



Vacaville defeats Armijo in rout

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FAIRFIELD - The scoreboard wasn't the only thing malfunctioning Friday night for the Armijo High School football team, which lost 45-13 to the visiting Vacaville Bulldogs.

Led by strong passing from quarterback Chad Hekking and big rushing plays, the Bulldogs scored early and never looked back.

After shutting down Armijo's offense on its first drive and forcing a punt, Vacaville found the end zone on its fourth play with a 9-yard connection from Hekking to Kane Cunningham, followed by a point-after by senior kicker Alberto Escobedo, who connected on all six of his attempts.

Hekking later connected with Jeremy Sweany for 35 yards, setting up a 43-yard touchdown pass to Tanner Donaldson.

Linebacker Chris Wall picked off an errant pass from pressured Armijo quarterback D'Mario Johnson, then Hekking hit Sweany for a 31-yard touchdown, putting Vacaville up 21-0.

Hekking finished the game with three touchdowns on 6-of-9 passing, racking up 176 yards.

Vacaville posted 550 yards overall, with an average of nearly 13 yards per play, to Armijo's 245 total yards.

An injury to D'Mario Johnson put Maurice Johnson at the helm for the Indians, however, strong Bulldog defense quickly forced them into a turnover on downs. A 53-yard rush by Damonte Moore marched the Bulldogs back down the field. A short run by Jordan Allgier positioned Moore for a 20-yard scoring run, bringing the score to 28-0.

The Bulldogs forced a punt again. Two plays later, David Mewborn scored on a 58-yard run.

The Bulldogs again found the end zone at the 4:30 mark of the fourth quarter on a 5-yard scramble by DeAndre Lewis.

Coach Mike Papadopoulos credited his team's "solid week of practice." While Armijo presented some challenges, Papadopoulos said he was happy with his team's passing efforts and looks forward to working on getting things to run even "cleaner" as the Bulldogs prepare to host Napa (4-3).

"It was a neat opportunity to get a lot of kids some work tonight," he added.

The win brings the Bulldogs to 4-3 overall and 2-0 in Monticello Empire League play.