

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

High school football top performers in the Southland



Palisades quarterback Jack Thomas passed for seven touchdowns in win over Hamilton. (Steve Galluzzo / For The Times)



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A look at the top performers from high school football across the Southland during Week 9.

RUSHING

- **Byron Bell, Monrovia:** Rushed for 243 yards and one touchdown in win over San Marino.
- **Dean Gibson, Corona Centennial:** Rushed for 183 yards and four touchdowns in win over Norco.
- **Eli Robinson, Tustin:** Rushed for 187 yards and two touchdowns in win over Western.
- **Gaven Zamora, North Hollywood:** Rushed for 119 yards in nine carries and scored two touchdowns in win over Chavez.
- **Radley Geiss, Dana Hills:** Rushed for 237 yards and five touchdowns in loss to Laguna Beach.
- **Ethan Mundt, Troy:** Gained 184 yards and scored three touchdowns in win over Irvine.
- **Journee Tonga, Leuzinger:** Rushed for 195 yards and one touchdown, passed for 73 yards and two touchdowns in win over Mira Costa.
- **Jeremiah Watson, Murrieta Valley:** Rushed for 199 yards in loss to Vista Murrieta.

PASSING

- **Dominick Catalano, Corona Centennial:** Passed for 331 yards and three touchdowns in win over Norco.
- **Julian Medina, Norco:** Passed for 384 yards and six touchdowns in loss to Corona Centennial.

- **Jack Hurst, Laguna Beach:** Passed for 387 yards and five touchdowns in win over Dana Hills.
- **Luke Fahey, Mission Viejo:** Passed for 361 yards and two touchdowns, ran for one touchdown in win over Edison.
- **Taylor Lee, Oxnard Pacifica:** Passed for 375 yards and two touchdowns in win over Simi Valley.

The fifth longest touchdown in @SPPirateFB history belongs to the combination of @seth_solorio & Braeden Villegas on this 95-yard TD bomb to cap off the Pirates' 49-14 Marine League win at Gardena. Solorio threw for 4 TDs. @breezepreps @latsondheimer @NickIngram310 @LACitySection
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- **Seth Solorio, San Pedro:** Passed for four touchdowns, ran for one touchdown in win over Gardena.
- **Chris Fields, Carson:** Had six touchdown passes in win over Narbonne.
- **Michael Gonzalez, South Gate:** Passed for 305 yards and five touchdowns, ran for 131 yards and one touchdown in win over Huntington Park.
- **Jack Thomas, Palisades:** Passed for 421 yards and seven touchdowns in win over Hamilton.
- **Koa Malau'ulu, St. John Bosco:** Passed for 219 yards and three touchdowns in win over Servite.

- **Thaddeus Breaux, Hamilton:** Passed for 382 yards and three touchdowns in loss to Palisades.

RECEIVING

- **Blake Wong, Norco:** Caught 14 passes for 214 yards and three touchdowns in win over Corona Centennial.
- **Kristian Leslie, Hamilton:** Made 10 catches in loss to Palisades, giving him 98 receptions, breaking the City Section record for most catches in a regular season.
- **Elyjah Staples, Marquez:** Made four touchdown catches, ran for a touchdown and had two sacks and two fumble recoveries in win over Manual Arts.
- **Thomas Jones, Long Beach Wilson:** Caught four passes for 131 yards and two touchdowns in win over Long Beach Jordan.
- **Jaxson Rex, San Clemente:** Caught nine passes for 112 yards and three touchdowns in win over Los Alamitos.
- **Jack Junker, Mission Viejo:** Caught 10 passes for 158 yards and two touchdowns in win over Edison.
- **Anthony Jacobs Jr., Oxnard Pacifica:** Had five catches for 171 yards and two touchdowns in win over Simi Valley.
- **Demare Dezeurn, Palisades:** Caught nine passes for 172 yards and four touchdowns in win over Hamilton.

DEFENSE

- **Jaden Walk-Green, Corona Centennial:** Scored his fifth touchdown of the season on defense by returning a fumble in win over Norco.

- **Joshua Kerst, San Clemente:** Had three sacks in win over Los Alamitos.
- **Jack Norman, Dana Hills:** Had interception and recovered a fumble on onside kick in loss to Laguna Beach.
- **Brennan Martinez, Vista Murrieta:** Had two touchdowns on interception returns in win over Murrieta Valley.
- **Nick Yakubik, Palos Verdes:** Had two interceptions in win over Inglewood.
- **Duvay Williams, Gardena Serra:** Returned interception for touchdown in win over Sherman Oaks Notre Dame.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- **DJ Parker, Hamilton:** Returned a kickoff 81 yards for touchdown vs. Palisades.
- **Jack Strosnider, Mira Costa:** Blocked a punt and scored touchdown in loss to Leuzinger.
- **Carter Sobel, Sierra Canyon:** Made field goals from 25 and 43 yards in win over Bishop Amat.

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