

Coaches Corner

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as if working for the Lord and not for human masters. Colossians 3:23

Crean Lutheran Saints (2 - 0) vs. Capistrano Valley Cougars (2 - 0) Friday, September 5, 2025

God's blessings to all as we enter into our third consecutive home game to open up the 2025 football season.

The Saints host the Capo Valley Cougars tonight, who, under the direction of head coach, Sean Curtis, come into Saints Stadium flying high from two opening season victories over Barstow (41 - 21) and Campo Verde of Arizona (26 - 16). Dual threat quarterback, Talon Spencer (#2), leads the offense while Brady Hassett (#10) leads an aggressive attacking-style Cougar defense.

In last week's game, your Saints bounced back from a first-quarter deficit for the second week in a row to come out victorious over the St. Pius X Warriors by the score of 42 - 10. Bryce Coleman was the star of the game, hauling in seven passes for 203 yards and three touchdowns. Coleman added a touchdown pass to Caden Jones, along with a key interception for the defense. Jones was effective again through the air by completing 19 of 30 passes for 313 yards and two touchdowns. Jones also rushed for a touchdown and was on the receiving end of a touchdown pass from Bryce Coleman. All of it could not have happened without the blocking upfront of Erick Cruz, Adonijah Moenoa, Demetrius Panapa, Sione Kaihau, Connor Malone, and Heinrik Shriver. Dillon Booth helped the offense continue drives with three carries from his wildcat position, while Taiga Takada was solid again by hauling in 6 passes for 65 yards. Caleb Bey added 55 yards rushing, three receptions for 43 yards, a touchdown run, and a two-point conversion.

Ryder Barnes and Javari Nash led a swarming defense that saw the first unit shut out the Warriors for the evening. Nash (7 solos, 1 assist), Barnes (5 solos, 1 assist), Aidan Smith (6 solos, 2 assists), and Ethan Haugslund (6 solos, 2 assists) led the Saints in tackles. Coleman's interception thwarted a Warrior drive in the end zone with a diving catch of Smith's batted ball. The Saints recorded five sacks on the evening with Barnes, Anthony Jones, Tank Carrington, Allitoa Nansen, and Haugslund each getting in on the Action.

Nash was the special team's player of the game with three solo tackles to keep the talented Warriors' returners from any long runs. Eric Miao and Luke Kyser continued to shine for the special teams' units. Miao was good on all four of his 4 PAT's and placed his kickoffs in key positions to keep St. Pius X backed up at their end of the field. Kyser pinned the Warriors back at a key point in the game with a perfectly placed 36-yard punt inside the 5-yard line.

Next week's game:

At El Modena Vanguards – Fred Kelly Stadium at El Modena HS
Friday, September 12 – 7:00 p.m. kickoff