



Bulldogs deliver firm crushing to Vintage

October 21, 2006 - *This was supposed to be a litmus test for the Monticello Empire League.*

Instead, it was an explosion, a rout, a blowout.

The Vacaville High School football team defeated and demoralized Vintage 49-8 at Memorial Stadium. Vacaville led 49-0 and didn't allow the Crushers to sniff the end zone until late in the fourth quarter.

"I think we made a statement," Terrance Dailey said. "We set the tone for the MEL. We set the tone tonight."

Dailey may still ache from a bruised sternum and pulled back muscles he suffered in a win against Armijo last week, but he didn't show any rust while rushing 18 times for 126 yards, including a 5-yard touchdown scamper. He also caught an impressive 15-yard pass from Ricky Rodarte, who for the first time all season looked confident and sharp managing the Bulldogs' offense at quarterback.

After Dailey's waltz through the end zone with 1:21 left in the second quarter, Peter Buck silenced the Crushers (3-4, 1-1 MEL) with stellar play on both sides of the ball.

Buck intercepted a tipped pass from backup quarterback Travis Steen with 1:07 left in the second quarter. On the next play, Buck took a handoff from Rodarte, ran right, stopped and chucked 44-yard touchdown pass to Jamie Feaster with 57.6 seconds left in the half for a commanding 27-0 lead.

"He was a game-breaker," Dailey said of Buck. "That's a big player in a big game."

Buck added touchdown runs of one and eight yards.

Vintage's offense went three-downs-and-out on the first series while Vacaville needed two plays to score: Dailey ran for eight yards before Feaster chugged into the end zone on a 67-yard score.

Feaster also caught an 8-yard touchdown pass from Rodarte to give Vacaville a 42-0 lead with 3:04 left in the third quarter. Ryan Naval added a 1-yard score with 9:25 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Vacaville's Josh Kaddu played very well, earning a sack and rushing four times for 22 yards. David McCreedy and Scott Mosley both had fumble recoveries and Matt Norman added a sack.

"Momentum really helped us," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "Vintage made some things tough but we adjusted. And Rodarte had a great game. He had good mobility, they were blitzing quite a bit."

Vacaville improved to 6-1 and 2-0 in the MEL heading into the most important game of the season at Napa (6-1, 2-0) next Friday.