



Fairfield comes up just short against Vacaville

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VACAVILLE- Quarterback Brody Fortunati threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Carter Geis, a 22-yarder to Levi West and a third TD for 27 yards to Jemeir Buckner. Cristian Diosdado also rushed for a 1-yard TD run and Micah Navarro converted three extra-points. The Bulldogs improved to 4-4 overall and are one game behind Vanden in the MEL at 2-1.

Fairfield quarterback Tristen Smith had a 10-yard touchdown pass to Damauryon Rumsey and a 15-yard scoring strike to Elijah Anaya. Fabian Montes kicked a 21-yard field goal and converted two extra-point kicks. The Falcons are 5-3 overall and 1-2 in the MEL. Fairfield still has an opportunity for a winning record with a victory in one of their final two games.

"We were able to stop the run really well," Fairfield head coach Alex Hubbard said. "Our offense also did well at times. We lost by 10 but and that was our best against them in a long, long time."

Smith finished 16 of 29 passing for 225 yards. Tre'von Moten rushed 15 times for 48 yards. Rumsey finished with five catches for 97 yards. On defense, Moten led the team with 11 solo tackles and Josh Tucker had an interception.

Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos concurred on the performance of the Falcons: "They did a really good job and that was one of their better teams in a number of years. I'm proud of the way our kids handled themselves this week and did what they had to do to get a win."

Fortunati was a very efficient 20 of 25 passing for 265 yards. Diosdado finished with 11 carries for 40 yards and Buckner had five catches for 80 yards. Massimo Menicou led the defense with 10 tackles, three of which were for loss. Koby Ortiz also had an interception for the Bulldogs.

Fairfield will take on Vanden next Friday at Schafer Stadium. Vacaville heads to Armijo. The game was championship level football, the coach said, and his team will pick up and make adjustments.

"Our kids started to get some things going and we just couldn't finish our drives," he said.