



Vacaville High School's football team earns big win at Granite Bay

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It took a quarter, and a zig-zagging punt return by a sophomore, but Vacaville High School's potent football offense got untracked in a big way Friday night.

The Bulldogs passed their toughest test of the season thus far, bouncing back from an early deficit for a convincing 47-23 victory at Granite Bay.

"I'm just really proud of the kids," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "We had another big night on offense, and the defense played exceptionally well after we cleaned up a few things early on."

Vacaville (3-0) trailed 13-6 after the first quarter, but a long punt return by sophomore Curtis Goins helped ignite the Bulldogs' 20-point second quarter. Quincy Forte followed the punt return with the first of his two rushing touchdowns, and the Bulldogs were on their way.

Vacaville led 26-13 at the half, then boosted the advantage to 34-16 after the third period.

The Bulldogs rolled up a whopping 573 yards of offense, 482 on the ground.

Melvin Mason led the way with 168 rushing yards on 19 carries, including a touchdown. Forte added 92 yards on just 10 attempts.

The Bulldogs got at least 50 rushing yards from four other players, including Hudson Buck, Terrance Trueblood, Malique Earl and Goins.

Buck and Goins also scored on the ground, and quarterback Tyler Irwin hooked up with C.J. Jacobe on a pair of touchdown passes. Irwin completed four of nine passes for 91 yards and the two scores.

Granite Bay (2-2) finished with just 143 yards rushing, and 179 passing.

"You never expect to do something like that against a team like Granite Bay. They're still a very good football team, but we played really well."

Buck also helped lead the Bulldog defense from the linebacker position.

Vacaville returns home and will host Valley Christian of San Jose for homecoming night next Friday.