



## **Vacaville lights up scoreboard in 54-8 Homecoming shelling of Rodriguez**

*It was hard to tell which was brighter Friday night at Tom Zunino Stadium: The fireworks or the Vacaville High side of the scoreboard.*

*The Bulldogs lit up the scoreboard early and often in a 54-8 Homecoming Night shelling of Rodriguez to open up Monticello Empire League play.*

*The halftime fireworks were pleasant, but Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos was more pleased with his team's performance on the field.*

*"We played really good defense and put our offense in good positions pretty much all night," Papadopoulos said of the victory, which moved Vacaville to 2-4 on the season and 1-0 in league play. "I thought we were good on special teams as well and our offense moved the ball well."*

*The Bulldogs scored touchdowns on all but two drives in the first half to put the game out of hand before the break, beginning with a three yard touchdown run from Clayton Watterson early in the first quarter.*

*The first of three first half turnovers was secured on an interception by Michael Briscoe as Rodriguez attempted to answer. The Bulldogs had to punt, but got the ball right back as Jayden Jones jumped on a Rodriguez fumble. Vacaville then went 80 yards in 13 plays, capped by a four yard touchdown run from Chris Island to make it 14-0.*

*A 32-yard touchdown scamper from Talon Abramowicz pushed the lead to 21-0 a few minutes later, and 75-yard interception return from Devon Mills with under a minute before halftime had Vacaville leading 28-0.*

*Mills displayed good hands on that defensive play, but had a much more spectacular catch on offense in the first quarter when he reached around a defender's head and pinned the ball to the defensive back's facemask and wrested the ball away for an incredible 35-yard completion.*

*"Devon is a super kid and we're lucky to have him with us," Papadopoulos said. "He's a student of the game and he was very focused on the task on his assignments on both sides of the ball. He played a great game tonight."*

*The second half featured more of the same as Vacaville continued to pile up the points.*

*After Abramowicz recovered a fumble, Dylan Warfield got in on the scoring with a 55-yard touchdown run.*

*The Bulldogs then recovered a deep kickoff after the wind prevented Rodriguez from catching it on the fly. Four plays later, quarterback Jeremy Villalobos found Mike Brown on a screen pass that went for a 30-yard touchdown as the big tight end rolled to the end zone to put Vacaville up 41-0.*

*For good measure, the Bulldogs added touchdowns from Coulter Malone (60 yard TD run) and Mauricio Vazquez (Interception Return) late in the fourth quarter as the lead grew to 54-8.*

*Vasquez's interception return capped a terrific defensive outing for Vacaville.*

*"We challenged our defensive backs to cover," Papadopoulos said. "We actually got a lot of good pressure from our front four and that really helps us close out some of those passing windows."*

*Next up for Vacaville is a showdown with Vanden, which won its fifth straight game Friday night to improve to 5-2 on the season. This is believed to be the first matchup between the two teams since the 1970s.*

*"I think the last time we played them was in the 70s and I think we've only played them three times," Papadopoulos said. "We have a great relationship with Vanden and we have a lot of respect for them. They've done a nice job and they're always well-coached. They always put a good product on the field. We've got some things to clean up on our end, but we're looking forward to the matchup."*

