



Vacaville rebounds with big win over Enochs

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Tom Zunino would have been proud.

Vacaville High School's football team picked the perfect time to play its best game of the season. The Bulldogs made a pyrotechnic homecoming extravaganza even better Friday night, routing Enochs of Modesto 49-14 at Tom Zunino Stadium.

Vacaville evened its record at 2-2. The Bulldogs snapped a two-game losing streak, only the second slide of any kind in the last decade.

The Bulldogs also put on a solid show for many former players who were in town for today's celebration of Zunino's life.

"It's quite a weight lifted off our shoulders, in a lot of ways," said Mike Papadopoulos, the Bulldogs' head coach and Zunino's son-in-law. "Not just what we went through the last week ... but we still are capable of being a very good team. We got back to the fundamentals, and we kind of put it together."

The Bulldogs were almost flawless, especially in the first half. They scored on all six of their possessions in building a 42-7 lead going into the homecoming festivities.

Ross Peacock led the assault, completing all nine of his passes for 147 yards and two touchdowns ... in the first two periods alone.

"It means a lot to us," Peacock said. "'Z' always told us to play hard, and that's what we did. I think he would have been proud of us. "My passing has been getting better. The line was giving me all kinds of time, and guys were getting wide open."

Peacock completed his only pass attempt of the second half, finishing a 10-for-10 night with 170 yards. He fired TD tosses of 24 and 58 yards to Kyler Martin, and also threw scoring strikes of 10 yards to Jeff Beasley and 17 yards to Markel Williams.

Williams added a 2-yard scoring run, and finished with 61 yards on just nine carries. Jimmy Hines led the ground game with 119 yards on 15 attempts, including scoring runs of 34 and 23 yards.

Eleven Vacaville running backs combined for 279 yards overall.

Ben Holmes led a fired-up Bulldog defense that held the Eagles to minus-2 yards rushing in the first half. Vacaville had seven tackles for loss in the first 24 minutes.

The Bulldogs wrap up the nonleague season next week at Davis.