



SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2025 VARSITY FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

2 State Championships

1997 Division II
2011 Division I

3 CIF-Southern Section Championships

1996 Division V
1997 Division V
2011 PAC-5

29 CIF-Southern Section Playoff Appearances

1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021 (Fall), 2022, 2023 & 2024

4 League Championships

1996, 1997, 2000 & 2001

37th Varsity Season

Overall Record: 255-159-3 (.615)
Home: 139-71-3 (.657)
Road: 116-88-0 (.569)

9 Nationally-Ranked Teams

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

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

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

1 Heisman Trophy Winner • 1 Johnny Unitas Award Winner • 1 Outland Trophy Winner • 1 NFL Walter Peyton "Man of the Year" Award Winner • 3 Elite 11 Quarterbacks • HS Ratings.com No. 10 Most Dominant Prep Football Program in California: 2001-2024

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



Santa Margarita Catholic Eagles (4-2) at Mater Dei Monarchs (4-1)

Santa Ana Bowl
Friday, October 10, 2025 • 7:00 p.m.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK'S GAME VS. SERVITE

Robust defense was again the order of the night as Santa Margarita Catholic High School (SMCHS) commenced Trinity League play with an impressive 17-7 victory over Servite (Anaheim) at the Santa Ana Bowl. The Eagles struck first when Jayden Crowder took a 15-yard pass from Trace Johnson and scored to make it 7-0. It was the first offensive touch of Crowder's career. After the Friars tied the game at 7-7, SMCHS would score again in the first half. This time it was on a 5-yard rush by Duce Smith to take a 14-7 lead at halftime. The second half saw hearty defense on both sides. The Eagles received a 23-yard field goal from Tyler Wiegand in the third quarter to push the game out-of-reach at 17-7, and that is where it ended. Several Eagles players contributed to the triumph on offense and defense.

- Trace Johnson: 23-for-38 (60.5%), 211 yards and 1 touchdown
 - Now has 1,216 yards passing for the season
 - 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)
 - 23 completions and the 35 attempts are both season highs
- Jaion "Duce" Smith: 16 rush attempts, 89 yards (5.6 average) and 1 touchdown
- Jayden Crowder: 3 receptions for 27 yards and a 15-yard touchdown -- on first offensive touch in SMCHS career
- Jake Martin: 6 receptions for 53 yards (8.5 average)
- Grant Mosley: 4 receptions for 58 yards (14.5 average)
- Griffin Brahm, Jaion Smith and Jayden Crowder all had three catches
- Tyler Wiegand: 23-yard field goal / With 2 PAT conversions, is now 15-for-15 for the season
- Vaimona Manutai: 1 sack
- Manoah Faupusa: 1 sack
- Logan Hirou: Led the team with 12 overall tackles
- The SMCHS defense has allowed one touchdown or less in three of six games played and 14-points or less in four of six contests

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT – DASH FIFITA



Santa Margarita's Dash Fifita inspired by brother and 'best friend' Noah

Football notes: The All-County linebacker aims to play with Noah next season at the University of Arizona.

By: Dan Albano | *Orange County Register*
September 30, 2025



si.com: Watch List for 2025 CIF-Southern Section Defensive Player of the Year

By: Tarek Fattal | si.com | October 2, 2025

- **Dash Fifita - Santa Margarita Catholic / Linebacker / Senior**



Orange County Register: Leader List for Orange County Defensive Player of the Year

By Steve Fryer | *Orange County Register* | October 2, 2025

- **Dash Fifita - Santa Margarita Catholic / Linebacker / Senior**

CURRENT COMPOSITE POLL RANKINGS

Media Outlet	Coverage Area	Poll Rank
<i>The Orange County Register</i> / ocregister.com	Orange County	3
<i>The Los Angeles Times</i> / latimes.com	Los Angeles Metro	6
	Orange County	3
<i>Cal-Hi Sports</i> / calhispports.com	California	4
	CIF-Southern Section	3
<i>HS Ratings</i> / hsratings.com	Nation - Computer	13
	California	6
	CIF-Southern Section	6
<i>MaxPreps.com</i> (PlayOn! Sports / NFHS Network)	Nation - Composite	17
	Nation - Computer	16
	Nation - Manual	16
	California	5
<i>si.com</i> / SBLive / scorebooklive.com	Nation	25
<i>Sports Illustrated High School</i>	Southwest Region	9
	California	7
	CIF-Southern Section	5
<i>Massey Ratings</i>	Nation	60
	California	7
	California - Composite	7
<i>On3.com</i> / <i>rivals</i>	Nation - Composite	21
	California	7
<i>High School Football America (HSFA)</i> / <i>NFL Play Football</i> <i>highschoolfootballamerica.com</i>	Nation	11
	California	5
<i>The Sporting News</i> / sportingnews.com	Nation	Not ranked
	Nation - Composite	21
	California	6
	CIF-Southern Section	6
<i>ESPN SC Next</i> / espn.com	Nation	19
	California	5
<i>USA Today High School Sports</i> / usatodayhss.com	Nation	29
	California	6
<i>RepMax Media High School Sports News</i> / repmaxmedia.com	California	5

Blue Star Media / bluestarmedia.org		Nation	Not ranked
		Far West Region	10
		California	7
JPWest Media / jpwestmedia.com		CIF-Southern Section	6
nationalhsfb.com / National High School Football		Nation	17
		California	6
ITG Next / itgnext.com		Nation	16
Here Mission Viejo / heremissionsviejo.com		CIF-Southern Section	7
InfoCityBA / infocityba.com.ar	Not current	CIF-Southern Section	5
Cal Coast Times / calcoasttimes.com		California	7

SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC - PLAYER NOTES, HIGHLIGHTS & STATS

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

- 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

- 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

- Was 23-for-38 (60.5%) for 211 yards, both season highs, in win at Servite. Has exceeded the 200-plus yard passing threshold in five of six games. The only exception being an early departure in the blowout win at Highland (Palmdale)
- Established new SMCHS career highs for passing yards (253), touchdown passes (4) and completion percentage (77.3%) in rout of Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village). Pass yardage for the game was the most by an Orange County high school quarterback for the week
- Was 8-of-12 (66.7%) for 120 yards and 2 touchdowns passing at Highland (Palmdale) -- Over 67.0% in each of first 3 games this season -- 68.2% overall. Current season record is 67.6% by Jaxon Potter, 67.6% in 2022
- Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com and a "Big games, big numbers" player by Tarek Fattal of si.com
- Threw two touchdown passes and rushed for another in upset win over Centennial (Corona) In all, was 17-of-25 passing (68.0%) for 209
- ESPN / SC Next Class of 2026 No. 74 Pocket Passer Quarterback Prospect
- Ranked No. 28 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 *The Sporting News* as the No. 10 quarterback in the state
- Named by PrepRedZone.com as the No. 3 senior quarterback in Orange County for Class of 2026
- Selected Third-Team All-Southern California - Quarterback by si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 5 top quarterback in Orange County
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- Named by On3.com as the No. 2 high school transfer that will make a big impact nationally this fall (07/01/25)
- Transfer from Buchholz High Scholl in Gainesville, Florida

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

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

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

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

- Guided the Eagles in three offensive series' versus Highland (Palmdale) and was 1-of-2 passing for 20 yards. Followed that effort with a showing of 4-for-5 for 54 yards at Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village)
- Briefly saw first action of varsity career as he took a snap from center in the last play of regulation versus Centennial (Corona) -- kneel down
- MaxPreps.com Freshman Highlights - December 12, 2024
<https://www.maxpreps.com/video/watch/carson-palmer-s-son-fletch-palmer-freshmanqb-2024-highlights/?v=146f8264-efa1-47f0-9111-c2ae7eb60fa2>

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

- Now has 176 career pass receptions. The school record is 178 by Brian Finneran. No doubt he would have broken the mark much sooner season but missed games due to injury
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-State Team -- First-Team - Multi-Purpose
- 2025 MaxPreps.com Preseason All-America selection: Second-Team - Athlete
- 2025 *The Sporting News* No. 2 Wide Receiver in California
- 2025 si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive All-CIF Southern Section Preseason Team - Athlete
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com All-Southern California Preseason Team – Receiver
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com No. 3 Receiver to Watch in Southern California

- ESPN / SC Next Class of 2026 No. 34 Wide Receiver Prospect
- Ranked No. 3 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive No. 6 Wide Receiver to Watch
- 2025 *Orange County Register* as the No. 1 receiver in Orange County -- Second-consecutive year
- 2025 *The Sporting News* Preseason First-Team All-State Team - Offense
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports, for class of 2026, as the No. 15 Hot 100 prospect in California (06/26/25)
- Committed to further his career at USC. Had nearly 20 Division 1 offers from top-tier schools including: Alabama, Georgia, Michigan, Oregon, Michigan State, Texas A&M, USC, San Diego State, Stanford, Texas and Notre Dame
- 2024 PrepRedzone.com All-Southern California Junior Team - Offense
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports: Second-Team All-State Elite Team
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports First-Team All-State Junior Team - Multi-Purpose
- 2024 All-CIF-Southern Section Team
- 2024 *The Sporting News* California All-State High School Football Team: First-Team – All-Purpose
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Offense
- 2024 SBLive / scorebooklive.com / si.com All-CIF Southern Section First-Team - Offense
- 2024 All-Orange County First-Team - Offense (*Orange County Register*)
- 2024 All-Trinity League First-Team - Offense
- Was the featured guest on “Friday Night Live” on Thursday, November 14 -- Prep sports show hosted by *Los Angeles Times* prep guru Eric Sondheimer on “X”
- Continued his assault on the SMCHS Record Book. Mosley caught all least one pass in 28-consecutive games played. The school record is 29 by Brian Finneran in 1993 and Mosley lost his opportunity to establish that mark due to injury
- *Los Angeles Times*’ Southland Top Performers for the Week at Orange Lutheran
- Praised by Steve Fryer of the *Orange County Register* for putting self development and team before personal
- Named to the MaxPreps.com Preseason Junior All-America First-Team - Wide Receiver
- Ranked No. 2 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2024 -- “Mosley emerged last season as arguably the top offensive weapon in the County”
- Subject of online feature on Cal-Hi Sports (calhismsports.com) “Trent Mosley: Man On The Move” by Chuck Nan -- Published: October 3, 2024 / Link: <https://www.calhismsports.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

- Tied career-high for total tackles in a game with 12 in win over Servite. Named by PrepRedzone.com as having one of the Top Southern California Defensive Games in Week 6
- Interception return for 48 yards and a touchdown at Highland (Palmdale). Now has 9 career interceptions. School record is 12 by Brad Finneran (1991-93)
- Ranked No. 37 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 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 receiver in loss to Bishop Gorman with five catches for 73 yards (19.0 average)
- Continued to show remarkable talent as he caught a career-high seven passes versus Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village). Scored one touchdown in third-consecutive game
- Collected one reception for 14 yards and a touchdown in win over Highland (Palmdale)
- PrepRedZone.com: Standout class of 2028 performer in Southern California for Weeks 0 and 1
- With brother Trent watching from the sidelines with an injury, caught a perfect rainbow throw from Trace Johnson for his first high school touchdown -- 39 yards
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com No. 3 Sophomore Receiver to Watch in Southern California
- Cal-Hi Sports: California Freshman Football Players to Watch – 2024 Season -- Older brother Emmett V had a tremendous season as a freshman at Stanford coming off a knee injury and older brother Trent is one of the state's top Class of 2026 prospects as a versatile receiver here at SMCHS
- Became the third Mosley brother to play for the Eagles program. Captured his first varsity reception -- 32 yards -- against Mission Viejo

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

- 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

- Collected 1 1/2 sacks as SMCHS stunned Centennial (Corona). Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-State Team -- First-Team - Defense
- ESPN / SC Next Class of 2026 No. 12 Defensive End Prospect
- Ranked No. 16 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 *The Sporting News* No. 12 Defensive Lineman in California
- 2025 No. 3 Defensive Lineman to Watch by si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive
- 2025 Preseason All-Southland First-Team - Defense by the *Los Angeles Times*
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 5 lineman in Orange County
- Named by *USA Today* High School Sports / usatodayhss.com as the top-rated defensive lineman recruit in California for the Class of 2026
- 2025 *The Sporting News* Preseason Third-Team All-State Team - Defense
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports, for class of 2026, as the No. 17 Hot 100 prospect in California (06/26/25)
- 2024 *Orange County Register* All-County Second-Team - Defense
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports Second-Team All-State Junior Team - Defense
- 2024 First-Team All-Trinity League - Defense
- Committed to play at USC after having received 30 Division 1 offers -- Arizona, Arizona State, California, Clemson, Georgia, Kansas, Miami (Florida), Michigan State, Florida State, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Oklahoma State, Oregon, Sacramento State, San Diego State, Tennessee, Texas, Texas A&M, Nevada - Las Vegas, South Florida, Utah, Washington, Washington State, Western Michigan, Wisconsin, Central Michigan and Marshall

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

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

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

- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- 2024 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Defense

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

- Has logged two sacks in 2025 – one versus Mission Viejo and one against Servite

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

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

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

- Collected three pass receptions in overtime upset win over 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 and California

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

- Combined with teammate Jaion Smith to gain 156 yards on the ground versus Centennial (Corona). Petero grinded and drove to gain the final two yards of real estate and score the winning touchdown in overtime as well. It was the first score in his young career. Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com

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

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

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

- 2023 All-Trinity Honorable Mention - Defense

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

- Contributed 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

- Enjoyed first career touchdown score on a 2-yard pass reception in victory at Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Finished with the best game of his young career with one interception and one sack versus Liberty (Bakersfield) in 2024

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

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

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

- Registered two sacks in loss to Bishop Gorman (Las Vegas) and then followed with another versus Servite a week later
- 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

- Is currently 15-for-15 in PAT attempts for the season
- Was a perfect 6-for-6 in PAT attempts in rout of Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village)
- Kicked two successful field goals in win at Highland (Palmdale) -- 34 and 35 yards in length

THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT: MATER DEI**SMCHS Season Game No. 7 / Trinity League Game No. 2**

Game Day / Date / Time: Friday, October 10, 2025 / 7:00 p.m.

Game Location: Santa Ana Bowl

Nickname: Monarchs

Head Coach: Raul Lara

2025 Season: 4-1

Last Week: Won 25-10 @ @ Orange Lutheran

2024 Season: Overall: 13-0 / Trinity League: 5-0 / CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 Playoffs: 3-0 | CIF State Championship - Defeated De La Salle (Concord), 37-15 | **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

All-Time Series: Mater Dei leads

Last Game: 2024 -- Mater Dei 40, Santa Margarita Catholic 18 (@ Trabuco Hills HS)

Last SMCHS Win: 2013 -- Santa Margarita Catholic 16, Mater Dei 7 (@ Santa Ana Bowl)

Key Players to Watch:

- Mark Bowman | Tight End | Senior
- Kayden Dixon-Wyatt | Wide Receiver | Senior
- Malachi Roby | Running Back | Senior
- Kodi Greene | Offensive Lineman | Senior
- Lex Mailangi | Offensive Lineman | Junior
- Cory "C.J." Lavender, Jr. | Defensive Back | Senior
- Tomuhini Topui, | Defensive Lineman | Senior
- Shaun Scott | Linebacker | Senior
- Chris Henry | Wide Receiver | Senior

- Gavin Honore | Wide Receiver | Junior
- Montana Toilolo | Defensive Lineman | Junior
- Ezekiel Su'a | Linebacker | Junior
- Aaryn Washington | Defensive Back | Junior
- Mike Davis, Jr. | Linebacker | Senior

NEXT WEEK'S OPPONENT: ST. JOHN BOSCO -- HOMECOMING



HOMECOMING

SMCHS Season Game No. 8 / Trinity League Game No. 3

Game Day / Date / Time: Friday, October 17, 2025 / 7:00 p.m.

Game Location: Trabuco Hills High School (Mission Viejo)

Nickname: Braves

Head Coach: Jason Negro

2025 Season: 6-0

Last Week: Won 70-21 @ JSerra Catholic

2024 Season: Overall: 11-2 / Trinity League: 4-1 / CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 Playoffs: 2-1

All-Time Series: St. John Bosco leads 18-5

Last Games: 2024

- Regular Season: St. John Bosco 13, Santa Margarita Catholic 0 (@ Bellflower)
- CIF-Southern Section Division 1 Playoffs: St. John Bosco 31, Santa Margarita Catholic 29 (@ Bellflower)

Last SMCHS Win: 2011 -- Santa Margarita Catholic 28, St. John Bosco 20 (@ Saddleback College)

Key Players to Watch:

- C.J. Wallace | Place Kicker | Senior
- Carson Clark | Wide Receiver | Senior
- Daniel Odom | Wide Receiver | Senior
- Dutch Horisk | Defensive Lineman | Senior
- Isala Wily-Ava | Defensive Back | Junior
- Jailen Hill | Defensive Back | Junior
- Josh Poyer | Linebacker | Senior
- Joshua Holland | Defensive Back | Senior

- Kaden Franco | Offensive Lineman | Junior
- Koa Malau'ulu | Quarterback | Sophomore
- Luke Barley | Offensive Lineman | Junior
- Madden Williams | Wide Receiver | Senior
- Maddux Sorenson | Offensive Lineman | Senior
- Maliq Allen | Running Back | Junior
- Matthew Muasau | Linebacker | Senior



2025 MATER DEI MONARCHS

Varsity Football Roster

No.	Player Name	Pos.	Class
0	Shaun Scott	LB	Senior
3	Malachi Roby	RB	Senior
4	Kayden Dixon-Wyatt	WR	Senior
5	C.J. Lavender, Jr.	DB	Senior
6	Gavin Honore	WR	Junior
8	Ace Leutele	DB	Sophomore
9	Dailon Clanton	LB	Junior
10	Ryan Hopkins	QB	Senior
12	Furian Inferrera	QB	Junior
13	John Murphy	DB	Senior
14	Jaylen Grier	DB	Sophomore
15	Chris Henry, Jr.	WR	Senior
16	Trevor Scott	QB	Freshman
17	Kye Crump	WR	Junior
18	Koen Parnell	WR	Senior
19	Mark Bowman	TE	Senior
20	Danny Lang	DB	Junior
21	Aaryn Washington	DB	Junior
22	Pat Hall	DB	Junior
23	Mykel Ramos	DB	Sophomore
24	David King III	DB	Sophomore
25	Javier (Harvey) Millan	LB	Sophomore
26	Peyton Lehner	WR	Senior
27	Troy Bishop	DB	Sophomore
28	Kennie Leggett	RB	Junior
29	Ahmad King	RB	Sophomore
30	Stavros Tseheridis	LB	Junior
31	Kye Duval	DL	Sophomore
32	Michael Davis	LB	Junior
33	Justin Lewis	RB	Senior
34	Asir Nembhard	RB	Freshman
35	Roman Bishop	DB	Freshman
36	Emmanuel Beaver	DB	Freshman
37	Matthew Blalock	LB	Sophomore
38	Aidan Lynch	WR	Junior
39	Charlie Peterson	DB	Sophomore
40	Eti Taula	DL	Junior
41	Kenneth Ashley, Jr.	DB	Freshman
42	Mark Allen Jr.	RB	Freshman
43	Jaedyn Tuato	DB	Freshman
44	Sosene Schuster	LB	Freshman
45	Mason Mejias	ATH	Senior

No.	Player Name	Pos.	Class
46	Matamatagi Uiagalelei	DL	Junior
47	Connor Page	LB	Sophomore
48	Christopher Ciampa	RB	Senior
49	Nasir Esanbor	RB	Sophomore
50	Montana Toilolo	DL	Junior
51	Jerry Cazales	LB	Freshman
52	Tomu Topui	DL	Senior
53	Jason Padilla	LB	Junior
55	Ezekiel Su'a	LB	Junior
57	Litani Moala	DL	Freshman
58	Leonidas Atimua	DL	Junior
60	Makai Thomas	DL	Freshman
61	Kamarion Wiley	OL	Freshman
62	Rhys Fa'amausili	OL	Freshman
64	Cornelius Lee	OL	Senior
65	Valentino Letuli	OL	Freshman
67	Owen Neill	OL	Senior
68	Sione Haupeakui	DL	Freshman
70	Joe Hamby	OL	Junior
71	Damian Armenta	OL	Freshman
72	Jreick Taulolo	OL	Sophomore
73	Matthew Hergott	OL	Sophomore
76	Kodi Greene	OL	Senior
77	Adam Foglesong	OL	Junior
78	Lex Mailangi	OL	Junior
79	Jacob Potasi	DL	Freshman
82	Manoah Leiato	TE	Senior
83	Dylan Paolone	WR	Sophomore
84	Glenn Lyles, Jr.	WR	Sophomore
85	Gabriel Lambaren	LB	Junior
86	Zach Hoegler	LS	Senior
87	Jacob Campizta	TE	Freshman
88	Jerry Shifman	K	Sophomore
89	Viliami Sisifa	DL	Freshman
90	Benicio Maldonado	DL	Sophomore
91	Angel Villanueva	K	Junior
92	Zessi Hu	DB	Senior
93	Nathan Enriquez	K	Sophomore
94	Maui Williams	DL	Junior
96	Nicholas Ware	LB	Freshman
97	Jerry Shifman	K	Sophomore

