



SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2025 VARSITY FOOTBALL 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

29 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 & 2024

4 League Championships

1996, 1997, 2000 & 2001

37th Varsity Season

Overall Record: 257-160-3 (.616)
Home: 140-72-3 (.687)
Road: 117-88-0 (.570)

9 Nationally-Ranked Teams

1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2011, 2012, 2017, 2024 & 2025

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 (Head 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 • HS Ratings.com No. 10 Most Dominant Prep Football Program in California: 2001-2024

★ 2024-25 No. 1 California High School for “Overall Outstanding Athletic Excellence” -- Cal-Hi Sports and MaxPreps.com ★



Santa Margarita Catholic Eagles (6-3) at JSerra Catholic Lions (3-6)

JSerra Catholic Field (San Juan Capistrano)
Friday, October 31, 2025 • 7:00 p.m.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK'S GAME VS. ORANGE LUTHERAN

- Trent Mosley: 121 yards of total offense and 2 touchdowns scored / 10 receptions for 100 yards and 21 yards rushing
 - With his two scores, notched the fifteenth multi-touchdown game of his career
 - Those two touchdowns give him an even 50 for his SMCHS career -- rushing, receiving and return
- Dash Fifita: 1 fumble recovery for 36-yard return and touchdown
 - Note: Set the school record for the longest fumble return in school history at Orange Lutheran last season -- 64 yards
- Ryan Carpenter: 1 touchdown scored on special teams -- 27 yard return
- Jayden Crowder: 1 interception and a 39-yard return
- Siua Holani: 1 blocked punt and 11 tackles
- Leki Holani: 2 sacks
- Simote Katoanga: 1 sack
- Tyler Wiegand: 4-for-4 on PAT attempts / Perfect 22-for-22 this season
- SMCHS defense remained stingy:
 - Allowing an average of 12.8 points per game (on pace for a new school record)
 - Allowed a total of 20 points to three nationally ranked schools (see chart)
 - Allowed 7-or-fewer offensive points in 5 games
 - Allowed 14-or-fewer offensive points in 6 games

Nationally Ranked Schools	
Opponent	Defensive Points Allowed
Mission Viejo	7
Bishop Gorman	7
Mater Dei	6

CURRENT COMPOSITE POLL RANKINGS

Media Outlet	Coverage Area	Poll Rank
<i>The Orange County Register</i> / ocregister.com	Orange County	2
<i>The Los Angeles Times</i> / latimes.com	Los Angeles Metro	5
	Orange County	2
	California	5
	CIF-Southern Section	5
	Nation - Computer	8
<i>HS Ratings</i> / hsratings.com	California	4
	CIF-Southern Section	4
	Nation - Composite	11
<i>MaxPreps.com</i> (PlayOn! Sports / NFHS Network)	Nation - Computer	11
	Nation - Manual	11
	California	4
	Nation	24
<i>si.com</i> / SBLive / scorebooklive.com	Southwest Region	7
Sports Illustrated High School	California	5
	CIF-Southern Section	5
	Nation	51
<i>Massey Ratings</i> / On3.com / rivals	Nation - Composite	16
	California	5
	California - Composite	5
<i>High School Football America (HSFA)</i> / NFL Play Football	Nation	9
<i>highschoolfootballamerica.com</i>	California	3
	Nation	Not ranked
<i>The Sporting News</i> / sportingnews.com	Nation - Composite	18
	California	5
	CIF-Southern Section	5
<i>ESPN SC Next</i> / espn.com	Nation	12
	California	3
<i>USA Today High School Sports</i> / usatodayhss.com	Nation	19
	California	6
	Nation	25
<i>Blue Star Media</i> / bluestarmedia.org	Far West Region	9
	California	5
<i>JPWest Media</i> / jpwestmedia.com	CIF-Southern Section	4
<i>nationalhsfb.com</i> / National High School Football	Nation	7
	California	3
<i>ITG Next</i> / itgnext.com	Nation	18
	California	5
<i>Here Mission Viejo</i> / heremissionviejo.com	CIF-Southern Section	4
<i>RepMax Media High School Sports News</i> / repmaxmedia.com	California	5
<i>InfoCityBA</i> / infocityba.com.ar	CIF-Southern Section	5
<i>Cal Coast Times</i> / calcoasttimes.com	California	7

SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC - PLAYER NOTES, HIGHLIGHTS & STATS

0 Dash Fifita | Linebacker | Senior | 5-10 / 185 – Team Captain

- Recovered a fumbled lateral and returned it 36 yards for a touchdown versus Orange Lutheran
- Tied for the team lead in sacks with 3 1/2 this season
- Recorded a sack in loss to St. John Bosco
- The Sporting News* Midseason National High School Defensive Player of the Year nominee
- Registered one sack in historic win versus Mater Dei on October 10
- Highlighted in the *Orange County Register* with a feature: Santa Margarita Catholic's Dash Fifita Inspired By Brother and "Best Friend" Noah on October 1, 2025

- Named to Watch List for the County's 2025 Defensive Player of the Year by the *Orange County Register* and the CIF-Southern Section Defensive Player of the Year by si.com
- Registered two sacks in loss to Bishop Gorman (Las Vegas)
- Steve Fryer / *Orange County Register* -- Early season surprises (09/11/25): A candidate for Orange County Defensive Player of the Year -- has sideline-to-sideline speed and crashing hitting style reminiscent of Junior Seau
- Anchored the defense in compiling the first win of the season, a big upset of Centennial (Corona). Led the team with 14 total tackles
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-State Team -- Third-Team - Defense
- ESPN / SC Next Class of 2026 No. 57 Inside Linebacker Prospect
- 2025 *The Sporting News* No. 1 Linebacker in California
- Ranked No. 11 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 Preseason All-Southland First-Team - Defense by the *Los Angeles Times*
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 1 linebacker in Orange County
- 2025 *The Sporting News* Preseason First-Team All-State Team - Defense
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- 2024 PrepRedzone.com All-Southern California Junior Team - Defense
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports Second-Team All-State Junior Team - Defense
- 2024 All-CIF-Southern Section Team
- 2024 *The Sporting News* California All-State High School Football Team: Second-Team - Defense
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- 2024 SBLive / scorebooklive.com / si.com All-CIF Southern Section First-Team - Defense
- 2024 All-Orange County First-Team - Defense (*Orange County Register*)
- 2024 Trinity League Co-Most Valuable Player - Defense
- Has committed to play at Arizona where his brother Noah is the starting quarterback for the Wildcats and an alum of Servite. Also had an offer from Utah

1 **Jaion "Duce" Johnson-Smith - Running Back | Sophomore | 6-0 / 190**

- Collected a 41-yard pass reception in historic win versus Mater Dei on October 10
- Scored what proved to be the game-winning touchdown in victory over Servite
- Established new career highs for rushing yards (122) and touchdowns (3) in rout of Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village). Cited by PrepRedzone.com as one of the best performances of the week
- Eight rush attempts for 59 yards (7.4 average) and 2 touchdowns versus Highland (Palmdale). Named *USA Today* High School Sports team Player of the Week
- PrepRedZone.com: Standout class of 2028 performer in Southern California for Weeks 0 and 1
- Ranked No. 87 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- Has received Division 1 offers from Morgan State, Sacramento State, San Diego State, Syracuse, Maryland, Arkansas and Texas State
- 2024 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense

2 **Douglas (Trace) Johnson III | Pro Style Quarterback | Senior | 6-2 / 180 – Team Captain**

- Engineered a historic comeback victory versus Mater Dei on October 10 with 174 yards passing -- the first SMCHS win over the Monarchs since 2013
- Was 23-for-38 (60.5%) for 211 yards, both season highs, in win at Servite. Has exceeded the 200-plus yard passing threshold in five of six games. The only exception being an early departure in the blowout win at Highland (Palmdale)
- Established new SMCHS career highs for passing yards (253), touchdown passes (4) and completion percentage (77.3%) in rout of Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village). Pass yardage for the game was the most by an Orange County high school quarterback for the week
- Was 8-of-12 (66.7%) for 120 yards and 2 touchdowns passing at Highland (Palmdale) -- Over 67.0% in each of first 3 games this season -- 68.2% overall. Current season record is 67.6% by Jaxon Potter, 67.6% in 2022
- Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com and a "Big games, big numbers" player by Tarek Fattal of si.com
- Threw two touchdown passes and rushed for another in upset win over Centennial (Corona) In all, was 17-of-25 passing (68.0%) for 209
- ESPN / SC Next Class of 2026 No. 74 Pocket Passer Quarterback Prospect
- Ranked No. 28 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 *The Sporting News* as the No. 10 quarterback in the state
- Named by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 3 senior quarterback in Orange County for Class of 2026

- Selected Third-Team All-Southern California - Quarterback by si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 5 top quarterback in Orange County
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- Named by On3.com as the No. 2 high school transfer that will make a big impact nationally this fall (07/01/25)
- Transfer from Buchholz High Scholl in Gainesville, Florida

Season	Career Record as Starter: 23-5					Touchdowns	
	G	Com	Att	Com %	Yards	Passing	Rushing
2024 - Junior	14	225	356	63.2	3,522	29	2
2023 - Sophomore	14	192	318	60.4	2,844	35	0
Career	28	417	674	61.9	6,366	64	2

- Was the 2024 Florida Class 6A Offensive Player of the Year nominee (of 3)
- 2024: Led school to Florida 6A semifinal / Overall team record -- 10-4
- 2023: Led school to Florida 6A semifinal / Overall team record -- 13-1
- 2023: 4S District 3 Champions -- Lost by 1-point to eventual state champion Lakeland
- 2023: Led school to first unbeaten regular season since 2001
- Has committed to play at Tulane. Also received Division 1 offers from Arkansas State, Central Michigan, Troy, West Virginia, East Carolina, Georgia Southern, Southern Mississippi and Wake Forest
- Notable 2024 Performances

Opponent	Statistics of Note
Manatee	453 yards passing
Osceola	439 yards passing / 5 touchdown passes

3 Fletch Palmer | Quarterback | Sophomore | 6-1 / 180

- Guided the Eagles in three offensive series' versus Highland (Palmdale) and was 1-of-2 passing for 20 yards. Followed that effort with a showing of 4-for-5 for 54 yards at Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village)

4 Trent Mosley | Wide Receiver | Senior | 5-11 / 170 | – Team Captain

- With his two touchdowns versus Orange Lutheran, notched the fifteenth multi-touchdown game of his career. Those two touchdowns give him an even 50 for his SMCHS career -- rushing, receiving and return
- Scored the lone touchdown for SMCHS in historic comeback victory versus Mater Dei on October 10 and tallied eight receptions
- Established a new school record for pass receptions in a career -- now has 194 with several games yet to be played in 2025 -- broke the record of 178 held by Brian Finneran since 1993**
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-State Team -- First-Team - Multi-Purpose
- 2025 MaxPreps.com Preseason All-America selection: Second-Team - Athlete
- 2025 *The Sporting News* No. 2 Wide Receiver in California
- 2025 si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive All-CIF Southern Section Preseason Team - Athlete
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com All-Southern California Preseason Team – Receiver
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com No. 3 Receiver to Watch in Southern California
- ESPN / SC Next Class of 2026 No. 34 Wide Receiver Prospect
- Ranked No. 3 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive No. 6 Wide Receiver to Watch
- 2025 *Orange County Register* as the No. 1 receiver in Orange County -- Second-consecutive year
- 2025 *The Sporting News* Preseason First-Team All-State Team - Offense
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports, for class of 2026, as the No. 15 Hot 100 prospect in California (06/26/25)
- Committed to further his career at USC. Had nearly 20 Division 1 offers from top-tier schools including: Alabama, Georgia, Michigan, Oregon, Michigan State, Texas A&M, USC, San Diego State, Stanford, Texas and Notre Dame
- 2024 PrepRedzone.com All-Southern California Junior Team - Offense
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports: Second-Team All-State Elite Team
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports First-Team All-State Junior Team - Multi-Purpose
- 2024 All-CIF-Southern Section Team
- 2024 *The Sporting News* California All-State High School Football Team: First-Team – All-Purpose
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Offense
- 2024 SBLive / scorebooklive.com / si.com All-CIF Southern Section First-Team - Offense

- 2024 All-Orange County First-Team - Offense (*Orange County Register*)
- 2024 All-Trinity League First-Team - Offense
- 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”
- Continued his assault on the SMCHS Record Book. Mosley caught all least one pass in 28-consecutive games played. The school record is 29 by Brian Finneran in 1993 and Mosley lost his opportunity to establish that mark due to injury
- *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 (calhisp.com) “Trent Mosley: Man On The Move” by Chuck Nan -- Published: October 3, 2024 / Link: <https://www.calhisp.com/2024/10/03/trent-mosley-man-on-the-move/>
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 Preseason All-State Team - First-Team Multi-Purpose (WR / KR / RB / Wild / DB)
- Named by Cal-Hi Sports as the “Most Versatile Player on the Field” in 2024
- 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
- 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
- 2023 All-CIF-Southern Section Team
- 2023 Trinity League Co-Most Valuable Player
- 2023 SMCHS 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 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
- 2022 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Fresh Watch List
- 2022 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Offense
- 2022 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense

5 Logan Hirou | Defensive Back | Senior | 6-1 / 187

- Tied career-high for total tackles in a game with 12 in win over Servite. Named by PrepRedzone.com as having one of the Top Southern California Defensive Games in Week 6
- Interception return for 48 yards and a touchdown at Highland (Palmdale). Now has 9 career interceptions. School record is 12 by Brad Finneran (1991-93)
- Ranked No. 37 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2023
- 2025 The Sporting News Honorable Mention - Defensive Back in California
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 4 defensive back in Orange County
- 2025 Third-Team All-Southern California – Quarterback by si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- Has committed to play at UCLA. Also received Division 1 offers from Arizona, California, Colorado State, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Penn, Princeton, Sacramento State, San Diego State, Utah, Tulane, Nevada-Las Vegas, Washington State and Yale
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense

- 2024 All-Trinity League First-Team - Defense
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: Second-Team - Defense

6 Grant Mosley | Wide Receiver | Sophomore | 6-0 / 175

- Was the team's leading receiver in loss to Bishop Gorman with five catches for 73 yards (19.0 average)
- Continued to show remarkable talent as he caught a career-high seven passes versus Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village). Scored one touchdown in third-consecutive game
- Collected one reception for 14 yards and a touchdown in win over Highland (Palmdale)
- PrepRedZone.com: Standout class of 2028 performer in Southern California for Weeks 0 and 1
- With brother Trent watching from the sidelines with an injury, caught a perfect rainbow throw from Trace Johnson for his first high school touchdown -- 39 yards
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com No. 3 Sophomore Receiver to Watch in Southern California
- Cal-Hi Sports: California Freshman Football Players to Watch – 2024 Season -- Older brother Emmett V had a tremendous season as a freshman at Stanford coming off a knee injury and older brother Trent is one of the state's top Class of 2026 prospects as a versatile receiver here at SMCHS
- Became the third Mosley brother to play for the Eagles program. Captured his first varsity reception -- 32 yards -- against Mission Viejo

7 Jayden Crowder | Defensive Back | Senior | 5-11 / 170

- Snagged an interception, his second of the season, versus Orange Lutheran and returned it 39 yards
- In first-ever appearance on offense, took a 15-yard pass and produced a touchdown for a 7-0 lead at Servite
- Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com
- Ranked No. 45 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 The Sporting News No. 25 Defensive Back in California for 2025
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 6 defensive back in Orange County
- 2025 Third-Team All-Southern California – Defensive Back by si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports Third-Team All-State Junior Team - Defense
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- 2024 All-Orange County Third-Team - Defense (*Orange County Register*)
- Commitment to California (UC Berkeley). Also had offers from Miami (Florida), Duke, Washington, Colorado, Tennessee, Texas A&M, SMU, North Carolina, Penn State, San Diego State, Michigan State and UCLA
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: Third-Team - Defense

8 Ivrick Carrigan | Linebacker | Senior | 6-0 / 213

- Contributed an interception in rout of Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village)
- Named by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 6 senior linebacker in Orange County for Class of 2026
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- All-Sunset League First-Team - Defense

9 Luke Gazzaniga | Tight End | Junior | 6-4 / 225

- Connected with quarterback Trace John for two pass receptions -- on a 39 yard touchdown
- Quickly became a favorite target of quarterback Trace Johnson. In the first two games as teammates, the duo has hooked up for 11 receptions covering 150 yards (13.6 average)
- 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

11 Simote Katoanga | Edge / Defensive End | Senior | 6-5 / 250 – Team Captain

- Registered one sack in victory over Orange Lutheran
- Collected 1 1/2 sacks as SMCHS stunned Centennial (Corona). Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-State Team -- First-Team - Defense
- ESPN / SC Next Class of 2026 No. 12 Defensive End Prospect
- Ranked No. 16 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 *The Sporting News* No. 12 Defensive Lineman in California
- 2025 No. 3 Defensive Lineman to Watch by si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive
- 2025 Preseason All-Southland First-Team - Defense by the *Los Angeles Times*
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 5 lineman in Orange County

- Named by *USA Today* High School Sports / usatodayhss.com as the top-rated defensive lineman recruit in California for the Class of 2026
- 2025 *The Sporting News* Preseason Third-Team All-State Team - Defense
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports, for class of 2026, as the No. 17 Hot 100 prospect in California (06/26/25)
- 2024 *Orange County Register* All-County Second-Team - Defense
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports Second-Team All-State Junior Team - Defense
- 2024 First-Team All-Trinity League - Defense
- Committed to play at USC after having received 30 Division 1 offers -- Arizona, Arizona State, California, Clemson, Georgia, Kansas, Miami (Florida), Michigan State, Florida State, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Oklahoma State, Oregon, Sacramento State, San Diego State, Tennessee, Texas, Texas A&M, Nevada - Las Vegas, South Florida, Utah, Washington, Washington State, Western Michigan, Wisconsin, Central Michigan and Marshall

13 Jake Martin | Wide Receiver | Sophomore | 5-11 / 180

- Collected a career-high six pass receptions in win over Servite
- PrepRedZone.com: Standout class of 2028 performer in Southern California for Weeks 0 and 1

14 Joshua "Siua" Holani | Defensive Back | Senior | 5-10 / 175

- Turned in a solid defensive performance versus Orange Lutheran with a blocked punt and 11 total tackles
- Collected one interception in historic comeback victory versus Mater Dei on October 10
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- 2024 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Defense

15 Vai Manutai | Linebacker | Senior | 6-1 / 210

- Collected one sack in historic comeback victory versus Mater Dei on October 10
- Has logged two sacks in 2025 – one versus Mission Viejo and one against Servite

16 Ryan Clark | Wide Receiver | Sophomore | 5-9 / 150

- Contributed two receptions for 28 yards in win at Highland (Palmdale) and followed up that effort with four receptions and a touchdown in win at Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village)
- PrepRedZone.com: Standout class of 2028 performer in Southern California for Weeks 0 and 1 and "Big games, big numbers" player by Tarek Fattal of si.com
- Enjoyed a breakout game versus Centennial (Corona) with seven pass receptions for 78 yards (11.1 average) and his first career touchdown. SMCHS upset the Huskies for the second season in succession. Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com

17 Jagger Apt | Wide Receiver | Sophomore | 5-9 / 170

- Collected three pass receptions in overtime upset win versus Centennial (Corona) -- the first of his young career

21 Ca'ron "Prime" Williams | Defensive Back | Sophomore | 5-11 / 155

- Notched two interceptions in the span of the last four minutes of the first half against Centennial (Corona), an upset win for the Eagles. He sprinted 62 yards on the first of the two for his first high school touchdown.
 - Named the Orange County Male Athlete of the Week by the *Orange County Register* for his impressive defensive performance
 - PrepRedZone.com: Standout class of 2028 performer in Southern California for Weeks 0 and 1
 - Praised by Eric Sondheimer of the *Los Angeles Times*
 - Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic by PrepRedZone.com
 - Named a Dominant Defender for Santa Margarita Catholic by PrepRedZone.com
- 2025 MaxPreps.com Preseason All-America Sophomore selection: Second-Team - Defense (Defensive Back)
- Ranked No. 80 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 10 defensive back in Orange County
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- 2024 MaxPreps.com Freshman All-America Team: Second-Team - Defense
- Has received Division 1 offers from Arizona State, Texas A&M, Coastal Carolina, Southern Methodist (SMU), Toledo, Missouri, USC, Washington, San Diego State, North Carolina, Vanderbilt, Idaho and California

26 Adrian Petero | Running Back | Freshman | 5-4 / 165

- Executed one of the most pivotal plays when he caught a pass from Trace Johnson and romped 59-yards versus the Mater Dei defense in historic comeback victory versus Mater Dei on October 10 on late scoring-drive
- Combined with teammate Jaion Smith to gain 156 yards on the ground versus Centennial (Corona). Petero grinded and drove to gain the final two yards of real estate and score the winning touchdown in overtime as well. It was the first score in his young career. Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com

34 Ty Swanson | Tight End / Long Snapper | Senior | 6-4 / 200

- Has accepted an opportunity as a preferred walk-on at USC

40 Jason Perez | Defensive Lineman | Senior | 6-1 / 230

- 2023 All-Trinity Honorable Mention - Defense

44 Aleki "Leki" Holani | Linebacker | Senior | 6-0 / 223

- Contributed two sacks against Orange Lutheran -- tied for the team lead with 3 1/2 this season. Also leads the club in total tackles with 67
- Contributed 15 total tackles in historic comeback victory versus Mater Dei on October 10 -- Awarded "State Stat Start of the Week" by Cali-Hi Sports
- Contributed a solid performance in upset victory over Centennial (Corona) with 10 total tackles and one-half sack. On a big fourth-down play early in the game, was able to bat down the quarterback's pass and thwart the Huskies from the end zone. Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com
- ESPN / SC Next Class of 2026 No. 61 Inside Linebacker Prospect
- 2025 *The Sporting News* No. 9 Linebacker in California
- Ranked No. 47 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 6 linebacker in Orange County
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports Third-Team All-State Junior Team - Defense
- 2024 All-CIF-Southern Section Team
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- 2024 All-Trinity League First-Team - Defense

47 Ryan Carpenter | Athlete | Sophomore | 6-2 / 200

- Scored his second touchdown of the season, this time on defense, as he scooped up a blocked punt and sprinted 27 yards versus Orange Lutheran
- Enjoyed first career touchdown score on a 2-yard pass reception in victory at Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village)

50 Adam Iloilo, Jr. | Offensive Lineman | Freshman | 6-4

- Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com

53 Isaia Vandermade | Offensive / Defensive Lineman | Junior | 6-4 / 280

- Ranked No. 83 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 *The Sporting News* Honorable Mention - Defensive Lineman in California
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com Top Offensive Linemen to Watch in Southern California
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports First-Team All-State Sophomore Team - Offense
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee
- 2024 All-Bay Area News Group - Honorable Mention - Defensive Line
- 2024 *San Francisco Chronicle* All-Metro Team - Honorable Mention
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Central Coast Section Team - Second-Team
- 2024 West Catholic Athletic League - Sophomore Player of the Year
- 2024 All-West Catholic Athletic League - First-Team
- 2024 Preseason All-Bay Area News Group - Defensive Line

56 Aaron Klatt | Center | Junior | 6-1 / 280

- Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com

58 Tonga Uhila | Defensive Tackle | Junior | 5-10 / 160

- Blocked at PAT attempt versus St. John Bosco
- Finished with the best game of his young career with one interception and one sack versus Liberty (Bakersfield) in 2024

77 Niniva Nicholson | Offensive Lineman | Senior | 6-4 / 275 – Team Captain

- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-State Team -- Second-Team - Offense
- 2025 *The Sporting News* No. 4 Offensive Lineman in California
- ESPN / SC Next Class of 2026 No. 79 Offensive Guard Prospect
- Ranked No. 17 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 6 lineman in Orange County
- 2025 *The Sporting News* Preseason First-Team All-State Team - Offense
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com Top Offensive Linemen to Watch in Southern California
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports, for class of 2026, as the No. 74 Hot 100 prospect in California (06/26/25)
- 2024 First-Team All-Trinity League - Offense
- 2024 *Orange County Register* All-County Second-Team - Offense
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports First-Team All-State Junior Team - Offense
- 2023 First-Team All-Trinity League - Offense

78 Manoah Faupusa | Offensive / Defensive Lineman | Senior | 6-4 / 360

- Registered two sacks in loss to Bishop Gorman (Las Vegas) and then followed with another versus Servite a week later and one in loss to St. John Bosco
- Ranked No. 17 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 7 lineman in Orange County
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- 2025 *The Sporting News* Honorable Mention - Defensive Lineman in California
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports, for class of 2026, as the No. 50 Hot 100 prospect in California (06/26/25)
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Second-Team - Defense
- 2024 *San Francisco Chronicle* Second-Team All-Metro Team
- 2024 West Catholic Athletic League (WCAL) Defensive Lineman of the Year
- 2024 First-Team All-WCAL -- Notched 20 total tackles, 5 tackles for loss, 1 sack and 5 hurries
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports Third-Team All-State Junior Team - Defense
- Has committed to play at Arizona after also receiving Division 1 offers from North Carolina, Oklahoma State, California, Colorado, Miami (Florida), Sacramento State, San Jose State, Texas, UCLA, Nevada - Las Vegas, USC and Washington

86 Tyler Wiegand | Kicker | Senior | 6-0 / 135

- Successfully connected on crucial PAT conversion kick after low snap in historic comeback victory versus Mater Dei on October 10 -- game-winner
- Is currently 22-for-22 in PAT attempts for the season
- Was a perfect 6-for-6 in PAT attempts in rout of Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village)
- Kicked two successful field goals in win at Highland (Palmdale) -- 34 and 35 yards in length

NEXT WEEK'S OPPONENT: @ JSERRA CATHOLIC



SMCHS Season Game No. 10 / Trinity League Game No. 5

Game Day / Date / Time: Friday, October 31, 2025 / 7:00 p.m.

Game Location: JSerra Catholic (San Juan Capistrano – Campus)

Nickname: Lions

Head Coach: Victor Santa Cruz -- (3rd Season) -- 14-17-0 Overall

2025 Season: 3-6

Last Week: @ Mater Dei, Lost 40-7

2024 Season: Overall: 6-5 / Trinity League: 1-4 / CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 Playoffs: 0-1

All-Time Series: SMCHS leads 12-8

Last Game / SMCHS Win: October 24, 2024 -- Eagles won 35-33

Key Players to Watch:

- Gino Wang | Quarterback | Sophomore

- Williams Fredericksen | Running Back | Junior
- Clark Cokley | Wide Receiver | Junior
- Jarod Sersansie | Wide Receiver | Senior
- Rocco Tompkins | Linebacker | Senior
- Dylan Fenn | Linebacker | Junior
- Noah Thayer | Punter / Kicker | Senior

NEXT GAME: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION – DIVISION 1 QUARTERFINAL



Trinity League Race

- The Trinity League championship will be decided Friday night when St. John Bosco hosts Mater Dei. St. John Bosco will either win the title outright with a victory or there will likely be a three-way tie among the Braves, Mater Dei and Santa Margarita Catholic. Then it will be up to the HS Ratings computer to decide playoff seedings.
- Eric Sondheimer of the *Los Angeles Times* makes this observation for the CIF-SS Division 1 bracket:
 1. St. John Bosco
 2. Sierra Canyon
 3. Centennial (Corona)
 - 4. Santa Margarita Catholic**
 5. Mater Dei
 6. Mission Viejo
- The last two spots of an eight-team bracket may be granted to two other Trinity League schools: Servite and Orange Lutheran. Coincidentally, those two play each other Friday.

Note: In this scenario, No. 4 SMCHS would host No. 5 Mater Dei in the opening round.

Selection Process and Logistics

- Rankings for all teams will be determined at a designated time Saturday afternoon, November 1, 2025.
- Rankings will be taken from <http://www.hsratings.com>. As the rankings are dynamic, only these rankings, from that moment will be used.
- HS Ratings rounds to the nearest tenth in posting their rankings, however teams that are tied in rating, will be taken in the order posted on HS Ratings, as they will be put into order based on their true decimal rating, not reflected in the public number posted.
- Teams are then slotted into the bracket.
- Playoff brackets will be posted Sunday, November at 10:00 a.m.
- First rounds games commence Friday, November 7.
- Division 1 field expected to be eight schools.
- SMCHS opponent: To be announced.



Current HSRatings.com Schedule Strength Rankings for CIF-Southern Section

School	HSRatings.com
Orange Lutheran	65.5
Mater Dei	64.7

Santa Margarita Catholic	60.0
JSerra Catholic	60.0
Servite	58.3
St. John Bosco	55.9
Centennial	49.6
Mission Viejo	47.7
Murrieta Valley	46.9
San Clemente	45.8
Chaparral	42.8
Chaminade	42.1
Sierra Canyon	40.3
Los Alamitos	25.0



JSERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2025 Varsity Football Roster

No.	Player Name	Pos.	Class
0	Gino Wang	QB	Sophomore
1	Clark Cokley	WR/CB	Junior
2	Josiah Blackwell	RB/DB	Sophomore
3	Cruz Nunez	LB/TE	Junior
4	Koa Smith-Mayall	QB	Junior
5	Dylan Brown	WR/S	Junior
6	Jarod Sersansie	WR/DB	Senior
7	Max Virrey	S/WR	Sophomore
8	Sam Fredericksen	WR/DB	Sophomore
9	Zacarias Nickerson	CB/WR	Senior
10	William Fredericksen	RB/SS	Junior
11	Devin Davis	DE/T	Freshman
14	Kai Taylor	QB	Junior
15	Strider Childress	WR/DB	Junior
16	Jameson Kessi	WR/DB	Sophomore
17	Judah Canales	ATH	Junior
18	Luca Deleon	WR/DB	Sophomore
19	Troy Capalbo	QB	Sophomore
20	Rocco Tompkins	LB/RB	Senior
21	Mohammed Habiballa	DB	Junior
22	Colton Natzke	WR/DB	Junior
23	Garrison Bolen	DB	Sophomore
24	Noah Thayer	K/P	Senior
25	Rhys Sakayan	RB	Senior
26	Grayson Matvay	LB/TE	Junior
27	Tui White	-----	Sophomore
28	Daniel Grady	WR/DB	Sophomore
29	Jack Mora	K	Sophomore
30	Finnian Hannegan	-----	Senior
31	Jack Melenick	LB/CB	Senior
32	Evan Leddy	K	Junior
33	Dylan Fenn	LB	Junior
34	Jack Smith	RB/LB	Sophomore
34	Jack Smith	RB/LB	Sophomore

No.	Player Name	Pos.	Class
36	Tony Solliday	WR/DB	Senior
37	Bo Argenal	LB/RB	Sophomore
39	Troi Arthur-Taufao	DE	Senior
41	Jacob Good	CB	Senior
43	Troy Filo	SS/LB	Senior
44	Sam Smith	DE/TE	Senior
45	God Eboigbodin	DE/TE	Junior
46	Cole Meza	K/P	Senior
47	Weston Meinecke	RB/LB	Sophomore
49	Jack Veazey	RB/LB	Sophomore
50	Elijah Filo	NG/G	Junior
51	Nate Leovao	OL/NG	Senior
52	C.J. Austin	OL/DL	Senior
53	Josiah Filo	DL	Senior
54	Dominic Tuliau	OL/DL	Junior
55	Garrett Dudenhoeffer	DL	Senior
56	Cash Lewallen	OL	Sophomore
57	Christian Layton	TE/DE	Sophomore
58	Kingston Nevin	DE/OL	Sophomore
59	Willie Smith	DE/OL	Junior
60	Louie Curran	TE/DE	Junior
68	Roddick Salas	OL/DL	Junior
71	Jack Schein	T	Junior
74	Jack Sauers	NG/G	Senior
75	Josh Haney	OL	Senior
76	William Ramsaur	OL/DL	Sophomore
77	Lincoln Faalafi	OL	Sophomore
81	William Powers	WR/TE	Sophomore
82	Seamus Hannegan	MLB/P	Sophomore
86	Brody Ames	WR/DB	Sophomore
88	Brady Wick	WR/DB	Sophomore
90	Joseph Terry	DL	Senior