



Vacaville High crushes Vintage in MEL debut

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NAPA- David Mewborn may have gotten to the end zone a little faster than Eric Gabbard. But his smile wasn't any bigger.

Mewborn's two long touchdown runs and Gabbard's 35-yard fumble return were the big plays as Vacaville High School's football team pounded host Vintage 49-7 Friday night at Memorial Stadium in Napa.

The Bulldogs ended a rare three-game losing streak, and won their Monticello Empire League opener to stretch their MEL winning streak to 17 games.

This one was never in doubt as Vacaville took a 7-0 lead when Mewborn bolted around the left end and sprinted for a 67-yard touchdown run on Vacaville's second possession of the night.

The Bulldogs added touchdowns on their next four possessions, and scored another touchdown when the 290-pound Gabbard scooped up a Crusher's fumble and rambled 35 yards for the TD.

Gabbard also did a pretty solid somersault as he crossed the goal-line.

"That was not intentional.....i tripped," he said with a laugh. "I didn't realize how far it was."

"I was seeing the end zone. I was just really happy to finally touch the ball. That's my first touchdown....but hopefully not the last."

Mewborn scored the first two times he touched the ball, and added 149 yards rushing on just three carries.

Curtis Goins added a 29-yard scoring run, Jacob Te'o dove across from three yards out, and Nic Ardave threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to Daniel Agbigay.....all in the first half.

The Bulldogs rolled up 310 yards of offense in the first half, on just 22 plays. And Vacaville's defense held Vintage to just 57 yards on 34 plays.

Daniel Mewborn added an 8-yard TD run in the third quarter, and Vacaville coaches emptied the bench.

Seventeen different Bulldogs carried the ball, and four different quarterbacks saw action. Vintage finally scored on a 73-yard pass play with 1:39 left on a running clock.

"We were able to be in control early, and develop some depth in the second half," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "That's always nice."