



Folsom locks down on Vacaville

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There were a few tears, but more stunned faces, after the Vacaville High School football team's playoff exit was pretty much determined before halftime.

Folsom quarterback Dano Graves lived up to his billing, while Vacaville simply had trouble hanging on to the football on a soaked Friday night in the Sierra foothills. Graves threw five touchdown passes and ran for three more scores as Folsom overwhelmed Vacaville 75-6 in the Sac-Joaquin Section Division II second-round playoff game.

Vacaville stopped Folsom on its first possession. The home Bulldogs then scored 11 consecutive times for a 75-0 lead at halftime.

A running clock sped up the second half. Quincy Forte scored Vacaville's lone touchdown on a 2-yard run with 9:40 left in the game.

"We didn't expect that," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "That got away from us and we got into a really deep hole. We couldn't get it going and they had a whole lot of momentum."

The 75-6 margin of defeat was the biggest for a Vacaville team in the modern era, and the most points the Bulldogs have allowed in a game at least since 1930. Vacaville had come into the game scoring at least 76 points in each of its last three contests.

"We didn't play at the level we should have," Vacaville's Hudson Buck said. "Shame on us."

Vacaville put the ball on the ground 10 times and Folsom was able to recover four of those fumbles. One Vacaville fumble came on a punt attempt that went into the end zone and was recovered by Folsom for a touchdown.

Vacaville, which had averaged 514 yards per game, was held in check to 96 yards on the ground and just four in the air. Forte led Vacaville with 69 yards on 18 carries.

Graves and his teammates played like they didn't even notice the rain. He had touchdown runs of 6, 5 and 30 yards. His touchdown passes went for 32, 43, 18, 4 and 54 yards, all before halftime.

The 5-foot-9, 185-pound quarterback completed 14 of 22 passes for 331 yards. He came into the game with 48 touchdown passes and 2,644 yards.

"He's one of the best high school quarterbacks to come out of this area," Papadopoulos said. "They have a great football team."

Tanner Trosin and Jordan Richards each caught a pair of touchdown passes from Graves. Kori Babineaux hauled in another. Richards also had a 5-yard touchdown run, and Trosin broke away for a 64-yarder.

Folsom finished with 109 yards on the ground to go with Graves' 331 in the air.

Folsom improved to 11-1 overall and will play in Atwater next Friday in a semifinal game against Buhach Colony, which cruised to a 56-14 win over Rosemont.

Vacaville closed out its season 10-2.