



Fast start for 'Dogs

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Less than perfect was just perfect for Vacaville High School's football team Friday night.

Not only did the Bulldogs dominate visiting Rodriguez 58-21 in the season opener for both teams, they had enough flaws to keep Bulldog coaches occupied over the weekend and keep players from becoming over-confident.

Still, the Bulldogs rolled up 467 yards of offense and kept the speedy Mustangs at bay, with the exception of two kickoff returns for touchdowns.

"There are some things we definitely need to clean up, but for the most part we were able to contain their speed, and that was a big concern coming in," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "We played well, and when the game was close, we didn't panic."

The game actually was close in the first half. The Bulldogs led 21-7 when the Mustangs' Spencer Morrow appeared to score on a 13-yard run midway through the second quarter.

But that touchdown was nullified by a penalty, one of 16 against Rodriguez, and three straight incomplete passes gave the ball back to Vacaville.

Jimmy Hines rambled for 70 yards on the Bulldogs' next play, and Jeff Beasley scored his third touchdown of the half on an 11-yard run two plays after that.

The rout was on.

"We just kept our heads up," Beasley said. "We knew we had to stop them down there, and then Jimmy came right back with the big play."

Hines finished with 139 yards rushing. Roman Hauser added 82 yards rushing and a score, and took a swing pass from Tyler Irwin and turned it into a 28-yard score.

Beasley also scored on a pass from Irwin, and had a 1-yard scoring run.

Quincy Forte chipped in 70 yards and a touchdown on the ground, and intercepted two passes, returning one 55 yards for a touchdown.

Tommy Parsons rounded out Vacaville's scoring with a 3-yard run, and Keith Leenders kicked an 18-yard field goal and added seven extra-point kicks.

For Rodriguez, Anthony Riggins returned a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter, and Jordan Morrow ran back a kick 95 yards for another score.

Vacaville plays Laguna Creek in Elk Grove next week.