

FEDERALS WEEKLY

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Federals in the Wildcard Game

By Rich Ladue

The Fort Hunt Federals AB2 put together a complete game in beating the Springfield Raptors 26-6 this week. The Federals' offensive line continually mauled the Raptors, as C Henry Dean, RG Kody Venable, LG Jordan White, RT D'Marco Mobley, TE Bailey Ladue, PT Elijah Rucker, and TE Ryan Smith opened up holes throughout the game and paved the way for over 310 yards rushing, particularly up the middle.

QB Jonathon Bender rushed 19 times for 223 yards and two touchdowns. RB Charlie Costigan again proved to be a homerun threat on the reverse, as he rushed for a net 34 yards and a long touchdown. RB Patrick Doering had 13 carries for 64 yards, one touchdown and two extra points, as he continually ran the ball inside, found a crease, and bounced the run outside for sizeable gains. RB Xavier Miranda-Hernandez also had some carries, and was very effective on kickout blocks, allowing his running mates runs off-tackle.

The Federals defense pitched a shutout, as the only Springfield scoring came on a kickoff return for a touchdown. CB Xavier Miranda-Hernandez came up with several stops in the backfield, and nearly intercepted a swing pass.



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DT Reese Jaso, DT Darius Saldana and DT Cyrus Gauger not only controlled the line of scrimmage, but penetrated the the Springfield backfield, and blew up plays before they developed, causing two fumbles in the process. LB Benjamin Chambers, LB Jonathon Bender, and LB Kody Venable stopped any Springfield play that did manage to get past the line of scrimmage.

The win puts the Federals into the wild card round of the playoffs, playing the Gainesville



Grizzlies. The last time the Federals played the Grizzlies, the Federals won in overtime 19-13. It should be a great game.

The wildcard game will be held this Wednesday, November 4th, 6:30pm at Mason District in Annandale.



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Federals Keep Going...

By Pat Hood

The Fort Hunt 85 National 2 team squeezed out a win Saturday against a solid Braddock Road team. The offense was led by the fleet-footed (and well-shod) Bradley Schaefer who brought in over 50 yards in rushing and the team's longest reception of the season. Patrick Aitken scored a touchdown on a student-body left play, yet again running three yards for every one yard gained.

The Fort Hunt defense (soon to be renamed the "Jake Hill" show) stuffed the Braddock Road offense. The defense allowed only two first downs. Notable performances included the crushing charge of Bryan Rucker at defensive tackle, numerous game-saving tackles by Paige Russell, and a not-so-key-yet-quite-satisfying interception by Alpha Kamara.

"Football incorporates the two worst elements of American society: violence punctuated by committee meetings."



Down but not out...

By Rod Lawrence

The 75 lb. National 5 Federals lost 19-0 against a determined team from Southwest. The boys came out flat for the first game of the day at Sandburg and had the look of zombies on this Halloween morning. All of the coaches tried to scare the boys into waking up and playing with more emotion but their attempts were futile. Thoughts of costumes and bags of candy overwhelmed counters and blitzes. After giving up 3 touchdowns in the first half, the Federals held on defensively in the second half and held SYA scoreless. Unfortunately, the offense looked rather ghoulish and could not sustain any significant drives.

The team finished the regular season with a record of 4-3 and will try to regain some of the solid play that earned their spot in the playoffs.



Federals Lasso Colts

By John Holzworth

On Halloween Saturday, South County Colts got the trick and the Federals got the treat. With a 19 – 0 win, the Federals closed out their regular season untarnished.

We opened up the game with a 48 yard pass from Alex McDonald to Mohammed Kamara that set the tone of the game. Glenn Rushing and Gabriel Aguto added to our yardage with great runs, and then Alex and Mohammed hooked up for a 78 yard touchdown pass. We would later score two more touchdowns for the 19 points. We were able to accomplish these plays with the great blocking on the line and downfield.

It was an awesome day for the defense with each player making exceptional plays. With too many good plays to list, and the opponents score at 0, enough said!

The coaching staff would like to express how proud we are of this team. We have 18 players that have improved immensely since the beginning of the season. They came together as a solid team from the first game to the last. With some bumps along the way, they worked through them and adjusted, bound and determined to win each and every week. And that they did ~ incredible job!!

It is now time for post season. We still have a lot of hard work to do in preparation for the playoffs. But if this team plays with the effort and determination they have been, we could ... go ... all ... the ... way!!!!

If you want to walk on water, you got to get out the boat !! And remember, YOU GOTTA WANT IT TO WIN IT, and WE WANT IT BAD!! Go Federals !!!



95 National Players celebrate after 7-0 season

FedAir Flies Again...

By Paul McKellips

The stands were filled with cheering fans, drums, noisemakers, and banners as FedAir stepped from the practice field to the arena turf by touching the solidarity sign over their heads. The sign read: Play Like a Champion. FedAir is not focused on winning games but rather on winning attitudes. To play like a champion is not a motto for a football game but an attitude for life.

The team of 17 boys received their game jerseys about 30-minutes before kick-off. Why? The jerseys had been collected the week before and finally each name was printed on the back of the jersey.

FedAir played the powerful Arlington Trojans. Arlington had suffered only one close defeat. FedAir was undefeated. Aaron Ince took the Green Bay sweep right for a long touchdown run. Arlington's tailback scored on a 70-yarder on their very first play. On the next series Carter Rostron dumped a screen pass off to Ince and he scored again from 40-yards out. Arlington's same tailback scored on their next series.

At halftime, FedAir had the lead 13-12 in a nailbiter. As the team rallied under the bleachers the music amp was put into position and the solidarity board was raised. The team started bumping as EYE OF THE TIGER blasted through the speaker and the fans went wild.



In the second half, FedAir forced three turnovers. Aidan McDonough made a huge reception to gain better field position. Oliver McKellips drew a pass interference call on a deep post play. Then Charles McDonough scored a long TD on a screen pass from Rostron. Arlington's tailback tried to answer but Mike Menke stepped up and slowed him down. Carter Rostron stepped in and stripped the ball. With would-be tacklers clawing at his legs he handed the fumble to Charles, gave him a push, and sent him streaming down the sideline for a 50-yard TD run.

FedAir cruised to a 25-12 victory and ended the regular season at 7-0. Win or lose in the playoffs, these boys are champions.



Good Game, Better Weather

By Tim Reynolds

For the Ft. Hunt AB-3 team it was a weekend of change; changing game locations and times to ultimately play at home Sunday morning against the Manassas-American Pride Falcons, daylight savings time change and ultimately our team not getting a win this week. It was a beautiful fall morning as the coaches rushed to get the team ready to play the last regular season game, if you listened carefully you could have heard the birds chirping as the team was waking up the neighborhood with their pre-game warm ups led by Damon Horak, also known as "Big D" as he likes to be called by the coaches. If you made it out to the game you knew that it was not so beautiful and the birds were definitely not chirping, but it is football and this was great football weather...

The first quarter saw some great defense by the Federals, led by some great tackles by Dawson French, Mason Brown, Reggie Harris, Wes Peterson and Gabe Tose. The defense was standing tall and facing a tough running Falcon offense throughout the first couple of defensive series. The Federals offense started out with a couple of good runs by Curtis Borden, Wes Peterson and Max Alonso. The yards gained were on tough running that required fighting for additional yards as the Falcon defense came to play. The last drive of the 1st Quarter by the Falcons resulted in a touchdown and a field goal leaving the score Falcons 8 - Federal 0.

The second quarter was much of the same tough defense and a struggling Ft. Hunt offense trying to make a play break into the open field. There were several long yardage runs by the offense. However we couldn't seem to break one free for a touchdown or to keep the drive alive when we needed it.

The falcons were able to get another touchdown before halftime along with another field goal for a halftime score of Falcons 16 – Federals 0.

At halftime the Federals made some offensive adjustments and got fired up for the second half, Ft. Hunt started with the ball as we deferred to the second half the ball. On the first offensive drive we saw some great up the middle runs by Max Alonso, Curtis Borden and Gabe Tose, but we still couldn't seem to break one free. The defense continued to stand tall and play some great defense with some highlighting tackles for losses in the 3rd Quarter by Max Alonso, Curtis Borden and Dawson French with assists from the rest of the swarming Federal D. The third quarter ended with no touchdowns and the score remained Falcons 16 – Federals 0.

The fourth quarter began with Ft. Hunt defense who was on the field most of the game, giving up a touchdown on a run to the outside by the Falcons. The defense stood tall on the extra point and the attempt was blocked by Max Alonso and Gabe Tose making the score Falcons 22 –0. Ft. Hunt got the ball back on their 40 on the kickoff and worked hard to try to punch one in, they completed a screen pass from Curtis Borden to

Max Alonso that gained 8 yards, then ran a 48 sweep to Dylan Reynolds who fought for another 4 yards a a first down taking some tough blows in the process, but the time had run down and the game ended. The Federals helped pick Dylan up after a tough run, hard hit and tough game and showed their team spirit even in a tough loss.

Equipment Return Schedule

AB – Sofield	11/9/09 (6:00pm–6:30pm)
AB – Reynolds	11/9/09 (6:30pm–7:00pm)
75 – Monson	11/9/09 (7:00pm–7:30pm)
85 – McCammon	11/9/09 (7:30pm–8:00pm)
110 –P. Anderson	11/11/09 (6:00pm–6:30pm)
125 – Ecton	11/11/09 (6:30pm–7:00pm)
150 – Roach	11/11/09 (7:00pm–7:30pm)
CHEERLEADERS	11/16/09 (6:00pm–6:30pm)
AB –Ladue	11/16/09 (6:00pm–6:30pm)
75 – Keirnan	11/16/09 (6:30pm–7:00pm)
75 – Lawrence	11/16/09 (7:00pm–7:30pm)
85 – Hood	11/16/09 (7:30pm–8:00pm)
85 – McKellips	11/18/09 (6:00pm–6:30pm)
95 –Rakes	11/18/09 (6:30pm–7:00pm)
95 – Holzworth	11/18/09 (7:00pm–7:30pm)
110 – C. Anderson	11/18/09 (7:30pm–8:00pm)
Make-up	11/20/09 (6:00pm– 8:00pm)

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

The 2009 regular season officially ended and I cannot be more proud of the success of the organization. The registration numbers are significantly higher this season and we had another good year financially. The football players and cheerleaders have worked hard this year and performed like federals, a true testament to the efforts and partnership between the parents and the volunteers of this organization. My philosophy has not changed. I do not judge success by the number of teams with championships at the end of the year. My mission and goal is to provide a safe, well organized, caring, environment that allows the youth to participate in football and cheerleading. If I accomplish my mission, we have a successful season.

The Fort Hunt Football & Cheerleading program is a work in progress. I am always looking for new volunteers and better ways to improve the service we provide to the kids. The long term success of the organization depends on the support of the parents, coaches and other volunteers. Many of you give me credit for the success but I feel your credit is misplaced. I provide the vision and guidance along the way. The coaches and other volunteers make it happen. So when you see them, thank them...they make it happen.