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PARTICIPANTS SELECTED FOR 2009 CIF STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BOWL GAMES PRESENTED BY FARMERS

CARSON, Calif. – The matchups for the 2009 CIF State Football Championship Bowl Games Presented by Farmers, which take place Friday-Saturday, December 18-19, 2009, at The Home Depot Center in Carson, are now set following the selection of participating teams, CIF Executive Director Marie M. Ishida announced Sunday. The Selection Committee, comprised of the 10 CIF Section Commissioners, has selected the following teams to participate in the 2009 CIF State Football Championship Bowl Games Presented by Farmers. “I was impressed with the Selection Committee, added Event Director Ken Gunn. “They showed depth of knowledge, thorough evaluation of all potential entrants and worked exceptionally well together.”

OPEN DIVISION: DE LA SALLE, CONCORD (12-2, 7-0) vs. CRENSHAW, LOS ANGELES (14-0, 5-0)

De La Salle, a private school making its fourth appearance in as many years in the state championships (1-2), played a tough schedule. The Spartans’ two losses were in the preseason to Don Bosco (Ramsey, N.J.), who went on to become the private school state champion in New Jersey and likely to finish No. 1 in ESPN Rise’s final FAB 50 national rankings next week, and Lakeland, Fla, ranked No. 4 in the nation by ESPN Rise, but lost on Friday in the Florida state semifinals. The Spartans are coached by Bob Ladoceur, the leader in career wins in California state high school football history. Known historically as a statewide and national basketball force, Crenshaw has emerged as a football power and this season served as proof. The Cougars, coached by Robert Garrett, went undefeated with key victories over Southern Section powers Lakewood, Norco, Culver City and Narbonne in the Los Angeles City Section finals. The Cougars, led by 1785-yard passer Marquis Thompson, beat their four playoff opponents 166 to 26 in route to their second City Section D-I title since 2005. On the national scene, the Cougars are currently ranked No. 12 by ESPN Rise and No. 22 by MaxPreps. Crenshaw is also the first team from the Los Angeles City Section to earn a State Championship Bowl bid. On another note, the two schools also met in the state finals in boys’ basketball in 1996.

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DIVISION I: BELLARMINE PREP, SAN JOSE (11-1-1, 6-0-1) vs. OCEANSIDE (13-0, 7-0)

After getting bypassed last year, Bellarmine Prep experienced a break through this season under coach Mike Janda. The Bells earned a bowl bid for the first time after winning their second Central Coast Section Open Division title over St. Francis of Mountain View. The Bells only loss was to St. Mary's of Stockton, a 34-10 setback in Week 2, and they tied Archbishop Mitty 14-14 on Oct. 23. The Bells like to move the ball on the ground with running back Kyle Olugbode. He has racked up 1,622 yards in 21 carries and scored 21 touchdowns. Oceanside secured its second state championship bid since 2007 after winning their sixth straight San Diego Section title, and 10th since 1995, with a 26-10 win over Helix Charter. Coach John Carroll's team also has five wins over playoff teams, including a victory over 2008 Open Division runner up Long Beach Poly. Quarterback Quentis Clark is a key reason why. He averages 206.5 passing yards per game, while, his defense has yielded just 7.46 points per contest.

DIVISION II: ROCKLIN (14-0, 5-0) vs. SERVITE, ANAHEIM (13-1, 4-0)

Many considered defending Open Division champion Grant of Sacramento as the best team in the Sac-Joaquin Section, but Rocklin proved otherwise. The Thunder pushed back Grant in the Sac-Joaquin Section D-II semifinals and beat Sierra Foothill League rival Del Oro in the finals. The Thunder, coached by Greg Benzel, are balanced on both sides of the ball, thanks to a strong defense, which stopped Grant four times from the 1-yardline with less than two minutes to play during a 21-19 win, and a solid ground game led by workhorse running back and Jackson Cummings. Servite played arguably the toughest schedule in the state. The Friars only loss was to Edison, 23-9, on Sept. 25. Coach Troy Thomas' Servite team avenged that loss with a 16-6 victory over Edison in the CIF Southern Section Pac 5 championship. Another key victory was over Chaparral of Temecula, which won the CIFSS Inland Division title Friday against Vista Murrieta. Cody Fajardo is one to watch for the Friar. He has passed for over 2,000 yards and rushed for nearly 1,000.

DIVISION III: MARIN CATHOLIC, KENTFIELD (13-1, 7-0) vs. SERRA, GARDENA (14-0, 4-0)

After losing its season-opener to St. Ignatius of San Francisco, Marin Catholic won its last 13, including a 27-0 win over top-seed Encinal of Alameda in the North Coast Section D-III championship. The Wildcats posted the shutout thanks to causing five turnovers and an offense that scored 28 points or more in 13 of its 14 games. Coach Ken Peralta's Wildcats feature 2,000-yard rusher Chris Adams. Serra may have produced the biggest upset of the playoff after defeating Oaks Christian of Westlake Village, a team that featured Nick Montana, the son of legendary NFL quarterback Joe Montana, 42-41 in overtime Friday in the CIFSS Northwest final. Coach Scott Altenberg's Cavaliers feature a high-octane offense that scored 42 points or more in four playoffs wins and is led by USC commit and standout receiver Robert Woods, who has 55 catches for 896 and 12 touchdowns.

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SMALL SCHOOLS DIVISION: MODESTO CHRISTIAN (14-0, 5-0) vs. FRANCIS PARKER, SAN DIEGO (12-1, 5-0)

Modesto Christian remains unbeaten after defeating eight playoff teams, including a 61-40 win over Placer in the Sacramento Section Division IV final. Four of the teams had a combined 116-43 playoff record to go along with 31 section titles. The Crusaders coach Mike Parsons uses versatile quarterback Isaiah Burse, who is receiving recruiting interest from Fresno State, Arizona, and San Diego State. Burse averages 233.2 yards in total offense per game. Francis Parker selection is no surprise thanks in large part to the play of standout quarterback Deon Randal, one of the most dynamic play makers in the state. It also did not hurt that coach John Morrison team beat defending Small School champion St. Margaret’s 28-20 on Sept. 11.

“The Selection Committee made a commitment to a complete process during which all 49 schools were presented by their respective Commissioner and discussed thoroughly, said Ishida.” I applaud the other 49 Section champions for their performances this season.”

All five contests, played at The Home Depot Center in Carson, will be broadcast live on FSN Prime Ticket (Southern California) and CSN California and Bay Area (Northern California). Consult your local cable company or satellite provider for exact channel locations in your area:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

4:00pm Small Schools
8:00pm Division I

SOCAL TV

FSN Prime Ticket
FSN Prime Ticket

NORCAL TV

CSN Bay Area Plus
CSN Bay Area

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:00pm Division III
4:00pm Division II
8:00pm Open Division

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KBCSports.com also will be providing live audio over the internet for all five games. Please visit www.kbcsports.com to listen to all the action.

To be eligible for the state championship bowl games, teams must have been their respective CIF Section Champion. There were a total of 49 Section Champions – 23 from Northern California and 26 from Southern California. A complete list of all eligible schools is on the final page of this release. The breakdown of teams eligible for consideration:

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Division	NorCal	SoCal
I	5	6
II	6	14
III	5	3
Small Schools	7	3

Guidelines, all weighted equally, used to select the teams included win-loss record, strength of schedule, head-to-head competition and common opponents. Various rankings and media reports also were used as informational sources in the selection process. Margin of victory or anticipated fan support were not factors in team selection.

Other ancillary gameday events include the California State High School Cheerleading and Dance Championships, and a High School Football Coaches Clinic, sponsored by Nike. The clinic features USC head coach Pete Carroll, who has led the Trojans to two national titles, seven Pac-10 championships and seven BCS bowl appearances, and USC Strength and Conditioning Coach Chris Carlisle. Please visit www.cifstate.org for more information on how to register for either of these events. Tickets for the 2009 CIF State Football Championship Bowl Games Presented by Farmers are available at The Home Depot Center Box Office, local TicketMaster outlets or ticketmaster.com. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for high school students (with a valid ASB card), seniors (65+) and children. All tickets are for general admission seating and are valid for all games on a single day. Two tickets would be required to attend at least one game on each day.

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**TEAMS ELIGIBLE FOR 2009 CIF STATE
FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BOWL GAMES**
(State Bowl Division indicated in parentheses)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TEAMS (23)

Central Coast Section

Open Division **BELLARMINE (I)**
Division I **MILPITAS (I)**
Division II **LOS GATOS (II)**
Division III **SEASIDE (III)**
Division IV **CARMEL (III)**

North Coast Section

Division I **DE LA SALLE (I)**
Division II **EUREKA (II)**
Division III **MARIN CATHOLIC (III)**
Division IV **FORT BRAG (III)**
Division V **ST. ELIZABETH (Small)**

Northern Section

Division I **ENTERPRISE (II)**
Division II **LASSEN (III)**
Division III **TRINITY (Small)**
Division IV **PORTOLA (Small)**
Division V **FALL RIVER (Small)**

Oakland Section

Section Champion **Fremont (II)**

Sac-Joaquin Section

Division I **NEVADA UNION (I)**
Division II **ROCKLIN (II)**
Division III **DEL CAMPO (II)**
Division IV **MODESTO CHRISTIAN (Small)**
Division V **CAPITAL CHRISTIAN (Small)**
Division VI **BRADSHAW CHRISTIAN (Small)**

San Francisco Section

Section Champion: **GALILEO (I)**

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TEAMS (26)

Central Section

Division I **BULLARD (I)**
Division II **EDISON (II)**
Division III **DINUBA (II)**

Division IV **KINGSBURG (II)**
Division V **CORCORAN (III)**
Division VI **STRATHMORE (III)**

Los Angeles City Section

Championship Division **CRENSHAW (I)**
HAMILTON (I)

San Diego Section

Division I **EASTLAKE (I)**
Division II **OCEANSIDE (I)**
Division III **CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC (II)**
Division IV **MISSION BAY (II)**
Division V **FRANCIS PARKER (Small)**

Southern Section

Central Division **UPLAND (I)**
East Valley Division **ST. MARGARET'S (Small)**
Eastern Division **PALM SPRINGS (II)**
Inland Division **CHAPARRAL (I)**
Mid-Valley Division **SAN DIMAS (II)**
Northeast Division **LINFIELD CHRISTIAN (Small)**
Northern Division **WESTLAKE (II)**
Northwest Division **SERRA (III)**
Pac-5 Division **SERVITE (I)**
Southeast Division **CHARTER OAK (II)**
Southern Division **LA MIRADA (II)**
Southwest Division **LA HABRA (II)**
Western Division **MIRA COSTA (II)**