

Three Irvine football coaches look back at last week's games



Beckman Coach Marcello Giuliano leads the Patriots into Friday's PCL opener vs. Corona del Mar. File photo Bill Alkofer, Orange County Register

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MATT BOWMAN, CREAN LUTHERAN

Crean Lutheran, 3-3, lost to Grace Brethren, 51-0, Friday night, Sept. 29. The Saints host St. Monica's Friday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. at Irvine Stadium for homecoming.

"We played a very physical Grace Brethren team," said Coach Matt Bowman. "We were missing some key guys due to injuries. All credit to them for playing a complete game."

Players of the game: Offense, Ryan O'Keefe; defense, Dane Schumacher; special teams, Gunnar Ashmon.

MARK CUNNINGHAM, UNIVERSITY

University, 4-1, lost to Ocean View, 28-21, Thursday, Sept. 28, at University. The Trojans play Northwood in the PCL opener Friday, Oct. 6, at Portola.

"We made some mistakes but credit Ocean View who made the big plays when they needed to," said Coach Mark Cunningham. "We have some work to do but looking forward to Pacific Coast League play."

Players of the game: Offense, Jack Hausam; defense, Jackson Muniz; special teams, Sam Kelley.

MARCELLO GIULIANO, BECKMAN

Beckman, 1-4, lost to Westminster, 41-20, Saturday, Sept. 30, at Tustin. The Patriots open PCL play Friday, Oct. 6, facing Corona del Mar at Newport Harbor.

"We started off strong but did not sustain the momentum," said Beckman coach Marcello Giuliano. "I think we improved on offense, but our defense was a little out-of-sorts that night. We need to build on things that improved, such as our vertical passing game, and correct some mistakes.

"Junior quarterback Nick Hill had his best night passing with 280 yards and two touchdowns. Sophomore Jason Cheng was terrific on defense; he made several critical tackles while being physically mismatched against Westminster's sizable running backs. Senior kicker Jonathon Bonilla had his best night in all phases of the kick game."

(NOTE: Irvine, Woodbridge and Northwood had a bye last week).