



Explosive Vacaville outlasts Napa in second half

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VACAVILLE - Napa High School's offense was prolific in the first half, scoring 42 points on six touchdowns and playing turnover-free football.

The second half was a different story, however, for Napa

.After going ahead 42-35 at halftime and taking a three-point lead at 45-42 late in the third quarter, the Indians had troubles on both sides of the ball and dropped a 63-45 decision to Vacaville in a shootout at Tom Zunino Stadium.

Napa (4-4 overall, 1-2 Monticello Empire League) will need to win out in remaining regular season games against Armijo on Nov. 1 and Vintage on Nov. 8 to lock up a spot in the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division I playoffs.

The loss was the second in a row for the Indians.

It was all Vacaville (5-3 overall, 3-0 MEL), the four-time defending league champion, in the second half.

The Bulldogs outscored the Indians 28-3, getting a 3-yard touchdown run from David Mewborn, an 80-yard TD pass from Chad Hekking to Mewborn on the final play of the third quarter, a 56-yard scoring run from Damonte Moore, and Mewborn's 40-yard run.

Napa's only points of the second half came on Julio DeHaro's 21-yard field goal with four seconds to go in the third period.

Luke Kampton ran for 117 yards and scored three touchdowns. Derek Poteet rushed for 130 yards and scored two touchdowns, sparking a Napa team that stunned Vacaville early on.

David Mewborn rushed for 265 yards and scored five touchdowns. Mewborn also caught a TD pass.

Kyle Beaver threw for 180 yards and one touchdown for Napa.

In one of the highest scoring first halves of football in recent years, Napa and Vacaville combined for 70 second-quarter points. Napa had the lead at halftime, 42-35, scoring six touchdowns and generating 229 yards of rushing offense and 169 yards passing.

It was an incredible display of high powered offenses, led by big-time playmakers outrunning defenses in the open field.

Napa scored on six of its nine possessions in the opening half.

Just a week ago, Napa could not get its running game going. Friday night, the Indians ran the ball as well as they have all year behind an offensive line that was physical and aggressive.

Kampton ran 49 yards for Napa's first touchdown. This was followed by a scoring parade, as Poteet scored on a 78-yard run, Kampton's 2-yard run, Poteet's 27-yard run, Kampton's 33-yard run, and Austin Aaron's 65-yard pass from Beaver.

Napa punted just twice and did not turn the ball over in the first half.

Vacaville did not have nearly as many plays in the first half, but the Bulldogs were sensational, scoring fast and furiously on big plays.

David Mewborn scored on a 75-yard run, Daniel Mewborn scored on a 51-yard run, David Mewborn had a 33-yard TD run, David Mewborn went 80 yards for a TD, and Daniel Mewborn scored on a 76-yard pass from Hekking.

Vacaville had 282 yards rushing and 132 yards passing in the first half.

Kampton intercepted a pass for Napa – the only turnover of the first half.

Vacaville came into the game No. 20 in the MaxPreps.com Sac-Joaquin Section Top 25 and on the bubble in the CalHiSports.com Division I North CIF Bowl Rankings.

Speaking before the game, Napa coach Troy Mott said the Indians had an up and down week of practice.

"We had moments, and then were moments of inconsistency, which has been the M.O. of our team thus far," he said. "A couple of great things and then we sort of lose focus very easily. Nothing special. When there is teaching going on, we may be talking

specifically to one person, but we're talking to his backups as well. We tell the kids that when we're coaching a particular position on the field, we're actually coaching everybody. They need to be in tune to that. That's not always getting done."