

# **CEDAR FALLS TURKEY BOWL IV**

## **Late Comeback Not Enough, As 1919 Takes Down Orange Crush 35-24**

(Recap by Tyler Ruane)

There was quite a bit of scoring on both sides at Holmes Junior High on Sunday. The name of the game for the fourth Annual Turkey Bowl was SPEED. Team 1919 had more than enough of that SPEED. Team 1919 was led by Taylor Anderson, who became the first ever two-time Turkey Bowl MVP. Anderson had one rushing touchdown and one long receiving touchdown. Helping out Anderson was Josh Webb, Dustin Salmons, and Daniel Sale. These three took care of the rest of the touchdowns for 1919. Webb threw for 3 TD's (tying his own Turkey Bowl record) and Sale and Salmons each had a touchdown catch each. The other scoring came from Luke Patterson, who not only hit the first ever field goal in Turkey Bowl history, he also hit the second ever field goal in Turkey Bowl history. He also added 3 PAT's, and he put together a dynamite draft.

The scoring for Orange Crush came from Blake Davis. Davis caught a Turkey Bowl record 3 TD's. Davis proved to be a one man show and did his best to bring his team back. Davis, just notified that he was playing in the game 3 hours before game time, really came through for team Crush. Throwing him the ball was Jacob Mueller, threw 2 of the TD's, and Brett Williams, threw 1 of the TD's. Ryan Rink also added 3 huge two-point conversion kicks to keep his team in it. In the end, 1919's speed proved to be too much for team Crush.

You can sum up 1919's team performance with two words: See ya! Orange Crush defenders said that a lot as they watched the 1919 speed demons run right by them. Josh Webb played quarterback and provided great leadership to the 1919 offense. He made just about all the throws on the day and made some great decisions back in the pocket. Providing most the protection for Webb was Mike Bangtson. Bangtson made a big splash with his Turkey Bowl debut as he made sure Webb had plenty of time and running lanes throughout the entire day. While Webb had time back in the pocket, he was able to find Daniel Sale, Taylor Anderson, and Dustin Salmons. 1919 jumped out to a 7-0 lead with a great TD catch from Sale. Sale really showed off his speed with the run after catch on the play. It seemed the defense was so focused on the other 1919 weapons, they forgot about Mr. Sale who strolled into the end zone. Luke Patterson later added the first ever Turkey Bowl field goal to put 1919 up 12-0 and that was the score at Half-Time.

In the second half, 1919 kept on rolling as Taylor Anderson got things going right off the bat. Anderson took the direct snap and weaved his way through just about every Crush defender on his way to a seventy yard TD run to put 1919 up 19-0. Anderson was not done on the day, as he found the end zone again on a fifty yard TD pass from Webb to put 1919 up 26-0 in the 3rd. The fourth quarter scoring for 1919 consisted of a touchdown pass from Webb to Dustin Salmons after a Webb fumble recovery. Salmons provided numerous big time catches that often moved the chains and kept the drives going. He was finally rewarded for his hard work with a trip to pay dirt to put 1919 up 32-24. The last scoring of the day for 1919 came after a twenty yard catch by Blake Ruane from Webb to set up another Luke Patterson field goal to get us to the final

score of 35-24. It wasn't just offense for 1919, the defense came up with 5 turnovers, plenty of sacks, and a safety on the day. Bangtson led the way on the line and drew numerous double and triple teams opening up many holes for other 1919 defenders. Those other defenders were Sale, Ethan Korf, and Patterson. Those 3 spent a lot of time in the Crush backfield causing havoc. Korf also picked off Brett Williams for Korf's fourth career Turkey Bowl pick. Also getting interceptions was Blake Ruane, Bangtson, and Jeremy Good came oh so close on many occasions for a pick. Good was there to break up many Crush pass attempts.

Team Crush did not roll over and die after finding themselves in a 26 point hole in the fourth quarter. Late add Blake Davis led the attack on team 1919 as he caught thirty yard TD pass from fellow newcomer Jacob Mueller to close the gap to 26-6. Ryan Rink added a two-point PAT kick to make the score 26-8. Following the TD, Ryan Rink had a onside kick that was perfect. It took some great hops and Matt Hoffert ended up snagging it to help continue the comeback. Following the onside kick, Mueller found Davis again for a fifty yard jump ball TD catch to close the gap to 26-16 after another Rink two-point PAT kick. The last score came when Brett Williams quarterbacked a two minute drive down the field and found Davis again for a twenty yard TD catch. The catch proved to be the catch of the day as Davis was fully extended and managed to get two tip toes down and secure the ball in the corner of the end zone.

Helping to protect Mueller and Williams all day was Matt Hinders, Jordan Borcharding, and Erik Blanchard. All 3 of them had to fight off some very big and aggressive 1919 defenders. It may have took the Crush offense a few quarters to get settled in, but once they did they proved to be tough to stop through the air. Helping to keep the Crush in the game and give them the opportunity for the comeback was their defense, which was led by Matt Hoffert at linebacker. Hoffert teamed up with Mueller and Hinders to cause as much chaos in the 1919 backfield as possible. They often found themselves disrupting passes, filling the gaps, and stopping the running plays behind the line of scrimmage. Helping out in the secondary was Davis and Ryan Shaw. Davis and Shaw did their best to slow down the 1919 receivers. Shaw was the only man to pick off opposing quarterback Webb. Shaw also proved to be great against the run as well while he flew up to make plays, much like that Hawkeye safety named Sash. Helping make plays to stop the run were Williams and Borcharding, who often made some TD saving flag pulls on 1919 runners.

In the end, 1919's speed proved to be too much for Orange Crush to handle. Orange Crush had one of the best individual performances (Blake Davis) the Turkey Bowl has seen, but 1919 proved to have more than one weapon (10) and those 10 weapons was just too much to handle for any defense. We thank everyone who helped make the Turkey Bowl possible and a special thanks goes out to Bill Mackey and Craig Patterson be forming the best officiating crew in the Midwest! Thanks to the fans for braving the weather and thanks to the 4 new Turkey Bowlers for this year, it's great to have ya in the family and look forward to many more Turkey Bowls with you all! Another great year in the books, see ya next year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving for Turkey Bowl V!!!!!!

## Individual Game Statistics

### Team 1919 Root Beer

Josh Webb - 3 Passing TDs

Taylor Anderson – 1 Rushing TD, 1 Receiving TD

Daniel Sale – 1 Receiving TD

Dustin Salmons - 1 Receiving TD

Tyler Ruane – 1 Safety

### Team Orange Crush

Jacob Mueller – 2 Passing TDs

Brett Williams – 1 Passing TD

Blake Davis – 3 Receiving TDs

## Team Rosters

### Team 1919 Root Beer

(Dark-Colored Jerseys)

Captain: Luke Patterson

1. Taylor Anderson

3. Josh Webb

5. Dustin Salmons

7. Mike Bangtson

9. Daniel Sale

11. Tyler Ruane

13. Ethan Korf

15. Jeremy Good

17. Blake Ruane

### Team Orange Crush

(Light-Colored Jerseys)

Captain: Steve Nelson

2. Matt Hoffert

4. Jacob Mueller

6. Brett Williams

8. Jordan Borcharding

10. Matt Hinders

12. Ryan Shaw

14. Erik Blanchard

16. Blake Davis

18. Ryan Rink

## MVP Voting Results

1. Taylor Anderson – 7 votes

2. Daniel Sale – 4 votes

3. Blake Ruane – 3 votes

3. Josh Webb – 3 votes

5. Mike Bangtson – 1 vote

## **All-Turkey Team Selections**

### Team 1919 Root Beer

1. Luke Patterson – Captain
2. Taylor Anderson – 37 votes
3. Josh Webb – 34 votes
4. Mike Bangtson – 31 votes
5. Blake Ruane – 28 votes
6. Dustin Salmons – 25 votes

Others receiving votes: Daniel Sale (24), Tyler Ruane (16), Ethan Korf (9), Jeremy Good (3)

### Team Orange Crush

1. Blake Davis – 39 votes
2. Brett Williams – 25 votes
3. Matt Hoffert – 13 votes

Others receiving votes: Jacob Mueller (12), Jordan Borcharding (11), Matt Hinders (9), Ryan Rink (7), Ryan Shaw (3), Steve Nelson (3), Erik Blanchard (1)