

# 2015 RATTTLERS FOOTBALL AWARDS NIGHT



# Welcome and Thank You

- ☐ Ms. Gastelum
- ☐ Administration
- ☐ Football Coaches and Families
- ☐ Trainer Kendra
- ☐ Jerry Argovitz & Loni Bader
- ☐ Secretarial, Custodial Staff
- ☐ Teachers and Counselors
- ☐ Parents and Fans
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- ☐ Volunteers
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# Academic Achievement – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

All players that finished 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. with a 3.0 GPA or higher will get a scholar athlete patch.

56 Players with a 3.0 GPA or Higher

# Academic Top 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

## FRESHMAN

5	Mario Montalvo	3.16
4	Oscar Solano	3.33
	Mario Vasquez	3.33
3	Miguel Romo	3.5
2	Tim Siva	3.67
1	David Talley	3.83
	Juan Carlos Veneracion	3.83
	Tyler Ramil	3.83

# Academic Top 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

## SOPHOMORES

3	Andrew Stewart	3.5
	Sebastian Rodriguez	3.5
	Erik Gutierrez	3.5
	Jonathan Ayub	3.5
	Mairyk Ferrer	3.5
2	Tanner Williams	3.83
1	Brandon Williams	4.00

# Academic Top 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

## JUNIORS

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Mikey Ramos	3.5
Arthur Figueroa	3.5
Devon Larson	3.5
Carlos Giordano	3.5

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Alejandro Ramirez	3.67
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Isaiah Archuleta	3.83
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# Academic Top 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

## SENIORS

4	Sergio Julian Gilbert Salazar	3.5 3.5
3	David Mares	3.57
2	Daryn Evans	3.67
1	Jiovanni Duarte Isaac Munoz	3.83 3.83

# Special Presentation

Jerry Argovitz Sports Institute (JASI)

Dr. Jerry Argovitz & Mrs. Loni Bader



“Success in life through participation in Sports.”



# Jerry Argovitz Sports Institute (JASI)

Man of the Year  
Academics, Athletics, and Leadership



# David Mares

# Special Presentation

## SENIORS

Dr. Jerry Argovitz & Mrs. Loni Bader



Junior Rancho Mirage football player Jonnathan Avila speaks to a crowd at Rancho Mirage High School Wednesday about the impact Dr. Jerry Argovitz has made on his life and plans for after high school.



Dr. Jerry Argovitz prepares to present the Palm Springs Unified School District's school board with an endowment of \$1 million to preserve the JASI program.

# Special Presentation

SENIORS



Dr. Ken Wagner

Mr. Chris Calderwood



# Freshman Certificates



# Sophomore Certificates



# Junior Certificates

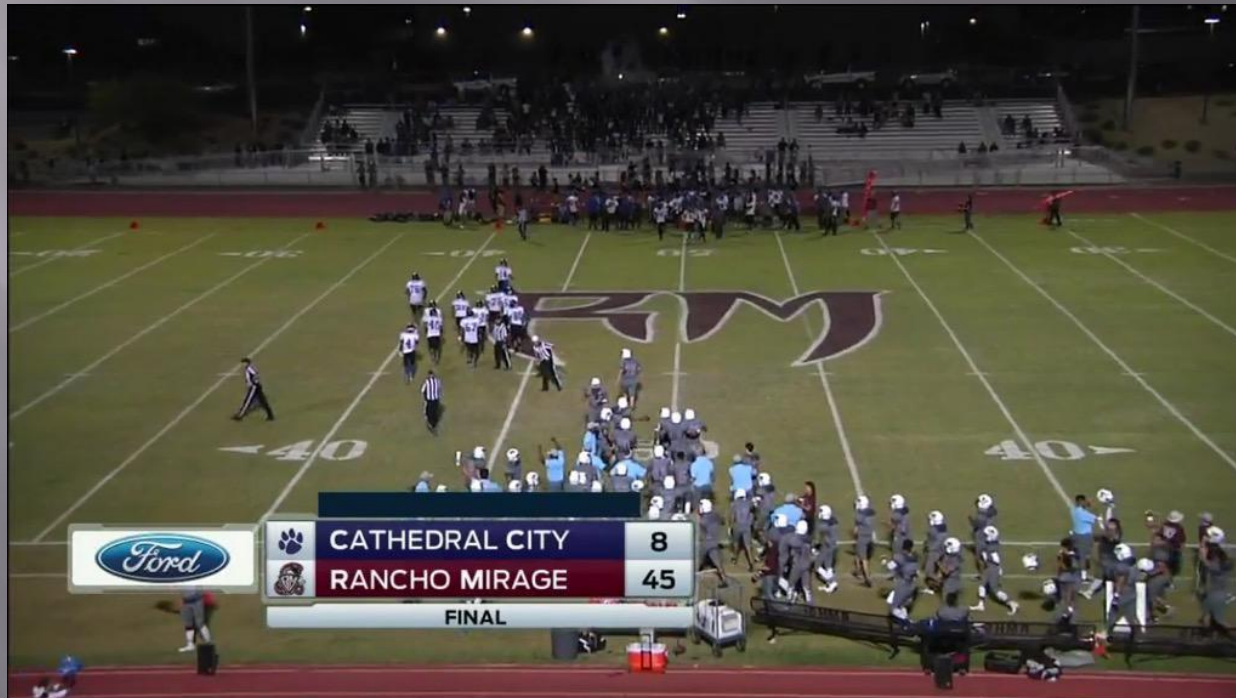


# Senior Certificates



# Varsity Certificates

- Varsity Football players can bring their certificates in to Mrs. Camarena in the athletic office and get their Letter for their jacket.





# Athletic Training



**Head Athletic Trainer - Kendra Mason**



# Season Review – FR/SO

- Coach Fisher
- (1–9)



# FR/SO Team Awards



# Coaches Award

Coach Glackler



Oscar Solano

Coach Ogden



Daniel Lopez

Coach Fisher



Torin Doyle

# FR/SO Team Awards

Most Improved

# Most Improved



Tyler Ramil



# FR/SO Team Awards

Best Lineman

# Best Lineman



Juan De La Torre

# FR/SO Team Awards

Special Teams MVP

# Special Teams MVP



Pastor Rueda

# FR/SO Team Awards

Defensive MVP

# Defensive MVP



Julian Regla

# FR/SO Team Awards

Offensive MVP

# Offensive MVP



Jayden Wilson



# Season Review – Junior Varsity

- Coach Castillo
- 3-4 Overall



# Junior Varsity Team Awards

Most Improved

# Most Improved



Tanner Williams

# Junior Varsity Team Awards

Best Lineman

# Best Lineman



Jesus Valenzuela

**Junior Varsity Team Awards**

Special Teams MVP

# Special Teams MVP



Abraham Jimenez

# Junior Varsity Team Awards

Defensive MVP



# Defensive MVP



Bryce Wilson-Higgins

# Junior Varsity Team Awards

Offensive MVP

# Offensive MVP



David Talley

# Season Review - Varsity

- Varsity Team (9-3) Overall (5-1) League
- 2nd Place in the De Anza League



## HISTORIC YEAR



The Desert Sun



### How will seniors impact the Rancho Mirage program?

In the school's second year of varsity football, Rancho Mirage now will have seniors for the first time. The Rattlers struggled mightily last year with a 1-9 record, but they return all 22 starters and have spent the offseason bulking up to become a better match against their De Anza League competition.

Don't look for the Rattlers to be fending for a league title come November, but with seniors playing their final games in a Rancho Mirage uniform, expect a more determined, emotionally-driven team that will stay competitive in nearly every game they play this fall.

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# Rattlers stun Arabs, 26-7, for program's second win

RANCHO MIRAGE 26, COACHELLA VALLEY 7

# Rattlers defeat Arabs

Prior throws two TDs as program claims its second victory

By Nathan Brown  
The Desert Sun



In a night dominated by the De Anza League across the valley, the Rancho Mirage Rattlers did their part on the road in Thermal, taking down the Coachella Valley Arabs, 26-7, in a game dominated by two of its younger stars.

Rattler quarterback Marques Prior, who gives up size and experience to most defensive players at 15-years-old and just 158 pounds, manned Rancho Mirage's offense while going 3-for-10 for 141 yards and two touchdowns, including a bomb in the first quarter that set the pace.

"He's only 15, but he's grown up tremendously," Rancho Mirage coach L.D. Matthews

said. "He made some great plays with his legs ... and I'm really proud of his effort."

On the team's second drive of the game while facing 3rd and 23 on his team's own 12-yard line, Prior rolled out to his left just steps outside the end zone and launched a laser to senior wideout Charles Murrell, who leaped over two defenders for the grab and sauntered into the end zone with no one in front of him.

The Arabs' offense, led by senior quarterback Darius Hulsey, controlled the pace of the game during the first half and dominated between the 20s but could never bust it through. On three of the team's first four drives, Hulsey led the Arabs within 30 yards of scoring and faced fourth down in an awkward position to try a field goal.

Please see RATTLETS, 13C




**KYLE WHITEFIELD**  
RANCHO MIRAGE, RB

**What he did:** Whitefield rushed for 74 yards and a touchdown that put the game out of reach.



## Rattlers

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Head coach Brett Davis left the ball in his gunslinger's hands, but the Arabs fell short each time.

After shooting himself in the foot multiple times in the first half, the Arabs caught a big break on special teams after their first possession when Rancho Mirage's junior running back Kyle Whitefield muffed a punt that Arab senior Chris Robles dove on to recover.

But with the change to swing the momentum, Hulsey threw his first interception of the season, caught by Murrell.

Prior turned the error into a quick score with his feet, rushing 13 yards around the right edge to take a double-digit lead.

The one bright spot of the night for the Arabs, ironically, came on a broken play on another fourth down on the Rattler 22 late in the third quarter with fourth and eight remaining. Hulsey threw a pass behind Jacob Salazar that was tipped high into the air toward the back of the end zone, before it fell into the outstretched arms of Sadiel Aranda while he lay on his back.

That's as close as the Arabs would inch, though.

Just seconds into the fourth quarter, Hulsey was sacked for a five-yard loss on the first play of a drive for a safety, and the Rattlers returned the free kick into the red zone for an eventual field goal. Whitefield iced the game late with a rushing touchdown, and the Rattlers recovered an onside kick as Arab fans swiftly exited the stadium



JAY CALDERON/THE DESERT SUN  
Charles Murrell (9) hauls in a pass for Rancho Mirage's first touchdown as Willy Ortiz (8) of Coachella defends on Friday.



stunned by a week one loss. Whitefield really impressed Matthews in his first game in the valley, especially with how he recovered from the muffed punt.

"He was really down on himself, and his teammates picked him up and said 'You're going to have an opportunity to make big plays' and he came back late in the fourth quarter and had a couple big runs for us," Matthews said.

**RANCHO MIRAGE 26, COACHELLA VALLEY 7**

Rancho Mirage	7	0	7	12	-	28
Coachella Valley	0	0	7	0	-	7

**First quarter**  
RM: Marques Prior throws an 88-yard pass to Charles Murrell for a touchdown.

**Third quarter**  
RM: Prior runs in from 13 yards for a touchdown.  
CV: Darius Hulsey completes a 22-yard pass to Sadiel Aranda for a touchdown.

**Fourth quarter**  
RM: Hulsey is sacked for a safety.  
RM: Daniel Whitefield kicks a field goal.  
RM: Kyle Whitefield rushes 18 yards for a touchdown.



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Rancho Mirage offense celebrates its first touchdown after pushing through Cathedral City's defense Friday.

## Rattlers

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drives and allowed the Rattlers to take 10-0 lead into the intermission. It didn't get any easier in the second half, as the Lions defense couldn't stop big plays after Cathedral City turned the ball over twice, giving the Rattlers a short field.

The Lions showed some good things in a game that may have been closer than the score might indicate. But Cathedral City wasn't looking for any moral victories afterward.

"It's frustrating because they're right down the street and we're competing for kids," Cathedral City head coach Richard Lee said. "So to play this way against those guys hurts."

"But we'll learn from this. We'll be a lot better later this season. We're a young team that's learning."

A 28-point third quarter put the exclamation point on the decisive win for the Rattlers, who never looked back in the second half. Turnovers and penalties turned a close game into a rout.

The Rattlers are now 2-0 after winning only a single game in their first varsity season a year ago.

"Last year, going 1-9 really paid off because we realized we have to go to work everyday," Matthews said. "Hard work and dedication does pay off."

"It's just one win, but it's a big



## Rancho Mirage 45, Cathedral City 8

Rancho Mirage 2-0 1 2 3 4 T-OT  
Cathedral City 0-1 0 0 0 0 0-0  
First quarter  
Rancho Mirage 10-0 on Cathedral City's 10-yard line  
Second quarter  
Rancho Mirage 10-0 on Cathedral City's 10-yard line  
Third quarter  
Rancho Mirage 18-0 on Cathedral City's 10-yard line  
Fourth quarter  
Rancho Mirage 17-0 on Cathedral City's 10-yard line

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Passing** (Cathedral City) - QB David Whitefield 1-0, 25 yds, 0 TD, 0 INT. QB Cameron Lee 1-0, 25 yds, 0 TD, 0 INT. QB Jordan Wallace 1-0, 25 yds, 0 TD, 0 INT. QB Cameron Lee 1-0, 25 yds, 0 TD, 0 INT.

### Player of the Game

Kyle Whitefield transferred to Rancho Mirage during the middle of the last school year, having never played a varsity game before. Two games in and he's arguably the most valuable player at Rancho Mirage. He ran for 262 yards and three scores on 16 carries to lead the Rattlers. He had 12 carries for 10 or more yards.

### Up Next

The Rattlers play at Rubidoux to Riverside next Thursday. Cathedral City will play its home opener vs Vista Del Lago.

win because of what it means to both teams as they continue building for the future.

"We made school history tonight," Matthews said. "We've never won two games, so we have to learn to deal with success and tomorrow we have to come back and understand we have to go to work."

"There's a lot of positives, and we're just really excited here at Rancho Mirage."

# These Rattlers have bite

## Rancho Mirage starts 2-0 with win over CC in rivalry game

Andrew L. John  
The Desert Sun

Two years ago, Rancho Mirage High School opened its doors 3.2 miles down the street from Cathedral City High. The Rattlers' first graduating class, then sophomores now seniors, was compiled primarily of kids who went to CCHS for their freshman year. That included most of the football team.

So when the two schools met on the football field in a varsity

game last year, it was for more than a cross-town rivalry game. Siblings stood on opposite sides, as did former teammates and friends. At least one dad coached against his son.

Cathedral City narrowly took the first chapter of the rivalry game in 2014. On Friday night in Rancho Mirage, the Rattlers took the second.

With a 45-8 win, Rancho Mirage sent a message to the Lions and the rest of the valley: that this could be just a glimpse of what's to come at Rancho Mirage High.

"There's so much of a connection between these two schools," Rancho Mirage head coach L.D. Matthews said. "I think it did mean something because of who we were playing, but for us we just trying to focus on it like it's another game."

Fans filed into Jerry Argovitz Stadium early, packing the house for what has quickly become one of the biggest games of the year for each team. The Rattler's student section, affectionately known as "The Pit," kept the volume to the max throughout the entirety of

the game. The Rattlers gave the students and the rest of the crowd good reason to stay on their feet.

Rancho Mirage drove down the field on the opening series and crossed the goal line on an 11-play drive that set the tone early. The Lions were never out of it until the second half, with big plays from tailback Jordan Wallace and quarterback Cameron Lee keeping things interesting.

But eight penalties stalled

Please see RATTlers, 2C



**KYLE WHITEFIELD**  
RANCHO MIRAGE, RB  
What he did: Whitefield racks up three TD runs as Rancho Mirage starts season



HSG Football

**FOOTBALL: Rubidoux's defense locks down win over Rancho Mirage**

Sept. 10, 2015 | Updated Sept. 11, 2015 7:12 p.m.



With their heels on their own goal line, the Rubidoux defense locked down late in regulation to seal a 14-7 home victory over Rancho Mirage on Thursday night.

“Our defense stepped up and showed resiliency late in the game,” said Rubidoux coach **Patrick Thompson**. “We knew coming in that it was going to be a tough game that would likely go down to



“Our defense stepped up and showed resiliency late in the game,” said Rubidoux coach **Patrick Thompson**. “We knew coming in that it was going to be a tough game that would likely go down to the wire.”

Trailing by seven with five minutes remaining in regulation, Rancho Mirage lined up at the Rubidoux 2-yard line with an opportunity to tie the game. Rubidoux’s defense rose to the occasion and pressured Rancho Mirage (2-1) sophomore quarterback **Marques Prior** into throwing an incomplete pass through the back of the end zone, thus turning the ball over on downs.

In the third quarter, Prior connected with senior receiver **Charles Murrell** on a 23-yard passing touchdown which at that point tied the contest, 7-7.

On the following Rubidoux (3-0) drive, senior running back **Roosevelt Carroll** ran in what would be the game-winning 47-yard touchdown score that put the Falcons ahead, 14-7, late in the third quarter.





Titans' Marquan Conerly-Warren (1) drops the ball as he attempted to catch a pass during an away game with the Rancho Mirage Rattlers Thursday.

LUCAS ESPOSITO/THE DESERT SUN

# RATTLERS DOMINATE, READY FOR LEAGUE

Rattlers cruise to third win of the season, avenge last year's loss



## Rattlers

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quite satisfied. "We didn't quite come out like we should have," the coach said of his offense. "We made too many mistakes in that first quarter, or we could have scored a few more times and really put this thing away early. ... Just some missed assignments, missed blocks, miscrocks by our quarterback, some stuff we've really been emphasizing these last few weeks in practice."

After a rare punt from the Titans, the Rattlers special teams capitalized on great field position as they took over at the 53-yard line. First, Prior connected with wide receiver Daryn Evans for what looked like would be an easy score, but he was trapped up after 45 yards, just five short of the goal line. The next play, junior running back Kyle Whitefield finished things off with his first score, a five-yard draw play.

Moments later, with the Rattlers on defense, the Titans snapped the ball several feet above quarterback William Keegan's head, and Daniel Rodriguez recovered it at the 1-yard line, this time with Prior rushing in for the score.

The two-headed rushing attack proved dominant for the Rattlers, with Whitefield gain-

ing nearly 100 yards and Prior rushing for 76. Both had two touchdowns on the ground, and Prior added one in the air.

"They've both really grown up. That last week against Rubidoux was a hard, tough, physical game with a lot of pressure," Matthews said. "I think those two really grew up last week and stepped up. That's the kind of pressure we're going to see the rest of the season."

And just moments after the game, that's what Matthews was focused on. The rest of the season. With the non-league schedule out of the way, it's time for the Rattlers to prove themselves when it truly counts. Three wins — triple their win total last year — is great, but now Rancho Mirage has their eyes on more.

"Now it's for real," he said. "It's for a chance to make the playoffs for the first time."

### RANCHO MIRAGE 45, TAHQUITZ 14

**Rancho Mirage** 45 21 14 — 45  
**Scoring**  
**Second quarter**  
 RM: Daniel Rodriguez 100-yard run (Daryn Evans kick) 14:00  
 TM: Kyle Whitefield 100-yard run (Daryn Evans kick) 10:00  
 RM: Daryn Evans 45-yard run (Daryn Evans kick) 7:00  
 TM: Marquan Conerly-Warren 100-yard run (Daryn Evans kick) 3:00  
**Third quarter**  
 RM: Kyle Whitefield 5-yard run (Daryn Evans kick) 11:00  
**Fourth quarter**  
 TM: Kyle Whitefield 100-yard run (Daryn Evans kick) 14:00  
 RM: Kyle Whitefield 5-yard run (Daryn Evans kick) 11:00  
 TM: Kyle Whitefield 100-yard run (Daryn Evans kick) 7:00

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**RM Rattlers defeat Tahquitz Titans 45-14**



Nathan Brown  
The Desert Sun

The Rattlers were sharp on both sides of the ball Thursday night, but the visiting Tahquitz Titans made it easy.

With the help of eight turnovers recovered by the Rancho Mirage defense — six fumbles and two interceptions — the Rattlers cruised to a 45-14 victory at home against the Titans, avenging a 42-7 defeat a year ago.

"Our defense played outstanding, man. Especially in that first half they gave us a lot of opportunities for some short fields or to be able to put the ball in the end zone," head coach L.D. Matthews said. "Our defense was just swarming around the ball and we're really excited about the way



Rattlers' Sergio Julian III (3) celebrates after recovering a fumble Thursday night.



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### NORTHWEST DIVISION

RANK	L/W	SCHOOL (LEAGUE)	REC.	W/L	OPPONENT	SCORE	NEXT OPPONENT
1.	2.	Linfield Christian (Ambassador)	4-0	W	Temescal Canyon	37-21	Maranatha
2.	3.	Templeton (Northern)	4-0	W	San Luis Obispo	60-21	Cabrillo/Lompoc
3.	1.	Nipomo (Northern)	2-2	L	Santa Ynez	14-10	Atascadero
4.	4.	Notre Dame/R. (Ambassador)	3-0	B	Bye	Bye	Jurupa Valley
5.	6.	Valley Christian/C. (Olympic)	4-0	W	Mayfair	14-7	Ontario Christian
6.	8.	Mission Prep (Northern)	3-0	W	St. Anthony	36-20	Sierra Canyon
7.	7.	Bishop Montgomery (So. Cath.)	3-1	L	El Segundo	42-30	Mary Star of the Sea
8.	9.	Twenty-nine Palms (De Anza)	3-0	W	Indian Springs	51-0	Rancho Mirage
9.	NR.	Ontario Christ. (Ambassador)	3-1	W	Verbum Dei	56-8	Valley Christian/Cerritos
10.	5.	Maranatha (Olympic)	2-2	L	Arcadia	21-20	Linfield Christian
10.	10.	Pasadena Poly (Prep)	3-1	W	Malibu	40-8	Brentwood

Others: Pasadena Poly (Prep), 3-1; Rancho Mirage (De Anza), 3-1; Heritage Christian (Olympic), 2-2.



Rattlers' Daryn Evans (12) fights for a few yards during a home game with the Tahquitz Titans Thursday night.

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## HS FOOTBALL

# Twentynine Palms eases past Rancho Mirage

Matt McKay

Sep 26, 2015

### NORTHWEST DIVISION

RANK	L/W	SCHOOL(LEAGUE)	REC.	W/L	OPPONENT	SCORE	NEXT OPPONENT
1.		Linfield Christian (Ambassador)	5-0	W	Maranatha	45-0	Bye
2.	4.	Notre Dame/R. (Ambassador)	4-0	W	Jurupa Valley	52-0	Inglewood
3.	2.	Templeton (Northern)	4-1	L	Cabrillo/Lompoc	31-28	Santa Ynez
4.	8.	Twentynine Palms (De Anza)	4-0	W	Rancho Mirage	35-17	Granite Hills
5.	3.	Nipomo (Northern)	2-3	L	Atascadero	27-16	Arroyo Grande
6.	9.	Ontario Christ. (Ambassador)	4-1	W	Valley Christian/C.	14-12	Bye
7.	7.	Bishop Montgomery (So. Calif.)	4-1	W	Mary Star of the Sea	42-19	Bosco Tech
8.	5.	Valley Christian/C. (Olympic)	4-1	L	Ontario Christian	14-12	St. Anthony
9.	6.	Mission Prep (Northern)	3-1	L	Sierra Canyon	48-10	Bishop Diego
10.	NR.	Rancho Mirage (De Anza)	3-2	L	Twentynine Palms	35-17	Big Bear

Others: Desert Hot Springs (De Anza), 4-1; Big Bear (De Anza), 4-1; Maranatha (Olympic), 2-3.



After Rancho Mirage (3-2, 0-1) cut the Wildcats' lead to 14-10 in the third quarter, Shragge led Twentynine Palms (4-0, 1-0) on three scoring drives in the fourth quarter to turn a close game into a 35-17 win to open the De Anza League season.



# HS SPORTS

## Rattlers football defeats Big Bear 24-6 on road



Big Bear football vs Rancho Mirage October 3, 2015

JUDI BOWERS/Big Bear Grizzly  
Oct 3, 2015



Riley Ardigo (2) misses Ryan Griffiths pass by inches, but managed to keep the ball out of the Rancho Mirage defender's grasp.



@NickKeuilian  
@TDSnathanbrown This is Shad--Rancho is quite good. Swarming defense, multiple offensive options, great kicker. Dangerous team



Rancho Mirage defeats Big Bear 24-6  
The Bears were humbled by visiting Rancho Mirage 24-6 in De Anza League action Oct. 3.



### NORTHWEST DIVISION

RANK	L/W	SCHOOL(LEAGUE)	REC.	W/L	OPPONENT	SCORE	NEXT OPPONENT
1.	1.	Linfield Christian (Ambassador)	5-0	B	Bye	Bye	Aquinas
2.	2.	Notre Dame/R. (Ambassador)	5-0	W	Inglewood	42-0	Arrowhead Christian
3.	4.	Twentynine Palms (De Anza)	5-0	W	Granite Hills	46-6	Shadow Hills
4.	6.	Ontario Christ (Ambassador)	4-1	B	Bye	Bye	Western Christian
5.	7.	Bishop Montgomery (So. Cath)	4-1	B	Bye	Bye	Bosco Tech
6.	5.	Nipomo (Northern)	2-4	L	Arroyo Grande	28-0	Morro Bay
7.	3.	Templeton (Northern)	4-2	L	Santa Ynez	49-19	Bye
8.	10.	Rancho Mirage (De Anza)	3-2	B	Bye	Bye	Big Bear
9.	9.	Mission Prep (Northern)	3-1	B	Bishop Diego	Bye	Bishop Diego
10.	8.	Valley Christian/C. (Olympic)	4-2	L	St. Anthony	20-17	Village Christian

Others: Desert Hot Springs (De Anza), 5-1; Maranatha (Olympic), 3-3; Heritage Christian (Olympic), 3-3.



# BALLFLASHBACK

HERE WE GO AGAIN!  
 (Local flashback) can't beat the magic in the  
 excitement, as the Rams earn a 3-3 victory over  
 the Dolphins in Game 1 of the NGLC. BC

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## RANCHO MIRAGE 26 • DESERT HOT SPRINGS 6



Steven Knight (left) of Rancho Mirage celebrates his touchdown during the Rattlers' win Friday.

BY LIN LINDEN/IN THE DESERT SUN

# THIS ONE'S FOR L.D.

Rattlers defeat school where Matthews spent 8 years on job as coach

**Nathan Brown**  
 The Desert Sun

Sorry, for the Rancho Mirage football team, losing the winning Golden Eagle of Desert Via Springs was nearly a must-win in a crowded, talented De Anza League.

But sophomore quarterback Marques Prior said after his team's 26-6 victory that coach L.D. Matthews' players were playing not just for played position, but for their coach.

Because believe he was their

coach, Matthews spent eight years at the helm of Desert Hot Springs' football team.

"We really want to do this one for our coach," he said. "We work so hard for him, and he works so hard for us, so we had to do this one for him."

Plus, taking over sub-500 and place in the De Anza League through three league games doesn't sound so bad either.

The Rattlers' coach Friday night hit off their support with an program history with a 24-8 record win up in Big Bear Secondary afternoon, but Matthews

was yet to see his team come off a big win and string another together.

"This week was different. With this group of guys, everything is fresh, everything is new," he said. "We've been preaching about coming off big wins and being able to go back to work. And we're playing some good competition in the De Anza League, a lot better than people give it credit for."

After the Rattlers' defense stymied the first drive for Desert Hot Springs' quarterback Marques Prior, and a drive downhill, with the use of his

legs and those of Kyle Whitefield, who eventually ran in from three yards out for the team's first score.

Early in the second quarter, Prior completed his first pass of the game, after another stalled DHS drive, finding Steven Knight in the right corner of the end zone to take a 13-0 lead, but defense kept the Golden Eagles in the game.

The Rattlers had the opportunity to take a three-score lead, but Nick Hartford picked off Prior with under two minutes

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## Rattlers

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utes remaining in the first, and the Golden Eagles drove into the red zone. Coach Will Littell opted to gamble for a touchdown on fourth down, to no avail.

Still, Desert Hot Springs proved they shouldn't be taken lightly.

Toward the end of the third quarter, with the Rattlers reeling from several huge penalties, Golden Eagles quarterback Andrew Moreno led his teammates on a solid 61-yard drive capped by his 1-yard run to bring his team within a single score, 13-6.

Although it wasn't enough as Whitefield and Knight both ran in scores in the fourth quarter.

Matthews praised his old team and coach Littell on the progress they've made since he left.

As proud as he was of his own team's win, being challenged by his former team was enjoyable for the Rattlers' coach.

"He's got those kids motivated to play hard week in and week out. I know what it takes over there ... and it's not easy," Matthews said of DHS coach Will Littell. "He's done an extremely good job to get those guys to the level that they're at."

But beating two tough league title contenders doesn't

## RANCHO MIRAGE 26 • DESERT HOT SPRINGS 6

**Quarterback**  
 Marques Prior 13-20-136-1  
**Running Back**  
 Steven Knight 1-1-1-1  
**Wide Receiver**  
 Kyle Whitefield 1-1-1-1  
**Defensive Back**  
 Nick Hartford 1-1-1-1  
**Linebacker**  
 L.D. Matthews 1-1-1-1  
**Special Teams**  
 L.D. Matthews 1-1-1-1

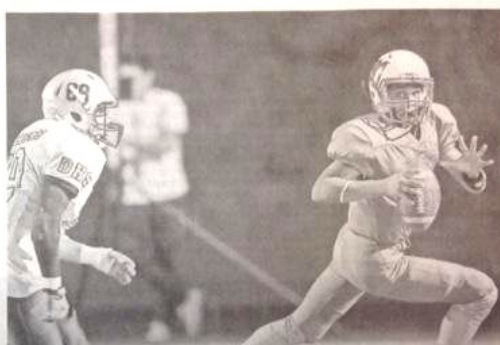
**"We work so hard for him, and he works so hard for us, so we had to do this one for him."**

**MARQUES PRIOR**  
 Rancho Mirage quarterback on coach L.D. Matthews

mean the Rattlers can get carried away, Prior said.

Just as the message was this past week, he and his teammates can't let big wins lead to disappointing losses down the road.

"Our confidence is high, but we need to stay humble," he said.



NORTHWEST DIVISION									
RANK	L/W	SCHOOL(LEAGUE)	REC.	W/L	OPPONENT	SCORE	NEXT OPPONENT		
1.	1.	Unifield Christian(Ambassador)	6-0	W	Aquinas	32-8	Western Christian		
2.	2.	Note Dame/R(Ambassador)	6-0	W	Arrowhead Christian	33-7	Ontario Christian		
3.	3.	Towerline Palms (De Anza)	6-0	W	Shadow Hills	23-14	Big Bear		
4.	4.	Ontario Crest(Ambassador)	5-1	W	Westco Christian	62-0	Bye		
5.	5.	Bishop Montgomery(So.Cath)	5-1	W	Bosco Tech	48-16	St. Anthony		
6.	6.	Nipomo (Northern)	3-4	W	Morro Bay	49-0	Santa Maria		
7.	9.	Mission Prep (Northern)	4-2	W	Templeton	19-14	Fillmore		
8.	8.	Rancho Mirage (De Anza)	5-2	W	Desert Hot Springs	26-6	Desert Mirage		
9.	10.	Valley Christian/C.(Olympic)	5-2	W	Village Christian	58-6	Whittier Christian		
10.	7.	Templeton (Northern)	4-3	L	Mission Prep	19-14	Bye		

Others: Desert Hot Springs (De Anza), 4-3; Maranatha (Olympic), 4-3; Heritage Christian (Olympic), 3-3.



## MARQUES PRIOR

RANCHO MIRAGE, QB

**What he did:** Prior had 76 yards and two rushing TDs and threw for 136 yards and one more score.



RANCHO MIRAGE 55, DESERT MIRAGE 8

# Rattlers strike early, wait out delay for win

Larry Bohannon  
The Desert Sun

Long before they started their game, the Rancho Mirage Rattlers were providing a little lightning of their own Friday night.

The Rattlers scored three touchdowns in the first 3:29 seconds of the game, then waited out a long lightning and rain delay on the way to a 55-8 home win over the Desert Mirage Rams in a De Anza League varsity football game.

About the only thing that slowed Rancho Mirage down in the first half was an hour and 50-minute lightning delay that started with 3:40 left in the first quarter. Under the CIF rules, each new lightning bolt during the delay restarted the 30-minute delay, so the game that was stopped at 7:33 p.m. didn't resume until 9:23 p.m.

Very little changed after the game started again as the Rattlers moved to 3-1 in the DAL and 6-2 overall. Desert Mirage dropped to 0-4 in the Dal and 3-5 for the season.

Before the delay, Rancho Mirage took advantage of some early breaks to build up the big lead. Desert Mirage took the opening kickoff but fumbled in the first play of the game, with Rancho Mirage recovering on the Rams' 20. Two plays later, Rancho Mirage's quarterback Marques Prior hit scoring pass to a 20-yard scoring pass.

Desert Mirage then fumbled on the third play of its second drive, with Rancho Mirage recovering on the 28. This time it took the Rattlers three plays to score on a 35-yard pass from Prior to Steven Knight.

After Desert Mirage failed to make a first down on its next drive, Rancho Mirage's Kyle Whitefield fielded a punt and



Melvin Harmon of Desert Mirage tries to get around a Rancho Mirage defender on Friday. Rancho Mirage won 55-8 and moved to 6-2 on the season.

paced 45 yards for the Rattlers' third touchdowns in the opening minutes.

Moments later, with lightning bolts visible to the south of the stadium, the game was suspended. Most of the crowd left during the lightning and light but steady rain, but the athletic directors and coaches for both schools decided to wait out the weather.

When the game did begin again, Desert Mirage complet-

ed a drive that it had started about two hours early with a 7-yard touchdown pass from Alejandro Ortiz to Melvin Harmon. But that would be the highlight of the night for the Rams, who turned the ball over five times.

Prior continued his big night with a 31-yard scoring pass to Daryn Evans on the first play of the second quarter. Prior finished the half with three touchdown passes on 11 of 18 passing

for 150 yards. He also added a 50-yard scramble for a touchdown.

The Rattlers' other score in the first half came up a 37-yard run on a fumble return by Knight.

Prior hit the bench in the second half in favor of freshman David Talley, who ran for 88 yards and scored a touchdown late in the game on an 8-yard run. The only other Rattlers scoring in the half came

on field goals of 51 and 25 yards by Daniel Whelan.

The Rattlers did have their issues on the night, with head coach I.D. Matthews mentioning several dropped passes and a few missed connections by Prior in the first half. Rancho Mirage was also flagged for 116 yards in penalties.

The Rattlers will face Yucca Valley next Friday in the Rancho Mirage final home game of the season.



**MARQUES PRIOR**  
RANCHO MIRAGE, QB

**What he did:** Prior had three passing touchdowns and scored on a nifty 50-yard TD run as well.

### NORTHWEST DIVISION

RANK	L/W	SCHOOL(LEAGUE)	REC.	W/L	OPPONENT	SCORE	NEXT OPPONENT
1.	1.	Linfield Christian (Ambassador)	7-0	W	Western Christian	87-0	Notre Dame/Riverside
2.	2.	Notre Dame/R. (Ambassador)	7-0	W	Ontario Christian	38-0	Linfield Christian
3.	3.	Twenty-nine Palms (De Anza)	7-0	W	Big Bear	49-0	Desert Hot Springs
4.	6.	Nipomo (Northern)	4-4	W	Santa Maria	37-3	Mission Prep
5.	5.	Bishop Montgomery (So. Cath.)	6-1	W	St. Anthony	28-26	St. Bernard
6.	7.	Mission Prep (Northern)	5-2	W	Fillmore	42-0	Nipomo
7.	8.	Rancho Mirage (De Anza)	6-2	W	Desert Mirage	55-8	Yucca Valley
8.	9.	Valley Christian/C. (Olympic)	6-2	W	Whittier Christian	48-14	Bye
9.	4.	Ontario Christ. (Ambassador)	5-2	L	Notre Dame/Riverside	38-0	Arrowhead Christian
10.	10.	Templeton (Northern)	5-3	W	Morro Bay	41-13	Bye

Others: Desert Hot Springs (De Anza), 5-2; Maranatha (Olympic), 5-3; Heritage Chr. (Olympic), 3-4.





# Rattlers pull away for a De Anza win

**RANCHO MIRAGE 52, YUCCA VALLEY 22**  
**Friday night's De Anza League clash between Rancho Mirage and Yucca Valley produced some pretty wild numbers.**

The numbers that counted most were the ones that made up the final score, as the Rattlers pulled away to a 52-22 win. The numbers that were less satisfying were the penalties — the two teams combined for 28 penalties for a total of 272 yards, stretching out the game's elapsed time, and causing both coaches stress and concern.

"On our part it was undisciplined football we've gotta clean that up. It's been an issue this whole year," said Rancho Mirage head coach L.D. Matthews. "It's going to cost us some down the road. When we do things right we're pretty good. When we're undisciplined like we were tonight, we don't look that great."

The Rattlers (7-2, 4-1) had two players rush for over 100 yards, as a quarterback Marques Pysar rushed for 113 yards on eight carries, and running back Kyle Whitefield added another 126 on 16 carries. Rancho Mirage wide receiver Daryn Evans also had a huge game, catching four passes for 79 yards and three touchdowns, as Pysar added 149 yards passing.

Yucca Valley had its own impressive stats — quarterback Jake Moore threw 33 times for 263 yards, and wide receiver Tommy Geiger had 69 yards receiving with six catches. But the numbers that stood out most of all was Yucca Valley's 18 penalties for 156 yards. Rancho Mirage had 10 penalties for 116 yards.

Rancho Mirage came into the game expecting to win, and went right to work attempting to make that happen. After leading Yucca Valley to a three-and-out on the game's first possession, the Rattlers moved 83 yards in six plays, with running back Kyle Whitefield posting the touchdown with a three-yard run. Kicker Daniel Whelan added the extra point and Rancho Mirage had a 7-0 lead with less than four minutes played.

Yucca Valley again took only three snaps before putting on its next possession, and after a punt and a personal foul penalty move the ball to the Trojans. J.L. Price tossed a 31-yard touchdown pass to De Ryh Evans to extend the lead to 14-0 with 6:48 to play in the first quarter. The Trojans showed signs of life on their

## RANCHO MIRAGE 52, YUCCA VALLEY 22

**Score today** R M Y V  
**Final quarter** 14 14 14 14  
**First quarter** 14 14 14 14  
**Second quarter** 14 14 14 14  
**Third quarter** 14 14 14 14  
**Fourth quarter** 14 14 14 14

**Statistical Summary**  
**Yucca Valley**  
 Total yards: 300  
 Rushing yards: 150  
 Passing yards: 150  
 First downs: 15  
 Total time of possession: 30:00  
**Rancho Mirage**  
 Total yards: 400  
 Rushing yards: 100  
 Passing yards: 300  
 First downs: 25  
 Total time of possession: 30:00

### Key Stats

**Marques Pysar** (QB): 113 yards, 8 carries, 1 TD  
**Kyle Whitefield** (RB): 126 yards, 16 carries, 1 TD  
**Daryn Evans** (WR): 79 yards, 4 catches, 3 TDs  
**Jake Moore** (QB): 263 yards, 33 attempts, 3 TDs  
**Tommy Geiger** (WR): 69 yards, 6 catches, 0 TDs



**DARYN EVANS**  
 RANCHO MIRAGE, WR  
**What he did:** Evans was a key part of the Rattlers air attack on Friday, hauling in three TDs and adding an interception.



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2.	3.	Twentynine Palms (De Anza)	8-0	W	Desert Hot Springs	42-13	Desert Mirage
3.	1.	Linfield Christian (Ambassador)	7-1	L	Notre Dame/Riverside	16-9	Arrowhead Christian
4.	6.	Mission Prep (Northern)	6-2	W	Nipomo	24-7	Santa Maria
5.	5.	Bishop Montgomery (So. Cath)	7-1	W	St. Bernard	41-6	Cantwell-Sacred Heart
6.	8.	Valley Christian/C. (Olympic)	7-2	W	Heritage Christian	37-9	Maranatha
7.	7.	Rancho Mirage (De Anza)	7-2	W	Yucca Valley	52-22	Shadow Hills
8.	4.	Nipomo (Northern)	4-5	L	Mission Prep	24-7	Templeton
9.	9.	Ontario Christ. (Ambassador)	6-2	W	Arrowhead Christian	41-21	Aquinas
10.	10.	Templeton (Northern)	5-3	B	Bye	Bye	Nipomo

Others: Maranatha (Olympic), 5-3.



Rancho Mirage wide receiver Fernando Cadenas picks up a first down during the Rattlers 20-14 win over Shadow Hills Friday. JAY CALDWORTH/DESERT SUN

# PLAYOFFS SECURED

First-ever berth for the Rattlers

**Nathan Brown**  
The Desert Sun

For Rancho Mirage coach L.D. Matthews, last year's 1-9 season happened for a reason. Not having seniors, playing punching bags for the rest of the De Anza League, having a freshman starting under center at quarterback, the 40-7 loss to Big Bear, the 62-12 pummeling from Shadow Hills. There was a purpose to it all. Friday night on the road against the defending league champs fighting for their playoff lives, the Rattlers showed just what that frustration had

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**MARQUES PRIOR**  
Rancho Mirage sophomore quarterback

meant. In their last stop on a memorable revenge tour, Matthews' squad held tough in the most meaningful moments, capitalized on mistakes and showed the heart of a playoff contender. Because now, as of Friday night just ticks before 9:30, they are a playoff team for the first time in school history. "Last year, a lot of schools around the valley and a lot of people disrespected us," sophomore quarterback Marques Prior said. "We didn't really want to say anything about it,

careers. There would be no "next year" for some, not certainly without a win at least. And that worry showed early on. The Knights gutted the Rattler defense early, methodically running the ball right down the defensive line's throat, switching between the shifty moves of Tony Williams Jr. and nimble quarterback Seth Morales, who eventually tossed a five-yard score to Kevin Mues; while talking nearly seven minutes off the clock. On the next drive, Prior, launched an unnecessary prayer that was intercepted easily by Robert Lares. Two Knights drives later, Williams ran into a wall on the right side of line, but as no other man on the field could, made a play out of nothing, turning the other way to go untouched

Please see RATTLEERS, 15C



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**RANCHO MIRAGE 20, SHADOW HILLS 14**

**Rattlers**

Shadow Hills coach Ron Shippy, though wasn't content with the small lead and sent his team back on the field for a second half. Matthews' defense held strong for the rest of the game, forcing the Knights front seven to respect the Rattler offense. Late in the first half, the Rattlers began to roll, with a 21-yard pass to Jason Archuleta before a 25-yard run from the senior Knight to set up an 11-yard touchdown scramble from Prior. With the score tied, a four-minute drive would be manageable, but the Knights would have their own more gift.

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2.	2.	Twentynine Palms (De Anza)	9-0	W	Desert Mirage	59-0	Yucca Valley
3.	3.	Linfield Christian (Ambassador)	8-1	W	Arrowhead Christian	38-8	Ontario Christian
4.	4.	Mission Prep (Northern)	7-2	W	Santa Maria	30-10	Morro Bay
5.	5.	Bishop Montgomery (So. Cath)	8-1	W	Cantwell-Sacred Heart	35-6	Verbum Dei
6.	6.	Valley Christian/C. (Olympic)	8-2	W	Maranatha	37-6	Season Completed
7.	8.	Nipomo (Northern)	5-5	W	Templeton	29-19	Season Completed
8.	7.	Rancho Mirage (De Anza)	8-2	W	Shadow Hills	20-14	Season Completed
9.	NR.	Desert Hot Springs (De Anza)	6-3	W	Big Bear	53-14	Shadow Hills
10.	NR.	Aquinas (Ambassador)	6-3	W	Ontario Christian	28-7	Notre Dame/Riverside

Others: Ontario Christian (Ambassador), 6-3; Templeton (Northern), 5-4.

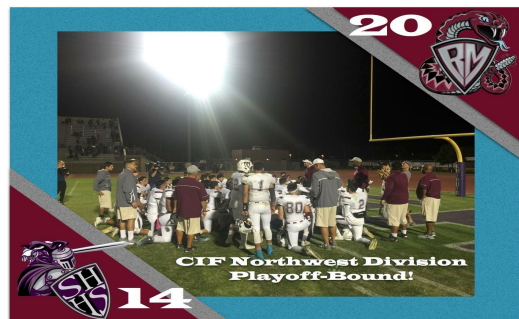
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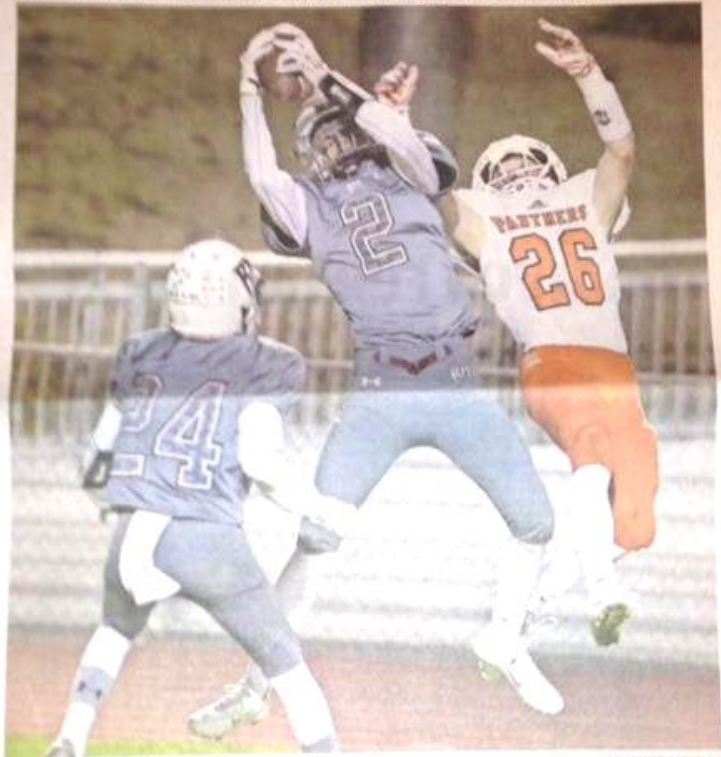
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BY HARRY LEVINE (SEATED) TEAM

Rancho Mirage's Marques Prior intercepts the ball intended for Polytechnic's Jackson Hazen in the 2nd quarter on Friday in Rancho Mirage.

# FIRST, BUT NOT LAST

Rancho Mirage tops Pasadena Polytechnic in its 1st ever playoff game

**And Spicer**  
*Special to The Desert Sun*

We know the backstory: Rapidly evolving from a 1-9 season just a year ago, the Rancho Mirage Rattlers became the sweethearts of desert football with an eight-win campaign of varsity football, a second place showing in the De Anza

League this year and the deserved debut playoff game which accompanied the accomplishments.

Time to pen the next chapter. Behind three touchdowns from quarterback Marques Prior (two rushing, one throwing) and 209 combined rushing yards and two TDs from backfield makes Steven Knight and Kyle Whitefield, the best Rattlers stormed into the second round of

CIF playoffs with a dominating, 34-14 home win over Polytechnic (Pasadena) on Friday night.

Rancho Mirage now moves on to face the division's top seed in undefeated Notre Dame (Riverside) at home next Friday night at 7 p.m. The Rattlers won home field via coin flip.

Please see MIRROR, 13C



BY MARCO LOPEZ (SEATED) TEAM

Rancho Mirage quarterback Marques Prior carries the ball for a touchdown in the 1st quarter against Polytechnic on Friday in Rancho Mirage.

## Mirage

Continued from 1C

Through the Rancho crowd relished in the new history, the Rattlers inside the lines were all about expectations met. "A lot of people don't see something in us that we see in ourselves," said Prior. "We see something very special in our team, and I think we can do it more than people think we can do."

Rancho head coach L.D. Matthews said the time to appreciate the moment will come after the season.

"These players have put in the time, put in the effort, and the reward is paying off right now," said Matthews. "Really,

**RANCHO MIRAGE 34, PASADENA POLY 14**

**Final Score:** Rancho 34, Pasadena 14

**First Quarter:** Rancho 7-0 (14:00) - Rancho 7-0 (14:00) - Rancho 7-0 (14:00) - Rancho 7-0 (14:00)

**Second Quarter:** Rancho 14-0 (7:00) - Rancho 14-0 (7:00) - Rancho 14-0 (7:00) - Rancho 14-0 (7:00)

**Third Quarter:** Rancho 21-0 (7:00) - Rancho 21-0 (7:00) - Rancho 21-0 (7:00) - Rancho 21-0 (7:00)

**Fourth Quarter:** Rancho 34-0 (7:00) - Rancho 34-0 (7:00) - Rancho 34-0 (7:00) - Rancho 34-0 (7:00)

after we won our second game of the season, it was history there. So every win has been

history. We'll enjoy this in January, but right now we're 1-0 in the second phase of the season and we've got a tough opponent next Friday. They'll be plenty of time for us to look back."

After scoring on two of its first three drives of the night, Rancho Mirage never looked back in winning its sixth consecutive game. Polytechnic was able to trim its deficit to 14-8 with four minutes to play in the second quarter before the Rattlers bit back in short fashion with a TD reply less than 40 seconds later to craft a 21-8 lead which they'd take to half-time.

Every day you get better or worse. You never stay the same, so we're always continuing to be better than we were the day before," said Matthews of looking ahead to next week. "We still have too many little mistakes we're making, mental mistakes, that we'll have to clean up if we wanna beat the No. 1 team, Notre Dame in a high-quality team, and I expect their best game."

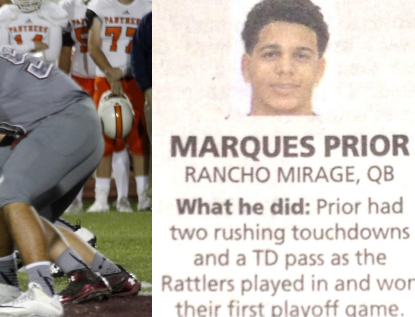
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 RANCHO MIRAGE, QB

**What he did:** Prior had two rushing touchdowns and a TD pass as the Rattlers played in and won their first playoff game.





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**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**RMHS**

**ND(Riv) @ RMHS**  
**11/20/15**

**9-2**  
The Mustangs have won 9 games this season and have the most wins in the number of games they had in 2014.

**6**  
Mustangs have pulled off six straight wins since losing to the Redwings in 2014.

**3**  
Three more victories would make this their 13th straight CIF title.

**308**  
Mustangs had five players contribute to rush for 100+ yards last week in their first playoff game since 2008.

**351-148**  
The Mustangs and Coyotes have combined for 351-148 yards of offense in their first playoff game.

# Varsity Coaches Awards

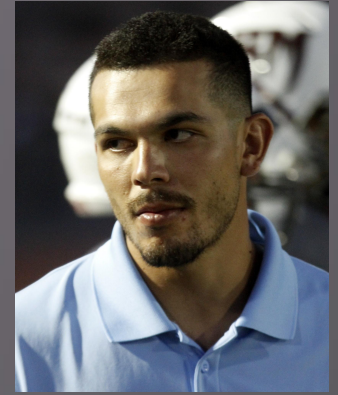


# Coach Prior



Ricky Rueda #24

# Coach Martinez



Daryn Evans #12



Coach Otteson



David Talley #7

# Coach Desmarais



Sergio Julian #3

# Coach Spry



Rudy Guillen #55

# Coach Castillo



Jiovanni Duarte #42



# Coach Martin



David Mares #50



Coach Matthews



Cesar Castro - Filmer

# **Varsity Team Awards**

Scout Team MVP

# Scout Team MVP



Mario Montalvo

# **Varsity Team Awards**

Most Improved

# Most Improved



Daryn Evans

# **Varsity Team Awards**

Most Inspirational

# Most Inspirational



Steven Knight



# **Varsity Team Awards**

Best Lineman

# Best Lineman



Jonnathan Avila-Burgueno

# **Varsity Team Awards**

Special Teams MVP

# Special Teams MVP



Daniel Whelan

# Varsity Team Awards

Defensive MVP

# Defensive MVP



Sergio Julian

# Varsity Team Awards

Offensive MVP

# Offensive MVP



Steven Knight



# De Anza All League Selections



12 Rattlers Earned All League

1 League MVP

# De Anza All League Selections

Honorable Mention

# Charles Murrell - WR



## 2015 Season Stats:

24 Rec. 402 Yds 5 Tds

## Records:

Longest TD Reception (88 Yds)

Most Receptions Game (10)

Most Receptions Season (36)

Most Receptions Career (60)

Most Rec. Yards Game (111)

Most Rec. Yards Season (608)

Most Rec. Yards Career (1010)

Most Rec. TD Season (5)

Most Rec TD Career (10)

# De Anza All League Selections

2<sup>nd</sup> Team All League

# Josh Ramirez - LB



2015 Season Stats:

37 Total Tackles 29 Solo

2 Sacks

3 Fumble Rec.

1 Pass Deflection

# Kyle Whitefield - RB



## Records:

Most Rushing Yards Season (963)

Most Rushing TDs Game (3)

Most Rushing TDs Season (14)

Most Rushing TDs Career (14)

Most Points Scored Season (90)

Most Yards Per Carry Career (6.4)

Longest Punt Return For TD (45)

## 2015 Season Stats:

151 Carries

963 Yards

14 TDs

5 - 100 Yard Rushing Games

80.3 Yards per Game

# Felipe Sandoval - DB



## 2015 Season Stats:

32 Total Tackles 24 Solo

3 Interceptions

6 Pass Deflections

## Records:

Most Interceptions Season (3)

Most Interception Career (4)

Most Pass Deflections Season (6)

Most Pass Deflections Career (9)

# Sergio Julian - LB



## 2015 Season Stats:

78 Total Tackles

51 Solo

3 Sacks

3 Forced Fumbles

1 PD

## Records:

Most Tackles Season (78)

Most Tackles Career (134)



# De Anza All League Selections

1<sup>st</sup> Team All League

# Jonnathan Avila-Burgueno - C



16 Game Starter

Captain

# Travis O'Brien - DT



**2015 Season Stats:**

**68 Total Tackles 46 Solo**

**2 Sacks**

**4 Fumble Rec.**

**2 Tackles for Loss**

# Steven Knight - CR



## Records:

Most Rushing Yards Game (194)

Most Rushing Yards Per Carry Season (9.0)

Longest Fumble Return for TD (38)

Most Fumble Recoveries Season (4)

Most Fumble Recoveries Career (7)

## 2015 Season Stats:

43 Total Tackles

37 Solo

2 Interceptions

3 Pass Deflections

4 Fumble Recoveries

45 Carries 404 Yards 5 TDs

15 Recs. 251 Yards 3 TDs

54 Points Scored

915 All Purpose Yards

# David Mares - DE



## 2015 Season Stats:

63 Total Tackles 46 Solo

7 Sacks

5 Tackles For Loss

5 Forced Fumbles

1 Fumble Rec.

2 Tackles for Loss

## Records:

Most Sacks Season (7)

Most Sacks Career (8)

Most TFL Season (5)

Most TFL Career (7)

# Marques Prior - QB



## 2015 Season Stats:

154 Carries      777 Yards      11 TDs

3 - 100 Yard Rushing Games

74/187      1,265 Yards      13 TDs

8 - 100 Yard Passing Games

2,042 Total Yards - 66 Points

## Records:

Most Passing Yards Game (223)

Most Passing Yards Season (1265)

Most Passing Yards Career (2289)

Most Passing TDs Game (3)

Most Passing TDs Season (13)

Most Passing TDs Career (24)

Longest Passing TD (88)

Longest Rushing TD (53)

Most Yards Per Carry Game (13.1)

Most Rush Attempts Game (24)

Most Rush Attempts Season (154)

Most Rush Attempts Career (270)

# De Anza All League Selections

De Anza League  
Special Teams MVP

# Daniel Whelan - K/P



## Records:

Longest Field Goal (52)

Longest Kickoff (80)

Most Touchbacks Game (9)

Most Touchbacks Season (53)

Longest Punt (62)

## 2015 Season Stats:

64 Kick Offs

53 Touchback

3,960 Yards

61.9 Yds/Kick

12/20 Field Goals

3 FGs of 50 Yards or More (52)

42/43 PAT

37 Punts

11 Punts Inside the 20

1, 438 Yards

38.9 Yds/Punt

78 Points Scored



# All Desert Sun Team

Honorable Mention

# All Desert Sun Team Selections

Honorable Mention - #9 Charles Murrell - WR



**All Desert Sun Team**

2nd Team

# All Desert Sun Team Selections

2nd Team - #8 Kyle Whitefield - RB



# All Desert Sun Team Selections

2nd Team - #1 Marques Prior - QB



# All Desert Sun Team Selections

2nd Team - #60 Travis O'Brien - DT



# All Desert Sun Team Selections

2nd Team - #50 David Mares - DE



# All Desert Sun Team

1st Team



# All Desert Sun Team Selections

1st Team - #25 Steven Knight - Corner



# All Desert Sun Team Selections

1st Team - #51 Jonnathan Avila-Burgueno - Center



# All Desert Sun Team Selections

1st Team - #4 Daniel Whelan - Kicker/Punter



# Northwest Division



3 Rattlers Earned All CIF

# All CIF Northwest Division Selections

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# #50 David Mares



# Fundraising

- Rattler Youth Football Camps
  - Saturday, March 12th 8am to 11 am
  
- Rattler Golf Scramble – April 9<sup>th</sup> 2016
  - The Westin Mission Hills & Resort
  - Gary Player Signature Course

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**GO RATTLEERS!!**

**Thank you for coming tonight!**