



Blue Devils battle but Bulldogs win

Braulio Acevedo found his open receivers.

Adrian Trujillo came up with a big play on defense for the Davis High football team.

AJ Hasson also produced a big play for Davis in Friday's season and home opener against Vacaville at Ron and Mary Brown Stadium.

But the visiting Bulldogs made a lot of noise in the second half against the Blue Devils. That led to breaking a 21-21 tie at halftime to posting a 49-21 victory.

Davis (0-1) took the kickoff to start the third quarter and moved the football to the Vacaville 34-yard line. The Blue Devils used a mixture of runs from running back Jude Vaughn and Acevedo, a sophomore, who completed 2-of-4 passes for 36 on the drive.

But faced with fourth down and 10 at the 34, Davis trotted out kicker Thomas Albeck to boot a 51-yard field goal with 7:28 left in the quarter. The kick was a high line drive that dipped down and went underneath the uprights to keep the game at 21-all.

Then Vacaville (1-0) took charge the rest of the half.

Bulldog running back Cristian Diosdado capped an eight play, 66-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run with 4:46 left on the game clock. Micah Navarro booted the extra-point for a 28-21 score.

After a Blue Devil offensive drive that stalled at their own 27 in three plays, Vacaville increased its lead to 35-21 when quarterback Brody Fortunati connected with Diosdado on a 13-yard swing pass. Navarro's kick through the uprights was good again, as it would be on the Bulldogs' next two scoring drives.

Davis was deep in its own territory again after the Bulldogs' score. But Vaughn put the Blue Devils in Bulldog territory again, thanks to a 42-yard to place the football at the Vacaville 29.

But two runs that led to negative four yards and a pass that gained only four yards were not enough for the Blue Devils, who turned the ball over on downs.

On the first play at the Bulldog 30, Vacaville running back Gabriel Ellis took the handoff from Fortunati, busted up the middle and rocketed 70 yards for a touchdown at 9:08 on the clock. That gave Vacaville a 42-21 lead.

The Bulldogs scored their final touchdown with 6:38 left in the contest. This time Fortunati called his own number, taking the football into the end zone on a 1-yard run to make it 49-21.

Vacaville tied the game at 21-all with 49 seconds left in the second quarter when Fortunati threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Jemeir Buckner.

Trujillo, from his outside linebacker spot, picked off a Fortunati pass for a big turnover in favor of the Blue Devils, as the ball was initially spotted at the 30 but the pick marked the spot at the 10 with 5:37 mark in the quarter.

Two plays later, Acevedo hit Hasson for his second touchdown of the game on a 6-yard pass with 4:47 in the quarter. Albeck's kick was good for a 21-14 Davis lead.

Davis knotted the game at 14-14 with 6:51 on the clock when Acevedo hit wide receiver Sawyer Schoen, who ran a post pattern, of 47 yards and streaked down the Blue Devils' sideline. Albeck kick sailed through the uprights.

Vacaville started the second quarter taking a 14-7 lead when Fortunati found Brady Mott on a 75-yard pass.

The Bulldogs tied the game 7-7 toward the end of the first quarter. Fortunati threw his first touchdown pass of the season when he connected with wide receiver Isaak Bubak on a 10-yard pass.

Hasson scored Davis' first touchdown of the season at 2:16 left in the opening quarter. Eyeing Fortunati in the pocket, Hasson leaped up and grabbed Fortunati pass and ran it back 20 yards for a 7-0 score. Albeck booted his first extra-point of the season.

In the junior varsity game, Vacaville posted a 43-16 win over Davis.