

# **CEDAR FALLS TURKEY BOWL II**

## **Back and Forth Battle Ends in Orange Crush Victory**

(Recap by Tyler Ruane)

The amazing weather matched the amazing play from the two teams on Sunday afternoon as the Orange Crush pulled out a hard fought victory over 1919 by a score of 27-18. When the Orange Crush needed a big play they looked to one man and that man came through for them. That man was Dustin Salmons who took MVP honors after coming up with three interceptions that stopped the 1919 drives just short of the end zone. Salmons was all over the field leading that Orange Crush secondary in their ball-hawking performance. The game got started when the only newcomer, Zack Welter, got some time in the pocket and went deep to Daniel Sale. Sale caught the pass and strolled into the end zone for the game's first score. The PAT was blocked however.

Team 1919 responded right back with a long pass of their own as Matt Hoffert threw up a bomb to speedster Josh Webb and Webb took it all the way to the two yard line. From there Ethan Korf ran it in following his lead blockers, Erik Blanchard and Hoffert. The PAT was blocked as well. That was all the scoring for the first half as the teams went into halftime tied at 6. Towards the end of the third quarter the Crush put together a nice drive led by quarterback Taylor Anderson and he finished it off with a thirteen yard touchdown run to put the Crush up 13-6. Ryan Rink punched in the PAT. 1919 respond right back as Josh Webb and Jordan Smith lined up in the backfield and ran the wildcat offense all down the field. Webb capped the drive off with a seventeen yard run. The PAT was no good however and at the end of the third quarter the score was 13-12 Crush.

Looking to put 1919 away Taylor Anderson broke through some tacklers and took it sixty-three yards to the house and Rink added another big PAT to make the score 20-12. The happened with four minutes left in the game and 1919 once again responded with a hail mary pass from Hoffert to Webb for a touchdown. The fifty-five yard hook-up brought the score to 20-18 as the PAT was blocked yet again. To finish 1919 off Brett Williams snuck around the outside of the line and took it sixty yards to the house and ended the game with a score of 27-18 Orange Crush.

The story behind the Crush's victory was simply big plays from Dustin Salmons. When 1919 was knocking on the door, Salmons was there to slam it shut. Another part of this ball-hawking secondary was All-Turkey Team player Blake Ruane. Blake was able to knock down passes in coverage and come up and stop the run behind the line of scrimmage. Speaking of being behind the line of scrimmage, if you looked back there you found Ryan Shaw and Matt Miehle. Miehle battled all down on the defensive line and Shaw blitzed from his linebacker spot numerous times and flew in to disrupt the 1919 offense. While those guys were behind the line of scrimmage for the Crush, Brett Williams and Zack Welter were flying all over the place

tracking down 1919 ball carriers and blowing up screen plays. While it was not all defense for the Crush as All-Turkey Team members Taylor Anderson and Daniel Sale highlighted the offense. Sale got things going early by showing off his blazing speed on a long touchdown catch from Zack Welter. Anderson took over late in the game and found the end zone twice on the ground. Well defense and offense have been covered but the deciding factor may have been on the right leg of Ryan Rink as he continually gave the Crush the lead may making three PAT's and proving huge on the Turkey Bowl scoreboard.

1919 never backed down as they battled back every time the Crush scored. Josh Webb and Matt Hoffert led the battle as Webb was all over the field on offense and defense. Hoffert spent most of his time in the Crush backfield keeping pressure on the Crush quarterbacks. Hoffert also showed off his arm with two long passes to Webb, one for a touchdown. The Crush secondary was not the only one making noise on the field as the 1919 secondary had some big plays of their own. Mark Hoskinson and Brian Guetzlaff played the safety spots and helped stop the big plays from the Crush offense. When it seemed like a Crush ball carrier was just going to get it going Luke Patterson was there to pull the flag. He was all over the field making big stops in that secondary.

Offensively 1919 worked the screen passes early on as quarterback Ethan Korf had two favorite receivers for the screen passes. These two receivers were Jeremy Good and All-Turkey Team player Mike Ruane. They kept the Crush defensive line guessing as they snuck out for those screen passes. In the second half the 1919 offense really came into their own and at times proved unstoppable. They got into the wildcat offense with Josh Webb at quarterback and Jordan Smith as running back. They both did a great job mixing it up and just eating up the Crush defense on the ground. However, many of the drives ended the same way for 1919, with the ball in the hands of MVP Dustin Salmons. It was a great day to be a Turkey Bowler in the Cedar Valley and hope you join us again next year!!

### **Individual Game Statistics**

#### Team Orange Crush

Zack Welter - 1 Passing TD

Taylor Anderson – 2 Rushing TDs

Brett Williams – 1 Rushing TD

Daniel Sale - 1 Receiving TD

#### Team 1919 Root Beer

Matt Hoffert – 1 Passing TD

Josh Webb – 1 Rushing TD, 1 Receiving TD

Ethan Korf – 1 Rushing TD

## Team Rosters

Team Orange Crush  
(Dark-Colored Jerseys)

Captain: Tyler Ruane

1. Taylor Anderson
3. Brett Williams
5. Zack Welter
7. Dustin Salmons
9. Daniel Sale
11. Ryan Shaw
13. Blake Ruane
15. Ryan Rink
17. Matt Mieke

Team 1919 Root Beer  
(Light-Colored Jerseys)

Captain: Ethan Korf

2. Josh Webb
4. Jordan Smith
6. Matt Hoffert
8. Luke Patterson
10. Jeremy Good
12. Mark Hoskinson
14. Mike Ruane
16. Brian Guetzlaff
18. Erik Blanchard

## MVP

Dustin Salmons

## All-Turkey Team Selections

Team Orange Crush

1. Dustin Salmons – 21 votes
2. Brett Williams – 16 votes
3. Taylor Anderson – 15 votes
4. Blake Ruane – 6 votes
4. Daniel Sale – 6 votes

Others receiving votes: Ryan Shaw (5), Zack Welter (5), Tyler Ruane (5), Ryan Rink (4)

Team 1919 Root Beer

1. Josh Webb – 22 votes
2. Matt Hoffert – 17 votes
3. Mike Ruane – 2 votes

Others receiving votes: Megan Mackey (2), Erik Blanchard (1), Jeremy Good (1), Mark Hoskinson (1), Jordan Smith (1)