



# SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## 2024 FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAME NOTES

### 2 State Championships

1997 Division II  
2011 Division I

### 3 CIF-Southern Section Championships

1996 Division V  
1997 Division V  
2011 PAC-5

### 28 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 & 2023

### 4 League Championships

1996, 1997, 2000 & 2001

### 36th Varsity Season

Overall Record: 251-156-3 (.616)  
Home: 139-67-3 (.672)  
Road: 113-85-0 (.571)

### 8 Nationally-Ranked Teams

1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2011,  
2012, 2017 & 2024

Program Retired Number Honorees: 2 – Minna | 3 – Palmer | 4 – Newman / Stanton | 54 – Frost | 82 – Minardi

2022 California High School Football Hall of Fame Inductees: Carson Palmer (Quarterback) & Harry Welch (Coach)

1 Heisman Trophy Winner • 1 Johnny Unitas Award Winner • 1 Outland Trophy Winner • 1 NFL Walter Peyton "Man of the Year" Award Winner • 3 Elite 11 Quarterbacks • calpreps.com No. 10 Most Dominant Prep Football Program in California -- 2001-2023



**Santa Margarita Catholic Eagles (5-6)  
at St. John Bosco Braves (9-1)**



**Panish Family Field (SJB Campus)**

**Friday, November 15, 2024 • 7:00 p.m.**

## LAST GAME VS. INGLEWOOD -- CIF-SS DIVISION 1 FIRST ROUND

In the First Round of the CIF-Southern Section Division 1 playoff, Santa Margarita Catholic was a rude host as it steamrolled previously undefeated Inglewood, 59-26. The Eagle's offense, defense and special teams were in high gear as the Sentinels had no answer for the speed, athleticism and depth of Coach Steve Fifita's squad. As healthy as the club has been all season, many stepped up to add their name to the score sheet and highlight reel. SMC enters Friday's challenge with vigor, especially knowing they can stand with the once vaunted Braves.



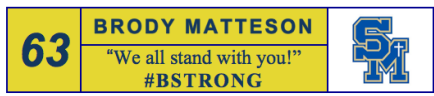
### Individual Highlights:

- John Gazzaniga completed 18-of-25 passes (70.8%) for 343 yards and three touchdowns and rushed for one score. At one point he completed 10 passes in succession in the first half. The senior quarterback now has 13 touchdown passes on the season
- All three touchdowns were to sophomore receiver Jack Junker and all in the first half. At halftime, Junker had 157 receiving yards, all on the three touchdown catches (38.3 average). He finished with a career-high of 172 yards on five receptions. Junker's average per reception of 34.4 would have been much higher if not for one of his five catches netting near zero yardage
- Tight end Fisher Melton had the best game of his prep career. The senior registered five catches for 50 yards (10.0 average)
- James Johnson came off the bench to throw a 30-yard touchdown pass to sophomore tight end Luke Gazzaniga. The senior quarterback now has eight touchdown passes this season
- Trent Mosley had two rushing attempts for 20 yards (10.0 average) and scored twice. He also contributed four receptions for 85 yards (21.3 average)
- Jaion "Duce" Smith scored his fourth rushing touchdown of the season and has now gained 594 yards, adding to his freshman record
- Linebacker Leki Holani notched a safety early in the first quarter to give SMC a 2-0 advantage. He also collected three tackles for loss and 1 1/2 sacks. His mate, Ivrick Carrigan, had 1 1/2 sacks as well. Jason Perez registered one sack.
- J.J. Hanne registered one sack and had a huge pass deflection
- Tight end Luke Gazzaniga collected his second pass reception of the season. It was his first-ever touchdown scored at the prep level

- Ryan Gass was a perfect 7-for-7 on PAT conversions
- For the second time this season, two unlikely defensive / special teams players got into the offensive column. A snap on one of the PAT conversion attempts was mishandled and turned into 2-points for the Eagles. Holder Dash Fifita took the ball and calmly rolled-out to his right and found J.J. Hanne all alone in the end zone for the successful try
- As a team, SMC amassed 485 yards of total offense

**Points Perspective and More:**

- The win ended a school record six-consecutive CIF Playoff losses. The last SMC win was in 2016 at Junipero Serra (Gardena), 27-14
- The 59 points cored are the most by SMC since a 2022 nonleague home game against Mullen (Denver) -- a 63-6 triumph. That same season, the Eagle's pinned 56 points on Servite in a 56-14 romp
- The 59 points are the most-ever scored by SMC in a postseason playoff game. This bested the previous high of 56 in a First Round loss at Murrieta Valley in 2017 (Lost 59-56)
- The previous school record for point sin a postseason playoff victory was in the 1997 CIF-SS Division V championship game versus Tustin -- 55-42 win by the Eagles
- SMC is 5-5 all-time in rematches with a same opponent in the same season (0-1 vs. St. John Bosco)

 <p><b>Jack Junker</b> So Cal Athlete of the Week Nominee</p>	 <p><b>Current SMC Poll Ranking:</b> MaxPreps.com -- California - No. 7</p>	
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**Orange County Register / OCVarsity's Reactions to CIF-Southern Section First Round Games:**

By: Dan Albano | Steve Fryer | Michael Huntley | *Orange County Register* | November 11, 2024

**Question: Which winning teams stood out to you in the first round of the playoffs?**

Steve Fryer: Santa Margarita Catholic. Whew! I covered SMC's 56-29 win over Inglewood. The Eagles offense is on fire, with elite receiver **Trent Mosley** back in action. And it seems they have decided that tight end **Fisher Melton** is a worthwhile weapon. The defense was ferocious, too, on Friday.

**Question: Was there a player who stood out in the first round?**

Michael Huntley: Three quarterbacks stood out with excellent performances in the First Round. One was **John Gazzaniga** who had a dominant performance for Santa Margarita Catholic against a talented Inglewood team.

Most Passing Yards CIF-Southern Section First Round 11/08/24			
Quarterback	School	Yards Passed	Opponent
<b>John Gazzaniga</b>	<b>Santa Margarita Catholic</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>Inglewood</b>
Chance Thomas	Western (Anaheim)	321	Huntington Beach
Xzavior Guess	El Modena	234	Santa Barbara

Most Receiving Yards CIF-Southern Section First Round 11/08/24			
Receiver	School	Receiving Yards	Opponent
Brandon Bettinghausen	Estancia (Costa Mesa)	195	Rim of the World (Lake Arrowhead)
<b>Jack Junker</b>	<b>Santa Margarita Catholic</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>Inglewood</b>
J.J. Amezcua	Western (Anaheim)	165	Huntington Beach

### Recognized as Top Performers in Orange County, Southern Section & Southland

- Passing: John Gazzaniga
- Receiving: Jack Junker

## SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC - PLAYER NOTES, HIGHLIGHTS & STATS

### 0 Dash Fifita | Linebacker | Junior | 5-8 / 180 – Team Captain

- Contributed another strong game with 10 total tackles (2 for loss) in rout of Servite the last game of the regular season -- SMC Defensive Player of the Week
- Week No. 8 Honors @ Orange Lutheran:
  - *Orange County Register* Boys Athlete of the Week
  - Cal-Hi Sports Southern California Offensive Player of the Week nominee
  - *Los Angeles Times*' Southland Top Performers for the Week
  - SBLive/scorebooklive.com Best Performances of Southern California High School Football
  - PrepRedzone.com Top Passing Performances of the Week for CIF-Southern Section
- Had the best defensive game by an Eagle defender in some time in narrow loss at Orange Lutheran -- registered 19 total tackles, one tackle for loss, one sack, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery and return of 64 yards
- Registered a solid game in heartbreaking loss at St. John Bosco with 4 total tackles (1 for loss), 1 hurry and 1 interception
- Initiated a successful and unlikely special teams play when he turned a botched snap on a PAT attempt into 2-points - Took the ball and calmly rolled-out to find edge rusher J.J. Hanne in traffic in the end zone versus Oaks Christian. SMC Special Teams Player of the Game. Amazingly, the pair achieved the same result on the same type of play in the CIF-SS Division 1 First Round victory over Inglewood
- Has received two Division 1 offers: Utah and Arizona
- Brother Noah, who played quarterback at Servite, is the starting quarterback at Arizona
- PrepRedzone.com Top Defensive Performances of the Week for CIF-Southern Section versus Centennial and Oaks Christian
- In upset win at Centennial (Corona), delivered his second-straight double-digit tackle game with 14 total. Named SMC Special Teams Player of the Game
- Registered a team-high 10 total tackles in first game as an Eagle in defeat at Mission Viejo
- Transfer from Mater Dei (Santa Ana) -- Saw 15 games as a two-year varsity player with the Monarchs with 33 tackles (1 1/2 for loss) and 2 quarterback hurries in that span

### 1 John Gazzaniga | Quarterback | Senior | 6-7 / 237 – Team Captain

- Led SMC to a 59-26 thumping of Inglewood in the First Round of the CIF-SS Division 1 playoff with 343 yards passing. Threw for three scores and added one on the ground
- Week No. 12 Honors (Inglewood):
  - *Los Angeles Times*' Southland Top Performers for the Week
  - SBLive/scorebooklive.com Best Performances of Southern California High School Football
  - PrepRedzone.com Top Passing Performances of the Week for CIF-Southern Section
- Was again 16-of-21 passing (76.2 %) for 202 yards with one touchdown in rout of Servite the last game of the regular season. Over the final two regular season games, Gaz was a combined 32-of-42 (76.2 %) with three touchdowns and one interception -- SMC Offensive Player of the Week
- Was 16-of-21 (76.2%), 155 yards and 2 touchdowns in Homecoming loss to JSerra Catholic -- Established a new personal completion percentage mark for a single game (Minimum 20 attempts)
- Team captain took control of the field as he fired for 313 yards passing on 15-for-22 (68.2%) and tossed three touchdowns against Oaks Christian. It was his second career 300-yard passing game, outdone only in his SMC debut last season at Bishop Amat (377). Two scores were on long bombs of 80 and 72 yards
  - SBLive/scorebooklive.com: Southern California -- "Top Stars, Best Performances and Passing Performances" selection
  - Nominated for the SBLive/scorebooklive.com Southern California High School Athlete of the Week
  - PrepRedzone.com Top Passing Performances of the Week for CIF-Southern Section
- Ranked No. 54 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2024
- Ranked the No. 8 senior class quarterback in Orange County by PrepRedzone.com
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: Third-Team - Offense

- Named by SBLive/scorebooklive.com as one of the Top Quarterbacks in the CIF-Southern Section for the 2024 season - No. 17
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2025 No. 116 overall state prospect and No. 14 at his position in Fall, 2024
- Lauded by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com prior to the 2024 "Battle at the Beach" 7-on-7
- QB Hit List 2025 Prospect Rankings - Spring 2024:
  - California Overall: 23
  - California - Pro Style QB Position: 9
- Ranked as one of the Top 35 quarterbacks in California and Top 150 in the nation by High School Football America (HSFA -highschoolfootballamerica.com) in Spring 2024
- 2023 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Offense
- 2023 All-Trinity Honorable Mention - Offense
- 2023 SMC Team - Most Valuable Special Teams Player
- Cited by Steve Fryer of the *Orange County Register* as a solid in-season transfer for player and school
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2025 No. 99 overall state prospect and No. 14 at his position in Spring 2024
- Passed for 277 yards in last-minute win at JSerra Catholic in 2023. 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 in 2023
- Passed for two touchdowns and rushed for another in win over Leuzinger in 2023
- Spotlitged in online highlight feature by MaxPreps.com: "6'7" Quarterback John Gazzaniga Looks to Make Noise with Santa Margarita Catholic"
- Spotlitged in feature article in the *Orange County Register* by prep football writer Steve Fryer (09/14/23)
- Spotlitged 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: Transferred to Santa Margarita Catholic from Orange Lutheran on Monday and 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 in 2023
- *The Los Angeles Times*: Selected a Southland Top Performer for Week 3 in 2023
- 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 SMC 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 SMC All-Time				
Quarterback	Yards	Opponent	Date	Class
<b>John Gazzaniga *</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>@ Bishop Amat</b>	<b>September 7, 2023</b>	<b>Junior (Transfer)</b>
Peter Costelli	325	Downey	August 16, 2018	Sophomore (Transfer)
Jaxon Potter	294	San Juan Hills	August 20, 2021	Junior (Transfer)
K.J. Costello	243	@ Bishop Amat	August 30, 2013	Sophomore
Josiah Norwood	243	@ Downey	August 25, 2017	Senior (Transfer)

\* = Did not start game

- Earned All-Orange County Third-Team honors in basketball in 2022-23
- Has Division 1 offers from Arizona, Massachusetts, Miami (Ohio) and Akron

## 2 Jonah Smith | Wide Receiver | Junior | 6-2 / 184

- Caught five passes for 51 yards (10.2 average) in his first game as an Eagle in rout of Servite the last game of the regular season
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2026 No. 33 overall state prospect and No. 10 at his position in Fall, 2024
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: Third-Team - Offense
- Named the Wide Receiver - Most Valuable Player at the Rivals Camp in Los Angeles (Mid June) -- "Very smooth, especially he is just moving into upper class status. Gets open due to his precision in running routes. Consistency set him above others"
- Rivals Prospect Rankings:
  - National - Overall: 139

- National - Position: 24
- California - Overall: 17
- QB Hit List 2026 Prospect Rankings - Spring 2024:
  - National Overall: 54
  - National - Wide Receiver Position: 53
  - California Overall: 7
  - California - Wide Receiver Position: 7
- Named the Rivals Camp Most Valuable Player at the receiver position by PrepRedzone.com in mid-March -- “great route runner with good hands who is a deep threat”
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2026 No. 22 overall state prospect and No. 7 at his position in Winter 2024
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2026 No. 20 overall state prospect and No. 6 at his position in Spring 2023
- 2023 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense
- Caught eight touchdowns in 2023 -- second-best mark on the Mater Dei team. Overall, collected 27 catches for 363 yards (13.4 average)
- Best games came versus Creekside (Georgia) with four catches for 81 yards (20.3 average) and two touchdowns and five catches for 64 yards (12.8 average) and a touchdown against JSerra Catholic
- Heavily recruited by UCLA (verbal commit) and is also being pursued by Notre Dame -- Additionally has offers from Central Michigan, Colorado, Georgia, Michigan, Michigan State, Oregon, Southern Methodist and Texas
- Transfer from Mater Dei (Santa Ana) in January, 2024

### 3 Sean Embree | Wide Receiver | Senior | 6-4 / 170

- Led the receiving corps with three receptions for 73 yards (24.3 average) and one score (36 yards) in rout of Servite the last game of the regular season
- Had seven receptions for 147 yards (21.0 average) in narrow loss at Leuzinger (Lawndale)
- Returned to action and cashed in on the success of the air game as he caught five passes for 135 yards (27.0 average) -- one a long-distance play of 72 yards
- Combined with Trent Mosley to both exceed 100 yards receiving in the game -- the seventeenth time in SMC history that a duo has achieved

Single Game - Two Players with 100-plus Receiving Yards SMC - 2024 Season			
Players	Opponent	Individual Yards	Combined Yards
Jack Junker	Liberty (Bakersfield)	111	243
Trent Mosley		132	
Sean Embree	Oaks Christian (Thousand Oaks)	135	241
Trent Mosley		106	

- Ranked No. 79 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2024
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: Third-Team - Offense
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2025 No. 197 overall state prospect and No. 21 at his position in Fall, 2024
- Lauded by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com prior to the 2024 “Battle at the Beach” 7-on-7
- Has accepted an offer to play at Washington State
- QB Hit List 2025 Prospect Rankings - Spring 2024:
  - National Overall: 284
  - National - Wide Receiver Position: N/A
  - California Overall: 52
  - California - Wide Receiver Position: 18
- A “Stock Riser” - Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2025 No. 159 overall state prospect and No. 23 at his position in January
- 2023 All-Trinity Honorable Mention - Offense
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2025 No. 216 overall state prospect and No. 32 at his position
- SBLive/scorebooklive.com: “Southern California Top Weekly Receiving Performances”
- In huge win at Bishop Amat in 2023, 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) in 2023, 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 (Salt Lake City) in 2023
- 2022 All-Trinity League Honorable Mention - Offense

#### 4 Trent Mosley | Wide Receiver | Junior | 5-11 / 170 | ★ ★ ★ ★

- Was the featured guest on “Friday Night Live” on Thursday, November 14 -- Prep sports show hosted by *Los Angeles Times* prep guru Eric Sondheimer on “X”
- Had minimal touches in CIF-SS Division 1 First Round victory over Inglewood but still made a strong impression -- two rushing attempts for 20 yards (10.0 average) and two touchdowns. He also contributed four receptions for 85 yards (21.3 average)
  - Continued his assault on the SMC Record Book. Has now caught all least one pass in 27-consecutive games. That is every career game played except his first in 2022. The school record is 29 by Brain Finneran in 1993
  - Now has 164 career pass receptions. The school record is 178 by Brian Finneran. No doubt he would have broken that mark this season but missed four games due to injury

Player	Career Receptions
Brian Finneran	178
<b>Trent Mosley</b>	<b>164</b>
Kyle Sweet	155
Niko Lopez	121
John Minardi	116

#### **Current**

- Led the team with five receptions for 79 yards (15.8 average) and had 1 rush attempt for one yard and one touchdown in rout of Servite the last game of the regular season
- *Orange County Register* prep reporter Michael Huntley’s “List of 11 Players He Expects to Have A Big Impact This Week” versus Servite
- PrepRedzone.com Top Receiving Performances of the Week for CIF-Southern Section
- Returned after a four-game absence and exhibited his usual dominance in Homecoming loss to JSerra Catholic. Had 13 receptions, 123 yards (9.5 average) and one touchdown receiving and 5 attempts, 29 yards (5.8 average) and two touchdowns rushing for 152 yards total offense
  - 13 receptions ties career high at Mater Dei on October 27, 2023 (SMC record is 15 by Kyle Sweet vs. Dorsey and Orange Lutheran in 2014)
  - Sixth career game with three-or-more touchdowns scored for SMC
  - Complemented by Steve Fryer of the *Orange County Register* for his character and focus on self development in October 25, edition
- *Los Angeles Times*’ Southland Top Performers for the Week at Orange Lutheran
- Praised by Steve Fryer of the *Orange County Register* for putting self development and team before personal
- Named to the MaxPreps.com Preseason Junior All-America First-Team - Wide Receiver
- Ranked No. 2 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2024 -- “Mosley emerged last season as arguably the top offensive weapon in the County”
- Subject of online feature on Cal-Hi Sports (calhisports.com) “Trent Mosley: Man On The Move” by Chuck Nan -- Published: October 3, 2024 / Link: <https://www.calhisports.com/2024/10/03/trent-mosley-man-on-the-move/>
- On a short list of Offensive Player of the Year watch list for SBLive/scorebooklive.com for 2024
- Scored on two long-distance plays in win over Oaks Christian. The first was on an 80-yard reception and the second on a 63-yard punt return – the first kick return for a score of any kind in his career. Finished with seven catches for 113 yards (16.1 average)
- Collected six receptions for 111 yards (18.5 average) and two touchdowns in rout of Liberty (Bakersfield), 42-3. So far in 2024: 3 games, 27 receptions, 444 yards (16.4) and 4 touchdowns receiving
- Week No. 1 Honors (@ Centennial):
  - *USA Today* High School Sports Stars of the Week -- No. 2 in nation
  - Cal-Hi Sports Southern California Offensive Player of the Week nominee
  - *Los Angeles Times*’ Southland Top Performers for the Week
  - SBLive/scorebooklive.com Best Performances of Southern California High School Football
  - *Orange County Register* Boys Athlete of the Week

- *Orange County Register* Top Star of the Week
- 2024 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Top 10 High School Football Plays of the Week -- No. 10 in nation
- PrepRedzone.com Top Receiving Performances of the Week for CIF-Southern Section
- SMC Offensive Player of the Game
- Delivered another signature game with an outstanding performance -- 11 receptions for 207 yards (18.8 average) and two touchdowns (67 and 51 yards in length) while scoring one rushing also in upset at Centennial (Corona)
  - Third-best career game in receptions
  - Sixth career game with 10-or-more catches
  - Fifth career game with 3-plus overall touchdowns
  - Eight career game with at least two touchdowns
  - Seventh and eighth plays with a distance of 50-yards-or-more in his career
- Caught 10 passes for 121 yards (12.1 average) in opening loss at Mission Viejo -- sixth career game with 100-or-more yards receiving and fourth with 10-or-more pass receptions
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 Preseason All-State Team - First-Team Multi-Purpose (WR / KR / RB / Wild / DB)
- Dan Albano of the *Orange County Register* predicts that Mosley will once again capture the Orange County Offensive Player of the Year award for 2024
- Named by Cal-Hi Sports as the “Most Versatile Player on the Field” in 2024
- Eric Sondheimer asserted that Mosley “is a special talent”
- Selected by SBLive/scorebooklive.com as the No. 2 junior (Class of 2026) wide receiver in the California for 2024
- Selected by SBLive/scorebooklive.com as the No. 2 wide receiver in the CIF-Southern Section for 2024
- Selected to the Preseason All CIF-Southern Section team by SBLive/scorebooklive.com -- “Unguardable”
- Ranked at the No. 1 wide receiver in Orange County by the *Orange County Register* for 2024
- Rated the No. 2 junior class wide receiver in the California for 2024
- Rated the No. 2 wide receiver in the CIF-Southern Section for 2024
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: First-Team - Multi-Purpose
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2026 No. 14 overall state prospect and No. 4 at his position in Fall, 2024
- “Most likely the top player in Orange County” -- Steve Fryer / *Orange County Register* (June 26)
- Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com flourished Mosley with compliments about his play from every aspect:
  - “Specializes in plays after the catch and SMC gets him the ball anyway they can: fly sweeps, screens and wildcat quarterback. With the additions SMC has made, he won’t always draw the opponent’s top corner (June)”
  - “Was the key target and obvious star at the 2024 “Battle at the Beach” 7-on-7 event. Impressed on defense too and continues making big plays on all levels of the field”
- QB Hit List 2026 Prospect Rankings Spring 2024:
  - National Overall: 13
  - National - Wide Receiver Position: 12
  - California Overall: 1
  - California - Wide Receiver Position: 1
- Featured on school YouTube channel broadcast “Faces of SM” on the May 8, 2024 episode [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=By\\_fYmHI5o0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=By_fYmHI5o0)
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2026 No. 19 overall state prospect and No. 6 at his position in Winter, 2024
- Registered a maximum mark of 21.63 miles-per-hour on the Catapult measuring system during the 2023 season -- Fastest mark on team
- 2023 SBLive/scorebooklive.com / si.com All-State - Wide Receiver
- 2023 Cal-Hi Sports “State Sophomore Player of the Year”
- 2023 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- Offseason tribute from prep sports guru journalist Eric Sondheimer of *The Los Angeles Times*: “In the 2024 season, Trent Mosley of SM will score touchdowns returning a kickoff, returning a punt, catching a pass, running and throwing a pass -- in a single game”
- 2023 Trinity League Co-Most Valuable Player
- 2023 SMC Team Most Valuable Player
- 2023 MaxPreps.com All-State Second-Team - Offense
- 2023 MaxPreps.com Sophomore All-America First-Team - Offense
- 2023 All-Orange County First-Team - Offense (*Orange County Register*)
- 2023 PrepRedzone.com All-Southern California Sophomore Team - Offense
- 2023 SBLive/scorebooklive.com All-Southern Section Team

- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2026 No. 19 overall state prospect and No. 5 at his position
- Snagged a career-high 13 pass receptions for 116 yards (8.9 average) and scored one touchdown in disappointing loss at Mater Dei in 2023. 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
  - 62 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 of 2023 -- 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
  - 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:
  - 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)
  - *Orange County Register* as one of the "Top Performers" of the week (Staff)
  - Cal-Hi Sports Southern California "Offensive Player of the Week" Nominee

<b>Trent Mosley @ JSerra Catholic - October 13, 2023</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Att / Rec</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>TDs</b>
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
<b>Game Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>4</b>

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

<b>Most Receiving Yards - Single-Game SMC All-Time</b>			
<b>Athlete</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Yards</b>
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
<b>Trent Mosley</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>@ JSerra Catholic</b>	<b>230</b>

- 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 SMC 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 fro receiving yards in a game for the second-consecutive week

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

Most Touchdowns Accounted For - Single Game SMC All-Time				
Player	Touchdowns Accounted	Opponent	Touchdown Types	Date
<b>Trent Mosley</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>@ Bishop Amat</b>	<b>3 rec &amp; 3 rush</b>	<b>September 7, 2023</b>
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-Pont Conversions - Single Game SMC All-Time			
Player	2-Points Conversions	Opponent	Date
<b>Trent Mosley</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>@ Bishop Amat</b>	<b>September 7, 2023</b>
Ryan Maxwell	2	@ Kealakehe (Hawaii)	August 26, 2005

Most Receiving Touchdowns - Single Game SMC 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 & <b>Trent Mosley (2023)</b>	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 SMC - 2023 Season				
Players	Opponent	Individual Yards	Combined Yards	Notes
<b>Trent Mosley</b>	@ Liberty (Bakersfield)	187	411	No. 1 combined yardage all-time in school history
<b>Sean Embree</b>		124		
<b>Trent Mosley</b>	@ Bishop Amat	144	288	No. 3 combined yardage all-time in school history
<b>Sean Embree</b>		144		
<b><i>In total, achieved 15 times in SMC history</i></b>				

- Had best game of career to that point in 2023 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"
- Was a dynamic presence in win over West (Salta Lake City) 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
- 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 at the Beach"
- Praised by Dan Albano of the *Orange County Register* as "Showing His Burst" two long touchdowns at the "Battle at 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 17 Division 1 offers, including: Alabama, Georgia, Michigan, Oregon, Michigan State, Texas A&M, USC, San Diego State, Stanford, Texas and Notre Dame

## 5 Logan Hirou | Defensive Back | Junior | 6-1 / 187

- Notched 9 total tackles in Homecoming loss versus JSerra Catholic
- Registered a solid game in heartbreaking loss at St. John Bosco with 5 total tackles (1 for loss), 1 pass defended 1 forced fumble
- Collected an interception in narrow loss at Leuzinger (Lawndale). That gives him a total of seven in his career at SMC -- tied for fifth all-time in the school record book (Record = 12). A junior - Hirou is estimated to have at-least 17 more games in his career at SMC
- The "interception machine" was in tune once again with Hirou capturing one in the rout of Liberty (Bakersfield)
- Ranked No. 119 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2024 -- "Hirou became one of the best safeties in the Trinity League last season with five interceptions"
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as a Watch List recruit for the Class of 2026 in Fall, 2024
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: Second-Team - Defense
- Lauded by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com prior and following the 2024 "Battle at the Beach" 7-on-7 event
- Named a Top Defensive Player at his position after the Prep Red Zone National Showcase in May
- 2023 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- 2023 All-Trinity Honorable Mention - Defense
- Registered an interception versus Orange Lutheran in 2023. 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 with five
- In 2023 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) in 2023. 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 (Corona) in 2023 -- Awarded a Helmet Sticker from Michael Huntley of the *Orange County Register*

#### **6 Hayes Cloutier | Quarterback | Sophomore | 6-0 / 186**

- Was also 1-of-1 passing for eight yards and scored one rushing touchdown in rout of Servite the last game of the regular season
- Named a Top Newcomer in the PrepRedzone.com 2027 Rankings for Orange County -- "Impressed at the National Preps Showcase"
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com for the Class of 2027 prospect Watch List
- Lauded by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com prior to the 2024 "Battle at the Beach" 7-on-7
- Enjoyed success at several summer camps and 7-on-7 tournaments. His performance at the Texas Christian Football Camp was highlighted by precision throws, target accuracy and dual-threat capability. Clocked at 4.59 in the 40-yard dash
- Named a Top Offensive Player at his position after the Prep Red Zone National Showcase in May
- Saw first action of varsity career in win at Liberty (Bakersfield) in Week 2 and was 1-of-2 passing in 2023

#### **7 Jayden Crowder | Defensive Back | Junior | 5-11 / 165**

- Blocked a punt that resulted with he being credited with a safety -- his third kick block of the season versus Servite --
- PrepRedzone.com Top Defensive Performances of the Week for CIF-Southern Section versus Servite
- Continued to be a force on defense with one interception and one blocked PAT conversion in Homecoming loss to JSerra Catholic
- Registered a solid game in heartbreaking loss at St. John Bosco with 1 blocked field goal and recognized as a PrepRedzone.com Top Defensive Performer in Southern California
- Logged three passes defended in win over Oaks Christian
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: Third-Team - Defense
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2026 No. 72 overall state prospect and No. 12 at his position in Fall, 2024
- Lauded by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com prior to the 2024 "Battle at the Beach" 7-on-7
- Rivals Prospect Rankings:
  - National - Overall: - - -
  - National - Position: 25
  - California - Overall: 35
- Named the Defensive Back - Most Valuable Player at the Rivals Camp in Los Angeles (Mid June) -- "Good footwork and ball skills"
- Cited as a Top Offensive Performer at the wide receiver and tight end position at the La Verne University Showcase in late March, 2024

- Named the Rivals Camp Most Valuable Player at the defensive back position by PrepRedzone.com in mid-March. According to rivals.com, Smith “put on a show”
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2026 No. 40 overall state prospect and No. 8 at his position in Winter, 2024
- A Stock Riser - Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2025 No. 264 overall state prospect and No. 29 at his position in January
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2026 No. 30 overall state prospect and No. 6 at his position in Spring 2023
- Holds 17 Division 1 offers, including: Arizona, Colorado, California, Oregon State, Penn State, San Diego State, Tennessee, Texas A&M, Central Michigan, Michigan State, UCLA and Miami (Florida)
- 1 career interception -- registered versus Kahuku (Hawaii) in 2023
- Transfer from Mater Dei (Santa Ana) in January, 2024

### 8 Luke Anderson | Defensive Back | Senior | 6-0 / 190 – Team Captain

- *Orange County Register* prep reporter Michael Huntley’s “List of 11 Players He Expects to Have A Big Impact This Week” at Orange Lutheran
- PrepRedzone.com Top Defensive Performances of the Week for CIF-Southern Section for effort at Leuzinger (Lawndale) and in defensive battle at St. John Bosco
- One week later, Anderson emerged with two interceptions and returned one for a touchdown (60 yards) in win over Liberty (Bakersfield). Selected SMC Offensive Player of the Game
- Enjoyed the first interception of his career in upset win at Centennial (Corona)
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: Third-Team - Defense
- Lauded by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com prior and following the 2024 “Battle at the Beach” 7-on-7 event
- Registered a maximum mark of 20.59 miles-per-hour on the Catapult measuring system during the 2023 season
- 2023 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- 2023 All-Trinity Honorable Mention - Defense

### 9 James Johnson | Quarterback | Senior | 6-0 / 175

- James Johnson came off the bench to throw a 30-yard touchdown pass to sophomore tight end Luke Gazzaniga in win over Inglewood in the First Round of the CIF-SS Division 1 playoff game. The senior quarterback now has eight touchdown passes this season
- Was 1-of-1 passing for 30 yards and one touchdown while also scoring one rushing touchdown in rout of Servite the last game of the regular season
- Week No. 2 Honors (Liberty):
  - Cal-Hi Sports Southern California Offensive Player of the Week nominee
  - *Los Angeles Times*’ Southland Top Performers for the Week
  - SBLive/scorebooklive.com Best Performances of Southern California High School Football
  - PrepRedzone.com Top Passing Performances of the Week for CIF-Southern Section
  - SMC Offensive Player of the Game
- Enjoyed the best game of his career as he came off the bench to lead the Eagles to a 42-3 clobbering of Liberty (Bakersfield). Threw five touchdowns passes and became just the sixth quarterback (8 occasions) to reach that plateau in school history
- The Vote: Chosen by a public vote over a five-day span and crowned the SBLive/scorebooklive.com Southern California High School Athlete of the Week

Most Touchdown Passes - SMCHS - Single Game All-Time			
Quarterback	TD Passes	Opponent	Season
Peter Costelli	6	Downey	2018
<b>James Johnson</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Liberty (Bakersfield)</b>	<b>2024</b>
Jaxon Potter	5	Servite (Anaheim)	2022
Jaxon Potter	5	@ Los Alamitos	2022
K.J. Costello	5	@ Corona (Santiago)	2015
Ryan World	5	@ Poway	2008
Carson Palmer	5	Tustin (CIF Playoff)	1997
Carson Palmer	5	@ Corona del Mar	1997

- Score SMC’s only touchdown of the game with a late rush in the season opener at Mission Viejo

- Lauded by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com prior to the 2024 “Battle at the Beach” 7-on-7
- Registered a maximum mark of 21.19 miles-per-hour on the Catapult measuring system during the 2023 season
- 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 at 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

**10 Jack Junker | Wide Receiver | Sophomore | 5-9 / 175**

- Was on the receiving end of three touchdowns -- all in the first half -- in rout of Inglewood in the CIF-SS Division 1 First Round game. By halftime had 157 receiving yards, all on the three touchdown catches (38.3 average). Finished with a career-high of 172 yards on five receptions. His average per reception of 34.4 would have been much higher if not for one of his five catches netting near zero yardage
  - Cal-Hi Sports So Cal Athlete of the Week nominee
  - SMC Offensive Player of the Game
  - PrepRedzone.com Top Receiving Performances of the Week for CIF-Southern Section
  - *Los Angeles Times*’ Southland Top Performers for the Week
  - SBLive/scorebooklive.com Best Performances of Southern California High School Football
- Established a new career high for pass reception in game with 10 receptions (88 yards) in narrow loss at Orange Lutheran
- Scored two touchdowns in victory over Oaks Christian -- one on a 39-yard pass play and the other on a five-yard rush. Had five catches for 65 yards (13.0 average). SMC Offensive Player of the Game
- PrepRedzone.com Top Receiving Performances of the Week for CIF-Southern Section versus Liberty (Bakersfield)
- Experienced the best game of his young career with four receptions for 132 yards (33.0 average) and two touchdowns in rout of Liberty (Bakersfield), 42-3
- Joined teammate Trent Mosley to gain 100-plus yards receiving in the same game -- the sixteenth time in SMC history that a duo has achieved -- in win over Liberty (Bakersfield)

Single Game - Two Players with 100-plus Receiving Yards SMC - 2024 Season			
Players	Opponent	Individual Yards	Combined Yards
Jack Junker	Liberty (Bakersfield)	111	243
Trent Mosley		132	

- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com for the Class of 2027 prospect Watch List
- Lauded by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com prior to the 2024 “Battle at the Beach” 7-on-7
- Listed by PrepRedzone.com on the Class of 2027 prospect Watch List in Spring 2024
- Registered a maximum mark of 20.70 miles-per-hour on the Catapult measuring system during the 2023 season
- 2023 All-Trinity Honorable Mention - Offense
- Established a career-high for receptions in a game with six (83 yards) against Orange Lutheran in 2023

**11 Jordan Hicks | Defensive Back | Freshman | 6-1 / 170**

- Selected SMC Special Teams Player of the Game in win over Liberty (Bakersfield)
- Has a Division 1 offer from Louisville

**13 Grant Mosley | Wide Receiver | Freshman | 6-0 / 160**

- Became the third Mosley brother to play for the Eagles program. Captured his first varsity reception -- 32 yards -- against Mission Viejo
- Mosley was perhaps the best wide receiver of the Under The Radar: Straight Baller Camp Future Stars (mid May)
- Mosley, who is the brother of Trent and Emmett IV, was absolutely nails catching contested passes all day long. Mosley is a smooth route runner and has extremely good ball skills.

#### **14 Joshua "Siua" Holani | Defensive Back | Junior | 5-10 / 175**

- SMC Defensive Player of the Game in win over Oaks Christian
- PrepRedzone.com Top Defensive Performances of the Week for CIF-Southern Section for win at Centennial (Corona)
- Recorded an interception in his first game for SMC in loss at Mission Viejo
- Transfer from Mater Dei (Santa Ana) where he registered 12 total tackles in 2023

#### **20 Elijah "Eli" Robinson | Running Back | Sophomore | 5-4 / 160**

- 2023 All-Trinity Honorable Mention - Offense
- Caught a 38-yard touchdown reception versus Leuzinger -- the first score of his varsity career in 2023

#### **21 Ca'ron Williams | Defensive Back | Freshman | 5-11 / 155**

- Enjoyed the first interception of his career in upset win at Centennial (Corona)
- Has a Division 1 offer from Southern Methodist (SMU)

#### **22 Jaion "Duce" Smith - Running Back | Freshman | 5-11 / 190**

- Jaion "Duce" Smith scored his fourth rushing touchdown of the season in dominant victory over Inglewood in the CIF-SS Division 1 First Round playoff game. Has now gained 594 yards, adding to his freshman record
- Complimented the SMC offense with a combined 82 yards of rushing and receiving (one touchdown) in rout of Servite the last game of the regular season
- Enjoyed the best game of his prep career in loss to JSerra Catholic on Homecoming -- 18 rush attempts, 115 yards (6.4 average) and one touchdown. Extends his new career high for rush yards by a freshman in a season -- 478
- Rushed for a then career high 76 yards and one touchdown in narrow loss at Leuzinger (Lawndale)

#### **26 Ivrick Carrigan | Linebacker | Junior | 6-0 / 213**

- Contributed 1 1/2 sacks in rout of Inglewood in the CIF-SS First Round playoff
- Registered a solid game in heartbreaking loss at St. John Bosco with 1 sack and 1 forced fumble
- Collected one sack in win over Oaks Christian
- Ranked as the No. 8 recruited linebacker for the Class of 2026 from California by si.com
- Ranked No. 96 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2024
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: Third-Team - Defense
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2026 No. 132 overall state prospect and No.9 at his position in Fall, 2024
- Named a Top Defensive Player at his position after the Prep Red Zone National Showcase in May
- At the SoCal National Preps Showcase in May, impressed recruiting guru Greg Biggins at both linebacker and running back: "brings quickness and physicality to the table, no matter where he lines up"
- Cited as one of the Top Class of 2026 Prospects Without an Offer: Defense by PrepRedzone.com on May 13, 2024
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2026 No. 123 overall state prospect and No. 10 at his position in Winter, 2024
- Had a spectacular performance at the PrepRedzone.com California Showcase in January where he that finished at the top of every testing category among his position, except for the 40-yard dash where finished second. Projected to be a sleeper among Southern California linebackers -- with major upside -- heading into next season
  - 40-Yard Dash: 4.85 (2nd)
  - Shuttle: 4.31 (1st)
  - Broad Jump: 8'-9" (1st)
  - L-Drill: 7.12 (1st)
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2026 No. 74 overall state prospect and No. 5 at his position in Spring 2023
- All-Sunset League First-Team - Defense
- Transfer from Los Alamitos in January, 2024. In 2023 season, registered 79 total tackles and 10 pass breakups

#### **44 Aleki "Leki" Holani | Linebacker | Junior | 6-0 / 218**

- Notched a safety early in the first quarter to give SMC a 2-0 advantage over Inglewood in the First Round of the IF-SS Division 1 playoff. Also collected three tackles for loss and 1 1/2 sacks
- Logged 1 1/2 sacks and three tackles for loss in rout of Servite the last game of the regular season
- Had a nice defensive showing in loss against JSerra Catholic on Homecoming night -- eight total tackles (2 for loss)
- Registered a solid game in heartbreaking loss at St. John Bosco with 8 total tackles (2 for loss), 1 sack, 2 hurries, 1 pass defended and 1 forced fumble and recognized as a PrepRedzone.com Top Defensive Performer in Southern California

- Scored the go ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter on a three-yard reception -- the first offensive touch of career -- in narrow loss at Leuzinger (Lawndale)
- Named one of the Top 10 Underclass Linebackers in the entire Southern California area by SBLive/scorebooklive.com (09/10/24)
- Had 11 total tackles and 4 tackles for loss in upset win over Centennial (Corona). Named SMC Defensive Player of the Game
- Transfer from Mater Dei (Santa Ana) where he registered 5 total tackles in 2023

## **52 Grant Degulis | Offensive Lineman | Senior | 6-1 / 267**

- 2023 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense
- 2022 All-Trinity League Honorable Mention - Offense

## **58 Tonga Uhila | Defensive Tackle | Sophomore | 5-10 / 160**

- Finished with the best game of his young career with one interception and one sack versus Liberty (Bakersfield)

## **71 Elijah Vaikona | Offensive Guard / Tackle | Senior | 6-8 / 372**

- Selected by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 3 senior (Class of 2025) offensive lineman in Orange County
- Selected to the Preseason All CIF-Southern Section team by SBLive/scorebooklive.com
- Rated the No. 9 offensive lineman in the CIF-Southern Section for 2024 by SBLive/scorebooklive.com
- Rated the No. 28 interior lineman (offensive / defense) in the California for the Class of 2025 (Senior) by SBLive/scorebooklive.com in August
- Ranked the No. 3 senior class offensive lineman in Orange County by PrepRedzone.com
- Ranked No. 121 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2024
- A Cass of 2025 "Rankings Riser" among Orange County offensive lineman by PrepRedzone.com. Described as a run blocker that bullies opponents with his strength and athleticism
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: Second-Team - Offense
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2025 No. 110 overall state prospect and No. 18 at his position in Fall, 2024
- 3-Star recruit who received offers from 21 schools including: Washington, UCLA, Arizona State, California, Colorado, Arkansas, San Diego State and Utah has declared his intent to continue his career at USC
- A "Stock Riser" - Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2025 No. 193 overall state prospect and No. 28 at his position in January
- Transfer from Xavier Prep (Palm Desert) in January, 2024 and a native of Indian Wells
- 2023 All-Desert Empire League First-Team - Basketball
- 2023 All-Desert Sun First-Team - Offense - Football
- 2023 All-Desert Empire League First-Team - Offense - Football

## **77 Ethan "E.J." Thomas | Offensive Lineman | Senior | 6-5 / 290**

- Delivered four pancake blocks in opening game loss at Mission Viejo and leads the team with eight thus far
- Selected by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 9 senior (Class of 2025) offensive lineman in Orange County
- Has received offers from Northern Arizona, Portland State and Montana
- Ranked the No. 9 senior class offensive lineman in Orange County by PrepRedzone.com
- Ranked No. 86 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2024
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2025 No. 272 overall state prospect and No. 48 at his position in Fall, 2024
- 2023 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense
- 2022 All-Trinity League Honorable Mention - Offense

## **81 Luke Gazzaniga | Sophomore | Tight End | 6-1 / 180**

- Collected his second pass reception of the season which was also his first-ever touchdown scored at the prep level -- in a rout of Inglewood in the CIF-SS Division 1 First Round game

## **86 Ryan Gass | Senior | Kicker | 5-10 / 154**

Has successfully converted 32-of-33 PATs for the season (97.0 %). This includes an amazing 7-for-7 in the recent playoff win over Inglewood. SMC Special Teams Player of the Game

- Continued his accurate work as he successfully booted a 38-yard field goal versus Oaks Christian
- Booted a career-long 42-yard field goal in upset win at Centennial (Corona)
- Ranked the No. 6 placekicker in Orange County by Dan Albano (August 6)

- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: Second-Team - Offense
- In 2023, proved to be the difference as he connected for a 25-yard field goal as time expired to earn SMC 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*

#### **87 Fisher Melton | Senior | Tight End | 6-4 / 226**

- Had the best game of his prep career as he registered five catches for 50 yards (10.0 average) in huge win over Inglewood in the CIF-SS Division 1 First Round playoff
- Is second on the club with six pancake blocks this season
- Tallied the first touchdown reception of his career with an eight-yard connection from James Johnson in win over Liberty (Bakersfield)
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com for the Class of 2025 prospect Watch List
- Lauded by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com prior to the 2024 "Battle at the Beach" 7-on-7
- Enjoyed the best game of his young varsity career in loss to Orange Lutheran with two pass receptions for 31-yards in 2023

#### **97 J.J. Hanne | Defensive Lineman / Linebacker | Senior | 6-4 / 282 – Team Captain**

- Collected one sack and delivered a he pass deflection in rout of Inglewood in the CIF-SS Division 1 First Round game
- For the second-consecutive week, contributed a sack as the SMC defense rolled to dominance
- Contributed his first sack of the season in upset win at Centennial (Corona)
- Unofficially notched four sacks in scrimmage at Chaminade (West Hills) on August 15
- Rated the No. 17 interior lineman (offensive / defense) in the California for the Class of 2025 (Senior) by SBLive/scorebooklive.com in August
- Ranked No. 122 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2024
- Featured by Chris Hayre on KCAL News / Sports as a "Hometown Hero" on August 26
- Describe by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com as one of the top interior pass rushers in the country
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2025 No. 48 overall state prospect and No. 6 at his position in Fall, 2024
- Received numerous offers, including: Alabama, Arizona, Colorado State, Nebraska, Georgia, Oklahoma, Oregon State, San Diego State, Texas, UCLA, Michigan State and San Jose State but has committed to play at Georgia
- 2023 All-Trinity Honorable Mention - Defense
- Registered eight tackles with 1 1/2 sacks in win over West (Salt Lake City) in 2023
- Full name is Jayden-Jamal and is originally from Nigeria by the way of Germany

#### **98 Joseph Terry | Defensive Lineman | Junior | 6-4 / 281**

- Registered one sack and one fumble recovery in rout of Servite the last game of the regular season
- Rated the No. 4 defensive lineman in the CIF-Southern Section for 2024 by SBLive/scorebooklive.com
- Rated the No. 12 interior lineman (offensive / defense) in the California for the Class of 2026 (Junior) by SBLive/scorebooklive.com in August
- Recognized by PrepRedzone.com as an elite Class of 2026 Top Newcomer at defensive tackle in California -- "One of the more high upside interior athletes in the state due to length and range -- snaps out of his stance with good hip explosion, gets hands on blockers early and quickly locks out while able to two-gap and create interior pressure with both speed and power rush abilities"
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the Class of 2026 No. 120 overall state prospect and No. 13 at his position in Fall, 2024
- Has received offers from Colorado State, San Jose State, Nebraska, Nevada-Las Vegas and Utah

#### **99 Jason Perez | Defensive Lineman | Junior | 5-11 / 205**

- Contributed one sack in rout of Inglewood in the CIF-SS First Round playoff. SMC Defensive Player of the Game
- Had one sack in narrow loss at Orange Lutheran
- Collected 1/2 sack in narrow loss at Leuzinger (Lawndale)
- 2023 All-Trinity Honorable Mention - Defense
- Registered five tackles in first career varsity game versus national-ranked Centennial (Corona) in 2023

### **THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT: AT ST. JOHN BOSCO**

#### **SMCHS Season Game No. 12 / CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 Quarterfinal**

Game Site: Parish Family Stadium -- On Campus @ St. John Bosco HS -- Bellflower





Game Day / Date / Time: Friday, November 15, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.

School Location: Bellflower, California

Nickname: Braves

League: Trinity League

Head Coach: Jason Negro (15th season at school) -- 160-32-0 (83.3%)

2024 Season: Overall: 9-1 / Trinity League: 4-1

Poll Rankings: by MaxPreps.com -- National – No. 7 / California – No. 2

Last Game: Defeated JSerra Catholic (San Juan Capistrano) 44-24 (Final regular season game -- received First Round bye in CIF-SS Division 1

All-Time Series: St. John Bosco leads 19-10-0

Last Game: 2024 Regular Season -- St. John Bosco won 13-0 (October 11 at home)

Game Notes:

- SMC limited the Braves to just 187 yards of total offense (116 yards passing and 71 yards rushing)
- Kept SJB scoreless until 6 minutes remaining in the game (42 minutes)
- Eagle's defense registered 6 tackles for loss, 2 sacks and 1 interception

Tickets: [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co)

Key Players to Watch:

- Ashton Keyes - Junior - Running Back
- Carson Clark - Junior - Wide Receiver
- Dutch Horisk - Junior - Defensive Line
- Epi Sitanilei - Senior - Defensive Line
- Isala Wily-Ava - Sophomore - Defensive Back
- Joshua Holland - Junior - Defensive Back
- Kaden Franco - Sophomore - Offensive Line
- Koa Malau'ulu - Freshman - Quarterback
- Madden Williams - Senior - Wide Receiver
- Maliq Allen - Sophomore - Running Back
- Matthew Muasau - Junior - Linebacker
- Matthew Perdue - Senior - Offensive Line
- Puka Moe - Senior - Offensive Line
- Roman Paseka - Junior - Offensive Line