



Vacaville High School football team shocks powerhouse Valley Christian

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At the start of the game, it would be safe to say Vacaville High School's football players didn't know what hit them.

By the end of the night, the same could have been said of Valley Christian's athletes.

Vacaville trailed by 20 points midway through the first period, but rebounded and shocked host Valley Christian of San Jose, 41-27 on Friday night.

"This has to be one of the bigger wins in the history of our program," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "It's as good as we've played, and it's hands down the best team we've seen all season."

Valley Christian ran back the opening kickoff 82 yards for a touchdown.

Valley then popped its kickoff straight up in the air, and managed to recover it. The ensuing drive made the score 14-0 with many fans still finding their seats.

The Bulldogs recovered, largely behind the running of senior fullback Melvin Mason. Mason rushed for 212 yards on 20 carries, including five touchdowns.

But he wasn't alone with big numbers. Curtis Goins added 149 yards rushing and a score, and Coleman Christensen completed seven of nine passes for 134 yards. T.J. Fischer caught five passes for 95 yards.

"Melvin popped a couple," Papadopoulos said. "He ran wild, and when they started to squeeze down on Melvin, it opened up some other things for us."

Vacaville finished with 483 yards of offense to just 246 for Valley Christian.

The Bulldogs improved to 3-1 overall. They host Deer Valley on homecoming night next week.