



Vacaville High's football team runs over Rodriguez

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The vaunted running attack of the Vacaville High School football team took time to get rolling, but once it found its momentum, it couldn't be stopped.

Vacaville picked up 412 yards on the ground and cruised to a 46-20 win at Rodriguez on Friday night in the season opener. Quincy Forte led the charge with nine carries for 195 yards and three long touchdowns.

Rodriguez spotted Vacaville 4 points in the first quarter on two center snaps that sailed into the end zone. The Bulldogs managed only one touchdown in the second quarter and led just 12-0 at halftime.

"They did a nice job on us and overloaded a couple of things," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "That was a very athletic team and they played hard. That was not a very clean first half for us and we have some things to fix."

It didn't take too long to fix, because the Bulldogs scored 24 second-half points. Ten Vacaville players carried the ball and quarterback Tyler Irwin hit 3 of 8 passes for 55 yards.

Forte had a 30-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, added a 60-yarder in the third quarter and broke away for a 66-yarder just before the end of the third quarter.

Melvin Mason broke away with a 29-yard scoring dash in the fourth quarter. Ross Lopez raced to a 45-yard touchdown run in the quarter on his first touch of the night. Justin Garner later tacked on a 25-yard scoring run.

“Once we started to finish our plays, the holes really were wide open,” Forte said. “We’ll work on some stuff and be very good.”

Rodriguez netted 100 yards on the ground and another 112 in the air. But quarterbacks for the Mustangs were being chased around the field all night by Vacaville’s tenacious defense. Malique Earl and Nick Berumen had pass interceptions.

“Our defense played really well,” Papadopoulos said.