

Junior College QB Touted as Bartkowski Replacement

EL CAJON (AP)— "It won't be easy to replace an All-American but I'm ready to accept the challenge," Joe Roth says, referring to California's Steve Bartkowski.

Roth, who led Grossmont College to the state Division II Junior College title this fall, is described by Cal's head coach as "the best JC quarterback in the nation."

"By getting Joe, I think it'll help our entire program in recruiting other kids," Mike White told a Grossmont football awards breakfast.

The blonde, 6-foot-3, 180-pound Roth said he turned down scholarships from many schools including Stanford, Oregon, Brigham Young, Colorado State, Washington, Utah and Oregon State. He plans to report Jan. 6 in Berkeley.

In two years at the El Cajon junior college, Roth, starting all 22 games, completed 352 of 520 passes for 4,134 yards and 40 touchdowns.