Cabrillo drops home opener to De Anza

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APTOS — The Cabrillo Seahawks were hosted by the No. 7 ranked team in the state the De Anza Dons 39-7 Saturday night at Carl Conelly Stadium.

The underdog Hawks and their opportunistic defense kept them in the game early. They stymied a long drive from the Dons at the 25-yard line when linebacker Nikko Walker stepped in front of a Jack Singler pass for the interception.

The Seahawks’ offense worked down the field, but eventually stalled out when quarterback Brandon Layne was sacked on third down. The Hawks punted after gaining 55 yards on nine plays.

The Dons offense got back to work and once again made it into Cabrillo territory. This time the Hawks were able to jar the ball loose for a fumble and they recovered at the 10-yard line to keep the game scoreless.

Brian Johnson recovered for the Hawks.

The Seahawks defense set up another turnover, and this time they turned it into points.

After they forced the Dons to punt, a low snap made the punter to become a runner, and he fumbled fighting for extra yards. Seahawks’

A 54-yard heave from Singler to Bryan Fobbs gave them the 14-7 lead.

It was just the beginning for the Dons’ and Fobbs.

The speedy receiver hauled in three scores and racked up 176 yards before the night was over.

The Hawks had a solid opportunity to score before the half. Layne led the Seahawks down the field with back-to-back throws to Jon Jon Moore and Bonner, but the drive stalled out when Layne was dropped for a loss of 10. They settled for a 40-yard field goal attempt, but it fell short and the Dons’ held onto the 14-7 lead at the break.

The Dons came out in the second half and looked like a different team. They scored on their first four possessions. Singler finished the game with 256 yards and four touchdowns.

Layne was 12-26 for 108 yards before giving way to Derek Tollis and Ryan Drybread.

Fabian Serrano led the Hawks with 63 yards rushing on 12 carries.

The Seahawks, who have hopes of an outright Coast Conference title this season after finishing in a three-way tie for the crown a year ago, still have a few weeks until they start conference play. They’ll face San Jose City College on Oct. 19.

But first, comes another non-conference game against Mendocino College on Saturday at 7 p.m. at home.

Cabrillo’s Jon Jon Moore (11) is brought down by De Anza tacklers during the first half Saturday at Cabrillo College. De Anza won 39-7.

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Cabrillo’s Fabian Serrano (32) is chased down by a De Anza defender during the second half.

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Dominic Bonner scooped up the loose ball and rumbled for a 16-yard score to give them the 7-0 lead.

It wasn’t until the second quarter that the Dons’ offense finally stopped giving the ball away.

They went on an eight-play, 61-yard drive and capped it off with a 1-yard touchdown run to tie at seven.

The Dons’ offense was unstoppable from that point on.

They scored one more touchdown before the end of the half.

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