



SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



2023 FOOTBALL POSTSEASON GAME NOTES

<p>2 State Championships 1997 Division II 2011 Division I</p> <p>3 CIF-Southern Section Championships 1996 Division V 1997 Division V 2011 PAC-5</p>	<p>26 CIF-Southern Section Playoff Appearances 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017 2019, 2021 (Fall) & 2022</p> <p>4 League Championships 1996, 1997, 2000 & 2001</p>	<p>35th Varsity Season Overall Record: 246-149-3 (.623) Home: 134-67-3 (.664) Road: 111-82-0 (.575)</p> <p>7 Nationally-Ranked Teams 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2011, 2012 & 2017</p>
<p>Retired Uniform Number Honorees: 2 - Minna 3 - Palmer 4 - Newman / Stanton 54 - Frost 82 - Minardi</p>		
<p>2022 Inaugural California High School Football Hall of Fame Inductees: Carson Palmer (Quarterback) & Harry Welch (Coach)</p>		



Santa Margarita Catholic Eagles (5-5) at Sierra Canyon Trailblazers (10-0)

Football / Lacrosse and Soccer Complex
Friday, November 10, 2023 • 7:00 p.m.



RECAP OF LAST GAME @ MATER DEI

Santa Margarita Catholic was on the road for the third-consecutive week, closing out the Trinity League regular season. The task at hand was to face another one of the top-5 ranked schools in the nation -- Mater Dei. The Eagles ultimately fell to the Monarchs, 35-19. However, SMCHS extended MD all the way as they trailed just 21-19 with approximately five minutes remaining in the contest. Two-straight quarterback sacks by MD extinguished any chance of an SMCHS game-winning drive.

Overall, the Eagles could only muster 254 yards of offense (214 passing and 40 rushing), but made the most of it as they scrapped along for three quarters and made the game to come down to just one quarter of play (4th). The defense played fierce and stood toe-to-toe with one of the most talented schools in America.

John Gazzaniga was 21-of-41 (51.2%) for 214 yards and threw two touchdown passes. Skylar Lendsey, also a running back, scored the other SMCHS touchdown, also on a pass play of 13-yards. On the ground, the sophomore wrestled for 37 yards as the team was able to only gather 1.6 per attempt. Izley Manutai collected four receptions for 58 yards (14.5 average).

Trent Mosley snagged a career-high 13 pass receptions for 116 yards (8.9 average) and scored one touchdown. Overall, it was his twenty-fifth time reaching the end zone this season. Mosley also collected his fifth game with 100-or-more yards receiving and his third-consecutive game with 10-or-more receptions. In that three-game span, he has 35 catches for 567 yards (15.8 average) and five scores via the air.

- 13 receptions is a new career-high and tied for third all-time in school history for a single game
- 75 receptions for the season places Mosley in the top-10 in that category all-time in school history
- 1,094 pass reception yards is now top-5 all-time in school history for a single season. Mosley is just the fifth player (achieved six times) to pass the 1,000-yard threshold
- 25 total touchdowns scored now places Mosley in a four-way tie for second all-time in school history for a single season. The school record is 28, held by two players

Most Receiving Yards - Season SMCHS All-Time		
Player	Season	Yards
John Minardi	1997	1,469
Kyle Sweet	2014	1,341

Mike O’Gorman	1998	1,144
Brian Finneran	1992	1,141
Trent Mosley	2023	1,094
John Minardi	1996	1,040

Trent Mosley Dominance in a 3-Game Span to Close Out Regular Season							
Opponent	Rush	Rec	Kick Rets	All Purpose	Total Offense	TDs Scored	Touches Average Per (AP)
@ JSerra Catholic	87	230	108	425	317	4	24 / 17.8
@ Servite	16	221	114	351	237	4	20 / 17.6
@ Mater Dei	0	116	0	116	116	1	13 / 8.9
Grand Totals	103	567	222	892	670	9	57 / 15.7

On the other side of the ball, sophomore defensive lineman Jason Perez registered his first career sack. Another sophomore, Trey Brown, contributed from his cornerback position as he defended three passes and nearly collected an interception. Noah Sulick led tacklers with 11. It was the fifth times this season he reached double-digits in that category.

Kicker Ryan Gass continued to show confidence as he was a perfect 2-for-2 on field goal attempts, coming from 27 and 33 yards out.

SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC - PLAYER NOTES, HIGHLIGHTS & STATS

0 Skylar Lendsey | Running Back | Sophomore | 5-10 / 190

- In narrow loss at Servite, had best game of his career as he gained 140 yards rushing on 16 attempts (8.8 average) and scored two touchdowns
- Registered 106 all-purpose yards, besting the triple-digit threshold for the second time this season in win at Bishop Amat
- The talented sophomore rushed for a career tying best of 92 yards (also vs. Norco in 2022) on 17 attempts (5.4 average) against West. Also caught one touchdown pass
- Named in the first rankings for the Class of 2026 by PrepRedzone.com - State Overall: 104 | State Position: 4 | National: Watch List
- 2022 All-Trinity League Honorable Mention - Offense

1 John Gazzaniga | Quarterback | Junior | 6-7 / 238

- Passed for 277 yards in last-minute win at JSerra Catholic. Cited by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com for “Honorable Mention” performance
- Rushed for 82 yards (9.1 average) and one touchdown and passed for 227 yards (15-of-31, 48.4%) and one touchdown in loss versus Orange Lutheran
- Passed for two touchdowns and rushed for another in win over Leuzinger
- Spotlited in online highlight feature by MaxPreps.com: “6’7” Quarterback John Gazzaniga Looks to Make Noise with Santa Margarita Catholic”
- Spotlited in feature article in the *Orange County Register* by prep football writer Steve Fryer (09/14/23)
- Spotlited in feature article on 247sports.com by prep football recruiting guru Greg Biggins (09/14/23)
- SBLive/scorebooklive.com: “Southern California High School Athlete of the Week” nominee: Led them to a 51-point outing and win over Bishop Amat on Thursday. Completed 20-of-30 passes for 377 yards and four touchdowns
- SBLive/scorebooklive.com: Southern California – “Top Stars, Best Performances and Passing Performances” in Week 3
- *The Los Angeles Times*: Selected a “Southland Top Performer” for Week 3
- Cal-Hi Sports: Southern California - “State Stat Star of the Week” selection (with teammate Trent Mosley)
- Had the best passing debut of any quarterback in SMCHS history: 20-of-30 (66.7%), 377 yards and four touchdown passes. Overall, this tied for the twelfth-best single game in school all-time

Most Passing Yards in First Career Game SMCHS All-Time				
Quarterback	Yards	Opponent	Date	Class
John Gazzaniga *	377	@ Bishop Amat	September 7, 2023	Junior
Peter Costelli	325	Downey	August 16, 2018	Sophomore

Jaxon Potter	294	San Juan Hills	August 20, 2021	Junior
K.J. Costello	243	@ Bishop Amat	August 30, 2013	Sophomore
Josiah Norwood	243	@ Downey	August 25, 2017	Senior

* = Did not start game

- Earned All-Orange County Third-Team honors in basketball in 2022-23
- Spent two seasons on the varsity team for the Lancers
- As a freshman, was 20-of-54 passing (37.0%) for 237 yards and threw touchdowns
- As a sophomore, didn't see any time at quarterback but had two rush attempts for four yards and one score
- Has Division 1 offers from Arizona, Massachusetts and Akron
- With size at 6-7 and 238 pounds, was a key player on the basketball team
- Has been clocked at 4.60 in the 40-yard-dash
- PrepRedzone.com ranks - State-Overall: No. 147 / State-Position: No. 22

1 Gage Burnett | Outside Linebacker / Long Snapper | Senior | 6-0 / 223

- Continued strong defensive presence with eight tackles (2 for loss) and one sack in big win at Bishop Amat
- Made the game-saving play when he burst into the backfield to tackle the runner and thwart a 2-point conversion attempt in win over West
- Ranked No. 85 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2023
- Named one of the top players on the team by the *Orange County Register* for Fall 2023
- Ranked the No. 159 overall and No. 19 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Fall, 2023
- Praised by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com for impressive showing at the "Battle if the Beach"
- Cited by Greg Biggins of 247sports.com and Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com as one of the Top Performers at the Allegiance Athletics Linemen Showcase in Spring
- Invited to and participated the prestigious 2023 Rivals Camp Series held in mid-March at Warren HS (Downey)
- Ranked the No. 31 prospect in the nation and No. 4 in the state by collegefootballnow.org in Winter, 2023 at his position for the Class of 2024
- Offseason training included workouts, camps and showcases with Giant Skillz and Under The Radar
- Selected as the Gauntlet Award winner -- given to the junior who will carry the torch for leadership next season
- 2022 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Defense
- ★★★□ recruit with 4 Division 1 offers from Army-West Point, Arizona, Fordham and Massachusetts

5 Trent Mosley | Wide Receiver | Sophomore | 5-11 / 155

- Snagged a career-high 13 pass receptions for 116 yards (8.9 average) and scored one touchdown in disappointing loss at Mater Dei. Some super specifics:
 - Reached the end zone for the twenty-fifth time reaching the end zone in 2023.
 - Fifth game with 100-or-more yards receiving
 - Third-consecutive game with 10-or-more receptions
 - In the three-game span: 35 catches for 567 yards (15.8 average) and five scores via the air
 - 13 receptions -- a new career-high and moved into tie for third all-time in school history for a single game
 - 75 receptions for the season placed in top-10 in that category all-time in school history
 - 1,094 pass reception yards reaches the top-5 all-time in school history for a single season
 - 25 total touchdowns scored is good for a four-way tie for second all-time in school history for a single season
- Remarkable assault on the school record book after Servite - Game No. 9 -- Cited by several media outlets for his game-winning effort:
 - *Orange County Register* "Boys Athlete of the Week"
 - PrepRedzone.com as one of the "Top Receiving" performances of the week (Michael Huntley)
 - *Los Angeles Times* as one of the "Top Performers" of the week (Eric Sondheimer)
 - SBLive/scorebooklive.com nominee for "Southern California High School Athlete of the Week" (Staff)
 - Cal-Hi Sports Southern California "Offensive Player of the Week" Nominee
- Tallied 351 all-purpose yards: 16 rushing, 221 receiving and 141 kickoff returns and collected 4 overall touchdowns
 - Receiving total - Tied for sixth in school history in single game
 - Second career 200-plus yard receiving game - Tied for second most for career in school history with Grant Calcaterra. Kyle Sweet leads with four
 - 1,282 receiving yards is already third-most for single season in school history
 - 2,041 all-purpose yards are seventh-best in a single season school-history
 - Eleventh time in school history a receiver has caught 12-or-more passes in a single game
 - 24 total touchdowns scored is tied for third-best in single season in school history
 - Fourth 100-plus yard receiving game of season. School record is six by John Minardi in 1997

- Scored two-or-more touchdowns in seven of nine games played in 2023
- Exploded in last-minute win at JSerra Catholic as he amassed 425 all-purpose yards -- scored twice on the ground and twice through the air
 - Rushing: 7 / 87 (12.4 average) and 2 touchdowns,
 - Receiving: 10 / 230 (23.0 average) and 2 touchdowns (74)
 - Kick Returns: 108 yards
- The all-purpose figure was second-best all-time. The 230 yards receiving were fifth-best in school history. Cited by several media outlets for his game-winning effort:
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 - *Los Angeles Times* as one of the "Top Performers" of the week (Eric Sondheimer)
 - SBLive/scorebooklive.com nominee for "Southern California High School Athlete of the Week" (Staff)
 - *Orange County Register* as one of the "Top Performers" of the week (Staff)
 - Cal-Hi Sports Southern California "Offensive Player of the Week" Nominee

Trent Mosley @ JSerra Catholic -- 10/13/23				
Category	Att / Rec	Yards	Average	TDs
Rushing	7	87	12.4	2
Receiving	10	230	23.0	2
Kickoff Return	4	97	24.3	0
Punt Return	3	11	3.7	0
Game Total	24	425	17.7	4

Most All-Purpose Yards - Single-Game SMCHS All-Time				
Athlete	Season	Opponent	Yards	TDs
Billy Newman	1996	@ Trabuco Hills (Mission Viejo)	439	3
Trent Mosley	2023	@ JSerra Catholic	425	4

Most Receiving Yards - Single-Game SMCHS All-Time			
Athlete	Season	Opponent	Yards
Kyle Sweet	2013	Bishop Gorman (Las Vegas)	294
Grant Calcaterra	2016	Loyola (Los Angeles)	292
John Minardi	1997	@ Fountain Valley	242
Kyle Sweet	2014	Orange Lutheran	235
Trent Mosley	2023	@ JSerra Catholic	230

- Describer as a "one-man wrecking crew" by Eric Sondheimer of the *Los Angeles Times* in his mid-season review (09/24) -- the best wide receiver (and wildcat quarterback, etc.)
- September 21: Cited by Steve Fryer of the *Orange County Register* as one of four probable frontrunners for the Orange County "Offensive Player of the Year"
- Ranked the No. 19 overall prospect in the state for the Class of 2025 by PrepRedzone.com in Fall, 2023
- Led the offensive attack once again with six pass receptions for 94 yards (15.7 average) and a touchdown and also rushed for one in win over Leuzinger. Recognized by PrepRedzone.com in its Southern California "Top Receiving Performances" selection
- Added a rushing and receiving touchdown to give him 16 total scores for the season. Dating back to the final three games of last season, Mosley now has scored at least one touchdown in eight-consecutive games. The SMCHS record for most consecutive games with a touchdown scored is an amazing 17 contests, held by John Ireland in the 1989-90 seasons. The most touchdowns for a single season is 28, shared by Bryant Wolfsberger (1997) and Ryan Wolpin (2011)
- Followed up memorable performance with another spectacular, record breaking game @ Bishop Amat: Rushing: 6 carries for 33 yards (5.5 average) and three touchdowns / Receiving: 9 receptions for 144 yards (16.0 average) and 3 touchdowns
 - Tied school record for most touchdowns scored in a single game with six (Also Ryan Wolpin in 2012 vs. Carson)
 - Tied school record for most touchdowns accounted for in a single game with six (with 5 others)
 - Tied school record for most 2-point conversions accounted for in a single game with two (Also Ryan Maxwell in 2005 @ Kealakehe (Hawaii))
 - Tied school record for most receiving touchdowns in a single game with three. Held by many and achieved in several instances

-- Mosley and teammate Sean Embree each broke the 100-yard threshold for receiving yards in a game for the second-consecutive week

Most Touchdowns Scored - Single Game SMCHS All-Time			
Player	Touchdowns	Opponent	Date
Trent Mosley	6	@ Bishop Amat	September 7, 2023
Ryan Wolpin	6	Carson	September 14, 2012

Most Touchdowns Accounted For - Single Game SMCHS All-Time				
Player	Touchdowns Accounted	Opponent	Touchdown Types	Date
Trent Mosley	6	@ Bishop Amat	3 rec & 3 rush	September 7, 2023
Jaxon Potter	6	@ Los Alamitos	5 pass & 1 rush	September 15, 2022
K.J. Costello	6	Orange Lutheran	4 pass & 2 rush	October 17, 2014
Ryan Wolpin	6	Carson	6 rush	September 14, 2012
Johnny Stanton	6	Bellarmine (San Jose) *	4 pass & 2 rush	December 16, 2023
Carson Palmer	6	Tustin **	5 pass & 1 rush	December 13, 1997

* = CIF-State Division 1 Championship @ Carson

** = CIF-Southern Section Division V Championship @ Cal-State Fullerton

Most 2-Point Conversions - Single Game SMCHS All-Time			
Player	2-Points Conversions	Opponent	Date
Trent Mosley	2	@ Bishop Amat	September 7, 2023
Ryan Maxwell	2	@ Kealakehe (Hawaii)	August 26, 2005

Most Receiving Touchdowns - Single Game SMCHS All-Time		
Receiver	Rec TDs	Times Achieved
John Minardi	3	5
Emmett Mosley	3	2
Brad Finneran, Mike O'Garman, Kyle Sweet, Grant Calcaterra Chase Nenad, Reymello Murphy & Trent Mosley	3	1

- SBLive/scorebooklive.com: Southern California "Top Stars & Best Performances" selection
- SBLive/scorebooklive.com: Nominated as "National Athlete of the Week"
- SBLive/scorebooklive.com: "Southern California Top Weekly Receiving Performances"
- Cal-Hi Sports: Southern California - "State Stat Star of the Week" selection (with teammate John Gazzaniga)
- PrepRedzone.com: Southern California "Top Receiving Performances" selection
- Nominated as the PrepRedzone.com "National Athlete of the Week"
- *The Los Angeles Times*: Selected as a "Southland Top Performer" for Week 3
- Spotlited in feature article on 247sports.com by prep football recruiting guru Greg Biggins (09/11/23)
- Along with teammate Sean Embree, enjoyed the second game in a row where both attained 100-or-more receiving yards. The 411 combined versus Liberty (Bakersfield) was a school record for a duo -- Mosley (187) and Embree (124)

Single Game - Two Players with 100-plus Receiving Yards SMCHS 2023 Season				
Players	Opponent	Individual Yards	Combined Yards	Notes
Trent Mosley	@ Liberty (Bakersfield)	187	411	No. 1 combined yardage all-time in school history
Sean Embree		124		
Trent Mosley	@ Bishop Amat	144	288	No. 3 combined yardage all-time in

Sean Embree		144		school history
<i>In total, achieved 15 times in SMCHS history</i>				

- Had best game of young career thus far in win at Liberty (Bakersfield) -- three carries for 40 yards (13.3 average) and two touchdowns and nine receptions for 187 yards (20.8 average) and two touchdowns. Received numerous honors and awards
 - SBLive/scorebooklive.com: Southern California "Top Stars & Best Performances" selection
 - *Orange County Register*: "Weekly MVP Swag Chain" selection
 - Cal-Hi Sports: Southern California - "Multi-Purpose/Special Teams Player of the Week"
 - PrepRedzone.com: Southern California "Top Receiving Performances" selection
 - Nominated as the PrepRedzone.com "National Athlete of the Week"
- Scored two additional rushing touchdowns in loss to Centennial. Now has four scores on the ground this season -- had three receiving scores in 2022
- Was a dynamic presence in win over West as he gained just six yards on four attempts but scored twice, also hauled in eight receptions for 75 yards and gained 54 yards on kick-off returns -- a total of 135 all-purpose yards. The five receptions were a new career-high
- Ranked No. 30 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2023
- Named one of the top players on the team by the *Orange County Register* for Fall 2023
- Named the No. 6 wide receiver/tight end in Orange County for the 2023 season by journalist Dan Albano
- Selected as an Underclass All-American by Lemming Prep Football Report (Tom Lemming) for 2023 season
- 2023 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Second-Team - Multi-Purpose
- Ranked the No. 11 prospect in the nation and No. 3 in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2026 in Spring, 2023
- Praised by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com for impressive showing at the "Battle of the Beach"
- Praised by Dan Albano of the *Orange County Register* as "Showing His Burst" two long touchdowns at the "Battle of the Beach" in July
- Ranked the No. 26 prospect in the nation and No. 7 in the state by collegefootballnow.org in Winter, 2023 at his position for the Class of 2026
- 2022 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Frosh Watch List
- 2022 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Offense
- 2022 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense
- Has received offers from Oregon, Michigan State, Texas A&M, USC, San Diego State, Stanford and Notre Dame

8 Luke Anderson | Defensive Back | Junior | 6-0 / 170

- One of the leading tacklers on the team (36 - 3rd) and tied for the most solo tackles with 23
- Regarded by many observers as the hardest tackler on the club
- Led the team with nine tackles in win versus West
- Coach Rouz cited Anderson as being an impact player for the team in 2023 after his performance at the "Battle of the Beach"

9 James Johnson | Quarterback | Junior | 6-1 / 175

- Came on in the fourth quarter at Servite to spark the offense and guide the club to their final two touchdowns -- seeing action for the first time since injury in the first quarter of the first game of the season -- was 8-of-10 (80.0%) for 144 yards and two touchdowns
- Was 4-of-5 for 57 yards in his first start as an Eagle. Suffered an injury on the final play of the first quarter versus West (Salt Lake City)
- Ranked No. 90 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2023
- Named one of the top players on the team by the *Orange County Register* for Fall 2023
- Praised by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com for impressive showing at the "Battle of the Beach"
- Played in a handful of games in 2022 at Servite. Highlight moment was a 77-yard touchdown pass to Tyler McCown, but the Friars fell to Helix (La Mesa), 38-31
- Saw action in five games at Mater Dei in freshman season (2021) where he was 5-of-10 for 49 yards

10 Emmett Mosley | Wide Receiver / Cornerback | Senior | 6-2 / 195



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- Ranked the No. 28 overall and No. 2 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Fall, 2023

- Named the No. 16 senior recruit in the state by Cal-Hi Sports in their fall 2023 “Hot 100” list
- Despite injury, selected as a Preseason All-American by Lemming Prep Football Report (Tom Lemming) for 2023 season
- 2023 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Third-Team
- Selected as a Senior All-American by Lemming Prep Football Report (Tom Lemming) for 2023 season
- Has committed to play in the annual All-American Bowl at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas -- nationally televised live on NBC and Peacock -- features the nation’s top 100 high school football players
- Committed to Stanford
- Ranked the No. 16 overall and No. 2 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Spring, 2023
- Electric highlights of 2022 season posted on MaxPreps.com at www.maxpreps.com/ca/rancho-santa-margarita/santa-margarita-eagles/football/media/videos/?videoid=38e0e113-7725-4da2-b509-7a4b851380c0&ftag=MPM-04-10aaa1h
- Ranked the No. 2 overall and No. 13 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Winter, 2023
- 2022 Prep Redzone All-Southern California Junior Team - Offense
- Ranked the No. 28 prospect in the nation and No. 12 in the state by collegefootballnow.org in Winter, 2023 at his position for the Class of 2024
- Represented by Cannon Sports USA / ELITE Sports Media Group Company -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zguG2NyPpU
- Named the No. 3 in California and No. 24 recruit in the nation at wide receiver by QB Hit List for the Class of 2024 in January, 2023 (□□□□)
- Selected to the Division 1 CIF All-Southern Section Team
- Selected as an Underclass All-American by Lemming Prep Football Report (Tom Lemming) in January, 2023
- 2022 All-Orange County (by *Orange County Register*) First-Team - Offense
- 2022 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Offense
- 2022 All-Trinity League First-Team - Offense
- Selected SMCHS Offensive Most Valuable Player
- Registered 78 pass receptions for the season -- second-most in school history and most by a junior

Most Pass Receptions - Single Season - SMCHS - All-Time		
Receiver	Receptions	Season
Kyle Sweet	89	2014
Emmett Mosley	78	2022
Brian Finneran	74	1992
John Minardi	70	1997
Conner Bianchini	68	2014
Brian Finneran	67	1993
Niko Lopez	65	2021

- Gained 127 yards receiving with six receptions (21.2 average) and one touchdown in lopsided win over Servite in 2022. Cited as a “Top Performer” by prepredzone.com
- Hauled in 14 pass receptions for 156 yards and one touchdown in win over JSerra Catholic on 2022 Homecoming. The 14 catches are tied for second-most in a single game in school history. Cited as an “Other Top Performer” by PrepRedzone.com along with teammate Niko Lopez

Most Pass Receptions - Single Game - SMCHS All-Time			
Receiver	Receptions	Opponent	Season
Kyle Sweet	15	Dorsey (Los Angeles)	2014
Kyle Sweet	15	Orange Lutheran	2014
Emmett Mosley	14	JSerra Catholic	2022
Brian Finneran	14	@ Damien (La Verne) - CIF	1993
Grant Calcaterra	14	Loyola	2016

- Online feature on gridironfootballusa.com -- “Top 300: Emmett Mosley” (By Lucas Berger -- September 26, 2022)
- In loss to Orange Lutheran, registered his second-consecutive game with three touchdown receptions. That is good for second-place, all alone, in program history. Cited as an “Other Top Performer” by PrepRedzone.com

Most Receiving Touchdowns - SMCHS - Single Game All-Time		
Receiver	Rec TDs	Times Achieved
John Minardi	3	5
Emmett Mosley	3	2
Six-Tied	3	1

- Ranked as the No. 91 overall recruit prospect in the nation for the Class of 2024 by Tom Lemming, a top prep recruiting analyst in Fall 2022 (□□□□ +)
- Along with brother Trent, scored a touchdown in defeat to Los Alamitos. In doing so, they became the first set of brothers at SMCHS to achieve this since Brad and Brian Finneran did so, four times, in 1992

Brothers Scoring Touchdowns - SMCHS - Same Game All-Time		
Players	Opponent	Season
Emmett Mosley	@ Los Alamitos	2022
Trent Mosley		
Brad Finneran	@ Newport Harbor	1992
Brian Finneran		
Brad Finneran	@ Tustin	1992
Brian Finneran		
Brad Finneran	Buena Park	1992
Brian Finneran		
Brad Finneran	St. John Bosco	1992
Brian Finneran		

- Along with teammates Bain Eiseman and Niko Lopez, notched over 100 receiving yards in loss at Los Alamitos in 2022 (146). Tied a school record with three touchdown receptions in a single game. Named a “Top So Cal Star” by scorebooklive.com and nominated for So Cal Sports Athlete of the Week plus cited as an “Other Top Performer” by PrepRedzone.com
- Ranked as a one of the premier underclass wide receiver recruit prospects in the West by Tom Lemming, a top prep recruiting analyst in Summer 2022
- With nine eight catches versus Norco (2022), had second-consecutive game with eight-or-more receptions to start SMCHS career
- Had a solid performance in his first game in an SMCHS uniform at San Juan Hills (Week 0 in 2022) -- 9 receptions for 94 yards and one touchdown. Cited by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com for “Honorable Mention” performance
- 2022 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-State Third-Team - Defense (DB)
- Ranked the No. 13 overall and No. 2 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Fall 2022
- Ranked No. 10 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2022
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2022 Preseason All-Orange County First-Team - Defense selection
- Ranked the No. 3 wide receiver in the County by the *Orange County Register* for 2022, while teammate Niko Lopez was the No. 5 selection
- Ranked the No. 13 overall and No. 2 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Summer 2022
- No. 12 ranked prospect in state “Hot 100” from Class of 2024 by Cal-Hi Sports
- Cited as a “Top Offensive Performer” at the Mission Viejo Passing Tournament by PrepRedzone.com and has improved his speed greatly this offseason
- Received an invitation to attend the Annual Blue-Gold Game (Notre Dame Football Spring Scrimmage) in South Bend, Indiana on April 23 -- Reserved for top Class of 2024 recruits (Reported by Tom Loy - 247sports.com)
- Selected by Lemming Prep Football Report (Tom Lemming) as a National Recruit and All-American from the Class of 2024 for photo shoot in Westwood, California (UCLA) in April, 2022
- Ranked the No. 13 overall prospect and No. 2 athlete position in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Winter 2022
- Ranked No. 40 overall and No. 26 by position prospect in the nation and No. 3 prospect in state by QB Hit List (qbhitlist.com) for Class of 2024

- Ranked the No. 13 overall prospect and No. 2 at athlete position in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Winter 2022
- Highly-recruited player was sidelined much of the Fall 2021 season by injury
- Received offers from Alabama, Arizona, Arizona State, Georgia, Colorado, LSU, Oregon, Penn State, USC, Clemson, Iowa, Texas, Utah, Texas A&M, Washington, Massachusetts, Michigan State, California, UCLA, Miami (Florida), Stanford and Notre Dame
- Has been clocked at 11.47 in the 100-meters (2021 @ Servite)
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2021 Preseason All-Orange County Second-Team - Defense (DB)
- Selected as a preseason MaxPreps.com Sophomore All-American in Fall 2021
- Celebrated his best moment of Fall 2021 season as he debuted versus Mater Dei and blocked a punt that a teammate returned for a score

11 LeVar Talley | Defensive End / Linebacker | Senior | 6-3 / 210

Had a dominant game and contributed to last-minute win at JSerra Catholic: 12 tackles (2 for loss), one sack and one hurry. Cited by PrepRedzone.com as one of the "Top Defensive" performances of the week (Michael Huntley)

- Logged one sack in huge win at Bishop Amat
- Contributed on defense as SMCHS defeated Liberty (Bakersfield) -- two tackles for loss and one sack. Cited as a "Top Performer" by PrepRedzone.com
- Collected his eleventh career sack in the victory against West
- Named by Eric Sondheimer of the *Los Angeles Times* as a Linebacker to Watch this Fall in Southland Football
- Ranked No. 69 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2023
- Named one of the top players on the team by the *Orange County Register* for Fall 2023
- Ranked the No. 77 overall and No. 11 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Fall, 2023
- Named the No. 68 senior recruit in the state by Cal-Hi Sports in their fall 2023 "Hot 100" list
- Selected as a Preseason All-American by Lemming Prep Football Report (Tom Lemming) for 2023 season
- ★★★ + □ recruit who has committed to Nevada and also had offers from Louisville, Colorado, Georgia, Virginia Tech, Florida State, Pittsburgh, Nevada-Las Vegas and USC. Has made unofficial visits to USC, UCLA, Fresno State, Washington and Oregon
- Cal-Hi Sports 2023 Preseason All-Orange County Second-Team - Defense
- Praised by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com for impressive showing at the "Battle if the Beach"
- 2022 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- 2022 All-Trinity League First-Team - Defense
- Selected as team captain for both junior and senior seasons
- scorebooklive.com (SBLive) 2022 Preseason All-State Third-Team - Defense selection
- scorebooklive.com (SBLive) 2022 Preseason All-Southern Section Second-Team - Defense selection
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2022 Preseason All-Orange County First-Team - Defense selection
- Fall 2021 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- Fall 2021 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Defense

13 Izley Manutai | Wide Receiver / Defensive Back | Sophomore | 5-10 / 160

- On varsity team as a freshman, collected 4 receptions for 59 yards and one touchdown

15 Lennie "Trey" Brown | Safety | Sophomore | 5-9 / 157

- Contributed from his cornerback position -- defending three passes and nearly collecting an interception at Mater Dei
- Collected one interception is loss against Orange Lutheran
- Notched his first career interception versus nationally-ranked St. John Bosco in the Trinity League opening game
- Ranked the No. 95 overall prospect in the state for the Class of 2025 by PrepRedzone.com in Fall, 2023

16 Jack Junker | Wide Receiver | Freshman | 5-8 / 163

- Added five more receptions in narrow loss at Servite
- Established a new career-high for receptions in a game with six (83 yards) against Orange Lutheran
- Freshman enjoyed the best game of his early career with five receptions for 89 yards (17.8 average)

17 Hayes Cloutier | Quarterback | Freshman | 6-1 / 170

- Saw first action of varsity career in win at Liberty (Bakersfield) in Week 2 and was 1-of-2 passing
- Was a standout and award winner at the two-day "Football University" camp held in FBU Las Vegas – Impressed coaches and was named to the All-Camp Team

19 Hunter Melton | Quarterback | Senior | 6-0 / 185

- Cited by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com for “Honorable Mention” performance versus Liberty (Bakersfield) -- 17-of-25 (68.0%) for 316 yards and three touchdowns
- Was 7-of-10 for 78 yards and one touchdown versus West (Salt Lake City) when called upon at the start of the second quarter for injured quarterback James Johnson. It was his first varsity action as he sat out last season as a result of an injury

20 Elijah “Eli” Robinson | Running Back | Freshman | 5-7 / 170

- Caught a 38-yard touchdown reception versus Leuzinger -- the first score of his varsity career

21 Sean Embree | Tight End | Junior | 6-4 / 170



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- ★★★□recruit
- Scored his fourth touchdown of the season in loss to Orange Lutheran
- SBLive/scorebooklive.com: “Southern California Top Weekly Receiving Performances”
- In huge win at Bishop Amat, had eight receptions for 144 yards (18.0 average) and one touchdown -- a 77-yard bomb from quarterback John Gazzaniga
- Had breakout game in win at Liberty (Bakersfield), setting career highs with six catches for 124 yards (20.7 average). Also scored one touchdown
- Scored a special teams touchdown when he pounced on a blocked punt in the end zone in win versus West
- Praised by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com for impressive showing at the “Battle if the Beach”
- 2022 All-Trinity League Honorable Mention - Offense

22 Logan Hirou | Defensive Back | Sophomore | 6-1

- Registered an interception versus Orange Lutheran. His fifth of the season led to a tie for third in the CIF-Southern Section and tie for first in Orange County for pass interceptions in 2023 with five
- In win over Leuzinger, notched his fourth interception of the season and returned it for a score (31 yards) -- his second this season
- Registered at least one interception for the second week in a row with a pick in big win at Liberty (Bakersfield). Cited as a “Top Performer” by PrepRedzone.com
- In just second varsity game, notched two interceptions, returning one 76 yards for a touchdown, in loss to Centennial. Cited by the *Los Angeles Times* (Eric Sondheimer) as one of the Top High School Performers for Week 1 and awarded a “Helmet Sticker” from Michael Huntley of the *Orange County Register*

23 Daniel Romano | Defensive Back | Junior | 6-0 / 175 (Formerly No. 35)

- Has quickly immersed himself into being a leader in the defensive backfield
- Averages over four tackles per game
- Notched first career interception in stunning victory at Bishop Amat

24 Brock deFries | Defensive Back | Junior | 5-9 / 170

- Attended the National Preps Combine at NFL Pro Bowl in February, 2023 in Las Vegas
- Collected his first career interception in the final regular season game of 2022 at St. John Bosco

26 Mason Reyes | Strong Safety | Sophomore | 5-10 / 190

- Registered his first career interception in last-minute victory at JSerra Catholic
- Had the best game of his young prep career in the Trinity League opening game versus nationally-ranked St. John Bosco as he led the team with eight tackles
- On the Watch List of overall prospects in the state for the Class of 2025 by PrepRedzone.com in Fall, 2023
- Has seen action in each game for the Eagles on defense and special teams. Has logged 17 tackles, two passes defended and returned four kicks

33 Aisa Taeleifi | Linebacker | Sophomore | 6-1 / 220

- Ranked the No. 137 overall prospect in the state for the Class of 2025 by PrepRedzone.com in Fall, 2023
- Invited to and participated in the Gladiator 7on7 Series in Spring. Noted by Michael Huntley or PrepRedzone.com as one of the to Class of 2024 Newcomers in Orange County

- Named in the first rankings for the Class of 2026 by PrepRedzone.com - State Overall: 95 | State Position: 9 | National: Watch List

43 Noah Sulick | Linebacker | Senior | 6-0 / 205

- Was the team's leading tackler in loss at Mater Dei with 11
- Contributed significantly in the last-minute win at JSerra Catholic: 12 tackles (1 for loss)
- Notched a career-high 14 tackles in loss to Orange Lutheran. It was his fifth double-digit game in SMCHS career
- A real dynamo, had perhaps his best game as an Eagle as he led the club with nine tackles and one forced fumble in win over Leuzinger
- Collected nine tackles (1 for loss) in huge win at Bishop Amat
- Ranked No. 115 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2023
- Named one of the top players on the team by the *Orange County Register* for Fall 2023 -- "Mr. Steady"
- Cited by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com as a top performer on the SMCHS defense in the "Battle of the Beach"
- During the offseason, visited Hawaii
- Selected by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com as a "great fit" to play in the 2024 Orange County North-South All-Star Classic
- 2022 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- 2022 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Defense

50 Jayden Dose | Defensive Tackle | Senior | 5-10 / 229

- 2022 All-Trinity League Honorable Mention - Defense
- Invited to and participated in the Giant Skillz Athletics - (B.O.S.S.) National Lineman Showcase 2022 So Cal Regional in February, 2022

52 Grant Degulis | Offensive Lineman | Junior | 6-1 / 285

- Attended the Redlands Summer Camp Series in June, 2023 with more than 15 Division 1 scouts in attendance
- 2022 All-Trinity League Honorable Mention - Offense
- A member of the SMCHS wrestling team

56 Zander "Tank" Benitez | Offensive Lineman | Senior | 6-1 / 260

- Invited to and participated in the Recruit My Lineman National Showcase in mid-March held in Westerville, Ohio
- 2023 offseason training included workouts, camps and showcases with Giant Skillz at the "Mecca" (5-on-5) in Atlanta and Utah

57 Judah Moenoa | Defensive Lineman / Offensive Lineman | Senior | 6-1 / 250

- 2022 All-Trinity League Honorable Mention - Defense
- In first varsity game action, registered five tackles (2 for loss) and one sack in loss to Orange Lutheran

64 Joseph "Joey" Lopez | Offensive Lineman | Sophomore | 6-5 / 315

- Ranked the No. 116 overall prospect in the state for the Class of 2025 by PrepRedzone.com in Fall, 2023
- Named the "Top Offensive Performer" at "The Arrival Camp" in So Cal in early-February
- Has received offers from North Carolina-Charlotte University, Houston Christian and Jacksonville State

72 Ivan Pena | Offensive Tackle | Sophomore | 6-6 / 290

- Comes to SMCHS as one of the top rated players at his position by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2026 in Nevada: No. 12 prospect overall and No. 2 prospect at position

75 Jacob Maiava | Offensive Lineman / Defensive Lineman | Junior | 6-2 / 290

- Scored a rare rushing touchdown (2-yards) on a trick play versus Orange Lutheran

77 Ethan "E.J." Thomas | Offensive Lineman | Junior | 6-4 / 298

- 2022 All-Trinity League Honorable Mention - Offense

86 Ryan Gass | Junior | Kicker

- Was 2-of-2 on field goal attempts in loss at Mater Dei
- Proved to be the difference as he connected for a 25-yard field goal as time expired to earn SMCHS a victory at JSerra Catholic. Had registered his first career field goal in the first quarter of the same game from 32-yards. Named the "Top Special Teams Player of Week 8" by Michael Huntley of the *Orange County Register*
- Is 35-of-37 on PAT/extra-point attempts (94.6%) for the season

87 Fisher Melton | Junior | Tight End | 6-4 / 215

- Enjoyed the best game of his young varsity career in loss to Orange Lutheran with two pass receptions for 31-yards

88 Kyle Brody | Tight End | Senior | 6-4 / 235

- Ranked No. 126 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2023
- Ranked the No. 204 overall and No. 9 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Fall, 2023
- 2023 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Third-Team
- Has committed to play at the United States Air Force Academy
- Noted as one of the possible breakout stars of the upcoming 2023 season by Eric Sondheimer of the *Los Angeles Times*
- Named the No. 3 in California and No. 62 recruit in the nation at tight end by QB Hit List for the Class of 2024 in January, 2023 (□□□)
- Has received offers from Nevada-Las Vegas, San Jose State, Sacramento State and Pitt
- 2022 All-Trinity League Honorable Mention - Offense

89 Troy Kuta | Punter | Senior |

- Member of the SMCHS soccer team

90 Cameron Brickle II | Defensive Tackle | Sophomore | 6-3 / 275

- Ranked a 5-star prospect by Rivals.com
- Has received 12 Division 1 offers: Boston College, Connecticut, Maryland, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Syracuse, Temple, Tennessee, USC, West Virginia and Wisconsin
- 2022 season stats: 29 total tackles, 3 tackles for a loss and 3 passes defensed

92 Bobby Ortiz | Defensive End | Junior | 6-0 / 257

- Saw limited action with the Seraphs on the varsity club during the 2021 and 2022 seasons

97 J.J. Hanne | Defensive Lineman | Junior

- Registered eight tackles with 1 1/2 sacks in win over West

98 Joseph Terry | Defensive Lineman | Sophomore

- Saw significant time at the defensive tackle position in the nonleague portion of the schedule

99 Jason Perez | Defensive Lineman | Sophomore | 6-0 / 230

- Registered first career sack in loss to Mater Dei
- Has provided strong support to a young SMCHS defensive line
- Registered five tackles in first career varsity game versus national-ranked Centennial (Corona)
- Recovered a fumble versus Leuzinger (Lawndale) that led to an SMCHS touchdown

THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT: @ SIERRA CANYON



SMCHS Season Game No. 11 / CIF-Southern Section Playoff Game No. 1

Division / Round: 1 / First

Opponent: Sierra Canyon

School Location: Chatsworth

Nickname: Trailblazers

Game Date / Time: Friday, November 10 / 7:00 p.m.

Game Location: Football / Lacrosse and Soccer Complex (Campus)

Head Coach: Jon Ellinghouse | 17th Season | Overall Record: 168-37 (.820)

2022 Record: 10-5 Overall | 4-1 Mission League - Champions | 6-4 Regular Season | 4-0 CIF-SS Division 2 - Champions | 1-0 So Cal Regional Bowl | 0-1 CIF State Championship

2023 Season: Overall 10-0 | 5-0 Mission League - Champions

Last Game: Defeated Chaminade (West Hills), 44-6

All-Time Series: Sierra Canyon leads 1-0

Last Game vs. SMC: Sierra Canyon won 35-21 on November 8, 2019 @ Chatsworth in a CIF-SS Division 2 First Round game (Round of 16)

Previous Game Summary:

There was a time Sierra Canyon football was in Division 10 of the CIF. Still, before that they played 8-man football. That was 10 years ago. Two state titles and four CIF-Southern Section titles later, the Trailblazers accomplished something new: they took down their first Trinity League opponent. Top-seeded in the Division 2 bracket this time around, Sierra Canyon (10-1) fell behind in the second quarter before regaining momentum and confidence en route to a 35-21 victory.

One of the reasons Sierra Canyon put itself in position to win a title is the play of junior quarterback Chayden Peery. In 11 games, he has no interceptions. He completed 20 of 31 passes on Friday for 295 yards and three touchdowns. The Blazers burned the Eagles with screens and short passes that were turned into long gains. A 57-yard interception return for a touchdown by D.J. Harvey in the fourth quarter clinched the win.

SMCHS quarterback Colt Fulton passed for 264 yards, including touchdown passes of 66 yards to sophomore Ian Grogan and six yards to Tyler Wetmore, who had eight receptions for 136 yards.

SMCHS Scoring

Barcelos 3 run (Jonathan Teasley kick)

Grogan 66 pass from Fulton (Jonathan Teasley kick)

Wetmore 6 pass from Fulton (Jonathan Teasley kick)

SMCHS Individual Leaders

Rushing: Jalen Jones 8-57; Nick Barcelos 21-83

Passing: Colt Fulton 19-39-1-274

Receiving: Tyler Wetmore 9-135; Ian Grogan 3-31

2023 Team Notes:

- The Sierra Canyon football team finished its 2023 regular season with a 10-0 mark -- unbeaten for the third time in school history. The previous two times came in 2016 and 2011. The Trailblazers went on to capture the CIF-Southern Section and state championships in both those campaigns.
- This year's club went undefeated to capture its second-consecutive Mission League title, the first unbeaten.
- Sierra Canyon will now swim with the biggest programs in the country in the nation's toughest playoff field -- CIF-SS Division 1. Possible opposition includes the likes of Mater Dei, St. John Bosco and Centennial (Centennial) -- three programs that are mainstays in the top bracket.
- The Trailblazers' schedule included two games versus Trinity League foes. First, in the opener versus JSerra Catholic, they won a tight contest, 9-7 at home. Then the following week had little trouble with Orange Lutheran which they bested, 40-6 at Orange Coast College. Both of those schools appear in the CIF-SS bracket Division 1 bracket.
- Sierra Canyon also hosted two out-of-state schools this season. They walloped Green Valley (Henderson, Nevada) 56-0. A couple of weeks later, they ambushed Saguaro (Scottsdale, Arizona), 63-6.
- Sierra Canyon has several weapons on offense, but the defense is hailed as its biggest strength. The defensive unit allowed more than 14 points in a game just one time all season -- a 35-28 win over a very solid Serra of Gardena. This was the Blazer's closets contest of the year., score wise.
- The combined overall season record for Sierra Canyon's opponents was 48-51 (.485)
- This is the second meeting between Sierra Canyon and Santa Margarita Catholic. In 2019, the Trailblazers won a postseason contest ,35-21.
- Sierra Canyon won the CIF-SS Division 2 championship last year after finishing the season 10-5 overall. They then defeated Inglewood 23-7 in the So Cal Regional Bowl and earned a trip to the state championship game where they fell to Lincoln (San Diego), 37-14.
- The Trailblazers are 5-4 all-time in match-ups versus Trinity League schools:

School	Record
JSerra Catholic	3-1
Orange Lutheran	1-1
Santa Margarita Catholic	1-0
Servite	0-1
St. John Bosco	0-1

- Currently Sierra Canyon has a nine-game home winning streak. Their last defeat in Chatsworth came to Bishop Amat (La Puente), 31-28 in 2 overtimes on September 30 of last season.

2023 Schedule & Results:

Opponent	Result
JSerra Catholic (San Juan Capistrano)	Won 9-7
@ Oaks Christian (Westlake Village)	Won 30-14
Green Valley (Henderson, Nevada)	Won 56-0
@ Orange Lutheran (Orange Coast College)	Won 40-6
Saguaro (Scottsdale, Arizona)	Won 63-6
Notre Dame (Sherman Oaks)	Won 34-10
@ Bishop Amat (La Puente)	Won 56-14
@ Bishop Alemany (Mission Hills)	Won 48-0
Serra (Gardena)	Won 35-28
Chaminade (West Hills)	Won 44-6

Players to Watch:

Wyatt Becker | Quarterback | Junior
 Terrell Cooks, Jr. | Running Back / Wide Receiver | Senior
 Dane Dunn | Running Back | Junior
 Jaxen Stokes | Running Back / Wide Receiver | Freshman
 Kwazi Gilmer | Wide Receiver | Senior
 D.J. Xavier Jordan | Wide Receiver | Senior
 Cole Crawford | Wide Receiver | Senior
 Ruben Gamboa | Safety | Senior
 Carnell Ferguson | Defensive Lineman | Senior
 Sean Jones | Linebacker / Safety | Junior
 Richard Wesley | Linebacker | Freshman
 Mikhal Johnson | Linebacker | Sophomore
 Jonah Nadley | Defensive End | Sophomore
 Madden Riordan | Safety | Sophomore
 Marquis Gallegos | Safety | Senior

NEXT WEEK'S OPPONENT: @ CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFFS



**CIF-Southern Section Division 1 Semfinal Game
 @ Mater Dei or Hosting JSerra Catholic**

