

Vacaville struggles offensively in loss to Cardinal Newman

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The Vacaville High School football team suffered its first loss of the season on Friday night, falling 27-7 at Cardinal Newman.

The struggling Vacaville offense was unable to get on the scoreboard, leaving the only scoring to come from Justin Albrecht. On his way to a monster game of 17 tackles and two sacks, Albrecht scored on a fumble recovery.

Vacaville fell behind 20-0 in the first quarter and could never get back into the game. Cardinal Newman scored on a Jonah Bertoli 70-yard pass from Jayson Colter to make it 7-0.

That lead was extended just a few minutes later when Zachary Homan rushed in a score to make it 14-0.

Bertoli had another touchdown reception, this time from 14 yards out, and the Bulldogs were left wondering what had hit them.

The game remained 20-7 until late the fourth quarter when Homan scored again, this time on a 55-yard pass from Colter. Homan ended up with 145 yards rushing on 24

carries, while Colter threw for 196 yards and three touchdowns. He was intercepted once.

Cristian Diosdado led the Vacaville offense with 20 carries for 105 yards.

Meanwhile, Brody Fortunati struggled, completing 4 of 14 passes for -7 yards. He was intercepted once.

Massimo Menicou added 11 tackles on defense, while Evan Blaettler had another eight of his own to go with a sack. Noa Siaosi added two sacks.

Vacaville's has a bye next week, followed by a Sept. 15 home game against Granite Bay.