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BELL-RINGER

It used to be that freshmen never played varsity football. They simply were not ready for that sort of jump. It's a bit more common now.

Christian Brothers has one stretching the field in receiver Phillip Bell. He has 43 catches for 654 yards and nine touchdowns, six in his last three games. He is 6-foot-2 and fast with good hands and sudden rising recruiting interest.

"Oklahoma State just offered Phillip," CB coach Larry Morla said. "He's going to be a national recruit."

Added the coach, "As a player, he is far more developed compared to

his peers. For a 15-year-old to be as dominant as he is is amazing. He catches every thing, runs great routes, and what I like about him most is he blocks great. We just have to remember that he is really still a young kid."

TACKLING TERROR

Garrett McCray of East Nicolaus shows up every Friday, a big man on the small-school campus who lets opponents know he was there. He hits, he covers, he tackles. Against Durham, the 6-foot-3, 230-pound senior linebacker had 20 tackles and blocked a punt. He will play in college somewhere.

"His instincts are off the charts," East Nicolaus coach Kramer Hagan said. "Rare to find in a high school linebacker. He anticipates everything at an elite level. Great physicality and never misses a tackle. But above all, he's the hardest worker and a great team leader. He's made for the next level."

STAT MARVELS

The unsung list of quarterback leaders is a lengthy one, including these guys headed to the playoffs:

● Jesiah Machado of Sheldon has 25 touchdowns and seven interceptions.

● Jakob Hollingshaus has 2,045 yards passing

and 21 TDs.

● Jake Elorduy of Christian Brothers has 20 touchdowns and three picks.

● Gabe Baker of Nevada Union has tossed 20 touchdowns and run for eight more.

● Jett Harris of Dixon, up for name of the year, has 1,562 yards and 18 TDs.

● Ryan Vaughn of Vacaville has 14 touchdowns and three picks.

● Jason Lindahl of Casa Roble, a running threat, averages 180.8 yards passing and has 16 TDs and two picks.

● Tre Dimes of Vanden has passed for 18 TDs and five picks.

THE BEE'S TOP 25

1. Rocklin 9-0
2. Folsom 7-2
3. Jesuit 8-1
4. Granite Bay 7-2
5. Vacaville 7-2
6. Antelope 8-0
7. Elk Grove 5-3
8. Lincoln 6-2
9. Sheldon 7-2
10. Vanden 7-2
11. Yuba City 6-3
12. Monterey Trail 4-5
13. Whitney 4-5
14. Del Oro 5-4
15. Cap Christian 6-3
16. Sacramento 8-1
17. Inderkum 5-3
18. Woodcreek 7-2
19. Vista del Lago 6-3
20. Christian Bros 5-4
21. Union Mine 7-1
22. Dixon 5-3
23. Pioneer 7-1
24. Casa Roble 5-3
- 25(t). Bradshaw Christian 8-1
- 25(t). Rosemont 8-1

Bubble teams (alphabetical order): Colfax 6-2; Cosumnes Oaks 5-4; Foresthill 7-2; Laguna Creek 5-4; Liberty Ranch 5-3; McClatchy 6-3; Nevada Union 6-3, Oak Ridge 3-6, Placer 3-5; Ponderosa 4-3; Rodriguez 7-2; Sutter 6-1, West Park 5-4; Wood 7-2; Woodland, 7-2, Woodland Christian 7-0. - *Compiled by Joe Davidson*

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