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Miramonte football game canceled after drive-by shooting at Skyline HS

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After a 2-0 start, Miramonte was looking forward to continuing their winning streak against Skyline last Friday. Unfortunately, there was a drive-by shooting at Skyline on Sept. 5 and they were more than adamant in their desire to cancel the game. According to reports, no one was hurt during the shooting and three juveniles have been arrested.

"We called Skyline the day of the shooting and they were locked down," Miramonte head coach Jack Schram said. "They had canceled their practices and at that point, their coach said that they did not think that they were going to be able to play the game. At that point, in talking with their coach, I could tell that they absolutely did not want to play us. We talked again later in the week and confirmed that the game was going to be canceled and the next day, our athletic director, Sean Hennessey talked with Skyline's administrators and confirmed that they did not want to play the game."

Hennessey was disappointed at the cancellation but understands why Skyline felt it had to be done.

"Starting our season 2-0, we certainly did not want to have a bye but it's an unfortunate situation and the decision was made by their staff to do what's safe for their student body," Hennessey said. "We feel the same way and don't want Skyline to be in a bad situation over there so that's why the decision was made to cancel the game."

This was hardly the first game that Schram has seen canceled; those were due to a major earthquake, 9/11 and the pandemic. "It was unfortunate that this game had to be canceled because this would have been a good game for us which would have allowed us to get a number of our backups more playing time," Schram said. "Now, we're just preparing for our next game against Pinole."

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