



Vacaville High School football team cruises to 35-13 win over Vintage

Vacaville High School's football team had visiting Vintage seeing double on Friday night.

First, there were the two touchdown passes from Gabe Caravantes to Bryce Begell in a 21-point first quarter that gave the Bulldogs the lead for good in a 35-13 victory at Tom Zunino Stadium.

And how about the two interceptions by Tyler Cordell that stopped Crushers' drives? Or the two big sacks by running back-turned-blitzing outside linebacker Daniel Wright?

Wright also had ... you guessed it ... two touchdown runs. And Nate Villalobos had two takeaways with a fumble recovery and an interception.

"The whole defense did a good job," said Cordell. "I don't really know what I was thinking. I just read the quarterback's eyes."

Wright knew exactly what he was doing, sacking Vintage quarterback Jared Horn for a 17-yard loss on a fourth-down play from the Bulldogs' 15-yard line.

The big play ended a 10-play Crushers' drive with the game still hanging in the balance.

Vacaville responded with a nine-play, 68-yard march that drained five minutes off the clock and ended with Wright's 2-yard scoring run with 2:05 left for the final total.

"We just had to get the job done on defense," said Wright, who added 96 yards rushing to his big stops on defense. "We had to make the critical stop, and then finish hard."

The result lifted Vacaville to 5-4 overall and 3-1 in Monticello Empire League play. Vintage fell to 5-4 and 2-2, all but ending the Crushers' playoff hopes.

While the outcome put the Bulldogs right where they needed to be heading into next week's Black and Blue Bowl, not all of the "double talk" was positive.

Vacaville had two turnovers of its own, one that led directly to a touchdown when a fumbled punt was returned by the Crushers for a score.

Vacaville's Chris Wood had two touchdown runs that were called back by penalties, even though he had a 53-yard TD run that did count on the Bulldogs' second play from scrimmage.

"We put the ball on the ground five times," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "Obviously we had a lot of mistakes, but when we needed to get stops we got them. And the takeaways helped."

Isiah Edwards and Jacob Abramowicz also recovered fumbles for Vacaville. Zach Myers, Marquis Pratcher, Jacob Carpenter, Mike McCauley and Colton Osborne were among the many who made big plays on defense.

On offense, Wood finished with 153 yards rushing on just 10 carries. Caravantes added 109 yards passing, all in the first half, including TD tosses of 61 and 2 yards to Begell.

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