



Vacaville High School football rolls over Will C. Wood

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The answer came every time ... very quickly.

Will C. Wood High School's football team brought plenty of firepower into Friday night's Black and Blue Bowl. Host Vacaville brought more ... in record numbers.

The Bulldogs scored on the third play of the game, and answered every Wood touchdown with one of their own during a wild, 76-28 shootout at Tom Zunino Stadium.

Vacaville finished with 737 yards of total offense, believed to be a school record.

"We knew they were tough and they were looking to knock us off. We just wanted to come out and annihilate them," said Vacaville's Melvin Mason, one of an incredible four Vacaville running backs with more than 100 yards rushing.

Mason led the onslaught with 153 yards on just eight carries, including touchdown runs of 61 and 72 yards.

The first score came just over a minute into the game, and set the tone for the offensive explosion.

"This is always an emotional game, and early on kids are pretty excited. It was nice to get that first score and kind of calm things down," said Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos, whose team improved to 9-1 overall and clinched the Monticello Empire League title outright at 5-0.

The Bulldogs will host a Sac-Joaquin Section playoff game next week. Playoff pairings will be released tonight.

Wood (6-4) also is in the playoff mix, although the Wildcats will be banged up and must hit the road for the opening round of the postseason.

The biggest loss for Wood came on arguably its biggest play of the night. Matt Tusup made a juggling catch of a Brian Clay pass and ended up with a 53-yard reception, but was dragged down from behind and landed awkwardly at Vacaville's 7-yard line with a broken right leg.

Ryan Spinelli scored on the next play to give Wood a glimmer of hope at 33-13 with just 53 seconds left in the half.

But Vacaville marched 71 yards in just 38 seconds, with Tyler Irwin and Curtis Goins hooking up on a 35-yard pass play to push the lead back up to 41-13 at the half.

Goins also rushed for 102 yards on just seven attempts.

Irwin completed five of eight passes for 123 yards and three scores, including a 62-yard play to Terrance Trueblood and a 26-yard swing pass to Quincy Forte.

Forte added 110 yards rushing and two touchdowns, and Hudson Buck rushed for 149 yards on just five carries, including a 91-yard TD run.

Wood had its highlights, including a 69-yard march with the second-half kickoff, culminated by a 30-yard scoring pass from Brian Clay to Jedediah Perthes-Cox.

But even that celebration was shot-lived, as Vacaville's Marwin Wilson returned the ensuing kickoff 74 yards for a score.

Clay added an 80-yard scoring run for the Wildcats, and Shane Siegrist scored from three yards out.

Clay threw for 201 yards. Spinelli and Siegrist rushed for 90 and 86 yards, respectively.

Nick Berumen added a 42-yard scoring run for Vacaville, and Wilson scored from nine yards out.

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