

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

All games kickoff between 7-7:30 p.m., unless noted

Thursday

El Dorado vs. Valley at Cosumnes River College

Friday

Valley Christian at Johnson, 5 p.m.

Davis at Rocklin

Vacaville at Cardinal Newman

Lincoln-Stockton at Oak Ridge

Monterey Trail at De La Salle

Lincoln at Whitney Christian Brothers at Sheldon

Vista del Lago at Casa Roble

Capital Christian at Valley Christian

Salinas at Placer

Rio Linda at Roseville Pleasant Grove at Laguna Creek

Clayton Valley Charter at Del Oro

Colfax at Galt

Cordova at El Camino

Cosumnes Oaks at Manteca

Yuba City at Pleasant Valley

Foresthill at Portola

Antelope at Foothill

River City at Woodland

Burbank at Vanden

Tracy at Franklin

Natomas at Rosemont

Ponderosa at Del Campo

Kennedy at Tokay

Nevada Union at Woodcreek

Center at Dixon

Riverbank at Delta

Middletown at Bradshaw Christian

Ripon at East Nicolaus

Marysville at Oroville

Biggs at Esparto

Saturday

McClatchy at Mira Loma, 10:30 a.m.

Edison at Grant, 11 a.m.

Golden Sierra at North

Tahoe, 1 p.m. Pittsburg at Folsom, 7 p.m.

Florin vs. Mesa Verde at

Cosumnes River College, 7 p.m.

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THE BEE'S TOP 25

1. Folsom 2-0
2. Rocklin 1-0
3. Vacaville 2-0
4. Oak Ridge 1-1
5. Granite Bay 2-0
6. Inderkum 2-0
7. Jesuit 0-1
8. Capital Christian 1-0
9. Grant 0-1
10. Monterey Trail 0-2
11. Elk Grove 0-1
12. Christian Brothers 1-0
13. Pleasant Grove 1-0
14. Whitney 2-0
15. Sacramento 2-0
16. Casa Roble 1-0
17. Placer 0-1
18. Vanden 2-0
19. Yuba City 0-1
20. Cosumnes Oaks 0-1
21. Del Oro 2-0
22. Sheldon 1-0
23. Nevada Union 1-0
24. Roseville 1-0
25. El Dorado 2-0

Bubble teams (alphabetical order): Antelope (1-0), Bear River (0-0),

Brothers 32, No. 22 Sheldon 13 in Sacramento; Filling in nicely for injured star back D.J. Crowther, Jackson Burleson had 210 all-purpose yards and scored four touchdowns to power the Falcons past the Huskies in moving to 2-0. Jake Elorduy passed for 179 yards and a touchdown, and Demonte Robinson had two interceptions as the Falcons pitched a second-half shutout heading into Holy Bowl 50 against Jesuit on Saturday.

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THE BEE'S TOP 25

1. Folsom 3-0
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3. Vacaville 2-1
4. Oak Ridge 1-1
5. Inderkum 2-0
6. Jesuit 1-1
7. Christian Brothers 2-0
8. Granite Bay 2-1
9. Capital Christian 1-1
10. Del Oro 3-0
11. Elk Grove 0-1
12. Pleasant Grove 2-0
13. Sacramento 2-0
14. Lincoln 1-1
15. Whitney 2-1
16. Grant 0-2
17. Monterey Trail 0-3
18. Vanden 2-0
19. Yuba City 1-1
20. Woodcreek 3-0
21. Vista del Lago 1-1
22. Casa Roble 1-1
23. Antelope 2-0
24. Roseville 2-0
25. El Dorado 3-0

Bubble teams (alphabetical order): Bear River (0-0), Bradshaw Christian (2-0), Center (2-0), East Nicolaus (0-0), Johnson (2-0), Laguna Creek (1-1), Pioneer (3-0), Placer (0-2), Ponderosa (1-0), Sheldon (1-1), Sutter (2-0), Union Mine (2-0), Woodland (3-0). - Joe Davidson

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Christian Brothers gets star turn from RB to topple Sheldon

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Christian Brothers High School went against Sheldon High School on Friday without senior running back, D.J. Crowther, one of the best players in the Sacramento area, due to an ankle injury.

No problem. The Falcons received a major contribution from their next man up, senior running back Jackson Burleson, and Christian Brothers rolled past Sheldon 32-13.

Burleson ran for 120 yards on 16 attempts, scoring three rushing touchdowns. He also added two receptions for 90 yards and a touchdown, including a 74-yard catch-and-run on the Falcons' opening drive.

Score one (or three) for the little guy. Burleson doesn't stand that tall. He's one of the smallest guys on the team, listed at 5-foot-5, which might be generous. What's not measured on the roster, but should be taken into consideration, is his heart and energy.

"I was just feeling everything. (Throughout) the game, I heard the crowd. I just loved the moment," said Burleson.

He said the team was fired up throughout the game after walking into the stadium listening to music by Drake, "CLB." Before taking the field, the team listened to the song "Pipe Down."

It sparked a performance for the senior running back. Burleson was a menace all over the field, carving out a stellar exhibition. He scored four total touchdowns.

"It just felt great knowing that as soon as I get the ball, I don't have to worry about someone blindsiding me," said Burleson about his team's line protection.

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"I appreciate everything that they do for me."

For Christian Brothers first-year head coach Larry Morla, Burleson's performance did not come as a surprise. Morla has served on the school's coaching staff since 2016.

He said Burleson and Crowther are a "one-two punch" together.

Even though they were without Crowther, Morla wasn't worried about a lack of productivity from

his backfield because he knows what Burleson is capable of.

"We know he's a great player that's why we knew we could win this game," said Morla. "He's elusive, he has speed. We weren't worried because we know we have a good back and Jackson took over this game."

Morla's only worries in the game might have been in the first half. The Falcons started off slow,

despite the opening-drive touchdown by Burleson.

The game was tied at 13 at halftime and Christian Brothers didn't take the lead until late in the third quarter. The Christian Brothers defense held Sheldon to scoreless in the second half and had four sacks and two interceptions by defensive back Demonte Robinson.

"We preached unity all week, this is a good team win. We started the first half, it was not what we wanted. We were giving them the game, and we came out in the second half and pitched out a

shutout. Our defense is a good defense," said Morla.

The Falcons' next game will be Sept. 11, when they play in the 50th annual Holy Bowl against Jesuit. The seventh-ranked Raiders are 1-1 and look to win back-to-back games after defeating No. 5 Granite Bay 28-14 Friday.

Christian Brothers expects Crowther to be available next week. Burleson says he's ready if the Falcons need him to step back in.

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