



## Vacaville football edges out Rodriguez

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The Vacaville High football team defeated Rodriguez 16-14 on Friday night in both team's league openers.

The Bulldogs were held scoreless in the first half, but came back in the second half with two touchdowns and a safety to pick up the win.

The Bulldogs (3-3 overall) led 9-6 midway through the fourth quarter when Brody Fortunati threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Levi West for a touchdown that gave the Bulldogs some breathing room and eventual win.

Fortunati threw for just 52 yards as the Bulldogs kept the ball on the ground for the majority of the game. Cristian Diosdado ran for 83 yards on 20 carries. Fortunati rushed four times for 18 yards and a touchdown.

The Bulldogs were led on defense by Evan Blaettler, who had 10 tackles. Jelani Wiggins had seven tackles for Vacaville, while Massimo Menicou had seven of his own. Elijah Cline had six tackles.

Jaden Beamon-Santos, Noa Siaosi and Brandon Morton each had a sack for Vacaville.

Dylan Burke and Rodriguez went to the air more often than Vacaville as the Rodriguez quarterback threw for 179 yards and a touchdown.

Vacaville's next game is Friday at home against Vanden, who also won on Friday. That game is slated to start at 7:30 p.m. that night. Last year Vacaville defeated Vanden 28-13 to end the Vikings' 13-game winning streak that included a state title.