



The Timeout

Contact Division



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Week 8 - 1st of PLAYOFFS!!!!

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CONTACT DIVISION STANDINGS

Bantam				Junior				Intermediate				JV				Advanced				Senior			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Lions	7	0	0	Raiders	7	0	0	Patriots	6	1	0	Vikings	5	2	0	Texans	7	0	0	Chargers	7	0	0
Chiefs	5	2	0	Dolphins	3	4	0	Colts	6	1	0	Bills	4	3	0	Packers	5	2	0	49ers	5	2	0
Jets	2	5	0	Eagles	2	5	0	Broncos	1	6	0	Jaguars	4	3	0	Cardinals	2	5	0	Cowboys	2	5	0
Bears	0	7	0	Ravens	2	5	0	Panthers	1	6	0	Falcons	1	6	0	Saints	0	7	0	Steelers	0	7	0

RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK

Lions 6, Jets 0 Chiefs 30, Bears 6	Raiders 38, Eagles 20 Dolphins 25, Ravens 7	Patriots 32, Panthers 6 Colts 14, Broncos 0	Jaguars 20, Bills 12 Vikings 18, Falcons 12	Packers 26, Saints 0 Texans 30, Cardinals 12	Chargers 2, Cowboys 6 49ers 34, Steelers 0
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Time	Field 1 Home - Visitor	Field 2 Home - Visitor	Field 3 Home - Visitor
9:00 a.m.	#1 Patriots vs #4 Broncos (INT)	#2 Colts vs #3 Panthers (INT)	#2 Chiefs vs #3 Jets (BA)
11:00 a.m.	#1 Bills vs #4 Falcons (JV)	#2 Vikings vs #3 Jaguars (JV)	#2 Dolphins vs #3 Eagles (JR)
1:00 p.m.	#1 Texans vs #4 Saints (ADV)	#2 Packers vs #3 Cardinals (ADV)	#1 Raiders vs #4 Ravens (JR)
3:00 p.m.	#1 Chargers vs #4 Steelers (SEN)	#2 49ers vs #3 Cowboys (SEN)	#1 Lions vs #4 Bears (BA)

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2011 PJFL Contact Division Game Schedule

Date Time	Field One Home - Visitor	Field Two Home - Visitor	Field Three Home - Visitor
Sept 10 th			
9:00 AM	49ers vs Cowboys	Chargers vs Steelers	Raiders vs Ravens
11:00 AM	Broncos vs Colts	Patriots vs Panthers	Bears vs Jets
1:00 PM	Vikings vs Bills	Jaguars vs Falcons	Dolphins vs Eagles
3:00 PM	Texans vs Saints	Packers vs Cardinals	Chiefs vs Lions
Sept 17 th			
9:00 AM	Texans vs Packers	Cardinals vs Saints	Chiefs vs. Bears
11:00 AM	Cowboys vs Chargers	Steelers vs 49ers	Lions vs Jets
1:00 PM	Colts vs Patriots	Panthers vs Broncos	Dolphins vs Raiders
3:00 PM	Falcons vs Vikings	Bills vs Jaguars	Eagles vs Ravens
Sept 24 th			
9:00 AM	Vikings vs Jaguars	Falcons vs Bills	Lions vs Bears
11:00 AM	Cardinals vs Texans	Saints vs Packers	Ravens vs Dolphins
1:00 PM	Cowboys vs Steelers	49ers vs Chargers	Raiders vs Eagles
3:00 PM	Panthers vs Colts	Broncos vs Patriots	Chiefs vs Jets
Oct 1 st			
9:00 AM	Panthers vs Patriots	Colts vs Broncos	Jets vs Bears
11:00 AM	Falcons vs Jaguars	Bills vs Vikings	Ravens vs Raiders
1:00 PM	Cardinals vs Packers	Saints vs Texans	Eagles vs Dolphins
3:00 PM	Steelers vs Chargers	Cowboys vs 49ers	Lions vs Chiefs
Oct 8 th			
9:00 AM	49ers vs Steelers	Chargers vs Cowboys	Jets vs Lions
11:00 AM	Broncos vs Panthers	Patriots vs Colts	Raiders vs Dolphins
1:00 PM	Jaguars vs Bills	Vikings vs Falcons	Ravens vs Eagles
3:00 PM	Saints vs Cardinals	Packers vs Texans	Bears vs Chiefs
Oct 15 th			
9:00 AM	Packers vs Saints	Texans vs Cardinals	Lions vs Bears
11:00 AM	Chargers vs 49ers	Steelers vs Cowboys	Eagles vs Raiders
1:00 PM	Patriots vs Broncos	Colts vs Panthers	Dolphins vs Ravens
3:00 PM	Bills vs Falcons	Jaguars vs Vikings	Jets vs Chiefs
Oct 22 nd			
9:00 AM	1st place vs 3rd place (JV)	2nd place vs 4th place (JV)	2nd place vs 4th place (BA)
11:00 AM	1st place vs 3rd place (ADV)	2nd place vs 4th place (ADV)	2nd place vs 4th place (JR)
1:00 PM	1st place vs 3rd place (SEN)	2nd place vs 4th place (SEN)	1st place vs 3rd place (JR)
3:00 PM	1st place vs 3rd place (INT)	2nd place vs 4th place (INT)	1st place vs 3rd place (BA)
Oct 29 th			
9:00 AM	1st place vs 4th place (INT)	2nd place vs 3rd place (INT)	2nd place vs 3rd place (BA)
11:00 AM	1st place vs 4th place (JV)	2nd place vs 3rd place (JV)	2nd place vs 3rd place (JR)
1:00 PM	1st place vs 4th place (ADV)	2nd place vs 3rd place (ADV)	1st place vs 4th place (JR)
3:00 PM	1st place vs 4th place (SEN)	2nd place vs 3rd place (SEN)	1st place vs 4th place (BA)
Nov 5 th			
9:00 AM	W fd #1 vs W fd #2 (INT)*1	L fd #2 vs L fd#1 (INT)*1	L vs L (JR)*1
11:00 AM	W fd #1 vs W fd #2 (JV)*1	L fd #2 vs L fd#1 (JV)*1	L vs L (BA)*1
1:00 PM	W fd #1 vs W fd #2 (ADV)*1	L fd #2 vs L fd#1 (ADV)*1	W vs W (JR)*1
3:00 PM	W fd #1 vs W fd #2 (SEN)*1	L fd #2 vs L fd#1 (SEN)*1	W vs W (BA)*1
Nov 12 th			
TBA	All-Stars	All-Stars	All-Stars

The Timeout – Bantam Division



Jets Come Up Just Short Again v Lions

By Chris Fischer

The Jets faced the Lions for the 3rd time this season, and for the 3rd time the Jets came up just short 6-0. Every one of the 3 games has been close, but this one was the closest. It was a defensive battle, with the Lions scoring the only touchdown early in the first quarter. That touchdown proved to be the game winner. But a couple of plays that didn't go the Jets way proved to be just as pivotal. The first play was late in the 1st half; the other late in the 2nd.

Both teams started the game by turning the ball over on downs. The Lions busted through for a long TD run. The teams once again both turned the ball over on downs with the score 6-0 late in the 1st half. Then the Jets moved the ball from mid-field inside the Lions' 5-yard line and the Jets QB Armendariz rolled left looking to run and possibly pass. But he was hit just as it he was trying to get rid of the ball. The officials ruled it a fumble with the Lions recovering. The Jets went into halftime wondering what could have been had it been ruled an incomplete pass.

The 2nd half was more of the same with both teams turning the ball over on downs. Midway through the 4th quarter, with the ball on the 40-yard line, Armendariz came through with an electrifying TD run. But a block-in-the-back penalty negated the game-tying score.

The Jets refused to stop though. The long drive continued with Jets inside the Lions' 20. The Lions stopped the Jets on the final play of the game with ball on the 18-yard line. That final drive had lasted almost the entire 4th quarter. But just as the end of 1st half, the Jets came up just short.

The effort put forth by the Jets was awe inspiring. The defense was super all day. It was a total team effort as D-lineman Luke Smith, Cory Fischer and Tony Schillaci were disruptive all day. The defensive star was LB-DB Caleb Oden but Armendariz, Jackson, William McKeon, and Kampbell Sakalosky all made big defensive plays.

The offensive line was also effective throughout the game. Center-Dakodah Hazen, along with tackles Ika Toutai and Estelina Kovacs helped pave the way for the Jets' sustained running game.

The Jets 2-5 record is not indicative of this teams' performance throughout the season. Every loss has been a close game, with the Jets having a chance to win each of those games in the 4th quarter.

Jets
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Lions

By Derick Lynch

The Lions were once again up against the scrappy third place Jets, to open up the first playoff game of the season. The Jets wasted no time weaving in and out of the Lions' defense on the opening kickoff, for a big gain, before being stopped by Justin Lynch #34 close to the goal line.

Lions
6

The Lions responded by stopping the Jets on four straight downs to get the ball back. The Lions tried to kick start their offense, with the leadership of quarterback Hudson Skerl #12, strong blocking from the offensive line, and big runs by Lynch and Malachi Ward #16, with Ward ripping off a 70-yard touchdown run to get the Lions on the score board toward the end of the 1st quarter. To the Jets' credit, they did not back down. They were determined to hand the undefeated Lions their first loss. Both teams fought tooth and nail, quarter after quarter, scratching for yards on offense, while making big stops on defense. It was evident that this was a playoff game.

Midway through the 4th quarter, the Lions attempted to make one final drive toward the goal line, to secure the victory. The Jets were not having it, stopping the Lions on 4th down, giving themselves a chance to score with minutes left in the game, to pull the upset. As the Jets slowly drove the ball down field, inching closer to their goal line, with precious seconds ticking off the clock, the bantam Lions showed why they are unbeaten thus far this season. When it counted most, the Lions rallied together as a team, making one big play after another, stopping the Jets in their tracks, to end the game and secure their seventh straight victory of the season.

This was not a pretty victory for the Lions, but it was a victory nonetheless. In light of all that took place on this day, what was most impressive, was the collaborative play of Ward #16, Gavin Talbot #18, Jackson Ogolin #21, Za Darion "Peanut" Nardi #24, Zac Colletti #25, Skerl #12, Lynch #34, Nicholas Walsh #44, Tanner Hill #81, and the return of key players, John "John John" Serrano #71 and Logan Wright #88. From day one, the Lions started as a team, and with two games remaining, will finish as a team. That's just how we roll!!



Chiefs

By

No article submitted.



Chiefs
30



Bears Never Give Up

By Cathy Szukalski Storjohann

The theme for this week's Bear game was "Never give up ...Never!!" And the team did just that in the first playoff game on Saturday morning against the Chiefs. Unfortunately, the result was a 30 to 6 loss.

Bears
6

Following the coaches relentless chants of "just hit someone", the boys put together some impressive defensive team tackles. Both Blake Buckley #40 & Nate Perkins #14, as well as Peter Storjohann #40 and Xavier Gray #4 worked together on tackles and did the coaches proud! Another great defensive play came when Hunter Eagle Spirit #51 surged the Chief's quarterback on one of their 4th down attempts to stop the potential conversion.

The shining spark on offense came late in the game when Peter Storjohann broke free from an ankle hold and ran 40 yards for his 1st touchdown of the season. The play was a terrific team effort with great blocks from the remaining offensive team. Parent, coaches and players ran down the sideline to cheer him on!!

A special thanks this week to all the parents, grandparents, family and friends for their continuous cheering throughout the season!



The Timeout – Junior Division



Eagles' Offense Explodes

By C. Anderson & A. Reddy

The playoffs are here, and the Eagles had their best game of the season. Even though they lost the game 33-20, it was a fantastic effort. The Eagles offense has been waiting all season to explode and this week they made it happen against a very good Raiders team. It all started with the great blocking by the offensive line, ability to move the ball by the running backs and smart decisions by their quarterback Jared Amigh. The Eagles were determined to come out strong against these unbeaten Raiders, and they never let up the intensity throughout the game.

The effort made by the team resulted in the Eagles highest scoring game this season! Despite trailing the Raiders very quickly into the game, the Eagles scored their first TD thanks to Jared Amigh. This got the team synergy going. And, even though the Raiders came back with a couple of quick scores, they scored their second touchdown behind RJ Ruckteshler. But, it was his second touchdown that really fired up the Eagles. It was a sensational 70-yard run by RJ Ruckteshler who first ran left, evaded several Raiders and then smartly cut right all the way for the touchdown!

The Eagles were down by only one touchdown at this point, and everyone was energized about their next offensive possession to tie the game. Unfortunately, the Raiders scored again quickly before the time ran out to end the game.

The Raiders are undoubtedly a good team with a talented running back but the Eagles are very proud of their efforts. The offense was spectacular and the defense did a great job at containing the Raiders and stopping them from advancing the ball. The coaches have been exhorting the Eagles to never give up, and they fought the Raiders as hard as they could. It was a superb performance by the Eagles despite ending with a loss. They are very excited about their upcoming encounter with the Dolphins. If this game is an indication, the Eagles will be ready for them. Go Eagles!

Special mention to Diego Simmons for motivating and firing up his teammates on the field and the sidelines. Thanks to all the cheering parents on the sidelines.

**Eagles
20**



Raiders

By Sheryl Buscheck

The Raiders opened the playoffs versus the Eagles on a warm Indian summer day. The game turned out to be a shootout with the Raiders prevailing 38-20 behind a strong running game and solid defense.

The Eagles received the opening kickoff, and following a sack by defensive lineman Gavin Bergman and linebacker JP Kinsella on the first play, the Eagles turned the ball over on downs. On the Raiders second offensive play, AJ Schabbing broke a run up the middle for a 51-yard TD. Niko Mollot then intercepted a pass, and the offense was back on the field. Behind great blocking from the entire line (Max Smith, Andrew Vincent, Sergio Salgado, Rally Truro-Allee, and Anthony Ellis), the offense set out on a 7-play 60-yard drive capped by a 16-yard TD run by Schabbing. Eric Morales passed to Matt Bevan for the extra point, and the Raiders led 13-0.

Following the Raiders' kickoff, the Eagles' offense came out fired up. Despite stout, aggressive Raiders' defense, the Eagles drove down the field and scored a TD on a 1-yard run and cut the lead to 13-6. Following the Eagles' kickoff, coach Adam Quay, doing a great job filling in for Coach Kaufman, called a series of plays for the 1-2 combo of Schabbing and Nehemiah Kaufman, and on the 5th play, Kaufman broke free around the left side and sprinted for a 45-yard TD. The half ended with the Raiders leading 19-6.

The Raiders opened the second half with another explosive drive, led by a 49-yard touchdown run by Kaufman. The extra point run by Morales led to a 26-6 lead. Despite being down, the Eagles continued to play energized football. Late in the 3rd quarter, they set out on a successful 53-yard, 9-play drive to cut the lead to 26-13.

The game then moved into the 4th quarter, and the shootout kept going. Two plays after the Eagles' touchdown, Schabbing broke loose around the left side and scampered 66 yards to extend the Raiders' lead to 32-13. On the first play following the kickoff, the Eagles' running back broke loose on the left side for a 68-yard touchdown run. The extra point was good, and the score was 32-20.

The Eagles then attempted an onside kick with a little over 3 minutes left, but the Raiders recovered. After a few runs to eat up the clock, Kaufman broke free around the right side for a 26 yard TD run, making the final score 38-20.

It was a great start to the playoffs for the Raiders who played spirited and physical football. Behind a great blocking effort, the offense was led by the running of AJ Schabbing (9 rushes, 159 yards, 3 TDs), Nehemiah Kaufman (14 rushes, 155 yards, 3 TDs) and quarterback play of Eric Morales (1-1 passing, and 13 yards rushing). On defense, Justin Sherrod had 8 tackles, and Kyle Ecker and Nico Mollat both had 6 tackles. Congratulations to the entire Raiders team and coaching staff!

**Raiders
38**



Dolphins' Redemption!

By Rhonda Haggerty

The Dolphins sought redemption Saturday against the Ravens, who had beat them in two out of two matches this season by a mere touchdown each time, the only score in each of those games. And they came out hitting on all cylinders on Saturday with big plays on Offense, Defense and Special Teams.

After the kickoff, the defense took the field and held the Ravens to a quick 4 and out. The offense took over on downs and ground out an 8-play, 59-yard drive with QB James Kroll handing off to Dylan Kolon and Peter Montini behind a hard hitting offensive line, consisting of Danny Serrano, Julian Koste, Joshua Gonzales, Sean Houlihan, Joshua Anderson, with Cameron Faris, and Scott Johnson on the ends. The drive was capped off by a 43-yard run by Montini for the first touchdown!

The Dolphin's D continued to stifle the Ravens' offense and Tanner Treto picked up a fumble recovery for a quick turnover. With momentum on their side the offense scored again on a 4-play, 39-yard drive. The Dolphins' defense held the

Ravens again to 4 and out led by solid play from its frontline Max Martinez, Ethan Keller, Ruairi Dwyer, Elijah Bouchard, Tanner Treto and Ethan Barnard, backed by tenacious pursuit from Colby Gibbons, Jack Kroll, Joey Rund, Tyler Rocha, Will Zundel and Tyler Thomsen.

In the 2nd quarter, the offense again drove down the field with a 7-play, 56-yard scoring drive putting the Dolphins up 19 to 0. After half time, the Dolphins' Cameron Faris received the kickoff and returned it for a thrilling 86-yard touchdown that put the Dolphins up 25 to 0!

The defense continued to hold the Ravens to short gains until they broke a quick hitting run up the middle for a 78-yard touchdown. But that was all the Dolphins allowed the Ravens. The Offense chewed up the clock and the Dolphins' D proved to be too much for the Ravens. Final Score for the game was Dolphins 25, Ravens 7.

**Dolphins
25**



Ravens

By

No article submitted.

**Ravens
7**

The Timeout – Intermediate Division



Panthers Lose in the 1st Round of Playoffs

By Jeff Bergmann

Fortunately, the first game of the play offs does not count toward the final play-off game and league championship. However, despite losing 32 to 6, the Panthers did show some offensive prowess. The Panthers gained 147 yards on the ground rushing and another 18 yards passing. Break out performances were attributable to Caden Jarvis with 15 touches and 96 yards rushing and Chaye Cliff with an 18-yard reception and a critical first down that lead to our only score in the third quarter.

If you watched the first three plays of the game and walked away, you would be amazed to find out the Panthers lost the game. After receiving the kick-off, the Patriots settled in on their own 35-yard line. The Panthers not only stopped the powerful Patriot rushing game, they drove them back to the Patriot 25-yard line. However, with 3rd and 21 the Patriots broke away to the Panther 44-yard line for a first down and soon their first of five touch downs.

Down 8 to 0 in the first quarter, the Panthers came out of the gates in the second quarter like a shot-gun start at the Indy 500. Caden Jarvis broke out for a 29-yard run on the first play of the second quarter behind the powerful line of Drake Wilbur, Ramsey Yost, Griffen Sanchez, Matthew Sugden and Zack Ridenour. Unfortunately, we were not able to capitalize on the momentum and the first half ended down 20 to nothing.

The third quarter was dominated by Panther football. We scored 6 points and kept the Patriots out of the end zone. But, that did not last long as the fourth quarter belonged to the Patriots. Despite giving up 32 points, the defense played another strong game. Evan Meany was in on at least 5 tackles and Trevor Bergmann helped block 3 PAT's. There were so many gang tackles by the Panthers, I could not accurately identify all the plays that contributed.

Panthers
6



Patriots

By

No article submitted.

Patriots
32



Broncos Keep Knocking on the Door

By

No article submitted.



Broncos
0



Colts Rein In Potent Broncos

By Dan Doxey

Saturday's Colts vs. Broncos contest was replete with defensive highlights, and a handful of great offensive plays that earned the Colts a 14-0 win. The Colts felt fortunate to get the win. The Broncos are a very good team—they know how to hit and pursue the ball, and could be seen helping Colts get up after plays.

Colts
14

The first half ended with a 7-0 score in favor of the Colts. The Colts' D-line (#77 Zeising, #64 Harmer, #44 Hummel, #58 James Ennis and #47 Mazotti) stuffed runs up the middle, constantly pressuring the Broncos QB and making key stops. Amazing defensive plays were made by #4 Perkins and #25 Smith—seldom allowing passes over the middle. When the Broncos did break free, #42 Jackson, #41 Samuli, #9 Kiser and #24 Rogers were there to halt drives. Practicing how to interrupt passes paid off as Colts DBs (#31 Skipper, #25 Smith, #38 Edwards) stifled key pass plays that would have kept Bronco drives alive. #38 Edwards and #31 Skipper hit receivers very hard and also intercepted a passes, killing Bronco drives.

In the second half, the Colts offense came out and were "smashing it" right down the middle. The O-line was working like bulldozers (#53 J. Doxey, #62 Miller, #67 Jacob Ennis, #70 Domagas, #71 McCreary), firing off the ball and giving Colt RBs just enough time to get by for additional yards.

This aggressive blocking allowed the Colts trusty stable of backs (#21 Skerl, #29 Kline, #34 Burke) to go to work and rip off runs at about 7-10 yards a pop. #29 Kline was especially effective in this game, pumping his feet after every hit, and carrying players for extra yards. He is speedy, patient and always puts in a 2nd, 3rd and 4th effort. #34 Burke and #21 Skerl got some key first downs to keep drives alive. The WRs #81 N. Doxey, #87 Musante and #24 Rogers certainly helped the RBs get about 5 more yards on each play because their down field blocking was so good. #12 AJ Duval found two new sure handed targets in TE #88 Schmierer and #42 Jackson. Both of these young men caught 20 yard passes for first downs.

It was a TEAM victory!

The Timeout – JV Division



Determined Jaguars Defeat Bills

By Mark Lebish

The first round of the play-offs began with the Jaguars taking on a very tough Bills squad, one who had defeated them soundly only a couple of weeks earlier.

The Bills received the ball first and the Jaguars' motivated defense, led by Jake Massie, Dylan Biasatti, Zachary Schaeffer, Jonathan French, and Adam Lebish stopped them until fourth down when the Bills' runner took a corner route, eluded the Jags' corners and took off into the end zone to give the Bills the first lead (after the missed conversion) of 6-0.

The Jags got the ball back, and, unlike the previous game against them, where yards were tough to attain, the offensive line (Addison Gilliland, Trevor Bantley, Jordan Mitchell, Bailey Allen, and Willy Terry) pulled together, and Nick Allen led the team on a fast and furious march down the field. After a couple of keepers by Allen, some nice runs by Jason Severance, and a nice pass and run by Nate McNeely, the Jags scored on a nifty 25-yard pass from Allen to Danilo Denardi. The conversion was good and the score was 7-6 Jags as the first quarter ended.

The second quarter began with the Jags' defense making an impressive goal line stand to prevent the Bills from scoring. The Jags got the ball back, but as they were trying to get away from their goal line, they fumbled and the Bills soon scored on a

perfect pass over the middle. The Bills missed the conversion again but they had the lead at 12-7. The Jags got the ball next and in five plays, moved down the entire length of the field. From the 3-yard line, Allen took it in on a QB keeper and although the conversion was missed, the Jags re-took the lead at 13-12 at the half.

The Jags got the ball to start the third quarter and it did not take too long to score. On the first play from scrimmage, Severance took the ball and raced relatively untouched into the end zone for an 88-yard score!!! Allen made the conversion and the score was now 20-12 Jags.

The Bills tried to come back with a quick pass play, but the ball was intercepted by Denardi, and the Jags got the ball. The Jags got a couple of first downs but could not score. The Bills got the ball back, but the defense was totally into the game at this point and they were not going to give up any more scores occur against them.

The fourth quarter was all about the Jags as they basically ran the ball, burned all the time off of the clock with timely first downs and denied the Bills. The game ended 20-12 Jags, gaining a victory in the first round of the play-offs. Best of luck to the Jags as they head into the second round.

**Jaguars
20**



Bills

By

No article submitted.



**Bills
12**



Vikings Shuffle Lineup, Win 4th in a Row

By Darren Funkhouser

The Vikings shook things up a bit this week against the Falcons by giving several players the opportunity to play new positions. The players responded by playing hard for four quarters and earning an 18-12 victory in the first week of the playoffs.

The Vikings took the opening kick-off and moved the ball downfield with strong running and good blocking by the offensive line, including Adam Newman, Chris Thompson, Tyler Sinclair, Zack Mickels and David White, before turning the ball over on downs just short of the end zone.

On the ensuing drive, the Falcons burned the entire first quarter clock before scoring as time expired.

Trailing 6-0 at halftime, the Vikings' defense pinned the Falcons deep in their own territory and, after a short punt, took advantage of the great field position to even up the score. The offense moved the ball to the Falcons' goal line and, on 4th and goal, Robbie Funkhouser was able to get the ball just over the goal line to tie the game at 6-6.

The Vikings took the lead on the first play of the fourth quarter when Zack Mickels took the hand-off and bulled his way into the end zone for his first score of the season.

The Vikings' defense then took over, led by some nice tackles by Eric Wilkman, and held the Falcons scoreless for most of the second half. The defense also helped to put the game away when Roman Sahagun jumped a route to intercept a pass and return it inside the Falcons 5-yard line. From there, Chris Thompson took the ball off the right side of the line to score the Vikings' third touchdown of the day and extend the lead to 18-6.

To their credit, the Falcons never gave up and scored on the final offensive play of the game to pull within a touchdown, but ultimately ran out of time as the Vikings celebrated their fourth consecutive victory.

The Vikings are red hot and looking forward to their semi-final playoff match-up against the Jaguars next week!

**Vikings
18**



Falcons – Opportunities Slipped Away

By Byoms

The Vikings started their opening possession at midfield and moved the ball to the Falcons' 10-yard line. However, the D held the Vikings out of the end zone with strong tackles by Patrick Mackle, Justin Clark and Pete Kenny. The Falcons took possession deep in their own territory and moved down the field with strong runs and good blocking by the entire O line. At the completion of Q1, the Falcons still had the ball and the score was 0-0.

It didn't take the Falcons long to score in Q2 as Justin Clark scored on a 30-yard run, which put the Falcons ahead 6-0. Strong blocking by Eli Hoban, Jared Vandiver, Blake McDonald and Zach Zeising allowed this to happen.

The Vikings took possession and produced a couple first downs but were ultimately stopped at midfield when a 4th down half back option failed, thanks to a great defensive play by Chase Sinclair. On the Falcons' very next possession, Patrick Mackle took an off tackle run 50 yards to the end zone. This would have given the Falcons a two score advantage, but unfortunately the play was called back due to a holding call. The second quarter ended with 6-0 in favor of the Falcons.

The Vikings kicked the ball off to start the second half and pinned the Falcons deep in their own territory. After 3 runs, the Falcons had to punt and gave the Vikings their first possession of the 3rd qtr at the Falcons' 15-yard line. The Falcons put up a strong defensive effort with tackles by Blake Zimmerman, Cameron Hennings, Riley Shields and Joey Vasquez. However, the Vikings eventually scored on their 4th down attempt and tied the score at 6-6.

In the 4th quarter, the momentum changed. Both teams traded possessions, but the Vikings scored on a 5-yard run making the score 12-6. The Falcons got the ball and tried to score quickly with pass plays, but the Vikings forced an interception, which was then returned to the 5-yard line. The Vikings eventually scored a touchdown, making the score 18-6. With approximately 3 minutes left, Patrick Mackle scampered down the right sideline for a 70-yard TD run. Unfortunately, the TD was, once again, taken off the scoreboard because of a penalty. Two plays later, Justin Clark showed them that we could do it again, and ran up the middle for a 70-yard touchdown to make the score 18-12.

This heart-breaking loss didn't reflect the Falcons' enormous effort!

**Falcons
12**

The Timeout – Advanced Division



Saints Show Stellar Defense in 26-0 Defeat Against the Cheeseheads

By Vivian Grant

In a matchup between the second-place Packers and the fourth-place Saints, you would never have known that the underdog was going into the game still looking for their first win of the season. And they played hard!!! The Saints' defense was persistent, with initial tackling by #24 (Dylan Grant) and #12 (Blake Phillips), pass coverage and a near interception by #81 (Christian Jones). The Saints defense kept the packers off the board forcing 3 punts, and one turnover on a fumble recovered by #34 (Tatum Kapulica) in the first half alone.

The game was halted early by a season-ending injury to running back #47 (Erik Clemenson), who had started the game running strong against an ever-ready Packers' defense and made the first tackle on the opening kick-off return.

The clock read 7:27 left in the first quarter as the game resumed, and the Saints, undaunted by the injury, played their hearts out with an offensive lead by QB #42 (Connor Bruce) that included Receiver #9 (Zachariah Pepper), Center #53 (Bryan Fiedel), O. Linemen #67 (Brandon Lydick) & #77 (Michael Raffanti), and RB #44 (Michael Smith). Pepper caught 2 key passes from Bruce to get the Saints up the field, in an effort that included a 17-yard rush on a QB keeper by Bruce for a first down. A few key tackles by the defense, including #51 (Alex Crepeau) & 70 (Jackson Hawkins), along with some shifty passing and running by the Saints, and they showed their true grit by going into the "locker room" at halftime tied with the Cheeseheads 0-0.

More excitement was stirred when #31 (Jordan Reed) sacked the Packers' QB early on the 2nd quarter, and then the defense lit up, with more QB sacks by Saints #71 (Sage Lamela) and then by a what looked like the entire defense behind the line of scrimmage at the end of the first half. Other key defensive stops came with tackles by #25 (Matt Mahurin), #81 (Christian Jones), #70 (Jackson Hawkins) and our versatile QB, Michael Smith.

Packers started the half earning a penalty as they kicked off to the Saints. The first score of the game came when the Packers got a safety early in the 3rd Quarter to make it 2-0 Packers, with 9:21 on the clock. But the Saints would not bow down, and managed to move the ball down the field. The fourth quarter began with Packers up 18-0.

In the last quarter, there were some key stops by Saints' defense #24 Grant, #25 Mahurin, #44 Smith and #71 Lamela.

The most exciting play on offense came with only 46 seconds left in the game, when the Saints QB #42 Bruce made a lateral pass to #9 Pepper, who threw the ball to #44 Smith for fierce running effort all the way to the Packers' 6-yard line. The game ended with one more rushing play attempt by the Saints.

The final score does not depict the ferocity with which the Saints performed. The Saints played valiantly till the end. Way to Go!!!!

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The Timeout – Senior Division



Cowboys By Nicole Nunnery

Saturday the Cowboys found out why the Chargers are undefeated. It started with the opening kickoff that hit a Cowboy but was recovered by the Chargers. One play later it was 6-0 Chargers. The Cowboys had a three and out and four plays later it was 12-0 Chargers. The Cowboys' Zachary Medley then connected with Jacob Ebell for 45 yards, it looked like we'd fight back like the last time we played them, but penalties and the stout Chargers' defense held this time and six plays later it was the Chargers 19-0.

The Cowboys came to life on the opening drive of the second half and drove 63 yards on the ground for our only touchdown of the game. Three big plays got us there, a tough 17-yard kickoff return by Sean Tomonari, a 16-yard run by Ryan Shell followed by a 39-yard Touchdown by Sean. Nice blocking by Tyler Nunnery, Kyle Lark, Evan Cirves, and Max Schmidg who opened the holes. The Chargers scored quickly again to put the game away.

Even though the Chargers' Offense was dominating there were some nice tackles by Michael Grozler, Jose Trujilo, Issac Weiman, Ivan Ruiz and Chris Larking.

Kudos to the Chargers and many thanks to the coaches and cheer girls!

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Chargers' Defense Stops Steelers By Dave Behiel

Charger Dylan Walsh opened game 7 by kicking a line drive that bounced off the chest of a Cowboy. The ball was recovered on the 49-yard line by Blake Braden. On the

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first play from scrimmage Mason Behiel rushed for the first 6 points of the game. The Cowboys' offense was forced to punt after tackles behind the line of scrimmage by Nick Friedel, Garrett Burke, and Matthew Gutwald. Sam Tarasow rushed for 19, Josh Merryman scrambled for 26, Behiel ran for 9, and then Friedel capped the drive with a TD up the middle. The Chargers were up early, 12-0.

Tackles by Scott Lewis, Braden, and Walsh forced the Cowboys to once again give the ball to the Chargers. Behiel ran a few, then Merryman ran a few - his last one just happened to be a 40-yard touchdown. Behiel ran in the extra point. The Cowboys attempted to pass on their next possession but were forced to punt after Walsh sacked the QB for a loss of 9 yards. Grant Hug-

gins and Sean Maloney lined up in the Chargers' backfield and rushed for positive yardage as time ran out. The Chargers led 19-0 at halftime.

The Cowboys took the 3rd quarter kickoff at their own 36-yard line and rushed right up the middle on 4 consecutive plays to put their first points on the board. Behiel returned their kickoff 49 yards to set up the Chargers on the Cowboys' 41. Merryman completed a 26-yard pass to Huggins, and then Behiel scored from 15 yards out. Friedel ran in the extra point and the Chargers now led 26-6.

The Cowboys could no longer afford the time to run the ball so they had to pass. A crushing sack by Friedel and Jacob Leyman followed by a flying sack from Behiel on 4th down ended the Cowboys chance at a comeback. On their final drive of the game, the Chargers added Burke and Jacob Prado to their backfield and Tarasow took over at QB. Tarasow connected with WR Alex Brown for a 10-yard gain. Huggins, Burke, and Prado shared the rushing duties, gaining positive yards as time expired. The Chargers won 26-6.



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