



## **Bulldogs savoring victory over Miners**

**November 19, 2006** - Surrounded by a joyous Bulldog family, Mike Papadopoulos allowed himself to savor, ever so briefly, a moment all of Vacaville had anticipated for 16 years.

*"This is a big win for our program," the second-year Vacaville High School football coach said after the Bulldogs' 28-16 win against Nevada Union of Grass Valley in the playoff opener. "This is another one of those games that's going to be remembered, just like the Napa game."*

*In Week 8, Vacaville defeated the Indians 36-21, shutting out Napa for the entire second half, on the road no less and in the loudest conditions many of the Bulldogs had ever played in.*

*Although the offense was able to advance the ball against the swarming Miners, Vacaville's defense set up all four touchdowns.*

*Josh Kaddu had a 22-yard interception return for the first strike.*

*Nevada Union went three-and-out at the end of the opening quarter, which set the stage for an 84-yard rushing touchdown by Terrance Dailey.*

*Zack Nash's interception and 65-yard return set up another Dailey 3-yard touchdown in the second quarter.*

*Ahead only 21-10, Bulldog Johnny Feaster returned the first of his two picks 37 yards.*

*That set up yet another score, a Ricky Rodarte 3-yard bootleg to the corner of the end zone.*

*"The defense had the big night," Papadopoulos said.*

*The vaunted Vacaville defense held Nevada Union to a paltry 44 rushing yards on 39 attempts. Dailey carried most of the load with 209 yards as the other runners combined for 20 yards.*

*"We'll learn from this," Dailey said. "This will only make us get better."*

*So can the Bulldogs win their first ever Sac-Joaquin section title?*

*“I think we’re as good as anybody,” Papadopoulos said. “If we continue to work hard and prepare, then we’ve got a shot.”*