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2022 CIF SOUTHERN SECTION-FORD FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS, ON TAP FRIDAY AND SATURDAY; 15 DIVISIONAL TITLES TO BE AWARDED

LOS ALAMITOS -- Fifteen divisional winners will be crowned champions this weekend in the 2022 CIF Southern Section-Ford Football Championships, scheduled for sites spanning from the desert to the sea. Championship football competition among CIF-SS member schools dates back to 1914. This will be the 108th edition.

The 15 divisional finals are sponsored by Southern California Ford Dealers, Wilson Sporting Goods Co.; Bally Sports and Prepzone, The NFHS Network; GoFan; JL Custom Jackets and Patches; Gatorade; Hoag Orthopedic Institute, Los Angeles Chargers; CA Army National Guard, The California Correctional Peace Officers Association; The Marines; Nike; SB Live; Black Bear Diner; Max Preps; California Canopy; and Canyon Catering.

DIVISION 1- Mater Dei vs. St John Bosco, Friday November 25th, at The Rose Bowl, 7:30pm, Bally Sports SoCal

Two of the top teams in the Southern Section, the state of California and the nation will face off in the Division 1 Final at one of the most historic stadiums in the country, the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

Nationally top ranked and defending champion Mater Dei arrives at its sixth final in a row and looks to add to its storied history. The Monarchs are the top seed in the bracket, the champions of the Trinity League and hold a 12-0 record. Coach Bruce Rollinson continues to field a powerful team on both sides of the ball. The Monarchs have scored over 450 points and barely allowed 140. QB Elijah Brown has thrown for over 2300 yards, with nearly 30 passing TDs. RB Jordan Davison has rushed for over 1200 yards and double-digit rushing TDs. WR Marcus Harris has double-digit TD receptions while Marcus Brown has seven TD catches. On defense Nasir Wyatt leads the way with over double-digit sacks and over thirty tackles, while the defense has nearly 20 forced turnovers. The Monarchs look to continue their recent run with their fourth title in six seasons, and second in a row.

St. John Bosco returns to the finals after falling short a year ago. The Braves are 11-1, the 2nd team out of the Trinity League and are the second seed in the bracket. Coach Jason Negro once again leads a powerful squad that has scored over 500 points and not allowed 100 points this year. QB Pierce Clarkson has thrown for over 1700 yards and 25 TDs while adding five on the ground. RB Cameron Jones has rushed

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Division 1 (Cont.): for nearly 1000 yards and 16 TDs. WR Deandre Moore has over 500 receiving yards. Deven Bryant leads the way on defense with over ninety tackles while Matayo Uiagaleli has 6.5 sacks to pace the Braves with an overall 32 sacks. The Braves seek the schools third championship.

DIVISION 2- Inglewood at Sierra Canyon, Saturday November 26th, 7:30pm, Ballys Sport Prep Zone
Inglewood returns to the final for the first time since 2000. The Sentinels are 13-0, the 3rd seed in the bracket and the champions of the Ocean League. Coach Milvon James leads a powerful offense that has nearly scored 500 points and a defense that has allowed 124 points, which includes 7 shutouts. QB Husan Longstreet has passed for 3377 yards and over 35 TDs. Inglewood looks to claim a third championship and first in nearly 100 years.

Sierra Canyon makes its 7th final appearance since 2010. The Trailblazers are the champions of the Mission League, have a 9-4 record and beat two seeded teams in the playoffs. Coach Jon Ellinghouse once again has a well-balanced squad that is on a 7-game winning streak. QB Alonzo Esparza has passed for 1280 yards and 14 TDs. RB Dane Dunn has rushed for 1609 yards and 20 TDs. Carmel Crunk and Xavier White lead the way on defense both with over 100 tackles while the Trailblazers have nearly 25 total sacks. Sierra Canyon seeks a 6th title since 2010.

DIVISION 3- Yorba Linda at Upland, Friday November 25th, 7:30pm, Ballys Sport Prep Zone

Yorba Linda makes its second ever finals appearance after winning it all in their first appearance in 2016. The Mustangs are 13-0, the champions of the Crestview League and are the 4th seed in the bracket. Coach Jeff Bailey is in charge of a team that has scored 475 points and have barely allowed 200. QB Reyn Beil has thrown for 2323 yards and 20 passing TDs. RB William Saucedo has rushed for 1420 yards and over 26 TDs. Wyatt Mosier leads the defense with over 135 tackles, Ali Elfiky has seven of the teams 24 sacks and Dylan Reynolds has six interceptions. Yorba Linda seeks a second championship.

Upland returns to the final for the first time since its 2018 win. The Highlanders are 9-4, were an at-large team from the Baseline League and defeated the 2nd seed in the bracket. Coach Darryl Thomas leads a well-balanced team that has stood tall in the playoffs. QB Noah Sandoval has thrown for over 1300 yards while RB Richard Allen has rushed for 1241 yards. Vincent Malcaluso leads the way on defense with over 110 tackles while the Highlanders have over 30 total sacks. Upland looks to claim a fifth championship.

DIVISION 4- Downey vs. Cypress at Western High School, Friday November 25th, 7:30pm, Ballys Sports Prep Zone

Downey is back in the championship game for the first time since 2017. The Vikings are 11-2, the 2nd team out of the Gateway League and defeated two seeded teams in the playoffs. Coach Jack Williams leads a team that is balanced on both sides of the ball. QB Aiden Chiles has passed for 2835 and 33 TDs while adding 9 rushing TDs. RB Keion Andrew also has 8 rushing TDs. WR Bryant Carey has over 1200 receiving yards and 19 TD catches. Andrew Reyes and Pedro Debora both have over 100 tackles to lead the defense. Downey looks to win its 5th title.

Cypress arrives at its 3rd championship game. The Centurions are 13-0, the 3rd seed in the bracket and were the champions of the Empire League. Coach Rick Feldman is in charge of a powerful offense that has nearly scored 500 points this year. QB Aidan Houston has thrown for 2942 yards and nearly 30 TDs while also rushing for over 1000 yards and 19TDs. WR Matthew Morrell has over 1500 receiving yards and 14 TD catches. Cypress also has thirteen sacks on defense. The Centurions seek a 2nd CIF-SS title.

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DIVISION 5-St. Francis at Etiwanda, Saturday November 26th, 7:30pm, Ballys Sports Prep Zone

St. Francis makes a 2nd straight finals appearance. The Golden Knights were the co-champions of the Angelus League, have a 10-3 record and beat two seeded teams in the playoffs. Coach Dean Herington has continued his winning ways and again brings a solid offense into the final. QB Jack Jacobs has thrown for over 300 yards and 30 TDs, 12 of which of have been caught by WR Jett McCullough. RB Devyn Turner has rushed for over 1000 yards and 20 TDs. Preston Jernegeen leads the way on defense with over 100 tackles and four interceptions. The Golden Knights look to claim championship #3.

Etiwanda is in the championship game after falling short a year ago. The Eagles are 8-5, the 2nd seed in the bracket and the 2nd team out of the Baseline League. Coach Nick Baiz leads a team that is well balanced and has won four in a row. QB Dermaricus Davis has passed for over 2700 yards and 15 TDs while RB Jaiden Moss has 16 rushing touchdowns. Matthew Vasquez leads the way on defense with over 80 tackles and the Eagles have 10 interceptions. Etiwanda seeks a 2nd CIF-SS title.

DIVISION 6- San Jacinto vs. Orange at Fred Kelly Stadium, Friday November 25th, 7pm, NFHS Network

San Jacinto returns to the finals for the first time since 2018. The Tigers are 11-2, the champions of the Mountain Pass League and defeated two seeded teams in the playoffs. Coach Aric Galliano leads a powerful offense that has scored nearly 600 points on the year. QB Dereun Dortch has thrown for over 2712yards and 35 TDs, half of which have been caught by WRs' Vincent Holmes and Dillion Grisham. RB's Malachi Brown and David Myers each have double digit TD runs. Tevita Tukunga leads the way on defense with over 90 tackles. The Tigers look to win their first ever CIF-SS title.

Orange is back in the finals for the first time since 2017. The Panthers are 11-2, the champions of the Orange Coast League and beat two seeded teams in the playoffs. Coach Robert Pedroza leads a team that has won 10 in a row and has scored over 500 points. QB Hype Grand has thrown for over 1300 yards and 20 TDs. RBs Kobe Boykin and Ardown Morris have both run for double-digit touchdowns. Jaelen Lightfoot leads the defense with over 70 tackles and 5 interceptions. The Panthers took to bring home a fourth championship.

DIVISION 7-Laguna Hills vs. Golden Valley at Canyon High School, Saturday November 26th, 7pm, NFHS Network

Laguna Hills arrives at the school's 4th title game. The Hawks are 12-1, the 2nd team out of the Pacific Coast League and have win five in a row. Coach John Lester runs a team that has scored nearly 400 points and yet to allow 200. QB Kaden Austin has thrown for over 1000 yards and RB Troy Leigber has run for over 2000 yards and 35 rushing TDs. On defense Angelo Rubio and Travis Randolph have combined for more then half of the teams 30 sacks. Laguna Hills looks to bring home the programs 3rd title.

Golden Valley makes a 2nd finals appearance. The Grizzlies are 9-4, an at-large team from the Foot-hill League and beat the top seed in the bracket. Coach Dan Kelley leads a balanced team on both sides of the ball. QB Christopher Melkonian has thrown for over 1400 yards and 15 TDs while rushing for 10 TDs. Malachi Beachum leads the way on defense with over 120 tackles and the Grizzlies have 14 interceptions. Golden Valley looks to claim its first ever title.

DIVISION 8- Northwood at Lakewood, Saturday November 26th, 7pm, NFHS Network

Northwood is back in the championship game after winning a year ago. The Timberwolves are 12-1, the champions of the Pacific Coast League and defeated two seeded teams in the bracket. Coach JC Clarke leads a balanced team that is on a 10-game winning streak. QB Eugene Miyata has thrown for over 1700 yards and 25 TDs. RB Adam Harper has rushed for over 2000 yards. Northwood looks to claim a 2nd straight title and 2nd overall.

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DIVISION 8 (Cont.): Lakewood makes a long-awaited return to the finals. The Lancers are 8-5, the 3rd team from the Moore League and have won five in a row. Coach Justin Utupo runs a balanced team on both sides of the ball. QB Brayden Downen has passed for over 1700 yards and has connected with eight receivers TD passes. Tyree McCowen leads the way on defense with over 150 tackles and Noah Mallon and Rahkeen Moore have combined for half of the Lancers 30 sacks. Lakewood looks to win its first ever title.

DIVISION 9- Laguna Beach at Diamond Bar, Saturday November 26th, 7pm, NFHS Network

Laguna Beach makes a long-awaited championship game return. The Breakers are 10-3, the champions of the PAC 4 League and beat two seeded teams in the playoffs. Coach John Shanahan leads a well-balanced team on an 8-game winning streak. QBs Jackson Kollack and Ethan Dos have combined to throw 30 touchdowns. Half those touchdowns have been caught by WR Jackson Rodriguez. RB Nick Rogers has run for 1145 yards and 11 TDs. The defense has 12 interceptions. The Breakers look to claim the school's 2nd title.

Diamond Bar returns to the title game for the first time in over twenty years. The Brahmas are 12-1, the champions of the Hacienda League and beat the 2nd seed in the bracket. Coach Matthew Castaneda has a potent offense and stingy defense that has not allowed 200 points this year. RB Isaiah Young has rushed for over 1800 yards and 22 TDs while WR Maddox Bernardino has over 1100 receiving yards and 14 TD catches. Matthew Galven leads the way on defense with over 100 tackles. Diamond Bar seeks a 5th title.

DIVISION 10- Salesian at Muir, Saturday November 26th, 7pm, NFHS Network

Salesian makes its first finals appearance since 2013. The Mustangs are 10-3, the 2nd team from the Camino Real League and have won seven in a row. Coach Anthony Atkins leads a team with a stingy defense that has barely allowed 200 points. QB Logan Ebnet has thrown for over 1400 yards and 18 TDs. RB Ayden Ramirez has rushed for 1840 yards and 16 TDs. Julian Ramirez leads the way on defense with 7 of the teams over thirty sacks. Salesian looks to bring home a 2nd title.

Muir is back in the finals for the first time since 2019. The Mustangs are 7-6, the third team from the Pacific League and beat the 3rd seed in the bracket. Coach Lance Mitchell has a team that hangs it hat on the defensive side of the ball. Muir looks to bring home a 5th championship.

DIVISION 11- Walnut at Bellflower, Friday November 25th, 7pm, NFHS Network

Walnut arrives at its 2nd ever final. The Mustangs are 10-3, the 2nd team from the Hacienda League and beat the 3rd seed in the bracket. Coach Eric Peralta has a well-balanced team on a five-game winning streak. QB Salvador Quintanilla has thrown for 1236 yards and 14 TDs while adding 12 rushing TDs. Demetrius Stimpley has five TD catches. Phil Cotton and Nicholas Orsett each have over 100 tackles to lead the defense. The Mustangs look to bring home their first title.

Bellflower arrives at its first ever title game. The Buccaneers are 11-2, the co-champions of the Mid-Cities League and have won four in a row. Coach Jason Miller has a team with a potent offense and stingy defense that has barely allowed 160 points. RB's Trey Pinkey, Adonis Thomas, and William Taylor each have double digit touchdown runs. Christian Fargas has three interceptions. Bellflower seeks its first football championship.

DIVISION 12- Valley Christian at Lancaster, Saturday November 26th, 7pm, NFHS Network

Valley Christian returns to the title game for the first time since 2016. The Defenders are 6-7, the 2nd seed in the bracket and an at-large team from the Ironwood League. Coach Nicholas Walker's tea has stood tall to win a couple of high scoring games in the playoffs. QB Joe DeYoung has thrown for over

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DIVISION 12 (Cont.): 1300 yards. JoJo Apisala leads the way on defense with over 120 tackles and has half of the teams over 30 sacks. The Defenders look to bring home a 4th title.

Lancaster makes its first ever championship appearance. The Eagles are 8-5, the top seed in the bracket and the 2nd team from the Golden League. Coach Brandon Rivers's team is balanced on both sides of the ball and is on a five-game winning streak. RB Ashton Mitchell has rushed for over 1000 yards and 9 TDs. The Eagles have 25 sacks led by Armani Cortez with six. Lancaster seeks the school's first title.

DIVISION 13-Bishop Montgomery at San Gabriel, Friday November 25th, 7pm, NFHS Network

Bishop Montgomery makes its first ever appearance in a final. The Knights are 9-2-1, the 3rd team from the Camino Real League and are the top team in the bracket. Coach Ed Hodgkiss has a well-balanced team on both sides of the ball. QB Diego Rodrigues has passed for 2326 yards and 29 TDs while adding 15 TDs on the ground. Braeden Biggerstaff leads the way on defense with over 100 tackles while Ben Drewery has eleven interceptions. Bishop Montgomery looks to win its first ever championship.

San Gabriel returns to the championship game for the first time since 2011. The Matadors are 10-3, an at-large team from the Almont League and are the 2nd seed in the bracket. Coach Kevin Encinas leads a stingy defense that has barely allowed 200 points this year. The Matadors have won four in a row and yet to allow 20 points during the playoffs. San Gabriel looks to bring home a first ever title.

DIVISION 14- Lynwood vs. Whittier Christian at Whittier College, Friday November 25th, 7pm, NFHS Network

Lynwood makes a long-awaited return to the final. The Knights are 9-4, an at-large team out of the Mid Cities League and defeated the 2nd seed in the bracket. Coach De Andre Pryor has a team that is balanced on both sides of the ball. QB Maximillian Archiega has passed for over 1200 yards and 13 TDs. Jaden Sanasinh and Christian Reyes lead the defense both with over 80 tackles. Lynwood looks to bring home a 2nd title.

Whittier Christian returns to the final for the first time since 2010. The Heralds are 9-4, the 3rd team from the Cottonwood League and beat two seeded teams in the playoffs. Coach Frank Manriquez has a potent offense and stout defense barely allowing 200 points. RB Jake Martinez has rushed for 15 TDs. Julian Linares leads the way on defense with over 70 tackles. The Heralds seek the school's 5th championship.

8 Man Football Division 1

California School for the Deaf-Riverside has won the 8 Man Football Division 1 championship. The Cubs were the top seed in the bracket, were the champions of the Tri-County Premier League and finish the season with a 12-0 record. Coach Keith Adams's team features a high-flying offense that scored almost points this year. QB Trevin Adams threw for 2065 yards and 37 TDs while rushing for 11 TDs. WR's Felipe Gonzales and Jory Valencia caught double digit touchdowns. Adams has 9 sacks and 85 tackles this year. The Cubs won the championship with an 80-26 victory over Faith Baptist. This is CSDR's first 8-Man Football title.

8 Man Football Division 2

Avalon at Hesperia Christian, Saturday November 26th, 6pm, NFHS Network

Avalon makes a 2nd finals appearance. The Lancers are 5-5, a Freelance at-large team and beat two seeded teams in the playoffs. Coach Nicholas Morones leads a balanced team on both sides of the ball. Avalon seeks a 2nd title.

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8-Man Division 2 (Cont.):

Hesperia Christian makes its fifth finals appearance. The Patriots are 10-2, the champions of the Agape League and are the 4th seed in the bracket. Coach Alex VanderWeide has a team with a high-flying offense scoring over 400 points and a defense that barely allowed 150. QB's Jaden Bragg and Arlan Koester both have double digit TD passes. WRs Ayden Ortega has 11 TD catches. Gonzalez also has 7 interceptions. Kyle Day and Caleb Lewis lead the defense with over 70 tackles. The Patriots seek the school's second title.

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BALLY SPORTS/NFHS NETWORK TO BROADCAST EVERY CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Bally Sport West/SoCal, Bally Sport Prep Zone and the NFHS Network will combine to broadcast every CIF Southern Section-Ford Football Championship game LIVE via either over-the-air broadcast (Bally Sport West/SoCal) or via the Internet. The schedule will be as follows:

DIVISION 1 Ballys Sports West/SoCal	DIVISION 6 NFHS Network	DIVISION 12 NFHS Network
DIVISION 2 Bally Sports Prep Zone	DIVISION 7 NFHS Network	DIVISION 13 NFHS Network
DIVISION 3 Bally Sports Prep Zone	DIVISION 9 NFHS Network	DIVISION 14 NFHS Network
DIVISION 4 Bally Sports Prep Zone	DIVISION 10 NFHS Network	8-Man Football Division NFHS Network
DIVISION 5 Bally Sports Prep Zone	DIVISION 11 NFHS Network	

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TITLING FOR CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF EVENTS

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