



# SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## 2025 POSTSEASON FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

### 2 CIF State Championships

1997 Division II  
2011 Division I

### 4 CIF-Southern Section Championships

1996 Division V, 1997 Division V  
2011 PAC-5 and **2025** Division 1

### 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**

### 5 League Championships

1996, 1997, 2000, 2001 & **2025** (Tri)

### 37th Varsity Season

Overall Record: 261-160-3 (.619)  
Home: 141-72-3 (.660)  
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 Walter Peyton 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 🏆



**De La Salle Spartans (12-0) vs.  
Santa Margarita Catholic Eagles (10-3)**

**Saddleback College Stadium (Mission Viejo)  
Saturday, December 13, 2025 • 8:00 p.m.**

**2025 CIF State - Division 1 Championship Game**



## GAME SUMMARY & HIGHLIGHTS VS. CENTENNIAL (CORONA)

### Prelude

Santa Margarita Catholic High School (SMCHS) was 5-7 last season and 5-6 the year before. This season alone they have 10 wins alone and look for the most-prized of all -- No. 11. Flashback to Thursday, December 12, 2024, the new era of SMCHS football commenced. School President Andy Sulick announced that class of 1998 alum Carson Palmer was the football program's new head coach.

The most notable words from Sulick's press release were “His football pedigree is unmatched. As an alum he understands the culture.” This resonated among the alumni, school, local community and fans. The buzz created hadn't been at this height since the Harry Welch championship era of the late 2010s.

Palmer put together an all-star coaching staff of many former NFL players, survived playing the toughest schedule in the nation and has his team peaking at the right time. Now, almost one year to that day -- 366 days -- Palmer and his Eagles play for the CIF State - Division 1 championship. This opportunity arrives after a three-game postseason run that is the envy of those outside and looking in.

### Championship Game Story

It was a noteworthy display of skill, determination and fierce play by SMCHS which delivered a dominating victory over the Centennial Huskies, 42-7, to secure the CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 championship title. The game took place at the iconic Rose Bowl in Pasadena and marked the first time the Eagles reached this pinnacle since 2011. The bright lights of the Rose Bowl witnessed not only a victory but one of the most overall, complete championship performances in Southern Section history

The Eagles dominated from the first tick of the clock, immediately taking a 14-0 lead in the first quarter. The first two scores were set up by great field position delivered by the SMCHS return team. Trent Mosley then emerged and took control of the field. This included 80- and 91-yard touchdown receptions. He also tallied two short scores on the ground

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that brought his all-purpose total to 304 yards. Luke Gazzaniga and Ryan Clark also joined the party as they hit pay dirt late in the first half to essentially put the contest on ice, 28-7. The offensive line had another great night protecting quarterback Trace Johnson. The fivesome included Adam Iloilo, Raymond Jacobs, Aaron Klatt, Chris Kraninger and Niniva Nicholson

The defense set an intense tone, as they were airtight on Centennial's first three possessions, suffocating any traction the Huskies tried to establish. This was a curtain Centennial would never be able to penetrate, except for a lone touchdown in the second quarter. Isaia Vandermade, Leki Holani, Dash Fifita, Ca'ron Williams and company limited the Huskies to fewer than 200 yards of offense. The Eagles delivered seven sacks, 13 tackles for loss, one interception and three forced fumbles.

#### **Stars of the Game / Top Performers**

- Ca'ron Williams: 1 interception and 51 yard return
- Dash Fifita: 12 total tackles (3.5 for loss), 2 sacks and 1 forced fumble
- Isaia Vandermade: 8 total tackles (3 for loss) and 3 sacks
- Kingston Jimmerson: 1 sack and 1 forced fumble
- Luke Gazzaniga: 2 pass receptions, 39 yards (19.5 average) and 1 touchdown
- Ryan Clark: 1 pass reception, 26 yards and 1 touchdown
- Siua Holani: 9 total tackles (2 for loss), 1 sack and 1 forced fumble
- Trace Johnson: 16-of-25 (68.0 %) passing, 386 yards and 4 touchdowns
- Trent Mosley: Receiving - 10 pass receptions, 293 yards (29.3 average) and 2 touchdowns / Rushing - 2 touchdowns / 304 all-purpose yards
- Tyler Wiegand: 6-for-6 on PAT conversion attempts

#### **Overall Defensive Team Statistics**

Category	Mark
Tackles for Loss	13
Sacks	7
Interceptions	1
Forced Fumbles	3
Offensive Yards Allowed	193
Yards per Play Allowed	2.68
3rd Down Plays	1 for 11
4th Down Plays	0 for 2

#### **By the Numbers**

- Last SMCHS season with 10-or-more wins, prior to this, was in 2011 (13-2)
- Last time SMCHS won three playoff games in a single postseason *and* also in succession was in 2011
- SMCHS has now strung together a streak of five wins-in-a-row. The last time this was achieved, within one season, was in 2012 when the Eagles captured victories in their first six contests of the season. Coupled with a five-game streak that closed-out the state championship season of 2011, SMCHS had a streak of 11 wins in succession
- SMCHS CIF State Championship Game History: (1-0): 2011 -- Defeated Bellarmine Prep (San Jose), 42-37 - Division 1 (@ Home Depot Center - Carson)
- SMCHS head coach Carson Palmer played three games at the Rose Bowl in his storied collegiate career for the USC Trojans -- all versus the crosstown rival UCLA Bruins. In those contests, Palmer posted some impressive numbers -- 856 yards passing and 9 touchdown passes

#### **10-or-More Wins - Single Season**

##### **School History**

Season	Wins	Final Record
1997	14	14-0
2011	13	13-2
1996	13	13-1
1990	12	12-1
<b>2025</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>- - - - -</b>
1998	10	10-4
1987	10	10-0

## CIF-Southern Section Championship Game Honor Roll

### Los Angeles Times (latimes.com)

- Trace Johnson
- Trent Mosley
- Isaia Vandermade
- Dash Fifita

### Cal-Hi Sports (calhisports.com)

- Trace Johnson
- Trent Mosley
- Isaia Vandermade

### USA Today High School Sports (usatodayhss.com)

- Trent Mosley

### PrepRedzone.com

- Trace Johnson
- Isaia Vandermade
- Dash Fifita
- Trent Mosley



### ORANGE COUNTY BOYS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Selected Orange County Boys Athlete of the Week



TRENT MOSLEY

Cal-Hi Sports



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Nominated for si.com "National Athlete of the Week"

### Los Angeles Times Feature story:

**Dash Fifita, Santa Margarita Catholic's Undersized Linebacker Is A Forceful Presence**

Eric Sondheimer | latimes.com | 12/07/25

## EAGLES Elite DEFENSE

### 53 Isaia Vandermade

#### 3 Postseason Games in 2025

Sacks	Total Tackles	Tackles for Loss	Forced Fumbles
8	20	9	2

### SMCHS - All-Time Fewest Points Allowed - Full Season

Points Allowed per Game	Season	Total Defensive Points Allowed	Games Played
9.5	1990	124	13
<b>11.6</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>13</b>
13.9	2012	167	12

### SMCHS - All-Time Fewest Points Allowed Per Game - Single Postseason

#### Minimum 3 Games

Points per Game	Total Points	Games	Season
1.5	6	4	1996
<b>7.3</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2025</b>
15.0	60	4	1998
18.5	74	4	1997
20.3	61	3	2006
21.4	107	5	2011

### SMCHS - All-Time Fewest Points Allowed - Single Postseason Game

Points	Opponent	Season
0	Irvine	1998
0	Valencia (Placentia)	1996
0	Tustin	1996
0	Newport Harbor	1996
0	@ Beaumont	1989

3	Edison (Huntington Beach)	2010
<b>6</b>	<b>Orange Lutheran</b>	<b>2025</b>
6	El Modena (Orange)	1996
<b>7</b>	<b>Centennial (Corona)</b>	<b>2025</b>
7	Katella (Anaheim)	1997
7	@ Newport Harbor	1997
7	Glendora	1992
<b>Also: 9 points @ Sierra Canyon - CIF-SS 2025</b>		

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

School (Location)	Power Rating
<b>Santa Margarita Catholic</b>	<b>57.2</b>
St. Frances Academy (Baltimore, Maryland)	55.9
Mater Dei	50.9
Buford (Georgia)	50.2
IMG Academy (Bradenton, Florida)	49.8
Duncanville (Texas)	49.5
Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey, New Jersey)	48.7
Bishop Gorman Las Vegas, Nevada)	48.0
Basha (Chandler, Arizona)	47.8
St. John Bosco	47.7

#### SMCHS - Offensive Points Allowed Versus National Powers - 2025

Points	Opponent	Result
6	Mater Dei	Won 7-6
7	Centennial (Corona)	Won 42-7
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	SMC Result If Played
Mater Dei	67.8	Won
Orange Lutheran	67.8	Won 2 x
<b>Santa Margarita Catholic</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>- - - - -</b>
Servite	59.2	Won
JSerra Catholic	58.3	Won
Centennial (Corona)	58.1	Won 2 x
St. John Bosco	56.8	Lost
Lone Peak (Highland, Utah)	55.5	- - - - -
Mission Viejo	52.6	Lost
Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey, New Jersey)	50.3	- - - - -

#### **Elite OFFENSE vs. Centennial**

#### Trent Mosley

#### **SMCHS Most Yards Receiving - Single Game (Regular & Post) - All-Time**

Yards Receiving	Player	Opponent	Season
294	Kyle Sweet	Bishop Gorman (Las Vegas)	2013
<b>293</b>	<b>Trent Mosley</b>	<b>Centennial (Corona) - CIF</b>	<b>2025</b>
292	Grant Calcaterra	Loyola (Los Angeles)	2016

### Most Known Yards Receiving in CIF-Southern Section Playoff Game

Player	School	Receiving Yards	Opponent	Season
Kody Epps	Mater Dei	339	Mission Viejo	2019
<b>Trent Mosley</b>	<b>Santa Margarita Catholic</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>Centennial</b>	<b>2025</b>
J.P. Shohfi	San Marino	282	Charter Oak (Covina)	2015

### SMCHS Single Game Record Charts

- Most Yards Receiving: 293 (2nd all-time / Kyle Sweet with 294 versus Bishop Gorman in 2013)
- Most Yards Receiving - Postseason Game: 293 (1st all-time)
- Most Pass Receptions - Postseason Game: (2nd all-time / Brian Finneran with 14 at Damien (La Verne) in 1993)

### SMCHS Career Record Charts

- Most Overall Touchdowns Scored: 58 (2nd / Josh Ireland with 61 from 1989-91)
- Most Games with 10-or-More Pass Receptions: 8 (1st)
- Games with 200-or-More Yards Receiving: 4
- Consecutive Games Played with At-Least One Pass Reception: 37

### SMCHS Assorted Marks

- Pass Receptions for Touchdown of 80-or-More Yards: 2 (80 and 91)
- Career Pass Receptions of 80-or-More Yards: 5
- Career Games with 4-or-More Touchdowns Scored: 5
- Career Multi Touchdown Games: 17

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### Trace Johnson

### SMCHS Single Game Records

- Most Passing Yards - Single Postseason Game (2nd all-time / Carson Palmer with 423 yards versus Tustin in 1997)

## CIF-SS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME & POSTSEASON NOTEBOOK

- Trent Mosley was sidelined with an injury when Santa Margarita Catholic (SMCHS) defeated Centennial 33-27 in overtime in the second game of this season.
- The fourth quarter was played with a running clock, this after Ca'ron Williams intercepted a pass from Dominick Catalano and Mosley scored again with 0:38 seconds left in the third period to put the contest out of reach.
- The SMCHS defense dominated the Huskies as they went for the conversion on fourth down twice while inside the Eagles' 10-yard line, but were stuffed both times.
- SMCHS won 42-7, which is the largest point discrepancy in the CIF-SS's highest division championship since 1993 -- Eisenhower (Rialto) defeated Mater Dei 56-3 in the Division 1 in the finale.
- The 35-point margin of victory is the second-most lopsided CIF-Southern Section playoff loss for Centennial since Coach Matt Logan took over in 1997. The only one worse was a 52-14 loss to St. John Bosco back in 2019.
- This is the fourth section title for Santa Margarita Catholic and Carson Palmer has had a hand in three as a player and coach.
- With his CIF-Southern Section championship, SMCHS Head Coach Palmer has accomplished a rare dual-feat. He joined Troy Thomas (Crespi) and Bruce Rollinson (Mater Dei) as the only coaches to have won CIF-Southern Section title at their alma mater as a coach and player.
- SMCHS's Offensive Coordinator Lenny Vandermade was head coach at St. Ignatius Prep (San Francisco) last season and guided the Wildcats to the CIF-Central Coast Section (CCS) Open Division championship and a Nor Cal Bowl appearance.
- The most games played at one venue by SMCHS is Saddleback College in Mission Viejo
  - ✓ Total Games Played: 163
    - As Home Team: 158 games
    - As Visiting Team: 5 games
  - ✓ Overall Record: 110-51-2 (.681)
    - As Home Team: 107-49-2 (.684)

-- As Visiting Team: 3-2-0 (.600)

**Shortest Distance Traveled from School to Saddleback College for  
State Championship Game - Since 2021**

School	Miles Traveled	Season	Opponent
Mission Viejo	3.9 miles	2023	De La Salle (Concord)
<b>Santa Margarita Catholic</b>	<b>9.0 miles</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>De La Salle (Concord)</b>

## RECENT PLAYER HONORS

### 2025 FOOTBALL AWARDS

#### Trinity League Honors



##### Most Valuable Players

Offense: Trent Mosley – Athlete (Senior)

Defense: Dash Fifita – Linebacker (Senior)

##### First-Team – Offense

Jaion Smith – Running Back (Sophomore)

Isaia Vandermade – Lineman (Junior)

Niniva Nicholson – Lineman (Senior)

Aaron Klatt – Center (Junior)

Griffin Brahm – Tight End (Senior)

##### First-Team – Defense

Leki Holani – Linebacker (Senior)

Jayden Crowder – Cornerback (Senior)

Simote Katoanga – Defensive End (Senior)

Manoah Faupusa – Lineman (Senior)

Siua Holani – Defensive Back (Senior)

##### Second-Team – Offense

Trace Johnson – Quarterback (Senior)

Jake Martin – Wide Receiver (Sophomore)

Ryan Clark – Wide Receiver (Sophomore)

Adrian Petero – Running Back (Freshman)

Adam Iloilo – Lineman (Freshman)

##### Second-Team – Defense

Ca'ron Williams – Cornerback (Sophomore)

Vai Manutai – Linebacker (Senior)

Ivrick Carrigan – Linebacker (Senior)

Tonga Uhila – Lineman (Junior)

Logan Hirou – Safety (Senior)

#### Team Honors



##### Players of the Year

Team: Trent Mosley – Athlete (Senior) and Dash Fifita – Linebacker (Senior)

Defense: Leki Holani – Linebacker (Senior)

Offense: Trace Johnson – Quarterback (Senior)

##### Positional Players of the Year

Defensive Lineman: Isaia Vandermade

Offensive Lineman: Niniva Nicholson

Special Teams: Jayden Crowder – Cornerback (Senior) and Siua Holani – Defensive Back (Senior)

##### Iron Eagle Award

Simote Katoanga – Defensive End (Senior)

##### Brad Dillahunt Award

Tonga Uhila – Lineman (Junior)

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## Simote Katoanga Named Finalist for 2025 Polynesian High School Football Player of the Year Award

The Polynesian Football Hall of Fame announced that Simote Katoanga was one of nine finalists for the 2025 Polynesian High School Football Player of the Year Award -- annually to the most outstanding senior high school football player of Polynesian Ancestry. The Finalists will be recognized during the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Weekend on O'ahu, Hawai'i. The formal presentation of the Award will be held at the 2026 Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Celebration Dinner on January 17, 2026 along with the finalists being recognized during the 2026 Polynesian Bowl one-day prior.

## CURRENT COMPOSITE POLL RANKINGS

Media Outlet	Coverage Area	Poll Rank
The Orange County Register / ocregister.com	Orange County	1
The Los Angeles Times / latimes.com	Los Angeles Metro Area	1
	Orange County	1
Cal-Hi Sports / calhisports.com	California	1
	CIF-Southern Section	1
HS Ratings / hsratings.com	Nation - Computer	2
	California - Computer	1
	CIF-Southern Section	1
	Overall Defense - Nation	1
MaxPreps.com (PlayOn! Sports / NFHS Network)	Nation - Composite	7
	Nation - Computer	5
	Nation - Manual	5
	California	1
High School on SI / si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive.com Sports Illustrated	Nation	11
	Southwest Region	3
	California	2
	CIF-Southern Section	1
Massey Ratings / On3.com / rivals	Nation	27
	Nation - Composite	8
	California	1
	California - Composite	3
High School Football America (HSFA) / NFL Play Football highschoolfootballamerica.com	Nation	4
	California	1
The Sporting News / sportingnews.com	Nation	15
	Nation - Composite	7
	California	1
	CIF-Southern Section	1
ESPN SC Next / espn.com	Nation	6
	California	1
USA Today High School Sports / usatodayhss.com	Nation	4
	California	1
Blue Star Media / bluestarmedia.org	Nation	7
	Far West Region	2

	California	1
National High School Football / nationalhsfb.com	Nation	5
	California	1
Gridiron Digest / gridirondigest.net	Nation	4
	California	1
Sports Idol Nation / spin.media	Nation	9
	California	3
West Coast Preps / westcoastpreps.com	Los Angeles Metro	1
ITG Next / itgnext.com	Nation	13
	California	1
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

- 2025 Trinity League Most Valuable Player - Defense
- 2025 First-Team All-Trinity League - Defense
- 2025 SMCHS Co-Player of the Year
- Contributed a huge defensive effort in 42-7 rout of Centennial in the CIF-SS Division 1 championship - 12 total tackles (3.5 for loss), two sacks and one forced fumble
- 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

- 2025 First-Team All-Trinity League - Offense



- 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

- 2025 Second-Team All-Trinity League - Offense
- 2025 SMCHS Offensive Player of the Year
- Was the catalyst for a tremendous passing and receiving outing along with Trent Mosley in 42-7 rout of Centennial in the CIF-SS Division 1 championship - 16-of-25 (68.0 %), 386 yards and four touchdowns
- 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 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
<b>Career</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>6,366</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2</b>

- 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-for-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 ★ ★ ★ ★

- 2025 Trinity League Most Valuable Player - Offense
- 2025 First-Team All-Trinity League - Offense
- 2025 SMCHS Co-Player of the Year
- **Established a new school record for pass receptions in a career -- now has 217 which places him in the Top 10 for a career in CIF-Southern Section history**
- **Has collected 58 total touchdowns in his career**
- Experienced a game for the ages with his offensive outburst in 42-7 rout of Centennial in the CIF-SS Division 1 championship. Posted mind-boggling statistics - 10 pass receptions, 293 yards (29.3 average) and two touchdowns plus two touchdowns (304 all-purpose yards) -- 293 yards is second-best all-time in school history. Nominated for si.com "National Player of the Week" and selected Orange County Male Athlete of the Week by the *Orange County Register*
- 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**

- 2025 Second-Team All-Trinity League - Defense
- 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**

- 2025 First-Team All-Trinity League - Defense
- 2025 SMCHS Co-Special Teams Player of the Year
- 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**

- 2025 Second-Team All-Trinity League - Defense
- 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**

- Scored a key touchdown late in the first half in 42-7 rout of Centennial in the CIF-SS Division 1 championship -- two receptions, 39 yards (19.5 average) and one touchdown
- 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

## **10 Griffin Brahm | Tight End | Senior | 6-2 / 200**

- 2025 First-Team All-Trinity League - Offense
- Collected 16 pass receptions for 224 yards (14.0 average) | 2025. Registered three receptions versus Bishop Gorman (Las Vegas, Servite and JSerra Catholic)

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

- 2025 First-Team All-Trinity League - Defense

- 2025 SMCHS Iron Eagle Award selection
- Named one of nine finalists for the 2025 Polynesian High School Football Player of the Year Award
- 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**

- 2025 Second-Team All-Trinity League - Offense
- 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**

- 2025 Second-Team All-Trinity League - Defense
- 2025 SMCHS Co-Special Teams Player of the Year
- In 42-7 rout of Centennial in the CIF-SS Division 1 championship, notched nine total tackles (2 for loss), one sack and one forced fumble
- 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**

- 2025 Second-Team All-Trinity League - Defense
- 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**

- 2025 Second-Team All-Trinity League - Offense
- Continued to contribute strong production to the Eagle's offense as the first half came to a close with one reception, 26 yards and one touchdown in 42-7 rout of Centennial in the CIF-SS Division 1 championship
- 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**

- 2025 Second-Team All-Trinity League - Defense
- In 42-7 rout of Centennial in the CIF-SS Division 1 championship, snagged his third interception of the season against the Huskies and returned it 51 yards.
- 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**

- Stepped-up for injured cornerback Jayden Crowder on the bright stage of the CIF-SS Division 1 championship game - two total tackles and two passes defended in rout of Centennial
- Led the team with 8 total tackles in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic

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

- 2025 Second-Team All-Trinity League - Offense
- 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**

- 2025 First-Team All-Trinity League - Offense
- 2025 SMCHS Defensive Player of the Year
- 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**

- 2025 Second-Team All-Trinity League - Offense
- 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**

- 2025 Second-Team All-Trinity League - Offense
- 2025 SMCHS Defensive Lineman of the Year
- Continued to romp over opposing offensive linemen with eight total tackles (3 for loss) and another three sacks  
**Note: In last three CIF-SS Playoff games (SCS, OLu and Cent) has eight sacks, nine tackles for loss and two forced fumbles**
- 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
- 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**

- 2025 First-Team All-Trinity League - Offense
- Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com

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

- 2025 Second-Team All-Trinity League - Defense
- 2025 SMCHS Brad Dillahunt Award selection
- 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**

- 2025 First-Team All-Trinity League - Offense
- 2025 SMCHS Offensive Lineman of the Year
- 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**

- 2025 First-Team All-Trinity League - Defense
- 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**

- Was a perfect 6-for-6 in PAT attempts once again as SMCHS routed Centennial in the CIF-SS Division 1 title game
- 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 40-for-41 in PAT attempts for the season (97.6%)
- 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

#### **99 Kingston Jimmerson | Defensive End | Freshman | 6-2 / 255**

- Performed well in rout of Centennial in the CIF-SS Division 1 tile game -- one sack and one forced fumble

## THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT: DE LA SALLE



### **2025 CIF-State - Division 1 Championship**

Game Day / Date / Time: Saturday, December 13, 2025 / 8:00 p.m.

Game Location: Saddleback College Stadium (Mission Viejo)

Tickets: [gofan.com](http://gofan.com) (See below page 17)

Broadcast: See below (See below page 17)

Nickname: Spartans

League: East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) - Mountain Division

Head Coach: Justin Alumbaugh - 13th Season: 136-20 (.872)

Last Game: Defeated Pittsburg 24-17 -- CIF-North Coast Section - Open Division Final

2025 Season Game Breakdown: Overall: 12-0 / East Bay Athletic League: 3-0 (1st Place /

Champions) / CIF-North Coast Section - Open Division Playoffs: 2-0

All-Time Series: First meeting

All-Time Record at Saddleback College: 0-3 (All CIF State Championship game losses -- 2022, 2023 and 2024)

All-Time Record in CIF State Championship Games: 7-10 (.412)

CIF State Championships: 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015

Players to Watch:

- Brayden Knight | Quarterback | Senior
- Jaden Jefferson | Running Back | Senior
- Duece Jones-Drew | Running Back | Junior
- Dylan Scott | Wide Receiver | Junior
- Landon Cook | Wide Receiver | Senior
- Bubba Vargas | Linebacker | Senior
- Zion Cadet | Linebacker | Junior
- Wyatt Ferguson | Defensive Lineman | Senior
- Peli Pasa | Defensive Lineman | Senior
- Jelani Dyer | Defensive Back | Junior
- Justin Uribarri | Kicker | Senior

*Note: De La Salle has been designated the visiting team for this game*

### **De La Salle – 2025 Game Results**

Opponent	Result Score
Lakeland (Florida)	Won 10-6
at Junipero Serra (San Mateo)	Won 26-0
at Saint Francis (Mountain View)	Won 40-0
at Grant (Sacramento)	Won 47-20
Saint Mary's (Stockton)	Won 36-7
Cathedral Catholic (San Diego)	Won 35-14
at Amador Valley	Won 56-13
at San Ramon Valley (Danville)	Won 56-7
California (San Ramon)	Won 52-14
Clayton Valley (Concord)	Won 47-15
San Ramon Valley (Danville)	Won 42-0
Pittsburg	Won 24-17
<b>Santa Margarita Catholic</b>	-----

### **Short History of De La Salle Football**

De La Salle High School (DLS) holds the national record 151-game winning streak spanning from 1992 to 2004. The streak occurred under the leadership of Bob Ladouceur, who began coaching at the school in 1979. It ended when they were defeated on September 4, 2004, by Bellevue High School (Washington), outside Seattle. DLS finished the 2007 football season 13-0 and as state champions. In 2009, DLS defeated Crenshaw (Los Angeles) 28-14 to win the state title again. In 2010, DLS topped Servite, ranked No. 7 in the nation, 48-8, to win the state title game for a second-straight year.

During the winning streak, De La Salle was named national champion in seven different seasons -- once by ESPN (1994), five times by *USA Today* (1998, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003), and once by the National Sports News Service (1999).

The Spartans have been named national champions by ESPNRISE.com (formerly Student Sports) six times, including four-straight years (2000-03). They have also been honored as the top team in California 19 times (1992, 1994-2003, 2007, 2009-2012, 2014-2015). The Spartans have triumphed in 35-consecutive CIF-North Coast Section (NCS)

championship games -- every season since 1992. In addition, they garnered the NCS title in seven of the nine seasons prior to that.

In somewhat recent years, the team has won the California Open Division State Championships six times (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015). They have appeared in the Open Division state title game every year from the founding of the division in 2008 until 2019. Prior, they had competed in Division I, where they were the 2007 State Champions and the 2006 and 2008 runner-up.


From 1991 to 2021, DLS had a streak of 318 games without a loss when playing Northern California schools (going 316-0-2). This ended on September 10, 2021, when they lost to Saint Francis High School of Mountain View. The Lancers defeated the Spartans in the closing seconds of the game by the score of 31-28.

**“The Duel at Diablo”**

- On October 24, 2003, ESPN2 televised a game with national poll rankings and championship implications. Dubbed “The Duel at Diablo,” it pitted Evangel Christian Academy (Shreveport, Louisiana) and De La Salle (Concord, California). The game started at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time -- prime time on the East Coast. It was ESPN’s first telecast of a regular-season high school football game since the 1980s. The game was played at Diablo Valley College (DVC) in Pleasant Hill, California, not far from the De La Salle campus.
- The game was played at DVC because Paragon Marketing wanted a high-school type atmosphere, not a huge stadium. It was a complete sellout crowd of 7,500.
- It was, and still is, common knowledge in ESPN circles that if the De La Salle (who started the season with a 139-game win streak) had not agreed to play, then no future high school football contests were going to attempted.
- The Spartans rejected an initial proposal to play the game in Louisiana. DLS assistant coach Terry Eidson, who scheduled the nonleague games for the school, said they (DLS) don’t want to become a “traveling circus.”
- De La Salle won the game 27-10 and notched their 145th-consecutive victory during “The Streak.”


**Historical Note**

De La Salle was the first high school from the United States to ever play a game in Europe when it faced the NFL Academy (London, UK) on October 8, 2024 at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. The Spartans prevailed easily 31-9. The Academy scored a touchdown on the last play of the game. The NFL Academy is a player development program for the League -- with one located in London and the other in Munich, Germany. The trip was funded by Nike.





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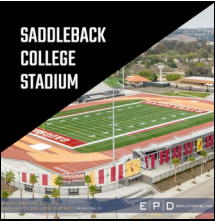



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## SMCHS Coaching, Support and Athletic Department Staff

<p><b><u>Head Coach</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carson Palmer</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Coordinators</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lenny Vandermade – Offensive Coordinator &amp; Offensive Line Coach</li> <li>Steve Fifita – Defensive Coordinator</li> <li>John Minardi – Special Teams Coordinator</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Position Coaches</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aire Justin – Defensive Back Coach</li> <li>Chance King – Assistant Coach</li> <li>Doug Johnson – Quarterback Coach</li> <li>Kelly Talavou – Defensive Line Coach</li> <li>Kyle Kianpour – Offensive Analyst</li> <li>Mike Karney – Running Back Coach</li> <li>Mike Scifers – Kicking Coach</li> <li>Rob Thomas – Linebacker Coach</li> <li>Ryan Crowe – Secondary Coach</li> <li>T.J. Houshmandzadeh – Wide Receiver Coach</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Athletic Department</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jim Hartigan – Vice President of Athletics</li> <li>Annie Garrett – Athletic Director</li> <li>Donald Evans – Athletic Director</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Junior Varsity and Freshman Coaching Staff</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James Hendron</li> <li>John Baggerly</li> <li>Brian Berg</li> <li>Brian Surgenor</li> <li>Jerry Holloway</li> <li>Rocky Katoanga</li> <li>Scott Britt</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Off Field Support Staff</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chad Sanders – Chief of Staff - Football</li> <li>Chuck Nan – Football Information Director</li> <li>Fr. Matthew Maxwell – Rector &amp; Director of Campus Ministry</li> <li>Mike MacKellar – Equipment Manager</li> <li>Paul Scheper – Game Day - Public Address Announcer</li> <li>Shane Mielke – Head Statistician / Website Master &amp; Editor</li> <li>Thomas Chiotti – Statistical Analyst &amp; Special Projects</li> <li>Todd Norman – Strength, Conditioning &amp; Nutrition Coach</li> </ul>
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### **SMCHS Division 1 Commitment Status - Seniors**

- Aleki "Leki" Holani | Commitment: Sacramento State
- Dash Fifita | Commitment: Arizona
- Jayden Crowder | Commitment: USC
- Logan Hirou | Commitment: UCLA
- Manoah Faupusa | Commitment: Arizona
- Niniva Nicholson | Commitment: Arizona State
- Simote Katoanga | Commitment: USC
- Trace Johnson | Commitment: Tulane
- Trent Mosley | Commitment: USC
- Ty Swanson | Commitment: USC (Preferred Walk-On)
- Ivrick Carrigan | Uncommitted Division 1 Commitment - Junior

### **SMCHS Division 1 Commitment Status - Junior**

- Isaia Vandermade | Commitment: UCLA

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