



Vacaville gets football win over Wood

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VACAVILLE — At least for a half, the Will C. Wood High football team gave Vacaville all it could handle.

Then the Bulldogs woke up.

Ultimately, Vacaville sealed the outright Monticello Empire League championship with a 64-17 drubbing of the Wildcats at Tom Zunino Stadium Friday night in the regular season finale.

Early on Wood made a game of it, getting within two scores at 21-10 and keeping it a respectable 34-17 at the half.

But that was all the Bulldogs were giving up as they made adjustments at the break and blew the game open in the third quarter.

“The kids started out real slow tonight, and Wood did a nice job,” said Vacaville coach Mike Papadopoulos. “They hung on as long as they could. I know they’ve been banged up.”

Indeed, the Wildcats were missing 15 players with injuries and coach Carlos Meraz said he had a number of kids out of position.

“We only had one linebacker available tonight,” Meraz said.

Still, he was pleased with the first-half effort by his squad, especially quarterback Bryan Stansbury.

“Stansbury — he’s our best player,” Meraz said, explaining that he just turned his QB loose at times.

Vacaville took the lead at 7-0 on a 39-yard run by Melvin Mason just more than 4 minutes into the game.

Wood narrowed the gap with a 30-yard field goal by Jared Magaoay, but the Bulldogs added a TD late in the quarter to go up 14-3 after one.

A Wood punt set up a short, three-play drive for the Bulldogs, which ended with Terrance Trueblood's 6-yard scamper for a 21-3 lead.

Two possessions later, a Magaoay intercepted Vacaville QB Colmen Christensen, setting up Stansbury's 71-yard TD pass to Quincy Crenshaw to make it 21-10 with 8:28 left in the half.

The Bulldogs added rushing touchdowns by Mason and T.J. Fischer made it 34-10 before the Wildcats struck for the final time on Stansbury's 18-yard keeper.

That was it for Wood, though, as Vacaville scored 30 unanswered points in the final two quarters.

Mason added two rushing scores (3 and 71 yards) and caught a TD pass (19 yards) from Christensen in the third, and the Bulldogs' defense came through with a safety, sacking Stansbury in his own end zone.

All told, Mason racked up 235 yards on 10 carries.

The with 6:21 to go in the game Vacaville's Jimmy Cheechov added the final nail with a 32-yard scoring run.

Now the Bulldogs await today's seeding announcement to learn their opponent in next week's Sac-Joaquin Section playoff opener.

Papadapolouos said his team will have to be ready.

"We can't start slow against any of the excellent teams we'll be facing," he said. "If we play like we did in the second half tonight, we'll be fine."