



## **Pittsburg scores early and often in 40-7 win over Vacaville**

*It was all Pittsburg, all night at Vacaville High School's Tom Zunino Stadium.*

*The Pirates led early and often Friday night in a dominant 40-7 victory over the Bulldogs, who now head into the bye week after enduring a very difficult pre-league season.*

*Vacaville (1-4) played four teams ranked inside the top-70 in its five game preseason, none more difficult than visiting Pittsburg — the 14th ranked team in California by Maxpreps.com.*

*The Pirates proved to be too much, forcing the Bulldogs to punt five times and turn the ball over four times (three fumbles, one interception).*

*Pittsburg scored on its first drive of the game, using 13 plays to go 80 yards for a touchdown. Vacaville's defense came out strong, forcing three third and long situations on the drive, but the Pirates answered with big plays to move the chains on all three opportunities. The backbreaker was a double pass in which quarterback Trey Turner threw the ball to Justin Boyd behind the line of scrimmage and he launched it down field to Willie Harts for a 25-yard completion that put Pittsburg on the one yard line. Melvin Riley punched it in from a yard out on the next play to put the Pirates up 7-0.*

*Both teams then traded a pair of punts before Pittsburg recovered a Vacaville fumble on the Bulldog 22-yard line and cashed that in for points as Turner found Johnny Blackmon for a five yard touchdown pass as the Pirates went ahead 14-0.*

*Vacaville then punted again and Pittsburg went 82 yards for a 20-0 lead. Riley scored his second touchdown of the game on a 38-yard scoring burst.*

*The Pirates extended the lead to 28-0 a few minutes later when Vacaville fumbled again and Avant Muldrow scooped it up and ran it back for a defensive touchdown, making the lead 27-0 just before the half.*

*A tremendous defensive play by Michael Briscoe prevented the Pirates from scoring on their first drive in the second half. Pittsburg's Premier Murphy broke off a big run and was three yards away from a touchdown when Briscoe hustled from behind and stripped Murphy. The ball squirted away and Myron Amey recovered for the Bulldogs.*

*Vacaville couldn't do anything with it, however, as quarterback Jeremy Villalobos was intercepted by Eddie Rankin. The Pirates went on to score with a Willie Harts eight yard touchdown run as the lead was pushed to 34-0.*

*A six yard touchdown pass — Turner to Jaden Tauanu'u — put Pittsburg up 40-0 at the end of the third quarter.*

*Vacaville tacked on a fourth quarter touchdown to cut it to 40-7 as Clayton Watterson capped a long drive with a one yard run. A good chunk of Vacaville's 102 yards of offense came on that drive.*

*Villalobos intercepted a Pittsburg pass in the end zone to prevent the Pirates from scoring another touchdown in the first half.*

*Vacaville has a bye next week before opening Monticello Empire League play with a home game against Rodriguez on September 28.*

