



Tuesday Morning Update

Hillsborough Jr. Raider Game Highlights

September 9, 2017

PATRIOT VARSITY DIVISION

Hillsborough Varsity Gold (Burke) vs. Watchung Hills Varsity Gold: Lost 6-20



The Junior Raiders Varsity Gold dropped their opening game 20-6 vs Watchung Hills. The Raiders took the opening drive 80 yards for their first touchdown of the season. Led by QB Jamie Mazuera and strong blocking up front by Ethan McLaughlin, Mike Giuliano allowed Sal Volpe to gain tough yards up the middle. Will Dixon and Jason McLain sealed the defensive ends. Thomas Amokwa took advantage and had many great runs including a TD run off the right side. Watchung scored on their first play, a 60-yard TD pass down the left sideline. They would tack on another score before the half making the score 12-6. The Raiders held on the opening drive of the second half but couldn't get going again offensively. Watchung

would score again with 5 minutes to go making the final 20-6. Honorable mention on defense goes to Leo Schiro and Ryan Vierbuchen. Hillsborough travels to Voorhees this week Saturday night at 7 :30.



Hillsborough Varsity Red (Shelton) vs. Ridge Varsity White: Won 27-0

The Boro Varsity Red team started the 2017 season with an impressive victory over Ridge White. The Raiders won the coin toss and the offense quickly went to work. The backfield of Tanner Boczon, Cole Thornton and Dalton Crater marched the offense down the field before Quarterback Mike Miller found Charlie Volpe in the end zone with a 3 yard T.D. pass. A low snap on the P.A.T. was picked up by kicker Miller who ran it in for the extra point and gave the Raiders a 7-0 lead. After the defense forced Ridge to punt on their 1st possession, the offense took over again. Tight end Dillon Cace took a pass from Miller for a 12-yard gain. A penalty on Ridge gave the Raiders a 1st and goal from the 6-yard line. Boczon then powered his way into the end zone for the 2nd score. The P.A.T. was blocked. For the 3rd score, Crater took the ball and several Ridge defenders into the end zone to make the score 19-0. After a bad snap on the extra point attempt, holder Volpe picked up the ball and was immediately hit by 3 Ridge players. Volpe refused to go down and somehow managed to throw a pass to Miller who then ran it in and gave the Raiders a 20-0 lead. The 4th and final score came when Boczon scored from 11 yards out on a sweep. After the snap on the extra point attempt flew over Volpe's head and landed in Miller's hands, he took off to his left only to find his way blocked by Red Devil's defenders. Miller then turned back to his right and proceeded to throw a strike to the opposite side of the field and into the end zone where Thornton made the catch. That made the score 27-0

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PATRIOT VARSITY DIVISION (cont.)

and that's how the game would end.

The backfield of Boczon, Thornton, Crater and Cole Jara gained most of the 140 yards on the ground for the Raiders. Miller finished 3 of 7 for 18 yds. This potent running attack would not have existed without the hard work of the boys on the line. Ryan Leary, Kevin Coakley, Anthony Stewart, Patrick "Smushy" O'Kane, Rich Loniewski, Ryan Vladyka and Jack Myers. Tight Ends Dilon Cace and Charlie Volpe also blocked well all afternoon.

On defense, the Raiders were spectacular. The defense held the Red Devils to minus 21 yards of total offense, no first downs and caused 3 turnovers. Miller caused 2 fumbles. One was recovered by Jack Myers and the other he took himself. Volpe recovered the 3rd fumble after a jarring hit by Nick Donnelly on a kickoff return that set up one of the scores. Linebacker Joe Witcoski led the team with 4 tackles followed by Coakley and Volpe with 3 each. Volpe also registered a sack.

Game MVP - **The entire offensive line and the entire defense.**

Hillsborough Varsity White (Nussbaum) vs. North Hunterdon Varsity Silver: Lost 25-40

The Varsity White team traveled to North Hunterdon Saturday night and was defeated by the North Hunterdon Jr Lions, 40-25.

It was an exciting start to the game as Samir Guzman took the opening kickoff and return it through a hole on the right side and down the right sideline for the opening score. The Jr Lions responded with 4 straight touchdowns to end the half leading 24-6.

The Jr Raiders scored early in the 2nd half on a 51 yd TD run by Dom Monsorno to pull within 24-12. An interception by Evan Sabo, his first of his career, got the ball back for the Jr Raiders but the drive stalled. The Jr Lions took their next possession and marched down the field and scored to push their lead back to 32-12.

The White team would not quit and Matt Amofa returned the ensuing kickoff down the left side this time for a touchdown. Ryan Tastetano took the ball in for an extra point and the score was 32-19. The Varsity White held the Jr Lions again and got the ball back but their drive stalled. A bad snap resulted in the Jr Lions scooping up the ball and returning it for a touchdown to push the score to 40-19. A rushing touchdown by Matt Amofa, his second of the game, brought the score to 40-25 but the Varsity White would get no closer.

The Varsity White will return home next Saturday for a match up against the Watchung Hills Gold team under the lights at the Hillsborough High School field.

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Hillsborough Patriot JV Gold (Riccardi) vs. Watchung Hills JV Gold: Won 27-0



The Jr. Raiders JV Gold football team won their home opener this weekend as they beat the Watchung Hills Jr. Warriors 27-0. Led by QB Tyler Van Cleef, the Raider offense dominated the game, scoring 4 touchdowns and rushing for 177 total yards. Cynthia Akosua led the Raiders in rushing with 4 carries for 57 yards, 2 touchdowns, and 1 PAT. Austin Quandt scored the Raider's third touchdown midway through the second quarter on a 12-yard run. Just before halftime, Damian Kutny scored the Raiders' fourth and final touchdown on a

21-yard run; Daniel Allen followed the score with a successful PAT. Defensively, the Raiders, captained by Pierce Skala, played flawlessly. The Raider defense was led by Nicholas Santa Barbara who tallied 5 total tackles, including 1 sack and 1 tackle for loss. The defense was bolstered by superb performances from Carson DeRoner, Jonathan Lobelo, Hudson Ruh, Matthew Jones, Chiemelie Ozokpor, Tyler Van Cleef, Jake Battagliese, and Ian McCauley; each tallying at least 3 tackles, with at least 1 sack or tackle for loss. Tyler Jackson also recorded a fumble recovery for the Raiders. Other notable performances include tackles, sacks and offensive line contributions by Michael Crossman, Logan McGann, and James Ruh III.

Hillsborough Patriot JV Red (Minetti) vs. Ridge JV White: Lost 6-24

Hillsborough JV White suffered a tough 24-6 loss to open the season. Alex Reiling scored the teams only touchdown midway through the first half. The offense moved the ball on several drives by the hard running of Collin DePace, Jack Minetti, Matt Gaspar and Reiling but they were unable to cross the goal-line. The line was anchored in the middle by John Falk, Brady Porter, Nick Deluca, Matt Miller and Brandon Lew who came in for the injured Matt Bleemer. Next week the JV raiders will face Phillipsburg for our home opener.

Hillsborough Patriot JV White (Drab) vs. North Hunterdon JV Silver: Lost 6-12

JV White turned in a scrappy performance but were outlasted by N. Hunterdon Silver on Saturday evening 12-6. The defense fought hard to keep it to a 0-6 halftime deficit. N. Hunterdon jumped out to a 12-0 second half lead but JV White shut down their offense for the rest of the game with hard backfield hits by Zander Borowski and Joey Battaglia, who also recovered a fumble. The offense came to life behind QB Nate Drab who completed a pass to Jason Williams to the 1-yard line. Drab would then punch it in to close it to 12-6 with 4 minutes left. Time ran out on JV white as the final score ended at 12-6.

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PATRIOT Pee wee DIVISION

Hillsborough Patriot Pee Wee Red (Goldberg) vs Bridgewater Red: Lost 6-20



Despite a disappointing loss, the Hillsborough Pee-Wee Red team had a hard-fought game Saturday against Bridgewater. On offense, the team was led by Kyle Simonitis with 16 carries for 26 yards, Kaden Shepler with 7 carries for 88 yards including a 62-yard touchdown, and hard running by Matthew Siegelaub, Chase Shepler and Anthony Mayo.



The defense was strong and led by Jayden Carter with 6 tackles, Matthew Siegelaub with 5 tackles and a fumble recovery, and Kyle Simonitis, Chase Shepler and Ashton Goldberg with 3 tackles each. Also contributing to the strong defensive effort was Owen Miller, Niko Gaeta and Andrew Wheeler.

Congratulations to the entire Pee-Wee Red team in their first game!

Hillsborough Patriot Pee Wee White (Amato) – North Hunterdon Red: Won 7-0



Team effort in this shut out of North Hunterdon Red. Offense led by Andrew Schwarz's electrifying runs, totaling 125 yards rushing and 1 TD, Nick McCauley with 40 yards, an extra point conversion, Damian Amato efficient passing 4 out of 6 for 32 yards, Mason Westlake with 4 receptions for 32 yards, great blocking on the offensive line and running backs headed by Reece De Roner, Liam Roarty, Chris Byrns, Mike Araujo, Aiden McKenna, Nick Duarte and Danny Gaffney. The defense was up to the test led by Gavin Wacaster 4 tackles, Nick Britanak 3 tackles, Aiden Herrera 2 tackles, Cole Dockhorn 2 tackles, Jeff Progin 2 tackles, Tommy Marcketta, Jack Pankowski and Bradley Thomas all had 1 tackle.



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PATRIOT FLAG DIVISION

Hillsborough Flag Jets (Albert) vs. Hillsborough Flag Steelers (Walton)

Jets: The Jets started their flag football season with a bang! Brayden Benosky opened the scoring with a powerful blast up the middle on the last play of the first half. He followed the crushing blocks of Connor Marley, Dylan Clerico, and Ryan Phelan. The second Jets TD came on a 60 yard dash by Conor Albert highlighted by a devastating jump cut along the sideline on his way to the end zone. Reef Townsend helped seal the edge with a great block at tight end. The Jets third and final score came on another 60 yard lightning bolt, this time on a fantastic run by Logan Redziniak. He exploded around the right corner behind some excellent blocks by Grant Scholma and Liam Knox. The Jets defense was anchored by ferocious play from Lukas Richards, Kyle Wargo, and Jack DeAntonio

Hillsborough Flag Raiders (Ross) vs. Bears

Raiders had their first game against the SBU Bears this weekend. Overall, the team played a pretty balanced game with almost every player getting a chance to run the ball on the offensive side of things. Highlights of the running game were TD's by Chris Seamon (50+ yds) and Patrick Murphy (50+ yds). Ryan Shimp and Gavin Ross both ran for the extra points following the touchdowns. Other notable runs were made by Collin Tucker, Alex Zieziula and Aiden Desatnik. The Raiders' defense was led by Gavin Ross, Dante Mayo, EJ Risher and Anthony Shrewsbury. The team got its first taste of competition and will be up to the challenge this Wednesday night as the Raiders take on the Jets.

Hillsborough Flag Rookie (Cebula) - Practice





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Jr Raiders FIELD HOCKEY

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Little Stix Maroon (3/4)

Little Stix Maroon kicked off the season with a Win, Scoring 6-2 against Branchburg.

In the first half, the game was 3-0 with Rebekah Redlich, playing Wing, scoring 2 goals.

Center player Jane Rodriguez scored the third goal.

The team's strong Midfielders, Wings and Defense stepped up to defend the score, going into the second half.

Helping their team score three more goals - Player Kiara Jones, Wing Position, secured 2 goals and Anna Antonelli scoring the third.

Little Stix Gold (3/4)



Winning their season opener 3-1 against North Hunterdon, Team Gold's Sara Thompson scored two goals alongside Alexis Shumaker making the third goal.

Defense was tight in the first half by Kaylin Agaman and Sydney Russo in the second half. Swift middle work by Madisyn Freeman, Brianna Gibson, and Paige Romano alongside fast center play by Samantha Dandy.

This team could not be prouder of the tremendous playing demonstrated by the teams hard-working wings: Amelia Patterson, Jessica McKelvey, Laura Weintraub, Peyton Wallace and Miranda Trevino



Junior Stix Maroon (5/6)

Junior Stix Maroon dropped their season opener 0-5 out in the hills of Washington Township. Washington scored three goals in the first half by working corners to their advantage, despite the multiple saves made by goalie Kiera Kruchowy. Kiera stymied a Washington player in the second half with a stellar lunging kick save for the play of the game. Hannah Herterich and Kate Rzczowski lead the offensive charge in the second half resulting in multiples corners, alas no goals. The Maroons will look to even their record against Washington Township at home next Sunday at Woodfield Park.

Junior Stix Gold (5/6)

Junior Stix Gold was off to a great start for our first game. Although they lost 0-5 to Palmer, they had a great first showing! Goalie Riley Hahofer made a few great saves to keep the score to 0-2 at the end of the first half. Our girls fought a tough 2nd half with Emily Enna making 2 great shots that were so close. Team Gold is looking forward to playing tough again next week!

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Junior Stix White (5/6)



Junior Stix White lost its first game of the season 0-5 to a strong Palmer squad. It was a hard fought contest with Palmer using 3 breakaway goals to put the game out of reach. Goalie Chiara Sasso kept the game close early with several nice saves, while Gabriella Iovino and Isabella DiStasio put the pressure on with several scoring chances late. Team White looks to rebound next week against Washington.

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