



Mitchell on target as Bulldogs top Mustangs 56-3

Unlike many of the pitchers in Game 3 of the World Series, Vacaville High quarterback Cameron Mitchell threw strikes Friday night.

The senior signal caller completed 7 of 8 passes for 166 yards and four touchdowns – all in the first half – to lead the Bulldogs to a 56-3 Monticello Empire League victory at Coach Ed Hopkins Memorial Stadium.

“Cameron Mitchell did a really nice job,” Vacaville coach Mike Papadopoulos said. “He got the ball out well.”

Rodriguez coach Stephen Meyers wasn’t surprised by Mitchell’s success, though he wished his team had made things more difficult for him.

“He’s shown he can put it where he wants it,” Meyers said. “It’s a lot easier when you don’t cover guys and there’s blown assignments. But he didn’t surprise me.”

After forcing a Rodriguez punt, Vacaville (5-3, 3-0) quickly drove 78 yards in five plays, Mitchell hitting a wide open Jordan Murga in the end zone from 31 yards out. Timothy Jackson then ran in the conversion to make it 8-0.

The Bulldogs’ next scoring drive was a tad shorter but even quicker, Mitchell finding Toven Steele behind the defense for a 57-yard strike that capped a 75-yard, three-play drive.

Vacaville wasn’t done in the first quarter as Talon Abramowicz scored on a 17-yard fly sweep around the left side to up the lead to 21-0 with 1:02 to go in the first quarter and the first of Brandon Talton’s six conversion kicks.

The Bulldogs got the ball back to start the second quarter and needed just 93 seconds to score, with Mitchell hitting Devon Mills on a 9-yard crossing pattern to make it 28-0.

Rodriguez then put together a drive that ate up 7 1/2 minutes and resulted in its lone score of the night.

Starting at their own 42, the Mustangs (1-6, 0-3) went 56 yards in 15 plays, converting twice on third down and once on fourth when quarterback Santino Chavez found Darion Johnson over the middle for a 21-yard gain on fourth-and-15 at the Vacaville 39.

A 15-yard burst up the middle by Jake McNeill in the Wildcat formation on third-and-13 gave Rodriguez a first-and-goal at the Bulldogs' 6. Dahrion Lavow-Hutchinson's 4-yard gain moved the ball to the 2, but two runs up the middle Jasoni Davis went nowhere.

That set up a 19-yard field goal try that Nilesh Sandhu sneaked in just inside the left upright with 2:51 to go in the half.

Vacaville responded by going 65 yards in five plays with Mitchell again hitting Mills in the end zone, this time from 7 yards out. That made it 35-3 at the half, though there was some excitement when Sandhu attempted a 50-yard field goal that was just short and a little to the left.

As well as the Bulldogs had done in the first half, they were on fire to start the second. They went 80 yards in eight plays with backup QB Hunter Dorraugh hitting Clayton Watterson with a 10-yard TD pass.

Then after an interception on Rodriguez's first play of the half, Vacaville went 41 yards in four plays with Cody Hume scoring on a 5-yard burst up the middle.

The game's final tally came on a 4-yard Trevion Darden run with 7:51 to go in the fourth quarter.

The Mustangs were limited to 27 yards rushing, 33 by McNeill, with the Bulldogs rushing for 314 led by Nick Smith's 68. Mitchell and Dorraugh combined for 176 yards, while Chavez connected on 13 of 27 passes for 138 yards and two interceptions