



Vacaville outscores Rodriguez 70-31

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VACAVILLE - Two interceptions ... 322 passing yards allowed ... one touchdown negated by a penalty, and multiple personal foul calls.

A 70-31 Vacaville High School football rout over Rodriguez on Friday night could cause many fans to overlook the warts in the Bulldogs' win. But head coach Mike Papadopoulos certainly has plenty for his players to work on come Monday in practice.

"It definitely didn't feel like a big win," Papadopoulos said. "Some things defensively ... we just have to go back to the drawing board. But offensively, technically we did some good things."

The good added up to Vacaville's 20th straight Monticello Empire League victory. The Bulldogs (6-3 overall) improved to 4-0 in MEL play, clinching at least a tie for the league crown for the fourth straight season.

The Bulldogs finished with 547 yards of total offense, including 446 yards rushing, and scored on 10 of 14 possessions.

Jaden Grotke led the way, rushing for 126 yards on just 19 carries, including a 45-yard scoring run to cap a wild sequence early in the third period.

Jacob Te'o ran back the second-half kickoff 95 yards for a score, but that TD was nullified by offsetting penalties on both teams.

No matter. The Bulldogs scored two plays later anyway, on a 45-yard jaunt by Curtis Goins.

Rodriguez responded two plays later on an 81-yard scoring pass from Jacob Hurt to Aaron Guillory.

The Bulldogs bounced right back two plays later on Grotke's run up the middle for a 56-24 lead less than three minutes into the third quarter.

"We're definitely progressing on offense," Grotke said. "The line did a great job, and as long as they keep it up we can keep scoring."

Goins had 96 yards rushing on just eight carries, and ended up with three touchdowns. In addition to the 45-yarder, he had a 5-yard scoring run in the first period, then added a bizarre 25-yard punt return for a score in the second quarter.

Rodriguez hit a towering punt from their own end zone, but the ball bounced back toward the Mustangs' end.

As both teams yelled "poison" and ran away from the ball, Goins looked around, picked it up on the third bounce and raced untouched up the Vacaville sideline.

Te'o had a 35-yard scoring run, David Mewborn scored from four yards out, Demetrius Nunez had a 28-yard TD run and Mykal Walker run in from 12 yards.

Vacaville quarterback Nic Ardave was 6-of-9 passing for 101 yards, including TD strikes of 24 yards to Jeramy Sweany and 15 to Tyler Cummins.

Alberto Escobedo kicked 10 extra points.