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# GUSTINE REDS



## LANE EXPECTS SPECIAL SEASON FOR GUSTINE REDS

**BY CHRISTOPHER CORREA**  
Special to The Express

Ahead of his second year at the helm for the Gustine High varsity football squad, head coach Collin Lane has repeated a specific term to describe the Reds roster and their expectations for themselves – special.

“This is a really special group and I have a feeling that we can make this a special season,” Lane said.

In 2022, Lane and his coaching staff came to Gustine with a run-heavy offensive scheme that helped them go 4-6 in the regular season and earn a playoff berth. It’s also a system that returning senior running back Zander Leyva de-

scribed as “perfect.” With a full year to get the high schoolers accustomed and some intense offseason training, Lane feels like the Reds can be more consistent as they try to make a run at the Southern Athletic League title.

“Last year, we had a really good team and we made it to the playoffs, but we were so up and down,” Lane explained. “One week, we’d look amazing but then the next week we’d fall into bad habits and lose, but this year feels different.”

Lane went as far as describing this year’s roster of 20 players as the easiest he has ever had the pleasure to coach, with mix of mature seniors and enthusiastic, hard-working underclassmen.

“Obviously, we went to the playoffs

last year and the second we lost (45-8 to Woodland Christian), the seniors were motivated and kind of went on a mission to do something special this next season, and I’m trying to support them in doing that.

“I’m not having to work hard as far as holding people accountable,” he continued. “The seniors are running the team, pushing each other and I’m really proud of them. Our attendance during practices and training hasn’t been a problem at all. These guys have a really really strong bond with each other. It’s very exciting to see, and I think we worked really hard this last year on changing the culture, and it’s showing.”

The seniors leading the way are Leyva

and offensive lineman Gurvikrem Khaira. Also stepping up and impressing during the summer has been sophomore fullback and linebacker Joao Palomino Jr., junior linebacker Austin Etheridge and junior center Isaiah Prado.

On top of the culture change, the Reds are also reaping the benefits of a new weight room and other practice equipment.

“I’m just so excited about this group and for us to get this season rolling,” Lane said. “Like I’ve said, this is a special group and there’s a special feeling at practice with how hard these guys work. I’m excited to see all of this hard work pay off.”



## VARSITY ROSTER

Andrew Williams	Esteban Chavez	Osiel Torres
Zander Leyva	Abel Miranda	Reese Carlucci
Gurvikram Khaira	Leo Montes	Austin Etheridge
Grant Hazan	Brandin Krause	Ayden Pacheco
Alex Gomez	Gio Mendez	Levi Cherry
Juan Najera	Jason Leiter	Joao Palomino Jr.
Matthew Fernandes	Isaiah Prado	Sebastian Vargas

## JR VARSITY ROSTER

Jayce Caetano	Justin Lopes	Bethany Quinn
Deiman Cardona	Jesus Mejia	Leo Rios
Irvin Castro	Daniel Navarro	Eric Sicaivos
Crue Correa	Clarence Parker	Joseph Sifuentez
Isaac Fuentes	Mario Pasillas	Lucas Williams
Edgar Garcia	Ricardo Perez	Adan Zarate
Rafael Gomez	Alex Quezada	



## GUSTINE REDS 2023 SCHEDULE

August 18	Summerville @ <b>Gustine</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
August 25	<b>Gustine</b> @ Stone Ridge Christian	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
September 1	<b>Gustine</b> @ Rio Vista	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
September 15	<b>Gustine</b> @ Mariposa	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
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October 6	Waterford @ <b>Gustine</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
October 13	<b>Gustine</b> @ Le Grand	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
October 20	Ripon Christian @ <b>Gustine</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
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# PACHECO PANTHERS



## PACHECO HIGH SEES BETTER FINISH BEHIND VETERAN LINE

The 2023 football schedule is in favor of the Pacheco Panther football team, with four consecutive home games to begin the season.

Coach Jeremy Siemiller's squad will host Atwater, Livingston and Bradshaw Christian in the pre-season and then they host the Johansen Vikings to open their WAC conference schedule.

The Panthers outperformed the Max-Preps football prediction of sixth place, to record a 6-4 overall record and a 5-2 second place finish in WAC conference play, and a place in the Sac-Joaquin Conference play-offs.

Pacheco could have even finished better if not for an injury to their outstanding running back/linebacker, Abel Bravo. The four-year varsity runner amassed over 1,400 yards in just seven full games, and his return to health is a major factor in the success of the Panther 2023 season.

Junior Joseph Franco will join Bravo in the Pacheco backfield, and sophomore Aiden Pikas and junior Brennan

Watkins will handle the quarterback duties for the Panthers. Pacheco features a veteran offensive line led by Gabriel Escobar, Alex Flores and Andru Martinez.

Joining them from the junior varsity will be Xavier Flores and Donovan Castro. Davin Cabray, Arturo Anguiano, Victor Alvarez and Christian DeLaO will handle the receiver slots, while Peyton Mosley and Ryan Torres will operate at tight end positions for the Panthers.

Bravo will anchor the Panther defense along with Isaac Valencia at the linebacker positions. Victor Alvarez and DeLa O and Anguiano will man the defensive backfield, and Alex Suarez, Antonio Castro and Mosley will anchor the defensive line for Pacheco.

Coach Siemiller will rely heavily on the running game, as his two new quarterbacks settle into their roles in the offense, and if they do well the 2023 season could result in another play-off team.

## VARSITY ROSTER

Josiah Alvarez	Julian Flores	Nathaniel Pereira
Victor Alvarez	Xavier Flores	Aiden Pikas
Arturo Anguiano	Joseph Flores	Ivan Quiroz
Julian Banuelos	Adrian Galvan	Jared Raspberry
Sergio Barrintos	Zealand Hatcher	Alex Suarez
Abel Bravo	Adrian Hernandez	Ryan Torres Jr.
Davin Cabray	Jorge Hernandez	Siaosi "George" Vai
Donovan Castro	Julen Him	Isaac Valencia
Christian Cornejo	Adam Loretto	Bryan Villa
Josue Cortez	Andrew Martinez	Jesus Villalobos
Adrian Cortez	Ruben Medina	Lawrence Vultao
Christian De La O	Peyton Mosley	Brennan Watkins
Gabriel Escobar	Jonathan Munoz	Anthony White
Abraham Fernandez	George Olivas	
Alex Flores	Jesse Perez	





## JR VARSITY ROSTER

Jose Aldama  
Kevin Alfaro  
Jaden Bernal  
Aiden Campos  
Alfaro Castillo  
Julian Centeno  
Cameron Cobello  
Ondre Cobian  
Andrian Cortez  
Robert Crawford  
Darius De La Cruz  
Julian Flores

Jose Garcia  
Jovanne Garcia  
Alvardo Garrido  
Hezekiah George  
Victor Gomez  
Gabriel Lazard  
Alfred Loretto  
Jacob Martinez  
Juan Mejia  
Jacob Olivarez  
Andres Partida  
Zachary Perkins

Thomas Price  
Julius Sams  
Jacob Sanchez  
Rolando Sanchez  
Andrew Setterberg  
Jacob Taveetia  
Nathaniel Tellez  
Phillip Terry  
Nolan Todd  
Antonio Torres  
Joseph Valencia  
Dylan Villagrana



## FRESHMAN ROSTER

Martin Antunez  
Dylan Avila  
Michael Coleman Hester  
Brandon De Hoyos Smith  
Robert Deleon  
Manuel Delvillar  
Adam Duran  
Damian Garcia  
Jadon Garcia  
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# LOS BANOS TIGERS



## SEEKING TO REPEAT AS WAC CHAMPS

## VARSITY ROSTER

Prior to the 2022 football season, MaxPreps Sports information portal predicted that the Los Banos Tiger varsity football team would finish in second place in the WAC football conference.

However, Los Banos head coach Dustin Caropreso's squad had other ideas, and the Tigers went on to compile an 8-2 overall record and a perfect 7-0 mark in the WAC, to claim an undefeated league championship.

With 23 returning players from last year's undefeated team (15 starters) the Tigers look to defend their WAC conference crown.

Los Banos will be led by 3-year starting quarterback (and defending WAC "Offensive Player of the Year"), David Herrera. Last season Herrera

completed 86 of 142 pass attempts, for 1358 yards and 18 touchdowns. On the ground Herrera rushed for 952 yards and added 14 touchdowns to his total.

Herrera will operate from behind an experienced and talented offensive line, anchored by All-League standout Jackson Silva, along with Julian Cortez, Sam Sanchez, Bobby Rogue and Jett Lindeman.

The Tigers have several veteran receivers including, Adam Aguilar, Evan Rebosa, Yahir Zuniga and they will be joined by speedster Caleb Robertson.

Lindeman, 2022 WAC "Defensive Player of the Year", will pace the Tiger defense. Lindeman led Los Banos with 86 tackles and recorded five

quarterback sacks. He will be joined on defense by six returning starters, Lorenzo Chavez, Joel Alvarenga, Adan Salas, Cade Torres, Cole Ramos and Eddie Sweet all of whom recorded 40 or more defensive tackles.

Sweet, Daylen Mankel and Philip VanderPoel will be joined by Kyle Cascia to anchor the defensive line for Los Banos.

Coach Caropreso will feature a veteran team and will rely on players like Luke Reyna, Owen Baffunno, Brayden Milojevich and twin brothers Aaron and Ethan Briseno up from last season's junior varsity team to add needed depth.

All in all 2023 promises to be an exciting football season for the Los Banos Tigers.

Adam Aguilar  
Joel Alvarenga  
Mario Arellano  
Daniel Arredondo  
Owen Baffunno  
Logan Bangert  
Aaron Briseno  
Ethan Briseno  
Abel Carrillo  
Kyle Cascia  
Lorenzo Chavez  
Julian Cortez  
Daniel Deffee  
Adrian Diaz  
David Herrera  
Caleb Jelen  
Jett Lindeman  
Kolton Kanemoto  
Daylen Mankel  
Wyatt McBride  
Giovanni Mejia  
Jeremiah Michael  
Brayden Milojevich

Roman Mondragon  
Benjamin Olivos  
Derrick Ramirez  
Evan Rebosa  
Luke Reyna  
Cole Ramos  
Caleb Robertson  
Bobby Roque  
Adan Salas  
Sam Sanchez  
Jackson Silva  
Shane Soares  
Eddie Sweet  
Ernie Trujillo  
Cade Torres  
Philip Vanderpoel  
Joseph Villagrana  
Matthew Yruegas  
William Yruegas  
Jared Vanlobensels  
Byron Zuniga  
Yahir Zuniga



# JR VARSITY ROSTER

Rafael Aguirre	Julian Lopez
Izreal Ahumada	Justin Mendiola
Angel Arce	Jayden Mendoza
Dylan Brandi	Joshua Montes
River Braniff	Alan Moran
Julian Mercado	Cesar Palaminos
Daniel Calderon	Adrian Rivas
Ezekiel Caravez	Alex Rodriguez
Javier Contreras	Matt Rodriguez
Andres Fernandez	Joshua Rodriguez
Aiden Galavez	Gustavo Ruiz
Joel Garcia	Juan Sanchez
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Maddox Aleves	Anthony Orozco
Isaac Arzate	Xzaviyen Orduno
Maximo Castro	Martin Pena
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# DOS PALOS BRONCOS



## BRONCOS PREP FOR FAST START

**BY DAVID BORBOA**  
The Westside Express

One thing is for sure, this year's Dos Palos High School varsity football team will be hoping to get off to a better start than last year.

Last season, Dos Palos started off with an un-Bronco-like 0-4 record as a tough preseason schedule saw them lose close games to Los Banos, Summerville, Liberty-Madera Ranchos, and Pioneer Valley-Santa Maria.

So, when the season starts for the Broncos on August 18th against arch-rival Los Banos, Dos Palos will be looking to get off to a fast start.

The Broncos finished the 2022 season with a 7-6 record (4-1 in the West Sierra League). They did come up with two playoff wins over West-Bakersfield (45-13) and Morro Bay (28-27) before losing to eventual section champion Atascadero in the semifinals.

The Broncos will start the season with 25 players on their roster (30 on the JVs) and will return several players on offense at the skill positions, including returning quarterback Peyton Van Worth (6'2", 175 lbs).

"We will be very good at the skill positions," commented head coach Rob Calvert. "Peyton can run and pass the ball and has a lot of experience at quar-

terback."

The backfield will be anchored by Andre Flores and senior Drake Hennagan.

"Andre is very explosive, and Drake is a hard runner and also a pass-catching threat," said Calvert.

Van Worth's No. 1 passing target should be sophomore wide receiver Jesus Bon, who made a name for himself last spring as a sprinter on the Bronco track team.

"Jesus is one of the fastest kids in the valley and he will be our starting wide receiver and safety," Calvert said. "He also has a strong leg and will be our field goal kicker."

The line for the Broncos will be led by

Nate Hinojosa, JD Skipworth, and Esteban Hernandez.

Calvert remarked that in anticipation of the opening game in Los Banos, his players have been diligent in their work ethic.

"The Broncos have been working hard and are excited to get going," he said.

Assisting Calvert this season will be defensive coordinator David Jacobo and run coordinator John Snapp. Other assistants include Nathaan Flores, Aaron Sandoval, John Garcia, Salvador Ortega, Joseph Maldonado, Ashton Llanez, Jerry Warren, Jacob Lahar, Greg Harde-man, and Mike Van Worth.



# JR VARSITY ROSTER

- |                     |                   |                  |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Jesus Bon           | Xavier Geiselman  | Jonathan Jasso   |
| Marc Chavez         | Drake Hennegan    | Jacquez Jones    |
| Raymundo Echavarria | Estaban Hernandez | Dominic Malfabon |
| Andre Flores        | Hernan Hernandez  | Ceaser Rocha     |
| Donovan Frazier     | Nathan Hinojosa   | J.D. Skipworth   |
| Adrian Garcia       | Sixto Ibarra      | John Snapp       |
| Julian Garcia       | Drake Jasso       | Peyton Van Worth |

# VARSITY ROSTER

- |                    |                   |                 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Christian Alvarado | Luke Gonzales     | Ace O'Banion    |
| Adam Ballesteros   | Josue Gonzalez    | Jonathan Ramos  |
| Alonso Del Rio     | Cayden Grijalva   | Angel Ramirez   |
| Anthony Del Rio    | Anthony Hernandez | Isaiah Romero   |
| David Echavarria   | Ricky Hill        | Billy Scott     |
| Orlando Esquivel   | Justin Hurd       | Marvin Smith    |
| Gavin Estrada      | Anthony Lish      | Gurvinder Singh |
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# FIREBAUGH EAGLES



## EAGLES LOOK TO IMPROVE ON UPGRADED PLAYING FIELD

**BY DAVID BORBOA**  
The Westside Express

Well, the season is already looking up for the Firebaugh High School football program. As the Eagles prepare for the 2023 campaign, it looks as though Eagle Stadium will be ready for the upcoming season. The refurbishing of the stadium began after last year's season with a planned all-weather track, a new sprinkler system and new natural grass to be installed. However, the extremely rainy season, as well as other delays, put this season's home games in peril, especially week 2 and 3 games when they are scheduled to host Fowler and then Caruthers. But second-year head coach Jorge Saldana reported that the new grass has been laid and it looks like Firebaugh will not

lose the home games. Now Saldana, his coaching staff, and players can focus their attention on improving on last year's 2-8 record. "Obviously, we want to win more games. Last season was a tough one for Firebaugh football," Saldana commented. The Eagles have 33 players on their varsity roster this year, with the JVs counting 25. On offense, junior Isaac Ceja will be starting the season at quarterback. Saldana said that Ceja got some varsity reps last season as a sophomore and is a dual threat to both run and pass the ball. Anthony Fernandez, a 5'8", 160 pound senior, will be anchoring the backfield. Alongside him will be younger brother Ryan Luna, a sophomore, and they will be joined by junior Jonathan Garcia.

Firebaugh will have an experienced offensive line, according to Saldana. "Four of the five starting linemen are returners and they will use their experience to lead in the trenches," said Saldana. Senior Erik Salcedo and juniors Anthony Mayo and Jesus Garcia will be the leaders. "The strength of this year's team will be their toughness and discipline," said Saldana. "We have had a lot of commitment from our boys and are looking forward to our season. We like where we are but are not content with it. We are also excited that our stadium will be ready to go and we do not have to worry about having a home field." The Firebaugh JV will be coached this season by Francisco Godoy.

## VARSITY ROSTER

Andrew Aguilar	Anthony Fernandez	Markques Mora
Arren Alaniz	Jimmy Flores	Victor Paredes
Joe Alfaro	Christian Gallegos	Sebastian Perez
Chris Alvarez	Harley Garcia	Antonio Pina
Kevin Arias	Jesus Garcia	Abraham Rivas
Noah Calderon	Jonathan Garcia	Erik Salcedo
Isaac Ceja	Julian Garcia	Erik Solano
Joseph Davila	Ryan Luna	Alexis Valencia
Corbin Diedrich	Jonathan Maya	Valentin Villa
Ines Felix	Anthony Mayo	Angel Zamora

## JR VARSITY ROSTER

Christian Argueta	Jaiden Martinez	Victor Rodriguez
Anthony Baeza	Jeremy Martinez	Alex Rosa
Dominic Barajas	Felix Mejia	Joseluis Sanchez
Enrique Chipres	Nate Ortiz	Luis Sanchez
Santiago Flores	Albert Osuna	Adrian Santoyo
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August 25	<b>Dos Palos @ Summerville</b>	5:00/7:00 pm
September 1	Liberty-Madera @ <b>Dos Palos</b>	5:00/7:00 pm
September 8	Pioneer Valley @ <b>Dos Palos</b>	5:00/7:00 pm
September 15	***** <b>BYE</b> *****	
September 22	<b>Dos Palos @ Chowchilla</b>	5:00/7:00 pm
September 29	Avenal @ <b>Dos Palos</b>	5:00/7:00 pm
October 6	<b>Dos Palos @ Mendota</b>	5:00/7:00 pm
October 13	<b>Dos Palos @ Tranquillity</b>	5:00/7:00 pm
October 20	Firebaugh @ <b>Dos Palos</b>	5:00/7:00 pm
October 27	Coalinga @ <b>Dos Palos</b>	5:00/7:00 pm



# LOS BANOS TIGERS 2023 SCHEDULE

August 18	Dos Palos @ <b>Los Banos.</b>	5:00 pm / 7:30 pm
August 25	Hilmar @ <b>Los Banos.</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
September 1	<b>Los Banos @ Orestimba</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
September 8	***** <b>BYE</b> *****	
September 15	<b>Los Banos @ Beyer</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
September 22	Grace Davis @ <b>Los Banos Homecoming</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
September 29	Mt. House @ <b>Los Banos</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
October 6	<b>Los Banos @ Johansen</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
October 13	<b>Los Banos @ Ceres</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
October 20	Lathrop @ <b>Los Banos</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
October 27	Pacheco @ <b>Los Banos</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm



# PACHECO PANTHERS 2023 SCHEDULE

August 18	Atwater @ <b>Pacheco</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
August 25	Livingston @ <b>Pacheco</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
September 1	Bradshaw Christian @ <b>Pacheco</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
September 8	***** <b>BYE</b> *****	
September 15	Johansen @ <b>Pacheco Homecoming</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
September 22	<b>Pacheco @ Lathrop</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
September 28	<b>Pacheco @ Grace Davis</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
October 6	Ceres @ <b>Pacheco</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
October 13	Mt. House @ <b>Pacheco</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
October 19	<b>Pacheco @ Beyer</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
October 27	<b>Pacheco @ Los Banos</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm



# FIREBAUGH EAGLES 2023 SCHEDULE

August 18	<b>Firebaugh @ Reedley</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
August 25	Fowler @ <b>Firebaugh</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
September 1	Caruthers @ <b>Firebaugh</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
September 8	<b>Firebaugh @ Templeton</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
September 15	<b>Firebaugh @ Immanuel</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
September 22	***** <b>BYE</b> *****	
September 29	Coalinga @ <b>Firebaugh</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
October 6	Tranquillity @ <b>Firebaugh</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
October 13	<b>Firebaugh @ Avenal</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
October 20	<b>Firebaugh @ Dos Palos</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm
October 27	Medota @ <b>Firebaugh</b>	5:00 pm / 7:00 pm



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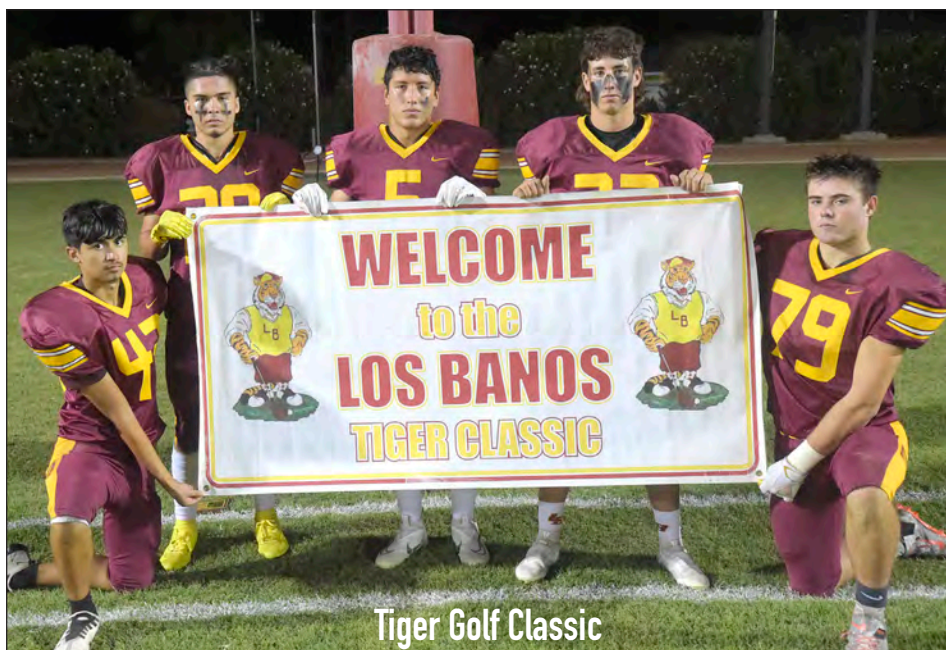
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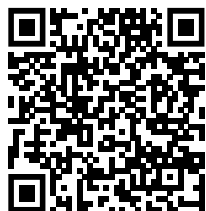
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