



Vacaville High enjoys 48-21 homecoming blowout

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Good fortune came early when kicker Reed White recovered a fumble at midfield and opened the floodgates on a banner homecoming night for the Vacaville High School football team.

The Bulldogs scored on seven of eight offensive possessions in the first half en route to a 48-21 victory over Deer Valley on Friday night, a result that was far more lopsided than the final score. Vacaville led 48-6 at halftime and the Bulldogs' coaches went deep into their bench for playing time.

"The kids played very well," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "They put some pressure on us and the kids made some adjustments and gave a great effort. That's a great football team. We didn't expect something like this."

Vacaville improved to 4-1 and will open the Monticello Empire League season at home next week against Napa.

The Bulldogs had a whopping 265 yards rushing in the first half alone, and added 68 in the air with 333 total yards by halftime. In short, there were plenty of fireworks on the field before the spectacular fireworks show followed to accompany homecoming activities.

Melvin Mason rushed for 139 yards on 10 carries, including a touchdown. Curtis Goins rushed five times for 62 yards, caught five passes for 62 yards and finished with three touchdowns.

"We just had some big momentum gains early and just kept going," Papadopoulos said. "This was a great way to head into league next week."

Vacaville came out passing on its first possession, when quarterback Coleman Christensen connected with Goins three straight times. The last of the three went for 10 yards and a score. Goins added a 41-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and a 12-yard touchdown catch of a Christensen pass in the second.

Mason's touchdown went for 16 yards in the first quarter. Jacob Te'o had touchdown runs of 13 and 24 yards in the second quarter. Carson Jeppson also had a touchdown run of 4 yards in the second quarter.

White converted six extra points.

Deer Valley (2-3) couldn't stop the offensive onslaught. Vacaville had 21 points in the first quarter and scored 27 in the second. Wolverines head coach Rich Woods had a tough return to Solano County. Woods was the head coach at Vanden for 11 years (1993-2003).

Wolverines quarterback Nsimba Webster finished with three touchdowns, but two came in the fourth quarter, when the running clock was in effect. His touchdown runs went for 9, 1 and 5 yards. Running back Shane Pooler rushed for 133 yards on 18 carries.