

JUNIOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# SEAHAWKS SURPRISE



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Cabrillo defenders Ricardo Mendez, Francisco Garcia and Chase Mason haul a Solano runner down in the first half.

## Burke's buzzer-beating field goal thwarts Solano's rally

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APTOS — Matt Burke was given a second chance.

With Cabrillo trailing visiting Solano 21-20 late in the fourth quarter Saturday night at Carl Conelly Stadium, the Seahawks marched to within field-goal range for Burke, setting up a 57-yard attempt with 9.1 seconds remaining.

It sailed wide left, although it had plenty of distance.

But after a roughing the kicker penalty on Solano moved the ball 15 yards closer, Burke got a second chance, and much to the enjoyment of the pro-Cabrillo crowd, he didn't disappoint.

Burke nailed a 42-yarder as time expired, and the Seahawks poured out onto the field in celebration as it leap-

frogged Solano in the closing seconds en route to a wild, 23-21 victory.

Burke also made field goals of 39 and 40 yards in the game to supply Cabrillo with its first win of the season.

The game-winning attempt followed what appeared would be a triumphant comeback by Solano. Trailing 20-15 late in the fourth quarter, following back-to-back sacks by Cabrillo that set up a third-and-29 for the Falcons, Solano quarterback Myles King hit wide receiver Demondre Boler on a 49-yard Hail Mary touchdown pass with 1 minute, 19 seconds remaining, jumping the Seahawks for a 21-20 lead.

But following a short kickoff by Solano, Cabrillo started at its own 42 and moved to



**CABRILLO 23, SOLANO 21**

**SATURDAY'S GAME:** Cabrillo at Reedley College  
**TIME:** 7 p.m.

within Burke's range on a Jerry Alvarez 9-yard pass to Michel Cooper on third-and-5.

Alvarez finished 12 of 23 passing for 113 yards and touchdown. His favorite target, Jake Pruger, caught six balls for 46 yards.

Solano's King, meanwhile, threw for 339 yards on 24-of-40 passing, hooking up with receiver Tony Edmondson 11 times for 123 yards.

Solano was playing with a heavy heart following Wednesday's tragic news, when Ennis S. Johnson, the Falcons' starting linebacker, was shot and killed at his Fairfield home.

Johnson was 21.

Solano played with Johnson on its

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mind. The team broke from a pre-game huddle, yelling "Big E," and walked out to the field with a large sign carrying Johnson's number — No. 9.

The sign was placed behind the Solano bench and remained there all game.

Things couldn't have started better for Cabrillo, though. Following Terry Wynne's 78-yard opening kickoff return for a touchdown, the Seahawks defense forced Solano to three-and-out, then improved upon their field position when Chris Jackson nicked the ensuing punt.

Cabrillo took over at the Solano 48, and scored eight plays later when Alvarez rolled out right and hooked up with receiver Kevin Daniels for a 24-yard touchdown pass on third-and-13.

Alvarez then connected with Jake Pruger for the two-point conversion, supplying Cabrillo with a 14-0 lead less than six minutes into the game.

But the Seahawks went quiet for about the next 35 minutes of regulation. They didn't score again until the

4:32 mark of the third quarter, when Burke drilled a 40-yard field goal to make it 17-9.

By then, the Falcons were finding their footing on offense, which was a struggle last week against Los Medanos as the team was still searching for a starting quarterback.

The sophomore King was the clear No. 1 on Saturday, though, playing the entire game for Solano and nearly leading the team to a comeback victory.

King helped put the Falcons on the scoreboard at the tail end of the second quarter. Starting from the Solano 38, King connected with Edmondson on a 33-yard play and again on a 10-yard play before Keith Leenders made up the rest of the distance with a 22-yard field goal.

It was Leenders' second field goal attempt of the game, however. His first attempt, a 42-yarder in the second quarter, bounced off the left upright.

It was 14-9 following Solano's opening drive of the second half when Cody Jensen rumbled up the middle from 3 yards out, on what was a fourth-and-1 situation.

Again, special teams fell short for Solano, as Cabrillo's Michael Schube blocked the PAT.