



Vacaville hangs on for first win over Oak Ridge, 17-10

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VACAVILLE — Finally!

After losing its first eight games with Oak Ridge High of El Dorado Hills, Vacaville used two Darian Leon-Guerrero touchdowns and a solid defense to hold on for an emotional 17-10 victory Friday at Zunino Stadium.

The Bulldogs (2-0) entered the game ranked 12th in Northern California and fourth in the Sac-Joaquin Section by maxpreps.com, the Trojans (1-1) 13th and fifth, respectively.

Leon-Guerrero, who ran for 178 yards on 23 carries, opened the scoring with a 1-yard run, followed by Ariel Till's conversion, with 59 seconds left in the first quarter, capping a drive that was set up by a Brady Mott interception in the end zone and return to near midfield.

Oak Ridge tied the game its next possession when Drew Cowart hit Aden Clark with a 7-yard touchdown pass with 8:57 left in the first half.

It didn't take long after the second half kickoff for the Bulldogs to take the lead for good. On their first play, Leon-Guerrero burst up the middle and raced 67 yards for a touchdown, Till's conversion making it 14-7.

Till added three more crucial points with a line-drive 33-yard field goal with 2:53 to go in the third quarter, capping a 61-yard, 14-play drive that ate up nearly 5 minutes.

The Trojans made things close with 35-yard field goal by Carson Nichols with 7:39 left in the game and got the ball back on their own 20 with 1:42 to go. They managed to get to the Vacaville 17 before turning the ball over on downs with less than 30 seconds left after four incompletions in the end zone.

Vacaville is scheduled to play next Friday at Cardinal Newman of Santa Rosa next Friday.