



## Bulldogs rout Vintage

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NAPA-The Vintage High School football team dominated Vacaville for first eight minutes Friday night.

But the rest of the first half was all Bulldogs, as they scored 42 points en route to a 49-7 victory in the Monticello Empire League opener at Memorial Stadium.

Casey Jones bulled for a first down on Vintage's game-opening series. It ended in a punt, but a third-down sack by Markeis Reed helped force Vacaville three-and-out.

Vintage got a first down on its next drive on a pass-interference call but lost 15 yards on a fumbled pitch that lineman Hagen Bresee recovered at the Crushers' 10. Vintage was again forced to punt, but Brandon Beck blasted a 59-yarder — one of several long boots by the senior — to the Bulldogs' 28.

Two plays later, however, David Mewborn (149 yards, two TDs on three carries) ran untouched down the sideline for a 67-yard touchdown, sprung by a fake out of Vacaville deceptive wing-T offense. Alberto Escobedo added the first of his seven extra points for a 7-0 lead with 3:35 left in the first quarter.

By the time Vintage got its next first down, Vacaville had taken a 28-0 lead — on another Mewborn run from 23 yards out, a Curtis Goins 29-yard run, and a 3-yard run by Jacob Te'o after Mewborn was caught at the 3 by Kane Elliott after a 59-yard scamper.

"We were playing with them. We just couldn't get anything going offensively, which we couldn't do all night," Crushers head coach Dave Shipp said. "They're just more physical than we are and we only dressed up 29 kids tonight. They have 63, and they run the wing-T better than anyone else around. Their whole staff has got that whole offense figured out, so they've got a counter to everything you do and it's hard to stay ahead of them. And they didn't make mistakes tonight. That makes it really hard."

The best drive for Vintage in the first half — featuring first-down pickups by Nick Locicero on a 9-yard pass from Dylan Duprez, and a 2-yard run by Victor Montanez — ended with a fumble that Eric Gabbard returned 31 yards for another Bulldogs score.

After another three-and-out, Vacaville's Daniel Agbigay caught a 45-yard touchdown pass from Nic Ardave for a 42-0 halftime lead with 55 seconds left.

The Bulldogs made it 49-0 with an 8-yard TD run by Mewborn's twin, Daniel Mewborn, late in the third quarter. Daniel Mewborn spent most of the game covering speedy wide receiver Beck like a glove. Beck finally caught a Duprez at the 50, shook off his defender, and bolted to the end zone for a 73-yard touchdown that nixed the shutout bid with 1:39 left in the game.

"I wanted to finish the football game," Beck said. "I wasn't going to give up even though we were down 49-0. "I was still going to give it my best effort and see what could come out of it."

Vintage didn't have any players leave the game with injuries, though Shipp said back-up quarterback Michael Odell suffered a season-ending quadriceps injury in the Crushers' previous game against Bethel.

The Crushers will visit Rodriguez next Friday for the first of three games that could get them into the playoffs if they win them.

"I absolutely look forward to the next three weeks," Beck said. "I'm enjoying every last football game I have in my high school career because I don't know what the future has in store for me. But hopefully I will go on to play college football and run track as a second sport."