Cabrillo stymied in second half

Christopher, Burke get Seahawks going early but four turnovers doom Cabrillo

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CUPERTINO — It was a tale of two halves as the Cabrillo College football team fell to host De Anza 38-13 Saturday afternoon.

Cabrillo went into halftime up 10-3 but was outscored by the Dons 35-3 the rest of the game. The Seahawks committed four second-half turnovers and De Anza capitalized, scoring touchdowns on three of them.

“We didn’t execute well on all three phases,” Cabrillo coach Bill Garrison said. “[De Anza] executed well and took advantage of its field position [off turnovers] and, bottom line, they played better than we did.”

Of the Dons’ five second-half touchdowns, four of the drives started in Seahawks territory.

De Anza quarterback Ryan Stillwell struggled in the first half, passing for only 38 yards while completing 6-of-12 attempts. He also threw an interception. When the Dons [2-3] decided to go with Jerry Slota in the second half, the tide changed for the Seahawks. They had no answer for Slota, who threw for 110 yards, including a 42-yard touchdown pass to Dominique Williams that put the Dons up 31-13 with 9:12 left in the game. Slota also ran for 58 yards on 16 carries and two touchdowns, from 9 and 1 yard out.

“[Slota] is a fine athlete,” Garrison said. “He made some big plays for them when they really needed it.”

Cabrillo’s quarterbacks were not as successful. Starting quarterback Jerry Alvarez threw for 164 yards on 8-of-16 passing and an interception. Alvarez was also sacked four times and faced immense pressure all game. Gino Delucchi replaced Alvarez in the fourth quarter but did not fare any better, completing only 1 of 6 passes for 16 yards.

Delucchi also threw an interception and lost a fumble.

Daniel Stevenson had three catches for 95 yards to lead Cabrillo.

Cabrillo was without the services of starting running back Daryl Copeland in the second half. Copeland rushed for 80 yards on 15 carries in the first half but sat out the second due to cramping in both legs.

Cody Christopher scored on a 3-yard rush up the middle in the first quarter for Cabrillo’s lone touchdown. Kicker Matter Burke connected on both of his field-goal attempts from 33 and 34 yards out.

Cabrillo [1-4] will kick off Coast Conference play next Saturday when the team travel to Salinas to face rival Hartnell at 6 p.m.