



Laguna Creek sinks Vaca

By Tim Roe | Vacaville Reporter | September 20, 2008

There was plenty of defense this time, but most of it came from the wrong team.

Vacaville High School's football team, which looked unstoppable ... at least on offense ... last week in a season-opener victory over Rodriguez, was slowed to a crawl in a 33-14 loss to visiting Laguna Creek Friday night in the Bulldogs' home opener at Tom Zunino Stadium.

Vacaville, which rushed for 399 yards last week, was held to 17 yards on the ground. The 14 points was the Bulldogs' lowest total since Nov. 8, 2002, when they lost to Napa 42-7.

"That's probably the best D-line we'll face all year," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "They're a playoff-caliber team. We had our opportunities, but we didn't take advantage. And we gave them plenty of opportunities."

Vacaville fumbled the ball 10 times and lost five. Laguna Creek turned two of the turnovers into 14 points in the final two minutes of the first half, turning a 7-7 tie into a 21-7 lead at the intermission.

The Cardinals went 33 yards in six plays after the Bulldogs fumbled a punt, with Chris Jackson going the final nine yards for the score.

Two plays later, Vacaville fumbled again, one of several bobbled center snaps.

Two more plays and the Cardinals scored again, this time on a 33-yard pass play from Jackson to Frankie Ramos.

Vacaville quarterback Ross Peacock completed a 17-yard pass to Kyler Martin on the Bulldogs' first possession of the second half, but the Bulldogs' next first down didn't come until midway through the fourth quarter.

By then, Laguna Creek led 33-7 and any hopes of a comeback were gone.

Vacaville scored for the first time in 11 possessions when Robert Bensing hit Kalani Agbigay with a 40-yard scoring strike with 5:05 left.

Bensing completed four of six passes with one interception for 68 yards. Peacock added 6-for-14 passing for 108 yards.

Peacock and the Bulldogs actually grabbed a 7-0 lead, driving 72 yards in 12 plays to get on the board with 3:00 left in the first quarter.

Jimmy Hines scored from two yards out, but Peacock passed for 59 of the 72 yards, with completions to Blakelyn Birks, Jeff Beasley and Hines.

Laguna Creek responded with an 80-yard drive highlighted by a 50-yard scoring pass from Jackson to Keenen Williams. Williams also rushed for 105 yards on 20 carries.

Erik Core and Troy Hill added interceptions for Vacaville's defense, and Cody Golden recovered a fumbled. Laguna Creek fumbled six times but lost just one.

Vacaville plays at Granite Bay next week.