

Granite Bay notches win

September 27, 2008 - Mike Papadopoulos tried to say the events of the day didn't factor in.

He wasn't being totally truthful.

Papadopoulos and the Vacaville High School football team went through an emotional wringer Friday after the death of longtime Bulldog coach Tom Zunino. They played like a team that went through an emotional wringer on Friday night, losing 68-10 at highly touted Granite Bay.

It was the most points Vacaville had allowed in a game since a 69-48 loss to Cordova in 2004. It was also the worst loss in terms of margin of defeat in the history of the program.

Of course, Friday morning's loss was much worse.

"What happened with Coach Z was tragic, but it had nothing to do with the outcome," Papadopoulos said. "Granite Bay is just a great team."

Granite Bay led just 21-10 in the second quarter before the Grizzlies scored three straight times to end the half. They added three more scores in the third period.

Granite Bay quarterback Teddy Bryant threw four of his five touchdown passes in the first half, three in the second period. Devaunte Bolton added a 70-yard punt return as the game turned into a rout.

Jimmy Hines scored on a 2-yard run for the Bulldogs, and Keith Leenders kicked a 25-yard field goal.

Vacaville hosts Enochs of Modesto for homecoming next week.