**Writing Sport Stories Assignment**

**Directions**: Rewrite the following cliché-filled football story to eliminate trite expressions. See the list of trite expressions on page 285 in the textbook. Note: Not all of the sports expressions are incorrect. Some are legitimate, colorful language of the sport.

**Tigers Conquer Cougars**

By Josh Rohl

The Trafton High School Tigers clawed their way to the Intercity League football championship Friday with a 14-0 shellacking of the Villa Park Cougars—who played more like kittens.

Playing under the arcs at the local gridiron, the Tigers broke a scoreless deadlock late in the second stanza when quarterback Tommie James threw a Hail Mary pass to wide receiver Corey Campbell, who snagged the aerial for 65 yards and a waltz into pay dirt for the tally. Kicker Carlos Sanchez split the uprights. The Tigers took a 7-0 lead into the clubhouse at the intermission.

In the second half the Cougars mounted an aerial attack but it was thwarted by the Tigers’ D. Playing out of a 3-4 alignment, the Trafton defenders tagged Cougar mail carriers for 46 negative yards in the third canto alone.

Meanwhile, James nixed the Tigers’ pro set offense with plays out of the I to take Trafton into the red zone three times in the second half. Tiger gridders were able to punch the pigskin into pay dirt only once, but that was enough.

Triple threat I-back Dave Williams brought down the curtain on the season with a six-yard scamper into the Promised Land on a counter play as time ran out in the fourth chapter. Sanchez kicked the extra point.

Williams and James return for their senior season next year, thus forming the nucleus of what should be another well-oiled Tiger machine.