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Christian Brothers quarterback Jacob Stewart (12) throws the ball during the first half of a game between Jesuit High School and Christian Brothers in Sacramento at Hughes Stadium in September 2018.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# This year looks even better than usual: 15 signal callers of note

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For years, the high school football region could be deemed, "The Year of the Quarterback."

Waves of spread-option passers or drop-back guys who moved onto the college ranks, including Ian Book of Oak Ridge to Notre Dame, where he's the starter, to Jake Browning of Folsom to Washington, where he set records and now in the NFL with the Minnesota Vikings.

But who's the top gun for 2019? Few impact starters re-

A three-year starter who saw time as a freshman, Bell has passed for 4,174 yards and 37 touchdowns in his career.

**Anthony Grigsby**, Cosumnes Oaks, 5-11, 200, Jr.

Shifty and quick, he passed for 1,430 yards and 14 scores for a playoff team.

**Carter Harris**, Elk Grove, 5-6, 165, Sr.

A triple-option ace, Harris ran for 1,268 yards and 15 scores for a playoff team.

**Marciano Huston**, Casa Roble, 6-0, 190

Passed for 1,401 yards and 20 touchdowns for 11-2 playoff team.

As versatile and dynamic an athlete as the Bruins have produced during 29 consecutive non-losing seasons is a rising recruit.

**Gavin McAuliff**, East Nicolaus, 5-10, 170

A 3-year starter, he has powered the Northern Section power to back-to-back 13-1 seasons.

**Sean Nixon, Sheldon**, 6-1, 165, Jr.

The son of offensive coordinator Chris Nixon, young Nixon has a live arm and lives to compete.

**Ari Patu**, Folsom, 6-4, 185

A transfer from Washington, Patu is long, lanky and skilled

6-2, 215, Sr.

The next great Jake at Folsom following Browning and Jeffrey? He has all the tools to do it.

**Brandon Rundgren**, Franklin, 6-2, 190

Also a fine punter, Rundgren vows to get Franklin back into the Division I playoffs.

**Jacob Stewart**, Christian Brothers, 6-4, 210

The next strong-armed passer from a school that has produced a ton of them, Stewart tossed 23 TDs in 2018.

**Daniel Susac**, 6-3, 200, Sr.

One of the nation's top catchers can also chuck the football and comes from a QB tradition program.

**Michael Wortham**, Center, 5-9, 165, Sr.

Quick, instinctive and talented, he passed for 1,629 yards and had 33 total scores in 2018.

**Others:** Eli Brickhandler, Whitney; Robert Bulahan, Galt; Clayton Byer, Union Mine; Luke Carrel, Davis; Carson Lowrie, Winters; Mitchell Dixon, Rio Americano; Amari Duncan, River City; Gunner Drake, Amador; Kyle Masterson, Rosemont; Ethan Medders, Rio Vista; Kaidan Pennington, Foresthill.