



## **Vacaville High School's football team rolls to a 42-14 win over Will C. Wood in the Black and Blue Bowl**

There were plenty of smiles on the Vacaville High School sideline after Friday night's 42-14 win over Will C. Wood in the Black and Blue Bowl, but none were bigger than Damonte Moore's.

The senior running back hasn't been pleased with all his performances in Monticello Empire League games this season. But he went out and had his biggest performance in the biggest game with the biggest crowd at Tom Zunino Stadium.

Moore had 17 carries for 207 yards and four touchdowns as the Bulldogs closed out the regular season with a dominating performance against their city rivals. Kane Cunningham added 11 carries for 118 yards and two touchdowns. Vacaville had all six of its TDs on the ground with breakaway runs.

"We've practiced hard every day," Moore said. "I had a bad game against Napa and I've practice hard every day since. The holes were big, the line did a great job and the coaches were great. It's good being able to go into the playoffs feeling confident."

Vacaville finished the regular season 8-2 overall and took second place in the MEL with a 4-1 record. Napa won the league title for the first time since 2008 after beating Vintage on Friday 39-7 in The Big Game.

The Bulldogs and Wildcats will both learn of their playoff matchups this evening when the Sac-Joaquin Section releases its pairings.

Moore got the Bulldogs started with the bang when he took the second play from scrimmage 47 yards for a touchdown. He added a 26-yard TD run in the first quarter and had a 14-yarder in the second quarter. He finished his big day with a 45-yard TD run in the fourth quarter.

Cunningham had a 14-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and another up the middle for 69 in the third quarter. The Bulldogs finished with 430 yards on the ground. Quarterback Chad Hekking was 4-for-8 passing for 33 yards.

Sam Patel was 6-for-6 on extra-point kicks.

Vacaville had 21 first-quarter points and added a touchdown in each of the next three quarters. The Bulldogs had a comfortable 28-7 lead at halftime.

"Our guys did a tremendous job recognizing things they were doing and making good adjustments off of that," Vacaville head coach Mike Papadopoulos said of the running attack. "We also had a nice game defensively. It was a solid game all around."

Reid Ramirez intercepted two passes from Wood quarterback Marcus Howard and Luke Andracheck added another pick. DeAndre Lewis, Marquis Pratcher and Trevor Stewart all had sacks.

Mykal Walker and Zach Myers also keyed the defense with pass deflections.

Wood was held to a pair of Germaine Lewis touchdowns. They were both long runs as Lewis had a 33-yard touchdown run in the first period and a 58-yarder in the third. He was the game's third 100-yard rusher as he finished with 16 carries for 123 yards.

Howard scrambled his way to 66 yards rushing on 16 carries and finished 25-of-36 passing for 194 yards. The Wildcats had long drives but struggled to find the end zone.

"Vacaville played a great game. We just didn't match their intensity," Wood head coach Carlos Meraz said. "We're a young team. That felt like a playoff game and we have to get ready to play like a playoff team."

Wood finished the regular season 6-4 overall and 3-2 in the MEL.