior Varsity Player needing Volunteer hours please contact Lianne Gentile at [lcows@shaw.ca](mailto:lcows@shaw.ca) or Shelly Clayton at [shelley\\_clayton@telus.net](mailto:shelley_clayton@telus.net). We will be able to assist you in achieving those goals.

We have also set up a fundraising account at the **Rocky Mountain Return Centre** in New Westminster (located at 131-11<sup>th</sup> Street & Aukland). We hope you and your friends will make the effort to visit the bottle depot to support our football program by collecting all of your recyclable bottles and cans (or anyone else's for that matter) and bringing them in. Just give our : "**Hyack Football**" when you drop them off and they do the rest. They are open Sunday to Friday.

## KICKOFF PEP RALLY

The first annual Hyack Football Pep Rally presented by Kins Farm Market will be held on Saturday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm at Royal City Center Mall. The event will be hosted by New Westminster's own Belle Puri of CBC Vancouver. The event kicks off with a pancake and continental breakfast and courtesy of White Spot and Cobbs Bread. There will also be a Kids Corner with games, contests and balloons along with a live band. The proceeds will benefit the Royal City Hyacks Youth Football Club, with a percentage going Holbrook Shelter, thanks to VanCity.

## TAILGATE AUCTION LOOKING FOR ITEMS & GUESTS

The sixth annual Hyack Football Tailgate Auction will be held on Saturday, September 26th at the Justice Institute of BC. This has been a very entertaining and successful event in past years and is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the football program. We are looking for any potential auction items you or your associates might be willing to donate, please contact: [hyacksauction@shaw.ca](mailto:hyacksauction@shaw.ca). Please join us for a great night of fun, friendship and entertainment. Tickets are \$50 each. For ticket information please contact Marilyn at: [mdavis@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:mdavis@sd40.bc.ca).

## HYACK FOOTBALL HAIRCUT DAY

The first Hyack Football Haircut Day on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, was a big success. Dozens of players and supporters, along with their friends and families got haircuts at Zahra's Ultimate Hair Design at 446 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Half of the proceeds went to the youth football program. There was also barbeque concession on site. Special thanks to Zahra and her staff, along with our team of Hyack moms: Zandra, Candace, Lianne and Shelly, for making this a unique and fun day for all

## HOMECOMING SEPT 25<sup>th</sup>

All Hyack Football Alumni please mark your calendars. This year's Homecoming game will take place on Friday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> when the Hyacks take on Kelowna at Mercer Stadium. Homecoming festivities will begin at 6 pm with the varsity game kicking off at 7:30. This year the JV's will also be playing in a prelim game at 4:30. The Parachutists will also be back to deliver the game ball. All grads should RSVP to Shelly at [spittlers@shaw.ca](mailto:spittlers@shaw.ca)



## HYACK FOOTBALL SOUVENIRS and SEASON PASSES

The first response to the new Hyack Football souvenirs was outstanding. If you are interested in showing off your colors, you can buy hoodies, golf shirts, hats and much more at any youth or varsity home game. You can also find them at Prime Time Sports at Royal City Center Mall or by contacting Marilyn Davis at [mdavis@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:mdavis@sd40.bc.ca)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 – 9 pm: Final day of fall camp. JV intra-squad game.**

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm: VARSITY SEASON OPENER at Blaine HS (WA)**

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 1 pm: Kin's/Hyack Football Breakfast, Royal City Center Mall**

**Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm: Tailgate Auction/Night of Entertainment, Justice Institute of BC**

### YOUTH

**Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, 9-5 pm: RCHFC Car Wash and Bottle Drive, Esso (8<sup>th</sup> Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> St)**

**Sep 6 9:00 AM Cloverdale Cheetahs - Cloverdale Athletic Park FLAG**

**Sep 6 9:00 AM Burnaby Lions - Ryall Park ATOM**

**Sep 6 12:15 PM Cloverdale Lynx - Ryall Park PEEWEE ORANGE**

**Sep 6 10:30 AM Burnaby Lions - Ryall Park PEEWEE BLACK**

**Sep 6 11:30 AM Cloverdale Cougars - Cloverdale Athletic Park JB ORANGE**

**Sep 6 2:00 PM Burnaby Lions - Ryall Park JB BLACK**

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