



Vacaville High School's football team crushes Laguna Creek

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Mike Papadopoulos couldn't help but smile. Even more than the final score, he saw the improvement.

Vacaville High School's head football coach was optimistic, if not satisfied, after the Bulldogs' season-opening win last week.

He was downright excited after Friday night's home-opener, a 56-13 pasting of Laguna Creek at Tom Zunino Stadium.

"We definitely got some things straightened out," Papadopoulos understated. "We recognized some things, and did them very well."

The Bulldogs scored on their first five drives of the game, rolling up 379 offensive yards and a 42-0 lead ... at halftime.

Seven different players scored touchdowns for Vacaville (2-0).

"It's definitely nice to have all those weapons," said quarterback Tyler Irwin, who completed five of seven passes for 122 yards and a 17-yard scoring pass to Sean Carrington, all in the first half. "We always seem to have three or four guys in the huddle who can make things happen."

Vacaville was so balanced it was hard to single out offensive stars, save for the line.

Quincy Forte was the only Bulldog to score more than one touchdown, only because he intercepted a pass and returned in 70 yards for a score on the Cardinals' third possession of the night.

Vacaville already led 14-0 before Forte's pick-six, as Irwin engineered drives of 50 and 93 yards after Laguna Creek punts.

Those drives lasted just five and four plays, respectively, as the starting line opened up huge holes and Vacaville backs were able to turn the corner on sweeps almost at will.

The starting line of Johnny Schuup, Tony Delgado, Tucker Lukehart, Chad Core, LaRyan King and tight end C.J. Jacobe did most of the dirty work, but speedy backs like Forte, Malique Earl and Curtis Goins made the most of the holes.

Eleven Bulldogs carried the ball, finishing with a whopping 518 yards. Melvin Mason, Terrance Trueblood, Ross Lopez, Goins, Forte and Marwin Wilson all scored rushing touchdowns.

On defense, the Bulldogs were just as impressive. Laguna Creek didn't score until the last two minutes of the third quarter, and that came when Justin Griffin returned a blocked field goal attempt 95 yards.

Goins also had an interception to go with Forte's. Hudson Buck, who led Vacaville with 83 yards rushing, added a fumble recovery, and Curtis Bleasdale also recovered a fumble.

Vacaville should face a much tougher test next week at Granite Bay.