



Vacaville High School football team scores homecoming rout over Lincoln

A few quick adjustments after a scoreless first quarter led to instant domination as the Vacaville High School football team overpowered visiting Lincoln 40-10 on homecoming night.

The Bulldogs scored 21 points in the second quarter, 12 in the third, and started substituting, still scoring one more time in the fourth on Friday at Tom Zunino Stadium. Vacaville improved to 3-1 overall.

"We started out slow. We just had to wake up," Vacaville's Mykal Walker said. "They caught us off guard a little. We thought we were going to have an easy 'W' and that was a mistake. We fine tuned some things and turned it up."

Quarterback Chad Hekking threw a pair of touchdown passes and ran for another. He had a 4-yard touchdown pass to Reid Ramirez in the first quarter and the two combined for a 29-yard strike in the third quarter. Ramirez pulled the second TD catch away from the defender in front of him for a circus catch. Hekking added a 1-yard touchdown dive in the third as well.

Walker scored both his touchdowns in the second quarter. He raced 10 yards for one scored and went right up the middle before halftime for a 62-yard score. Walker was the rushing leader with 10 carries for 135 yards, a few extra yards coming after hurdling opponents.

"That's my track background," he said. "I've been practicing that all week long. The guys were making fun of me."

Backup quarterback Gabe Caravantes got into the act with a 32-yard touchdown pass to Chris Wood in the final period. Kicker Sam Patel converted 4-of-6 extra point attempts.

Hekking completed four of nine passes for 63 yards. The Bulldogs rushed for 296 yards and used 12 different running backs in the process.

The defense again rose to the occasion one week after holding Granite Bay to seven points in a 13-7 victory. Lincoln managed only a 20-yard field goal in the second quarter off the Bulldogs' starters. The Trojans put up a final drive for a touchdown in the fourth quarter as Vacaville substituted liberally.

DeAndre Lewis and Johnathan Burke had fumble recoveries for Vacaville. Malyk Walker and Dalton Demartini had big tackles behind the line of scrimmage. Reese Peterson picked up a sack.

"The defense kept us in the game until we figured things out on offense," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said. "Once we finally found some things, our players really got going. It's just a figuring-out process. Our kids did a super job."

Vacaville travels to Berkeley next Friday.