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## ***2009 CIF STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BOWL GAMES PRESENTED BY FARMERS***

CARSON—Here is a recap of Saturday's games from the 2009 CIF State Football Championship Bowl Games Presented by Farmers.

### **Division III: Serra, Gardena 24, Marin Catholic 20**

In a game much closer than anticipated, Serra (15-0) held off Marin Catholic (13-2) to win its first state title. Serra opened the game in exciting fashion. The Cavaliers found the end zone on their first play from scrimmage, a 67 yard pass from Connor Preston to Robert Wood. Marin Catholic quickly overcame its nerves and responded with a 9 minute, 13 second drive that resulted in a touchdown pass from Nate Kristoff to Tyler Scott. Momentum shifted back and forth until Serra took the lead for good late in the third quarter with another 30 yard strike to Woods.

This game featured several record breaking performances by both teams in a Division III bowl game. The Cavaliers' Preston set a record for most passing yards (240) and most touchdowns passes (3). Woods set a record for most receiving yards (180) and co-set the record for most receptions for a touchdown (2). And while the Serra air attack was prolific, the records for the longest pass and longest touchdown pass in State Bowl History now belongs to Chris Tewhill, (82 yards) of Marin Catholic, the back-up quarterback who filled in admirably after the starter Kristoff went down with an injury. Scott, who also caught two touchdown passes, will share the record for most touchdown receptions. Tewhill, who was forced into double duty, also set the records for longest fumble return and longest fumble return for a touchdown (52 yards).

### **Division II Servite, Anaheim 33, Rocklin 30**

In a tale of two halves, Servite, the winner's of perhaps the South's fiercest section (Southern Pac-5), outlasted Rocklin, winner of arguably the North's toughest section (Sac-Joaquin Division II), to win the Division II Bowl Game championship. Kicker Nicholas Echeverry led the way, kicking a State Bowl Games record four field

goals, including the game winner from 23 yards, as time expired. He also made attempts of 47, the longest in the State Bowl Games, 43 and 39.

The Friars (14-1) scored first, storming ahead on a 1 yard touchdown run by quarterback Cody Fajardo. Minutes later, they added a second touchdown on a 55 yard punt return by Christopher Nicholls. At the end of a first half dominated by the Friars, Servite found itself leading 27-10. But the Thunder (14-1) would not go quietly and scored three touchdowns in third and fourth quarter, tying the score at 30-30. It would remain tied until the final seconds when Echeverry kicked his fourth and final field goal to secure Servite's first state title.

Rocklin's Jackson Cummings ended his dominate season with a 159 yards rushing and two touchdowns, both in the second half comeback. Fajardo was also a catalyst for the Friars. He accounted for 262 total yards and two touchdowns, one rushing and another throwing. His 60 touchdown toss to Rudy Guerrero set several new Division II Bowl Game records including longest pass reception and longest touchdown reception.

### **Open Division De La Salle, Concord 28 Crenshaw, Los Angeles 14**

Crenshaw looked like it was on the verge of tying the score at 21-21 with just over eight minutes left in the fourth quarter when De La Salle's defense stiffened, held the Cougars (14-1) at bay on their own 12 yard line and proceeded to march 85 yards for Terron Ward's third rushing touchdown of the night which sealed the De La Salle (13-2) victory and second state title in the last three years. Ward's three touchdowns set a new Open Division record for most rushing touchdowns in a game and his 161 yards rushing was also the most in the history of this game.

What started as a track meet in the first quarter with Crenshaw's De Anthony Thomas rushing for touchdowns of 43 and 11 yards, turned into a football game in the second as De La Salle evened the score on two touchdown runs by Tyler Anderson (5 yards) and Ward (1 yard). Thomas left the game in the second quarter with a leg injury and Crenshaw's offense sputtered the rest of the game. As a result, the Spartans improved their record 2-2 in the State Bowl Games and tied Oceanside with the most state titles since the event started in 2006.