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## Local football is back and it looks strong

By Dave Meyer

The Oceanside High Pirates opened their season 2-0, under second-year head coach David Rodriquez.

Senior Quarterback Max Shuffer directs the Pirates' high-powered offense, which scored 99 points in their first two games. Shuffer threw for 426 yards and five touchdowns in the Pirates' season opener, a 51-42 win at San Clemente. Shuffer threw 9 touchdown passes in the first two weeks.

Senior Tevin Meadows rushed for two touchdowns to lead the ground game.

The Pirates open their Avocado League season September 16 at San Marcos.

Across town, the El Camino Wildcats, under first-year head coach Jerry Ralph, opened their season with a 21-8 home win against Pt. Loma.

El Camino is led by junior running back Chris Brown. Brown rushed for more than 100 yards in each of the Wildcats' first two games and scored four touchdowns. Quarterback Jaden Casey leads the offense for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats open their Avocado League season September 16 at Torrey Pines.

### COLLEGIATE PIRATES

Oceanside and El Camino have produced several outstanding football players over the years. The late, great Hall of Famer Junior Seau is regarded as the greatest football player from Oceanside. Junior's career at Oceanside, USC and primarily with the San Diego Chargers is a source of pride for the city. I know many of us miss hearing that familiar "Buddy" from Junior.

When you think of Oceanside football, you think of Willie Buchanan, Dokie Williams, Kenny Stills, Bryant Westbrook, Michael Booker, Brian Schwenke, Joe Salave'a, J.C. Pearson and several other outstanding players.

The talent of Oceanside football was on display during the opening weekend of college football. Twin brothers Mikah and Alijah Holder, both former Oceanside Pirates, kicked off their junior seasons with a bang.



Alijah Holder

Alijah, a starting cornerback at Stanford, led a smothering Cardinal defense against Kansas State as No. 8 ranked Stanford won 26-13. Alijah broke up several passes against a very talented Jayhawk offense.

The following night, Mikah, a junior wide receiver at San



Mikah Holder

Diego State, caught four passes for a career-best 160 yards and

two touchdowns. He scored the game's first touchdown on an 86-yard scoring grab. Mikah is following the path of older brother King, a defensive back at San Diego State.

"They are great kids, have a great work ethic, are intelligent and are great representatives of the City of Oceanside," said former Pirate Head Coach John Carroll. "Mikah and Alijah have accelerated their performance levels and it is amazing to see the twins both shining in their own worlds."

I was in Palo Alto last season to see Stanford play UCLA. During that game Alijah had three tackles and a 31-yard interception return for a touchdown to open the scoring in a big win over UCLA. The small Pirate section was very noisy that night.

The Oceanside pipeline to college football is as strong as ever!!

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### UPDATE --Friday Night (September 9) Scores

The Oceanside Pirates football team won Friday's non-conference away game against Chaparral by a score of 30-13.

The El Camino Wildcats football team lost Friday's non-conference home game against Citrus Hill by a score of 54-21. ■