JC FOOTBALL

Defense propels Cabrillo to victory over SJCC

Seahawks end 2-game losing streak with 37-6 win

By Rick Eymer

San Jose » Defensive end Alec Bonsall looked happy posing for pictures with family and friends Saturday night. There's no way he could have faked that smile.

Bonsall was a key figure in Cabrillo College's 37-6 victory over host San Jose City College. He was in on seven tackles, including a pair of sacks and three tackles for a loss. He also forced a fumble and generally wreaked havoc on the Jaguars' offense.

"We just knew, as a defensive line, we needed to be relentless," Bonsall said. "It was a great team effort."

The Seahawks (2-7, 2-4 in the American Golden Coast) ended a two-game losing streak and gave themselves one heck of a feel-good moment.

"As a defense, we are finally starting to click," said Bonsall, an Aptos High alum. "I know it's late in the season but better late than never. I don't think our record is indicative of the team we have become. We're finally starting to jell."

Based on Saturday's performance, in which Cabrillo held the Jaguars to a total of eight offensive yards in the first quarter, Bonsall has a point.

"It's a testament to the players and coaches who come to work each week to play for themselves and each other," Cabrillo coach Bill Garrison said. "They've never let what has happened in the past carry over."

Cabrillo's defense proved flexible throughout the contest. No matter where the Jaguars started a drive, they could not break through until there was just over six minutes to play.

San Jose started one drive on the Seahawks' 9-yard line and failed to score. It was that kind of day for Bonsall, linebacker Nikko Walker, defensive lineman Noah Oleyer and the rest of Cabrillo's defense.

Walker's 63-yard interception return for a touchdown with 1:05 remaining in the first half sent the Jaguars reeling.

Oleyer delivered the early knockout punch, picking up a fumble and managing to stay inbounds as he rambled down the sideline and into the end zone to give Cabrillo a 30-0 lead entering halftime.

"We have a lot of people with a great attitude on this team," Bonsall said. "It's a great environment."

That environment created an atmosphere of success even though the results have been disappointing most of the year.

"We've come together," said Seahawks' quarterback

The Score

CABRILLO 37, SJCC 6

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When: Saturday, 1 p.m.

Brenden Davis, who threw for 226 yards on 20 of 32 passing and a pair of touchdowns. "It hasn't been the best of seasons, but we still keep coming together and working to get better."

Davis picked apart the Jaguars' defense with a precise passing game that worked like an effective running game. Davis poke at San Jose, and then delivered big blows in the form of a 27-yard scoring toss to Yoshio Hasegawa and a 31-yard TD pass to Lamar Cowans.

Davis also ran for a touchdown and Aidan Daily added a 34-yard field goal.

The defense made sure things stayed nice and tidy for the Seahawks, recording five sacks, a total of 10 tackles for a loss, forcing a pair of fumbles, and breaking up 12 passes — a combined seven by Bonsall and Darrian Williams, who landed the hardest hit of the game when he separated a Jaguars' receiver from the ball.

Walker made a team-best 11 tackles, one a sack, and both forced and recovered a fumble in addition to his interception.

Cabrillo completes its season next Saturday with a 1 p.m. game at Merced (4-5, 3-2).