



## **“Dogs give ‘Cats a pounding**

**November 10, 2006** - *Mike Papadopoulos took a minute to step back and soak up the moment.*

*This moment is what the Vacaville High School football head coach and his Bulldogs had been working toward from the first day of summer until Friday night ... a Monticello Empire League championship.*

*Although the Bulldogs wrapped up the league title last week, they put an emphatic stamp on the regular season by devouring Will C. Wood 68-14 during the annual Black and Blue Bowl at Tom Zunino Stadium. Terrance Dailey rushed for more than 200 yards for the third straight game, and the fourth time this year. He racked up 249 rushing yards, including touchdown runs of 65 and 28 yards.*

*“It’s just such a blur. We worked so hard to get ready each week,” Papadopoulos said. “A lot of the time, we don’t get a chance to enjoy it because we’re busy preparing for each game every week. I’m enjoying it right now.”*

*Vacaville (9-1 overall, 5-0 in the MEL) scored on offense, defense and special teams in one of their most complete and dominating games in a season full of blowouts.*

*The Wildcats got as close as 14-7 and got the ball back after recovering their own kickoff with 4:52 left in the first quarter. But Vacaville held its own and didn’t allow another Wood point until 7:14 left in the game.*

*“This means a lot,” Vacaville linebacker Matt Norman said. “For 11 years, I’ve worked to be playing here tonight. It means a lot to beat Wood. It’s always fun.”*

*Bobby Ortiz complemented Dailey well, scoring on runs of four and three yards, and adding a 26-yard touchdown catch from Ricky Rodarte. Peter Buck returned a punt 43 yards for a touchdown and nabbed an interception, while Joe Lopez scooped up a fumble and ran 12 yards for another score as every Bulldog got in on the fun.*

*Buck intercepted Wood’s Jon Poncy with 7:57 left in the first quarter. Ortiz followed with a nifty one-handed catch of a pass from Rodarte. On the very next play, Dailey cut through Wood’s defense like a tiger shark through a bucket of chum for a 28-yard score and a 14-0 lead.*

*Joel Beatty scored on a 31-yard run on the Wildcats’ next possession, and Wood recovered the kickoff. But Vacaville stopped the Wildcats on four plays, setting up one*

*of Dailey's most electrifying runs in a season filled with more highlights than a Walter Payton documentary.*

*Dailey pulled out his entire arsenal of jukes, fakes and reverses during a 65-yard touchdown run with 1:31 left in the first quarter.*

*One minute and six seconds later, Buck returned Wood's punt for another score to give Vacaville a commanding 27-7 lead after one quarter.*

*"They're a good football team," Wood head coach Mike Boles said. "We have a long way to go, but we're making huge strides."*

*Poncy, who didn't get sacked, led Wood on the air and in the ground. Poncy had 119 rushing yards, including an 80-yard score, and 207 passing yards. E.J. Lopez had nine catches for 109 yards.*

*But the night, and the MEL, belonged to Vacaville.*

*Vacaville's Josh Kaddu, who is slowly being worked into the offense, had 51 rushing yards including an 8-yard score with 6:59 left in the third quarter for a 48-7 Vacaville advantage. Backup quarterback Robert Bensing's 41-yard touchdown run, in which he faked a pitch that fooled Wood's entire secondary, finished the scoring for Vacaville. Bensing's scamper gave Vacaville a 68-7 lead.*

*Now the Bulldogs must prepare to face the defending Sac-Joaquin Section Division I champs Nevada Union (7-3 overall), the third-place team of the Delta Valley League, at home next Friday night at 7:30.*

*"I'm going to enjoy this for a couple minutes," Papadopoulos said, "and then get ready for next week's game, probably tonight."*