Jordan’s fast break sparks Seahawks’ rout of West Valley

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APTOS — Cabrillo College’s 5-foot-8 defensive back Josh Jordan could hardly wait to share stories of his slam-dunk play with his basketball loving family Saturday night.

The first person on his list was his mother, Tsa, in Thornton, Colo. “I’m going to call her right now,” Jordan said after the game.

Jordan recorded his first interception of the season and returned it 59 yards for a touchdown as the Seahawks football team thumped visiting West Valley 49-24 in the teams’ Coast Conference game Saturday.

It was Cabrillo’s second defensive touchdown this season and first interception return for a score.

“We have a thing on defense, where if you intercept a ball, you have to take it to the house,” said Jordan, whose father Jon is an assistant coach for the University of Denver men’s basketball team.

Jordan played football and basketball at Rampart High in Colorado Springs, Colo. He has never dunked a basketball, but his play on the football field was a major throwdown.

“T thumbs the Seahawks their second touchdown in less than a minute early in the second quarter and put Cabrillo up 28-7.”

“I was almost shocked he threw the ball because the route was covered,” Jordan said of Vikings quarterback Danny Luskin. “The ball was wobbly and I stepped in front of it. They were running double outs. I had the shallow out. I knew it was coming too.”

It was Jordan’s second touchdown at Cabrillo. Last season as a freshman, he had a scoop and score on a fumble recovery against City College of San Francisco.

Jordan hopes to add to his interception total in next week’s regular-season finale against host Gavilan.

“This was a good time,” he said of the win. “Our mindset is where it needs to be. We’re ready to go out and get this last win.”

VERSATILE DELUCCHI SHINES
Sophomore Gino Deluchi, making his third start of the year at quarterback, ran for two touchdowns and threw for two more in the win.

He connected with receivers Fernando Olivarez and Kevin Daniels.

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for touchdowns and finished 7-of-23 passing for 126 yards with no interceptions and no sacks. Deluchi credited his offensive line for giving him great protection.

An avid outdoorsman, Deluchi likened hunting to football, especially when throwing a pass.

“It’s just like leading a wide receiver,” said Deluchi, a Santa Cruz alum. “It’s very similar. Except a gun is more accurate than my arm.”

Deluchi started in place of Jerry Alvarez, who is nursing an injury.

Alvarez, from Watsonville High, has made the majority of starts for Cabrillo this year. When Alvarez leads the offense, Deluchi sees action at running back, where he blocks, runs and catches passes.

“I love it,” he said. “I get to experience a little bit of everything.”

Alvarez played in the fourth quarter Saturday and Deluchi was in the backfield serving as a lead blocker on a few plays.

“I got to block a few times and put this kid on his back,” he said.

Deluchi, who has been hunting since he was 11, would like to continue playing football next season. He and Seahawks offensive coordinator Bassel Faltas have joked that maybe he should attend college in Montana so he can further his hunting skills.

Where ever he ends up, Deluchi is thinking about majoring in wildlife management.

NOTES

Cabrillo’s defense made 17 tackles for a loss of yards. Francisco Garcia led the way in that category with four tackles behind the line of scrimmage. ...88 lineman Jesse Collins blocked a 32-yard field goal attempt by WVC’s Dylan Frechette in the third quarter. ...Seahawks running back Daryl Copeland ran for 107 yards on 17 carries and Cabrillo finished with 378 yards rushing on 54 carries.