

Coaches Corner
Northwood Timberwolves vs. Valley Christian Crusaders

Welcome to tonight's non-league game between your Northwood Timberwolves and the Valley Christian Crusaders from Cerritos. The T-Wolves are coming back to Irvine Stadium after being on the road for three weeks and are looking forward to redeeming themselves after last week's disappointing showing against the Estancia Eagles.

Ricky Bautista continues to tear up the Northwood High School passing records as he leads Orange County in total yards (1238). Tyler Zorn is first in Orange County in receptions (41) while Alex King and Tyler Molnar are climbing up the list as well. The T-Wolf offense is geared up to eliminate the turnovers that plagued them last week that resulted in a short field for Estancia on several occasions. Defensively, the T-Wolves look to shore up their run defense against the Crusaders and hope to get some key players back from injury for tonight's game. Oscar Avalos has been solid on the defensive line and King (LB) and Molnar (DB) have been performing well for the Northwood defense. Sophomore Addison Damasco continues to impress on both sides of the ball with his exciting runs and clutch catches on offense as well as playing some solid pass defense for the T-Wolves.

The Crusaders of Valley Christian are led by their head coach, Erick Streelman and are coming off an exciting 42 – 38 victory in last Friday night's contest against Ontario Christian. Offensively the Crusaders are led by quarterback #8 Patrick Avila (868 yards passing), # 27 Jaylen Raye (508 yards rushing, 7.0 average) and wide receiver Brandon Bynum (22 receptions, 223 yards and 5 touchdowns). The Crusader defense is spearheaded by the linebacker play of # 32 Zach D'Amico (36 tackles, 7.2 per game average) and # 56 Anthony Nocera (40 tackles, 8.0 average). The secondary is led by # 17 Anthony Paul while a host of defensive lineman rotate and solidifies the front for Valley Christian.

Look for an exciting wide open contest as these two teams conclude their non-league play before heading to their respective leagues in next week's games.

Next week's game:
vs. Corona del Mar
Thursday, October 13 – Irvine Stadium – 7:00 pm