Cabrillo claims first Coast Conference win

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APTOS — Quarterback Gino Deluchi ran for a touchdown and passed for two others in the first half on sophomore night as Cabrillo College’s football team beat West Valley 49-24 on Saturday at Carl Conelly Stadium.

The win was the first in Coast Conference play for the Seahawks [2-7, 1-3], who close their season with a road game against Gavilan in Gilroy next Saturday.

The Vikings fall to 1-8, 1-3.

Cabrillo scored on its first possession, thanks to a long kickoff return from Fernando Olivarez. Leif Johnson capped the short drive on a 7-yard run.

It seemed like it was one of those nights where the Seahawks could do no wrong.

Even after a lost fumble midway through the first quarter, Cabrillo’s defense stepped up and generated a turnover two plays later. Ricardo Mendez’s fumble recovery set up a scoring drive.

Deluchi picked up a fumbled snap and put the Seahawks up 14-0 on a 2-yard run.

Deluchi added touchdown passes to Olivarez and Kevin Daniels in the second quarter and Josh Jordan had a 58-yard interception return to put Cabrillo up 35-7. He later supplied a second touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Olivarez’s 10-yard scoring reception was his ninth touchdown catch of the season and first since Week 2. He opened the season with back-to-back four-TD games.

Daniels score came from 35 yards out.

And even punter Matt Burke made the highlight reel, booting a 69-yard punt in the second quarter.

WVC trailed 35-14 at the half. It got a 17-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Danny Luskin to receiver Ken Fox earlier in the second quarter and added a 2-yard scoring run from Chris Eke in the final minute of the first half.

Mendez made several tackles for a loss of yards and Daniel Hernandez added a sack for the charged-up Seahawks early in the game.

Jerry Alvarez came off the bench and scored on a quarterback keeper in the fourth quarter.

West Valley was shut out in the third quarter thanks to stellar Cabrillo defense led by Taylor Pascual, who made three tackles for a loss and recovered a fumble.

West Valley scored its final points on a field goal and a 2-yard touchdown run by Pierce DeLuna.