



Napa's second-half surge does in Vaca

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The big clash turned into a big see-saw, and the visitors finished on the down side at the end for a change.

In a game that featured more than its share of momentum swings, Napa High School's football team finished with the momentum, and the inside track to the Monticello Empire League title.

The Indians scored the last 22 points of the game for a 50-35 victory over the Bulldogs at Napa Memorial Stadium.

Napa improved to 4-0 in MEL games, clinching at least a share of the MEL crown.

Vacaville can still tie Napa for the title if the Bulldogs beat Will C. Wood next week and Napa loses to Vintage. But the Indians would still get the league's top seed in the Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs by virtue of Friday's win.

Both Vacaville and Napa already clinched playoff berths last week.

The Bulldogs (6-3 overall, 3-1 in MEL games) looked like they might win in Napa for the third straight time when they grabbed a 35-28 lead in the third quarter. Ross Peacock threw a 9-yard scoring pass to Jeff Beasley to give Vacaville its first lead since the early going.

But Napa came right back, mostly on the run. Logan Hess capped a drive with a 7-yard burst, and Napa took the lead for good when quarterback Clinton Gorsuch ran in the 2-point conversion.

Vacaville had to punt on its next two possessions, and Napa responded with scoring drives after both punts.

Hess dove across from four yards out to cap the first drive, and Charles Boyett put the game away with a 1-yard plunge to finish a seven-play, 80-yard drive that put the game out of reach.

Vacaville's Markell Williams scored twice in the first quarter as Vacaville grabbed a 14-0 lead, but Napa responded with four straight scores in the first and second periods to take back the momentum.

But Vacaville countered late in the first half on a pair of touchdown runs by Jimmy Hines. The second, a 47-yard run, tied the game with 40 seconds left in the half.

Peacock threw two TD passes, to Williams and Beasley.