

**DOES DEL ORO HAVE A SHOT AT JESUIT IN D-I?**

**Davidson:** Del Oro always has a shot because it's DO, winner of 12 section crowns since 1989, but no one plays well at Jesuit unless it's the team in red. It's always unseasonably hot on that field, even this time of year, and the Marauders love it. Big Red rolls on here in the first playoff meeting between the storied programs.

**Patrick:** Del Oro coaches will like our answers here for the bulletin board material, but I don't think even that matters. Del Oro went 2-4 in the Sierra Foothill League. Jesuit is very good this year. No, Del Oro isn't going to win. Clip it. Paste it. Send Joe the hate mail.

**Salerno:** Jesuit has an interesting home-field advantage. They don't normally get a ton of fans at games because they play on Saturday afternoons. If this was a Friday night game, the place would be packed. Hopefully, Jesuit gets lights soon. Jesuit should advance. The Marauders have their eye on the prize — a rematch with Folsom — a team that beat them handily in the season opener.

**DO THE LINCOLN ZEBRAS ROLL ON, AND IS THAT A COOL MASCOT OR WHAT?**

**Davidson:** If defense

wins championships, then the Zebras are the favorite to beat fast and skilled Christian Brothers in D-III play, thanks to a Bee Defensive Player of the Year candidate in linebacker Jordan Wagner.

**Patrick:** What's not to like about Lincoln? They are the Fighting Zebras for crying out loud! In addition to having the best mascot around, the defense has allowed all of two touchdowns in the last five games. Oh, and the Fighting Zebras almost beat Del Oro, a Division I team. Yeah, they're going to be fine Friday night.

**Salerno:** Lincoln has an unreal defense, the backbone of that team. I can't pick against the Zebras. Lincoln had The Bee's score prediction against Whitney pinned up on a bulletin board. We all picked Whitney to beat Lincoln, but the opposite happened. Talk about bulletin board material.

**CLOSING THOUGHTS?**

**Davidson:** The coach-speak in me says with gusto, "You've got to block, you've got to tackle and you have to play situational football and take care of business!" That's similar to how we cover games. Really, the days of the intrigue games only in the upper divisions are long gone. Right on down to D-VII, the games are all fun.

**Patrick:** It's been a

great high school football season and I hope we get some nail-biters this week. We're due.

**Salerno:** I won't be here this weekend. I'll be following the games closely from an out-of-state location. I'll be back in time for the next round of the playoffs. This is the best slate of quarterfinals matchups I've seen. Let's play football!

**CIF Sac-Joquin Section playoffs**  
All games Friday at 7 p.m., unless noted

**Division I**  
No. 8 Sheldon at No. 1 Rocklin  
No. 5 St. Mary's at No. 4 Edison  
No. 6 Lincoln-Stockton at No. 3 Folsom  
No. 7 Del Oro at No. 2 Jesuit, Saturday, 1 p.m.

**Division II**  
No. 9 Lodi at No. 1 Central Catholic  
No. 5 Whitney at No. 4 Antelope  
No. 6 Elk Grove at No. 3 Vacaville  
No. 2 Granite Bay at No. 7 Monterey

**Division III**  
No. 9 Roseville at No. 1 Oakdale  
No. 5 Patterson at No. 4 Yuba City  
No. 6 Sacramento at No. 3 Manteca  
No. 7 Christian Brothers at No. 2 Lincoln

**Division IV**  
No. 8 Wood at No. 1 Kimball  
No. 5 East Union at No. 4 Merced  
No. 6 Placer at No. 3 Vista del Lago  
No. 7 Dixon and No. 2 Vanden

**Division V**  
No. 8 Woodland at No. 1 Escalon  
No. 5 Ripon at No. 4 Pioneer  
No. 6 Hilmar at No. 3 Sonora  
No. 7 Casa Roble at No. 2 Union Mine

**Division VI**  
No. 8 Linden at No. 1 Bradshaw

**Division VII**  
No. 5 Rosemont at No. 4 Hughson  
No. 6 Waterford at No. 3 Livingston  
No. 7 Liberty Ranch at No. 2 Argonaut

**Division VIII**  
No. 8 Rio Vista at No. 1 Woodland  
**Division IX**  
No. 5 Delta at No. 4 Esparto  
No. 6 Big Valley Christian at No. 3 Le Grand  
No. 8 Mariposa County at No. 2 Vacaville Christian

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