



Hyacks Football Headlines

Wednesday, September 9, 2008

High School News & Notes

HYACKS DOMINATE SEASON OPENER

It didn't take long for the Hyacks offense to get going this season as they scored on their first two offensive plays, en route to a 56-7 win over Pinetree. **Blain Cawkell** rushed for 105 yards and 2 TDs on just 5 carries. Every player saw action as the Hyacks used 11 different ball carriers and rushed for 421 yards and 8 TDs. **Brent Fletcher** also scored twice on his first two carries, while **Enoch Osei**, **Aaron Purdey**, **Torsten Jaccard** and **Milton Nevy** each scored once.

Defensively the Hyacks starting unit didn't allow a first down in just over one quarter of action.

Casey Chin recorded 5 tackles including 2 for loss in limited playing time. **Gurdas Panesar** took advantage of the added playing time with 5 tackles of his own including a QB sack. **Shiraz Chaudhary** got the defense going with an interception on Pinetree's first possession.



A crowd of over 500 was on hand for the game and they were treated to a beautiful night, a halftime concert and a solid performance by the home team. Special thanks to Ed King, Eugene Wandell, Sheryle Taylor, Glen Henderson, Peter Battistin, Mary Feldhaus-Lalji and many others, for their hard work in helping to kickoff the season with a bang.

For a complete look at the outstanding photo album courtesy of Alan Wardle, log onto <http://www3.telus.net/Hyacks/images/Pinetree%202008/index.htm>

HYACKS TRAVEL TO OREGON THIS WEEKEND

The Hyacks will take on Toledo HS this Friday night in Oregon. Toledo will provide a tough test as they were a 3A playoff team a year ago. The town is located 7 miles east of Newport on the central Oregon Coast. Following the game the Hyack team will spend the night in Newport before taking in the Oregon State vs Hawaii college football game. It promises to be a great experience.

Players must be at Mercer Stadium at 6:40 am as the bus departs at 7 am sharp. We will be returning to Mercer Stadium Saturday evening around midnight. Coach Lalji will be sending out a complete itinerary with contact info before we depart on Friday

Junior Varsity News & Notes

JV HOME OPENER THIS THURSDAY:

The JVs turned in a strong performance in their season opening game last Thursday against Terry Fox HS, in a 28-14 loss. The Hyacks took a 6-0 lead on a pass from **Regan Eberding** to **David Ramirez**. The game was tied 6-6 at halftime and in the second half, **Connor Brady** returned a blocked punt 50 yards for a TD to make the score 21-14.

Offensive linemen **Jamie Wandell**, **Nick Adomat** and **Devin Clayton** had solid games as did linebacker **Damon McCulloch**. The Ravens are the two-time defending provincial champion, so the result bodes well for a Hyack team looking to gain experience and improve over the course of the season. Next up will be the Handsworth Royals in the first home game of the season for the Hyacks. Kickoff is this Thursday at 5:30 pm at Mercer Stadium.

Peewee News & Notes

The Hyacks visited the White Rock South Surrey Titans on a sunny Sunday afternoon, unfortunately losing 32-0. Standouts on offense were Mackenzie Ratcliffe, Dylan Sharpe and Eric Phillips. Defensively, the Hyacks were led by Prem Hoonjan, Nolan Duncan and Sequoyah Good. Enzo Gentile boomed some big punts on special teams, pushing the Titans back after several stalled drives. After several weeks of improvement on both side of the ball, the peewees will now be looking for their first win of the season on Friday night when they host the Vancouver Trojans (6:30 pm kickoff at Mercer Stadium).

Junior Bantam News & Notes

Despite a 228-yard rushing performance by Harshdeep Bains, the Hyacks could not defeat the White Rock South Surrey Titans, falling by a 40-22 score. Bains rumbled for several long runs, including a 54 yard touchdown right through the heart of the Titans defense. Nick Cutler and Stefan Cirillo also chewed up serious yardage on the ground, but unfortunately three drives stalled in the red zone despite the best efforts of QB James Nicolas. Defensively, Darren Gill once again proved to be a tenacious tackler in the open field, with Ryan Rickaby, John Chan and Tommy Robertson also providing solid performances on that side of the ball. The Hyacks will look to be gracious but victorious hosts on Friday night to the Vancouver Trojans (8:15 pm kickoff at Mercer Stadium).

HYACKS HAPPENINGS

HOMECOMING NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

The 4th annual Homecoming game will take place next Friday, Sept 19th at Mercer Stadium against the South Delta Sun Devils. Another crowd of 1500+ is expected to be on hand including plenty of Hyack grads from all eras. As always, the game will feature a half-time and post-game concert, frisbee contest, prizes and much more. The Homecoming reception for alumni starts at 6:00 pm while the game kicks off at 7:30 pm.

New West has won the first three homecoming games by a combined score of 122-7, but the Sun Devils will provide a much stronger match up than the Hyacks three Homecoming opponents. Last season the Sun Devils reached the AA provincial championship game and are expected to contend for the title again this year. The two teams will also be playing for the coveted Kushnir Boot, named in honor of Bill Kushnir, the man who founded both programs. Since resurrecting "the Boot" rivalry in 2005 each team has won the game once, with the Boot currently in the Sun Devils possession.

FOOTBALL 101 FOR LADIES THIS WEEKEND

The highly popular Football 101 program is back again, this Saturday, Sept 13th from 3-6 pm at Pearson Gym. For ladies only, this fun-filled event offers the opportunity to get hands on instruction from the Hyack coaching staff. You'll learn to out-throw and out-catch the men in your life, figure out all of the rules and see how you look in a pair of shoulder pads and helmet! There will also be refreshments and prizes. Don't miss the laughs! Football 101 for Ladies – Hyack style. For more information please contact Linda Linclon at 604-517-6220 or lilincoln@sd40.bc.ca

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. For more info please contact: Shelly Spittler at spittlers@shaw.ca

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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 11, 5:30 PM vs Handsworth (Mercer Stadium)

After a good effort against the two-time defending provincial champions, the Hyacks look for their first win of the season at home.

Youth Football

Friday, Sept 12, 6:30/8:15 PM Mercer Stadium

The peewee and junior bantam teams host the Vancouver Trojans. Peewees start at 6:30 PM, with the junior bantam game following at 8:15 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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