



Vacaville High School's football team ruins grand opening of Napa stadium

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Napa High School's football team had two weeks to prepare for Vacaville and the additional buzz of opening the new Memorial Stadium.

Neither made much of a difference as the Bulldogs did what they do best.

Vacaville rolled up 396 yards rushing — and 42 passing for 432 yards total — and held Napa scoreless in the second half in a 34-18 victory in the Monticello Empire League opener.

"We just tried to run downhill," Vacaville's Quincy Forte said. "We knew they would be up tight on us, but we knew the holes would be there."

Vacaville nearly had three 100-yard rushers. Melvin Mason led the way with 139 yards on 20 carries. Forte finished with 120 yards on 24 carries. Hudson Buck added 96 yards on nine carries.

"We just stuck with our game plan and got it going," Mason said.

Buck got the scoring started with a 56-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. Malique Earl added an 18-yard scoring jaunt in the first quarter and Mason tacked on a 5-yard run in the second quarter. Vacaville held a tight 20-18 lead at halftime.

Forte hit paydirt with a 15-yard touchdown run in the third quarter and Mason added an 11-yarder. Reed White converted four of his five point-after kicks.

Napa also moved the ball well with 244 yards rushing. Combined with 112 yards passing, the Indians put up 356 yards of their own offense. But Vacaville stymied Napa

at key times with interceptions from Forte, Curtis Goins and Earl, along with a fumble recovery by Trey Bruce.

Cody Jensen rushed for 147 yards on 14 carries for Napa. He had a 27-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and caught a 14-yard scoring pass from quarterback Zack Sims in the second. Zack Scheinholz added Napa's other score with a 59-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.

"They're an extremely good football team and it was a pleasure to play here tonight," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "What a place to be. It's exciting to see what they've done with the stadium. Our kids played super tonight."

Vacaville improved to 5-1 overall. The Bulldogs will be home Friday night to take on Fairfield, which beat Will C. Wood 41-36.