

Coaches Corner  
Northwood Timberwolves vs. Beckman Patriots

Welcome to tonight's Pacific Coast League showdown between your Northwood Timberwolves and the Beckman Patriots.

Your Timberwolves are coming into tonight's contest after dropping a tough 17 – 10 decision to Corona del Mar in last week's Pacific League opener. Joe Dunleavy led the defense against CDM with some standout play from his outside linebacker position. Kevin Norman and Matt Blackburn both intercepted passes and Dunleavy also recorded a fumble on a punt return to help turn back the Sea Kings on several occasions.

Matt Smidt led the improving special teams units as he stepped in for injured Tyler Zorn as the snapper on punts and field goals, as well as, providing excellent coverage on the kickoff team. Nathan Nellesen also had another solid game as he connected on a 32 yard field goal and put several kickoffs into the end zone. Despite breaking his collarbone near the end of the first half, Tyler Zorn had 6 receptions for 104 yards while Alex King turned in a fine game with a 39 yard touchdown reception among his several catches throughout the evening. Ricky Bautista completed 18 of 23 passes for 230 yards and one touchdown despite being under constant pressure from Corona del Mar.

The Beckman Patriots are led by first year head coach, Ken Mushinske and are coming off a solid 28 – 13 victory over the Woodbridge Warriors in last week's PCL opener.

Look for a spirited hard fought battle in this second week of league action as both teams strive to contend for the PCL crown and a trip to the CIF playoffs.

Next week's game:  
@ Irvine  
Friday, October 28 – Irvine Stadium – 7:00 pm