



Bulldogs score big, but flags must go

November 10, 2007 - *Take the scoring ... leave the penalties.*

The Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs await Vacaville High School's football team, and with them a sobering reminder. While Friday night's 83-51 win over Will C. Wood was a highlight-compiler's dream, the Bulldogs' 18 penalties for 200 yards were a coach's nightmare.

"If we did that against Jesuit, our season would be over," said Johnny Feaster, looking ahead to Vacaville's first-round playoff opponent. "I don't think we played our best game, and the biggest problem was the mental mistakes ... like false starts.

"You can't start every drive first-and-15. We have to clean that up. But I think if we can fix one or two things, we'll be OK."

Scoring certainly isn't the problem, and not just on offense. Feaster returned a kickoff 95 yards for one touchdown, and an interception 32 yards for another.

He also had a score on the more traditional variety, a 57-yard pass play from Ross Peacock.

Terrance Dailey also score three times and rushed for 205 yards, a sign that his ankle injury may be behind him.

Feaster and Dailey reaching the end zone is nothing new. But five other Bulldogs also reached paydirt, including Markel Williams twice.

Marcus McMillan and Cody Golden also scored defensive touchdowns for Vacaville, giving the Bulldogs' four scores on defense and special teams, which makes giving up 51 points a little more palatable.

Wood's total was its highest output in a game since 1998, when the Wildcats beat Vallejo 52-36. It was the eighth time in school history the Wildcats had topped the 50-point mark, but six of those game occurred in 1996-97.

"I think we were a little surprised at Wood's offense," Feaster said. "They did well eating up the clock. They kept our offense off the field."

Which makes Vacaville's point explosion even more impressive.

The result was the highest-scoring game either team has ever been involved in. The 84 points also was a Vacaville record for points in a game, and a record-high for points allowed by Wood in a game.

The Bulldogs now have scored 527 points this season, the second-highest total in school history. The record of 564 points came in 14 games, last year.

Unfortunately, Vacaville now has given up 130 points in its last three games, after allowing just 74 in the first seven.

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