SANTA MARGARITA
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
2025 VARSITY FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

2 State Championships	30 CIF-Southern Section Playoff Appearances	37th Varsity Season
1997 Division II 2011 Division I **3 CIF-Southern Section Championships** 1996 Division V 1997 Division V 2011 PAC-5	1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017 2019, 2021 (Fall), 2022, 2023, 2024 & **2025** **4 League Championships** 1996, 1997, 2000 & 2001	Overall Record: 258-160-3 (.616) Home: 140-72-3 (.687) Road: 118-88-0 (.573) **9 Nationally-Ranked Teams** 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2011, 2012, 2017, 2024 & **2025**

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

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

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

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

Santa Margarita Catholic Eagles (7-3) at Sierra Canyon Trailblazers (10-0)

Sierra Canyon School Field (Chatsworth)
Friday, November 14, 2025 • 7:00 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK'S GAME AT JSERRA CATHOLIC

41-14 Victory Over JSerra Catholic Helps Clinch a Share of the Trinity League Title

Jaion "Duce" Smith rushed for 127 yards on 19 attempts and scored one touchdown, while safety Logan Hirou returned an interception 25 yards for a score to help Santa Margarita Catholic High School (SMCHS) defeat host JSerra Catholic 41-14 in the final Trinity League regular season game for both schools. The Eagles garnered a share of the league championship by way of Mater Dei coming back and stunning St. John Bosco.

SMCHS finished 7-3 overall and 4-1 in Trinity League. Mater Dei and St. John Bosco had identical league marks. This is the first Trinity League championship for the Eagles in football. Their last league championship came in 2001 in the old Serra League with Mater Dei, St. John Bosco and Servite. Current school Vice President of Athletics, Jim Hartigan, was the coach of that team.

SMCHS led 21-0 after the first quarter and 28-6 at halftime. Quarterback Trace Johnson helped pace the attack by completing 18-of-22 passes for 243 yards and two scores. The touchdowns went to Ryan Clark and Jake Martin.

Player Highlights

- Trace Johnson: 18-of-22 (81.8%), 243 yards and 2 touchdowns -- *Los Angeles Times* High School Football Top Performers of the Week in the Southland
- Trent Mosley: 1 rushing attempt for 18 yards and touchdown (Also 4 receptions for 40 yards)
- Jaion "Duce" Smith: 19 rushing attempts, 127 yards (6.7 average) and 1 touchdown -- Establishes a new career high (Previous was 122 yards at Oaks Christian)
- Jake Martin: 5 pass receptions, 66 yards and 1 touchdown (24 yards)
- Ryan Clark: 3 pass receptions, 67 yards and 1 touchdown (38 yards)
- Siua Holani: 1 blocked PAT attempt
- Leki Holani: 5 total tackles (4 solo) and 2 tackles for loss
- Tonga Uhila: 1 sack and 1 tackle for loss

- Titus King: Led the team with 8 total tackles
- Logan Hirou: 1 interception - returned for a touchdown (25 yards) -- 10th career interception -- 2 behind Brad Finneran (1991-93) for all-time school record

PLAYER HONOR & "COACH'S CORNER"

Trent Mosley Honored as a 2026 Navy All-American

November 4, 2025

Wide receiver Trent Mosley was officially honored last Wednesday as a 2026 Navy All-American during a virtual jersey presentation as part of the Navy All-American Bowl's Road to the Dome digital series. The Eagle's star will play in the annual East vs. West matchup inside the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time (PT) on Saturday, January 10, 2026, live on NBC and Peacock.

"Coach's Corner" Program Special with Carson Palmer Available on YouTube.com

The current episode of "Coach's Corner" is now available for view on YouTube.com. Guest for the program is SMCHS alum and first-year head football coach Carson Palmer. Paul Higgins hosts and the 28-minute segment is available at this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjlILm8U2FU

CURRENT COMPOSITE POLL RANKINGS

Media Outlet	Coverage Area	Poll Rank
The Orange County Register / ocregister.com	Orange County	3 (Final)
The Los Angeles Times / latimes.com	Los Angeles Metro	6
	Orange County	2
Cal-Hi Sports / calhisports.com	California	6
	CIF-Southern Section	6
HS Ratings / hsratings.com	Nation - Computer	10
	California	5
	CIF-Southern Section	4
MaxPreps.com (PlayOn! Sports / NFHS Network)	Nation - Composite	13 - Tie
	Nation - Computer	12
	Nation - Manual	12
	California	5
si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive.com Sports Illustrated High School	Nation	25
	Southwest Region	9
	California	4
	CIF-Southern Section	4
Massey Ratings / On3.com / rivals	Nation	39
	Nation - Composite	17
	California	5
	California - Composite	5
High School Football America (HSFA) / NFL Play Football highschoolfootballamerica.com	Nation	9
	California	3
The Sporting News / sportingnews.com	Nation	Not ranked

	Nation - Composite	16
	California	5
	CIF-Southern Section	5
ESPN SC Next / espn.com	Nation	12
	California	5
USA Today High School Sports / usatodayhss.com	Nation	15
	California	5
Blue Star Media / bluestarmedia.org	Nation	22
	Far West Region	7
	California	4
JPWest Media / jpwestmedia.com	CIF-Southern Section	3
nationalhsfb.com / National High School Football	Nation	9
	California	4
ITG Next / itgnext.com	Nation	18
	California	5

SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC - PLAYER NOTES, HIGHLIGHTS & STATS

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

- Recovered a fumbled lateral and returned it 36 yards for a touchdown versus Orange Lutheran
- Tied for the team lead in sacks with 3 1/2 this season
- Recorded a sack in loss to St. John Bosco
- *The Sporting News* Midseason National High School Defensive Player of the Year nominee
- Registered one sack in historic win versus Mater Dei on October 10
- Highlighted in the *Orange County Register* with a feature: Santa Margarita Catholic's Dash Fifita Inspired By Brother and "Best Friend" Noah on October 1, 2025
- Named to Watch List for the County's 2025 Defensive Player of the Year by the *Orange County Register* and the CIF-Southern Section Defensive Player of the Year by si.com
- Registered two sacks in loss to Bishop Gorman (Las Vegas)
- Steve Fryer / *Orange County Register* -- Early season surprises (09/11/25): A candidate for Orange County Defensive Player of the Year -- has sideline-to-sideline speed and crashing hitting style reminiscent of Junior Seau
- Anchored the defense in compiling the first win of the season, a big upset of Centennial (Corona). Led the team with 14 total tackles
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-State Team -- Third-Team - Defense
- ESPN / SC Next Class of 2026 No. 57 Inside Linebacker Prospect
- 2025 *The Sporting News* No. 1 Linebacker in California
- Ranked No. 11 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 Preseason All-Southland First-Team - Defense by the *Los Angeles Times*
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 1 linebacker in Orange County
- 2025 *The Sporting News* Preseason First-Team All-State Team - Defense
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- 2024 PrepRedzone.com All-Southern California Junior Team - Defense
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports Second-Team All-State Junior Team - Defense
- 2024 All-CIF-Southern Section Team
- 2024 *The Sporting News* California All-State High School Football Team: Second-Team - Defense
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- 2024 SBLive / scorebooklive.com / si.com All-CIF Southern Section First-Team - Defense
- 2024 All-Orange County First-Team - Defense (*Orange County Register*)
- 2024 Trinity League Co-Most Valuable Player - Defense
- Has committed to play at Arizona where his brother Noah is the starting quarterback for the Wildcats and an alum of Servite. Also had an offer from Utah

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

- Rolled for 127 yards rushing on 19 attempts (6.7 average) and one touchdown in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic -- new career high
- Collected a 41-yard pass reception in historic win versus Mater Dei on October 10
- Scored what proved to be the game-winning touchdown in victory over Servite

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

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

- Was 18-of-22 (81.8%) passing for 243 yards and two touchdowns in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic -- *Los Angeles Times* "Top Performers of the Week" in the Southland
- Engineered a historic comeback victory versus Mater Dei on October 10 with 174 yards passing -- the first SMCHs win over the Monarchs since 2013
- Was 23-for-38 (60.5%) for 211 yards, both season highs, in win at Servite. Has exceeded the 200-plus yard passing threshold in five of six games. The only exception being an early departure in the blowout win at Highland (Palmdale)
- Established new SMCHS career highs for passing yards (253), touchdown passes (4) and completion percentage (77.3%) in rout of Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village). Pass yardage for the game was the most by an Orange County high school quarterback for the week
- Was 8-of-12 (66.7%) for 120 yards and 2 touchdowns passing at Highland (Palmdale) -- Over 67.0% in each of first 3 games this season -- 68.2% overall. Current season record is 67.6% by Jaxon Potter, 67.6% in 2022
- Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com and a "Big games, big numbers" player by Tarek Fattal of si.com
- Threw two touchdown passes and rushed for another in upset win over Centennial (Corona) In all, was 17-of-25 passing (68.0%) for 209
- ESPN / SC Next Class of 2026 No. 74 Pocket Passer Quarterback Prospect
- Ranked No. 28 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 *The Sporting News* as the No. 10 quarterback in the state
- Named by PrepRedzone.com as the No. 3 senior quarterback in Orange County for Class of 2026
- Selected Third-Team All-Southern California - Quarterback by si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 5 top quarterback in Orange County
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- Named by On3.com as the No. 2 high school transfer that will make a big impact nationally this fall (07/01/25)
- Transfer from Buchholz High Scholl in Gainesville, Florida

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Has scored 51 touchdowns in his SMCHS career -- rushing, receiving and returns
- Scored the lone touchdown for SMCHS in historic comeback victory versus Mater Dei on October 10 and tallied eight receptions
- **Established a new school record for pass receptions in a career -- now has 200**
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-State Team -- First-Team - Multi-Purpose
- 2025 MaxPreps.com Preseason All-America selection: Second-Team - Athlete
- 2025 *The Sporting News* No. 2 Wide Receiver in California
- 2025 si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive All-CIF Southern Section Preseason Team - Athlete
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com All-Southern California Preseason Team – Receiver
- 2025 PrepRedzone.com No. 3 Receiver to Watch in Southern California
- ESPN / SC Next Class of 2026 No. 34 Wide Receiver Prospect
- Ranked No. 3 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive No. 6 Wide Receiver to Watch
- 2025 *Orange County Register* as the No. 1 receiver in Orange County -- Second-consecutive year
- 2025 *The Sporting News* Preseason First-Team All-State Team - Offense
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports, for class of 2026, as the No. 15 Hot 100 prospect in California (06/26/25)
- Committed to further his career at USC. Had nearly 20 Division 1 offers from top-tier schools including: Alabama, Georgia, Michigan, Oregon, Michigan State, Texas A&M, USC, San Diego State, Stanford, Texas and Notre Dame
- 2024 PrepRedzone.com All-Southern California Junior Team - Offense
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports: Second-Team All-State Elite Team
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports First-Team All-State Junior Team - Multi-Purpose
- 2024 All-CIF-Southern Section Team
- 2024 *The Sporting News* California All-State High School Football Team: First-Team – All-Purpose
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Offense
- 2024 SBLive / scorebooklive.com / si.com All-CIF Southern Section First-Team - Offense
- 2024 All-Orange County First-Team - Offense (*Orange County Register*)
- 2024 All-Trinity League First-Team - Offense
- Was the featured guest on "Friday Night Live" on Thursday, November 14 -- Prep sports show hosted by *Los Angeles Times* prep guru Eric Sondheimer on "X"
- Continued his assault on the SMCHS Record Book. Mosley caught all least one pass in 28-consecutive games played. The school record is 29 by Brain Finneran in 1993 and Mosley lost his opportunity to establish that mark due to injury
- *Los Angeles Times'* Southland Top Performers for the Week at Orange Lutheran
- Praised by Steve Fryer of the *Orange County Register* for putting self development and team before personal
- Named to the MaxPreps.com Preseason Junior All-America First-Team - Wide Receiver
- Ranked No. 2 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2024 -- "Mosley emerged last season as arguably the top offensive weapon in the County"
- Subject of online feature on Cal-Hi Sports (calhisports.com) "Trent Mosley: Man On The Move" by Chuck Nan -- Published: October 3, 2024 / Link: https://www.calhisports.com/2024/10/03/trent-mosley-man-on-the-move/
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 Preseason All-State Team - First-Team Multi-Purpose (WR / KR / RB / Wild / DB)
- Named by Cal-Hi Sports as the "Most Versatile Player on the Field" in 2024
- Selected by SBLive/scorebooklive.com as the No. 2 junior (Class of 2026) wide receiver in the California for 2024
- Selected by SBLive/scorebooklive.com as the No. 2 wide receiver in the CIF-Southern Section for 2024
- Selected to the Preseason All CIF-Southern Section team by SBLive/scorebooklive.com -- "Unguardable"
- Ranked at the No. 1 wide receiver in Orange County by the *Orange County Register* for 2024
- Rated the No. 2 junior class wide receiver in the California for 2024
- Rated the No. 2 wide receiver in the CIF-Southern Section for 2024
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: First-Team - Multi-Purpose
- 2023 SBLive/scorebooklive.com / si.com All-State - Wide Receiver
- 2023 Cal-Hi Sports "State Sophomore Player of the Year"

- 2023 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- 2023 All-CIF-Southern Section Team
- 2023 Trinity League Co-Most Valuable Player
- 2023 SMCHS Team Most Valuable Player
- 2023 MaxPreps.com All-State Second-Team - Offense
- 2023 MaxPreps.com Sophomore All-America First-Team - Offense
- 2023 All-Orange County First-Team - Offense (*Orange County Register*)
- 2023 PrepRedzone.com All-Southern California Sophomore Team - Offense
- 2023 SBLive/scorebooklive.com All-Southern Section Team
- Ranked No. 30 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2023
- Named one of the top players on the team by the *Orange County Register* for Fall 2023
- Named the No. 6 wide receiver / tight end in Orange County for the 2023 season by journalist Dan Albano
- Selected as an Underclass All-American by Lemming Prep Football Report (Tom Lemming) for 2023 season
- 2023 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Second-Team - Multi-Purpose
- 2022 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Frosh Watch List
- 2022 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Offense
- 2022 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense

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

- Collected one interception and returned it for a touchdown (25 yards) in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic -- 10th interception of his career
- Tied career-high for total tackles in a game with 12 in win over Servite. Named by PrepRedzone.com as having one of the Top Southern California Defensive Games in Week 6
- Interception return for 48 yards and a touchdown at Highland (Palmdale)
- Ranked No. 37 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 The Sporting News Honorable Mention - Defensive Back in California
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 4 defensive back in Orange County
- 2025 Third-Team All-Southern California – Quarterback by si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- Has committed to play at UCLA. Also received Division 1 offers from Arizona, California, Colorado State, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Penn, Princeton, Sacramento State, San Diego State, Utah, Tulane, Nevada-Las Vegas, Washington State and Yale
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- 2024 All-Trinity League First-Team - Defense
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: Second-Team - Defense

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

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

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

- Snagged an interception, his second of the season, versus Orange Lutheran and returned it 39 yards
- In first-ever appearance on offense, took a 15-yard pass and produced a touchdown for a 7-0 lead at Servite
- Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com
- Ranked No. 45 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 The Sporting News No. 25 Defensive Back in California for 2025
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 6 defensive back in Orange County

- 2025 Third-Team All-Southern California – Defensive Back by si.com / SBLive / scorebooklive
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports Third-Team All-State Junior Team - Defense
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- 2024 All-Orange County Third-Team - Defense (*Orange County Register*)
- Commitment to California (UC Berkeley). Also had offers from Miami (Florida), Duke, Washington, Colorado, Tennessee, Texas A&M, SMU, North Carolina, Penn State, San Diego State, Michigan State and UCLA
- Selected by Cal-Hi Sports to the 2024 All-Orange County Preseason Team: Third-Team - Defense

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

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

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

- Connected with quarterback Trace John for two pass receptions -- on a 39 yard touchdown
- Quickly become a favorite target of quarterback Trace Johnson. In the first two games as teammates, the duo has hooked up for 11 receptions covering 150 yards (13.6 average)
- Collected his second pass reception of the season which was also his first-ever touchdown scored at the prep level -- in a rout of Inglewood in the CIF-SS Division 1 First Round game

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

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

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

- Registered five pass receptions for 66 yards and one touchdown in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic
- Collected a career-high six pass receptions in win over Servite
- PrepRedZone.com: Standout class of 2028 performer in Southern California for Weeks 0 and 1

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

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

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

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

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

- Collected three pass receptions for 67 yards and one touchdown in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic
- Contributed two receptions for 28 yards in win at Highland (Palmdale) and followed up that effort with four receptions and a touchdown in win at Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village)
- PrepRedZone.com: Standout class of 2028 performer in Southern California for Weeks 0 and 1 and "Big games, big numbers" player by Tarek Fattal of si.com
- Enjoyed a breakout game versus Centennial (Corona) with seven pass receptions for 78 yards (11.1 average) and his first career touchdown. SMCHS upset the Huskies for the second season in succession. Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 2023 All-Trinity Honorable Mention - Defense

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

- Delivered five total tackles (four solo) and two tackles for loss in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic
- Contributed two sacks against Orange Lutheran -- tied for the team lead with 3 1/2 this season. Also leads the club in total tackles with 67
- Contributed 15 total tackles in historic comeback victory versus Mater Dei on October 10 -- Awarded "State Stat Start of the Week" by Cali-Hi Sports

- Contributed a solid performance in upset victory over Centennial (Corona) with 10 total tackles and one-half sack. On a big fourth-down play early in the game, was able to bat down the quarterback's pass and thwart the Huskies from the end zone. Named a Top Performer for Santa Margarita Catholic versus Centennial by PrepRedZone.com
- ESPN / SC Next Class of 2026 No. 61 Inside Linebacker Prospect
- 2025 *The Sporting News* No. 9 Linebacker in California
- Ranked No. 47 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2025
- 2025 *Orange County Register* No. 6 linebacker in Orange County
- 2025 Cal-Hi Sports Preseason All-Orange County Team
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports Third-Team All-State Junior Team - Defense
- 2024 All-CIF-Southern Section Team
- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- 2024 All-Trinity League First-Team - Defense

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

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

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

- Named 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

- Registered one sack and one tackle for loss in final regular season win at JSerra Catholic
- Blocked at PAT attempt versus St. John Bosco
- Finished with the best game of his young career with one interception and one sack versus Liberty (Bakersfield) in 2024

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

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

- 2024 Cal-Hi Sports First-Team All-State Junior Team - Offense
- 2023 First-Team All-Trinity League - Offense

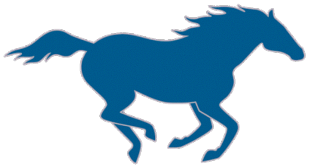
78 Manoah Faupusa | Offensive / Defensive Lineman | Senior | 6-4 / 360

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

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

- Successfully connected on crucial PAT conversion kick after low snap in historic comeback victory versus Mater Dei on October 10 -- game-winner
- Is currently 27-for-28 in PAT attempts for the season (96.4%)
- 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: @ SIERRA CANYON SCHOOL



SMCHS Season Game No. 11 / CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 Quarterfinal
Division / Round: 1 / First
Opponent: Sierra Canyon School
School Location: Chatsworth
Nickname: Trailblazers
Game Date / Time: Friday, November 14 / 7:00 p.m.
Game Location: Football / Lacrosse and Soccer Complex (Campus -- Capacity = 1,800)
Head Coach: Jon Ellinghouse | 19th Season | Overall Record: 187-42 (.817)
2025 Season: Overall 10-0 | 5-0 Mission League - Champions
Last Game: Won @ Loyola (Los Angeles), 52-3
All-Time Series: Sierra Canyon leads 2-0
Last Game vs. SMC: Sierra Canyon won 37-20 on November 10, 2023 @ Chatsworth in CIF-SS Division 1 First Round
Key Players to Watch:

- Laird Finkel | Quarterback | Senior
- Jerod Terry, Jr. | Running Back | Senior
- Jaxsen Stokes | Running Back | Junior
- De'Markus Barnes | Wide Receiver | Senior
- Tron Baker | Wide Receiver | Senior
- Ronen Zamorano | Linebacker | Senior
- Mikhal Johnson | Defensive Line | Senior
- Jonah Nadley | Defensive End | Senior
- Richard Wesley | Defensive End | Senior
- Madden Riordan | Defensive Back | Senior
- Julian Katz | Kicker | Senior
- Carter Sobel | Kicker | Junior

CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION - DIVISION 1 QUARTERFINAL NOTES

The toughest playoff bracket in high school football gets underway Friday as California's CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 tournament features *five* MaxPreps Top 25 teams in the eight-team field. The other three teams are included in the expanded top 100.

- The top seed is national No. 4 St. John Bosco (Bellflower), which hosts league foe Lutheran (Orange) in the opening round. The Braves have won 17 in a row against the Lancers, including a 48-0 victory during the regular season.

- No. 5 Centennial (Corona) opens against Servite (Anaheim) in a rematch of a 42-14 win for the Huskies in the season opener for both.
- No. 6 Mater Dei (Santa Ana) takes on Luke Fahey and Mission Viejo. Fahey threw for 569 yards and accounted for six total touchdowns in a 76-49 win over Los Alamitos to close out the regular season. This will be the sixth playoff meeting between the two since 2010 with the Monarchs owning a 4-1 edge.
- No. 7 Sierra Canyon (Chatsworth) faces its toughest test of the season as it opens against No. 12 Santa Margarita Catholic (SMCHS), which has two wins over nationally ranked opponents this season -- Centennial and Mater Dei. The unbeaten Trailblazers are 2-0 in this series since 2019.
- The first time SMCHS travelled to Chatsworth (2019), the Trailblazers were 9-1 in the regular season. In 2023, the Eagles visited once again, and just as it is this season, SCS was a perfect 10-0 in the regular season.
- This is the second-consecutive season SMCHS will open the postseason versus an opponent with a 10-0 regular season mark. Last year, Inglewood invaded Trabuco Hills High School only to be bushwhacked by the Eagles, 59-26.

Most Points Scored – SMCHS Postseason All-Time

Points	Season	Opponent	Result
59	2024	Inglewood	Won 59-26
59	1997	@ Servite	Won 59-18
56	2017	@ Murrieta Valley	Lost 59-56
55	1997	Tustin	Won 55-42
51	1996	@ El Modena (Orange)	Won 51-6

NEXT WEEK'S: CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION - DIVISION 1 SEMIFINAL

CIF-Southern Section - Division 1 Semfinal Game

vs. St. John Bosco or Orange Lutheran

Friday, Novemebr 21, 7:00 p.m.

= Automatic home game ***or*** = Coin flip

SIERRA CANYON SCHOOL
2025 Varsity Football Roster

No.	Player Name	Pos.	Class
0	Tron Baker	WR	Senior
1	Jerod Terry, Jr.	RB	Senior
2	Madden Riordan	DB	Senior
3	Jaxsen Stokes	OB/CB	Junior
4	Trey Brown	CB/WR	Senior
5	Havon Finney, Jr.	CB/WR	Senior
6	Darren Haggerty	WR/FS	Junior
7	Dino Scordia	WR	Senior
8	Faruq Muhammad	DB	Junior
9	Laird Finkel	QB	Senior
10	Ronen Zamorano	LB	Senior
11	Sam Amuti II	DB/WR	Junior
12	Chase Everett	QB	Senior
13	Myles Baker	DB/WR	Junior
14	Demarco Hernandez	QB	Junior
15	Ian Patterson	QB	Freshman
16	Delvin Young	DB/WR	Junior
17	Kris Carranza	QB	Sophomore
18	Micah Slade	WR	Sophomore
19	Stephan Harrison	TE/DE	Freshman
20	Sir Homer King Webb	OB/LB	Sophomore
21	Brandon Lockhart	DB	Senior
22	Amir Morton	RB/LB	Sophomore
23	De'Markus Barnes	OB/LB	Senior
24	Lance Brown	DB/WR	Freshman
25	Davide Morales	WR	Junior
26	William Stone	LB	Junior
27	Kingston Monette	QB	Sophomore
28	Jaxson Davis	DB/WR	Freshman
29	Sam Carpenter	DB/WR	Sophomore
30	Damion Garrison	DB/WR	Freshman
31	RaiJon Reed	DB/WR	Freshman
32	Jonah Nadley	DE	Senior
33	Jibri Abdullah II	DL/OL	Sophomore
34	Ben Baklayan d'Ambra	DB/WR	Junior
35	Chris Smith	DL/OL	Senior

No.	Player Name	Pos.	Class
36	Patrick Hill	LB/RB	Senior
37	Julian Katz	K/P	Senior
38	Remy Joseph	DB/WR	Sophomore
39	Remy Miller	DB/WR	Junior
40	Ethan Harrington	TE/LB	Freshman
41	Carter Sobel	K/P	Junior
42	Mikhal Johnson	DL	Senior
43	Amari Richards	RB/LB	Freshman
44	Eli Zamorano	LB	Freshman
45	Jacob Landless	RB/LB	Sophomore
46	Collin LaChapelle	K/P	Freshman
47	Lorenzo Kar	RB/LB	Freshman
48	Griffin Sobel	S	Freshman
50	Donny Pomale	OL/DL	Freshman
51	Kasi Currie	OL/DL	Junior
52	James Johnson	OL/DL	Sophomore
53	Dominic Zenteno	OL/DL	Freshman
54	Hunter Bryant	OL/DL	Freshman
55	Isaiah Ali'ipule	OL/DL	Sophomore
56	Justin Follingstad	OL	Junior
57	Spencer Parham	OL/DL	Senior
58	Charles Bowens	OL/DL	Senior
65	Antonio Gutierrez	OL	Sophomore
66	Tyson Seidman	OL	Junior
72	Ivan Pena	OL	Senior
77	Lance Ciechanowski	OL	Sophomore
78	Braydenn Mercer	OL	Junior
80	Hayden Shuler	DB/WR	Sophomore
82	Nolan Rochfort	TE/LB	Freshman
84	Solomon Stanford	DB/WR	Sophomore
85	Jake Ford	DB/WR	Freshman
88	Dylan McPartlin	TE/DE	Sophomore
90	Brayden Tautolo	DL	Junior
99	Richard Wesley	DE	Senior
Nickname / Mascot: TRAILBLAZERS			