



Vacaville defeats Cardinal Newman in home opener

Vacaville (2-1 overall) was back at Tom Zunino Stadium and earned a 14-7 win over Cardinal Newman of Santa Rosa.

The Bulldogs had a much better result than the previous week, a 62-0 loss at Oak Ridge. Vacaville scored a touchdown in the second and third quarter and let the defense do its job for a victory.

“Collectively, the defense played really well,” Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. “They worked together and understand what we are trying to accomplish.”

Cristian Diosdado had a 4-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Quarterback Brody Fortunati hit Jemier Buckner with a 9-yard touchdown pass in the third. Vacaville ended up with 228 yards of offense (169 on the ground, 59 in the air), despite scoring just two touchdowns.

The Bulldogs held Cardinal Newman to one fourth quarter touchdown and 190 yards of offense.

“The offense moved the ball better,” Papadopoulos said. “We’re still working on a couple of facets of the game. It’s exciting to play a great program like that.”