

Vaca's offense cuts loose

October 14, 2006 - Marcus McMillian had just entered the game at cornerback for Kyle Caserza, who ran off the field holding one of his cleats. McMillian nearly picked off the first pass he saw.

The next throw his way didn"t escape his grasp.

McMillian returned an interception 14 yards for a touchdown and added a big 42-yard catch that set up another score to help the Vacaville High School football win its Monticello Empire League opener over Armijo 58-21 at Tom Zunino Stadium on Friday night.

"Marcus McMillian had a great game, he had a big night," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said.

McMillian"s score put the Bulldogs (5-1 overall) ahead 37-0 with 4:04 left in the second quarter.

Vacaville also had two players rush for over 100 yards before the half ended. Terrance Dailey had 132 yards, all in the first half, and a 19-yard touchdown for a 7-0 lead with 10:27 left in the first quarter. Bobby Ortiz, who finished with 155 rushing yards and scores of 36 and 7 yards, had 113 yards in the opening half.

However, Ortiz and Armijo"s Greg Mills appeared to get in a shoving match with 9:45 remaining in the fourth quarter. Both players were ejected, which will likely result in a one-game suspension for both players.

"At this point, we"ll have to look at the tape," said Papadopoulos, who didn"t want to speculate any further.

If Ortiz is out for an important MEL road game at Vintage next Friday, that means the halfback duties will fall primarily to Johnny Feaster, who starts at cornerback. Feaster had a 37-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter with 7:12 left to give Vacaville a 51-14 lead. Dailey, who didn"t play the entire second half, appeared to be grabbing his left shoulder and grimacing in discomfort while anxiously pacing the sideline late in the game. Dailey and Ortiz are Vacaville"s two leading rushers this year.

Caserza had scoring runs of 11 and 7 yards, while Clayton Banora had a 34-yard rushing score for Vacaville"s final points with 43 seconds left. Jeremy Hohn connected

on the Bulldogs first field goal of the season, a 22 yarder, with 5:10 left in the second quarter.

Vacaville"s Peter Buck had an interception. Zack Nash, disruptive all night in Armijo"s backfield, forced a fumble that teammate Ryan Prescott recovered.

The Indians (2-4, 0-1) had something to smile about when Carl Hayles returned a Ricky Rodarte interception 98 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter. Jared Richard and Jone" White had scoring receptions of 20 and 11 yards, respectively.