Alvarez stands out among QBs

Cabrillo

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from a 29-10 deficit.

Sophomore starter Gino Delucchi, a Santa Cruz alum, played the entire first half. He split time in the second half with Alvarez and Roberto Concha-Foley, a freshman out of Zephyr Cove, Nev.

“All three did some nice things,” Garrison said. “All the quarterbacks had moments, their opportunities. Obviously, there’s a chemistry between Jerry and Fernando.”

The players’ reunion at Cabrillo draws a lot of parallels to quarterback Harlan Prather and receiver Matty Kiel at Cabrillo during the 2006 and ’07 seasons.

Prather and Kiel, standout high school teammates at San Lorenzo Valley High during the 2004 and ’05 seasons, helped Cabrillo win the Coast Conference in 2007 and a bowl game. Both dominated post-season awards from coaches and local media.

Alvarez, the Sentinel’s All-County Player of the Year last season, broke two of the county’s single-season passing records with 2,727 yards and 32 touchdowns in 11 games.

Alvarez finished 7-of-10 passing Saturday for 121 yards. The fleet-footed quarterback was sacked once and ran for a 16-yard gain.

Delucchi — who passed for 803 yards and a team-high six touchdowns last season while splitting time with sophomore Ian McGinnis — threw for 105 yards, completing 6-of-16 attempts. He threw a pair of interceptions in the third quarter and was sacked a total of five times.

Concha-Foley was 0-for-3.

Garrison said he didn’t know what playing time each quarterback would receive in Saturday’s 1 p.m. game at Solano College or who would start the game.

“I’m not going to go there,” Garrison said of a quarterback controversy. “The young man starting tonight earned the start tonight and Gino did some very nice things.”

Delucchi also threw a touchdown pass to Olivarez in the first quarter, helping the freshman receiver open his college career with a four-touchdown game. Olivarez finished with six catches for 112 yards.

“All three are good,” Olivarez said of the quarterbacks. “But big-time players make big-time plays, and Jerry did that for us. That’s what we do.”

BACK ON THE FIELD

Cabrillo’s Trevor Rodriguez, another former Watsonville player, shined on defense with 11 tackles, including eight solo, and a sack.

Rodriguez, playing a hybrid flex position that has him lining up at both linebacker and defensive end, was happy to be back on the field after spending the past two years in Stockton working building maintenance with his father. He said he had to work so he could get his finances in order and allow him to focus solely on football.

“I left it all out there, man,” said Rodriguez, a 22-year-old who is 5-10, 220 pounds. “This is still work, but I’m so happy to just be playing.”

Rodriguez has school pride. He has a Wildcat tattooed on each of his calves.

BIG MAN ON CAMPUS

Sophomore offensive lineman Jesse Collins, a 6-8, 255-pounder out of Aptos High, shined on special teams with a blocked point-after kick in the second quarter. He did so after suffering a broken finger on his left hand.

Collins didn’t play for the Mariners as a senior. He greyshirts his first year at Cabrillo and played guard and tackle last season. It was his first PAT block.

NOTES

Ricardo Mendez, a freshman linebacker out of Novato, had two interceptions and 72 return yards for the Seahawks. … Linebacker Jourdan Urbancic [Soquel] and lineman Taylor Pascal [Scotts Valley] each had a half sack. … Running back Kyle Hardwick, a 1,000-yard rusher for Scotts Valley two years ago, sat out the opener with a severe ankle sprain.