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his career. He’s in the process of attempting to play at a four-year school, hopefully at the NCAA D-3 Football Championship Subdivision level.

“I don’t want to be overconfident,” Romanos said, “but I believe that he is going to be playing with a lot of friends for the last time. So, it means a lot to me.”

Romanos will cherish every second on the field, win or lose.

Unlike most of our out-of-town players at Cal State, Romanos didn’t even feel the need to contact the head coach or recruiting coordinator Eric Gerlach any great time frame to ask about the program — he didn’t have one.

After playing two years at Diablo Valley College in San Ramon, Romanos transferred to Valley Christian High School in Dublin. He spent the majority of his final two years like this journalist does — on the sidelines.

“Coach was always on the single-option, and we had a Tim Tebow-like quarterback back of us. As you know, I’m not a fast developer. The myth is quite simple: the playing time, no high-light film.

But Cabrillo still had a brilliant football mind, a solid, accurate delivery and a deep-plunge.

A family friend suggested Cabrillo as a post-high school option to Romanos and, after meeting with Gerlach, he liked the fit.

Then a high school senior — called a consummate professional by Seawolves head coach Bill Garrison — Romanos committed to Cabrillo spring practice to get acquainted with teammates and learn the playbook.

When the season rolled around, Romanos knew his stuff, but he was the team’s No. 2 player at quarterback.

After starter Brett Moyer went down to injury early and backup Riggs Fewell was shifted to defense, No. 1 became No. 1.

And the highlights started rolling in.

Romanos passed for 1,000-plus yards and 12 touchdowns in his first season with the Seawolves.

“He’s extremely competetive,” Garrison said. “He’s a very high football IQ, and he has unbelievable accountability. The kid’s hard for him. He’s always taking responsibility when he makes bad and never wants credit when thing go good.”

This season, while sharing time with freshman Bronson Layne, Romanos has completed 69 of 116 passes for 1,313 yards and 15 touchdowns. He has thrown just three interceptions.

“He’s the kind of guy who, if in the huddle, he definitely keeps us all together and playing,” receiver Darnell Bonner said. “He’s a fighter. When you think it’s over, he’s always throwing the back.”

Romanos has a long, lottery football. But that’s his time on the sideline.

This fall, Romanos has faced a NCAA high school that lacked his spirit and helped define his current future.

“It’s playing through an ankle injury, enduring a Grade II AC sprain in his neckthrowing shoulder and a concussion this season. Even hung up, he wants to be out on the field.”

“I want to play as much as I can, because I know it’s limited,” Romanos said.

Romanos isn’t fooling himself with this illusion of greatness: While he may make a fourth-quarter back at the NCAA level, he has no Reactive to teammats, Bonner said. For the real Redskins fans, it was a thrill sent straight from heaven.

Really, though, the jerseys didn’t matter. Like Denver quarterback Super Bowl with happy to be on the field, playing for the Seawolves.

Romanos is a Raider fan, though.

“There’s no doubt about that,” he said. “I was born into that. It’s kinda blood.”

As a tradition followed Garrison, on the final Thursday practice of the regular season, “Throwback Thursday — players are allowed to wear older jerseys that mean something special to them. Romanos had some options, but decided he’d wear his Villas Christian jersey.

“I’ve always been good at throwing the ball,” he said. “It could always throw a football better than I could throw anything else. ... Coming in, I could play. I’ve always had aspirations to play D-1. So, here’s moving on to the next level and playing the game like it’s the last time you’ll see the field.

So, being Week 13, and without being overconfident, it means a lot to Romanos.

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