

## BRIGHTON FOOTBALL: 2009 game-by-game-results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>
Aug. 21	<b>DAVIS</b>	W	24-0
	Opening the season at home against a perennially tough opponent, the Bengals' defense dominated and handed Davis what would easily be its worst loss of the season. <b>Darren Later</b> , <b>Derrick Newell</b> and newcomer <b>Sosaia TaKai</b> had good games running the ball, and Newell had a nice game at QB. Davis RB Tanner Hinds was never a factor. The Darts lost only one other game and reached the 5A championship.		
Aug. 28	<b>at Taylorsville</b>	W	55-0
	<b>Darren Later</b> rushed for 144 yards, and Brighton's defense came away with another shutout. This win caused a stir and local fans started noticing the Bengals again. Taylorsville had just 70 yards of offense and never completed a pass. Brighton's defense also scored twice. This was one of the biggest routs of any team in Utah this season. Taylorsville didn't win a game all season.		
Sept. 4	<b>at Hunter</b>	W	31-0
	Brighton served up another dose of shutout stew, dominating the line of scrimmage (again) and whipping Hunter. The Bengals were now on every team's radar, having outscored opponents 110-0 going into the Region 4 season. There would be no sneaking up on anybody else. Hunter rallied back to win seven straight games before losing in the 5A semifinals.		
Sept. 11	<b>at Lone Peak*</b>	L	7-23
	The Knights' defense took some wind out of Brighton's sails, taking advantage of a first-quarter INT return for a TD and limited Brighton to just one late-game score. <b>Sosaia TaKai</b> rushed for over 100 yards, and <b>Derrick Newell</b> threw for 272, but Brighton had three turnovers. Lone Peak emerged as one of the top teams in Utah and reached the 5A quarterfinals before losing at Hunter.		
Sept. 18	<b>ALTA*</b>	W	21-10
	This was homecoming night and became the biggest victory of the season. Led by birthday boy (and homecoming king) Ricky Heimuli, Brighton's defense was dominating ... again, and <b>Sosaia TaKai</b> ran for 160 yards and a touchdown. The Bengals shut out Alta in the second half, and limited the Hawks to their poorest offensive showing of the year. It also broke a four-year losing streak to their rivals. Alta got hot afterward and reached the 5A semifinals.		

## BRIGHTON FOOTBALL: 2009 game-by-game-results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>
Sept. 30	<b>at Hillcrest*</b>	W	49-10
	<p>The Bengals gave Hillcrest a 10-0 lead early, and then dominated. <b>Sosaia TaKai</b> ran for 162 yards and scored twice, including an 80-yard touchdown pass. Hillcrest never had a first down after halftime and had just 20 yards rushing. At the time, Brighton moved to 2-1 in region and was tied for second place. Hillcrest finished 2-8 and in last place in Region 4.</p>		
Oct. 9	<b>PLEASANT GROVE*</b>	L	7-12
	<p>Next to Alta, this was the most important game of the season. PG was unbeaten at the time, and looking like the best team in the state. Brighton scored early on a great catch and run by <b>Zane Smith</b>, and made the Vikings work for everything. Despite the win, PG QB Dallas Lloyd was sacked five times and injured his shoulder. He would miss the next two games and PG's season went downhill after that.</p>		
Oct. 16	<b>at American Fork*</b>	W	35-12
	<p>This would have been a tough game except for <b>Stephen Robinson</b>, who caught two touchdown passes on offense and returned an INT for a score. QB <b>Derrick Newell</b> completed just eight passes, but had an affinity for big plays and finished with over 240 yards through the air. AF had a good team, but ended up in fifth place in Region 4 and didn't make the playoffs.</p>		
Oct. 23	<b>JORDAN*</b>	L	20-28
	<p>In front of a big home crowd, Diggers QB Alex Hart continued his record-breaking season, throwing for three TDs and running for another in Jordan's win. He was sacked a season-high eight times, and Brighton played without an injured <b>Ricky Heimuli</b>. Afterward, coach <b>Ryan Bullett</b> said Brighton wasn't "up" to play, and it set up a playoff between these same teams.</p>		
Oct. 7	<b>vs. JORDAN#</b>	L	30-35
	<p>Brighton won the coin flip and asked that this playoff be played on grass at Hillcrest High, a nearby neutral site. It was a cold, snowy evening but drew a big crowd. Brighton started strong. <b>Ricky Heimuli</b> was able to play, and <b>Stephen Robinson</b> returned the opening kickoff for a TD and the team seemed inspired. Hart played well again and Jordan was ahead most of the game. In the final seconds, RB <b>Chris Finau</b> appeared to have scored the go-ahead TD, but it was nullified by a penalty. Thus, the season ended in a disappointing manner. Jordan went on to lose at Bingham in the first round the playoffs.</p>		