



Granite Bay stonewalls Vacaville

September 23, 2006 - Following Friday night's 36-22 loss to Granite Bay, Vacaville High School football head coach Mike Papadopoulos had to wonder what the Bulldogs might have accomplished had they been able to hold on to the ball better.

Despite giving up 36 points to the perennial powerhouse Grizzlies, the Bulldogs defense owned the line of scrimmage all night, stifling the vaunted Granite Bay running game. The points surrendered were more of a byproduct of Vacaville's five turnovers, three of which were fumbles that led to Granite Bay scores.

Still, the Bulldogs showed glimpses of potential for good things in the future.

"The defense sure did an incredible job," Papadopoulos said. "We know we were playing a great team in Granite Bay. I still think we did a great job."

Vacaville set the tone early, marching 80 yards on its opening possession, running predominantly, including a 3-yard touchdown run by Terrance Dailey.

In the second quarter, the Bulldogs suffered three costly turnovers, all of which led to Granite Bay scores. Grizzly kicker Scott Enos booted two field goals in the quarter after a Vacaville interception and a fumble, and Brandon Benson returned a fumble 30 yards for a touchdown, giving the Grizzlies a 16-7 lead at halftime.

The Bulldogs made things interesting in the waning moments of the game when John Feaster took a reverse from Josh Kaddu on a kickoff return and ran it back 81 yards to the Granite Bay 1-yard line. Terrance Daily scored on the next play. On the ensuing kickoff, the Bulldogs initially appeared to recover their onside kick attempt, but it was ruled that the Grizzlies maintained possession, virtually ending the game.

Vacaville's record dropped to 2-1 overall. The Bulldogs host Vallejo next week on homecoming night.