

CEDAR FALLS TURKEY BOWL V

Last Minute Heroics Seal the Victory for Orange Crush Over 1919, 21-14

(Recap by Tyler Ruane)

It was an instant classic at Holmes Junior High Sunday afternoon. The weather was just about as good as the competition on the field. The story of the day was the performance of some Turkey Bowl rookies. 3 or the 4 rookies in the game made the All- Turkey Team and one rookie locked up MVP honors with a last minute touchdown pass. This rookie who locked up the MVP was Ben Schmidt, who had 3 touchdown passes on the day, tying a Turkey Bowl record. Ben's touchdown targets on the day were Dustin Salmons once and Matt Hoffert twice, including the 40 yard bomb to Hoffert with 19 seconds left for the game-winning touchdown. The Orange Crush were never short on big-time players making big-time plays.

It all started the night before the game when Ryan Rink drafted a winning team from the #2 pick position, a position that had never won prior to today. Rink stepped up and drafted a big team with some big-time playmakers. The top playmaker of the day was Ben Schmidt, who won his first Turkey Bowl MVP with his performance. Ben seemed to make big play after big play throughout the day. Whether it was buying extra time in the pocket to make a big throw or scrambling for a big gain on the ground. After 1919 jumped out to a 7-0 lead, Ben drove his offense down the field behind that offensive line of Matt Hinders, Zach Von Tersch and Jeremy Good. Ben capped off the drive with a jump ball thrown to Dustin Salmons who made the catch of the day. Salmons had a defender right on him, but did not let that stop him from making a ridiculous leaping catch for 6 points. Ryan Rink added the extra point to tie the game up before halftime.

In the second half, the Crush came out firing with a deep pass from Ben to Matt Hoffert that resulted in a 60 yard touchdown that put the Crush up 14-7. After that score the Crush defense stepped it up led by Luke Patterson, Mark Hoskinson, and Hinders. Hinders made his presence known alongside Von Tersch on the line. They found their way into the 1919 backfield quite often. Patterson did his best to keep the 1919 offensive line guessing as he seemed to fly around the field making plays to the left, to the right, and up the middle. The 1919 secondary was led by Mark Hoskinson who had multiple pass breaks that stalled 1919 offensive drives. However, the defense could not keep the 1919 offense down forever as they scored with 40 seconds left in the game to tie the game up at 14.

Ben Schmidt didn't even blink as he was ready to make a couple big plays to lead the Crush to victory. Ben found Mark Iehl for a huge pass play and Mark bobbed and weaved his way to the opponent's 40 yard line with 25 seconds left. After Iehl's remarkable run, Ben scrambled around and chucked up a ball that found it's way to Hoffert who had snuck behind the 1919 secondary. Hoffert made a diving catch in the back of the endzone to seal the deal for the Crush. The 1919 team was able to jump out early as quarterback Taylor Anderson led his offense down the field on their first drive behind his offensive line of Matt Mieke, Blake

Ruane, and Ethan Korf. These 3 men had to battle the likes of Hoffert, Hinders, and Von Tersch all day long and did a great job of giving Taylor time to find some big time receivers. The biggest in terms of height and clutch plays for the receivers on the day was Bobby Brummel. The 6'4" receiver made a huge 3rd down jump ball catch on this drive to keep his offense alive. The drive ended with a great post-corner route from Zack Welter, who caught an amazing ball from Taylor in the end zone for the first score of the game. Ryan Shaw added the 1-point PAT with plenty of room to spare.

While the 1919 offense stalled till late in the 4th quarter, their defense stepped up their game, led by Brett Williams and Taylor Anderson. Both Williams and Anderson found themselves breaking up passes and picking off Schmidt to end Orange Crush scoring attacks. They both had to step up their game after Blake Davis, 1919 speedster, found himself ill and no longer able to play in the second half. As their defense kept them in the game, they found themselves down 7 points with 4 minutes to go in the game. Anderson led a tremendous drive as he found Blake Ruane and Ethan Korf on numerous offensive line screens for medium sized gains. Brett Williams also made a diving catch to get the 1919 offense to mid-field. When 1919 found the way inside the Crush ten yard line, who else would they look to on fourth down and goal but their big time receiver, Bobby Brummel. Anderson threw a fade pass and with 3 defenders around him Brummel went up and took the ball from them for the tying touchdown. Ryan Shaw added the important 1-point PAT to bring the game to a tie with 40 seconds left.

In the end, the Orange Crush won with size and big plays and big times. We hope to have all 20 guys back next year for another exciting edition of the legendary Turkey Bowl! YOU IN?

Individual Game Statistics

Team Orange Crush

Ben Schmidt - 3 Passing TDs

Matt Hoffert – 2 Receiving TDs

Dustin Salmons – 1 Receiving TD

Team 1919 Root Beer

Taylor Anderson – 2 Passing TDs

Bobby Brummel – 1 Receiving TD

Zack Welter – 1 Receiving TD

Team Rosters

Team 1919 Root Beer (Light-Colored Jerseys)

Captain: Ryan Shaw

1. Taylor Anderson
3. Brett Williams
5. Blake Davis
7. Zack Welter
9. Tyler Ruane
11. Bobby Brummel
13. Blake Ruane
15. Matt Mieke
17. Ethan Korf

Team Orange Crush (Dark-Colored Jerseys)

Captain: Ryan Rink

2. Ben Schmidt
4. Dustin Salmons
6. Matt Hoffert
8. Zach Von Tersch
10. Matt Hinders
12. Luke Patterson
14. Jeremy Good
16. Mark Hoskinson
18. Mark Iehl

MVP Voting Results

1. Ben Schmidt – 7 votes
2. Matt Hoffert – 4 votes
3. Dustin Salmons – 1 vote

All-Turkey Team Selections

Team Orange Crush

1. Ryan Rink – Captain
2. Matt Hoffert – 30 votes
3. Dustin Salmons – 25 votes
4. Zach Von Tersch – 23 votes
5. Ben Schmidt – 22 votes
6. Matt Hinders – 18 votes

Others receiving votes: Luke Patterson (18), Mark Iehl (14), Mark Hoskinson (8)

Team 1919 Root Beer

1. Taylor Anderson – 22 votes
2. Bobby Brummel – 20 votes
3. Zack Welter – 17 votes

Others receiving votes: Brett Williams (17), Tyler Ruane (17), Blake Ruane (9), Ethan Korf (4), Ryan Shaw (1), Blake Davis (1)