

CEDAR FALLS TURKEY BOWL III

Orange Curtain Defense Shuts Down 1919 for a 22-0 Win

(Recap by Tyler Ruane)

Defense was the name of the game at Holmes Junior High on Sunday. The Orange Crush played stellar defense on their way to a 22-0 win over 1919 in the third annual Turkey Bowl. However with all that defense, the MVP got it done on the offensive side of the ball by throwing for a Turkey Bowl record 3 touchdowns. This MVP was Josh Webb who became the first captain to win the honor of MVP in the Turkey Bowl history. Webb just did it all when it came to the Orange Crush team. He drafted an excellent team, created an effective offense (wildcat), and led his team to a Turkey Bowl victory.

Part of Webb's excellent draft included Dustin Salmons and Daniel Sale. These two were All Turkey Team members last year and they both made some big time catches in clutch moments for the Orange Crush offense. They both also collected interceptions on defense along with Turkey Bowl newcomer Steve Nelson who snagged a big interception to end the first half. Allowing Webb time to throw to Salmons and Sale were the three Matt's which included 2008 All Turkey Team member Matt Hoffert, newcomer Matt Hinders, and Matt Miehe who now has a 2-1 Turkey Bowl record. Speaking of Turkey Bowl records, Ryan Rink became the first and only player to have a 3-0 record in Turkey Bowl history as well as record a safety in a game, which he did with a sack in the first quarter. Rink also made his first All-Turkey Team with an impressive performance from the fourth round pick.

An All-Turkey Teamer from last year who made headlines with his "Favre-like" retirement issues in the offseason was Mike "Pops" Ruane. Pops did not want to go out on a loss, so he came back and went out the right way as he often lead the way on some outside running plays and created holes for Webb and Rink in that productive Orange Crush running game. Pops then made Turkey Bowl history by announcing his retirement immediately after the game. However, MJ had his comeback, Favre had his, and the question for next year will be about Pops' possible comeback.....

The 1919 team was led by their 3 All Turkey Team guys: Zack Welter, Taylor Anderson, and Brett Williams. All 3 of these guys took their turns at quarterback trying to figure out that Orange Crush defense. The most success came at the end of the first half when Brett Williams continually found big time receiver Anderson over the middle on their drive down the field. Giving these 3 quarterbacks time to throw were Luke Patterson, Jeremy Good, and Erik Blanchard. All 3 of these guys had to deal with a huge front line for the Crush defense. These 3 guys gave up around 140 pounds to the average 3 guys who lined up on that Crush defensive line. Despite that difference in size, they never gave up throughout the entire game. Running behind that offensive line was the combination of Welter and Jordan Smith who kept the Crush defense guessing with

their running attack. The biggest offensive play for the 1919 team came in the second half when Welter found Blake Ruane down field for a forty yard gain, 1919's longest play from scrimmage on the day.

Defensively for the 1919, Zack Welter, Ethan Korf, and Brian Guetzlaff all caused havoc in the 1919 secondary. Welter seemed to be everywhere on the field for the 1919 defense. In terms of pass break ups, Korf and Guetzlaff got in on quite a few of those and Korf forced the only turnover for the Crush offense with an interception off a Jordan Smith tipped ball. On the defensive line for 1919, Brett Williams always seemed to break through for some big stops behind the line of scrimmage along with Jeremy Good who also often made some big plays behind the line.

As for the quarter by quarter scoring, the first score defined the game as Matt Hinders and Ryan Rink caused the first safety in Turkey Bowl history with Rink sacking 1919 quarterback Welter. That was a common theme for Hinders on Sunday as he often found himself causing chaos in the 1919 backfield. The Orange Crush offense put together a couple consistent drives in the first half and were led by Webb, Rink, and Hoffert in the running game as they got behind that big offensive line and marched their way down the field. While Webb and Rink showed off the moves, Hoffert showed off his bruising running style as they marched down the field. With those three running the football, Daniel Sale and Dustin Salmons were catching the football. Sale made big catch after big catch to keep the drives alive. The first drive ended in a 65 yard field goal attempt by Ryan Rink which was blocked. However, Rink eventually did 4 points better as Webb connected with him on a six yard touchdown pass on a crucial fourth down to give Orange Crush a 9-0 lead in the first half. The closest 1919 came to scoring was a field goal attempt by Luke Patterson that came up just a few feet short from being the first ever field goal in Turkey Bowl history. 1919 also put together a nice two minute drill at the end of the first half that saw Brett Williams connecting with Taylor Anderson quite a few times. However, Steve Nelson put an end to this drive with a huge jump ball interception to end the half and give Orange Crush a 9-0 lead at half.

The third quarter featured a lot of running and a lot of really good defense. Once again Matt Hoffert led his Orange Crush defense and kept the 1919 out of the end zone. The fourth quarter saw two touchdowns that were aided by a short field due to defensive stops by the Orange Crush defense. After stopping the 1919 offense on a fourth down Josh Webb went for the jugular and hooked up with Dustin Salmons for a 36 yard touchdown pass. Another fourth down stop with a minute left led to the last Orange Crush touchdown which included Webb finding Matt Hoffert in the back of the end zone for his record breaking touchdown pass. A 22-0 final score did not reflect how close the game was, but in the end the Orange Crush defense made the big time third down plays on offense and made the big fourth down stops on defense.

A special thanks goes out to our two referees, Craig Patterson and Ed Anderson. Both of them did an excellent job. Also there were 3 chain gang members, Jay Brummel, Kyle Bernard, and Wes Boyer. Also we

would like to thank our 19 fans who made it a record crowd. Included in these 19 fans were Lesa Ruane who took some great pictures and Megan Ruane who got the video as well as kept track of the clock.

Individual Game Statistics

Team Orange Crush

Josh Webb - 3 Passing TDs

Ryan Rink – 1 Receiving TD, 1 Safety

Dustin Salmons – 1 Receiving TD

Matt Hoffert - 1 Receiving TD

Team 1919 Root Beer

None

Team Rosters

Team Orange Crush

(Dark-Colored Jerseys)

Captain: Josh Webb

1. Matt Hoffert

3. Dustin Salmons

5. Daniel Sale

7. Ryan Rink

9. Matt Hinders

11. Tyler Ruane

13. Steve Nelson

15. Matt Mieke

17. Mike Ruane

Team 1919 Root Beer

(Light-Colored Jerseys)

Captain: Taylor Anderson

2. Zack Welter

4. Brett Williams

6. Jeremy Good

8. Luke Patterson

10. Ethan Korf

12. Jordan Smith

14. Blake Ruane

16. Brian Guetzlaff

18. Erik Blanchard

MVP Voting Results

1. Josh Webb – 11 votes

2. Dustin Salmons – 8 votes

3. Matt Hoffert – 7 votes

4. Ryan Rink – 4 votes

5. Matt Hinders – 3 votes

6. Mike Ruane – 1 vote
7. Steve Nelson – 1 vote

All-Turkey Team Selections

Team Orange Crush

1. Matt Hoffert – 35 votes
2. Dustin Salmons – 29 votes
3. Josh Webb – 28 votes
4. Ryan Rink – 25 votes
5. Tyler Ruane – 20 votes

Others receiving votes: Daniel Sale (18), Matt Hinders (17), Mike Ruane (3), Steve Nelson (3)

Team 1919 Root Beer

1. Zack Welter – 25 votes
2. Taylor Anderson – 22 votes
3. Brett Williams – 20 votes

Others receiving votes: Blake Ruane (14), Luke Patterson (6), Jordan Smith (5), Ethan Korf (4), Erik Blanchard (4), Jeremy Good (3), Brian Guetzlaff (1)