



Vacaville football powers past Vanden

Brendan Jackson threw three touchdown passes and the Vacaville High School football team gave Vanden a steady dose of rushing from Tanner Boyd as the Bulldogs rolled to a 31-13 victory at George A. Gammon Field.

It was a big bounce back win for Vacaville after the Bulldogs lost a 22-16 heartbreaker to Rodriguez the week before. Vanden, meanwhile, had an extra week of preparation for Vacaville with a bye week and struggled to score in the red zone.

Vacaville improved to 4-3 overall and 2-1 in the Monticello Empire League. Vanden fell to 4-2 overall and 0-2 in the MEL.

Plenty of season is still ahead for both teams with a six-game league schedule this year.

"I'm very proud of the way our kids were able to bounce back," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "They dusted themselves off like we expected they could and fixed some things. They played well in all phases of the game."

Jackson had a 30-yard touchdown pass to Elijah Cline, a 64-yard scoring strike to Jovias Reinaldo and hit Brady Wight with a 3-yard TD pass. Rome Griego kicked a 31-yard field goal and converted three extra-point kicks. Boyd rushed for an 8-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs led 14-7 after the first quarter, 21-7 at halftime, 24-7 after three quarters before earning the decisive win with a 7-6 edge in the final period.

Vanden quarterback Kalani Mcleod threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to Chris Clark in the first quarter and connected with Logan Bailey for a 29-yard TD in the final period. The Vikings just had some big turnovers that the Bulldogs jumped on.

"We can't give the ball away to a team like that," Vanden head coach Mike Clark said. "We had our opportunities in the red zone but couldn't finish drives. They executed in all three phases, and we needed to find more ways to score."

Jackson finished with 142 yards passing for the Bulldogs and the three TDs. Boyd rushed 22 times for 140 yards. Koby Ortiz, Jake Williams and Noah Wilcox had interceptions for the Vacaville defense.

Mcleod threw for 230 yards and two touchdowns but had the three interceptions. Bailey finished with eight catches for 108 yards.

Vacaville has the week off before a 1 p.m. game at Sacramento on Saturday, Oct. 19. Vanden will have the Saturday game at Sac High next week.