Ross scores 3 TDs in Cabrillo 44-point win

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After a slow start to its 2012 season, the Cabrillo College football team is turning things around.

If the bounces keep going their way, a Coast Conference championship is a big possibility.

The Seahawks posted their biggest win of the season, defeating West Valley 51-7 on Saturday at Carl Connelly Stadium.

With the win, Cabrillo improved to 3-1 in the Coast Conference, 4-5 overall. They’re a game behind front-runner Hartnell with only the season finale, at Gavilan, left to be played.

Cabrillo jumped out ahead immediately and made it stick. The running attack was the big catalyst, as six running backs totaled 304 yards rushing. Steven Ross was the main go-to guy, compiling 166 yards and three touchdowns on 24 carries. Raymond Rondez (43), Devyn Bedford-Grimes (41), Brent Moyer (30), Fernando Guevara (13) and Cliff Robinson (11) all powered the ground attack.

Lucas Romanski had a touchdown in the win, capping off the game with a 5-yard throw to Bedford-Grimes to put Cabrillo at the 50-point mark.

Cabrillo’s first two touchdowns were on the ground, and both came from Ross. He powered in from 9 yards out with 7:42 to play in the first quarter. After a Taylor Peasha 28-yard field goal to start the second quarter, Ross scored an 8-yard touchdown, putting the Seahawks ahead 17-0 with 11:21 to play in the second quarter.

The defense made their mark in the third quarter.

J.P. Holbert picked off a West Valley pass and ran it back 42 yards for a touchdown. Derick Delucchi followed that pick six with one of his own, returning one 77 yards that put Cabrillo ahead 31-0.

After stopping West Valley a third consecutive time, Cabrillo punt returner Terry Wynne caught a punt and scrambled 35 yards for a touchdown.

Five Cabrillo players had an interception.

Delucchi finished with 11 tackles, while Wynne and Holbert each had six.

The 51 points is more than the team had scored in its past three games combined.