

LARGE-SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

DIVISION 1

Champion

Nevada Union (9-1) Lost 41-36 to D2 power Rocklin, no one else came with 18 of NU; QB has 1,660 yards. 17 TDs, 1 Int

Runner-up

Monterey Trail (8-2) Tied for title with Folsom, Pleasant Grove – beat Folsom; RB Drake Tofi (1,200 yards, 14 TDs) is tough

Semifinalists

Tracy (10-0) RB Depray Celestine is one of division's best breakaway backs; Five runners have at least 430 yards

Vacaville (9-1) Nice combo in RB Jimmy Hines (1,326 yards, 15 TDs) & QB Tyler Irwin (831, 14); Scores 51 a game

Quarterfinalists

Modesto (7-3) Tracy waits in 2nd round; Best hope is to control clock with RBs James Ingram and Arquel Rogers

Lincoln (8-2) Losses to 10-0 Tracy and 10-0 St. Mary's, but lopsided games and beat one team with winning record

Oak Ridge (7-3) Opened with losses to Rocklin, Grant, Folsom (29-1), before winning last seven; Can't beat NU, though

Pleasant Grove (7-3) Not much star power, but great draw with Elk Grove in opener; Vaca will outscore them in quarters

Early exits

Enochs (4-6) Juniors get taste of playoff football at Tracy; Eagles didn't see this sort of speed playing in the MMC

Los Banos (7-3) Giving up 47 in Week 10 creates some questions; QB Erik Martin needs big game for Tigers to go on

Burbank (6-4) One of section's best in dynamic Terrance Mitchell (972 yards rushing, 15 TDs; 37 catches, 6 TDs)

Pitman (6-4) FB Markus Sanders (1,629 yards, 14 TDs) has to a beast tonight for the Pride to upset Monterey Trail

Napa (5-5) Third-place team from a weak league; Indians give up 32 a game, first-round foe NU scores 44 a game

Sheldon (7-3) On the road vs. Granite Bay, makes it difficult to predict an upset; Sheldon will struggle to score

Franklin-EG (6-4) Karmah Yates (14 sacks) bright spot of porous defense; Wildcats were routed in three of four losses

Grace Davis (6-4) Erratic Spartans get a final chance to show their potential; Talent should keep Spartans close to Vaca

DIVISION 2

Champion

St. Mary's (10-0) Two of the best in section: QB Marcus McDade (2,043 yards, 25 TDs), WR Joshua Harper (Cal signee)

Runner-up

Grant (10-0) Won the State Open Bowl last year, could do it again with RB Devontae Butler (2,144 yards, 34 TDs)

Semifinalists

Granite Bay (8-2) Very fine team, but not enough "O" to beat St. Mary's; Lacks star power of the other semifinalists

Rocklin (10-0) Offense (2,000 yard passer, 1,600-yard runner) 2nd only to St. Mary's; Thunder could outscore Grant

Quarterfinalists

Del Oro (8-2) Stud RB Bryce Pratt (1,719 yards, 30 TDs), but dropped last two – including losing to 4-6 Woodcreek

Folsom (9-1) Dano Graves (2,899 yards, 40 TDs) could break section yardage record Downey's Jason Lee just set

Fairfield (8-2) Tra'mayne Bondurant is ultimate weapon: 2,334 yards passing, 30 TDs and 882 yards rushing, 12 TDs

Atwater (7-3) QB Nathan Sanchez, "D" should get them through opener, but No. 2 Rocklin waiting in the semifinal

Early exits

Buhach Colony (6-4) Will benefit from St. Mary's slick turf; BC will have three 1,000-yard juniors if Jarrell Davis runs for 23

Christian Bros. (7-3) Earned way in with Week 10 win, but Del Oro plays on a different level so it's short stay for Falcons

Tokay (6-4) Opens with Grant and its potent defense, which has seven shutouts and allows just four points a game

Rosemont (6-4) Wolverines will struggle to stop Fairfield and its dynamic QB; Finished third behind Grant, Burbank

Sacramento (6-4) One-dimensional running team will struggle against Granite Bay, particularly since Dragons must travel

Woodcreek (4-6) RB James Nunley (1,457 yards, 12 TDs) keyed upset of Del Oro, which earned sub-.500 team a berth

Stagg (8-2) One win over a team with winning record; Gives up 22 points a game, not good news in this division

Elk Grove (4-6) One of two 4-6 teams in this division, and they'll both be done in one after Rocklin takes out the Herd

DIVISION 3

Champion

Del Campo (9-1) One-man gang Ryan Dimino (1,462 passing, 1,772 passing, 29 TDs) and "D" gives up 10 points a game

Runner-up

Inderkum (10-0) Grant transfer Antonio Bumpers (1,682 yards, 27 TDs) has single-handedly produced a perfect record

Semifinalists

Oakdale (9-1) Mustangs historically struggle against speed, and Inderkum waits in semifinals; Need to control clock

Sierra (9-1) Jarrod Daniels as good as any RB in D3, but Del Campo plays in larger league and has the better "D"

Quarterfinalists

Manteca (7-3) If Inderkum is upset, it will be by Buffs in quarters; RB Marquis Miller, WR Reggie Bell need big games

Vanden (9-1) Week 10 loss to 5-5 team raises doubts; Ben Scott (1,682 yards, 24 TDs) keys big-play pass attack

Patterson (6-4) Has offense for first-round upset, but QB Cody Weinzheimer needs to play his best game of the year

Bella Vista (7-3) Was 7-1 before losing last two, but so did first-round foe; Del Campo crushes either team in quarters

Early exits

Rodriguez (5-5) Beat Vanden 28-21, so Mustangs have potential; Inderkum, though, too much to handle in first round

Casa Roble (6-4) Basic prep team: Good QB, 1,000-yard rusher, not lacks the playmakers to win opener at Manteca

Natomas (6-4) Hawks love to run the ball, which plays into the hands of Oakdale "D"; Road trip doesn't help, either

Yuba City (6-4) Not much to see here, on either side of the ball, and lost two of final four; First-road fodder for Vanden

Mira Loma (6-4) Lost 23-0 to 4-6 team in Week 10; QB Alez Gomes (1,591 yards, 16 TDs) is good, but he's not enough

Benicia (8-2) QB Andrew McNeece (2,441 yards, 30 TDs) might be best in D3, but "D" gives up 26 points a game

Rio Linda (8-2) Brings two-game losing streak into playoffs, but so does first-round foe BV; Both fodder for Del Campo

Pioneer (6-4) One of six 6-4 teams in D3; It all rides on RB Chris Thoma (1559 yards, 15 TDs) – too little vs. DC