

Napa turns back Vacaville

October 27, 2007 - Vacaville High School football fans may want to leave the television off this week.

With as many of five replays of Friday night"s Napa-Vacaville showdown on tap, including one on Comcast Sports Net, Bulldog fanatics will have plenty of chances to watch ... or not watch ... Jake Croxdale and John Boyett run wild against Vacaville"s defense.

Croxdale rushed for 252 yards and four touchdowns, and Boyett added 171 yards rushing and three more scores as the Indians pulled away for a 55-28 victory at Tom Zunino Stadium.

"They"re super football players. We knew that coming in, but we couldn"t stop them," said Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos. "We just couldn"t get the stops when we needed them."

Vacaville had its school-record 18-game winning streak snapped, and fell to 7-1 overall and 2-1 against Monticello Empire League teams.

Napa (7-1, 3-0) moved into sole possession of first place in the MEL.

For all of the defensive problems, Vacaville still came back from a 34-7 deficit to pull within six points at 34-28 when Clayton Bonora scored on a 7-yard run with 2:11 left in the third quarter of the game.

But Napa took the ensuing kickoff and marched 64 yards in nine plays to essentially end Vacaville's comeback bid. Croxdale and Boyett handled the ball on all nine plays, including a key 15-yard pass from Boyett to Croxdale after Boyett spun away from pressure on a third-and-5 play.

Croxdale went the final three yards for the score, and the rout was on.

Vacaville went backward seven yards on its next possession, including an incomplete pass on a fourth-and-17 play.

The Bulldogs also went three-and-out on their next possession.

Napa scored after both defensive stops for the final total.

Boyett added 68 yards passing, including a 31-yard scoring pass to Andrew Pieper. Croxdale also caught four of Boyett's six completions.

Johnny Feaster added two touchdowns for the Bulldogs, on a 96-yard kickoff return and an 11-yard run.

Vacaville also scored on a 76-yard pass play from Ross Peacock to Josh Kaddu.

Terrance Dailey was held to 66 yards and no touchdowns.

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