



Cardinal Newman 20, Vacaville 13 (OT)

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Cardinal Newman Cardinals (1-1) defeated the Bulldogs (2-1) in the second game of new coach Richard Sanchez's tenure at Cardinal Newman.

"It feels fantastic to get the first win at Cardinal Newman," Sanchez said. "We talked about finishing this week. Last week we didn't finish (a 20-17 loss to San Leandro). Finish was the motto all week, so we did that."

Santino Acevedo was a wrecking ball for Cardinal Newman. He scored on runs of 21 and 15 yards in the third quarter and on the first play of overtime on a 25-yard jaunt. Defensively, middle linebacker Acevedo had 10 tackles and three sacks.

"Acevedo had a big night. He is a beast," Sanchez said. "Our offensive line played very well. We made adjustments throughout the game. Overall our defense played very well. We got after their quarterback — it was fun to see. Their quarterback wasn't comfortable all night, particularly in overtime."