

Vacaville clinches tie for MEL crown in win over Rodriguez

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FAIRFIELD — Vacaville High secured a piece of the Monticello Empire League title Friday at Coach Ed Hopkins Memorial Stadium with a 42-6 victory over Rodriguez.

The loss dropped the host Mustangs (7-2 overall, 2-2 MEL) out of contention for the MEL crown.

The Bulldogs (7-2, 3-0) never trailed, scoring in each of the first three quarters, with their quarterback Ryan Vaughan completing 10-of-23 throws for 192 yards and touchdown passes of 34, 14 and 11 yards and adding a 1-yard rushing TD on a QB sneak in the second.

Darian Leon-Guerrero scored from 2 yards out for Vacaville. Lucca Sartorio added a pick-six in the third quarter, picking off an errant Rodriguez pass and dashing untouched 42 yards down the opposing sideline for a score. Micah Navarro hit all six point-after-touchdown attempts.

The Mustangs' lone touchdown was the game's last, with Miles Meadows hitting Malachi Jones in stride for a 40-yard tally. Meadows led all passers with 216 yards.

In their regular season finales, Vacaville will face Wood (7-2, 3-1) while Rodriguez will take on Vanden (7-2, 3-1).