



Vacaville loses track meet to Deer Valley

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ANTIOCH -- Deer Valley running back Shane Pooler took the first play from scrimmage straight up the gut for an 80-yard touchdown, and the track meet was on.

Both team's cheerleaders attempted the "defense" cheer several times, but it simply didn't work on this night.

The Wolverines (4-1) unloaded with 526 yards in 55-35 victory that featured 955 yards of offense and three kickoff returns for touchdowns.

"It was a great offensive effort by two great teams," Deer Valley coach Rich Woods said. "It was a nice way to head into league."

Deer Valley junior quarterback Nsimba Webster finished with 221 yards rushing and a touchdown on just 11 carries, and he was 12-of-17 for 117 yards and two touchdowns through the air.

Pooler was not to be outdone racking up 154 yards and two scores on 17 carries, despite having a 55-yard score called back on a hold. Pooler also electrified the crowd with a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Deer Valley ripped off 197 yards on its first eight plays, and raced out to a 21-7 lead just six minutes into the game. Nsimba Webster had 101 yards on his first two plays, but fumbled at the end of a 68-yard run, keeping Vacaville in the game.

Vacaville running back Curtis Goins also kept the Bulldogs (2-3) close with 141 yards rushing, 82 yards receiving and a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

Webster and Pooler had 106 yards rushing each in the first half alone, and Nzuzi Webster, Nsimba's brother, took a short kickoff back 66 yard for a score.

Vacaville narrowed the gap to seven, 35-28, after three quarters, and again at 42-35 with 7:35 left, but Pooler's 99-yard kick return put the game out of reach.

Vacaville ended the night with 296 yards rushing and completed 7 passes for another 133 yards.