



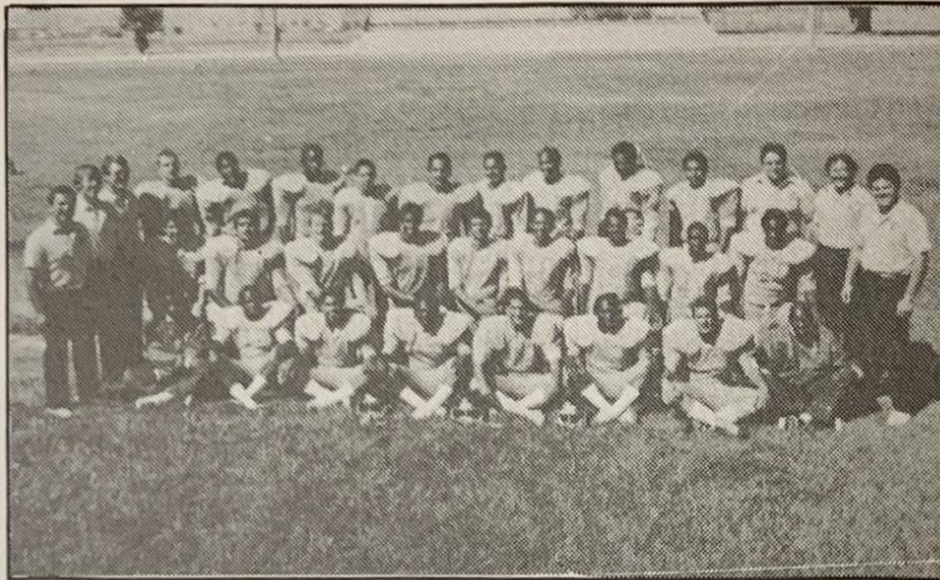
**HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA  
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION  
SOUTHERN SECTION (CIF-SS)**

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**EL PASO DE ROBLES YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

**Eight Man (8) Large School Division Football  
CIF-SS CHAMPIONS**

**EL PASO DE ROBLES  
HIGH SCHOOL  
EIGHT-MAN CONFERENCE  
LARGE DIVISION CHAMPIONS**



**TRI-COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

**HEAD COACH:**  
Richard Rios, Jr.

**PRINCIPAL:**  
Barbara Taylor

**CITY LOCATED IN:**  
Paso Robles

**SEASON RECORD:**  
10-0

**COLLEGE:**  
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:**  
Richard Rios, Jr.

**ENROLLMENT:**  
325

**MASCOT:**  
Spartans



El Paso de Robles Youth Correctional Facility (160 acres) opened in 1953 as a correctional facility for boys ages 14 to 19 years old. Capacity of the facility was 690 (housed close to 1,000 at one time) for youth with a variety of crimes. School temporarily close in 1972, reopened and then closed permanently in 2008. It has been vacant since then.

**Coach of the Year...Richard Rios, Jr.**

**Player of the Year...Antoine Eason**



## EL PASO DE ROBLES

Drawer B. Airport Rd.  
Paso Robles 93446

Free Lance  
310 4 yr All Boys  
Blue/Gold - Spartans

Office: (805) 238-4040

### Administration:

Prin: Barbara Taylor  
V. Prin: John Rupert  
AD (B): Jim Benner  
AD (G): N/A  
Act. Dir: Richard Rios, Jr.  
Ath. Trn: Willie Lipsey

Boys Gym: (805) 238-4040

### Boys Coaches:

Soc: DNF  
Swim: DNF  
Tenn: DNF  
Trck: DNF  
Vlbl: DNF  
W. Polo: DNF  
Wrst: Unkn

Bsbl: Ray Willson  
Bskt: Jim Benner  
Ccty: DNF  
Ftbl: Richard Rios, Jr.  
Golf: DNF  
Gym: DNF



### Large Division Team

Team	W-L
1 El Paso de Robles ..	7-0
2 Rio Hondo .....	8-1
3 Templeton .....	7-2
4 Buckley .....	7-2
5 Faith Baptist .....	6-3

### Small Division Team

Team	W-L
1 Big Pine .....	10-0
2 Newport Christian .	8-1
3 Bloomfield Chr ..	7-1-1
4 Hesperia .....	8-0-1
5 Charity Christian ..	7-1

# HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## CIF PLAYOFFS

## EIGHT-MAN CONFERENCE

## LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION

### Final

El Paso de Robles 48, **Rio Hondo Prep** 36

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# SportsScope

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## **FOOTBALL**

**Rio Hondo Prep** of Arcadia will try for its second straight CIF **football** title when it hosts top-ranked El Paso de Robles of Paso Robles in the Eight Man Large Conference championship game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Rio Hondo has a 10-1 record and El Paso de Robles is 9-0. **Rio Hondo Prep's** Kares have beaten Brentwood, 71-0, and Templeton, 21-12, to reach the championship game, and El Paso de Robles has beaten Chadwick, 61-14, and Buckley, 31-16.

The Kares, coached by Randall Johnson, have used a strong rushing attack to win in the playoffs. In the semifinals against Templeton, **Rio Hondo Prep** running backs Norm Schultz and Paul Clark and quarterback Dave Guerrero rushed for almost all of its total yards.

1983 — Division I: Randy Tanner (Bishop Amat) rb. II: Rick Burton (Canyon) qb. III: Ryan Knight (Rubidoux) b. IV: Tom Gabriel (Whitier Christian) lb and Kris Thabit (Harvard) lb. 8-Man: Large schools, **Antoine Fason** (El Paso de Robles) rb. Small schools, Craig Pittman (Bloomington Christian) rb.

# Sports Shorts

## Rugby On The Rise At Boys School

PASO ROBLES — Over at the California Youth Authority's El Paso de Robles School, where young offenders are seeking a better way of life, they're playing rugby these days with a passion that would do credit to the Backs of Cambridge.

Organized just a month or so ago, the team—composed of about 20 wards beefed up by five staff—already have played two games with community teams and beaten them both. The Visalia Rugby Club went down 14 to 13 in February and on March 10 the San Luis Obispo Rugby Club was shut out 14 to 0. Now El Paso de Robles is looking for more fields to conquer.

Rugby, previously unheard of in any Youth Authority institution, was dreamed up as a school sport earlier in the winter by George Freitas, a youth counselor in the institution's Los Robles camp unit. Freitas, a one-time first-string tight end for UC-Berkeley who was drafted in the eighth round by the Chicago Bears in 1978, had gotten interested in rugby when a knee injury cut short his pro grid career. With exercise opportunities for CYA wards at a premium during the short days of winter, Freitas asked the young men in his unit if they wanted to play rugby.

"What's rugby?" a ward asked.

"You know," put in another. "You see it on the Michelob commercials."

Twenty wards finally raised their hands and said they wanted to give the new sport a try. Practice sessions were organized under the lights because the camp wards work on conservation projects in the daytime, and Freitas began whipping his squad into a playing unit.

It was decided to make the team a combined staff-ward unit—a good way to promote institution teamwork and cooperation—and Freitas soon had some team members with spectacular credentials. In addition to Freitas, who doubled as player and coach, the squad was reinforced by Dave May, a youth counselor who played guard for Dan Coryell's San Diego State team in 1969-71; Ivan Weiss, a youth counselor who played for UC-Berkeley; Ed McDonald, a former Cal Poly gridder who had tryouts with the Denver Broncos and Minnesota Vikings; and Paul Jones, a group supervisor who was a first-string UC fullback and was mentioned on several All-American teams.

Some of the ward contributions to the team also were pretty impressive. Antoine Eason was player of the year in 1983 for small schools in the California Interscholastic Federation. Two other all-CIF stars from the championship 1983 El Paso de Robles football team also joined the squad—David Ruiz and Thaddeus Lewis, as well as Mark Whitt, an all-CIF player from the 1982 team.

"We started with a lot of raw talent," Freitas said, "but teaching everybody how to play a game that many of them hadn't even heard of took some doing."

Skull sessions were held into the rudiments of a scrum, rules that forbid blocking and forward passes, and the requirements for gentlemanly conduct that is an inherent part of rugby. The wards even boned up on the history of the game, including its origin at Rugby College in England in 1850, when a player broke up a game of soccer by picking up the ball and running it toward the goal.

"Yeah," it's a good game," said ward Pedro Reyes, who turned out for an evening practice session. "We didn't know the rules for a while, but we liked the action and finally learned how to play."

Freitas said the staff team members will probably play until the wards become

**Chadwick High School Team (Palos Verdes Peninsula) defeated in First Round**  
**61 - 14**



**Buckley High School Team (Sherman Oaks) defeated in Semi-Final Round**  
**31 - 16**



*Photos of El Paso de Robles Youth Correctional Facility*



