



SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2026 FOOTBALL SEASON GAME NOTES

3 CIF State Championships
1997 Division II (Cal-Hi Sports Poll)
2011 Division I
2025 Open

4 CIF Southern Section Championships
1996 Division V, 1997 Division V
2011 PAC-5 & **2025 Division I**

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**

38th Varsity Season
Overall Record: 263-160-3 (.621)
Home Record: 143-72-3 (.663)
Road Record: 120-88-0 (.577)

10 Nationally-Ranked Teams
1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2011,
2012, 2017, 2024, 2025 & **2026**

2025 Season: CIF State - Open Division Champions / Cal-Hi Sports State Football Team of the Year / Consensus State No. 1
HSRatings.com Analysis: No. 17 Top Single Season in California Since 2003 / No. 9 Dominant Program in California Since 2001

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

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



Santa Margarita Catholic Eagles (1-0) at Centennial (Corona) (1-0)

Husky Stadium (Campus)
Friday, August 28, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.



LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS VS. JONES

The defending CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 and State Open Division champions opened the season at home against a quality interstate opponent -- Jones High School (Orlando). Santa Margarita Catholic High School (SMCHS) looked to still be stacked with talent in year two under Head Coach Carson Palmer as they demonstrated physicality, experience and confidence last Friday night as the Eagles rolled to a 27-0 victory.

The two prevailing story lines were 1.) the defensive effort and 2.) contributions by incoming freshmen. SMCHS started four freshmen, including three on defense. That defense gelled quickly as they shutdown the Tigers' offensive efforts in every facet. Here is a summary of the Eagles' notable efforts:

Category	Mark
Rushing Yards Allowed	- 12
Passing Yards Allowed	55
Total Net Offensive Yards Allowed	43
Sacks Registered	9
Tackles for Loss	12
Interceptions	2

Notes:

- **The 9 sacks establishes a new single-game record for Eagles' football**
- The last shutout for SMCHS came in the "2020 season," with those season's games played in spring 2021 due to COVID-19. That blanking was dealt to JSerra Catholic, 42-0. The Eagles are now 7-6 versus out-of state opponents all-time.

Most Team Sacks – Single-Game – SMCHS History

Opponent	Sacks	Game Date
Jones (Orlando, Florida)	9	August 21, 2026
@ Newport Harbor	8	December 14, 1996
Centennial (Corona) *	7	November 28, 2025
Mullen (Denver)	7	September 9, 2022

JSerra Catholic	7	October 1, 2021
@ Bishop Amat	7	October 17, 2003

* = CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 Championship Game at the Rose Bowl

The offense saw a new quarterback at the helm that utilized all of his available weapons. Fletch Palmer scanned the field and found six different receivers en route to his 242 yards passing. Kiyan Callis was the favored target in this game with 9 pass receptions for 105 yards (11.7 average) and one score. Grant Van Raaphorst caught a long touchdown pass of 39 yards in the fourth quarter. Overall, the offense gained 364 yards of total offense.

Performance Notables

- Fletch Palmer: 21-of-31 passing (66.7 %), 242 yards and 2 touchdowns
- Freshman Kiyan Callis: 9 pass receptions for 105 yards (11.7 average) and one touchdown
- Grant Van Raaphorst: First pass reception and touchdown (39 yards) of SMCHS career -- 3 for 69 yards (23.0 average)
- Aaron Klatt Now has 30 pancake blocks for his career with 3 versus Jones
- Aydan Steen: Freshman linebacker led team with 3 sacks, 10 total tackles and 3 tackles for loss
- Pass interceptions: Ca'ron Williams and freshman Jayden Jack
- Rushing touchdowns: Jaion Smith and Adrian Petero
- "Sack Attack": Aydan Steen (3), K.J. Herndon (2), Kingston Jimmerson (1), Dax Karney (1), Curren King (1) and Chris Kraninger (1)

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General Notes



CIF-Southern Section Ford Football Game of the Week
Spectrum New 1 and Spectrum SportsNet

Game of the Week

- Santa Margarita Catholic appeared as the CIF-Southern Section Ford Football Game of the Week on November 21, 2025, in the Division 1 playoff semifinals against Orange Lutheran at Orange Coast College. Prior to that the Eagles appeared on the feature "Game of the Week" broadcast just a few weeks earlier on October 17, 2025, a home game versus St. John Bosco.

Santa Margarita Catholic Televised Football Broadcasts Since 2016 Season

Opponent School	Game Date	Broadcast Network
De La Salle (Concord)	December 13, 2025	Spectrum News (@ Saddleback College)
St. John Bosco	October 17, 2025	Spectrum News
@ Centennial	August 30, 2024	Bally Sports SoCal
@ San Juan Hills	August 19, 2022	Bally Sports West / Bally Sports SoCal
Mission Viejo	September 22, 2017	Fox Sports West (delay)
@ Serra (Gardena)	November 4, 2016	Fox Sports West Prime Ticket

Trojan Notebook: Former Quarterbacks Have Sons Teaming Up

- Last Friday's Santa Margarita Catholic High School (SMCHS) football game featured quarterback Fletch Palmer throwing a touchdown pass to wide receiver Grant Van Raaphorst. Palmer is the son of SMCHS Head Coach and ex-USC quarterback Carson Palmer. Van Raaphorst is the son of former USC quarterback Mike Van Raaphorst. Carson Palmer and Mike Van Raaphorst were teammates at USC.

Strength of Schedule

- Some analytics and / or computer program model outlets attempt to make the point that SMCHS's overall strength of schedule (SOS) rating has dropped compared to their 2025 campaign (and ever prior to that). It's far too early to venture an opinion. Head Coach Carson Palmer and company face multiple Top-10 nationally ranked powerhouses in both the nonleague portion of the slate and the Trinity League. By virtue of playing one of the most demanding schedules in the nation, the Eagles will vault right back into the argument, as usual, as having of the toughest in the land along with the other five league schools.

Open Challenge

- Saint Frances Academy of Baltimore, Maryland, an elite national prep football school, has issued an open challenge targeting the nation's other elite powerhouses across eight states – thus reinforcing the program's signature “anytime, anywhere” approach. As with Trinity League schools, opponents are tough to find. The school routinely log thousands of miles traveling cross-country -- often upward of 7,500 to 8,000 miles a season. The “challenge” includes four Trinity League schools: Santa Margarita Catholic, St. John Bosco, Mater Dei and Orange Lutheran. Aside from SMCHS, the Panthers have faced the other three schools and have a combined record of 0-6 record. Their lone victory over a California school is against De La Salle. Interesting, the Spartans are not included on the Panthers' current top-tier list.

CIF Southern Section – Division 1 Playoff Plans?

- Eric Sondheimer, prep sports guru for the *Los Angeles Times*, asks the following question: How many teams will make the Southern Section Division 1 playoffs? “Don't look for more than eight. The Southern Section wants competitive equity, and the leading candidates at the end of the season can already be predicted: St. John Bosco, Santa Margarita, Orange Lutheran, Mater Dei, Servite, Corona Centennial, Sierra Canyon and Mission Viejo.

Coach Palmer and Coaching High School Football

- Coach Carson Palmer Shares His Purpose for Giving Back to Football at the Prep Level – Article by: Sam Farmer - Staff Writer of the *Los Angeles Times* / | August 20, 2026

<https://www.latimes.com/sports/highschool/story/2026-08-20/why-former-nfl-players-are-becoming-high-school-football-coaches>

<https://sports.yahoo.com/articles/obligation-back-former-nfl-players-110000291.html>

Team Captains

- The team has elected five deserving players as the captains for the 2026 season. These leaders are
 - 9 Luke Gazzaniga
 - 21 Ca'ron Williams
 - 53 Isaia Vandermade
 - 56 Aaron Klatt
 - 58 Tonga Uhila

HEAD COACH CARSON PALMER

Head Coach Carson Palmer excelled in both football and basketball while here at Santa Margarita Catholic High School. By his senior year in 1997, he was considered one of the top quarterbacks in the country, as he threw for 2,685 yards and 31 touchdowns while leading his team to its second-straight Southern Section title. The club was undefeated at 14-0 and Palmer finished his career with a stellar 23-1 mark as a starter. He garnered the Southern Section Division V Co-Offensive Most Valuable Player award, as well as, established an astounding 27 school records and had his No. 3 jersey retired.

It was off to the University of Southern California where he was a four-year starter. While there, Palmer set or tied 33 Pac-10 and USC total offense and passing records. As a senior in 2002 he became USC's fifth Heisman Trophy Award winner. It was the first time since 1981 that the prestigious honor was bestowed to a player from the West Coast and Troy's first-ever from the quarterback position.

In that same season, Palmer led the Trojans to a share of the Pac-10 title. He was also a consensus First-Team All-America or Player of the Year selection from multiple outlets including CNNSI College Football, the Football Writers Association of America, CBS Sportsline.com and ESPN.com. Palmer also earned Pac-10 Co-Offensive Player of the Year, USC's Most Valuable Player award and the Unitas Golden Arm Award, presented to the top senior quarterback in the nation.

Palmer was the first overall pick in the 2003 NFL Draft, chosen by the Cincinnati Bengals, for whom he played eight seasons. During his tenure in Cincinnati, he helped lead the team to its first winning season and playoff appearance in 15 years and was named to two Pro Bowls. After being traded to the Oakland Raiders where he stayed for two seasons (2011-12), Palmer started 24 games and threw for 6,771 yards and 35 touchdowns. In 2012, Palmer amassed 4,018 passing yards, ranking as one of the highest in franchise history.

Palmer then joined the Arizona Cardinals where he finished out his NFL career from 2013 to 2017. He peaked in 2015 by throwing for 4,671 yards and 35 touchdowns, leading the franchise to a 13-3 record and an NFC Championship Game. Palmer was also selected to his third Pro Bowl, and selected as Second-Team All-Pro. Palmer retired following the 2017 regular season after setting several franchise passing records.

SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC - PLAYER NOTES, HIGHLIGHTS & STATS

0 Aydan Steen | Linebacker / Interior Line | Freshman | 6-2 / 210

- Enjoyed one of the finest defensive debuts by a freshman or player in first varsity game versus Jones (Orlando). Registered 3 sacks, 10 total tackles and 3 tackles for loss – all led team in those categories: *Los Angeles Times* Top Star Performers for the Week in the Southland
- Identified as a standout prospect by Six Star Football -- highlighting elite prospects and talent in Fall
- Ranked the No. 18 “Freshman Player to Watch” in the Southern Section for 2026 by High School on SI
- Picked by editor James Escarcega of the Southern California High School Football Report as one of the key players in the Trinity League for 2026
- Named by PreActive / PASports / @pre_aktivesports as the No. 14 top class of 2030 incoming freshmen Watch List prospect for the CIF Southern Section
- High school debut is much anticipated by Dan Albano of the *Orange County Register* -- cited as one of the top incoming freshmen in Orange County
- Selected as the “Overall Most Valuable Player Award” recipient at the Under the Radar Straight Baller Camp in Spring
- Has received Division 1 offers from USC, UCLA, Southern Methodist (SMU) and Miami (Florida)
- Projected to be a top-50 national recruit -- aggressive, downhill athlete who can deliver big hits

1 Jaion Johnson-Smith | Linebacker / Running Back | Junior | 6-0 / 190 | Two-Year Varsity Starter

- Logged 53 yards rushing and scored one touchdown in win over Jones (Orlando) -- the fourteenth of his career
- Identified as a standout prospect by Six Star Football -- highlighting elite prospects and talent in Fall
- Ranked the No. 3 running back to watch in the Southern Section for 2026 by High School on SI
- Selected by OCVarsity (Orange County Register) as No. 45 on the Hot 150 high school football players likely to have the biggest impact on the field in 2026
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 80 prospect in California and No. 6 at his position for class of 2028 in Summer
- Named by the *Orange County Register* as No. 3 among the “Top Running Backs to Watch in 2026” from Orange County
- Has made the transition to the defensive side of the ball for 2026 and will play linebacker. Led the Eagles in rushing his freshman and sophomore seasons
- Named by MaxPreps.com as one of the Key Players for the No. 6 nationally-ranked Eagles’ for 2026
- PrepRedzone.com Underclass Trinity League Running Backs to Watch in Winter
- PrepRedzone.com state prospect rankings: Overall - No. 53 / Position - No. 3 in February
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Sophomore All-State Football Second-Team - Offense
- 2025 All-Trinity League First-Team - Offense
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee
- Rolled for 127 yards rushing on 19 attempts (6.7 average) and one touchdown in final regular season win of 2025 at JSerra Catholic -- new career high
- Collected a 41-yard pass reception in historic win versus Mater Dei on October 10 in 2025
- Scored what proved to be the game-winning touchdown in victory over Servite in 2025
- 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, California, USC and Texas State
- 2024 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense

2 Ryan Clark | Wide Receiver | Junior | 5-10 / 150

- Selected by OCVarsity (*Orange County Register*) as No. 121 on the Hot 150 high school football players likely to have the biggest impact on the field in 2026
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the No.155 prospect in California and No. 14 at his position for class of 2028 in Summer
- PrepRedzone.com No. 1 Receiver to Watch at the Exposure Series Preview Showcase in Spring -- Great deep threat who can create separation with his speed and win in man coverage and versatile enough to succeed in multiple alignments. Event showcases in high school prospects to compete and gain exposure
- PrepRedzone.com state prospect rankings: Overall - No. 98 / Position - No. 9 in February
- 2025 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com Rising Star and Early Off-Season Notable Underclassman from Southern California
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com class of 2028 Potential Breakout Receivers in Orange County
- Received his first Division 1 offer from Sacramento State in the Winter
- Was the second leading receiver for SMCHS with 384 yards on 27 catches with six touchdowns last season -- emerging as the top receiver when Trent Mosley was down due to injury
- Continued to contribute strong production to the Eagle's offense as the first half come to a close with one reception, 26 yards and one touchdown in 42-7 rout of Centennial in the CIF Southern Section - Division 1 championship
- Enjoyed the best game of his career, thus far, with two pass receiving touchdowns (33 and 42 yards) in the CIF Southern Section - Division 1 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 of 2025 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 also "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

3 Fletch Palmer | Quarterback | Junior | 6-2 / 190

- Turned in one of the best starting debuts for an SMCHS quarterback in dominant win over Jones (Orlando). Was 21-of-31 passing (66.7 %), with 242 yards and 2 touchdowns thrown. One was to fellow junior Grant Van Raaphorst for 39 yards to seal the game in the fourth quarter. In all, connected with six different receivers: *Los Angeles Times* Top Star Performers for the Week in the Southland
- Palmer's 242 yards passing is tied for fourth-most in a first career start for an Eagle quarterback (see chart)

Most Passing Yards in First Career Start at SMCHS - All-Time				
Quarterback	Yards	Opponent	Date	Class
John Gazzaniga	377	@ Bishop Amat	September 7, 2023	Junior (Transfer)
Peter Costelli	325	Downey	August 16, 2018	Sophomore
Jaxon Potter	294	San Juan Hills	August 20, 2021	Junior (Transfer)
Fletch Palmer	243	Jones (Orlando, Florida)	August 21, 2026	Junior
K.J. Costello	243	@ Bishop Amat	August 30, 2013	Sophomore
Josiah Norwood	243	@ Downey	August 25, 2017	Senior (Transfer)

- 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 Jayden Jack | Wide Receiver / Athlete | Freshman | 5-11 / 190

- Gathered his first career interception in his first varsity game versus Jones (Orlando)
- Identified as a standout prospect by Six Star Football -- highlighting elite prospects and talent in Fall
- Picked by editor James Escarcega of the Southern California High School Football Report as one of the key players in the Trinity League for 2026
- Named by PreAcktive / PASports / @pre_aktivesports as the No. 17 top class of 2030 incoming freshmen Watch List prospect for the CIF Southern Section
- High school debut is much anticipated by Dan Albano of the *Orange County Register* -- cited as one of the top incoming freshmen in Orange County
- Has received a Division 1 offer from USC

- Named “Most Valuable Player” of the 8th-grade championship game with Top Flight Eagles in January
- Has played for the Top Flight Eagles (8th Grade), Los Angeles Rams 13U, O'Donovan 7v7 and Hell Star 7v7

5 Curren King | Safety / Linebacker | Junior | 6-0 / 185

- Two-year varsity player with 12 total tackles and 2 passes defended

6 Grant Mosley | Wide Receiver | Junior | 6-0 / 180

- Picked by Cannon Sports as the No. 6 Top Wide Receiver in California for the class of 2028
- Identified as a standout prospect by Six Star Football -- highlighting elite prospects and talent in Fall
- Mitch Stephens / High School on SI: One of the Top Receivers to Watch in California for 2026: Rocker!
- Greg Biggins -- On3.com / rivals: A huge weapon
- Selected by OCVarsity (*Orange County Register*) as No. 111 on the Hot 150 high school football players likely to have the biggest impact on the field in 2026
- Named by High School on SI as one of the Top Wide Receivers to Watch in CIF Southern Section Football in 2026
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 41 prospect in California and No. 5 at his position for class of 2028 in Summer
- Named by PreActive / PASports / @pre_aktivesports as the No. 18 top class of 2028 junior Watch List prospect for the CIF Southern Section
- Named one of the top Wide Receivers in the Southland for 2026 by Eric Sondheimer of the *Los Angeles Times*
- Named by MaxPreps.com as one of the Key Players for the No. 6 nationally-ranked Eagles' for 2026
- Featured in published article by West Coast Preps -- “Underclassman Spotlight: Is Santa Margarita Catholic's Grant Mosley next up?” -- A highly touted class of 2028 wide receiver with a prominent football bloodline (06/18/26)
- Has received Division 1 offers from Washington, Oregon, UCLA, USC, Sacramento State, Minnesota, Colorado State and San Diego State
- PrepRedzone.com state prospect rankings: Overall - No. 63 / Position - No. 8 in February
- 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 for the 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 High School Football America Academic All-America selection
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com No. 3 Sophomore Receiver to Watch in Southern California
- Cal-Hi Sports: California Freshman Football Players to Watch in the 2024 Season

7 Cruz Nuñez | Linebacker / Tight End | Senior | 6-3 / 222

- Has received a Division 1 offer from Cornell
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee
- 2025 Statistics: 2 pass receptions, 41 yards and 1 touchdown / 38 total tackles (3 1/2 for loss) and 2 sacks
- 2024 Statistics: 32 total tackles (6 for loss) and 4 sacks
- Transfer from JSerra Catholic High School

9 Luke Gazzaniga | Tight End | Senior | 6-4 / 235

- Named by High School on SI as a member of the 2026 CIF Southern Section Preseason All-Star Team
- 2026 *USA Today* High School Sports Preseason All-West Region Third-Team - Tight End
- Mitch Stephens / High School on SI: One of the Top Receivers to Watch in California for 2026: Mover!
- 2026 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Southern Section Third-Team - Offense
- Chosen the No. 2 tight end in California and No. 13 in the nation by *USA Today* High School Sports
- Lauded by Eric Sondheimer of the *Los Angeles Times* for both his toughness and skill -- utilizes the “Oklahoma drill” to train in feature entitled “Tight end Luke Gazzaniga Is Set To Fight To The Finish”
- Picked by editor James Escarcega of the Southern California High School Football Report as one of the key players in the Trinity League for 2026
- Named by West Coast Preps as the No. 1 tight end in Southern California for the 2026 season
- Selected by OCVarsity (*Orange County Register*) as No. 39 on the Hot 150 high school football players likely to have the biggest impact on the field in 2026
- Named by the *Orange County Register* as No. 9 among the “Top Wide Receivers and Tight Ends to Watch in 2026” from Orange County

- Named by MaxPreps.com as one of the Key Players for the No. 6 nationally-ranked Eagles' for 2026

The Whole Package

By: Greg Biggins - Rivals National Recruiting Analyst and Andy Villamarzo - On3.com / rivals Prep Journalist (06/09/26)

- Prototype tight end with an ideal frame to play in any situation
- Well-rounded player who can line up out wide, in the slot or attached
- Flashed at multiple off-season events and showed the ability to work the seam and get vertical
- Natural pass catcher with strong hands and catches it well through contact
- Strong blocker, especially in run situations and will routinely drive his man down the field or bury him at the point of attack
- Advanced as a route runner
- Has committed to Kansas to continue his football career. Had received Division 1 offers from Duke, Arizona, Arizona State, Nevada-Las Vegas, California, Hawaii, Kansas, Utah, Southern Methodist (SMU), Washington State, New Mexico, San Jose State, Colorado State, San Diego State and Sacramento State
- Cited by Tom Lemming / Lemming Prep Report as one of the more talented tight end professional prospects in the West region – a class of 2027 all-around player who can run, catch in a wide radius and block
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 68 prospect in California and No. 4 at his position in Winter
- PrepRedzone.com: In 2025, emerged as one of the top tight end prospects in the state -- big downfield target with blocking -- one of the Top Offensive Newcomers
- Scored a key touchdown late in the first half in 42-7 rout of Centennial in the CIF Southern Section - Division 1 championship – two receptions, 39 yards (19.5 average) and one touchdown
- Quickly become a favorite target of quarterback Trace Johnson. In the first two games as teammates, the duo hooked up for 11 receptions covering 150 yards (13.6 average) before missing several games with an injury
- 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 Southern Section - Division 1 First Round playoff game in 2024

10 Kiyan Callis | Wide Receiver | Freshman | 5-10 / 170

- Started at wide receiver and didn't disappoint with 9 pass receptions for 105 yards (11.7 average)
- Identified as a standout prospect by Six Star Football -- highlighting elite prospects and talent in Fall
- Ranked the No. 6 "Freshman Player to Watch" in the Southern Section for 2026 by High School on SI
- Picked by editor James Escarcega of the Southern California High School Football Report as one of the key players in the Trinity League for 2026
- Named by PreActive / PASports / @pre_aktivesports as the No. 7 top class of 2030 incoming freshmen Watch List prospect for the CIF Southern Section
- Named a "Top Performer" at the South County Passing Classic by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com: will be a major contributor as a freshman for the Eagles
- Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com had this to offer after seeing Callis perform at the "Battle of the Beach" 7v7: "Has a chance to be one of the best freshmen offensive players in the state this season"
- Has received Division 1 offers from USC, UCLA and Miami (Florida)
- Selected as the "Offensive Most Valuable Player Award" recipient at the Under the Radar Straight Baller Camp in Spring

11 West Stansbury | Quarterback | Junior | 6-4 / 230

- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 116 prospect in California and No. 18 at his position for class of 2028 in Summer
- Holds Division 1 offers from UCLA and Texas - El Paso (UTEP)
- PrepRedzone.com prospect rankings - Texas: Overall - No. 63 / Position - No. 8 in February
- Father Ed was nationally-ranked quarterback prospect out of Irvin High School (El Paso) in 1997. Was backup at UCLA for two seasons before making the move to fullback. Played for the Houston Texans in 2002. Uncle Don was a defensive lineman for Southern Methodist (SMU) from 2001-05 and uncle Hal was a fullback for Texas - El Paso (UTEP) in the mid-1990s
- Has attended numerous prospect camps over the past three years
- Stansbury is a traits-based evaluation, and those traits are real. The frame is college-ready, and his ability to generate power without over swinging is impressive for his age. He throws with rhythm and shows an understanding of sequencing reads, even with limited varsity reps
- The next step for Stansbury is volume and command, more snaps, more situational football. Once he gets a full season as the guy, expect rapid development. This is a quarterback whose stock could rise sharply once exposure and reps catch up with the tools
- Best game of career came on September 19, 2025 versus Parkland (El Paso): 261 yards passing and 3 touchdown passes

- Transfer from Coronado High School (El Paso, Texas)

12 Matthew Smith | Quarterback | Senior | 6-1 / 190

- Chosen as No. 4 of the Top 10 Senior Quarterbacks in Orange County for 2026 by Cannon Sports
- Picked by Cannon Sports as the No. 8 Top Quarterback in California for the class of 2027
- Named by On3.com/rivalsdotcom as the No. 2 “Quarterbacks to Monitor” the nation for the 2026 season
- Picked by editor James Escarcega of the Southern California High School Football Report as one of the key players in the Trinity League for 2026
- Selected by OCVarsity (Orange County Register) as No. 27 on the Hot 150 high school football players likely to have the biggest impact on the field in 2026
- Recognized as one of the “Top 20” quarterbacks in California by Mitch Stephens of High School on SI
- Named by the *Orange County Register* as No. 8 among the “Top Quarterbacks to Watch in 2026” from Orange County
- Strong summer saw him earn the “Quarterback Most Valuable Player Award” at the Under Armour Next Camp Game in Maui, Hawaii – Event featured nearly 500 4-star prospects in the classes of 2027 and 2028
- Named a “Top Performer” at the South County Passing Classic by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com
- Gained significant attention as a top performer at the “Elite 11” Regional held at De La Salle High School in Concord on April 25, 2026 -- noted for having “elite zip on the ball” and superior anticipation. The Elite 11 quarterback program is operated by Stack Sports and heavily supported by long-time partner Nike.
- 2025 Season @ Villa Park: 6 games – 74-for-108 (68.5 %), 1,006 yards and 7 touchdown passes / 1 rushing touchdown
- 2024 Season @ Loyola: 7 games played – 28-for-57 (49.1 %), 340 yards and 2 touchdown passes
- PrepRedzone.com: 2027 Orange County All Star Game Watch List -- South Offense
- Has an committed to play at Vanderbilt after receiving Division 1 offers form offer from Princeton, Utah, Northern Arizona and Idaho
- Transfer from Villa Park High School (previously enrolled at Loyola 2023 and 2024)

13 Jake Martin | Safety | Junior | 6-0 / 180

- Selected by OCVarsity (*Orange County Register*) as No. 122 on the Hot 150 high school football players likely to have the biggest impact on the field in 2026
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as a Watch List prospect for class of 2028 in California in Summer
- Has made the transition to the defensive side of the ball for 2026 and secured the free safety position
- PrepRedzone.com Selected to Watch List for class of 2028
- 2025 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com Rising Star and Early Off-Season Notable Underclassman from Southern California
- Registered five pass receptions for 66 yards (17.2 average) and one touchdown in final regular season win of 2025 at JSerra Catholic
- Collected a career-high six pass receptions in win over Servite in 2025
- PrepRedZone.com: Standout class of 2028 performer in Southern California for Weeks 0 and 1

16 Grant Van Raaphorst | Wide Receiver | Junior | 6-0 / 175

- In first game for SMCHS, caught 3 passes for 69 yards (23.0 average) and one touchdown (39 yards) from Fletch Palmer in victory against Jones (Orlando)
- 2025 New Jersey Prep Super Football Conference All-Division Football -- First-Team - Offense (Tight End)
- Most Valuable Wide Receiver at the PrepRedzone.com New Jersey Combine in July, 2025
-- Key Performance: 40-Yard Dash -- Measured at 4.56 and then 4.53
- Week of November 5, 2024: Named Jersey Mike’s “Athlete of the Week” as he scored the game winning 78-yard touchdown to give Delbarton a 17-13 win over Paramus Catholic (first reception of high school career)

Career Receiving Statistics						
Year / Season	Games	Recs	Yards	Avg	TDs	Other Notes
Sophomore 2025	10	29	576	19.9	7	Led team in all categories and was one of the top kickoff returners in the state -- 21.1 average
Freshman 2024	4	1	78	78.0	1	
Career Totals	14	30	654	21.8	8	334 yards -- kickoffs and punt returns for career

Best Individual Receiving Game: September 27, 2025 vs. Seton Hall Prep -- 5 pass receptions, 139 yards (27.8 average) and 2 touchdowns

- Transfer from Dalbarton School (Morristown, New Jersey)

19 Jagger Apt | Safety | Junior | 5-9 / 170

- Collected three pass receptions in overtime upset win versus Centennial (Corona) in 2025 -- the first of his young career

21 Ca'ron Williams | Cornerback | Junior | 6-0 / 175 | Two-Year Varsity Starter

- Collected his fifth-career interception in blowout win over Jones (Orlando)
- 2026 MaxPreps.com Preseason All-America Junior First-Team - Defense (Defensive Back)
- Named by Cannon Sports as the No. 7 Top Football Player in California from the class of 2028
- 2026 West Coast Preps -- No. 35 -- Top High School Football Players in Southern California
- Identified as a standout prospect by Six Star Football -- highlighting elite prospects and talent in Fall
- 2026 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Southern Section Second-Team - Defense
- Greg Biggins -- On3.com / rivals: Elite cornerback
- Named one of the top cornerbacks in the Southern Section for 2026 by High School on SI
- Named by West Coast Preps as the No. 3 cornerback in Southern California for the 2026 season
- Selected by OCVarsity (*Orange County Register*) as No. 21 on the Hot 150 high school football players likely to have the biggest impact on the field in 2026
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 6 prospect in California and No. 3 at his position for ss of 2028 in Summer -- first appearance in the outlet's Top 10 -- a "Rankings Riser"
- Named by the *Orange County Register* as No. 5 among the "Top Defensive Backs to Watch in 2026" from Orange County
- Named by PreActive / PASports / @pre_aktivesports as the No. 9 top class of 2028 junior Watch List prospect for the CIF Southern Section
- Selected by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com as one of the "Top Performers from the Battle at the Beach" 7v7 tournament -- brings consistency and experience to his corner position -- capable of locking down bigger receivers
- Named by MaxPreps.com as one of the Key Players for the No. 6 nationally-ranked Eagles' for 2026
- Named one of the top Defensive Backs in the Southland for 2026 by Eric Sondheimer of the *Los Angeles Times*
- Delivered a dominant performance at Nike's The Opening regional camp in Los Angeles in February
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com: Named one of top three class of 2028 Defensive Backs in Orange County by Michael Huntley in Winter, 2026
- Selected to play in The 2nd Annual Sevens 7-on-7 Football Tournament in late February at Peachtree High School in Suwanee, Georgia along with nation's top 200-plus recruits in the classes of 2027 and 2028
- PrepRedzone.com state prospect rankings: Overall - No. 11 / Position - No. 4 in February
- 2025 West Coast Preps All-Southern California First-Team - Defense
- 2025 West Coast Preps -- Top 65 High School Football Players in Southern California
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Sophomore All-State Football: First-Team - Defense
- 2025 All CIF Southern Section - Division 1
- 2025 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Defense
- 2025 All-Orange County Football team (*Orange County Register*)
- 2025 MaxPreps.com Sophomore All-America First-Team
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com All-Southern California Sophomore Football Team
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee
- In 42-7 rout of Centennial in the CIF Southern Section - 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 more than 30 Division 1 offers from: USC, Oregon, Ohio State, California, Oklahoma, Miami (Florida), Alabama, UCLA, Arizona, Arizona State, Norte Dame, Washington, Florida State, Texas, Texas A&M, San Diego

State, Ole Miss (Mississippi), Nebraska, North Carolina, Arkansas, Vanderbilt, Iowa, Missouri, Maryland, Sacramento State, Coastal Carolina, Toledo SMU (Southern Methodist), Colorado State, Michigan, LSU, Penn State and Georgia

20 Juel McAlister | Cornerback / Free Safety | Sophomore | 6-1 / 170

- Has received Division 1 offers from: California and San Diego State

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

- Literally carried the load for the Eagles with 14 attempts versus Jones (Orlando) and scored one a 1-yard dive. Fourteen is a new single-game career high
- Greg Biggins -- On3.com / rivals: Provides strength to the ground game
- Picked by editor James Escarcega of the Southern California High School Football Report as one of the key players in the Trinity League for 2026
- Selected by OCVarsity (*Orange County Register*) as No. 99 on the Hot 150 high school football players likely to have the biggest impact on the field in 2026
- Named one of the top Running Backs in the Southland for 2026 by Eric Sondheimer of the *Los Angeles Times*
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 79 prospect in California and No. 4 at his position in Spring
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports California All-State Football Freshman Watch List
- 2025 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com Rising Star and Early Off-Season Notable Underclassman from Southern California
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com class of 2029 Orange County Players to Watch
- Named to the PrepRedzone.com "Watch List" for Class of 2029 recruiting class
- Scored one rushing touchdown in the 31-6 CIF Southern Section - 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) -- regular season. 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 (Corona) by PrepRedZone.com

27 Kaleb Herndon | Wide Receiver / Defensive End | Freshman | 6-5 / 225

- Another one of the freshman contributors on defense in big win versus Jones (Orlando) -- 2 sacks, 3 total tackles and 2 tackles for loss
- One of sixteen of the nation's top young athletes selected for the inaugural "UP NEXT: No Days Off" class -- a new recognition program created by Whistle Sports and DAZN (dazn.com) to spotlight standout competitors from across the country -- Will be featured in a premium documentary-style episode exploring his journey, support system and pursuit of excellence before being presented with the Golden Whistle Plaque -- an annual award recognizing athletes who exemplify the spirit of "No Days Off"
- Identified as a standout prospect by Six Star Football -- highlighting elite prospects and talent in Fall
- Ranked the No. 1 "Freshman Player to Watch" in the Southern Section for 2026 by High School on SI
- Picked by editor James Escarcega of the Southern California High School Football Report as one of the key players in the Trinity League for 2026
- Named by PreActive / PASports / @pre_aktivesports as the No. 2 top class of 2030 incoming freshmen Watch List prospect for the CIF Southern Section
- Generated early Division 1 interest as he is considered one of the top prospects in the country for his age group
- Has received Division 1 offers from Texas Tech, Texas A&M, Oregon, Ole Miss, Texas Tech, Oregon, Miami (Florida), Southern Methodist (SMU), Texas - San Antonio (UTSA), San Diego State and USC, many while still in 8th grade
- Possesses elite size for his position at a young age, leading to comparisons to top athletes

33 Gauge Cook | Kicker / Punter | Junior | 5-11 / 205

- Junior transfer displayed his leg strength with 4 kickoffs with a 60.0 average and 2 touchbacks
- Named by the *Orange County Register* as No. 7 among the "Top Specialists to Watch in 2026" from Orange County
- Star Tiers in Class of 2028 (per Chris Sailer): Kicker -- 5-star and punter -- 4.5-star
- Chris Sailer Kicking Rankings
 - National Rank: 9 overall kicker - Class of 2028
 - California Rank: 2 overall kicker - Class of 2028
- Chris Sailer Kicking Camp Accomplishments
 - 2026 Vegas 47 Field Goal Finalist

- 2026 Vegas 48 Punt Finalist
- 2026 Vegas 48 Field Goal Finalist
- 2026 Top 12 Camp Selection
- 2025 Vegas XLV Class of 2028 Punt Champion
- Fresh off an impressive performance at the Chris Sailer Kicking Camp was one of only two kickers from California invited to the prestigious camp and just 50 specialists nationwide
- Transfer from Aliso Niguel High School
- Played on Aliso Niguel junior varsity team in 2025 -- In a notable 10-8 victory over Beckman High School (Irvine), Cook connected for the game-winning, 36-yard walk-off field goal with 0:01 remaining on the clock. His long for the season was 37-yards.

37 Colin Hicks | Punter | Senior | 6-0 / 210

- Assumed the punting duties for the club and responded with a 31.0 yard average (2 kicks), including one for 45 yards

45 Sebastian Watson | Linebacker | Sophomore | 5-11 / 205

- PrepRedzone.com: Selected to Watch List for class of 2029 -- an emerging, high-potential underclassman linebacker tracking toward future official state rankings
- Has received a Division 1 offer from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). In addition, he has an offer from Georgetown and recently received an unofficial recruiting invite and visit to UCLA

50 Adam Iloilo, Jr. | Offensive Lineman | Sophomore | 6-4 / 295

- 2026 MaxPreps.com Preseason All-America Sophomore First-Team - Offense (Offensive Line)
- Picked by editor James Escarcega of the Southern California High School Football Report as one of the key players in the Trinity League for 2026
- Selected by OCVarsity (*Orange County Register*) as No. 137 on the Hot 150 high school football players likely to have the biggest impact on the field in 2026
- Named an Honorable Mention offensive lineman selection by 300+ Media / 300 Plus Podcast -- National Coaches Poll for 5v5
- Named by PreAcktive / PASports / @pre_aktivesports as the No. 9 top class of 2029 sophomore Watch List prospect for the CIF Southern Section
- Registered 11 pancake blocks last season
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 43 prospect in California and No. 6 at his position in Spring
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports California All-State Football Freshman Watch List
- PrepRedzone.com 2026 Winter Showcase Most Valuable Player -- Offensive Line
- Test categories:
 - * 40-yard dash: 5.36 / 4th
 - * Shuttle: 4.79 / 2nd
 - * Broad jump: 8'1" / 2nd
 - * L Drill: 8.63 / 3rd
- 2025 MaxPreps.com Freshman All-America First-Team
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com Rising Star and Early Off-Season Notable Underclassman from Southern California
- Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial (Corona) - regular season by PrepRedZone.com

53 Isaia Vandermade | Offensive / Defensive Lineman | Senior | 6-4 / 290

- Chosen by West Coast Preps as the No. 5 defensive lineman in Southern California for the 2026 season
- Named by High School on SI as a member of the 2026 CIF Southern Section Preseason All-Star Team
- Mitch Stephens / High School on SI: One of the Top Defensive Lineman to Watch in California for 2026
- 2026 West Coast Preps -- No. 29 -- Top High School Football Players in Southern California
- 2026 *USA Today* High School Sports Preseason All-West Region Third-Team - Defensive Line
- 2026 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Southern Section First-Team - Defense
- Greg Biggins -- On3.com / rivals: Strong leader of the defense
- Selected by OCVarsity (*Orange County Register*) as No. 7 on the Hot 150 high school football players likely to have the biggest impact on the field in 2026
- Named one of the top defensive linemen in the Southern Section for 2026 by High School on SI
- Picked by editor James Escarcega of the Southern California High School Football Report as one of the key players in the Trinity League for 2026

- Named by the *Orange County Register* as No. 4 among the “Top Linemen to Watch in 2026” from Orange County
- Cited by Eric Sondheimer of the *Los Angeles Times* as one of the top defensive linemen to watch this season
- Named by MaxPreps.com as one of the Key Players for the No. 6 nationally-ranked Eagles’ for 2026
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com Junior All-Southern California - Defense
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Junior All-State First-Team - Defense
- 2025 West Coast Preps All-Southern California First-Team - Offense
- 2025 West Coast Preps -- Top 65 High School Football Players in Southern California
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 94 prospect in California and No. 9 at his position in Winter
- 2025 All CIF Southern Section - Division 1
- 2025 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense
- 2025 All-Orange County (*Orange County Register*)
- 2025 SMCHS Defensive Lineman of the Year
- 2025 High School on SI / si.com / SBLive All-CIF Southern Section
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee
- Committed to play for USC on February 17, after having received Division 1 offers from: Arizona, Brigham Young (BYU), California, Colorado, Minnesota, Oklahoma State, Oregon, Texas Tech, Washington, San Jose State, South Florida and San Diego State
- Continued to romp over opposing offensive linemen with eight total tackles (3 for loss) and another three sacks
Note: In first three CIF Southern Section Playoff games (SCS, OLU and Cent) had eight sacks, nine tackles for loss and two forced fumbles
- Followed up his best career game with another triumphant performance five total tackles, 2 1/2 tackles for loss and two sacks in the 31-6 CIF Southern Section Division 1 semifinal victory over Orange Lutheran
- Had the best game of his prep career in upset win at Sierra Canyon in the CIF Southern Section - Division 1 Playoffs -- seven total tackles, 3 1/2 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 First-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 - San Francisco
- 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 All-Bay Area News Group Preseason Team - Defensive Line
- 2023 *San Francisco Chronicle* All-Metro Honorable Mention - San Francisco
- 2023 *San Francisco Chronicle* All-Metro - Freshman of the Year
- 2023 All-West Catholic Athletic League - Freshman Player of the Year
- 2023 All-West Catholic Athletic League - Second-Team
- 2023 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee

54 Chavis “Ceejay” Tuimauga | Offensive Lineman | Junior | 6-1 / 275

- 2025 PrepRedzone.com All-Southern California - Sophomore Team - Offense - Honorable Mention
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com state prospect rankings: Overall - No. 164 / Position - No. 23 in February
- Noted for his strong base and heavy hands
- Transfer from Leuzinger High School (Lawndale)

55 Ray Jacobs | Offensive Lineman | Senior | 6-3 / 300

- Picked by editor James Escarcega of the Southern California High School Football Report as one of the key players in the Trinity League for 2026
- Featured in podcast interview in late summer on 300+ Media / 300 Plus Podcast
- Registered 7 pancake blocks in 2025

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

- Starting at offensive guard rather than his usual center position, dealt 3 pancake blocks. Now has 30 for his career
- Named as the No. 1 center in Southern California, for classes of 2027 and 2028, by 300+ Media / 300 Plus Podcast
- Picked by editor James Escarcega of the Southern California High School Football Report as one of the key players in the Trinity League for 2026
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 10 Offensive Linemen in Orange County for 2026
- Selected by OCVarsity (*Orange County Register*) as No. 91 on the Hot 150 high school football players likely to have the biggest impact on the field in 2026
- Has register 27 career pancake blocks, including 21 last season
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 341 prospect in California and No. 54 at his position in Winter
- PrepRedzone.com: Klatt anchors perhaps the top offensive line unit in the state and is one of the top returning offensive lineman in the Trinity League
- 2025 All-Trinity League First-Team - Offense
- Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial (Corona) - regular season by PrepRedZone.com
- Also is a member of the SMC wrestling and track & field teams

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

- Picked by editor James Escarcega of the Southern California High School Football Report as one of the key players in the Trinity League for 2026
- 2025 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Defense
- 2025 SMCHS Brad Dillahunty Award selection
- Registered one sack and one tackle for loss in final regular season of 2025 win at JSerra Catholic
- Blocked at PAT attempt versus St. John Bosco in 2025
- Finished with the best game of his young career with one interception and one sack versus Liberty (Bakersfield) in 2024

64 Kairin Brunt | Offensive Line | Sophomore | - - -

- PrepRedzone.com: Selected to Watch List for class of 2029
- Recognized for his strength and physical presence at the point of attack, often highlighted on platforms like Hudl and SportsRecruits

67 Elyjah Aiavā | Offensive Lineman | Junior | 6-1 / 325

- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as a Watch List prospect for class of 2028 in California in Summer
- PrepRedzone.com Selected to Watch List for class of 2028 / Named Top Riser in Spring
- PrepRedzone.com Breakout Sophomore Sensation selection in Winter -- One of the top class of 2028 prospects across the entire state regardless of position. Already well on his way to being a FCS+ prospect and should be closing in on his first offer soon

88 Sacha Guerdat | Tight End | Junior | 6-5 / 235

- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 132 prospect in California and No. 3 at his position for class of 2028 in Summer
- Collected 9 pass receptions and 3 pancake blocks in 2025
- 2025 High School Football America Academic All-America selection

95 Chris Kraninger | Offensive Lineman | Junior | 6-3 / 275

- Has received an offer from Harvard
- Registered 4 pancake blocks in four games played in 2025
- PrepRedzone.com: Selected to Watch List for class of 2028
- 2025 High School Football America Academic All-America selection

99 Kingston Jimmerson | Defensive End / Edge | Sophomore | 6-2 / 267

- Mitch Stephens / High School on SI: One of the Top Sophomore Defensive Lineman to Watch in the nation
- Greg Biggins -- On3.com / rivals: Expected to have a breakout year
- Featured prospect on @varsity_sports_media_ with showcase reels, graphics and performance highlights
- Picked by editor James Escarcega of the Southern California High School Football Report as one of the key players in the Trinity League for 2026

- Selected by OCVarsity (Orange County Register) as No. 119 on the Hot 150 high school football players likely to have the biggest impact on the field in 2026
- Ranked the No. 3 defensive lineman in the nation by 300+ Media / 300 Plus Podcast
- Has received Division 1 offers from UCLA, USC, Arizona State, Penn State, Arizona and San Diego State
- Ranked by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 44 prospect in California and No. 7 at his position in Spring
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports California All-State Football Freshman Watch List
- PrepRedzone.com 2026 Winter Showcase Most Valuable Player -- Defensive Line and leader in every test category:
 - * 40-yard dash: 4.94 seconds / 3rd
 - * Shuttle: 4.65 seconds / 2nd
 - * Broad jump: 8'10" / 2nd
 - * L Drill: 8.03 seconds / 1st
 - * A no-brainer FBS talent that is one of the best at his position in the Trinity League
- Performed well in rout of Centennial in the CIF Southern Section - Division 1 title game -- one sack and one forced fumble

CURRENT COMPOSITE POLL RANKINGS

Highest All-Time Preseason Poll Rankings for SMCHS

Season	Orange County Register	Cal-Hi Sports State
2026	1	2
2012	1	2

Media Outlet	Coverage Area	Poll Rank
Los Angeles Times / latimes.com	Southland	4
Orange County Register / ocregister.com	Orange County	1
Cal-Hi Sports / calhisports.com	State	2
	Southern Section	2
MaxPreps / MaxPreps.com	Actual Poll	
	Nation	6
	California	2
	Southern Section – Overall	2
	Southern Section – Division 1	2
	Orange County	1
	Media Composite	
	Nation – Media Composite	10
	California – Media Composite	4
	Southern Section – Media Composite	4
HS Ratings / hsratings.com	Nation – Computer	7
	California – Computer	2
	Southern Section – Computer	2
	Orange County – Computer	1
	Offensive Unit – Nation	53
	Defensive Unit – Nation	4
High School Football America / highschoolfootballamerica.com	Overall – All Schools	
	Nation	7
	California	2
	Southern Section	2
	Orange County	1
	Private Schools	
	Nation	6
	California	2
	Southern Section	2
	Orange County	1
High School on SI / SBLive Sports / Sports Illustrated	Nation	8
	California	3
	Southern Section	3

Massey Ratings / masseyratings.com	Nation	19
	California	2
	Southern Section	2
USA Today High School Sports / usatodayhss.com	Nation	26
	West Region	9
	California	5
	Southern Section	5
National High School Football / nationalhsfb.com	Nation	9
	California	2
ESPN High School Football / espn.com	Nation	11
	California	3
	Southern Section	3
On3.com / rivals.com Composite	Nation	9
	California	3
	Southern Section	3
The Sporting News / sportingnews.com	Nation	9
	California	3
	Southern Section	3
JPWest Media / jpwestmedia.com	Southern Section	3
	Orange County	1
BVM Sports / bvmsports.com	Nation	6
Fox Sports Radio / foxsportsradio.iheart.com	Southern Section	3
	California	2
	Southern California	2
	Southern Section	2
	Orange County	1
Sports Idol Nation (SPIN Media) / spinmedia.com	Nation – Media Composite	14
	Nation	7
	California	2
	Southern Section	1
Mr. Football / prepgridironlogistics / @Prep_Gridiron	Nation – Media Composite	11.33
ClutchZone Sports Network / @clutchzonenetwork	California	4
	Southern Section	4
PreAcktive / PASports / @pre_aktivesports	Nation	4
	Southern Section	2
USA Top 100 by Erin Jerrod Reid / @usatop100	Nation	26
	California	4
	Southern Section	4
Nations Elite / @nationaselitehq	Nation	12
	California	5
	Southern Section	5

THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT: CENTENNIAL (CORONA)



SMCHS Season Game No. 2 / Nonleague Game No. 2

Game Day / Date / Time: Friday, August 28, 2026 / 7:00 p.m.

Game Location: Husky Stadium -- Campus / Corona

Tickets: www.gofan.co

Nickname: Huskies

League: Big West-Upper League

2026 Record: 1-0

Head Coach: Matt Logan (30th season) -- 308-66-0 (.824)

This Week: Won vs. Servite (Anaheim) @ Orange Coast College (Costa Mesa), 41-21

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

All-Time Series: Series -- SMCHS leads 4-1

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

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

- 2024: SMCHS 34, Centennial 15 (Corona) - Nonleague
 - 2025: SMCHS 33, Centennial 27 (Saddleback College) - Nonleague
 - 2025: SMCHS 42, Centennial 7 (Rose Bowl - Pasadena) - CIF Southern Section - Division I Championship Game
- Key Players to Watch:

6 Jaden Walk-Green – Defensive Back – Senior – 5-11 / 185

Cal-Hi Sports State Defensive State Player of the Year

Walk-Green led Centennial with 10 interceptions, also the most in the state. He returned five of those for touchdowns, while adding one on a fumble return and one more on a punt return. Walk-Green also coined a new football term: the “pick seven.” That’s because after would get a pick six, he would stay on the field and kick the extra point. Walk-Green was 63-of-65 (96.9 %) on PAT conversions attempts and 4-of-5 on field goal attempts (80.0 %). Also led his team in total tackles.

- Braylin Drake – Running Back – Senior
- Dean Gibson – Running Back / Defensive Back – Senior
- Gavin Loge – Wide Receiver – Senior
- Jaden Jefferson – Quarterback – Senior
- Kennie Leggett, Jr. – Wide Receiver – Senior
- Malaki Davis – Running Back – Junior
- Miles Schirmer – Defensive Lineman – Senior



CIF-Southern Section Ford Football Game of the Week
Spectrum New 1 and Spectrum SportsNet

NEXT WEEK’S OPPONENT: HIGHLAND (PALMDALE)



SMCHS Season Game No. 3 / Nonleague Game No. 3

Game Day / Date / Time: Friday, September 4, 2026 / 7:00 p.m.

Game Location: Saddleback College Stadium (Mission Viejo, California)

Tickets: www.gofan.co

Nickname: Bulldogs

League: Golden League

2026 Record: 0-1

Head Coach: Justin Wyatt

Last Week: Lost vs. Oak Hills (Hesperia), 28-6

This Week: @ Apple Valley

2025 Season: Overall: 4-6 / Golden League: 4-3 (4th Place)

All-Time Series: Series -- SMCHS leads 1-0

-- 2025: SMCHS 45, Highland 13 (@ Palmdale)

Key Players to Watch:

- Jalen Wyatt – Quarterback – Sophomore
- Marcus Austin – Running Back – Senior
- Charlie Jackson III – Wide Receiver – Junior
- Arturo Carrillo – Defensive Back – Senior

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- Mike Burns – Athletic Trainer
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- Shane Mielke – Head Statistician / Website Master & Editor for eaglesfootball.com
- Todd Lady – Team Security

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- Patrick Strader – class of 1994 (Third season)
- Kris Farris – class of 1995 (Third season)
- Marco Vartanian – class of 1996 (Fifth season)
- Brian Meihaus – class of 1996 (Fifth season)

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TRINITY LEAGUE THIS WEEK



Friday, August 28

Wilson (Long Beach) at **JSerra Catholic**, 7:00 p.m.

Roman Catholic (Philadelphia) @ **St. John Bosco**, 7:00 p.m.

Orange Lutheran @ Cathedral Catholic (San Diego), 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 29

Mater Dei @ Orem (Utah), 7:00 p.m.



SANTA MARGARITA

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2026 VARSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Player Name	Position	Class
0	Ayden Steen	LB	Freshman
1	Jaion Smith	RB / LB	Junior
2	Ryan Clark	WR	Junior
3	Fletch Palmer	QB	Junior
4	Jayden Jack	RB / S	Freshman
5	Curren King	S	Junior
6	Grant Mosley	WR	Junior
7	Cruz Nunez	LB	Senior
8	Braxton Boyle	TE	Junior
9	Luke Gazzaniga C	TE	Senior
10	Kiyan Callis	WR	Freshman
11	J.J. Minardi	WR	Junior
12	Matthew Smith	QB	Senior
13	Jake Martin	S	Junior
14	Finn Sanders	QB	Sophomore
15	West Stansbury	QB	Junior
16	Grant Van Raaphorst	WR	Junior
17	Rayshawn Brandon	DB	Sophomore
18	Johnny Dos Santos	WR	Sophomore
19	Jagger Apt	DB	Junior
20	Juel McAlister	DB	Sophomore
21	Ca'ron Williams C	DB	Junior
22	Evan Linstrom	TE	Sophomore
23	Luca Amaya	RB	Junior
24	Noah Grande	RB	Senior
25	Chris Behnam	LB	Junior
26	Adrian Petero	RB	Sophomore
27	Kaleb Herndon	DL	Freshman
28	Colin Fredericks	WR	Junior
30	T.J. McKenzie	DL	Sophomore
32	Warren Klatt	LB	Senior
33	Gauge Cook	K / P	Junior
35	Alex Windisch	WR	Senior
36	Kaleb Mendez	S	Sophomore
37	Colin Hicks	K / P	Senior
38	Ethan Cole	CB	Junior
40	Alex Opts	DB	Sophomore
41	Kai Koga	K / P	Senior
42	Emmanuel Logan-Brown	DL	Sophomore

No.	Player Name	Position	Class
43	Joaquin Perrizo	WR / DB	Sophomore
44	Daxton Karney	LB / LS	Sophomore
46	Robby Piscopo	WR / DB	Sophomore
47	Nathan Bottiaux	WR	Sophomore
48	Matthew Galang	WR	Sophomore
50	Adam Iloilo, Jr.	OL	Sophomore
51	Nick Alfisi	DL	Senior
52	Chris Kraninger	DL	Junior
53	Isaia Vandermade C	DL	Senior
54	CeeJay Tuimauga	OL / DL	Junior
55	Raymond Jacobs	OL	Senior
56	Aaron Klatt C	C	Senior
57	Grover Brown	DL	Sophomore
58	Tonga Uhila C	DL	Senior
59	Joey Mamola	LB	Sophomore
60	Chance Weber	DB	Junior
61	Kyler Mendoza	OL	Sophomore
62	Lucas Boemer	OL / DL	Junior
64	Kairin Brunt	OL / DL	Sophomore
66	Cristian Duenas	DL	Sophomore
67	Elyjah Aiava	OL	Junior
73	Mickey Stephens	OL	Junior
74	Hunter Grajeda	OL / DL	Sophomore
77	Brandon Tapia	OL	Freshman
78	Karras Vandermade	OL	Sophomore
79	Jack Matteson	OL / DL	Freshman
80	Ford Davenport	WR / DB	Sophomore
81	Logan Anderson	WR	Sophomore
82	Trey Minardi	TE	Sophomore
83	Seam Meihaus	TE	Sophomore
84	Carter Muscarella	WR	Sophomore
86	Ian Nickoloff	LB	Sophomore
87	Luca Bernal	DL	Sophomore
88	Sacha Guerdat	TE	Junior
89	Dylan Hernandez	LS	Junior
91	Teancum Iloilo	OL / DL	Sophomore
97	Jack Bovberg	OL / DL	Sophomore
99	Kingston Jimmerson	DL	Sophomore

2026 CENTENNIAL HUSKIES FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Player Name	Pos.	Class
0	Brett Smith, Jr.	DB	Senior
1	Quentin Hale	WR	Senior
2	Jordan Kirkpatrick	DB	Junior
3	Jaden Jefferson	QB	Senior
4	Malaki Davis	RB	Junior
5-D	Messiah Riley	DB	Junior
5-O	Grady Wayne	QB	Sophomore
6	Jaden Walk-Green	ATH	Senior
7	Augus Saunders	DB	Senior
8	Dean Gibson	DB	Senior
9	Braylin Drake	RB	Senior
10	Matt Salmeron	LB	Junior
11	Chase Wallner	LB	Senior
13	Derek Schaper	QB	Junior
14-D	Marcell Martin	LB	Freshman
14-O	Dylan Crowder	QB	Senior
15	Miles Schirmer	DL	Senior
16	Logan Sanchez	QB	Junior
17	Gavin Lorge	WR	Senior
18	Jaden Bynum	WR	Senior
19	Kennie Leggett	ATH	Senior
20	Koti Fultz	ATH	Sophomore
21	Jayden Steeber	DB	Sophomore
22	Kye Duval	LB	Junior
23	Andre Pommells	DB	Senior
24	Caleb Bynum	DB	Junior
25	Harvey Millan	DB	Junior
26	Avin Arnold	RB	Junior
27	Mekhi Kennedy	LB	Sophomore
28	Logan Horvath	DB	Junior
29	Amir Tu	RB	Senior
30	Cedrick Simmons	DB	Junior
31	Brandyn Martin	WR	Junior
32	Josh Murillo	RB	Senior
33	Josiah Garcia	DB	Junior
34	Jayce Stevenson	DB	Senior
35	Nicholas Leang	DB	Junior
36	Eduardo Alcala	DB	Senior
37	Jaiden Sapp	RB	Sophomore
38	Howie Barile	WR, LS	Sophomore
39	Grant Garay	DB	Junior
40	Manny Estrada	K	Senior
41	Nikolas Duarte	LB	Junior
42	Mycah Yim	LB	Sophomore
43	Kaleb Garcia	RB	Senior
44	Luke Shirley	LS	Junior
45	Lucas Gallagher	K	Sophomore
45-O	Carmelo Cisneros	WR	Senior
46	Chris Anderson	DL	Junior
47	Alijah Pochylski	DB	Junior
48	Jordan Berryman	RB	Senior
49	Josiah Torres	DB	Junior

No.	Player Name	Pos.	Class
51	Nathan Walsh	DL	Junior
52	Brody Black	OL	Junior
53	Ezekiel Escalante	LB	Junior
54	Albert Martinez	LB	Junior
55	Madden Lima	DL	Sophomore
56	Sonny Anderson	LB	Sophomore
57-D	Andrew Garcia	LB	Junior
57-O	Jayden Rodriguez	OL	Senior
58	Xavier Baca	OL	Junior
59	Grant Feely	LB	Sophomore
60	Jezeri Niko	DL	Junior
61	Davian Monteon	DL	Senior
62	Zayne Woods	OL	Sophomore
63	Saik Fiataungalua	OL	Senior
64	Ezequiel Perez	OL	Sophomore
65	Ryder Holland	OL	Junior
66	Adrian Rosas	LB	Sophomore
67	Ryan Martinez	DT	Senior
68	Marcos Tofa-Avina	O / DL	Junior
69	Matt Torres	OL	Sophomore
70	Jordan Cruz	DL	Sophomore
71	Samurai Leavasa	OL	Freshman
72	Cayden Van De Water	OL	Junior
73	Nicolas Blum-Smith	OL	Senior
74	Zite Olisemeka	DL	Junior
75	Anthony Enriquez	OL	Junior
76	Solomon Brock	OL	Sophomore
77	Angelo Belmonte	OL	Junior
78	Rome Douglas	OL	Junior
79	Armando Rodriguez	OL	Senior
80	Chase Owens	WR	Sophomore
81	Aidan Pack	WR	Junior
82	Tristan Dupree	WR	Sophomore
83	Andrew Jimenez	WR	Junior
84	Miller LaRocco	WR	Sophomore
85	Mason Fowler	WR	Sophomore
86	Mo Simpson	WR	Sophomore
87	Jacob Susmerano	WR	Junior
88	Mike Williams	WR	Sophomore
89	Damarius Cain	WR	Senior
90	Ali Ayloush	DL	Senior
91	Logan Strawn	DL	Senior
92	Cayden Fletcher	DL	Senior
93	Dominic Esqueda	DL	Junior
94	Hudson Mallett	DL	Senior
96	Genesis Campos-Barrett	DL	Senior
97	Antario Harwell	DL	Junior
99	Sterling Willardson	DL	Sophomore