



Turnovers plague Vacaville High School in 42-7 football loss to Granite Bay

Just like that, a really good football game turned into a really awful one ... at least for Vacaville High School on Friday night.

The Bulldogs looked like they were going into halftime against visiting Granite Bay with at least a tie, and maybe even the lead.

Less than a minute ... and two turnovers ... later, Vacaville was in a two-touchdown hole. Matters got even worse after the intermission, and the Grizzlies cruised to a 42-7 victory at Tom Zunino Stadium.

"Those were some killer turnovers, and everything spilled over into the second half," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "We gave them some really short fields, and you can't do that against a great team like they are."

The Bulldogs actually led 7-0 late in the second period, Daniel Wright scored on a 5-yard run after a 94-yard pass play from Gabe Caravantes to Bryce Begell took the Bulldogs from a third-and-22 play at the own 1-yard line to a first-and-goal.

Sam Patel's extra point was really the last highlight the Bulldogs had.

Granite Bay took the ensuing kickoff and marched 53 yards in just two plays, with Hunter Chatten scoring on a 40-yard run to tie the score with 2:45 left.

Vacaville could have gone into the locker room in great shape after solid runs by Cassius Reynolds and Wright moved the ball close to midfield.

But an interception turned the tide, and one play later, Granite Bay quarterback Kyle Kraft hit Scott Henrichs with a 31-yard scoring pass to give the Grizzlies the lead for good with 25 seconds left in the half.

But that was just the beginning of Vacaville's nightmare. The Bulldogs fumbled on their next play from scrimmage, and Kraft and Henrichs hooked up again from 25 yards out on the very next play for a 21-7 lead.

Vacaville received the second-half kickoff, but fumbled again on its first play from scrimmage. Two plays later, Kraft connected with Alex Martinez on a 24-yard TD, and the rout was one.

The rest of the night was just window dressing, as Christian Fisher and Sam Cusano scored on short for the final total.

Vacaville finished the night with just 227 yards of offense, a mere 39 after halftime. Included in that total was a 32-yard loss after a bad snap on a punt that led to another Granite Bay score.

"Runs, passes, special teams ... we made mistake everywhere," Papadopoulos said. "But we can fix those. That's why we play teams like this. We'll be fine."

The Bulldogs (1-2) were led defensively by the play of Colton Osborne and Justin Hoekwater.

Wright rushed for 48 hard-earned yards on 15 carries. Reynolds added 43 yards, and freshman Derriyon Jack added 30.

Granite Bay improved to 3-0.

Vacaville plays at Pittsburg next week.