



Falcons drubbed by Vacaville rushing attack

The Fairfield Falcons came into Friday's senior night game looking to upset the Vacaville Bulldogs and achieve their first win in Monticello Empire League play this season at Schaeffer Stadium.

Fairfield (1-8, 0-4 MEL) had a hard time stopping the Vacaville rush while only tallying 9 yards of total offense as the Bulldogs cruised to a 56-0 victory. With the win, Vacaville clenched no less than a tie for the MEL title. The Falcons set a school record for fewest yards gained in a single game in the loss.

The Falcons won the coin toss and elected to kick to start the game. Vacaville (5-4, 4-0 MEL) made quick work, taking only four plays to find the end zone, with Jeremy Villalobos finding Devon Mills for a 45 yard touchdown reception, with Brandon Talton kicking his first of eight PATs, bringing the score to 7-0.

Fairfield proceeded to go three and out on its next three possessions, with Vacaville scoring three times after receiving the Falcon punts. Big gains set up the first of these scores, with Talon Abramowicz running for a 22-yard gain and Geremiah Brown running for 13 yards as the Bulldogs marched down the short field. Dylan Warfield eventually capped off the drive with a 3-yard rush to up the score to 14-0.

The Falcons were able to flip the field on their next punt, forcing Vacaville to start at its own 25, but the Bulldog drive had the same result, as Warfield again found the end zone from two yards out, making the score 21-0.

Fairfield came up with their first of 2 full defensive series that didn't end in points for Vacaville, as Talton was short on a 48-yard field goal near the end of the first quarter. The Falcons got their first first down of the game on the ensuing drive, as Armone Jordan connected with Xavier Hoang for a 12-yard gain. The drive stalled from there as Fairfield was again forced to punt.

On the next Bulldog drive, Brown accounted for all 63 yards, the bulk of which coming on a 53-yard reception from Villalobos. Three runs later, Brown ran in from a yard out to up the score to 28-0 early in the second quarter. Vacaville got the ball back quickly as Michael Briscoe intercepted a Jordan pass, giving the Bulldogs the ball at the Falcon 34. After a 26-yard gain, Clayton Watterson ran in Vacaville's fifth touchdown to push the lead to 35-0.

Another Fairfield three and out gave the Bulldogs the ball at the Falcon 37 near the end of the first half. The drive was capped by a 22-yard reception from Villalobos to Nick Smith, upping the score to 42-0 with just under 3 minutes to go until halftime.

The Falcons got their best field position of the night as they ran a trick play on the kickoff, with Gage Bruce handing the ball off to Kaiyou Gonzalez on a reverse, giving Fairfield the ball at the Vacaville 30 yard line.

Fairfield moved the ball into the redzone with an 11-yard run by Jaziah Amataga, but the Bulldogs got the ball back two plays later as they recovered a Jordan fumble. The Bulldogs took a knee, ending the half with a 42-0 lead.

The Falcons received the kickoff to open the second half, but went three and out again. However, they got the ball back on the first play of the next series as Fairfield recovered the Vacaville fumble at the Bulldog 45 Fairfield went three and out again, but this time elected to go for it on fourth down instead of punting given the short field.

Jordan was stripped as he tried to step up in the pocket, and Jayden Jones ran the ball back 60 yards for a touchdown, making the score 49-0 midway through the third quarter. After another empty Falcon possession, Vacaville took over and scored their final touchdown of the game, with Mauricio Vasquez running it in from five yards out to cap the scoring at 56-0.

Fairfield coach James Macariola wasn't too worried about his team going forward into the final game of the season against archrival Armijo next week.

"The boys are definitely hungry for this game, they are waiting and ready to put a stamp on the season and end it on a great note against and arch rival."

Vacaville's JV team blanked Fairfield 48-0.

Both teams will finish off their regular seasons taking on crosstown rivals, as Vacaville will host Will C. Wood, and Fairfield will travel to Armijo next Saturday afternoon.