



# 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: 239-141-3 (.628)  
Home: 131-62-3 (.676)  
Road: 107-79-0 (.575)

### 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)**



## Servite Friars (1-6) at Santa Margarita Catholic Eagles (5-2)

Saddleback College (Mission Viejo, California)  
Friday, October 14, 2022 • 7:00 p.m.



## RECAP OF LAST GAME VS. JSERRA CATHOLIC

After a devastating loss at Orange Lutheran to open the Trinity League schedule, where they won the statistical battle, Santa Margarita Catholic found themselves in the same boat when hosting JSerra Catholic. The Eagles amassed 341 yards of offense in the first half, including 341 passing, but after a big first quarter and quite second, the two teams were knotted at 21-21 at half.

After surrendering a touchdown in the third and falling behind 28-21, SMC manufactured the eventual game-winning drive three minutes in the fourth quarter. Taurian Nash pushed through the line on a one-yard dive for the score. Eagles Coach Anthony Rouzier had a decision to make. With two PAT attempts blocked last game and one already on the night, he chose to go for two. The gutsy call paid off as QB Jaxon Potter threaded the needle and completed a strike to Kyle Brody to give SMC a 29-28 lead and ultimately the victory.

Potter was 37-of-44 (84.1%) for 416 yards and two touchdowns. He broke his own school record for completions in a game and registered his third career 400-plus yard effort. Receiver Emmett Mosley hauled in 14 receptions for 155 yards - a career high and one touchdown. The 14 catches is tied for second in school history. The pair each enjoyed one of the best statistical games in school history.

### Potter

- Passed the 400-yard plus passing yardage threshold for the third time in career (second of the season). Only the tenth 400-yard plus game in school history. Now ranks just one game behind all-time leader K.J. Costello.
- Broke his own school record for pass completions in a single game with 37.

### Mosley

- Hauled in 14 pass receptions for 156 yards and one touchdown. The 14 catches are tied for second-most in a single game in school history.

The defense was able to make plays and hold upstart JSerra down for the triumph on Homecoming Night. They stood with LB Jacob Bower collecting 15 tackles (2 for loss) and an interception. LeVar Talley notched a sack, while defensive backs Donovan Comestro and Blake Wilson each had 11 tackles. Ben Durham had multiple tackles for a loss.

The Eagles look to raise their league mark to 2-1 as they host Servite in the second of three home contests in a row. No. 1 Mater Dei follows.

## 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

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTION HONOREE: HARRY WELCH

### Former SMC Head Coach Harry Welch Receives Two Prestigious Honors



Recently it was announced that former Santa Margarita Catholic Head Football Coach Harry Welch was elected to the CIF-Southern Section Hall of Fame -- a prestigious honor.

Additionally, in August, Welch was one of the one hundred players and 13 coaches whose names were unveiled as inductees in the inaugural class of the new California High School Football Hall of Fame. The permanent home for the Hall is located at a space inside the iconic Rose Bowl in Pasadena. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be conducted in November with the CIF-Southern Section Division I championship being

played there and the Rose Bowl stadium celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Welch, who spent the final four years of his coaching career with the Eagles, is one of the most successful coaches in California prep football history. In his twenty-five year span as a head coach, he won nine CIF-SS Championships, three

State Championships and coached seventeen Divisional Players of the Year. His career accomplishments included a 46-game winning streak, a 30-game winning streak and nine CIF sectional titles, including four-consecutive between 2006-09.

Welch won three state football titles in the five-year span from 2006 to 2011 -- in 2006 at Canyon High School (Canyon Country) (Division 1), in 2008 at St. Margaret's Episcopal (Small School Division IV) and in 2011 at Santa Margarita Catholic (Division I). Welch is the only coach in California history to win three state championships with three different schools.

Upon arrival at Santa Margarita Welch returned the program to greatness. His 2010 team finished 9-3. Then in 2011 the team finished 13-2 mark and ranked as high as No. 10 in the nation. The season culminated with a memorable 42-37 victory over Bellarmine (San Jose) in the CIF Division I State Championship game at the Home Depot Center.

During his tenure at SMC, many of Welch's teams were highly ranked on the local, state and national levels. He finished his Eagle coaching career with a 35-14 record (.714). Welch was named the 2009 and 2010 Orange County Coach of the Year by the *Orange County Register* and 2010 Coach of the Year by the *Los Angeles Times*. In 2007, the California Coaches Association, an organization that includes high school, college, and NFL coaches, named him Coach of the Year. At the end of the 2009 season, the *Los Angeles Daily News* selected him as their Football Coach of the Decade. He was also named the 2011 ABC 7 Southern California NFL High School Coach of the Year.

Welch ended his remarkable coaching career with 256 victories, 60 losses and 2 ties -- an .808 winning percentage which is reportedly second-best in California history among coaches with 250 career wins.

**Next week Carson Palmer in honored**

## **SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC - PLAYER NOTES, HIGHLIGHTS & STATS**

### **0 Nicholas "Niko" Lopez | Wide Receiver | Senior | 6-3 / 215**

- Along with teammates Emmett Mosley and Bain Eiseman, notched over 100 receiving yards in loss at Los Alamitos
- 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**

- Saw first action at SMC in lopsided win over Mullen (Colorado). Was a perfect 7-for-7 passing for 84 yards and one touchdown
- 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, LSU, Oregon, USC, Florida State, Oklahoma, Florida, Ohio State, Miami 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
- 2021 Colorado Prep Report 5A North Conference "Offensive Player of the Year"
- 2021 Colorado Prep Report 5A Northern Conference "Freshman of the Year"
- The MEGA VI QBC - NextGen Football Invitational in January, 2022 at Frisco, Texas
- NP National Combine at NFL Pro Bowl in February, 2022 in Las Vegas
- 2021 Offense-Defense All American Bowl Camp
- 2021 Offense-Defense National Championship invitee
- 2020 QB Hit List "Top 100 Pocket Passers" for Class 2025 Watch List
- PrepRedzone.com - Colorado: Only four-time "Offensive Player of the Week" nominee - 2021 season
- Recognized as a 4-star "Quarterback to Watch" for Class of 2025
- qbhitlist.com: Complete performance and recruiting package: qbhitlist.com/profile/bekkem-kritza-co-1/
- 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
- 2021 MaxPreps.com Colorado Leading Passer - Total Yards for Season - All Classifications

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

- In his first game in an SMC uniform, after transfer, logged five tackles (1 for loss) and one sack in loss to Orange Lutheran
- 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

- For his effort versus JSerra Catholic, Potter was nominated for the Cal-Hi Sports (calhisports.com) So Cal "Offensive Player of the Week" and "State Stat Star of the Week."
- Passed the 400-yard plus passing yardage threshold for the third time in career (second of the season). Only the tenth 400-yard plus game in school history. Now ranks just one game behind all-time leader K.J. Costello

Most 400-Yard Plus Passing Yardage Games - SMC All-Time	
Quarterback	Games
K.J. Costello	4
<b>Jaxon Potter</b>	<b>3</b>
Colt Fulton	1
Peter Costelli	1
Carson Palmer	1

- Broke his own school record for pass completions in a single game with 37 in win over JSerra Catholic on 2022 Homecoming.

Most Pass Completions - Single Game - SMC All-Time			
Quarterback	Completions	Opponent	Season
<b>Jaxon Potter</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>JSerra Catholic</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Jaxon Potter</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Orange Lutheran</b>	<b>2021</b>
K.J. Costello	34	Orange Lutheran	2014

- Set a new school record with 15-consecutive pass completions in loss to Orange Lutheran. Broke previous record of 12 set by Richard Wagner in 2016 versus Loyola (Los Angeles). Cited as a "Top Performer" by prepredzone.com

Most Consecutive Pass Completions - SMC Single Game All-Time			
Quarterback	Consec Comp	Season	Opponent
<b>Jaxon Potter</b>	<b>15 *</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>@ Orange Lutheran</b>
Richard Wagner	12	2016	Loyola

\* = Also completed the final three pass attempts in previous game at Los Alamitos. Overall record unknown

- Named the ninth-best (9th) quarterback (regardless of class) in California by bestversionmedia.com (BVM Sports)
- Had an incredible statistical game in disappointing loss at Los Alamitos. Set the all-time record for total offense in a single game with 539 yards, established a new career-high for passing yards with 482 yards (2nd all-time for SMC) and touchdown passes (5) and came very close to his own school records for pass attempts (51) and completions (34). 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 and Cal-Hi Sports "State Stat Star of the Week." Nominated for "National Athlete of the Week" by scorebooklive.com
- Received a mass of votes for CIF-Southern Section "Offensive Player of the Year" in poll conducted by scorebooklive.com
- Named an early top 20 candidate for Southern Section "Offensive Player of the Year" by scorebooklive.com
- 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
  - PredRedzone.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 PredRedzone.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 seismicsportscorverage.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 -- Away Jersey - No. 81**

- Along with teammates Emmett Mosley and Niko Lopez, notched over 100 receiving yards in loss at Los Alamitos. Cited as an "Other Top Performer" by PrepRedzone.com
- 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**

- Hauled in 14 pass receptions for 156 yards and one touchdown in win over JSerra Catholic on 2022 Homecoming. The 14 catches are tied for second-most in a single game in school history

Most Pass Receptions - Single Game - SMC All-Time			
Receiver	Receptions	Opponent	Season
Kyle Sweet	15	Dorsey (Los Angeles)	2014
Kyle Sweet	15	Orange Lutheran	2014
<b>Emmett Mosley</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>JSerra Catholic</b>	<b>2022</b>
Brian Finneran	14	@ Damien (La Verne) - CIF	1993
Grant Calcaterra	14	Loyola	2016

- Online feature on gridironfootballusa.com -- "Top 300: Emmett Mosley" (By Lucas Berger -- September 26, 2022)
- In loss to Orange Lutheran, registered his second-consecutive game with three touchdown receptions. That is good for second-place, all alone, in program history. Cited as an "Other Top Performer" by PrepRedzone.com

Most Receiving Touchdowns - SMC - Single Game All-Time		
Receiver	Rec TDs	Times Achieved
John Minardi	3	5
<b>Emmett Mosley</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2 *</b>
Six-Tied	3	1

\* = Second-consecutive game and first 5 games played at SMC

- Ranked as the No. 91 overall recruit prospect in the nation for the Class of 2024 by Tom Lemming, a top prep recruiting analyst in Fall 2022 (□□□□ +)
- Along with brother Trent, scored a touchdown in defeat to Los Alamitos. In doing so, they became the first set of brothers at SMC to achieve this since Brad and Brian Finneran did so, four times, in 1992
- Along with teammates Bain Eiseman and Niko Lopez, notched over 100 receiving yards in loss at Los Alamitos (146). Tied a school record with three touchdown receptions in a single game. Named a "Top So Cal Star" by scorebooklive.com and nominated for So Cal Sports Athlete of the Week plus cited as an "Other Top Performer" by PrepRedzone.com
- Ranked as a one of the premier underclass wide receiver recruit prospects in the West by Tom Lemming, a top prep recruiting analyst in Summer 2022
- 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**

- Registered one sack in win over JSerra Catholic on 2022 Homecoming
- Ranked as a one of the premier underclass linebacker recruit prospects in the West by Tom Lemming, a top prep recruiting analyst
- 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, Colorado, Georgia, Virginia Tech, Florida State, Pittsburgh and USC. Has made unofficial visits to USC, UCLA, Fresno State and Oregon
- 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

- Registered 11 tackles in win over JSerra Catholic on 2022 Homecoming
- 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

- Along with brother Emmett, scored a touchdown in defeat to Los Alamitos. In doing so, they became the first set of brothers at SMC to achieve this since Brad and Brian Finneran did so, four times, in 1992
- Along with teammates Bain Eiseman and Emmett Mosley (brother), notched over 100 receiving yards in loss at Los Alamitos
- Selected as a "Watch List" candidate by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2026 in Fall 2022
- 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

### 15 Trey Brown | Safety | Freshman | 5-9 / 157

- Registered first career sack in loss to Orange Lutheran

### 17 Lucas Owens | Defensive Back | Sophomore | 5-10 / 175

- Intercepted four passes in game versus JSerra Catholic at the junior varsity level on October 9, 2022

### 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

### 22 Skylar Lendsey | Running Back | Freshman | 5-10 / 190

- Recognized by PrepRedzone.com and analyst Jake Lemming as one of the Top 7 "Emerging Freshmen Running Backs in the Country." The scouting report:
  - Able to stick his foot in the dirt and generate immediate acceleration
  - Can get downhill FAST
  - Shows almost no deceleration when working through arm tackles
  - Has reliable hands as a receiving threat out of the backfield
- Selected as a "Watch List" candidate by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2026 in Fall 2022
- Rushed for 92 yards in second-career varsity game in big 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**

- Collected his first career interception in a huge win over Mullen (Colorado)
- 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**

- Registered 11 tackles in win over JSerra Catholic on 2022 Homecoming
- Notched his second interception of the season and the seventh of his SMC career in loss to Orange Lutheran
- 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 is 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 | 6-0 / 205

- Had the best game of his career, thus far, as he registered five tackles (3 for loss), 2 /12 sacks and one quarterback hurry in victory over Mullen (Colorado). Lauded by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com as one of the Southern Section's top defensive performers of the week
- 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. His father, also an SMC alumni, played football and wore number 72
- 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

Most Games with 15-or-More Tackles Single Season - SMC - Since 2010 Season		
Player	Games	Best Game
Colten Christensen	6	22
<b>Jacob Bower</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>
Caden Fitch	4	17

- Stared in win over JSerra Catholic on 2022 Homecoming with 15 tackles (2 for loss) and one interception
- 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](http://www.JRBower.com)

#### **49 Brock Defries | Safety | Sophomore | 5-9 / 170**

- Blocked a punt in his first varsity game action versus Mullen (Colorado)

#### **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

#### **57 Judah Moenoa | Defensive Lineman | Junior | 6-1 / 250**

- In first varsity game action, registered five tackles (2 for loss) and one sack in loss to Orange Lutheran

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

- Registered a rushing touchdown to close out the scoring in a one-sided victory over Mullen (Colorado)
- 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**

- Currently has four "pancake blocks"
- Selected as a "Watch List" candidate by PrepRedzone.com for Class of 2026 in Fall 2022
- 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

**73 Dustin Foisia-Gordon | Offensive Lineman | Freshman | 6-0 / 310**

- Has seen significant playing time and provided depth to the offensive line
- Listed on PrepRedzone.com's "Watch List" of state prospects at offensive line position for Class of 2026 in Fall 2022
- Off-season training included the Saddleback Strength and Conditioning - MITT (Men in the Trenches) Camp, Front Lineman Camp, Proj3ct Elite and Allegiance Athletics Offensive Line specific training
- Invited to and participated in the Under the Radar Straight Baller Lineman Camp March, 2022
- Attended Rivals Camp Series at East Los Angeles College in February, 2022
- Attended Nike Contact Football Camp at Cal Lutheran University in July, 2021
- Attended Polynesian Bowl National Combine and Showcase in Mesquite, Nevada in 2021 and invited to participate and compete with the high school/college athletes as an 8th grader
- Participated in 4 Vertical Football 5 UpFront 5v5 Lineman League -- 2021 Championship team

**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**

- Currently leads the team in "pancake blocks" with six, despite missing one contest
- Invited to and participated in the Giant Skillz Athletics - (B.O.S.S.) National Lineman Showcase 2022 So Cal Regional in February, 2022

**81 Bain Eiseman | Wide Receiver | Junior | 5-11 / 170 -- Home Jersey - No. 9**

**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**

- Featured on KCBS-TV - Los Angeles (Channel 2) in "Hometown Hero" segment with Chris Hayre, Jim Hill and Dan Fouts on September 11, 2022
- Lauded by Michael Huntley of PrepRedzone.com as one of the Southern Section's top defensive performers of the week in the huge win over Mullen (Colorado)
- 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**

- Online feature on scorebooklive.com -- "Tyler Parker, Class of 2025 'Teen Hulk,' and His 'Really Special' USC Trojans Visit" (By Andrew Nemec -- October 3, 2022 )
- 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, LSU, 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 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 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: VS. SERVITE



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

Game Day / Date: Friday, October 14 @ Saddleback College (Mission Viejo), 7:00 p.m.

School Location: Anaheim

Nickname: Friars

Head Coach: Troy Thomas - 2005-2012 & 2018-Present: 101-45-0 (.692) - 13th Season

2021 Record: 10-3 (Overall) | 3-2 Trinity League (3rd) | 2-1 CIF-SS Division 1 Playoffs (2nd Place)

2022 Record: 1-6 Overall | 0-2 Trinity League

Last Week: Lost 35-14 vs. Orange Lutheran @ Orange Coast College

All-Time Series: Servite leads 17-10-1

Last Game: Servite won 24-3 in CIF-SS Division 1 Playoff Quarterfinals @ Orange Coast College - 2021

Last SMCHS Win: 51-28 @ Cerritos College - 2017

Players to Watch:

- Connor Panapa | Defensive Lineman | Senior
- Ethan Scaffidi | Wide Receiver / Cornerback | Senior
- Kitone Talavou | Defensive End | Senior
- Oskar Madrigal | Offensive and Defensive Lineman | Senior
- Quaid Carr | Running Back | Sophomore

**In Brief:** The Friars are in the midst of a major rebuilding after their run last season to the Division 1 finals. That run was highlighted by a huge upset of St. John Bosco in the semifinals. Servite not only graduated several key players, including quarterback Noah Fifita, wide receiver Tetairoa McMillan and lineman Mason Graham, they lost some other strong contributors which transferred. Senior Julian Puche had the edge to take over the quarterback position, but the club has reverted to James Johnson and Leo Hannan to spark the offense at times. Quick wide receivers Ethan Scaffidi and Quinn Rosenkranz provide pass targets. Coach Troy Thomas also is high on sophomore running back Quaid Carr. The Friars' top returners on defense are senior end Kitone Talavou and Scaffidi at cornerback.

**Previous Game:** Costa Mesa, California - November 12, 2021 - CIF-Southern Section Game No. 1 (Division 1 - Quarterfinals). The old adage in sports, especially football, is that it's difficult to defeat the same team a second time around. That was exactly the case for Servite (Anaheim) as they hosted a hungry Santa Margarita Catholic team in the CIF-SS Division 1 quarterfinals. For 40 minutes SMCHS battled with state No. 3 Servite nearly to-toe. The Eagles dominated the game with physicality as they were still making effective gains into Friar territory when the wheels fell off. What was a 13-3 game at that point became a 34-3 final in the span of the final eight minutes. Junior defensive back Blake Wilson had a big game defensively with an interception, a forced fumble and 12 tackles (2 for loss). Sophomore LeVar Talley registered two tackles for a loss while Hero Kanu had one. Ben Durham recovered the fumble. The only points that the Eagles tallied came on a first quarter field goal by Romen Christensen -- 22-yards. Quarterback Jaxon Potter had an off night, failing to throw at least one touchdown pass for just the second time in 11 games this season. He was 16-of-40 (40.0%) for 159 yards.

**Outstanding SMC Performers:**

- Blake Wilson: One interception, one forced fumble and 12 tackles (2 for loss)
- Hero Kanu: One tackle for loss in his final high school game

**NEXT WEEK'S OPPONENT: VS. MATER DEI**



**SMCHS Season Game No. 9 / Trinity League Game No. 4**

**Game Day / Date:** Friday, October 22, 2022 @ Saddleback College (Mission Viejo), 7:00 p.m.

**School Location:** Santa Ana

**Nickname:** Monarchs

**Head Coach:** Bruce Rollinson - 336-86-2 (.795) - 34th Season

**2021 Record:** 12-0 Overall | 5-0 Trinity League (Champion) | 3-0 CIF-SS Division 1 (Champion) | 1-0 State Open Championship | National Champions

**2022 Record:** 7-0 Overall | 2-0 Trinity League

**Last Week:** Won 17-7 vs. St. John Bosco

**This Week:** vs. Lutheran (Orange) @ Santa Ana Bowl

**All-Time Series:** Mater Dei leads 17-6-0

**Last Game:** Mater Dei won 56-3 @ Santa Ana Bowl - 2021

**Last SMCHS Win:** 16-7 @ Santa Ana Bowl - 2013

**Players to Watch:**

Ajon Bryant | Running Back | Junior  
Aydin Breland | Defensive Lineman | Junior  
B.J. Tolo | Offensive Lineman | Senior  
Brandon Baker | Offensive Lineman | Junior  
Daryus Dixon | Cornerback | Junior  
Deandre Carter | Offensive Lineman | Junior  
Elijah Brown | Quarterback | Junior  
Ezra Funa | Defensive Lineman | Senior  
Jack Ressler | Wide Receiver | Junior  
Jeilani Davis | Safety | Junior

Jordon Davison | Running Back | Sophomore  
Khristian Dunbar-Hawkins  
Leviticus Su'a | Linebacker | Senior  
Nasir Wyatt | Linebacker | Sophomore  
Nathaniel Frazier | Running Back / Receiver | Junior  
Sione Tohi | Offensive Lineman | Sophomore  
Spencer Shannon | Tight End | Senior  
Zabien Brown | Cornerback | Junior  
Out for Season: Tanner Williams | Linebacker | Junior

**In Brief:** The defending Trinity League, CIF-Southern Section, State Division and National Champion Monarchs are once again on a collision course with St. John Bosco for titles from all those outlets. The Braves and Monarchs are first-second in every ranking poll imaginable. The Monarchs' strengths on offense start with quarterback Elijah Brown, who passed for 2,581 yards and 30 touchdowns last season. The junior continued to excel as an on-field leader for the Monarchs, who claimed a state title and went 12-0 despite controversy from an alleged hazing incident. Brown is undefeated in his high school career as a starter -- 24-0. He is supported by a stellar offensive line anchored by touted juniors DeAndre Carter (6-5, 335) and Brandon Baker (6-5, 290). Mater Dei's attack will also feature the new-look running back duo of Ajon Bryant and Jordon Davison, who combine speed and power. The team is inexperienced at wide receiver but has a strong junior in Jack Ressler (33 catches in 2021). The Monarchs' defensive unit is unit is led by senior All-CIF linebacker Leviticus Su'a but overall it is young. Juniors Aydin Breland, a defensive tackle, Zabien Brown, a cornerback, and

sophomore Nasir Wyatt are three other key defenders. The defense lost junior linebacker Tanner Williams to a season-ending knee injury, putting more focus on the Monarchs' playmaking on defense.

## TRINITY LEAGUE



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### This Week's Trinity League Schedule

#### Friday, October 14

**JSerra Catholic** (San Juan Capistrano) at **St. John Bosco** (Bellflower), 7:00 p.m.

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

## IN-HOUSE EAGLE GAME BROADCASTS & MEDIA COVERAGE



on  **YouTube**

*"Eagles 360 with Natalie Miller"*

- \* "Postgame Report" - Released Monday's
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## SELECTED GAME BROADCASTS



on  **YouTube**

Producer & Hosted by Paul Higgins

10/07/22 vs. JSerra Catholic: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npD1ytz79xs>

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