# 29TH ANNUAL ALL-STATE FOOTBALL TEAM BY CALHISPORTS.COM IS ANNOUNCED

This is the elite squad of 30 players from across the state with no consideration of school size or year in school. It is the 29th year in which we've honored California's top prep football players.

**Notes**: The 2007 All-State Football Team is for all players regardless of school division. Underclass players are eligible as well. Based on available information from local newspapers, honors already published, success of team, relevant statistics, personal observations of some players at Nike football camps or in game action, and other factors. Geographic representation is considered as is number of players represented from various highly-ranked teams. Thanks to all who sent in information about many players.

## FIRST TEAM OFFENSE (OVERALL)

## WR – ANTWON MOUTRA (CULVER CITY) 6-3, 175, SR.

Moutra is the latest pass-catching phenom from a school that has produced all-state level wideouts such as Michael Bumpus, Dameron Ricketts and Jasiri Rodell, among others. With 74 catches this season, Moutra fell one pass catch short of Bumpus' single season school record set in 2002 but his yardage total (1,448) broke the single season record Rodell (1,380) set in 1994 when he too was a first team all-state choice. Moutra's 13 touchdown catches this season tied Rodell's single season school record and his career receiving touchdown mark of 33 broke the school record. Although his career receiving yardage mark of 2,724 is No. 2 on the school list behind Rodell's 2,864, both his yardage and touchdown total will make the career all-time lists in our state record book. He's obviously an accomplished prep receiver, but he's also good enough to be a college defensive back. He picked off 14 passes in his career, including one to seal the win at the end of a playoff game against Luezinger in which he also set a single game school record with 232 yards receiving. He has committed to UCLA.

#### TE - BLAKE AYLES (LUTHERAN, ORANGE) 6-4, 255, JR.

After helping the Lancers win the CIF Div. II state title as a junior and earning first team all-state underclass honors, Ayles stepped up his game to an even higher level as a senior. In addition to his outstanding two-way play, he become a team leader for a squad breaking in a new quarterback and other young players. Ayles made an impact at defensive end filling in for graduated all-stater Michael Reardon and promptly recorded eight sacks and numerous QB pressures. He was impressive enough to earn lineman of the year honors from the L.A. Times, but his future is clearly at tight end. He hauled in 45 catches for 697 yards and eight touchdowns with many of his receptions being key third down grabs. Ayles combines a rare combination of size, athleticism and soft hands as one of the best tight ends in the country and will likely be going up

against his old teammate Reardon in practice as he's committed to USC.

# OL - DOMINIC GALAS (CENTRAL CATHOLIC, MODESTO) 6-2, 265, SR.

He's not only one of the top centers in the state but in the nation. Galas dominated up front as a key member of a team that played in the CIF state tripleheader at The Home Depot Center. In fact, several thought Galas was the most impressive lineman counting all three games. Named MVP among linemen at the Stanford Nike Camp, Galas uses leverage techniques from wrestling to frequently turn opposing nose guards in whichever direction he wants them to go. He's in fact one of the top ranked heavyweight wrestlers in California right now. Galas was named to the Modesto Bee honors team for defense, but he was more impressive in the three games we saw on offense. He committed to Oregon State in November but Cal has recently shown interest, which may change his path since his father is a former Golden Bear.

# OL – KHALED HOLMES (MATER DEI, SANTA ANA) 6-5, 305, SR.

This USC recruit became a lock for this squad after sharing Trinity League Lineman of the Year honors with two-time all-state lineman Matt Kalil of Servite. He was also named to the L.A. Times and Orange County Register's honor squads. Holmes isn't just a big high school lineman that dominated smaller opponents, either, as he became a student of the game this year, improving his pass protection skills to compliment his ability as a devastating runblocker. Holmes was the left tackle anchor on a line designed to protect all-state QB Matt Barkley and that line didn't allow a sack until the Monarchs' eighth game of the season. During important short-yardage run situations, Mater Dei's offense usually ran behind Holmes and super sophomore LG Chris Ward with great effectiveness.

#### OL - MATT KALIL (SERVITE, ANAHEIM) 6-8, 280, SR.

One of the easiest picks on this year's all-state team, Kalil is one of only two repeat first team all-state honorees along with St. Bonaventure's Darrell Scott. The younger brother of Carolina Panthers' lineman Ryan Kalil, Matt was so dominant this year that sometimes you forgot he was out there, but believe us when we say whoever he went up against knew who he was. Dominating his opponent across the line of scrimmage became so routine that, without benefit of statistics afforded to skill position players, it's hard to appreciate how dominant a lineman Kalil was at the prep level. What really sets him apart – and this was apparent at the USC Nike Camp – is how he uses his hands to control opposing pass rushers. Ranked as the top lineman recruit in the nation by Rivals.com, he was named to the L.A. Times and Orange County Register's honor squads for the second consecutive season and the rugged Trinity League's Lineman of the Year for the second time in a row, too.

OL – TYRON SMITH (RANCHO VERDE, MORENO VALLEY) 6-5, 265, SR. As an underclassman, Smith was a raw athlete who projected down the line as

potentially a high-level college recruit. Two years ago, he displayed some of that tremendous potential when he was named the most impressive lineman at the Student Sports-produced USC NIKE Football Training Camp by position coaches that played in the NFL. Despite the off-season accolades, he was relegated to second team all-state underclass as a junior since he did not receive many local honors. Undaunted, Smith didn't rest on his laurels and again stole the show at the USC NFTC last spring. More than just a physical specimen, he displayed improved technique and the ability to finish off blocks while again being named camp MVP. That off-season work translated onto the field this fall, as he drew raves from local coaches while earning all CIFSS Inland Valley and All-Riverside County honors while also making the L.A. Times elite honor squad. Like fellow all-state linemen Kalil and Holmes, he's headed to USC.

# OL – HAMANI STEVENS (HEMET) 6-4, 290, SR.

Despite the Bulldogs' struggles this season to win games, Stevens showed why multiple big time schools are hot on his trail. An effective force not only on the offensive line but on the defensive side of the ball, he led the team in tackles with 94 to go along with six sacks and an interception which he was able to return for 30 yards. Before the season started, he went to the Nike Camp in Oregon where he earned the offensive line MVP after a dominating performance. It's unknown which side of the line he'll end up sticking with at the next level, but could very well end up like older brother Tevita, who is a center at UTEP. Hamani previously committed to UCLA but has since de-committed and looks to be on his way to Arizona State, BYU or Oregon.

#### QB - MATT BARKLEY (MATER DEI, SANTA ANA) 6-3, 225, JR.

The nation's most heralded junior is the first underclass quarterback to make the first team honor roll since Dominguez of Compton two-sport star Jason Thomas back in 1996. Thomas, however, made the team in the multi-purpose category as a dual-threat QB who also played defense so you have to go back to fellow Orange County QB Kevin Feterick of Los Alamitos in 1994 to find a drop-back signal-caller who made first team all-state as a junior. Like Barkley, Feterick was named state junior of the year, but since then only the great D.J. Williams of De La Salle won Mr. Football the next season so the pressure on Barkley will be enormous next season. Still, it's not hard to like what Barkley accomplished this season, passing for an Orange County record 3,560 yards and 35 touchdowns, averaging 324 yards passing per game. Remember, Mater Dei had one of its games cancelled because of wildfires or else his numbers would have been even more impressive.

#### RB – RYAN BASS (CENTENNIAL, CORONA) 5-10, 205, SR.

When teams faced Centennial, the first plan of attack on defense was to stop the run and that meant stopping Bass. Few teams, if any, had any luck from the moment he touched the field as a sophomore. We remember well his first career start where he gained 416 yards and scored six touchdowns and also remember well his defining moment -- the 65-yard touchdown run during a 326-yard

performance in a memorable No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown versus Mater Dei. In that game, he displayed all the traits of a great high school back -- speed, quickness, vision, elusiveness, the ability to break tackles and durability. He used those qualities to score 48 touchdowns and rush for 2,608 yards as a senior for the Div. I state runner-ups. Bass finished his career with 118 career touchdowns and rushed for over 7,000 yards, a mark only reached by eight other backs in state history before this season.

## RB - MILTON KNOX (BIRMINGHAM, LAKE BALBOA) 5-9, 200, SR.

Knox played in a state record-tying 53 career games for the Patriots and it's hard to imagine Birmingham without No. 2 lining up in the backfield. The first player from the L.A. City Section named Mr. Football since 1980, Knox, like his state player of the year counterpart Michael Alo from Wilmington Banning, was known as the heart and soul of his team and is synonymous with winning. He led the Patriots to their third L.A. City Section title in four years and played a huge role in all three of them. Against some of the stiffest competition Southern California prep football had to offer, Knox set career section marks for carries (943), rushing yardage (6,695), touchdowns (103) and points scored (656). We sometimes hear comments that Knox might be too slow or too short to make an impact on the college level, but we also heard those whispers when Maurice Jones-Drew came out of De La Salle five years ago. He's also one of the best backs we've ever seen at using his quick feet to move laterally at the line of scrimmage and then hitting a weakside seam for a big gain.

# RB – DARRELL SCOTT (ST. BONAVENTURE, VENTURA) 6-1, 210, SR.

We look at Scott's all-state candidacy and relate it to situations we sometimes see in basketball where a dominant player has such a great junior season, it is impossible to impress as a senior even though you're just as good a player or even better. Scott ran into that situation this year when he was chosen first team all-state last year at Moorpark, but then there were rumors that big-time programs would love to have him in their backfield in a quest for a state title. That's exactly what happened, as Scott transferred over from Moorpark to St. Bonaventure and helped the Seraphs win a Div. III state title by rushing for 2,433 yards on 274 carries and scoring 34 touchdowns. Statistically, those numbers weren't as good as his 3,194-yard, 45-touchdown junior campaign, but to claim he wasn't probably the best back in Ventura County or one of best in the state of California is nearly laughable. At last spring's NIKE Football Training Camp at Stanford and on the field the last two falls, he's displayed a unique combination of size, speed and power you don't normally see in a high school back.

# PK - NICK ROLPH (CLOVIS WEST, FRESNO) 5-7, 155, SR.

Had a gold worthy season for the Golden Eagles putting himself atop the lists for multiple records. Kicking 20 of 25 field goals for the year, Rolph became the leader in Central Section history and second in state history, according to our record book, for most season field goals. Fifteen of the 20 field goals

came between 30 and 40 yards and Rolph didn't miss from that range all season long. He also had 89 total kicking points, which is No. 2 in section history and put 90 percent of his kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks. Rolph would have been an automatic first-team pick had he made his last field goal attempt (from 42 yards out) in Clovis West's 19-16 loss to Bakersfield in the Central Section final, but his entire body of work for the season still was judged to be too much for any other kicker in the state to beat.

# FIRST TEAM DEFENSE (OVERALL)

## DL – ARMOND ARMSTEAD (PLEASANT GROVE, ELK GROVE) 6-5, 285, SR.

Despite rarely facing single blockers, he worked his way to 77 tackles and 7.5 sacks and helped first team at Pleasant Grove with seniors reach the Sac-Joaquin Section Division I quarterfinals. Armstead also plays basketball and throws the discuss and shot put in track and field, which helped him be in fine form for the Stanford Nike Camp back in May. Since then, Armstead has verballed to attend USC, turning down Texas A&M, Washington and others. Armstead was named to the Sacramento Bee's All-Metro team among honors he's already received. If he gets a little bigger and stronger, he will be very effective at the next level as an interior defensive lineman.

# DL – JURRELL CASEY (POLY, LONG BEACH) 6-1, 270, SR.

Two seasons ago, Casey's older brother, Jurray, was the Moore League's co-Defensive Player of the Year for the Jackrabbits as a defensive end/linebacker. This season, Jurrell also earned league defensive player of the year honors as the leader up front for a unit that gave up only 24 points in four postseason games in the toughest playoff division in the state. Unfortunately, Jurray never went on to play college ball after being arrested and convicted for his participation in a murder situation shortly after the 2005 season. Whatever anger Jurrell has about the situation, he positively releases it on the football field where he's a relentless pass rusher. In fact, if he were a few inches taller, he just might be the best D-line prospect in the country. Casey, still uncommitted, finished his senior season with 91 tackles, seven sacks, and two fumble recoveries and also excels as a pulling guard on offense. In fact, he's just as relentless on that side of the ball as he is chasing down quarterbacks.

#### DL – MALIK JACKSON (BIRMINGHAM, LAKE BALBOA) 6-5, 220, SR.

It would have been interesting to see Malik and his twin brother Marquis in action against the De La Salle offense, if the Patriots would have been selected to play in the Div. I state title game, because arguably no pair of ends in the state wreaked havoc on quarterbacks quite like the Jackson brothers. Although both were worthy all-state picks, we had to judge them on their individual merits and a choice had to be made as to which one would make this honors squad. The twin brothers were both selected defensive MVPs of the West Valley League, L.A. Daily News all-area and section defensive players of

the year by the Los Angeles Football Coaches Association, so we had to go to different variables to choose between the two. Malik racked up more sacks this season (14.5) compared to his brother (9) and 11 more over the course of the past two seasons. Seven of Malik's sacks also came in the postseason when it really counted, but luckily for Fresno State coach Pat Hill he won't have to choose between the two as they'll both be Bulldogs in the fall.

# LB - BRADY AMACK (DE LA SALLE, CONCORD) 6-0, 230, SR.

Brady was selected as the Contra Costa Times Football Player of the Year as he played a key factor for the Spartans in their capture of the CIF Division I state title. From his middle linebacker position, he had a team-high 76 tackles while intercepting three passes. On offense as a tight end, he caught three touchdowns while providing vital blocking in the run game and was a touchback kicking machine on kickoffs. Amack was at his best in the title game against Corona Centennial, especially when the Huskies tried to run the option. He and Centennial QB Matt Scott got to be very close friends.

# LB – UONA KAVEINGA (LEUZINGER, LAWNDALE) 6-1, 225, SR.

This four-year standout rarely left the field and had as much impact on the game as any defensive player we saw this season. He can deliver crunching blocks on offense, was a wedge-buster on kickoff and even impacted the punting game because return men were always wary of where he was lurking on the field. On defense, of course, is where this UCLA recruit made himself into an all-state caliber player, racking up 145 tackles while serving as a team captain. His honors this season included Bay League Defensive Player of the Year, All-South Bay Daily Breeze for the second consecutive season and Daily Breeze Defensive Player of the Year. In fact, Kaveinga just might have been the best player, period, in the South Bay region this past season.

#### LB - DEWITT STUCKEY (LINCOLN, STOCKTON) 6-0, 222, SR.

The MVP of his league and the Stockton Record Player of the Year broke the school's single season tackle mark with 204 and ended his high school career with 468. The four-year varsity starter on defense also recorded 8.5 sacks and recovered three fumbles to round out his stats on the defensive side of the ball. Stuckey also played running back on offense and rushed for 515 yards and 10 touchdowns to help the Trojans reach the Sac-Joaquin Section semifinals where they were defeated by three points by St. Mary's. As a younger player, we were wondering if Stuckey would get big enough to become one of the state's elite players. He still might be a touch under 6-0, but he's certainly above 220 and he flies all over the field making plays. A definite sideline-to-sideline standout. Colleges also noticed and Stuckey is headed to the Pac-10 to play at Oregon.

# DB – JOHN BOYETT (NAPA) 6-0, 190, SR.

Boyett received strong considered for Mr. Football State Player of the Year honors so he was an easy choice to be first team all-state. The only question

was where to put him. Since we had a strong crop of multi-purpose players and since Boyett is slated to play defense in college at Oregon, it was on the defense where he fit best for this team. Boyett already has been named the Sacramento Bee's Player of the Year after leading the Indians to the Sac-Joaquin Section Div. I championship over favored St. Mary's of Stockton in the title game played just minutes from the Rams campus.He rushed for 141 yards and three TD while passing for 155 yards and one TD in that game. On the year, he passed for 1,822 yards and 19 touchdowns and ran for 1,524 yards and 20 touchdowns. On defense, Boyett led the team in interceptions and had 76 tackles. The only time he didn't come off the field was on kickoffs.

# DB - AARON HESTER (DOMINGUEZ, COMPTON) 5-11, 175, SR.

We haven't seen Hester on too many honors squads but we know better. Too often, defensive backs are judged by interceptions and other statistics but often times the most effective ones hardly get their named called. That is the case with Hester, as most teams avoided him because of his excellent cover skills and ability to play bigger than he actually is. Although he didn't get too much action in some games, he was still in on 50 tackles and came up with three interceptions for a 10-3 Dons club. In fact, no one completed a TD against Hester through the air all season long. Some scouts also rank him as the best cover corner in the state they saw all year. Hester closed out his season drawing raves for his coverage ability at the Offense-Defense all-star game in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and many schools are hoping he changes his mind about his soft verbal to UCLA before signing day.

#### DB - RAHIM MOORE (DORSEY, LOS ANGELES) 6-0, 185, SR.

Moore is the third defensive back for the Dons to be selected first team all-state in the past seven seasons, joining Marques Binns (2001) and Jerome Boyd (2003). Boyd was a no-nonsense safety for the Dons and Moore fits in the same role and even did a little more. He returned a punt for a touchdown and out of his 18 receptions on offense this season, nine of them went for touchdowns. Moore is one of the most decorated defensive players in school history and that's saying a lot since the program has been producing NFL-type talent for more than 20 years. The three-time all-L.A. City selection closed out his career with 112 tackles, three fumble recoveries, 10 pass deflections, and six interceptions, two of which he returned for scores. The interception total gives him 22 for his career, tied for No. 3 on the all-time section list behind former Cal-Hi Sports all-state players Steve Smith of Taft (24) and Darian Hagan Jr. of Crenshaw (25).

#### DB – VAUGHN TELEMAQUE (POLY, LONG BEACH) 6-3, 185, SR.

After Poly won the CIF Southern Section Pac-Five title over Crespi, we were able to ask Jackrabbits head coach Raul Lara how he felt his two bookend safeties, Telemaque and Herman Davidson, compared to the program's legendary 1985 pair, Eugene Burkhalter and Southern Section Player of the Year Mark Carrier. "They have similar ability but with these two their size is what

makes a difference. They are bigger," remarked Lara, a former linebacker at the famed program. While they'll debate which pair is better for years to come on Atlantic Avenue, there is no doubt Telemaque had as good a season as any safety in the country. Of course, he had the three interceptions in the Pac-Five title game, but he greatly improved upon a 52-tackle, 2 INT, all-league junior season by recording 71 tackles, four forced fumbles and coming up with eight interceptions for a defense considered among the best in the country. He's on a trip this weekend to Miami and also is considering USC and many other major colleges.

## DB - E.J. WOODS (CRESPI, ENCINO) 6-1, 195, SR.

Woods came up with the defensive play of the year in the state when he returned a fumble 98 yards to lead the Celts to a win over Birmingham of Lake Balboa. He was especially effective on pass defense but did come up on the run enough to get in on 50 tackles. He also had two interceptions and four sacks. A two-way threat, he helped Crespi reach the CIFSS Pac-Five championship game against Poly with stellar defensive play and explosive running. For the year, he rushed for 706 yards and nine touchdowns while connecting for a touchdown pass on his lone throw of the season. Woods committed to UCLA back in March before the season started and despite a Bruin coaching change and recent interest from Florida State and Texas A&M he has said he will still be joining new coach Rick Neuheisel and UCLA next season.

P – JORDAN MANNISTO (WESTLAKE, WESTLAKE VILLAGE) 6-1, 180, SR. Last year's All-State Underclass kicker gets first team All-State honors for 2007 as a punter. Mannisto was named All-Ventura County as a punter and boomed away for an average of 43 yards per punt. As a kicker, Mannisto made 12 field goals, including three from beyond 50 yards. One of those 50-yarders also was a game-winner against Thousand Oaks as the clock ran out. He is getting college offers and also sent 97 percent of his kickoffs into the end zone.

#### FIRST TEAM MULTI-PURPOSE (OVERALL)

# RB/LB - LOUIS BLAND (CENTRAL CATHOLIC, MODESTO) 5-10, 200, SR.

Despite missing three games, Bland he was able to finish off a stellar high school career with over 5,000 career rushing yards as he rushed for 1,763 yards and 30 touchdowns while also catching the ball for 105 yards and two scores. A two-time Modesto Bee Player of the Year and two-time CIF state wrestling champ, Bland led the way on offense for the Raiders to capture their fourth consecutive Sac-Joaquin Section championship and earn a spot in the D-III state championship game where they lost to St. Bonaventure 35-21 despite his rushing for 196 yards and a touchdown. On defense, Bland had several standout plays in the CIF state finals as well. For the season, he had 60 tackles and one interception. He would like to continue to wrestle and play football at the next level and has received interest from schools including Cal, Washington State and Purdue.

# TE/DE – JOE FAURIA (CRESPI, ENCINO) 6-8, 250, SR.

At last summer's NIKE 7-on-7 passing championships, the most talked about player was definitely the younger brother of former University of Colorado and NFL tight end Christian Fauria. "Who's that?" was the typical response from players on other teams and "He's a stud," was usually the comment from fellow coaches. Even then, we knew Crespi had an ultra-talented team but we didn't know if there was enough depth to make a serious run at the Pac-Five title. Most of the team's best players, like Fauria, played a big role on both sides of the ball and its team success against the toughest schedule in the state is the reason why so many Celts players have landed on one of our various honor squads. As a defensive end, Fauria racked up 28 tackles and five sacks, including two in a win over Sherman Oaks Notre Dame that clinched the Serra League title. On offense, the Notre Dame recruit used his frame and soft hands to haul in 35 passes for 516 yards and eight touchdowns.

# RB/WR - DELANO HOWELL (HART, NEWHALL) 5-11, 190, SR.

At first it might seem that Howell is not as explosive or effective a runner as the other first team backs, but when you realize just how much he meant to Hart's team and how much he accomplished it's impossible to leave him off the first team. He overcame a potentially serious head injury caused by a nasty collision with a teammate at a summer passing league game to post one of the best all-around individual seasons in Hart's storied history. The Stanford commit set a single season school record by rushing for 2,249 yards and he also scored 29 rushing touchdowns for the second consecutive season. Also an accomplished pass catcher, Howell also caught six touchdowns for the second consecutive season and finished his career with 93 catches for 1,428 yards. He also holds school career records for carries (648), rushing yards (4,502), total touchdowns (82), points scored (494) and yards from scrimmage (5,930). To boot, Howell also served as the team's punter and had a 33.1 average per punt the past two seasons.

#### RB/WR - CHRIS POLK (REDLANDS EAST VALLEY) 6-1, 200, SR.

After latching on to 62 balls for 1,167 yards and 12 touchdowns as a junior, Polk only caught 18 passes for 314 yards and five touchdowns as a senior. Not numbers worthy of all-state material, you say, but did we forget to tell you that he also rushed for 2,561 yards and 29 touchdowns in leading the Wildcats to the best overall season in their young 10-year history? Polk did all that and the first word that comes to your mind when you see him play is "explosive." In one game this season, he rushed for 214 yards on only five carries and for the season he averaged 10.9 yards per carry even though teams knew he was the focal point of REV's offense. Polk solidified his all-state status when he was named San Bernardino County Player of the Year by both the Riverside Press Enterprise and the San Bernardino Sun.

#### QB/RB – MATT SCOTT (CENTENNIAL, CORONA) 6-2, 190, SR.

Last winter at our Long Beach NIKE Combine, Scott showed what a great athlete

he is when he ripped off a 4.22 20-yard shuttle, a 4.7 in the 40 and recorded a 36-inch vertical jump. This fall, Scott then proved what a great high school quarterback he was by leading Centennial to the CIF Div. I state title game while edging out teammate Ryan Bass for Riverside Press Enterprise County Player of the Year honors. Scott ran Centennial's no-huddle spread offense to near perfection, passing for 2,471 yards and 20 touchdowns while also rushing for nearly 1,100 yards and 13 more scores. In all, Scott accounted for 200 points and 3,563 of Centennial's 7,061 total yards for the season, which is the third highest single season total yardage mark in state history according to our record book. Scott basically was 50 percent of the offense in the most potent offensive attack, yardage wise, in Inland Empire prep football history.

## RB/WR/DE - D.J. SHOEMATE (SERVITE, ANAHEIM) 6-0, 220, SR.

Similar to 2002 Mr. Football pick Whitney Lewis of St. Bonaventure, the only question surrounding Shoemate is which position he'll excel at on the next level. While Lewis never really found his niche at USC, that versatility he and Shoemate had is what made them so good as prep players. After missing nearly all of his junior season because of injury, the 2005 CalHiSports.com State Sophomore of the Year got off to a slow start to his senior season at wide receiver, but when he was switched to full-time running back at the start of Trinity League play, he played like an all-stater on both sides of the ball. He finished the season with 1,291 yards rushing and 24 touchdowns and recorded five and a half sacks. He even threw a touchdown pass and also hauled in 40 receptions for 570 yards. For his dominant performances on both sides of the ball, he was named co-offensive MVP of the Trinity League with first team all-state QB Matt Barkley.

#### **Second Team Offense**

#### WR -- Marvin Jones (Etiwanda, Rancho Cucamonga) 6-2, 185, Sr.

Had 81 catches for 1,040 yards and 10 touchdowns to go along with 71 tackles and four sacks on defense. Jones has committed to Cal.

#### WR -- Jarrett Sparks (Merced) 6-3, 215, Sr.

Despite not being able to play in two postseason games due to a case of mono, the Cal Bear to be wideout caught 42 passes for 934 yards and 14 touchdowns in his final season as a high school Bear. Sparks was the Merced Sun-Star player of the year.

#### OL -- Jordan Bouey (De La Salle, Concord) 6-1, 265, Sr.

Three-year varsity starter on the line anchored a state championship season. He was picked to both S.F. Chronicle and Contra Costa Times honor squads.

#### OL -- Sam Brenner (Oceanside) 6-4, 295, Sr.

Regarded as the top lineman in San Diego, Brenner improved from his junior to

senior season as much as any lineman in the West. He has committed to the University of Utah.

# OL -- Allen Carroll (McClymonds, Oakland) 6-4, 286, Sr.

Finishing another fine season, he was selected to play in the Under Armour All-America Game and has multiple Pac-10 schools after his services.

# OL -- Vaughn Dotsy (St. Bonaventure, Ventura) 6-5, 350, Sr.

Didn't get to play in St. Bonnie's last two title games but was dominant performer for three seasons. Headed to Arizona after commitment just last week.

## OL -- Kyle Johnston (Norco) 6-7, 270, Sr.

It was hard for Johnston to get noticed last year when Norco was loaded with blue-chip linemen but he was noticed and was expected to be one of the state's best linemen this season. He lived up to that and was All-Riverside County. Johnston is going to Arizona State.

## QB -- Dayne Crist (Notre Dame, Sherman Oaks) 6-4, 215, Sr.

Passed for 2,178 yards and 16 touchdowns with just one interception and ran for 454 yards and four scores. He was injured during Notre Dame's 10th game vs. Crespi and did not play in playoff loss. He's as physically gifted as any prep QB in the nation and we love his attitude, which is shown by his desire to go to Notre Dame and compete against heralded Jimmy Clausen for the starting QB job.

# RB -- Curtis McNeal (Venice) 5-8, 180, Sr.

He was the Offensive Player of the Year in the L.A. City Section and for much of the season he was certainly in the conversation with Darrell Scott, Ryan Bass and Milton Knox about being the best back in Southern California. McNeal didn't have nearly as good a season as those three statistically (1,400 yards, 19 TDs) but his career numbers of more than 4,000 yards stands out as does his quickness and strength in the open field. McNeal also was one of the top lockdown corners we saw all year. He scored three other times on pass receptions plus once off of an interception and once on a punt return. USC is among those recruiting him.

# RB -- Armani Taylor (Oceanside) 6-0, 220, Sr.

In the Pirates' CIF Division II state championship winning season, he rushed for 1,854 yards and 28 touchdowns and caught the ball for 250 yards and three more touchdowns. He has been named the Offensive Player of the Year in the San Diego Section by both the Union-Tribune and Hall of Champions.

# RB -- Cierre Wood (Santa Clara, Oxnard) 6-0, 195, Jr.

There was debate about putting this junior this high, but he was chosen as the Ventura County Player of the Year over Darrell Scott by the Ventura Star and that pick is not far-fetched at all. Wood rushed for 2,612 yards and 34

touchdowns, caught the ball for 191 yards and two touchdowns, and had 57 tackles and three interceptions on defense.

# PK - Michael Buckel (Paloma Valley, Menifee) 5-10, 180, Sr.

Set a Riverside County record and was named to the Riverside Press-Enterprise's honor team with 17 field goals. He only missed six with eight of his field goals coming from 40 yards out or longer. Buckel also showed he could kick them from long-range as his longest of the year was from 53 yards.

#### **Second Team Defense**

## DL -- Matt Akers (Liberty, Bakersfield) 6-3, 245, Sr.

Had 87 tackles and 16 sacks for the Patriots and is headed to Fresno State. Akers also was the Bakersfield Californian's Defensive Player of the Year.

## DL -- Datone Jones (Compton) 6-5, 250, Sr.

Finished the year for the Tarbabes with 91 tackles and seven sacks. Considered the top defensive lineman at the USC Nike Camp, he is visting schools with a soft verbal given to UCLA.

## DL -- Anthony Laurenzi (El Dorado, Placentia) 6-4, 260, Sr.

Broke the school record for sacks in a season which he set last year with 15 sacks by having 23 this year to go with 91 tackles. Laurenzi was voted the Orange County Register's Defensive Player of the Year.

#### DL -- Litani Moi Moi (Menlo-Atherton, Atherton) 6-3, 280, Sr.

Two-time All-Central Coast Section pick forced his way onto this team by racking up 19 sacks as a senior. Moi Moi also helped the Bears win their first Peninsula Athletic League title since 1992 with a 95 tackles.

#### LB -- Vontaze Burfict (Centennial, Corona) 6-2, 235, Jr.

This could be one of the top linebacker recruits in the nation next year, if not the best. Burfict had 130 tackles with four sacks and two interceptions for the CIF Division I bowl game participants.

#### LB – Donovan Carter (Birmingham, Lake Balboa) 6-2, 220, Sr.

With the Jackson twins on the edge and Carter in the middle, Birmingham had one of the best defenses in the history of the L.A. City Section. Carter is a two-time All-City pick, earned top honors from the L.A. Daily News and was among the best at the Nike camps last spring. Carter has committed to UCLA.

#### LB -- Patrick Larimore (Hart, Newhall) 6-2, 230, Sr.

After a 117-tackle, three-sack and one-interception season for the Indians, he will be headed to Westwood to play for the Bruins. A three-year standout and one of the best LBs in Hart history.

# DB – Herman Davison (Poly, Long Beach) 6-3, 205, Sr.

If there's a player nationally who's blowing up the charts more than anyone since the end of the season, it's Davison. He now has offers from multiple big-time Division I programs. Davison joined with first-team all-stater Vaughn Telemaque to give Poly perhaps the best tandem of safeties in the nation. He had 71 tackles, intercepted six passes and stuck his hands in there to pick up the key fumble recovery in the closing seconds against Orange Lutheran.

## DB -- Anthony Dye (Santiago, Corona) 5-11, 185, Sr.

After impressive combine performances, he verbaled to UCLA before finishing his high school career in fine form. Dye comes up to attack rushers as well as anyone we've seen and led Santiago with 161 tackles.

## DB -- Rashad Evans (James Logan, Union City) 5-11,175, Sr.

Another versatile player we could have multi-purposed, but Evans can really bring it as a corner on defense. That's where he was picked on the San Francisco Chronicle's All-Metro team. Offensively, Evans ran for 1,406 yards and 18 scores and led team to 10-0 regular season.

## DB -- Robert Golden (Edison, Fresno) 5-11, 180, Sr.

Golden was another of those lockdown corners who didn't get a lot of action in his direction. He was first team by the Fresno Bee and reportedly only had two passes completed against him all season. Golden is headed to Arizona.

#### P – David Seawright (Rancho Bernardo, San Diego) 6-4, 220, Sr.

Seawright was the top kicker-punter in the San Diego Section and has been one of the top kicking recruits in the West. The first team All-San Diego pick had a 41.4-yard average as a punter with exceptional hang time. His leg strength also is shown by the 39 of 44 kickoffs he put into the end zone for touchbacks. Seawright, who has committed to Cal, also was 8 of 12 on field goals and set a new San Diego Section record with three of those coming from 50 yards out or longer.

## **Second Team Multi-Purpose**

# WR/DB -- Danny Cannon (Riordan, San Francisco) 6-1,185, Sr.

After coming up with 11 interceptions last year to make a name for himself, Cannon led the Crusaders' defense with 116 tackles and four sacks this season. Cannon was even better as a wideout, though, with 72 catches for 1,410 yards.

# QB/RB -- Ebahn Feathers (Washington, Easton) 6-2, 200, Sr.

Fresno Bee Player of the Year and the Medium Schools State Player of the Year threw for 2,157 yards, rushed for 1,827 yards and had a combined 48 touchdowns. Feathers is going to Fresno State.

# RB/LB -- Nick Kalpin (Los Gatos) 5-11, 205, Sr.

The San Jose Mercury-News Player of the Year was an absolute workhorse for the Wildcats. He rushed for 2,553 yards, scored 41 touchdowns and wasn't stopped even in the playoffs. Kalpin also was one of his team's top players on defense.

QB/RB/DB -- Chris Potter (Oaks Christian, Westlake Village) 5-11, 180, Sr. Filled in for the graduated Jimmy Clausen and excelled by passing for 1,904 yards and 21 touchdowns, rushing for 862 yards and 19 touchdowns, while having 36 tackles and eight interceptions on defense.

## QB/RB -- Max Pond (Cardinal Newman, Santa Rosa) 6-0, 180, Sr.

The best from the Redwood Empire switched from WR and was spectacular. Pond passed for 2,403 yards and 23 touchdowns with just four interceptions and ran the ball for 928 yards and 17 touchdowns.

## RB/LB – Jack Sula (Carson) 6-0, 205, Sr.

Colts coach Mike Christensen says Sula is the best all-around player he's ever coached and he had some good ones when he was at Lakewood. Sula, the Daily Breeze Player of the Year, led Carson to the L.A. City Section finals by rushing for 1,896 yards and 24 TDs. He had three more scores on receptions. Defensively, Sula flew around the field to make 108 tackles and had four interceptions and four sacks.

# Third Team Offense-Defense & Multi-Purpose

(60 players in all)

(For seniors only)

(For large school players only to avoid repeats here of previously selected all-state medium schools, all-state small schools and all-state underclass players)

WR – Robbie Boyer (Mater Dei, Santa Ana) 6-1, 175

WR - Tommy Cogburn (South El Monte) 6-2, 180

WR – Michael Czyz (De La Salle, Concord) 5-9, 170

WR - Nelson Rosario (El Camino, Oceanside) 6-6, 210

WR – L.J.Washington (Stagg, Stockton) 6-0, 180

TE – Ryan Deehan (Poway) 6-5, 235

OL – Jeff Baca (Mission Viejo) 6-4, 275

OL – D.J. Bennett (Tulare) 6-4, 270

OL – Tim Hodgdon (Trabuco Hills, Mission Viejo) 6-4, 280

OL - Matt Hunt (Carson) 6-3, 300

OL – Doug Spacht (Poly, Long Beach) 6-3, 280

OL – John Tupoi (Elk Grove) 6-6, 315

QB - Darius Banks (Culver City) 6-2, 180

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QB - Nick Crissman (Edison, Huntington Beach) 6-3, 190
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- FB Derrick Coleman (Troy, Fullerton) 6-0, 220
- RB Jonathan Franklin (Dorsey, Los Angeles) 5-11, 185
- RB Donald Green (Compton) 5-9, 185
- RB David Henderson (Lincoln, San Francisco) 6-0, 190
- RB Andre Smith (East Bakersfield) 5-11, 185
- RB -- Deante Williams (Pleasant Grove, Elk Grove) 5-10, 175
- DL Jake Carr (Vista Murrieta, Murrieta) 6-4, 260
- DL Mark Forrest (Oak Grove, San Jose) 6-7, 205
- DL Frank Gaines (Mission Hills, San Marcos) 6-0, 225
- DL Logan Harrell (Santa Margarita, Rancho SM) 6-3, 245
- DL Damien Holmes (Colton) 6-3, 265
- DL Marquise Jackson (Birmingham, Lake Balboa) 6-5, 245
- DL Jamaar Jarrett (Mission Hills, San Marcos) 6-5, 255
- DL Cameron Meredith (Mater Dei, Santa Ana) 6-3, 215
- DL Teddy Robertson (Foothill, Palo Cedro) 6-3, 245
- LB Kiko Alonso (Los Gatos) 6-3, 215
- LB Rob Andrews (Foothill, Pleasanton) 6-3, 225
- LB Chad Davis (Palma, Salinas) 6-1, 195
- LB Mychal Kendricks (Hoover, San Diego) 6-0, 205
- LB Shelly Lyons (Centennial, Corona) 6-1, 230
- LB Sam Mafi (St. Mary's, Stockton) 6-0, 210
- LB Anthony McDonald (Notre Dame, Sherman Oaks) 6-3, 225
- LB Hunter Pahl (Del Oro, Loomis) 5-11, 200
- LB Ricky Pemasa (Lutheran, Orange) 6-0, 210
- LB Nick Rosato (California, San Ramon) 6-1, 225
- LB Chase Shirk (Granite Bay) 6-1, 200
- LB Rueben Willis (Mayfair, Lakewood) 6-0, 225
- DB James Calhoun (J.W. North, Riverside) 5-11, 175
- DB Tony Gobern (Del Campo, Fair Oaks) 5-11, 180
- DB Marcus McMillan (Vacaville) 6-3, 185
- DB Nick Milani (Poway) 5-10, 175
- DB Emmanuel Ojeriahki (Bakersfield) 6-3, 200
- DB Kevan Walker (Arcadia) 6-0, 180
- P Augie Heath (Pleasant Valley, Chico) 6-1,180
- P Logan Sewell (Brea Olinda, Brea) 6-1, 180
- QB/RB Darius Bell (Riordan, San Francisco) 6-2, 215
- QB/DB Tyron Crockom (Pasadena) 5-9, 165
- RB/DB Jake Croxdale (Napa) 5-7, 190
- QB/DB Kevin Frank (Elk Grove) 5-9, 170
- RB/DB Kyle Johnston (Foothill, Palo Cedro) 5-9, 175
- QB/DB Drew McAllister (Monte Vista, Danville) 6-2, 195
- TE/DL Anthony Miller (Archbishop Mitty, San Jose) 6-3, 245
- QB/RB/K Pete Mitchell (Bakersfield) 5-8, 165

TE/LB/P – Kyle Negrete (Clovis West, Fresno) 6-0, 190 RB/DB – Austin Shanks (Crespi, Encino) 5-9, 170 QB/RB – A.J. Springer (A.B. Miller, Fontana) 6-1, 170