



Rough Homecoming night for Vacaville High School's football team

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Vacaville High School put on an impressive display of fireworks for Homecoming on Friday night.

Unfortunately for the home Bulldogs, visiting Valley Christian put on some impressive fireworks for four quarters of football in a 48-7 win at Tom Zunino Stadium. The Warriors showed why they are the top ranked team in the Central Coast Section by rolling up 571 yards of offense, 408 of which came on a steady ground game.

"I still contend I'd rather play this kind of team tonight," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said with a smile. "They're going to help make us a better football team. We made the game close in spots and played tough in stretches. We just have some little things to clean up."

Bryan Marshall led the way for Valley Christian with 179 rushing yards on 17 carries, including touchdown runs of 50 and 38 yards. Jarrod Lawson added 101 rushing yards on three carries and caught two passes for 61 yards, scoring on touchdown runs of 70 and 32 yards.

Quarterback Zach Vaiana completed six of nine passes for 133 yards, and had touchdown throws of 18 and 25 yards to Brian Fobbs.

Kicker Phil Ramirez added field goals of 25 and 21 yards.

"We had a long bus ride and just came and played sharp," Valley Christian head coach Mike Machado said. "Our guys played physical and also had tough team defense."

Valley Christian was able to take advantage of several Vacaville mistakes. There was one stretch in the third quarter when the Warriors broke away for a long touchdown,

sacked Vacaville quarterback Tyler Irwin and picked up the fumble on the next series, managed a field goal, and then pooched a kickoff that they were able to recover and turn into a touchdown.

Valley Christian came in not allowing a touchdown in its first eight quarters. Vacaville did quickly put that streak to rest when Curtis Goins capped a 10-play drive with a 5yard touchdown run. C.J. Jacobe had an impressive 32-yard catch from Tyler Irwin on the drive to help set up the touchdown.

But Vacaville was held to 215 yards of offense, including just 142 on the ground. And that came from a Bulldog team that racked up 573 in a 47-23 win at Granite Bay last week.

“It really showed us where we are and a place to start from working off tonight,” Irwin said.

Vacaville fell to 3-1 overall. The Bulldogs play at a strong Deer Valley team of Antioch next Friday before getting ready for the Monticello Empire League season.