De Anza pulls away, topples Cabrillo

By RYAN MOSES

APTOS — The Cabrillo College football team will enter conference play with a sour taste in its mouth.

The Seahawks battled to a first-half lead against visiting De Anza on Friday night only to watch the Dons come storming back for a 31-7 victory.

Cabrillo managed just 32 yards of offense in the second half and were outscored 28-0. Quarterback Jerry Alvarez was sacked five times after halftime before getting knocked out of the game midway through the fourth quarter when he was sandwiched by two defensive linemen.

The Seahawks drop to 1-4 and face visiting Hartnell (2-2) on Saturday at 7 p.m. to open Coast Conference South play.

De Anza quarterback Joshua McCain led the comeback with 167 passing yards and two touchdowns. He rushed for 97 yards and a touchdown. Receiver Nova Hardy caught two passes for 105 yards, including a 74-yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

Cabrillo held the lead on the first play of the second quarter thanks to a perfect lob from Alvarez to Jake Pruger running a fade route to the back corner of the end zone. Officials called pass interference on the defense on the play, but Pruger still managed to climb over his defender and haul in the catch for a 6-yard touchdown to give the Seahawks a 7-3 lead.