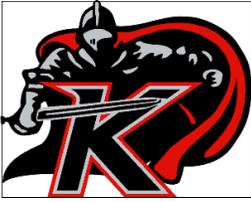


The EMARK Report



KING'S HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

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King's wins 46 - 43 shootout over Lakewood



Photo courtesy of Jeff McKeown

Senior Joseph Jaeger raced for 13 yards with this Vincent pass. Jaeger led all receivers with 13 catches

It was Lakewood's homecoming and it was billed as a battle of the quarterbacks but it was Thomas Vincent's night. The 6' 190 pound senior quarterback led the undefeated King's Knights to a 46 - 43 victory over the Lakewood Cougars to remain tied for the lead in the Cascade Conference.

Rushing for 204 yards and throwing for 219 yards, Vincent accounted for all but 18 yards of the Knight's total offense Friday while outdueling his counterpart from Lakewood, senior Justin Lane in a 4th quarter comeback.

The first half was simply an offensive clinic as both offenses seemed to score at will. Lakewood took their opening drive and methodically drove 57 yards in 6 plays to take an 8 - 0 lead. 7 plays later the Knights answered with a score of their own on a one yard run by Vincent.

Throughout the first half, the Knights converted several key fourth downs as a result of receptions by Joseph Jaeger and Caleb Taylor to keep drives alive while the Cougar offense, led by Lane, Christian Melton and Donovan Evans moved up and down the field. The two teams combined for 486 yards, 48 points and no turnovers in the first half.

In the second half both teams adjusted and experienced drives that stalled, the Knights in the third quarter as Lakewood was able to capitalize and take a 35 - 27 lead on a run by Brandon Stott and a 6 yard pass from

Lane to Dustin Stanton.

The Knight's, showing growth from previous years, responded with two touchdown passes from Vincent to Curtis Clauson and a 24 yard Vincent run. After the Cougars scored a final time with four minutes remaining, King's closed out the game doing something they struggled with in 2009 by recovering an onside kick and running out the clock.

The victory did not come without a cost however. Senior Michael McCardle's season ended with a leg injury and Curtis Clauson suffered a shoulder injury that has put his availability on a week to week status..



Photo courtesy of Jeff McKeown

Thomas Vincent rushed for 20 yards on this 2nd quarter run on his way to leading the Knights to a 46 - 43 victory. As a result of his performance, Vincent was named the Seattle Seahawks player of the week.

Knights by the numbers

- THOMAS VINCENT 204 RUSHING YARDS, 5 TOUCHDOWNS, 219 PASSING YARDS, 2 TOUCHDOWNS, 5 SOLO TACKLES
- JOSEPH JAEGER 10 RECEPTIONS, 102 YARDS
- CURTIS CLAUSON 4 RECEPTIONS, 78 YARDS, 2 TOUCHDOWNS, 8 SOLO TACKLES, 1 INTERCEPTION
- 0 KNIGHT PUNTS
- 0 TURNOVERS

Around the Cascade League

KING'S 46
LAKEWOOD 43

ATM 49
GRANITE FALLS 0

CEDARCREST 40
COUPEVILLE 14

SOUTH WHIDBEY 18
SULTAN 9

JV SUMMARY

KING'S 20
SOUTH WHIDBEY 13

The EMAC Report Scoring Line

King's 46 - Lakewood 43

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
King's	13	14	0	19	46
Lakewood	14	7	7	15	43

LW: Christian Melton 2 yd run (Adam Oppliger kick) K: Thomas Vincent 1 yd run (Joel Gleghorn kick) LW: Donovan Evans 76 yd run (pass failed) K: Vincent 6 yard run (kick blocked) LW: Justin Peterson 4 yd pass from Justin Lane (Oppliger kick) K: Vincent 20 yd run (pass failed) K: Vincent 9 yd run (Joseph Jaeger pass from Vincent) LW: Brandon Stott 8 yard run (Oppliger kick) LW: Dustin Stanton 5 yard pass from Lane (Oppliger kick) K: Curtis Clauson 37 yd pass from Vincent (pass failed) K: Clauson 19 yard pass from Vincent (pass failed) K: Vincent 24 yard run (Gleghorn kick) LW: Melton 1 yard run (Dustin Stanton pass from Justin Peterson)	King's Stats for October 8, 2010 vs. Lakewood		
	Team:	King's	Lakewood
	Rushing	212	319
	Passing	215	158
	Total	427	477
	Comp	20/26/0	16/20/1
	1st Downs	18	18
	Punt Ave.	0	1/29 ave
	Fumbles	0	0
	Penalties	1/ 5 yds	5/31 yds

Inside the Huddle: Big plays, defense and special teams deliver Knight's victory



Photos courtesy of Darren Browning

In the 4th quarter Friday night, Thomas Vincent ran off tackle for twenty four yards and scored giving the Knights a 46 - 35 lead with just over six minutes remaining in the game.

Ask any experienced football coach and he will say that every football game is decided by a few big plays, and that offense sells tickets but defense and special teams win games. It was true again Friday night when the Knights defense and special teams each produced a turnover to seal a win in a 46 - 43 shoot-out against the Lakewood Cougars.

It was a game when offenses seemed to score at will and the best that either team's defense could hope for was to contain the

other's offense. The Knight's defense had no answer for quarterback Justin Lane or the Lakewood running game until the 4th quarter and the Cougar defense had no answer for Thomas Vincent.

Both teams scored on their first two possessions and King's would score twice in the second quarter to take a 27 - 21 lead into the locker room at halftime. It was what best could be described as a move and counter move of a chess match. "This is awesome!" Coach Green said.

In the third quarter, the Knight's offense stalled and the Cougars scored twice to take a 35 - 27 lead.

Then, using big plays on offense, special teams and defense, King's took the game over. With just over ten minutes to play and trailing by 8 points, the Knights took over on their own 42. After a two yard Vincent run, Vincent hit Joseph Jaeger in the left flat for 19 yards. What followed then was a 37 yard Vincent to Curtis Clauson touchdown strike on a wheel route.

The fireworks were just getting

started. Coach Gouge whispered to a Cascade Conference photographer who was pointing his camera at the deep back, "it's not going to him." Clauson executed a perfect pooch kick that bounced into Jaeger's hands at the Cougar 25.

Two plays later the Knights were in the end zone again on another Vincent to Clauson pass in the back of the endzone, this one for 19 yards. "It was just a blown coverage." Clauson said. "They were in a zone and I just split the two defenders. The safety didn't get over in time."

It was time for defense. On 2nd and 11 from his own 30 yard line, Lane forced a pass into double coverage that Clauson picked off and returned to the Cougar 32.

On the second play, Vincent called his own number and broke three tackles on his way to a 24 yard touchdown. A Joel Gleghorn kick would make it 46 - 35.

The Cougars would score once more in the game but the special teams delivered again as the Knights recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock.

In their own words: Thomas Vincent wants to do whatever he can to make the Knights the best they can be



Photo courtesy of Jeff McKeown

Along with starting at quarterback, Vincent has started every game at corner in 2010

The 2010 King's Knights have jumped out to a 6 - 0 record, their best start since 1999. The secret to the Knight's success can largely be attributed to their athletic leaders and no one may have embraced this role more seriously than senior quarterback Thomas Vincent. Last week, The EMAC Report caught up with Thomas Vincent.

In the four seasons you've been at King's, you've seen the football program be transformed from 0 - 10 to contending for a league championship. How do you think that happened?

It was leadership mainly. When I came here as a freshman there wasn't much senior leadership but my sophomore year things started to get better. The seniors started to ride us and the next year we got into the weight room and we worked real hard. Then it got to the point where we wanted to be in there rather than the idea that we had to be. It was leadership though.

You've been the starting quarterback now for three years. As a sophomore coming in from 0 - 10 the year before, you became the starter. How did you prepare for that role?

Looking back, I kind of took it for granted. I mean I worked in the weight room but not as hard as I should have.

Did something change after your sophomore year? Did something click?

I had success the year before and I wanted to build on that. And this past year I really wanted to do everything I could to make the team the best that it could be.

So how did you prepare for your senior year?

This is the year when I feel like a quarterback. I went to a lot of camps and learned quarterback skills rather than just getting stronger.

So how do you prepare each week?

I watch a lot of film. Recently, I've been watching film on what we did last year and what our opponents are doing this year.

Do you ever go up to the line of scrimmage and just know that the play you've called is going to work? What's that like?

I do that a lot actually. Every play I read the defense and see what they're doing. We have an audible system this year where I can change a play that's called but I haven't audibled once this year because I know that what we've called is gonna work. **Because you've been the quarterback the past three years, you really haven't played much defense until this year. Which is more fun?**

Well right now it's offense because I'd say that offense is my greatest strength. At Cedarcrest though, it was fun because I got into the mix. Yeah, defense is a lot of fun.

What do you hope to study in college?

Pre-med. I want to be a doctor. **What kind of a college do you hope to play for? What are you looking for?**

UW of course but I want to go to college where I can go to school and enjoy it. I really want to play football in college.

What do you like most about KHS football?

It's not about winning, it's about developing people as young men.

In the past four years, what memories stand out in your mind as being really outstanding?

Onalaska was my highlight. Curt Clauson coming around and blocking that PAT in overtime. That's the most excited I've ever been in a game.

“This is the year when I feel like a quarterback.”



What do you hope the 2010 Knights will be remembered for?

T-Dome. We want to make it to the T-Dome.

Editors note: In the game following this interview Vincent rushed 33 times for 204 yards and 5 touchdowns along with completing 20 of 26 passes for 212 yards and 2 touchdowns. He was named the Seattle Seahawks player of the week and will be honored at a special assembly on October 15, 2010



Photo courtesy of Jeff McKeown

Senior quarterback Thomas Vincent of King's High School. Through Week 6 Vincent has rushed for 704 yards and 13 tds and has passed for 1180 yards and 16 tds for a 63.5 completion percentage while only throwing one interception.

The EMK Report: The Photo Gallery



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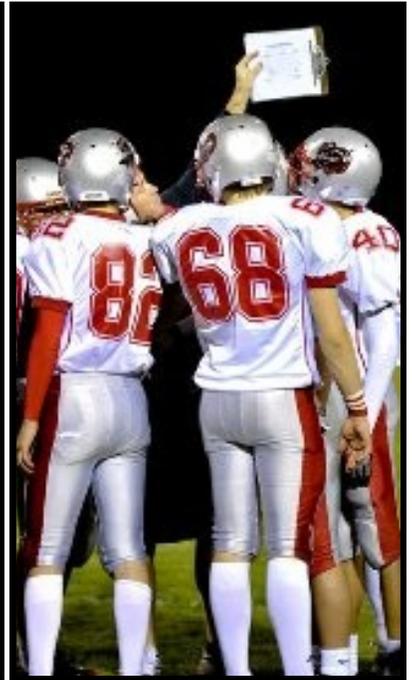
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Friday night, from his defensive end position, Roko Gucake pressured Lakewood and had 5 assists on tackles.



Caleb Taylor caught a season high four receptions including this eleven yard reception on fourth down in the second quarter to keep a drive alive. Later, King's was able to score on a Vincent 6 yard run to lead 27 - 21 at the half.



Special teams play was key in the win over Lakewood. In the 4th period Joseph Jaeger recovered a kickoff to set up the go ahead score

