



Vacaville High School football team wins shootout against Napa

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VACAVILLE - The United States Marine Corps may want to make the annual Vacaville-Napa high school football game a staple in its "Great American Rivalry" series.

The Bulldogs and Indians staged a shootout for the ages with the Marines in attendance as the national rivalry series came to Tom Zunino Stadium on Friday night.

There were 70 points scored in the second quarter alone, Vacaville's David Mewborn rushed for 270 yards and scored six total touchdowns ... and the Bulldogs even played some late defense in a 63-45 thriller.

The Bulldogs improved to 3-0 in Monticello Empire League games, and moved one step closer to a possible showdown with Will C. Wood for the MEL title in two weeks.

"We just showed so much resolve," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "They have so many weapons. You have to hand it to them, because that was not the team we saw on film. They came to play, but we were finally able to make some adjustments at halftime."

The two teams combined for a whopping eight touchdowns during a six-minute stretch late in the second period, when even the giant blow-up Marine in the south end zone had to bend over and take a break.

But the Bulldogs scored last in the period, pulling within seven points when Daniel Mewborn took a short pass from Chad Hekking and turned it into a 76-yard scoring play with 1:02 left before the intermission.

Vacaville also received the second-half kickoff, and David Mewborn capped a 12-play, 50-yard drive with a 2-yard run to tie the game at 42-42, the first tie since Napa scored on the opening drive of the game.

David Mewborn also scored on runs of 75, 32, 80, and 42 yards, and also took a swing pass from Hekking and turned it into an 80-yard score that gave the Bulldogs the lead for good on the final play of the third quarter.

Napa had taken a 45-42 lead on a 24-yard field goal by Julio Deharo with four seconds left in the quarter. Those were the Indians' only points of the second half.

The Indians led by two touchdowns on five different occasions, and Vacaville responded each time, three times on one-play scoring drives and once on a two-play drive.

"The blocking was just there," David Mewborn said. "The line did it's job, the other backs, the wide receivers, everybody. It made my job easy."

Daniel Mewborn added a 51-yard scoring run, and shared the Marines' most valuable player award for the game with his twin brother.

Damonte Moore also had a 56-yard TD run. Hekking completed 7 of 11 passes for 218 yards as Vacaville finished with an uncanny 669 yards of total offense.

Alberto Escobedo kicked nine extra points.

Luke Kampton led Napa with 111 yards rushing and three TDs. Derek Poteet ran for 122 yards and two scores before leaving with an injury.