



SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2022 VARSITY FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

2 State Championships

1997 Division II
2011 Division I

3 CIF-Southern Section Championships

1996 Division V
1997 Division V
2011 PAC-5

26 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)

4 League Championships

1996, 1997, 2000 & 2001

34th Varsity Season

Overall Record: 237-139-3 (.629)
Home: 129-62-3 (.674)
Road: 107-77-0 (.584)

7 Nationally-Ranked Teams

1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2011, 2012 & 2017

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

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



**Mullen Mustangs (0-2) at
Santa Margarita Catholic Eagles (3-0)**

Saddleback College (Mission Viejo, California)

Friday, September 9, 2022 • 7:00 p.m.



RECAP OF LAST WEEK'S GAME - FORFEIT WIN VS. ST. AUGUSTINE

Early last Monday afternoon, Santa Margarita Catholic's opponent, St. Augustine (San Diego), announced that games scheduled for all levels were cancelled. According to Saint's Athletic Director Matt Linville, this was due to the limited number of players available. The program experienced a number of injuries at the varsity and junior varsity levels and didn't have enough substitutes to fill the void -- just over three dozen. St. Augustine last played on August 26. A quote from new Coach Rod Gladnick after that game indicated the Saints started 17 freshmen and sophomores. The school has 53 players listed on their MaxPreps.com "varsity" roster. Thirty-one of those are identified as being from the freshman or sophomore class with a handful not listed with any classification. It is no secret that the Saint's program is in transition and requiring to reload with personnel -- many of last season's players transferred out. The game goes down in the books as a 2-0 forfeit win for the Eagles.

For SMC, a Senior Night game against Mullen of Denver is next up at Saddleback College. Six days later, their final nonleague contest will be the toughest to that point -- versus No. 11 Los Alamitos at Veterans Stadium in Long Beach. The traditional week off in between nonleague and Trinity League follows, but the school is actively looking to possibly schedule another game to fill the cancellation.

The Eagles have enjoyed stout and spirited play on both sides of the ball in their two games. Junior transfer Emmett Mosley, returning junior starter LeVar Talley and freshman newcomer Trent Mosley are just few of the many who have made an impact thus far. In addition, the underclass trifecta rotation at running back of Lee Fuimaono, Skylar Lendsey and Taurian Nash has been effective, although Jake Foye has been missed. Seniors Jaxon Potter and Niko Lopez have continued their successful QB-WR connection. Jacob Bower, Donovan Comestro, Ben Durham and Blake Wilson have struck the opposition hard. Jalani Liva and Simeon Maiava have toiled tirelessly in the trenches. Collins Acheampong has been a monster on the defensive line.



*Niko Lopez
Jaxon Potter
Ben Durham*

*Cameron Burke
Donovan Comestro*

*Matthew Bays
Sean Dilliaine
Nicholas Johnson
Blake Wilson
Marco Vujovich*

*Yushi Wu
Jake Foye
Jacob Bower
Luke Shulga
Jalani Liva*

*Aidan Carrison
Simeon Maiava
Jake McEligot
Mason Schuster
Collins Acheampong*

HEAD COACH ANTHONY ROUZIER

Anthony Rouzier begins his third season as the Head Varsity Coach at Santa Margarita Catholic High School. Prior to taking the reigns of the program in the spring of 2021, Rouzier coached at SMC for three seasons, first serving as the linebacker coach and then as the Eagles' defensive coordinator. The path to Head Coach started on August 27, 2020 when Rouzier was named on an interim basis. On February 5, 2021, Rouzier was named fulltime Head Coach by school President Andy Sulick.

Rouzier played collegiately at the University of Connecticut in 2005. There he was the first true freshman walk-on to start in the Division-era of the school. He then transferred to the University of Massachusetts as a scholarship athlete and was a member of two Colonial Athletic Conference championships teams. In the classroom, Rouzier earned All-Academic All-Conference honors in 2007 and 2008.

After his collegiate playing days, in 2014, Rouzier coached at Amherst Regional High School (Massachusetts) where he started as the linebacker coach and was promoted to Defensive Coordinator mid-season. Rouzier then proceeded to coach the outside linebackers at Winston-Salem State University (North Carolina) in the spring of 2015. Shortly after that, he returned as a graduate assistant at his Alma Mater, the University of Massachusetts. There he worked with the defensive backs in 2015 and linebackers in 2016.

Rouzier then found his way to Europe to coach with the Hamburg Huskies of the German Football League. There, in 2017, he was the interim Head Coach and Defensive Coordinator. For his success, Rouzier was promoted to and accepted the Head Coaching position. Rouzier was also the Defensive Coordinator for the Under-17 Hamburg State All-Star team and worked with a recruiting service that helped European prospects earn Division 1 college scholarships in the United States. One of the other German coaches was current SMC assistant coach Sean Embree. It was Embree who convinced Rouzier that coaching at SMC would be worth his while and he soon found his way to South Orange County.

Born and raised in Massachusetts, Rouzier married his wife Elwira, who he met in Germany in 2018. He holds Juris Doctor and Master's of Business Administration degrees from Florida International University and a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the University of Massachusetts. He is the co-creator of a children's book and non-profit organization that promotes health and wellness.

Over the recent offseason, Coach Rouzier and his talented staff have developed an innovative approach to expand the depth and breadth of the program. These activities and processes include:

- Attraction of several high profile prospects via transfer
- Individual player participation in over 55 camps, showcases and events throughout the West
- Scheduling almost one dozen 7-on-7 passing tournaments and scrimmages between all levels of the program
- Conducting multiple offsite team building and leadership events
- Improvement of communication pipeline with a myriad of team information being offered and shared. For example: first-ever preseason team newsletter
- Development and support of dedicated student-produced media programming covering all aspects of the team

CURRENT POLL RANKINGS - AS OF PRESS TIME

Orange County Register

County: 3

Cal-Hi Sports (calhisports.com)

State: 5

MaxPreps.com

Nation: 46 | State: 7 | Section: 2

CalPreps.com

State: 6 | Section: 6 | County: 3

Los Angeles Times

Southland (Los Angeles / Orange Counties and Inland Empire): 5

Scorebooklive.com (SBLive)

State: 6

High School Football America

Nation: 64 | State: 15 | Section: 10 | County: 5

masseyratings.com

Nation: 23 | State: 6 | Section: 6 | County: 4

SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC - PLAYER NOTES, HIGHLIGHTS & STATS

0 Nicholas “Niko” Lopez | Wide Receiver | Senior | 6-3 / 215 (No. 19 Temporarily)

- Enjoyed a two touchdown performance, on two receptions for 57 yards, in victory over Norco
- scorebooklive.com (SBLive) 2022 Preseason All-State Third-Team - Offense selection
- scorebooklive.com (SBLive) 2022 Preseason All-Southern Section Second-Team - Offense selection
- Ranked No. 22 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2022
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2022 Preseason All-Orange County Second-Team - Offense selection
- Ranked the No. 5 wide receiver in the County by the *Orange County Register* for 2022, while teammate Emmett Mosley was the No. 3 selection
- Recognized by Eric Sondheimer of the *Los Angeles Times* as a tight end to “watch” and “making an impact” in 2022 (July 31 / August 12)
- Has committed to Colorado State. Also received offers from Nevada, Portland State and Louisville
- Ranked the No. 73 overall and No. 9 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2023 in Summer 2022
- Invited to and participated in the 3rd Annual Rose City Boyz 7v7 Classic in Pasadena, California. Club team won championship
- Cited by PrepRedzone.com (Michael Huntley - April 11, 2022) as being part of the most improved team in the Trinity League for Fall 2022
- Invited to and participated in the Turf Wars 7v7 Tournament held in San Juan Capistrano in mid-March, playing for OC Elite. Recognized by 247sports.com as an “Offensive Standout” and PrepRedzone.com as a shining star
- Ranked No. 2 wide receiver prospect “riser” in state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2023 in Winter 2022
- Named an OCVarsity.com (*Orange County Register*) “Future 50” candidate for the 2023 Orange County All-Star Football Game
- Ranked No. 241 overall and No. 62 by position prospect in the nation and No. 55 prospect in state by QB Hit List (qbhitlist.com) for Class of 2023
- Named to “Huntley’s Hot List: Orange County’s Top 6 Available Football Recruits” on January 22
- Ranked the No. 112 overall prospect and No. 17 wide receiver in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2023 in Winter 2022
- Fall 2021 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Offense
- Fall 2021 All-Orange County (by Orange County Register) Third-Team - Offense
- Fall 2021 All-Trinity League First-Team - Offense
- Led team with 65 pass receptions, 693 receiving yards and tied for receiving and overall touchdowns with eight. Was second in pass receptions and fourth in yards during the Trinity League regular season
- Caught 10 passes for 134 yards (13.4 average) and one touchdown in the win over Orange Lutheran in the regular season finale
- Achieved new career-highs in pass receptions (9) and yards receiving (96) in season-opening win versus San Juan Hills
- Ranked the No. 178 overall prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2023 in Fall 2021
- Ranked No. 63 by *Orange County Register* of Hot-150 Top Impact Players in Fall 2021
- *Los Angeles Times* Potential Breakout Star in the Southland for Fall 2021
- Spring 2021 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense
- A member of the Eagles basketball program who is described as having sound basketball instincts that transfer to the football field, especially when going after and securing the ball

1 Bekkem Kritza | Quarterback | Sophomore | 6-5 / 190

- Ranked the No. 56 overall prospect in the 247Sports Top 100 for the Class of 2025 (Carried on MaxPreps.com also)
- Has received offers from Colorado, Colorado State, Kansas, Texas State and Texas A&M. Has also received interest from USC, Texas and Alabama
- Transferred from Fairview High School (Boulder, Colorado) in July, 2022
- Participated in the Nike Elite 11 So Cal Regional Camp in Manhattan Beach in early-June
- Invited to the ESPN 300 Elite Underclassmen Camp in Las Vegas, Nevada
- Passed for 3,192 yards and 22 touchdowns as a freshman in 10 games in 2021. Also connected on 64.9 percent of his passes
- According to MaxPreps.com, ranked No. 3 in the nation for passing yards by a freshmen in 2021

1 Gage Burnett | Outside Linebacker / Defensive End / Long Snapper | Junior | 6-0 / 223

- Ranked the No. 107 overall and No. 14 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Fall 2022
- Ranked No. 73 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2022

- Ranked the No. 71 overall and No. 10 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Summer 2022
- Named by *Orange County Register* as a 2022 Spring Football “Top Impact Transfer in Orange County”
- Cited by PrepRedzone.com (Michael Huntley - April 11, 2022) as being part of the most improved team in the Trinity League for Fall 2022
- Invited to and participated in the Giant Skillz Athletics - (B.O.S.S.) National Lineman Showcase 2022 So Cal Regional in February, 2022. Recognized by 247sports.com’s Greg Biggins and PrepRedzone.com’s Michael Huntley for a “strong showing” at the event
- Transferred to SMC during the winter semester from Servite
- Ranked the No. 71 overall prospect and No. 10 at linebacker in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Winter 2022
- Has received offers from Arizona and Massachusetts
- Played in all 13 games for Servite in Fall 2021 and registered 38 tackles, two sacks and recovered two fumbles

5 Jaxon Potter | Quarterback | Senior | 6-4 / 181

- Threw for 286 yards and a career-tying four touchdown passes in lopsided 36-14 win over visiting Norco (also vs. Los Alamitos - (09/17/21). Named a “Top So Cal Star” by scorebooklive.com and nominated for So Cal Sports Athlete of the Week plus cited as a “Top Performer” by prepredzone.com
- Named the “CIF-SS Ford Football Game of the Week on Bally Sports Player of the Game” in victory over San Juan Hills in the season opener
- Ranked No. 9 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2022
- Ranked as a “Quarterback to Watch” in the West by Tom Lemming, one of the top prep recruiting analysts in the country
- Ranked No. 4 Quarterback in Orange County for senior class (2023) by PrepRedzone.com and No. 4 overall by the *Orange County Register* for 2022
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2022 Preseason All-Orange County Second-Team - Offense selection
- Ranked the No. 102 overall and No. 13 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2023 in Summer 2022
- Participated in the Nike Elite 11 So Cal Regional Camp in Manhattan Beach in early-June
 - 247Sports.com recognized as a “Top Performer Eye Catcher” -- Player that is under-recruited, has a next level skill set and consistently accurate
 - PrepRedzone.com cited: Throws down the field well and showed improved decision making when he was surrounded by better talent at Santa Margarita
 - Interviewed for online article from Cal-Hi Sports (calhisports.com): “The Eagles have a loaded group of returnees, including quarterback Jaxon Potter”
- Has committed to Alabama-Birmingham (Conference USA). Also received an offer from Portland State
- Recognized by Eric Sondheimer of the *Los Angeles Times* for play at the Millikan (Long Beach) 7on7 Tournament in May, 2022: “Displayed some refined decision-making and touch from his junior season”
- Invited to and participated in the 3rd Annual Rose City Boyz 7v7 Classic in Pasadena, California. Club team won championship
- Cited by PrepRedzone.com (Michael Huntley - April 11, 2022) as being part of the most improved team in the Trinity League for Fall 2022
- Named an OCVarsity.com (*Orange County Register*) “Future 50” candidate for the 2023 Orange County All-Star Football Game
- Invited to and participated in the Proway Battle 7on7 held in Dallas, Texas in March, 2022. Described by 247sports.com as an “eye-catcher”
- Invited to and participated in the Turf Wars 7v7 Tournament held in San Juan Capistrano in mid-March, playing for OC Elite. Recognized by 247sports.com as an “Offensive Standout” and PrepRedzone.com as a shining star
- Invited to and participated in the Proway Passing Down 7on7 Northwest Championship in Portland, Oregon in March, 2022. Earned the Northwest High School Regional Most Valuable Player award and championship belt
- Invited to and participated in the Giant Skillz Athletics - (B.O.S.S.) Athletics 5v5 Tournament in February, 2022
- Ranked No. 120 overall and No. 10 by position prospect in the nation and No. 8 prospect in state by QB Hit List (qbhitlist.com) for Class of 2023
- Selected as the two-day Most Valuable Player at the 2022 Showcase Ball Academy Quarterback Challenge and West Regional conducted at Serra High School (Gardena) in late-January
- Selected the Quarterback Challenge Winner at the same event in Spring, 2021, which included talented quarterbacks from the classes of 2023, 2024 and 2025 from California, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and Hawaii. Also cited as a “Notable Standout” by seismicssportscoverage.com

- Invited to participate in the Rivals Camp Series / Wilson QBX Camp on February 26 in Los Angeles. Participated in the same event in June, 2021
- Ranked in Top 100 List of Quarterback Recruits by College Football Today & ESPN Plus for Class of 2023
- Ranked the No. 102 overall prospect and No. 13 quarterback in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2023 in Winter 2022
- Fall 2021 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Juniors Third-Team - Offense
- Fall 2021 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Offense
- Fall 2021 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense
- Finished the Fall 2021 season with 239 pass completions, 433 pass attempts, 2,869 passing yards and 23 touchdown passes. Broke the school record for pass completions and attempts in a single season and threw for the second-most yards ever. Also established a new record for fewest games needed to reach 2,000 yards passing in a season (7)
- During the regular season, led the Trinity League in pass completions (223), pass attempts (394), passing yards (2,703) and was third in touchdown passes (23)
- Lit up the scoreboard in last second win over Orange Lutheran in the regular season finale. Set new single game school-records for pass attempts (55) and pass completions (34) and threw for the second-most yards (462). Scored the game-winning touchdown on a one-yard sneak with 0:13 seconds remaining
- Ranked the No. 4 quarterback in Orange County by Steve Fryer in his "First and 10 for High School Football's Week 7" (10/04/21)
- Threw for the second-most passing yards ever by an SMC quarterback in debut game in season-opening win versus San Juan Hills -- 294-yards. Connected for three touchdown passes
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2021 Preseason All-State Second-Team - Offense (QB)
- Ranked No. 22 by *Orange County Register* of Hot-150 Top Impact Players in Fall 2021
- Ranked No. 5 quarterback in Orange County for Fall 2021 by the *Orange County Register*
- Cal-Hi Sports 2021 Preseason Hot 100 - No. 71 in state for Class of 2023

6 LaRue Zamorano | Defensive Back | Sophomore | 6-2 / 180

- Ranked the No. 24 overall and No. 4 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2025 in Fall 2022
- Selected as a "Watch List" candidate by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2025 in Summer 2022
- As a freshman in Spring 2022, achieved amazing marks in Track & Field that are among the school's all-time best:
 - Long jump: 21'6.5" (2nd all-time)
 - Triple jump: 40'0.5" (9th all-time)
 - 200-meters: 23.42
 - 4 x 100-meter relay
- Listed on several PrepRedzone.com lists
 - Ranked No. 6 prospect in state at defensive back position for Class of 2025 in Winter 2022
 - Ranked No. 5 prospect in Orange County at defensive back position for Class of 2025 in Winter 2022
 - Ranked on overall "Watch List" of state prospects for Class of 2025 in Spring 2022

7 Joshua Tucheck | Wide Receiver / Defensive Back | Sophomore | 6-1 / 170

- Named as a "breakout candidate" on SMC roster by scorebooklive.com in season preview
- Ranked the No. 102 overall and No. 15 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2025 in Fall 2022
- Selected as a "Watch List" candidate by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2025 in Summer 2022
- Has been clocked at 11.32 in the 100-meters
- Ranked in top 10 list of wide receiver prospects and "Watch List" in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2025 in Winter 2022

8 Ben Durham | Defensive Back | Senior | 5-11 / 205

- Named by PrepRedzone.com as one of the top "under the radar" and underrated senior safeties in Southern California
- Came up big in the first game of the season at San Juan Hills when he notched a safety and sack
- Named as a "top player" on SMC roster by scorebooklive.com in season preview
- Invited to and participated in the Legit Rare All-American Season Series in San Diego in late-Summer
- Selected as a "Watch List" candidate by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2023 in Summer 2022
- Offseason training included stops at the Redlands, Utah, Stanford, Sacramento State, San Diego State and Wyoming Summer Camps
- Has been clocked at 4.60 in the 40-yard dash and 11.96 in the 100-meters

- Invited to and participated in the Proway Battle 7on7 held in Dallas, Texas in March, 2022 and other regional events
- Invited to and participated in the four-day National Prep Collegiate Showcase National Combine at the 2022 NFL Pro Bowl held in Las Vegas, Nevada in February, 2022
- Named a "Defensive Standout" at the Turf Wars 7-on-7 Winter Classic Jamboree in San Juan Capistrano while representing the OC Elite Sky Blue club in January, 2022
- Listed on PrepRedzone.com's "Watch List" of state prospects for Class of 2023 in Winter 2022
- Registered a team-high 12 tackles (tied with teammate Donovan Comestro) in loss at Norco
- Listed on PrepRedzone.com's "Watch List" of state prospects for Class of 2023 in Fall 2021

9 Bain Eiseman | Wide Receiver | Junior | 5-11 / 170

- Registered a touchdown reception in win over Norco
- Ranked the No. 174 overall prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Fall 2022
- Ranked the No. 147 overall and No. 20 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Summer 2022
- Praised by PrepRedzone.com for performances on the "passing league" circuit
- Cited by PrepRedzone.com (Michael Huntley - April 11, 2022) as being part of the most improved team in the Trinity League for Fall 2022
- On SMC Track & Field team, ran 10.98 in the 100-meters which is tied for sixth all-time in school history. Also has been clocked at 4.42 in the 40-yard dash and 23.01 in the 200-meters
- Ranked the No. 147 overall prospect and No. 20 wide receiver in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Winter 2022
- Listed as a "Trinity League Stock Riser" by PrepRedzone.com in Winter 2022
- Was fourth on the team with 27 pass receptions in Fall 2021

10 Emmett Mosley | Wide Receiver / Cornerback | Junior | 6-2 / 195

- With nine eight catches versus Norco, had second-consecutive game with eight-or-more receptions to start SMC career
- Had a solid performance in his first game in an SMC uniform at San Juan Hills (Week 0) -- 9 receptions for 94 yards and one touchdown. Cited by Michael Huntley of prepredzone.com for "Honorable Mention" performance
- Cal-Hi Sports 2022 Preseason All-State Third-Team - Defense (DB)
- Ranked the No. 13 overall and No. 2 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Fall 2022
- Ranked No. 10 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2022
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2022 Preseason All-Orange County First-Team - Defense selection
- Ranked the No. 3 wide receiver in the County by the *Orange County Register* for 2022, while teammate Niko Lopez was the No. 5 selection
- Ranked the No. 13 overall and No. 2 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Summer 2022
- No. 12 ranked prospect in state "Hot 100" from Class of 2024 by Cal-Hi Sports
- Cited as a "Top Offensive Performer" at the Mission Viejo Passing Tournament by PrepRedzone.com and has improved his speed greatly this offseason
- Named by *Orange County Register* as a 2022 Spring Football "Top Impact Transfer in Orange County"
- Received an invitation to attend the Annual Blue-Gold Game (Notre Dame Football Spring Scrimmage) in South Bend, Indiana on April 23 -- Reserved for top Class of 2024 recruits (Reported by Tom Loy - 247sports.com)
- Selected by Lemming Prep Football Report (Tom Lemming) as a National Recruit and All-American from the Class of 2024 for photo shoot in Westwood, California (UCLA) in April, 2022
- Ranked the No. 13 overall prospect and No. 2 athlete position in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Winter 2022
- Ranked No. 40 overall and No. 26 by position prospect in the nation and No. 3 prospect in state by QB Hit List (qbhitlist.com) for Class of 2024
- Transferred to SMC during the winter semester from Servite
- Ranked the No. 13 overall prospect and No. 2 at athlete position in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Winter 2022
- Highly-recruited player was sidelined much of the Fall 2021 season by injury
- Currently holds offers from Alabama, Arizona, Arizona State, Georgia, Colorado, LSU, Oregon, Penn State, USC, Clemson, Iowa, Texas, Utah, Texas A&M, Washington, Massachusetts, UCLA and Notre Dame
- Has been clocked at 11.47 in the 100-meters (2021 @ Servite)
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2021 Preseason All-Orange County Second-Team - Defense (DB)

- Selected as a preseason MaxPreps.com Sophomore All-American in Fall 2021
- Celebrated his best moment of Fall 2021 season as he debuted versus Mater Dei and blocked a punt that a teammate returned for a score

11 LeVar Talley | Defensive Line | Junior | 6-3 / 210

- scorebooklive.com (SBLive) 2022 Preseason All-State Third-Team - Defense selection
- scorebooklive.com (SBLive) 2022 Preseason All-Southern Section Second-Team - Defense selection
- Ranked the No. 26 overall and No. 3 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Fall 2022
- Ranked No. 62 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2022
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2022 Preseason All-Orange County First-Team - Defense selection
- Ranked the No. 21 overall and No. 2 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Summer 2022
- No. 64 ranked prospect in state "Hot 100" from Class of 2024 by Cal-Hi Sports
- Ranked the No. 11 Top Defensive Line prospect in Southern California by Cannon Sports USA / ELITE Sports Media Group Company
- Received recognition from Cal Preps - Rivals
 - No. 9 ranked (For all classes) defensive lineman in the nation at Camp Series
 - No. 14 ranked weak side defensive end in the nation for Class of 2024
- Has received offers from Louisville, Georgia, Virginia Tech, Florida State, Pittsburgh and USC. Has made unofficial visits to USC, UCLA, Fresno State, Oregon and Colorado
- Recognized by Lemming Prep Football Report (Tom Lemming) as a prospect that "shows a very quick get off, strong hands, excellent foot work, loose hips and great attitude -- dominates the point of attack in May, 2022
- Cited by PrepRedzone.com (Michael Huntley - April 11, 2022) as being part of the most improved team in the Trinity League for Fall 2022
- Invited to and participated in the Under Armour Next Camp Series at Mission Viejo High School in March. Also named a Top Defensive Performer by PrepRedzone.com. Also noted as a player to watch by Greg Biggins of 247sports.com
- Invited to and participated in the first stop in the 2022 Cal Preps - Rivals Camp Series held at East Los Angeles College. Named the positional Most Valuable Player - Defensive Line in February. Also named a Top Defensive Performer by PrepRedzone.com
- Invited to and participated in the Giant Skillz Athletics - (B.O.S.S.) National Lineman Showcase 2022 So Cal Regional in February. Recognized by 247sports.com's Greg Biggins for a "strong showing" at the event
- Ranked the No. 1 defensive line prospect "riser" in state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Winter 2022
- Ranked the No. 21 overall prospect and No. 2 defensive lineman in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Winter 2022
- Fall 2021 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- Fall 2021 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Defense
- In Fall 2021, was second on the team in sacks (4.5) and tackles for loss (10)
- Enjoyed an outstanding game on defense in loss at Mater Dei -- logged five tackles (4 for loss) and three quarterback sacks
- Had one quarterback sack in win over Nolan Catholic. Recognized by the *Orange County Register's* with "Huntley's Hits" for Week 4

12 Cameron Burke | Quarterback | Senior | 6-0 / 168

- Offseason training included stops at the Northwestern, Stanford, Yale, Princeton, Penn and Columbia Camps
- On SMC Track & Field team, ran 15.90 in the 110-meter hurdles which is ninth all-time in school history and fifth in the Trinity League in 2022. Also ran 41.35 in the 300-meter hurdles which is twelfth all-time in school history and third in the Trinity League for 2022. Also has been clocked at 4.92 in the 40-yard dash

13 Donovan Comestro | Defensive Back | Senior | 6-0 / 170

- scorebooklive.com (SBLive) 2022 Preseason All-Southern Section Third-Team - Defense selection
- Ranked No. 35 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2022
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2022 Preseason All-Orange County Second-Team - Defense selection
- Ranked the No. 4 defensive back in the County by the *Orange County Register* for 2022, while teammate Blake Wilson was the No. 8 selection
- Has received offers from Holy Cross, Colgate, Fordham, Stetson, Bucknell, Cornell, Dartmouth, Princeton, Yale, Penn and Army-West Point
- Praised by PrepRedzone.com for performances on the "passing league" circuit

- Offseason training included stops at the SMU and TCU Dallas Showcases
- Invited to and participated in the Legit Rare All-American Season Series in San Diego in late-Summer
- Invited to and participated in the Turf Wars 7v7 Tournament held in San Juan Capistrano in mid-March, playing for OC Elite. Recognized by 247sports.com as an "Emerging Sleeper" and PrepRedzone.com as a shining star
- Named a "Defensive Standout" at the Turf Wars 7-on-7 Winter Classic Jamboree at JSerra Catholic while representing the OC Elite Sky Blue club in January
- Fall 2021 All-Trinity League First-Team - Defense
- Tied for second on the team with three interceptions and was second in total tackles with 70. Tied for second-most interceptions in the Trinity League regular season and was fifth in total tackles. Also led the club with 14 passes defended.
- Had one interception and team-high 14 tackles in regular loss at Servite and also registered one interception in loss to St. John Bosco
- Registered a team-high 12 tackles (tied with teammate Ben Durham) in loss at Norco
- Spring 2021 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Defense
- Notched 16 total tackles (4 for loss), a half sack, one interception, three pass defenses and forced two fumbles in Spring 2021

14 Trent Mosley | Wide Receiver | Freshman | 5-11 / 155

- After the Summer "Battle at the Beach," the *Orange County Register* boasted that receiver Mosley flashed skills beyond his years and was arguably the top freshman in Orange County this season
- Has received offers from Oregon, Michigan State, Texas A&M, USC and Notre Dame

21 Sean Embree | Tight End | Sophomore | 6-4 / 155

- In first-ever game in a SMC uniform, registered two receptions for 30 yards, including one touchdown on the opening drive in win over Norco

23 Luke Anderson | Defensive Back | Sophomore | 6-0 / 170

- In first varsity start, registered three assisted tackles in win at San Juan Hills
- Saw action in two varsity games last season. In 42-21 win over Los Alamitos, had one kickoff return for six yards and notched four total tackles
- In a freshman game versus Los Alamitos, scored a long rushing touchdown, made a key block for a teammate that led to a score and played solid defense in a 53-0 victory

24 Matthew Bays | Defensive Back | Senior | 5-11 / 170

- Offseason training included a stop at the TCU Showcase

26 Taurian Nash | Running Back / Linebacker | Sophomore | 5-10 / 210

- Scored a 16-yard rushing touchdown on only attempt in win over Norco
- Ranked the No. 104 overall and No. 9 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2025 in Fall 2022
- Selected as a "Watch List" candidate by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2025 in Summer 2022
- Listed high on PrepRedzone.com's "Watch List" of state running back prospects for Class of 2023 in Winter 2022
- Ranked the No. 9 overall prospect in Orange County by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2025 in Winter 2022
- Enjoyed the best game of his young career in the upset win over Los Alamitos -- 54 yards rushing on six carries (9.0 average) and one touchdown.
- Scored first career touchdown in win over St. Augustine (2021)

33 Nicholas Johnson | Defensive End | Senior | 6-4 / 191

- Offseason training included stops at the USC, UCLA, Colorado State and Redlands Camps
- Invited to and participated in the Allegiance Athletics Offensive / Defensive Lineman Camp in March, 2022
- Invited to and participated in the Giant Skillz Athletics - (B.O.S.S.) National Lineman Showcase 2022 So Cal Regional in February, 2022. Recognized by 247sports.com's Greg Biggins and PrepRedzone.com's Michael Huntley for a "strong showing" at the event
- Garnered high praise at the California Prep Redzone Showcase (sponsored by PrepRedZone.com) in January, 2022 -- Top 12 Defensive Standouts / Most Valuable Player at Defensive Line position

34 Blake Wilson | Defensive Back / Kicker / Punter | Senior | 5-10 / 175

- Demonstrated his overall ability in game No. 1 at San Juan Hills when he registered an interception, kicked a PAT, averaged 44.0 yards per punt and four tackles. Had a career long punt of 53 yards
- Ranked No. 55 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2022
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2022 Preseason All-Orange County Second-Team - Defense selection
- Ranked the No. 8 defensive back in the County by the *Orange County Register* for 2022, while teammate Donovan Comestro was the No. 4 selection
- Cited as one of the top-ten kickers and punters in the Southland by Eric Sondheimer (*Los Angeles Times* - August 16, 2022)
- Ranked one of the two best kickers in the “powerful” Trinity League for 2022 and a true “Swiss Army” knife by Eric Sondheimer (*Los Angeles Times* - August 7, 2022)
- Praised by PrepRedzone.com for performances on the “passing league” circuit
- Named an OCVarsity.com (*Orange County Register*) “Future 50” candidate for the 2023 Orange County All-Star Football Game
- Key member of the ranked SMC baseball team. Named Cal-Hi Sports “State Stat Star of the Week” on April 14 -- at the National Classic High School Baseball Tournament he was 3-for-4 with two home runs -- including a grand slam -- to go along with one double and seven RBI in the 7-4 win over La Jolla Country Day (La Jolla). Batting, Wilson had three home runs and 16 runs batted in while pitching he was 2-0 with four saves in eight games for the team
- University of Washington commit for baseball. Nominated for the Cal-Hi Sports All-State team
- Fall 2021 All-CIF-Southern Section Division 1 Football selection
- Fall 2021 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Juniors Third-Team - Multi-Purpose
- Fall 2022 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- Fall 2021 All-Orange County (by Orange County Register) Second-Team - Defense
- Fall 2021 All-Trinity League First-Team - Defense
- Led team with 76 total tackles and five interceptions. Also, was 8-for-8 on PATs and 3-for-6 on field goal attempts. Connected for the longest field goal of the season at 46 yards, which was the longest in the Trinity League in Fall 2021. Also owned the second longest with a 42 yard boot. Tied for the most interceptions in the Trinity League during the regular season and was seventh in total tackles.
- Registered a career-high 12 tackles (2 for loss), nabbed his team-leading fifth interception and forced a fumble in CIF-SS playoff loss at Servite
- Had team-high 10 tackles in loss versus St. John Bosco
- Registered one interception in upset win over Los Alamitos and at JSerra Catholic
- Connected for a successful 46-yard field goal in loss at Norco
- Recognized by PrepRedzone.com as one of the Top Defensive Performances for Week 0
- Spring 2021 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Defense

42 Jake Foye | Running Back | Senior | 5-10 / 202

- Ranked No. 79 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2022
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2022 Preseason All-Orange County Second-Team - Offense selection
- Offseason training included stops at the TCU Showcase and UCLA Camp
- Has received an offer from Culver-Stockton College
- Named the No. 3 running back in Orange County by PrepRedzone.com in Spring 2022
- Has been clocked at 4.65 in the 40-yard dash
- Led the team in rushing yards (646) in Fall 2021. Was fifth in rushing yards in the Trinity League regular season (574)
- Rushed for 137 yards and one touchdown in the win over Orange Lutheran in the regular season finale. Recognized by PrepRedzone.com as one of the Top Rushing Performances for Week 10
- Named to OCVarsity.com Orange County “Bonus List of Top Contenders & Overlooked Players” in 2021
- Rushed for a career-high 181 yards on 21 attempts (8.6 average) in season opening win against San Juan Hills. Also scored one touchdown

43 Noah Sulick | Linebacker | Junior | 5-11 / 200

- Contributed a solid performance in the season-opening win at San Juan Hills with 10 total tackles (4 for loss) and one-and-a-half quarterback sacks. Praised by Mitch Stephens of scorebooklive.com and Michael Huntley of the *Orange County Register* - “Fear the “D”, SMC’s defense looked in midseason form”
- Noah is the third Sulick family member to wear the number 43, going along with uncle Tim ‘93 and brother Drew ‘21 -- graduates from SMC
- Named as a “top player” on SMC roster by scorebooklive.com in season preview
- Praised by PrepRedzone.com for performances on the “passing league” circuit

- One of the leaders that emerged on defense, notched 42 total tackles (7th) with nine for loss (2nd) for the 2021 Fall season
- Registered first career interception in the win over Orange Lutheran in the regular season finale
- Enjoyed the best game of his young career against Nolan Catholic: four tackles, three tackles-for-loss and one-and-a-half quarterback sacks.

44 Jacob Bower | Linebacker | Senior | 6-0 / 193

- For the second-straight contest, notched 16 total tackles (3 for loss) in resounding win over Norco. Named a Cal-Hi Sports "State Stat Star of the Week" and a "Top So Cal Star" by scorebooklive.com. Also, nominated for So Cal Sports Athlete of the Week by scorebooklive.com
- Enjoyed possibly the best game of his career in the season-opening win at San Juan Hills -- 16 total tackles, (1 for loss), one fumble recovery and one-half sack. Praised by Mitch Stephens of scorebooklive.com and Michael Huntley of the *Orange County Register* - "Fear the 'D', SMC's defense looked in midseason form"
- Ranked No. 103 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2022
- Selected as a "Watch List" candidate by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2023 in Summer 2022
- Offseason training included the UCLA and Sacramento State Summer Camps
- Listed on PrepRedzone.com's "Watch List" of state prospects for Class of 2023 in Winter 2022
- Fall 2021 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Nominee - Defense
- Fall 2021 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Defense
- Was third on the team with 58 total tackles and also among the leaders in interceptions (3) and sacks (2.0). Tied for second-most interceptions in the Trinity League during the regular season
- Registered a career-high 10 tackles in regular season loss at Servite
- Had another monster game on defense in win at JSerra Catholic -- two sacks and one interception
- Enjoyed the best game of his career thus far with two interceptions, a 27-yard fumble recovery and return for a touchdown and nine tackles in upset win over Los Alamitos in Week 4
 - Named the Cal-Hi Sports (calhisports.com) SoCal "Defensive Player of the Week"
 - Awarded a weekly "Helmet Sticker" by Michael Huntley in the *Orange County Register* Link with photo: <https://www.calhisports.com/2021/09/21/norcal-socal-players-of-the-week-63/>
 - SBLive (scorebooklive.com) nominee for "Southern California High School Athlete of the Week"
 - Web feature interview on SBLive (scorebooklive.com)
- Plays rugby for the South Orange County Raptors
- Personal website with highlights and resume: www.JRBower.com

50 Jayden Dose | Defensive Tackle | Junior | 5-10 / 229

- Invited to and participated in the Giant Skillz Athletics - (B.O.S.S.) National Lineman Showcase 2022 So Cal Regional in February, 2022

52 Grant Degulis | Offensive Lineman / Defensive Lineman | Sophomore | 6-1 / 285

- Attended Jesse Sapolu's "Men in the Trenches" (MITT) Linemen Academy in February and March, 2022
- A member of the SMC wrestling team

62 Jalani Liva | Offensive Line | Senior | 6-3 / 318

- scorebooklive.com (SBLive) 2022 Preseason All-Southern Section Second-Team - Offense selection
- Ranked No. 44 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2022
- Ranked the No. 7 lineman in the County by the *Orange County Register* for 2022, while teammate Collins Acheampong was the No. 8 selection
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2022 Preseason All-Orange County Second-Team - Offense selection
- Has received an offer from Arizona Christian
- Invited to and participated in the Legit Rare All-American Season Series in San Diego in late-Summer
- Ranked the No. 229 overall and No. 26 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2023 in Summer 2022
- Selected to play in the next Polynesian Bowl on Saturday, January 23, 2023 at Kūniūākea Stadium at the Kamehameha Schools - Kapālama Campus in Honolulu, Hawaii
- Invited to and participated in the Polynesian Bowl Combine / Tryout Camp in March, 2022 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Received several accolades regarding performance:
 - Named one of five "Top Performers" after the "Best on Best" drill by camp directors
 - Recognized by 247sports.com for efforts
 - Recognized by PrepRedzone.com and Michael Huntley for efforts

-- Described by Greg Biggins (National Recruiting Analyst for 247Sports & Selection Committee for the Polynesian Bowl) as a "major sleeper out West"

- Invited to and participated in the Giant Skillz Athletics - (B.O.S.S.) National Lineman Showcase 2022 So Cal Regional in February, 2022. Recognized by 247sports.com's Greg Biggins for a "strong showing" at the event
- Named an OCVarsity.com (*Orange County Register*) "Future 50" candidate for the 2023 Orange County All-Star Football Game
- Ranked the No. 229 overall prospect and No. 26 offensive lineman in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2023 in Winter 2022
- Fall 2021 All-Trinity League Second-Team - Offense
- Recognized as a "Lineman on the Rise" in Orange County in Fall 2021 by the *Orange County Register*

64 Joseph "Joey" Lopez | Offensive Lineman | Freshman | 6-5 / 315

- Has received offers from North Carolina-Charlotte University and Jacksonville State
- Invited to and participated in the Under Armour Next Camp Series for then 8th grade players held in Los Angeles, California in March, 2022
- Originally from San Jacinto, California

66 Aidan Carrison | Offensive / Defensive Lineman | Senior | 6-4 / 315

- Invited to and participated in the Giant Skillz Athletics - (B.O.S.S.) National Lineman Showcase 2022 So Cal Regional in February, 2022

75 Simeon Maiava | Offensive Guard / Defensive Tackle | Senior | 6-4 / 333

- Offseason training included stops at the Nevada-Las Vegas and Redlands Camps
- Has received an offer from the University of San Diego
- Invited to and participated in the Allegiance Athletics Offensive / Defensive Lineman Camp in March, 2022
- Featured guest on the "Ike and Rome Show" on the No Line No Shine Network (April 5, 2022)
- Participated in ongoing training at PTP Sports and Team Elite Sports Academy - Team Elite 91 (T.E.S.A.) during offseason
- Invited to and participated in the National Prep Collegiate Showcase in April and June, 2022
- Invited to and participated in the NICO Trenches Lineman Showcase in March, 2022
- Invited to and participated in the Giant Skillz Athletics - (B.O.S.S.) National Lineman Showcase 2022 So Cal Regional in February, 2022. Recognized as a "Top Showcase Performer" by PrepRedzone.com and recognized by 247sports.com's Greg Biggins for a "strong showing" at the event
- Fall 2021 All-CIF-Southern Section Division 11 Football selection
- Transferred to SMC from Vista del Lago (Moreno Valley)
- Attended Jesse Sapolu's "Men in the Trenches" (MITT) Linemen Academy in February, 2022

77 Ethan "E.J." Thomas | Offensive Lineman | Sophomore | 6-4 / 298

- Invited to and participated in the Giant Skillz Athletics - (B.O.S.S.) National Lineman Showcase 2022 So Cal Regional in February, 2022

85 Jace Brown | Wide Receiver | Sophomore | 6-3 / 205

- Named as a "breakout candidate" on SMC roster by scorebooklive.com in season preview
- Selected as a "Watch List" candidate by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2025 in Summer and Fall 2022
- Listed on PrepRedzone.com's "Watch List" of state prospects at wide receiver position for Class of 2025 in Spring 2022

88 Kyle Brody | Tight End | Junior | 6-4 / 235

- Ranked the No. 213 overall prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Fall 2022
- Ranked the No. 145 overall prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Summer 2022
- Offseason training included stops at the UCLA, Redlands and San Diego State Camps
- Invited to and participated in the National Prep Collegiate Showcase in April, 2022
- Ranked the No. 147 overall prospect and No. 2 tight end in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2024 in Winter 2022
- Registered 12 pass receptions for 81 yards (6.8 average) and one touchdown in Fall 2021

95 Mason Schuster | Kicker | Senior | 5-11 / 178

- Offseason training included the Auburn Specialist Camp

- Invited to and participated in several kicking specialty camps during the offseason:
 - Kohl's Arizona Kicking Camp held in Mesa, Arizona in February, 2022
 - Chris Sailer's Kicking Camp held in Las Vegas, Nevada in February, 2022
 - Kohl's Texas Showcase Camp held in Ft. Worth, Texas in May, 2022
 - * Achieved a kickoff long of 70 yards
 - * Successfully connected on a 55 yard field goal
- In limited action in Fall 2021, was a perfect 4-of-4 on PATs
- Is also a goalkeeper for the SMC soccer team

98 Collins Acheampong | Defensive End | Senior | 6-7 / 257

- Contributed to swarming defensive effort in win versus Norco with six tackles and one and a half sacks
- Online feature in the *Orange County Register* -- "Collins Acheampong's Inspired Journey from Ghana Continues with Santa Margarita Catholic Football" (by Dan Albano -- August 18, 2022) -- Syndicated throughout the United States in other newspapers
- Named 247sports.com's No. 16 "Freakiest College Football Recruit" in the nation for 2023
- scorebooklive.com (SBLive) 2022 Preseason All-Southern Section Second-Team - Defense selection
- scorebooklive.com (SBLive) 2022 Preseason All-State Third-Team - Defense selection
- Cal-Hi Sports 2022 Preseason All-State Second-Team - Defense (DL)
- Ranked No. 45 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2022
- Ranked the No. 8 lineman in the County by the *Orange County Register* for 2022, while teammate Jalani Liva was the No. 7 selection
- Ranked as a 3+ star recruit prospect by Tom Lemming, one of the top prep recruiting analysts in the country -- definite Division1 material
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2022 Preseason All-Orange County First-Team - Defense selection
- Ranked the No. 3 Top Defensive Line prospect in Southern California by Cannon Sports USA / ELITE Sports Media Group Company
- Selected to and participated in the Under Armour Next Future 50 All-American Camp at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida -- drew a great deal of media attention
- Has committed to play at Michigan. Also received offers from Miami (Florida), Arizona, Brigham Young, California, Colorado, Florida, LSU, Oregon, San Diego State, San Jose State, Florida A&M, Texas, UCLA, USC, Vanderbilt, Utah and Washington
- Transferred this summer from Fairmont Preparatory Academy in Anaheim
- Will see playing time at tight end. Ranked No. 45 overall and No. 3 tight end prospect in state by QB Hit List (qbhitlist.com) for Class of 2023, although majority of playing time will be seen on defense
- No. 26 ranked prospect in state "Hot 100" from Class of 2024 by Cal-Hi Sports
- Has not played football since his freshman year when he racked up 51 tackles (15 for loss) and nine sacks
- Comes into the season rated the nation's No. 17 athlete and No. 298 overall prospect by one outlet

99 Tyler Parker | Defensive Tackle / Nose Guard | Sophomore | 6-0 / 299

- MaxPreps.com Preseason Sophomore All-American Second-Team Defense selection
- Ranked the No. 17 overall and No. 1 position prospect in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2025 in Fall 2022
- Ranked No. 145 by *Orange County Register* of Hot 150 Top Impact Players for Fall 2022
- Cal-Hi Sports Fall 2022 Preseason All-Orange County Second-Team - Defense selection
- Ranked the No. 12 Top Defensive Line prospect in Southern California by Cannon Sports USA / ELITE Sports Media Group Company
- Has received offers from Portland State, Mississippi, Texas A&M, Arizona, Incarnate Word, Miami (Florida), Jackson State, California, Colorado, Arizona State and Notre Dame. Attracted interest from Tennessee and Oregon
- Kudos from Eric Sondheimer of the *Los Angeles Times*: "Tyler Parker of Santa Margarita is only a sophomore, but he has everyone's attention because of his strength" (August 4, 2022)
- Online feature at si.com (Sports Illustrated) -- "Getting to Know 2025 Defensive Lineman Tyler Parker" (by Ryan Roberts - July 24, 2022)
- Selected as a "Watch List" candidate by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2025 in Summer 2022
- As a result of his viral video, Parker was invited to and appeared on the NBC television show "Access Hollywood" and was interviewed by host Mario Lopez
- Mid-Summer workout video and photos went viral worldwide as Parker stunned viewers who awed at his hulking physique. Highlighted in online feature by scorebooklive.com where he was described as a "Teen Hulk Recruit"
- Offseason training included stop at USC Camp

- Invited to and participated in the PPI Recruits DreamChasers Tour 1 @ Mercer, LSU, Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Southern Methodist, Houston, TCU, Alabama, Kennesaw State, West Virginia, Penn State, Temple, Youngstown State, Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State, Kent State, Kentucky and Atlanta, Georgia in June, 2022
- Invited to and participated in the Allegiance Athletics Camp in Huntington Beach in May, 2022 and was named the Most Valuable Player - Defensive Line. Impressed staff who described the 14-year-old as "crazy strong!"
- Invited to the ESPN 300 Elite Underclassmen Camp in Las Vegas, Nevada
- Invited to and participated in the National Prep Collegiate Showcase in April, 2022. Selected as one of the "Top 5 Defensive Linemen" from a field of 20 at camp -- the youngest of all participants
- Cited by PredRedzone.com (Michael Huntley - April 11, 2022) as being part of the most improved team in the Trinity League for Fall 2022
- Invited to and participated in the Allegiance Athletics Offensive / Defensive Lineman Camp in May, 2022
- Has been clocked at 4.90 in the 40-yard dash
- Invited to and participated in the National Prep Collegiate Showcase in April, 2022
- Invited to and participated in the Giant Skillz Athletics - (B.O.S.S.) Skillz Camp in March, 2022. Recognized by 247sports.com's Greg Biggins and PrepRedzone.com's Michael Huntley for a "strong showing" at the event
- Listed on PrepRedzone.com's "Watch List" of state prospects at defensive line position for Class of 2025 in Spring 2022
- Ranked in top five list of defensive line prospects in the state by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2025 in Winter 2022
- A member of the SMC wrestling team

THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT: MULLEN



SMCHS Season Game No. 4 / Non-League Game No. 4

Game Logistics: Friday, September 9, 2022 @ Saddleback College (Mission Viejo) / 7:00 p.m.

School Location: Denver, Colorado

Nickname: Mustangs

League: 5A - League 2

Head Coach: Jeremy Bennett -- Career: 112-78, .589 / 3rd Season at Mullen: 5-15, .250

2021 Season: Overall Record 4-8 | League Record (Finish) 1-4 (5th) | Postseason: 1-1

2022 Record: 0-2

Last Week: Lost vs. Erie (Colorado), 54-34

All-Time Series: First Meeting

Game Broadcast: Live stream on NFHS Network

Players to Watch:

Hunter Lay, Jr. - Defensive Lineman - Senior

Ishmael Aceves, Jr. - Linebacker - Senior

Kaleb Valdez-Lemos - Quarterback - Senior

A.J. Guida - Linebacker - Junior

Ben Maillo - Offensive Lineman - Junior

Brady Judd - Defensive Lineman - Sophomore

Sonny Donati - Wide Receiver - Sophomore

Season Outlook: This former powerhouse moves over from the 5A Jeffco League and it could be the reset that the program needs. Despite going 3-7 in the regular season, the Mustangs made it to the 5A playoffs and even collected a win over Douglas County in the first round. This is a relatively young team and looks to rebuild to the level of prominence. Quarterback Blake Palladino earned vital experience at quarterback as a sophomore as he threw for 1,242 yards and four touchdowns. However, he elected to transfer. Kaleb Valdez-Lemos, who also saw time at the position and helped balance the passing attack with the ground game, now takes control. He rushed for 430 yards (second on the team) and threw four touchdown passes. Ishmael Aceves, who recorded 113 tackles and three sacks, will anchor the defense for the Mustangs. The Mustangs are 2-7 all-time versus out-of-state opponents, including 0-2 against California. They lost at De La Salle (Concord) in 2012 and Lutheran (Orange) in 2016.

NEXT WEEK'S OPPONENT: @ LOS ALAMITOS



SMCHS Season Game No. 5 / Non-League Game No. 5

Game Logistics: Thursday, September 15, 2022 @ Veterans Stadium (Long Beach) / 7:00 p.m.

School Location: Los Alamitos

Nickname: Griffins

Head Coach: Ray Fenton (44-21-1, .674) -- 7th Season

2021 Season: 9-2 Overall | 5-0 Sunset League (1st) | 0-1 CIF-SS Division 1 Playoffs

2022 Record: 1-2

Last Week: Lost vs. Basha (Chandler, Arizona), 33-28

All-Time Series: SMC leads 4-3. Last Game / SMC Win: 42-21 in 2021 (@ Saddleback)

Players to Watch:

- Malachi Nelson - Quarterback - Senior
- Gavin Porch - Slot / Running Back - Senior
- Vaka Hansen - Offensive Lineman - Senior
- Makai Lemon - Wide Receiver / Defensive Back - Senior
- Sinn Brennan - Defensive Lineman - Senior
- T.A. Cunningham - Defensive Lineman - Junior
- Ethan O'Connor - Defensive Back - Senior
- Damian Henderson - Athlete - Senior
- Nehemiah Sagiao - Linebacker - Senior

Game Broadcast: Live stream on Bally's Sports Prep Zone Live - www.ballysports.com/west-socal/

Previous Game (09/17/21): At the close of the 2021 nonleague schedule, SMC erupted for one of its most notable come-from-behind victories ever as they defeated the Griffins, 42-21. The Eagle's had trailed 14-0 at halftime but came roaring back in the second stanza. This was easily the signature win in Head Coach Anthony Rouzier's early career at SMC. In the game, Los All All-American quarterback Malachi Nelson, at one point, was 0-for-9 passing. The Eagle's stout defense was led by then junior Jacob Bower who intercepted Nelson twice and scooped up a fumble from his hands in another instance, and returned it for a 27-yard touchdown. The Griffins came into the contest ranked No. 7 in the state by calhisports.com but were dealt their only regular season setback. Defensive back Blake Wilson had eight tackles (2 solo) and one interception. Offensively, SMC quarterback Jaxon Potter was 23-of-34 for 280 yards with a career-best four touchdown passes. Receiver Jalen Jones caught four passes for 100 yards and two scores while tight end Niko Lopez added 11 receptions for 96 yards and another two touchdowns. Freshman back Taurian Nash rushed six times for 54 yards and one touchdown.

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This Week's Trinity League Schedule

Friday, September 9, 2022

Damien (La Verne) vs. **Lutheran** (Orange) @ Orange Coast College (Costa Mesa), 7:00 p.m.

JSerra Catholic (San Juan Capistrano) @ Centennial (Corona), 7:00 p.m.

La Mirada vs. **Mater Dei** (Santa Ana) @ Santa Ana Bowl, 7:00 p.m.

Servite (Anaheim) vs. Los Alamitos @ Cerritos College, 7:30 p.m. - **CIF-SS Ford "Game of the Week" on Bally's Sports**

St. John Bosco (Bellflower) @ Central Catholic (Portland, Oregon), 7:00 p.m.

IN-HOUSE EAGLE MEDIA COVERAGE



on  **YouTube**

“Eagles 360 with Natalie Miller”

- * **“Postgame Report”** - Released Monday's
- * **“The Extra Point”** - Released Wednesday's
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