



Vacaville High School football defeats Vintage 44-28

No tricks, but Wyatt Faulkner got a treat.

Faulkner and the Vacaville High School football team had a fun time on Halloween at Napa Memorial Stadium. The Bulldogs finished with a 44-28 win over Vintage, a final score that looked a whole lot closer than the game actually was.

The Bulldogs already led 30-7 by halftime, and Faulkner pushed that advantage to 37-7 less than a minute into the second half.

Faulkner and several teammates crashed through the Crushers' line on a third-and-11 play from Vintage's own 1-yard line. The chaos caused a Vintage fumble that seemed to hang in midair for seconds, until Faulkner grabbed the ball and ... well ...

"I was already in the end zone," he said. "It was like getting free candy for the first time. I just saw the ball hanging there, and my eyes got about as big as they ever have been."

Faulkner and company led a charge that limited Vintage to just 76 yards of offense in the first half, and then added his defensive score.

Kane Cunningham added a 7-yard scoring run midway through the third quarter for a 44-14 margin.

The Bulldogs then substituted freely, and Vintage scored two late touchdowns, including one with 54 seconds left, for the final total.

Vacaville improved to 7-2 overall, 3-1 in Monticello Empire League games. Vintage fell to 6-3 and 2-2.

The Bulldogs controlled the game from the outset, marching 64 yards in just six plays after the opening kickoff. Mykal Walker went the final 44 yards on a sweep left to put the Bulldogs ahead to stay.

Walker rushed for 113 yards on just seven carries, and also had a 12-yard scoring run. Damonte Moore led Vacaville with 127 yards on eight attempts, including TD runs of six and 48 yards.

The Bulldogs also scored a safety, when a Vintage center snap on fourth down from the Crushers' 25-yard line sailed into the end zone and was booted out the back of the end zone.

Vacaville cruised despite playing without starting quarterback Chad Hekking.

Gabe Caravantes started in Hekking's place, and threw just six official passes as Vacaville ran wild. Caravantes completed two passes for 24 yards, but had two other passes dropped, and three more completions nullified by penalties.

Vintage had chances early, but misfired at key times.

After Vacaville's opening TD, the Crushers drove all the way to the Bulldogs' 17-yard line. But Vacaville's defense stiffened, and a fumbled snap on a 36-yard field goal attempt led to a 12-yard loss.

After Moore scored his first touchdown, Vintage drove to the Vacaville 24-yard line, but a fourth-down pass play fell incomplete.

The Crushers again drove into Vacaville territory on their third drive, but a 47-yard field goal attempt fell short, and the rout was on.

Vacaville hosts Will C. Wood in the Black and Blue Bowl next week.