



Vaca tops Wood in Black and Blue Bowl

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VACAVILLE - In the 24th annual Black and Blue Bowl at Zunino Stadium, visiting Vacaville High won its fifth-straight outright Monticello Empire League title, defeating Will C. Wood 42-24, Friday night.

Although Wildcats quarterback Tyler Bailey attempted 24 passes, it was a run-heavy game from both sides as each team had a 100-yard rusher.

Will C. Wood's standout sophomore Damon Lewis ran for 175 yards on 19 carries, including three touchdowns.

For the Bulldogs, Damonte Moore had 14 carries for 131 yards. Kane Cunningham was not far behind with 96 yards and a touchdown. Vacaville rushed for a total of 377 yards from seven different players.

Bulldogs coach Mike Papadopoulos said there is "really good football in our town right now. I'm really proud of what goes on here, everywhere, not just our school."

The Wildcats (7-3, 3-2 MEL) got out to a hot start as they stopped Vacaville (7-3, 5-0) on its first possession, holding them to a three-and-out. After a three-and-out of its own, Will C. Wood had to punt, but forced and recovered a fumble by the Bulldogs on their ensuing series. Two plays later, the first score of the game came from Lewis on a 7-yard run, scoring again five minutes later on a 19-yard run to make it 14-0. In the second quarter, Vacaville scored four times, allowing the Wildcats to only score one more time.

"I think our defense did a really nice job," Papadopoulos said. "We were able to figure out some of the things, defensively, that they were doing once we got a beat on it."

"All of the Bulldogs touchdowns in the second quarter were from the ground, as Cunningham and David Mewborn scored once and Connor Kanellis found the end zone twice, making the score 28-21 at the half.

Will C. Wood scored one more time in the second half on an 18-yard field goal from Adam Cunning, while Vacaville scored twice more, sealing the victory on a 17-yard pass from Chad Hekking to Tanner Donaldson. Hekking was a very efficient 9 of 10, finishing with with 131 yards.

Wildcats' Bailey ended the night with 108 yards.

Both teams await the release of Sac-Joaquin Section playoff brackets, Saturday