



Vacaville outguns Rodriguez

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VACAVILLE - It's not often that you give up 10 touchdowns, lose by 39 points and feel good about yourself.

But Rodriguez High's football team did on Friday.

The Mustangs got 255 passing yards and four touchdown passes from junior quarterback Jacob Hurt in a 70-31 Monticello Empire League shootout with powerful Vacaville.

"It gives us confidence going into our last game with Armijo (next week,)," Hurt said after a wild game that could have been even higher scoring if it weren't for a running clock in the fourth quarter. "It gives us momentum going into next week and into next year."

Vacaville, which improved to 4-0 in the MEL and 6-3 overall, got three touchdowns from Curtis Goins and single touchdowns from seven other players as it won its 20th consecutive league game. The game wasn't in much doubt after the first quarter, but Rodriguez's offense kept coming up with big plays to make it interesting.

"Jacob came up huge," Rodriguez coach Sarj Singh said after watching his team drop its sixth straight game and fall to 0-4 in the MEL and 2-7 overall. "Last week was the first chance he really had as a starter. This is what we're capable of playing all year - there's a lot of talent here. I hope we can carry it forward."

Hurt hit Arron Short with scoring tosses of 71 and 67 yards, while also connecting with Hashim Boyd for a 9-yard score and Aaron Guillory for an 82-yard touchdown.

"Basically, they were the same formation," Hurt said of the touchdown passes. "They were crossing routes and I just hit the open guy."

Rodriguez got a 40-yard field goal from Eduardo Nuno, who made all four extra points.

"He's a soccer player and he wasn't getting a lot of work when we were scoring six points a game," Singh said. "He's very good."

Gage Ealy led the Mustangs rushing game with nine carries for 58 yards. He also connected with Short on a 67-yard option pass. Short finished with three receptions for 150 yards.

Rodriguez scored first in the game, but Vacaville's offense steamrolled the Mustang's, scoring touchdowns on five of its next six possessions and capping the first-half outburst when Goins took a punt 17 yards for a touchdown, likely the school record for shortest punt return for a score.

While Rodriguez will host Armijo next week, Vacaville meets Wood in the annual Black and Blue Bowl with an undefeated MEL championship in its sights.