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Bonita Unified Football Teams to Face Off in Annual Smudge Pot Rivalry Game

WHAT: The Bonita High School and San Dimas High School varsity football teams will face off in

the 53rd annual Smudge Pot game, as the longtime rival schools look to secure District

bragging rights for the 2025-26 school year.

Bonita High hopes to continue its dominance in recent years, with a six-game winning streak on the line. San Dimas will look to make it a clean sweep for the Saints football program in 2025, following a 19-6 victory by the San Dimas girls flag football team over Bonita on Aug. 27 in the second annual Smudge Crown rivalry game.

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 12

7 p.m.

WHERE: Hilmer Lodge Stadium

Mt. San Antonio College 1100 N. Grand Ave., Walnut

DETAILS: The Bonita Bearcats and San Dimas Saints will compete for the coveted silver Smudge Pot,

an oil-burning tool once used to protect fruit trees from frost and a nod to the cities'

roots in the Southern California citrus industry.

Overall, the Bearcats have a 27-24-1 lifetime record against the Saints. A complete history of the rivalry game, including scores, records, and archival photographs, can be found at https://SmudgePotGame.com/.