



Vacaville pulls away in fourth quarter against Granite Bay to earn third win

The Vacaville Bulldogs are starting to really find their stride with two weeks to go before crucial Monticello Empire League games begin.

After dismantling Yuba City 49-0 last week, the Bulldogs (3-1) established their will on the ground again tonight against Granite Bay in what turned out to be a comfortable 46-23 win on the road.

It was sweet revenge for Vacaville after Granite Bay came into Tom Zunino Stadium and handed the Bulldogs a 42-7 loss last season.

As was the case last week, Vacaville's running game was very impressive tonight. The Bulldogs ran for 371 yards on 46 attempts (8.1 yards per rush) and all of their weapons were clicking. Daniel Wright continued his elite play with 111 yards on 17 carries with three touchdowns. Timothy Jackson surpassed Wright in the yards category with 112 yards on five carries and a touchdown. Jackson's touchdown run was a 94 yard score. Jacob Abramowicz muscled his way to 75 yards on 11 carries and Austin Green and Gunner Pagos added over 25 yards rushing in the win.

But maybe the best news of all was that the passing game showed some life. Troy Claunch and Jon Donaldson hooked up for two touchdowns on the night. Claunch was 7-for-8 with 124 yards passing, with 71 yards of it going to his favorite target Donaldson.

The Bulldogs got off to a great start with 13 points in the first quarter. Wright and Jackson each found pay dirt in the quarter, with Wright scoring on a 40 yard run and Jackson scoring from 94 yards out. A goal line stand inside the ten yard line helped set up Jackson's 94 yard gallop.

The Grizzlies got on the board mid-way through the second quarter on a John Poulos 3-yard pass to Alex Martinez. The Bulldogs responded with a touchdown of their own after Claunch hit Donaldson in the endzone from 8-yards out to push the lead to 19-7.

But the Grizzlies rallied for a touchdown in the final minute of the half to close the lead to 19-14. Paulos threw his second touchdown pass of the game to bring his team to within five at the half.

Coming out of halftime, it was still anyone's game. Claunch hit Donaldson again for another touchdown, this time from 57 yards out to make it 26-14. The Grizzlies refused to go away though. After stuffing Wright in the endzone for a safety, Granite Bay drove down the field and scored on a Griffin Vidaurri 6-yard touchdown run to pull within three points.

But a good running game will wear opposing defenses down late in the game and that seemed to be the case tonight. Vacaville scored three touchdowns and held Granite Bay scoreless in the fourth quarter to pull away.

Two touchdown runs from Wright and one from Green in the final quarter put the finishing touches on the win.

The Bulldogs forced three turnovers on defense, two of which came on interceptions from Tyler Cordell and Brandon Mingus. Abramowicz led the tackling category from his linebacker spot with seven tackles, Mingus had six, Cordell had seven and Zach Myers added five.

The Bulldogs are home next week for a Homecoming matchup with California's No.22 ranked team, Pittsburgh (4-0).