



SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2025 POSTSEASON 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

30 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 & 2025

4 League Championships

1996, 1997, 2000 & 2001

37th Varsity Season

Overall Record: 260-160-3 (.618)
Home: 140-72-3 (.687)
Road: 120-88-0 (.577)

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 • HSRatings.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 🏆



Centennial (Corona) Huskies (11-1) vs. Santa Margarita Catholic Eagles (9-3)

The Rose Bowl (Pasadena)

Friday, November 28, 2025 • 7:00 p.m.

2025 CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 Championship Game



HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK'S GAME AT ORANGE LUTHERAN (CIF-SS D 1)

Game Wrap Up Summary

Santa Margarita Catholic High School's (SMCHS) football team continued its stout play and advanced to the CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 championship game. The Eagles pounced their ticket with exclamation as they steamrolled past Orange Lutheran 31-6. SMCHS dominated from the opening kickoff by scoring 21 points in the first quarter alone. The Eagles ran 18 offensive plays in the quarter to Orange Lutheran's two.

Before the crowd could warm their seats, SMCHS took the opening kickoff deep into Lancers territory and had excellent and scored a few plays later. The Eagles special teams then executed a successful onside kick that led to another touchdown drive. OLu would turn the ball over shortly thereafter and SMCHS scored in no time to make it 21-0. The Eagles went to the locker room with that advantage. Another touchdown and field goal in the third quarter put the game on ice. A late score by the Lancers made the final 31-6.

Coach Carson Palmer's offense, defense and special teams corps' are playing solid confident football as they march to Pasadena the night after Thanksgiving Day to play for the Section title versus the revenge-filled Centennial Huskies. Palmer was the Santa Margarita Catholic quarterback when the Eagles won CIF football championships in 1996 and 1997. This is the first time Mater Dei or St. John Bosco have not played in a final since 2012 and the first time neither of those powerhouses will be crowned since 2016. The previous two seasons (2014 & 2015) saw Centennial take the trophy in the then PAC 5, which is equivalent to today's Open / Division 1.

The win puts the Eagles road record this season at a perfect 7-0.

SMCHS Top Game Performers

- Adrian Petero: 1 rushing touchdown
- Dash Fifita: 8 total tackles and 1 interception

- Isaia Vandermade: 5 total tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and 2 sacks
Note: 5 sacks, 6 tackles for loss and 2 forced fumbles in two playoff games (SCS & OLu)
- Jaion Smith: 16 rush attempts, 69 yards (4.3 average) and 1 touchdown
- Jayden Crowder: 1 55-yard kickoff return to open the game
- Leki Holani: 9 total tackles
- Trace Johnson: 11-of-21 passing (52.4%), 123 yards and 2 touchdowns
- Trent Mosley: 5 pass receptions, 83 yards (16.6 average) and 2 touchdowns (long = 40 yards)
Note: 54 total touchdowns in career and 207 pass receptions (Top 10 CIF-Southern Section history)
- Tyler Wiegand kicked a 41-yard field goal -- a career long. Earlier in the game he successfully executed an onside kick
Vai Manutai, Ivrick Carrigan and Leki Holani: 1 sack each
- **Collective Defense**
 - * Allowed 17 yards rushing and 0.9 yards per attempt
 - * 5 sacks
 - * 1 interception
 - * 3 forced fumbles
 - * Seventh time this season allowing one offensive touchdown or less

Elite DEFENSE

SMCHS - School Record All-Time Fewest Points Allowed

| Points Allowed per Game | Season | Total Defensive Points Allowed | Games Played |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 9.5 | 1990 | 124 | 13 |
| 12.0 | 2025 | 144 | 12 |
| 13.9 | 2012 | 167 | 12 |

Current HS Ratings / hsratings.com - Top **National** Defenses

| School (Location) | Power Rating |
|---|--------------|
| St. Frances Academy (Baltimore, Maryland) | 55.7 |
| Santa Margarita Catholic | 53.7 |
| Mater Dei | 51.8 |
| Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey, New Jersey) | 51.0 |
| IMG Academy (Bradenton, Florida) | 50.8 |
| Duncanville (Texas) | 48.5 |
| DeMatha (Hyattsville, Maryland) | 47.7 |
| St. John Bosco | 47.4 |
| Waxahachie (Texas) | 47.0 |
| Grayson (Loganville, Georgia) | 46.9 |

SMCHS - Offensive Points Allowed Versus National Powers

| Points | Opponent | Result |
|--------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 6 | Mater Dei | Won 7-6 |
| 7 | Mission Viejo | Lost 7-3 |
| 7 | Bishop Gorman (Las Vegas) | Lost 14-0 |
| 9 | Sierra Canyon | Won 21-9 |

Current HS Ratings / hsratings.com **National** Schedule Strength Ratings

| School (Location) | Schedule Strength |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Mater Dei | 70.8 |
| Orange Lutheran | 67.3 |
| Servite | 63.0 |

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Santa Margarita Catholic | 60.6 |
| JSerra Catholic | 59.6 |
| Lone Peak (Highland, Utah) | 58.0 |
| St. John Bosco | 57.8 |
| Centennial (Corona) | 57.0 |
| Mission Viejo | 55.2 |
| Rockwall (Texas) | 50.0 |

CURRENT COMPOSITE POLL RANKINGS -- Some media outlets not current

| Media Outlet | Coverage Area | Poll Rank |
|--|--------------------------|-----------|
| <i>The Orange County Register</i> / ocregister.com | Orange County | 1 |
| <i>The Los Angeles Times</i> / latimes.com | Los Angeles Metro Area | 6 |
| | Orange County | 2 |
| Cal-Hi Sports / calhisports.com | California | 1 |
| | CIF-Southern Section | 1 |
| HS Ratings / hsratings.com | Nation - Computer | 5 |
| | California - Computer | 2 |
| | CIF-Southern Section | 2 |
| | Overall Defense - Nation | 2 |
| MaxPreps.com (PlayOn! Sports / NFHS Network) | Nation - Composite | 8 |
| | Nation - Computer | 6 |
| | Nation - Manual | 7 |
| | California | 2 |
| si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive.com Sports Illustrated High School | Nation | 14 |
| | Southwest Region | 3 |
| | California | 2 |
| | CIF-Southern Section | 2 |
| Massey Ratings / On3.com / rivals | Nation | 34 |
| | Nation - Composite | 12 |
| | California | 4 |
| | California - Composite | 4 |
| High School Football America (HSFA) / NFL Play Football highschoolfootballamerica.com | Nation | 8 |
| | California | 2 |
| The Sporting News / sportingnews.com | Nation | 25 |
| | Nation - Composite | 16 |
| | California | 4 |
| | CIF-Southern Section | 4 |
| ESPN SC Next / espn.com | Nation | 7 |
| | California | 2 |
| USA Today High School Sports / usatodayhss.com | Nation | 8 |
| | California | 2 |
| Blue Star Media / bluestarmedia.org | Nation | 11 |
| | Far West Region | 4 |
| | California | 3 |
| National High School Football / nationalhsfb.com | Nation | 8 |
| | California | 3 |
| West Coast Preps / westcoastpreps.com | Los Angeles Metro | 2 |
| ITG Next / itgnext.com | Nation | 17 |
| | California | 4 |
| JPWest Media / jpwestmedia.com | CIF-Southern Section | 1 |

SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC - PLAYER NOTES, HIGHLIGHTS & STATS

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

- Tallied eight total tackles and one interception in the 31-6 CIF-SS Division 1 semifinal victory over Orange Lutheran
- Recovered a fumbled lateral and returned it 36 yards for a touchdown versus Orange Lutheran (regular season)
- 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

- Rolled for 127 yards rushing on 19 attempts (6.7 average) and one touchdown in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic -- new career high
- 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

- Tossed two touchdown passes in the 31-6 CIF-SS Division 1 semifinal victory over Orange Lutheran
- Was 18-of-22 (81.8%) passing for 243 yards and two touchdowns in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic -- *Los Angeles Times* "Top Performers of the Week" in the Southland

- 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 School 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 ★★★★★

- **Established a new school record for pass receptions in a career -- now has 207 (Top 10 in CIF-SS history)**
- **Has collected 54 total touchdowns in his career**
- Has scored 52 touchdowns in his SMCHS career -- rushing, receiving and returns
- Captured his first two pass receiving touchdowns of the season in the 31-6 CIF-SS Division 1 semifinal victory over Orange Lutheran
- Scored the lone touchdown for SMCHS in historic comeback victory versus Mater Dei on October 10 and tallied eight receptions
- 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 Brain 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 (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/>
- 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 Frosh 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

- Collected one interception and returned it for a touchdown (25 yards) in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic -- 10th interception of his career
- 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)
- Ranked No. 37 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 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 receive 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

- Returned the opening kick off of the game 55-yards to spark SMC's first touchdown in the 31-6 CIF-SS Division 1 semifinal victory over Orange Lutheran
- Continued his kick blocking prowess with a key block at Sierra Canyon, a 21-9 upset win by the Eagles -- CIF-SS Playoffs
- 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 become 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

- Was a pivotal defensive contributor in upset win at Sierra Canyon -- one sack and one blocked kick -- CIF-SS Playoffs
- 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
- Selected to play in the 2026 Polynesian Bowl in Hawaii
- 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

- Registered five pass receptions for 66 yards and one touchdown in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic
- 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

- Tied for team lead with 10 total tackles (2 for loss) and a huge interception to help SMCHS upset Sierra Canyon in the CIF-SS Playoffs
- Delivered one blocked PAT attempt in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic
- 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

- Enjoyed the best game of his career, thus far, with two pass receiving touchdowns (33 and 42 yards) in the CIF-SS Playoff victory at Sierra Canyon / PrepRedzone.com Top Southern Section Offensive Performer from Round 2
- Collected three pass receptions for 67 yards and one touchdown in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic
- 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
 - Lauded 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. UCLA and California

22 Titus King | Defensive Back | Sophomore | 5-11 / 155

- Led the team with 8 total tackles in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic

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

- Named to the PrepRedzone.com “Watch List” for Class of 2029 recruiting class
- Scored one rushing touchdown in the 31-6 CIF-SS Division 1 semifinal victory over Orange Lutheran
- 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

- Tied for team lead in total tackles in upset win at Sierra Canyon in the CIF-SS Playoffs
- Delivered five total tackles (four solo) and two tackles for loss in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic
- 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 to the PrepRedzone.com "Watch List" for Class of 2029 recruiting class
- Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com

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

- Followed up his best career game with another triumphant performance five total tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and two sacks in the 31-6 CIF-SS Division 1 semifinal victory over Orange Lutheran
Note: In last two CIF-SS Playoff games (SCS & OLu) has five sacks, six tackles for loss and two forced fumbles
- Had the best game of his prep career in upset win at Sierra Canyon in the CIF-SS Playoffs -- seven total tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, three sacks, one forced fumble and one pass defended. Commendations from:
 - Cal-Hi Sports Southern California Defensive Player of the Week nominee
 - *Orange County Register* Boys County Athlete of the Week nominee / Dan Albano - "Most Impressive"
 - PrepRedzone.com Defensive Performer of the Week selection
- 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

- Registered one sack and one tackle for loss in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic
- 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

- Registered a punt block to help the Eagles deliver an upset win at Sierra Canyon in the CIF-SS Playoffs
- 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

- In the 31-6 CIF-SS Division 1 semifinal victory over Orange Lutheran, kicked a 41-yard field goal -- a career long. Early in the first quarter, also executed a successful onside kick
- Successfully connected on crucial PAT conversion kick after low snap in historic comeback victory versus Mater Dei on October 10 -- game-winner
- Is currently 34-for-35 in PAT attempts for the season (97.1%)
- 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

THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT: CENTENNIAL (CORONA)



2025 CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 Championship

Game Day / Date / Time: Friday, November 28, 2025 / 7:00 p.m.

Game Location: The Rose Bowl (Pasadena)

Tickets: www.gofan.co

Nickname: Huskies

Head Coach: Matt Logan (29th season) -- 306-65-0 (.825)

Last Week: Defeated Mater Dei, 28-27 -- CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 Semifinal

2025 Season Game Breakdown: Overall: 11-1 / Big West-Upper League: 5-0 (1st Place / Champions) / CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 Playoffs: 2-0

All-Time Series: Series -- SMCHS leads 3-1

-- 1989: SMCHS 42, Centennial 7 (@ Saddleback College) - Nonleague

-- 2023: Centennial 34, SMCHS 21 (@ Saddleback College) - Nonleague

-- 2024: SMCHS 34, Centennial 15 (@ Corona) - Nonleague

-- **2025: SMCHS 33, Centennial 27 -- Overtime (@ Trabuco Hills HS) - Nonleague'**

Game Recap:

SMCHS Offense Shines

Trace Johnson threw two touchdown passes while going on 17-of-25 passing (68.0%) for 209 yards. After establishing a rapport with tight end Luke Gazzaniga last week, this week the connection was with sophomore Ryan Clark who caught seven passes for 78 yards (11.1 average) and a score. Gazzaniga had six receptions for 83 yards (13.8 average). Adrian Petero and Jaion Smith combined to gain 156 yards on the ground. Grant Mosley's first career visit to the end zone covered 39 yards. SMCHS gained 380 total yards of offense.

Eagle's Defense Makes Loud Statement

On defense, Simote Katoanga registered 1 1/2 sacks and Leki Holani notched one-half sack to go along with his 10 total tackles. Dash Fifita led all tacklers with 14. The entire Santa Margarita Catholic defense pestered Huskies quarterback Dominic Catalano into three interceptions and a fumble -- all in the first half -- capitalizing for three touchdowns.

Overtime Win Secured

Centennial received on the first possession of overtime. The Huskies failed to convert for any score. The big fourth-down play came from Leki Holani. He was able to bat down Catalano's pass and thwart the Huskies strive for the end zone.

The ball was then in the Eagles hand to see what they could muster. SMCHS proceeded to run the ball on eight of their nine plays. The winner came freshman running back Adrian Petero who broke three tackles to claw his way into the end zone from the one-yard line for the 33-27 triumph.

SMCHS is now 3-5 all-time in overtime games in the 36-plus seasons of play. The win over Centennial is the second in as many seasons by the Eagles. Many experts contend that both victories were upsets. In each instance, the Huskies were nationally ranked in all the reputable polls.

Key Centennial Players to Watch:

- Boogie Williams – Defensive Back – Senior
- Dominick Catalano – Quarterback – Senior
- Fifita Moore – Linebacker – Senior
- Hayden Zentner – Linebacker – Senior
- Jaden Walk-Green – Defensive Back - Junior
- Jonathan McKinley II – Linebacker – Senior
- Keawe Browne – Athlete – Senior
- Malakai Davis – Running Back – Sophomore
- Tyler Plinski – Wide Receiver – Senior

SMCHS POSTSEASON HISTORY NOTEBOOK

Santa Margarita Catholic / CIF-Southern Section Postseason History - By the Numbers

- The last time SMCHS won two playoff games in a single season *and* also in succession was in 2011
- The last time SMCHS won two road playoff games in a single season *and* also in succession was in 2011

| Opponent | SMCHS Designation | Location | Result |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Bishop Amat (La Puente) | Home | Saddleback College | Won 45-21 |
| Long Beach Poly | Away | Veterans Stadium (Long Beach) | Won 49-16 |
| Mission Viejo | Away | Mission Viejo | Won 21-20 |
| San Clemente | Neutral | Anaheim Stadium | Won 27-13 |
| Bellarmine Prep (San Jose) | Neutral | Home Depot Center (Carson) | Won 42-37 |

- The last SMCHS season with 9-or-more wins, prior to this, was in 2012 (9-3)
- CIF-Southern Section Championship Games (3-1)
 - * 1996: Defeated Newport Harbor, 38-0 - Division V (@ Orange Coast College)
 - * 1997: Defeated Tustin, 55-42 – Division V (@ Cal State Fullerton)
 - * 1998: Woodbridge (Irvine), Lost 27-24 - Division VI (@ Cal State Fullerton)
 - * 2011: Defeated San Clemente, 27-13 - CIF-SS Pac-5 Division (@ Angel Stadium of Anaheim)

Past Eagles Glory

2011: Coach Harry Welch Leads SMCHS to the State Championship

In early-January 2010 Harry Welch was named the third head coach in Santa Margarita Catholic High School (SMCHS) football history. After a couple of sub-par seasons, Welch started to return the program to greatness. His 2010 team finished 9-3 and posted the single best increase in year-over-year wins (six) in the school's history. The 2011 team finished 13-2 and ranked as high as No. 10 in the nation. The season culminated with a memorable 42-37 win over Bellarmine Prep (San Jose) in the CIF Division I State Championship game at the Home Depot Center. The Eagle's victory was finally sealed by a one-yard touchdown run from quarterback Johnny Stanton with 0:16 seconds left in the game -- coming after a late rally in the fourth quarter. Stanton was instrumental in the win, contributing four passing touchdowns and two rushing touchdowns.

Carson Palmer Engineers Two CIF Section Championships

1997: CIF-Southern Section Division V Championship

SMCHS finished its ninth varsity season with a perfect 14-0 record and captured the Sea View League Championship and the CIF-SS Division V Championship. The Eagles finished the regular season ranked second in Orange County and first in Division V. The No. 2 ranking in the County was its best ever. SMCHS also finished as the California State Division II Champion and was ranked number 20 in the Nation in the AP National Prep Poll.

1996: CIF-Southern Section Division V Championship

SMCHS finished its eighth varsity season with an impressive 13-1 record and captured the Sea View League Championship and the CIF-SS Division V Championship. The Eagles finished the regular season as the third ranked school in Orange County and second in Division V. The No. 3 ranking in the County was the best ever to that point. SMCHS also finished ranked No. 16 in the state by Cal-Hi Sports. The Eagles set plenty of team records during the season including wins (13), points scored (486), touchdowns scored (65), total yards gained (5,570), and All-League First Team selections (9). The Eagles also tied the school record with five shutouts and have managed to keep the opponents from scoring a touchdown for a record 32 consecutive offensive series.

SMCHS - All-Time Highest Game Attendances

| Season | Attendance | Game Type | Opponent | Game Location |
|--------|------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1999 | 17,000 | Regular Season | Mater Dei | Edison International Field |
| 2011 | 14,242 | CIF-SS Championship | San Clemente | Angel Stadium |
| 1996 | 9,000 | CIF-SS Championship | Newport Harbor | Cal State Fullerton |
| 2006 | 8,000 | Regular Season | Mater Dei | Saddleback College |
| 1995 | 8,000 | Regular Season | El Toro (Lake Forest) | Saddleback College |
| 2011 | 7,624 | State Championship | Bellarmino Prep (San Jose) | Home Depot Center |



The Rose Bowl Snapshot

- Playing Surface: Bermuda grass
- Current Seating Capacity: 89,702
- Record Event Attendance: 106,869 (1973 Rose Bowl -- USC vs. Ohio State)

CIF Championship Games Hosted at The Rose Bowl

| Season | Game Type | Game Match Up |
|--------|----------------------------------|--|
| 2025 | CIF-SS - Division 1 Championship | Centennial (Corona) vs. Santa Margarita Catholic |
| 2022 | CIF-SS - Division 1 Championship | St. John Bosco vs. Mater Dei |
| 1944 | CIF-SS Co-Championship | Keppel (Alhambra) vs. Pasadena |
| 1936 | CIF-SS Championship | Long Beach Poly vs. Glendale |
| 1935 | CIF-SS Championship | Monrovia vs. Santa Barbara |

- The Rose Bowl most recently hosted the championship game for the CIF Southern Section's top football division in 2022. This was the first time in 78 years the venue hosted the event. A total of 15,955 fans attended.
- Before the long hiatus leading up to 2022, the Rose Bowl hosted three other CIF-SS championship games in its early history.

**NEXT: DE LA SALLE (CONCORD)
STATE DIVISION 1 / OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP BOWL GAME**



De La Salle High School Spartans (Concord)

CIF-North Coast Section / 12-0

Game Details

State Division 1 / Open Championship Bowl Game

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Saddleback College (Mission Viejo) / 8:00 p.m.

Ticket Information

General Admission: \$15.00

Children / Students / Seniors (65+): \$10.00

Only available online at the GoFan website -- gofan.co:

Link: <https://gofan.co/event/5316072?schoolId=CIFSS>

Parking Information

Parking lot opens: 4:30 p.m.

Payment required:

Link:

<https://eventpass.justpark.com/rosebowlstadium/listings/passes/3b9eebe1-3b3f-4e82-b1d4-8bbe9024210b>