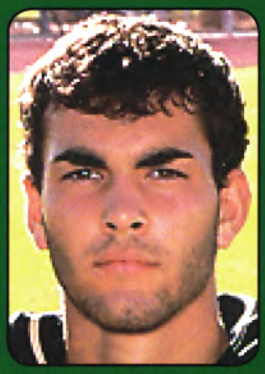
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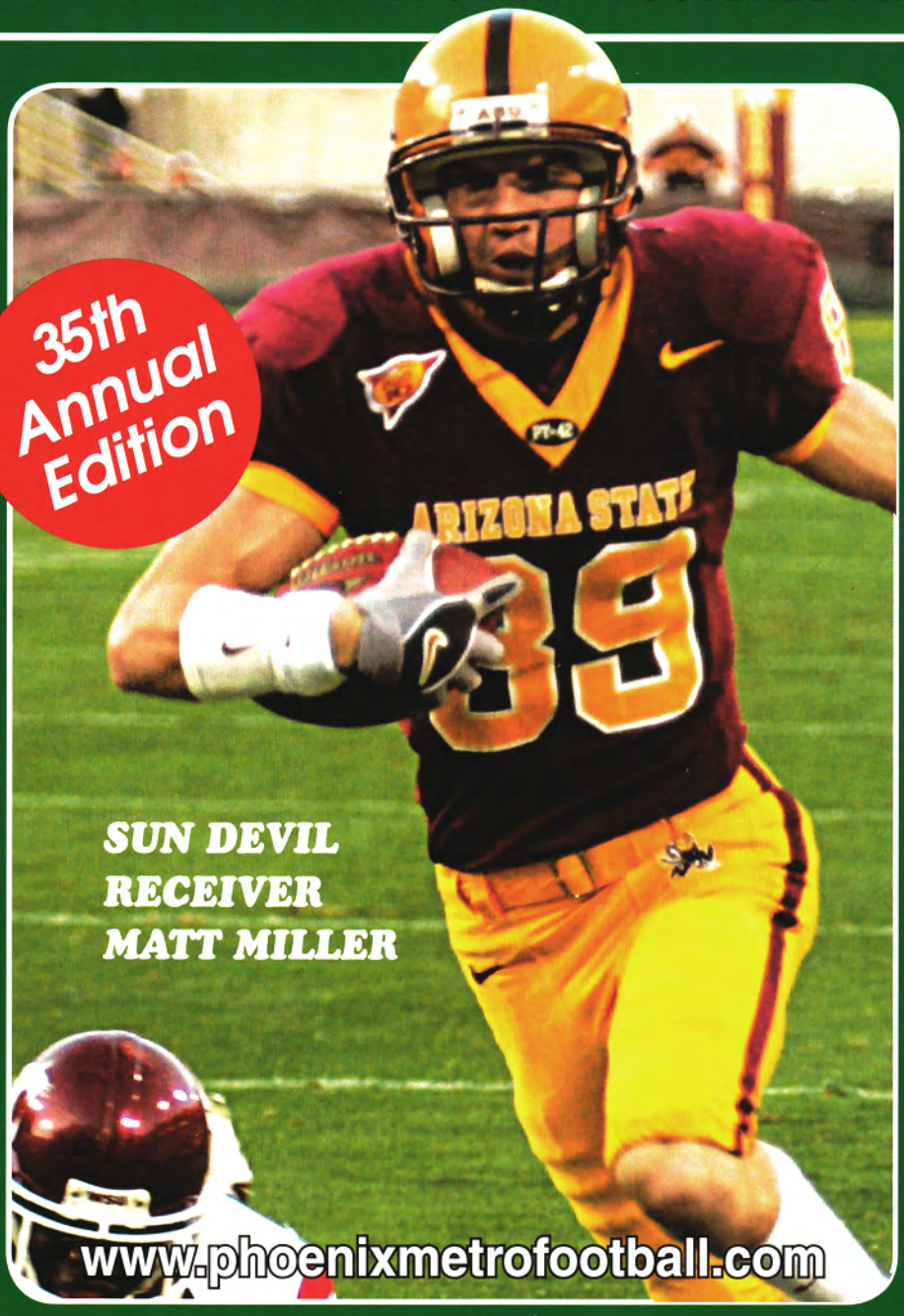
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"I'm going ahead and see if I can break four hours," Barry yelled.

"Go get 'em," I replied quickly, not wasting any air.

It was the 1979 Fiesta Bowl Marathon and Barry, Barry's brother Jim and I were attempting to conquer our first marathon. We made a pact that we would run together for the whole 26.2 miles from Cave Creek to Scottsdale Community College. At the 15-mile mark, Barry broke that agreement. Jim was a little miffed at his brother. I was just trying to survive.

Within the next three miles, Jimmy and I separated too.

I was running alone.

That's how I feel now!

I met Barry Sollenberger in 1974, just as I was graduating from college. When he learned of my interest in sports and my writing background, he immediately recruited me to work with him on his Arizona Prep Magazine. We became friends, attended some football and basketball games together and occasionally went running by the Arizona Biltmore.

In the spring of 1978, we became business partners. Our first account was the Arizona Interscholastic Association State Championship Programs. He and I became one of the most prolific sports publishing teams in the West. Over the next 27 years, either individually or together, we published high school and college sports programs, magazines and/or record books in Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Illinois and Connecticut. We worked with all of the Pac-10 schools – a total of 17 universities altogether. We won many awards for the quality of our publications, although we weren't always financially successful with everything we tried. Our first AIA Wrestling State Championship Program won Best in the Nation. After the printer and rights fees were paid, we lost $1,000 for our troubles. But we fought through the tough financial times together and never stopped believing in our work.

The one publication nearest to Barry's heart was this one. Just before midnight on the evening of June 22, 2005, he finished his 5A Football Preview. On the morning of June 23rd – his 60th birthday – Barry got up and went running with his dog. When he returned to his townhouse, he had a massive heart attack and passed away. He did not suffer. A neighbor found him several hours later.

At the time of Barry's death, he had completed about 80% of this year's Phoenix Metro Football Magazine. With the assistance of Barry's family and the Arizona Interscholastic Association, my brother Dan, my son Andy and I have gotten Barry's 35th Annual edition to press. For those of you who know Barry's work and read this magazine from cover to cover, you'll notice it's not quite up to par with Barry's recent issues. We did our best to finish the publication according to Barry's vision, but certain sections were a real challenge. We apologize if we slighted anyone.

No one I know can believe Barry's gone. How will the AIA replace its sports information director? How will the State of Arizona replace it designated prep historian? Will Barry's brothers be okay? What will Ron Cosner do when the Friday night football games begin? How will this impact George Allen? Harold Slemmer? Dean Visser? And so many others? What will I do?

I'll just keep running for as long as I can. You don't replace a Barry Sollenberger. You're grateful that he was part of your life – for the everyday experiences you shared. And you realize what a lucky person you are.

DAVID KUKULSKI

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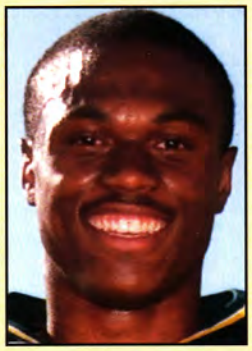
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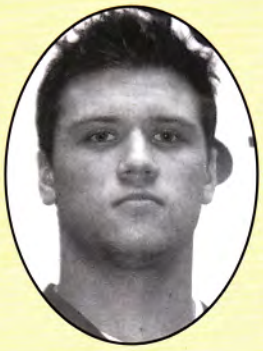
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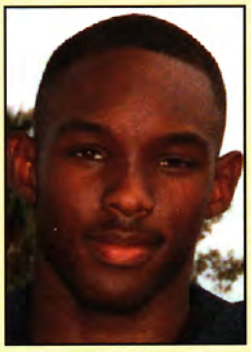
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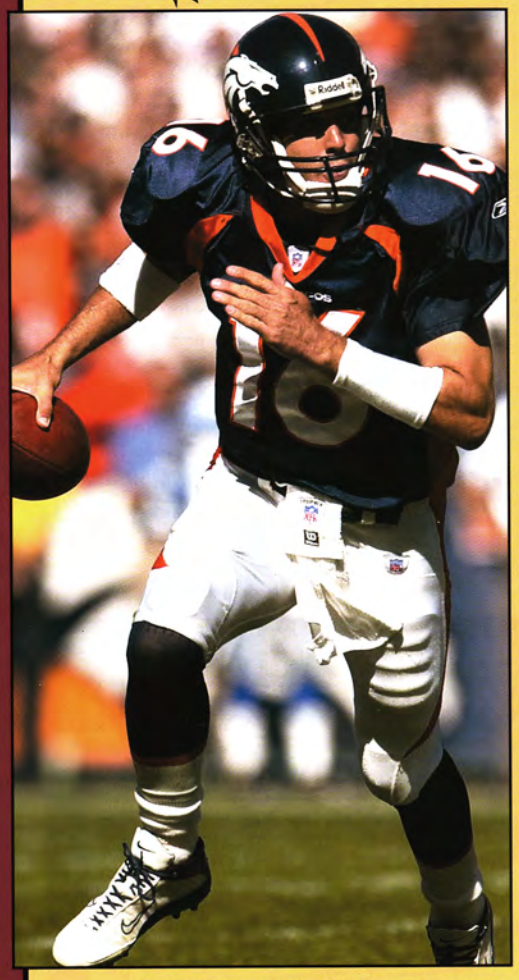
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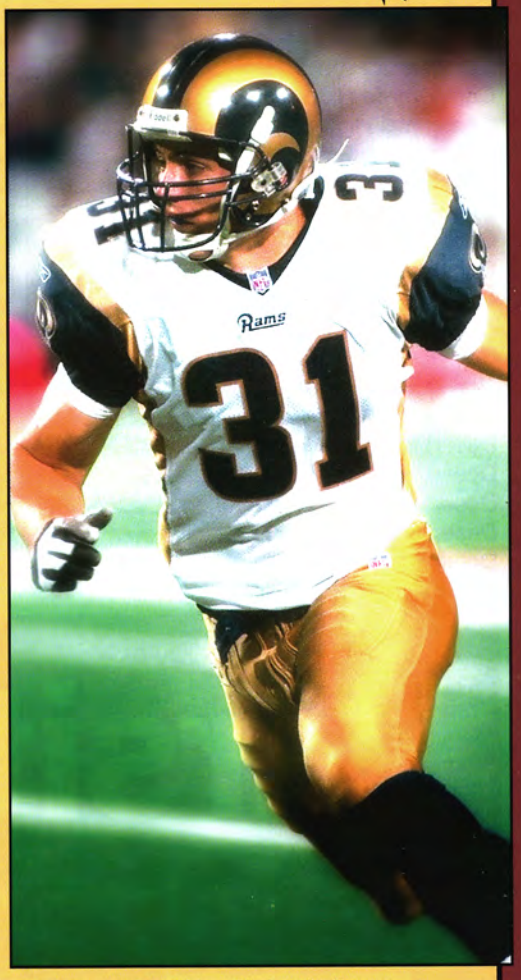
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Arizona State Preview

Devils Return to College Football's Elite



Record-setting wide receiver Derek Hagan should be a great target for Sun Devil quarterback Sam Keller this year (Steve Paynter photo).

By SAMMY WRIGHT

The script looked encouraging. On paper the 2004 edition of Arizona State football looked faster and deeper. The only question head coach Dirk Koetter had about his team was its toughness.

The answer came in the form of a 9-3 season, highlighted by a thrilling Sun Bowl win over Purdue. Picked near the bottom of the Pac-10 barrel at preseason, ASU finished third behind national champ USC and bay area power California.

With one of the best passing attacks in the land, the Sun Devils road more than three months on the arm of veteran Andrew Walter, today a rookie with the Oakland Raiders. The fans' favorite included a 44-7 rout of Iowa, a 48-42 win over UCLA, a last-second 34-31 thriller with Stanford, and the 27-23 bowl win over Purdue, in which Walter set out because of an arm injury suffered during a 34-27 heart-breaking loss to Arizona.

"The way we were able to win the Purdue game definitely jump-started us into this season," says Koetter. "After the unfortunate loss at Arizona, plus Walter's injury and out tailback situation, it was pretty much doom and gloom even though we were 8-3 at that point."

But young quarterback Sam Keller and tailback Rudy Burgess stepped up, the Devils' defense contained one of the better offenses in the country, and the overall play of dozens of underclassmen was a good sign of things to come.

Keller, in his first career start, won MVP honors in El Paso after completing 25 of 45 passes for 370 yards and no interceptions. Heading to preseason drills at Camp Tontozona, located east of Payson, Keller is the guy.

"I think Sam can come in and do a good job. He's got some big shoes to fill. The Sun Bowl win springboarded us into the offseason. I think our guys said 'Hey, Sam Keller is pretty good, and we are going to have a good football team again next year."

Making a push for playing time will be redshirt freshman Rudy Carpenter, who ran the scout team and won the McBurney Scout Team Award in the process. Senior Chad Christensen, out of Scottsdale Desert Mountain, will provide depth at quarterback and continued versatility in other areas. He's also ASU's holder on field goals. Derek Shaw, a 6-3, 215-pound freshman from Oceanside, California, joins the program as one of the most heralded quarterback prospects in the West.

"For a guy to come in and be as physical at his position, to be as versatile and as smart, and to be as productive as Zach was, he's the best freshman I've been around."

A-State's running backs scored only six rushing touchdowns last year, and that should change. Sophomore Rudy Burgess, splitting time as a runner and receiver, managed 404 yards on 77 carries, including a season-best 186 yards against Stanford, plus a game-saving day against Purdue. He also caught 22 passes for 248 yards and five touchdowns, and his 22.5 yards per kickoff return was fifth best in the Pac-10.

Sophomore Randy Hill, the 6-2, 207-pound tailback, returns after an ACL tear ended his season far too early. "Randy is one of the best all-around players on our team when he's healthy," says Koetter of the former all-state back from Tempe McClintock. Cornell Canidate, Preston Jones, Antone Saulsberry, and Price Wilks have been in the program. Newcomers include former local standouts who have transferred, Aaron Lafitte and Jarrett Sayas, plus incoming freshman Shaun DeWitty from Colorado Springs, and heralded tailback Keegan Herring of Peoria. In three varsity seasons, one at Phoenix Trevor Browne and two at Peoria, Herring gained 3,614 yards and scored 54 touchdowns. Last spring, the state sprint champ ran best overall times of 10.62, 21.23, 48.5, and anchored the Panthers' state championship 400-meter relay team.

The Sun Devils are deep at H-back and tight end, with sophomore Zach Miller and senior Lee Burghgraef the headliners. Miller, a 6-4, 250-pounder from Tempe Desert Vista, was named Pac-10 Freshman of the Year after catching 56 passes for 552 yards and six touchdowns. His 56 grabs was tied for first in the nation by tight ends. He was also named to The Sporting News second-team All-america squad.

"For a guy to come in and be as physical at his position, to be as versatile and as smart, and to be as productive as Zach was, he's the best freshman I've been around," claims Koetter.

Brent Miller, Zach's older brother, Jamaal Lewis, Andrew Pettes, plus newcomer Jovan Williams make this a deep group. They are joined at the wideout position by All-America candidate Derek Hagan, a senior from Palmdale, California. Hagan, who gets better and better, caught 83 passes for 1,248 yards and 10 scores. If he stays healthy he'll shatter all the school's career receiving records, and is an early candidate for the Fred Biletnikoff Award, given annually to the nation's best receiver.

In addition to Hagen, the receiving corp returns Terry Richardson, Matt Miller and Moey Mutz. The trio combined for 93 catches for 1,438 yards and 10 touchdowns. Joining the mix will be two highly touted freshmen, Brandon Smith from Bakersfield West, and Chris McGaha from Phoenix Moon Valley. Last year McGaha caught 81 passes for 1,593 yards and 22 touchdowns for the 4A state champs.

The key position will be the offensive line, and A-State looks solid. The Devils are deep, talented and experienced. Only one starter graduated. All-Pac-10 lineman Grayling Love could move from tackle to center. Sophomore Mike Pollak, a Tempe Corona del Sol product, started four games, and could back up Love at that position. Senior Chaz White, a 300-pounder from St. Johns, and redshirt freshman Brandon Rodd will play left tackle. Young Rodd earned a starting spot at guaranteed before injuring his knee in the second game. During his career, White has started 16 games at guard or tackle. Junior Stephen Berg, a 6-6, 313-pounder from Tucson Canyon del Oro, will flank Love at left guard, while junior Zach Krula, a high school teammate of Love's, will start at right guard. Andrew Carnahan, a second team All-Pac-10 selection, will start at right tackle.

"From a flexibility, depth, experience and productivity standpoint, the offensive line is probably the best position on our team right now," adds Koetter.

Last year's defense showed great improvement over the previous year, and under new coordinator Bill Miller the Devils look to improve even more. Still, the key position will be the play of the defensive line, depleted by graduation losses. Jordan Hill and former Scottsdale Saguaro standout Kyle Caldwell shared the team lead in sacks with seven. Quency Darley and DeWayne Hollyfield are two leading candidates for starting spots. Senior Mike Talbot, a former fullback from Avondale Agua Fria, will switch to defensive end. Newcomers from the high school ranks include Jameon Hardeman from Dallas (Kimball) and Dexter Davis from Phoenix (Thunderbird). Davis, an Super All-State selection at defensive end, finished runnerup in the state wrestling championship, and was a surprise winner in the discus at the state 4A track meet.

Linebackers Dale Robinson and Jamar Williams return for their senior campaign and that position looks solid. So does the secondary, with the likes of R.J. Oliver, Josh Golden, Mike Davis, and Josh Barrett healthy and ready to go.

Freshman All-american Chris MacDonald from Mesa (Red Mountain) averaged 43.1 yards per punt, including seven touchbacks and 16 punts inside the 20-yard line. Junior Jesse Ainsworth will handle the place kicking duties for the third season. He made 18 of 28 field goals. He was 40 for 40 on extra point tries.



Defensive stopper Dale Robinson (Steve Paynter photo).

Sun Devil Newcomers

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Pos	Player / Height & Weight	High School/State
QB	Derek Shaw, 6-3, 215	Oceanside (Oceanside), Calif.
RB	Keegan Herring, 5-10, 190	Peoria (Peoria), Ariz.
RB	Shaun DeWitty, 6-2, 200	Colorado Springs (Doherty), Colo.
WR	Chris McGaha, 6-1, 190	Phoenix (Moon Valley, Ariz.
WR	Brandon Smith, 6-1, 185	Bakersfield (West), Ariz.
TE	Jovon Williams, 6-3, 225	Covina (Charter Oaks), Calif.
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OL	Shawn Lauvao, 6-3, 315	Honolulu (Farrington), Ha.
OL	J.D. Walton, 6-3, 295	Allen (Allen), Texas
LB	Chad Lindsey, 6-0, 210	Houston (Cypress Ridge), Texas
DB	Grant Crunkleton, 5-11, 180	Denver (Mullen), Colo.
DB	Travis Smith, 6-0, 165	Los Angeles (Jefferson), Calif.
DL	Dexter Davis, 6-2, 230	Phoenix (Thunderbird), Ariz.
DL	Jameon Hardeman, 6-2, 246	Dallas (Kimball), Texas

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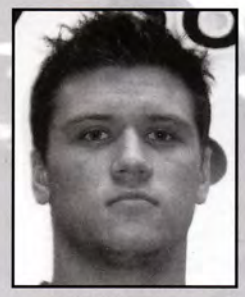
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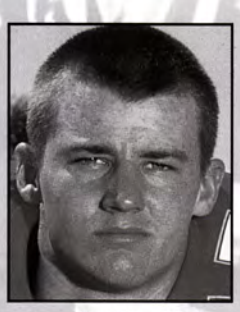
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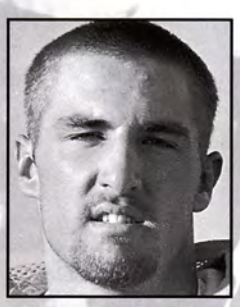
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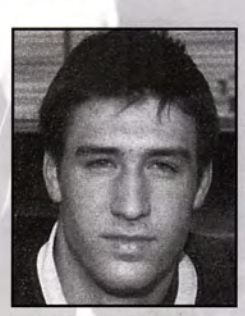
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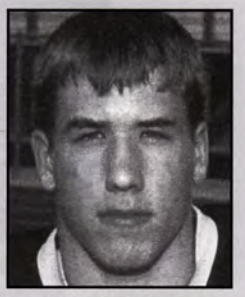
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OL.... Charlie Burmood, Phoenix North, 6-2, 230
OL.... Marcel Jones, Trevor Browne, 6-7, 360 (jr)
LB.... Keaton Kristick, Phoenix St. Mary's, 6-2, 225
LB ... Gerald Munns, Chandler Hamilton, 6-3, 225
DL.... Anthony Freeman, Glendale Cactus, 6-1, 233
DL ... Jon Hargis, Mesa Red Mountain, 6-4, 290
DL ... Max DeWitt, Gilbert Highland, 6-2, 205
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DL.... Dontay Moch, Chandler Hamilton, 6-3, 220
DB.... Mike Callaghan, Phoenix Brophy Prep, 6-1, 180
DB.... Brantwon Bowser, Phoenix Maryvale, 6-1, 180
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Shane McBurney, Basha, 6-3, 195
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Oscar Navarro, Maryvale, 5-9, 185
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Jon Tobin, Cactus, 6-5, 212
Brice Wilkins, Westwood, 6-1, 185
Mitch Wolf, Agau Fria, 6-4, 180 (jr)

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Jalil Brown, South Mountain, 6-0, 205
Terence Brown, Cesar Chavez, 6-0, 190
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Austin Gaysue, Deer Valley, 5-10, 190
Aaron Gentry, Millennium, 5-10, 180
Anthony Groth, Cortez, 5-11, 200
John Hershberger, Highland, 5-10, 200
John Holden, Cesar Chavez, 5-8, 170
Timmy House, Centennial, 5-9, 190
Damian Larke, Mesquite, 5-11, 190
Jay Leal, Westwood, 5-11, 185
Jacques Minifield, Camelback, 5-9, 165 (jr)
Richard Morris, Cactus, 6-0, 230
Tyler Porras, Saguaro, 6-2, 185
Marcus Richmond, Dobson, 6-2, 200
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Spencer Rothery, Chaparral, 5-10, 190
Justin Sims, Chandler, 5-9, 195
Kenton Thomas, Greenway, 6-1, 190
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TIMMY HOUSE
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CHASE TUSHAUS
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Maryvale



MAX DEWITT
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Marcus Coleman, Desert Edge, 5-8, 170
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Travis Hardee, Mountain Pointe, 6-2, 195
Dave Hofmann, Greenway, 5-9, 160
Skyler Hagg, Ironwood, 5-10, 175
Rodney Jankans, Apollo, 5-11, 165
Xavier Lucas, McClintock, 6-4, 190
Ronnie Lucko, Saguaro, 6-5, 210
Nick Martinez, Agua Fria, 6-0, 175
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Joe Middleton, Camelback, 6-5, 200
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Josh Morrow, Mountain Ridge, 6-4, 195
Paul Patino, Westview, 6-3, 225 (jr)
Tony Paul, Mountain Ridge, 5-8, 173
Matt Smith, Brophy Prep, 5-10, 155
Manny Solarez, Cactus, 6-0, 166 (jr)
Demetrius Stewart, Maryvale, 6-0, 190
Reilly Sullivan, Horizon, 5-11, 160
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Dorian Smith, Basha, 6-0, 245

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Blake Behrens, Brophy Prep, 6-4, 255 (jr)
Nate Boren, Skyline, 6-3, 245
Jake Burke, Mountain View, 5-11, 195
Jarvio Burkes, Moon Valley, 6-5, 305 (jr)
Nathan Burns, Glendale, 6-1, 240
Isaac Carrell, Tempe, 6-1, 205
Sam Cassel, Shadow Mountain, 6-4, 235
Henry Castro, Maryvale, 6-2, 245
Andrew Chavez, Cesar Chavez, 6-0, 255
Juan Cruz, Maryvale, 6-0, 250
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Brian Dean, Hamilton, 6-3, 230
Max DeWitt, Highland, 6-2, 205
Antonio Flores, Central, 5-11, 210
Anthony Freeman, Cactus, 6-1, 233
Ben Garbett, Cortez, 6-0, 240
Larry Gibson, Sandra O'Connor, 6-5, 245(jr)
Everson Griffen, Agua Fria, 6-3, 247 (jr)
Paul Guzman, Bourgade Catholic, 5-10, 210
J.D. Hanley, Greenway, 6-0, 245
Trevor Hankins, Chaparral, 6-5, 220
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Mike Moore, Mountain Pointe, 6-1, 205
Joe Munguia, Pinnacle, 6-2, 240
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Jacob Nicol, Sunrise Mountain, 6-1, 240
Will Osolinsky, North Canyon, 6-7, 255
Vinnie Paciulli, Moon Valley, 6-1, 270 (jr)
David Packer, Sandra O'Connor, 6-0, 225
Tony Pawlak, Chandler, 6-3, 205 (jr)
Kris Poindexter, Westview, 6-2, 225 (jr)
Tom Ramsey, Centennial, 5-10, 225 (jr)
Josh Readel, Mountain Ridge, 6-2, 220
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Brennan Rushing, McClintock, 6-2, 220
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Jake Samia, Chandler, 6-1, 250
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Kevin Santiestevan, Moon Valley, 6-3, 305
Steve Shabin, Marcos de Niza, 6-0, 250 (jr)
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Danny Stevens, Highland, 5-10, 200
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Andy Stitt, Corona del Sol, 6-1, 210
Jacob Stucky, Agua Fria, 6-2, 250
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Aric Uhl, Red Mountain, 5-11, 240
Luis Villarreal, North, 6-4, 240
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Sam Ashby, Mesa, 5-10, 190
Andrew Belew, Sunnyslope, 5-8, 185 (jr)
Tyler Best, Estrella Foothills, 5-11, 190
Matt Boatman, Chaparral, 6-1, 200
Logan Bonneson, Thunderbird, 6-0, 180
Brenin Brooks, Greenway, 5-11, 180 (so)
Daniel Crowe, Westview, 6-0, 215
John Crowell, Scottsdale Christian, 6-0, 200
Shawn Deisler, Marcos de Niza, 6-0, 225 (jr)
Josh Dixon, Washington, 5-10, 185
Cody Dowd, North, 6-3, 240
Kyle Flanners, Basha, 5-10, 165
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J.P. Grako, Valley Christian, 6-0, 218
Jerame Guitron, Glendale, 5-11, 195
Daniel Harlin, Camelback, 6-2, 220
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Drew Hixon, Phoenix Christian, 6-0, 220
Jordan Hull, Horizon, 6-1, 225
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Gerald Munns, Hamilton, 6-3, 225
Sam Nielsen, Mountain Pointe, 6-2, 215
Trevor Orth, Highland, 5-10, 180
Mario Perez, Westview, 5-9, 170 (jr)
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Mike Schmitt, Cactus, 6-1, 202
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Mike Greco, Notre Dame Prep, 6-3, 205 (jr)
Dallas Hunter, Millennium, 5-10, 170
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Ryan Keogh, Greenway, 5-10, 180
Greg Lacey, Glendale, 5-10, 185
Jimmy Lee, Apollo, 5-6, 155 (jr)
Chad Lewis, Millennium, 5-9, 155 (jr)
Demitri Mondotte, Notre Dame, 5-10, 175
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Justin Smith, Pinnacle, 6-0, 170
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JUSTIN SAYAS
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Alex Groh, Fountain Hills, 6-3, 210
David Delgadillo, Tolleson, 5-7, 135 (jr)
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With quarterback Brice Wilkins in the lineup, Westwood has a three-year starter who passed for over 1,000 yards, and is a threat to score on any running play (Darryl Webb/The Tribune).

Westwood's Warriors Start On Top

Basic math indicates that your can't win three consecutive state championships until you first win two. Mathematically, Chandler Hamilton is right on track. This fall, veteran coach John Wrenn returns a beefy collection of players from his near-perfect state championship squad which stubbed their toes only once. The Huskies finished the 2004 campaign with a 13-1 record after dismantling Glendale Mountain Ridge 31-7 in the 5A finals at Arizona State. Mountain Ridge, the cinderella squad of the season, finished its season 9-5.

Wrenn, who has won 82% of his games in Illinois and Arizona (and has never lost more than twice in a season in the Cactus State), returns 11 starters - six on defense - including a hard-nosed tailback in Cody Engelbrecht, and two of the best defenders in the Valley in linebacker Gerald Munns and defensive end Dontay Moch, the state 200 meter dash champ. The key position to fill will be quarterback, where all-star Travis Dixon took over 2,000 yards of offense to UNLV.

But the road to the playoffs will be challenged by many, including one of the hard-luck teams from last fall, Mesa Westwood. The Warriors, coached by Roger Suchomel, watched any title hopes go up in smoke when the injury bug hit hard in November. When junior Jay Leal went down late in the season, Westwood lost four positions with one blow.

The gifted Leal was the Warriors' best back, played a mean game at defensive end, handled the punting (42.4), and added enough points (152) as the team's place kicker to lead the East Valley in scoring before his injury. With the return of quarterback Brice Wilkins, who completed 57% of his passes for 1,054 yards and scored three rushing touchdowns, plus seven starters on defense, Westwood has the potential to advance farther into the playoffs than last year's 9-2 unit, which dropped their last two games to Red Mountain and Gilbert Highland.

Several milestones were reached in Arizona high school football last year, and those involved look to continue that tradition. Team-wise, Mesa became the first school in the four-corner states to win 600 games; Mesa Skyline was the victim, 48-33.

Coaching-wise, Mountain Pointe mentor Karl Kiefer joined an elite national list by winning his 300th game, 23-21 over rival Desert Vista. All of Kiefer's wins have come in the Tempe School District, first at McClintock, and now at The Pointe. Three of his McClintock squads won 5A state championships.

For the first time in state history, the AIA will pass out seven state championship trophies. The normal champs will be crowned in 3A, 2A and 8-man, while 5A and 4A will be split enrollment-wise for playoff benefit.

5A EAST VALLEY REGION
1. Mesa Westwood (9-2)
2. Mesa Mountain View (8-4)
3. Mesa (3-7)
4. Mesa Red Mountain (10-2)
5. Mesa Dobson (4-6)
6. Mesa Skyline (3-7)

At **Westwood**, head coach Roger Suchomel returns one dozen starters - seven on defense - from one of last year's best 5A teams before a key season-ending injury doomed the Warriors. Hopefully, Jay Leal, the Warriors' versatile all-state player, is healthy and ready to go. The 5-11, 185-pounder gained 935 yards and scored 17 touchdowns in less than 10 games. He caught 18 passes for 237 yards and another score, kicked five field goals (two over 40 yards), and averaged 42.4 yards per punt. Playing multiple defensive positions, he was one of the Warriors best tacklers. Teammate Kiegan Thompson (5-9, 165) added 491 yards on 80 carries and scored four times. Look for that output to double. Cylend Simmons (5-11, 164), the state 300 meter hurdle champ (37.3), added 268 yards, and shinned on defense, where he was an honorable mention all-region defensive back. He also clocked 14.38 seconds in the high hurdles, and averaged 32.8 yards per kickoff return in the fall. Little Ricardo Garcia (5-8, 160) rushed for 434 yards and four scores. In quarterback Brice Wilkins (6-1, 185), Suchomel has a three year starter, and he's a dandy. Last fall Wilkins completed 93 of 163 passes for 1,054 yards and eight touchdowns. He threw only six interceptions. Watch for him to add to his rushing yardage, where he managed 295 yards and scored three times. His longest TD jaunt covered 80 yards against Phoenix St. Mary's. When called upon he plays a solid role at safety. Wideout Paul Mallory caught 20 passes for 227 yards and two scores. Anthony Turner grabbed six for 56 yards. Besides Leal, the key to the defense might be linebacker Trent Malais (5-11, 200), one of the Warrior's leading tacklers. He's solid from start to finish. Overall, depth should arrive from a near-perfect sophomore squad which lost only once. But the key ingredients come playoff time will be the line. Veterans like Miguel Esparza, Josh Barreda, Rafael Acosta, and Chris Maldonado must step to the front.

After two dramatic trips to the finals, **Mountain View** saw a second round playoff loss to Mountain Ridge end their season at 8-4; the most losses in Toroland since 1992. Over 30 lettermen return, but only five were starters. Two, Dan Huber (6-0, 208) and Justin Howe (5-11, 222), are excellent defensive tackles. Add junior Ridge Nielsen (6-0, 215), a defensive end, to the mix, and Mountain View looks solid across the defensive front. Nielsen started as a sophomore. In fact, with guard Jake Burke (5-11, 195) and center Jeff Hines (6-0, 258) penciled in to start, Mountain View's strength will again reside on the line. Senior Nick Zahring saw action at linebacker. Over 2,000 yards of offense graduated. The skill position players will probably come from an undefeated junior varsity, although young backs like Gain Mack, Riley Nielsen and Micah Yetter saw varsity playing time as sophomores. "We had a good year and the kids played hard," says coach Tom Joseph, who won his 100th game in the profession last year. "If we find a quarterback and improve the kicking game we'll be back."

Watch for **Mesa** to be the region's most improved team, if second-year coach Dennis Parker can find a replacement for departed quarterback Frankie Hoffman, who passed for 2,088 yards for a 3-7 club. Offensive lineman Zach Kellar (6-1, 220), an all-region pick, looks like an early pick for post season honors. Tight end Geoff Garner (6-5, 240) can't be overlooked. He caught 21 passes and averaged 15.2 yards per catch. Linebacker Sam Ashby (5-9, 190) was one of the Jackrabbits' leading tacklers. Junior Brandon Otten (6-2, 245) contributed. Sebastian Siaki (6-0, 200) will get the call at fullback, while Josh Jarvis (5-11, 175) looks like the best player in

METRO 5A TOP 20 POLL

1. Westwood Warriors
2. Hamilton Huskies
3. Maryvale Panthers
4. Brophy Prep Broncos
5. Mountain View Toros
6. Chandler Wolves
7. Gilbert Tigers
8. Mountain Ridge Lions
9. Mountain Pointe Pride
10. Horizon Huskies
11. Marcos de Niza Padres
12. Ironwood Eagles
13. Centennial Coyotes
14. Mesa Jackrabbits
15. Red Mountain Lions
16. Mesquite Wildcats
17. Desert Vista Thunder
18. Corona del Sol Aztecs
19. Westview Knights
20. Cesar Chavez Pegasus

FIESTA REGION NOTEBOOK

Excluding the newly formed Yuma County region, this youngest of the Arizona 5A regions still has three schools with less than 12 years of varsity competition: Hamilton, Mesquite and Highland. Hamilton's 2003 rise to the state title was the fourth fastest in 5A history, behind Westwood (1964), Mountain View (1978), and Desert Vista (1998), which reached the finals in their second and third years of varsity competition. Entering the 2005 campaign, Hamilton will try to be the first 5A school to win three-straight state crowns since Tucson High during World War II. **COACHING**: Gilbert mentor Jesse Parker has 283 wins, third most in state history. The leaders are active coaches: Mountain Pointe's Karl Kiefer (302) and Tucson Amphi's Vern Friedli (296). Hamilton coach John Wrenn won his 200th game last September - with most win in Illinois. **TRIVIA**: Gilbert was 8-0 and Class B (now 2A) state champs in its first year (1923)of varsity football. The Tigers have won a state championship in every 11-man class but 5A. **COLLEGE STARS:** The list is growing for this relatively new region. Former ASU defensive end Terrell Suggs, winner of both the Vince Lombardi and Bronko Nagurski Awards in 2002, is a product of Hamilton High, where he was the 1999 state player of the year as a running back. In the Huskies' first year in 5A competition, Suggs gained 2,274 yards and scored 26 touchdowns. **RECENT PROS:** Chandler has produced several NFL players, most recently St. Louis linebacker Adam Archuleta. Hamilton's Suggs was the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2003 with the Baltimore Ravens.

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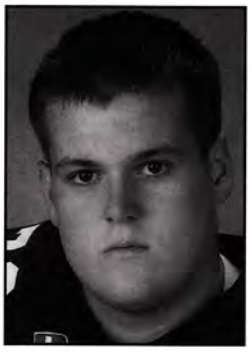
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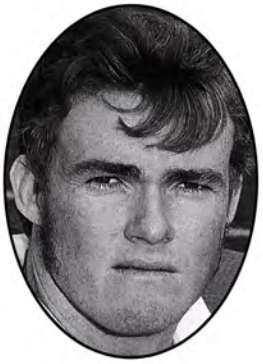
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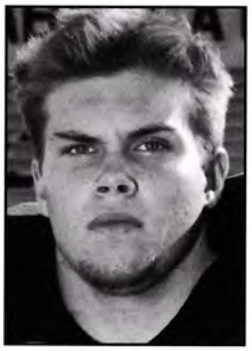
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HONORING ARIZONA'S BEST HIGH SCHOOL LINEMAN

2004 ..... Daniel Borg, Tucson Ironwood Ridge (OL)
2003 ..... John Kadous, Tucson Salpointe (OL)
2002 ..... Kyle Caldwell, Scottsdale Saguaro (DL)
2001 ..... Loren Howard, Scottsdale Saguaro (DL)
2000 ..... Richie Incognito, Glendale Mountain Ridge (OT)
1999 ..... Josh Kirkwood, Phoenix Maryvale (DL)
1998 ..... Brandon Phillips, Tempe Corona del Sol (OT)
1997 ..... Mike Saffer, Tucson Sabino (OT)
1996 ..... (TIE) Ralph Zarate, Tucson (OT)
..... Brian Kula, Phoenix Brophy Prep (DL)
1995 ..... Chris Watkins, Gilbert Highland (DL)
1994 ..... Matt Griffith, Mesa (NG)
1993 ..... Todd Thompson, Tucson Sahuaro (DL)
1992 ..... John Tait, Tempe McClintock (OT)
1991 ..... Willie Walker, Tucson Desert View (DL)
1990 ..... Grady Stretz, Tempe McClintock (DL)
1989 ..... Mike Ciasca, Tucson Sahuaro (OT)
1988 ..... Eric Ipock, Peoria (OT)
1987 ..... Richard Griffith, Tucson Catalina (DL)
1986 ..... Tim Landers, Round Valley (DT)
1985 ..... Gary Pay, Glendale Apollo (T)
1984 ..... Vincent Byrd, Eloy Santa Cruz (DT)
1983 ..... Steve Spurling, Scottsdale Horizon (C)
1982 ..... Richard Bear, Moon Valley (DT)
1981 ..... Frank Rudolph, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)
1980 ..... Tom Briehl, Phoenix Gerard (T)
1979 ..... Dave Wood, Phoenix Washington (DL)
1978 ..... Doug Kellermeyer, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)
1977 ..... Marty Van Gorder, Chandler (C)
1976 ..... Jack Housely, Phoenix Maryvale (DL)
1975 ..... Phil Hedrick, Phoenix Maryvale (T)
1974 ..... Jimmy Moore, Tempe Marcos de Niza (DL)
1973 ..... Jon Abbott, Phoenix Central (T)
1972 ..... Keith Sobraske, Scottsdale Coronado (T)
1971 ..... Mike Dawson, Tucson (T)
1970 ..... Glen Gresham, Phoenix Union (OT)
1969 ..... Roger Kronberg, Tempe (OT)
1968 ..... Fernie Mendoza, Tucson Salpointe (T)
1967 ..... Ken Hatcher, Mesa (C)
1966 ..... Bill Dawson, Tucson (T)
1965 ..... Bill Dawson, Tucson (T) jr.
1964 ..... Richard Griffin, Mesa Westwood (OT)
1963 ..... Curley Culp, Yuma (MG)
1962 ..... (TIE) Gary Swift, Scottsdale Arcadia (T)
..... Bob Bertelsen, Scottsdale Arcadia (T)
1961 ..... Allen Thorn, Phoenix St. Mary's (C)
1960 ..... Ted Lawrence, South Mountain (G)
1959 ..... Dennis Couse, Tucson (T)
1958 ..... Stacey Ostland, South Mountain (C)
1957 ..... Wayne Magnusson, Phoenix West (G)

BRIAN MURRAY, *a 1972 Salpointe H.S. grad, was a three-year starter at Arizona, and projected as a high NFL draft pick, but was killed in a fall at Redington Pass, between the Catalina and Rincon mountains, in 1977.*

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the secondary. Adam Moreno also plays in the secondary. John Rucker was an honorable mention all-region selection as a defensive lineman. Players like Steve Larsen, Nathan Stradling, Reed Turley, and Benson Cotter logged playing time on the offensive line. Over 30 lettermen return and seven are on offense. The sophomore club was improved (6-3), so help is on the way. Still, the key position to fill will be quarterback.

Only four 5A schools won 10 or more games last year and **Red Mountain** was one of them. Veteran Jimmy Jones, the only football coach the school has had, enters his 17th year after posting his 100th win and earning a trip to the quarterfinals. Phoenix Brophy ended the Lions' season with a 24-0 shutout. Although 25 lettermen return, only four started in that game, but one is Jon Hargis, a 6-4, 290-pound blue chip lineman. With Hargis and Kevin Daly (6-2, 230) in the trenches, the defensive line looks solid. Aric Uhl (5-11, 240) is another veteran lineman. Defensive back Nick Orr (6-0, 175) could get the call at quarterback. Skylar Mohr (6-1, 200) can double and running back/linebacker. Little Chuck Henderson, Forest Pratt, Daniel Hugel and Eric Oberg are promising skill position players. Oberg is a junior. "We'll be young, but we could be a playoff team," says Jones, 108-76-3 in the business. "We don't have as many seniors as usual, but both our lines look solid."

Dobson, with playoff hopes last year, slid to 4-6 and missed the show. The Mustangs hope to rebound with 21 letter winners, including several who picked post season honors. If tailback Marcus Richmond (6-2, 200) stays healthy, the running game is set. He gained 1,154 yards on 161 carries (7.2) and scored seven touchdowns.Center Josh EmBree (6-2, 240), linebacker Bobby Johnson (6-0, 230), and defensive end Peter Heying (6-5, 208) were honorable mention all-region picks. Dyshaun Rushing, Charles Green, and Brian McMullen started at one time or another. The Mustangs finished on a high note, beating Tucson Sahuaro 38-34, and Yuma Cibola 33-12 to end their season.

Young **Skyline**, still trying to find a winning formula, enters the season with six returning starters on both sides of the ball. "This is a hard-working group," claims fourth year coach Peter Jonovich. Guard-linebacker Jaron Madson (5-10, 185) was a second team all-region selection at guard. With big Nate Boren (6-3, 245), another guard, and safety Jake Robinson (5-10, 175) returning, it gives the Coyotes three solid players to build around. Robinson and Josh Pearce (6-3, 195) will line up at wide receiver. Kevin Sigman (6-3, 303) is the center, and plays defensive tackle. Anthony Bustamante (5-10, 250) is a two-way tackle. Speedy Troy Lewis gets the call at tailback, and plays in the secondary. Not to be overlooked is linebacker/fullback Derek Smith, who handles the kicking chores when called upon. Since the school's first varsity game in 1999, Skyline has yet to beat a Mesa city school. They hope to change that trend soon.

5A FIESTA REGION

1. Chandler Hamilton (13-1)
2. Chandler (8-3)
3. Gilbert (6-4)
4. Gilbert Mesquite (4-6)
5. Gilbert Highland (9-4)
6. Gilbert Desert Ridge (1-10)

The hottest brand of 5A football in the Grand Canyon State resides in Chandler, where young **Hamilton** has stamped itself as a state powerhouse. Last fall John Wrenn's forces, rebounding from a 37-15 midseason loss to Gilbert Highland, plowed through the playoffs and carted off its second state championship trophy in as many years. Gone from that club is two-year quarterback Travis Dixon, winner of the Fred Enke Award, given annually to the state's best signal caller. He took over 2,000 yards of offense to college (UNLV) and left a big void in the Huskies' offense. But the running game, with the return of Cody Engelbrecht, is set. The 5-11, 190-pound tailback gained 1,298 yards on 174 carries (7.5) and scored 17 touchdowns - two by receptions. The kicking game is

The 300 club

*Last season, Mountain Pointe mentor **Karl Kiefer** became the first Arizona football coach to win **300** games. The state's all-time leaders:*

Wins	Coach/Last School	Overall record
302	Karl Kiefer, Mountain Pointe	302-133-3
296	Vern Friedli, Tucson Amphi	296-118-3
283	Jesse Parker, Gilbert	283-120-4
233	Jim Rattay, Phoenix Christian	233-59-4
227	*Edgar "Mutt" Ford, Westwood	227-64-17
227	*Emil Nasser, Winslow	227-91-8
225	*Tot Workman, Round Valley	225-67-2
224	*Jerry Loper, Chandler	224-104-10
216	Pat Farrell, Phoenix St. Mary's	216-73-2
211	Larry Fetkenheir, Cactus	211-62-4
210	Paul Moro, Blue Ridge	210-33-1
210	John Wrenn, Hamilton	210-45-0
209	*Bernon Benson, Salome	209-155-6
207	Mike Morgan, St. Johns	207-49-4
206	*Bill Mitton, Trevor G. Browne	206-117-2
205	Bob Miller, The Orme School	205-123-8

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2004 STATE 5A PLAYOFF RESULTS:

FIRST ROUND - Glendale Mountain Ridge 38, Paradise Valley 24; Mesa Mountain View 16, Chandler 13; Phoenix Brophy Prep 54, Phoenix Maryvale 20; Mesa Red Mountain 52, Phoenix St. Mary's 7; Tempe Corona del Sol 21, Peoria 17; Gilbert Highland 17, Mesa Westwood 14; Tucson Salpointe 39, Tucson Canyon del Oro 20; Chandler Hamilton 54, Phoenix North 3; **QUARTERFINALS** - Glendale Mountain Ridge 29, Mesa Mountain View 26; Phoenix Brophy Prep 24, Mesa Red Mountain 0; Gilbert Highland 21, Tempe Corona del Sol 17; Chandler Hamilton 42, Tucson Salpointe 24; **SEMIFINALS** - Glendale Mountain Ridge 42, Phoenix Brophy Prep 34; Chandler Hamilton 34, Gilbert Highland 10; **FINALS** - Chandler Hamilton 31, Glendale Mountain Ridge 7.

solid with the return of Dominic Papa (6-0, 170), who booted 62 extra points and five field goals. Tanner Cullumber (6-3, 250) looks strong at offensive tackle. If championships are won with defense - and they are - the Huskies are set. In linebacker Gerald Munns (6-3, 225) and defensive end Dontay Moch (6-3, 220), Hamilton has arguably two of the best players at those positions in the Valley. Munns was a second team all-region pick as a junior. Moch, with 10.81 and 21.80 speed, was a surprise winner at the state 5A meet in the 200 meter dash. With Moch and defensive end Brian Dean (6-3, 230) on the wings, the state champs have the flanks covered with speedy, talented players. Put Alston Gaines (6-1, 230) in the middle and HHS might have the best defensive line in 5A competition. There's good bloodlines in the junior class. Safety Colin Parker (6-1, 200) is the son of former Minnesota defensive back Anthony Parker, and wideout Kerry Taylor (6-0, 175) is the son of former Indianapolis Colts defensive back Keith Taylor. Last year Taylor averaged 14.0 yards per catch and scored twice. Look for the quarterback slot to be filled by junior Brad Grunner, a 6-1, 185-pound signal caller off the Huskies' undefeated junior varsity. "Last year was great, and this year could be better," claims Wrenn, who notched his 200th career win last September.

Rival **Chandler** also has a good collection of players. Veteran coach Jim Ewan, whose teams knock on the playoff door each year, saw it open last fall. A 16-13 loss to Mountain View ended the Wolves season at 8-3. This year's strength resides on the defensive side of the ball. Linebacker Ricky Moore (5-11, 192) and linemen Jake Samia (6-1, 250) are two of the best in the region. Big Sean Humphrey (6-4, 250) and young Tony Pawlak (6-3, 205) are solid defensive ends. Pawlak was an honorable mention all-region selection as a sophomore. Little Kevin Good (5-8, 160) looks like a solid defensive back. The running game is solid. Anton Bernard (5-9, 190) and Justin Sims (5-9, 195) are gamebreakers. Bernard managed 484 yards on the ground and 168 through the air. Sims rushed for 636 yards and averaged over 5.0 yards per carry. Transfer Tony Simmons, a wide receiver from Scottsdale Desert Mountain, could start. A weakness in Chandler's armor appears to be depth, plus untested quarterback prospects. Kyle Hess saw limited action as a sophomore.

Half of the top defensive players at **Gilbert** return, and that's good luck for Tiger fans. Coach Jesse Parker's clubs have always played strong defense, and this year's squad should follow that trend. Safety Cameron Beatty (6-0, 180) leads a good collection of experienced defensive players, including linebackers Wade Johnson (6-0, 195), an all-region pick, Kolt Killian (6-0, 185), Sean Moree (5-10, 170), Ryan Salanoa (5-9, 180) and Micah Parker (6-1, 220). The latter two could tote the ball at fullback. Offensively each snap starts with center John Gutierrez (6-0, 210). Receiver Scott Cardon, tackles Cody Null and Zyven Fontes-Evans, along with guard Brad Chavez could start. Kyle Newhall Caballero, a 6-2, 180-pound junior, will get the call again at quarterback. "We should have made the playoffs," insists Parker, who has won 283 games in Arizona and Texas. "Our quarterback position wasn't solidified until Caballero returned from an injury. He should be a good one for the next two years."

At **Mesquite**, Richard Iverson feels his Wildcats can have a successful campaign if several underclassmen step to the plate. Veterans set for a big season include two-way end Dan Batten (6-2, 225), two-way back Damian Larke (5-11, 190), and wideout/safety Kevin Gallas (6-0, 185), three experienced players. The line looks solid with Eric Jett (6-4, 250), Brandon Pyle (6-0, 190) and Collin Ryno (6-2, 220) set to go. If skill position players like Lucas Smith, Mike Sesma, Jared Baker and Aaron Mendoza step up and perform, Mesquite has a chance to make some noise in the Fiesta Region race.

Graduation took a big chunk out of **Highland's** armor. The Hawks, coached by Preston Jones, were the surprise winner of the tough Fiesta Region, arguably the strongest league in the state. A stunning 37-15 win over Hamilton opened the doors for the region title, and the Hawks took it all the way to the state semifinals. A rematch with Hamilton ended their plans with a 34-10 setback. Only 13 players from the entire roster return. The key returners on defense include two-way end Max Dewitt (6-2, 205), and linemen Danny Stephens (5-10, 200) and Gavin McDowell (6-1, 220). Dewitt, a first team all-region pick, could be one of the East Valley's best players. Stephens and McDowell were honorable mention all-region choices. Quarterback Ryan Fair (5-10, 165) passed for 1,239 yards and 13 touchdowns. Running back Ronald Young (6-0, 195) runs 40 yards in 4.5 seconds, averaged 9.3 yards per carry, and scored six TDs. Young and Trevon Orth (5-10, 180) could start at linebacker. Guard Jesse Johnson and wideout Josh Heniger logged playing time. "We will have a lot of inexperienced players," warns Jones. "It looks like we will be small and slow."

Playing in a tough region, young **Desert Ridge**, in its fourth year of competition, is still looking for a winning formula. Eighteen players return from a team which gave up 477 points in 11 games, so fixing a leaky defense is top priority. "Last year was an eye-opener for a lot of us," says third-year coach Vince Smith. "But this year should be better. We are looking for a breakthrough." The var-

EAST VALLEY NOTEBOOK

Only two Mesa Public Schools, Mountain View (1996-97) and Red Mountain (2000-01), have won back-to-back state crowns. The granddady of the league, Mesa High, has won more games (597) than any team in Arizona history - high school, college or pro. The Jackrabbits first fielded a team in 1920. **COACHING:** The league produced former coaching legend Edgar "Mutt" Ford of Mesa and Westwood fame. Ford, who is deceased, won 227 games before retiring in 1967. He was the 1960 National Coach of the Year, selected by the National Sports News Service in Minneapolis. **TRIVIA:** Four of the largest 5A schools in Arizona last year resided in Mesa: Mountain View (3,688), Mesa (3,668), Chandler Hamilton (3,285), Red Mountain (3,253) and Dobson (3,252) topped the list. In Mesa, enrollment figures include 9th grades from nearby junior high feeder schools. **COLLEGE STARS:** Always too numerous to list, but recent Washington State receiver Sammy Moore was a star receiver at Westwood and later Bakersfield (Ca.) Junior College. In the 2003 Rose Bowl he returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown against Oklahoma. **RECENT PROS: Mesa** - Robert Holcombe (Tennessee), Vai Sikahema (Arizona); **Mountain View** - Joe Germaine (Kansas City), Todd Heap (Baltimore), Kurt Haws (Washington); **Westwood** - Travis Scott (St. Louis), Sammy Moore (Seattle); **Dobson** - Toby Wright (St. Louis); **Red Mountain** - Brian Jennings (San Francisco).

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HUSKIES 63.....Casa Grande 0
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sity is stocked with juniors, many who should start. All-region defensive back Brandon Trowbridge (6-2, 190), who might be the Jaguars' best player, could double at quarterback. If not, junior John Taylor (6-2, 190) is the man. Juniors Jeremy Horvath (6-2, 260) and Keaten Perkins (6-2, 250) are solid two-way tackles. Senior Austin Hendricks (5-8, 160), with 4.6 speed, is the top receiver. The junior class might have the team's best defender, 6-2, 215-pound linebacker Bradley Presher. Last year two freshmen, Alex Valinski and Carlos Pagan, earned varsity letters.

CENTRAL REGION NOTEBOOK

Desert Vista's state championship run in 1998 marked the third time a 5A school turned the trick in its second year of varsity play. Mesa Westwood pulled it off in 1964; Mountain View in 1978. **COACHING**: Veteran Mountain Pointe mentor Karl Kiefer enters the 2005 campaign with 302 wins, best in Arizona history. Fourth-year Desert Vista coach Dan Hinds played for Kiefer at Tempe McClintock, and was the MVP of the 1980 state championship game as a wide receiver/defensive back.

TRIVIA: Kiefer and Corona del Sol head coach Gary Venturo played college football at Arizona State. Kiefer, as a tight end, was the Sun Devils' team captain in 1959, while Venturo was an All-WAC guard on A-State's unbeaten 1970 Peach Bowl champions. Since 1998, Desert Vista has produced two state players of the year: receiver/running back Bobby Wade, and tight end/linebacker Zach Miller.

RECENT PROS: Before Casa Grande bailed out of the league, joining the 5A South four years ago, the Cougars - with the worst winning percentage in 5A football - had three NFL alum: Current Detroit Lions fullback Stephen Trejo, and former players Anthony Edwards (Arizona Cardinals) and Randy Robbins (Denver Broncos). In 1996, Marcos de Niza grad Derek Price was a tight end for the Detroit Lions. Chicago Bears Bobby Wade, a recent wide receiver at the University of Arizona, was the 1998 state player of the year at Desert Vista.

Big bodies

At least 40 players in the Phoenix metro area weigh in at 280-plus pounds, and stand 6-feet or taller, with more than 25 at 300-plus pounds. The metro region's largest players, based on school or coaches reports:

Size	Player	School	Grade
6-7, 390	Oscar Hernandez	Tolleson	senior
6-7, 360	Marcel Jones	Trevor Browne	junior
6-6, 280	Eric Tope	Horizon	senior
6-5, 305	Jaivario Burkes	Moon Valley	senior
6-5, 290	Chris Gastelum	Cesar Chavez	senior
6-5, 290	Jordan Hunter	Mountain Pointe	senior
6-5, 280	Steve Haley	Desert Mountain	junior
6-4, 330	Daniel Limon	Cortez	senior
6-4, 305	John Tryon	Notre Dame Prep	senior
6-4, 300	Bronson McDonald	Deer Valley	senior
6-4, 300	Scott Stewart	Goldwater	senior
6-4, 295	C.J. Walton	Peoria	senior
6-4, 290	Jon Hargis	Red Mountain	senior
6-4, 290	Jordan Vanderford	Centennial	senior
6-4, 290	Lance Reede	Central	junior
6-3, 325	Rusty Stanton	Alhambra	junior
6-3, 315	Tanner Johnson	Trevor Browne	junior
6-3, 305	Kevin Santiestevan	Moon Valley	senior
6-3, 303	Kyle Tilford	Paradise Valley	senior
6-3, 303	Kevin Sigman	Skyline	senior
6-3, 300	Matt Ray	Salt River	senior
6-3, 300	Jacob Bruen	Tolleson	senior
6-3, 295	Jacob Gendreau	Chaparral	senior
6-3, 288	Chris Johnson	Cactus	senior
6-3, 285	Adrian Macias	Peoria	senior
6-2, 325	Jose Lerma	Tolleson	senior
6-2, 310	Larry Barkac	Marcos de Niza	senior
6-2, 300	Bryce Wilson	Ironwood	senior
6-2, 300	Deb Nelson	Mesquite	senior
6-2, 287	Mike Stuart	Cesar Chavez	senior
6-2, 280	Dean Bustillos	Westview	senior
6-2, 280	Brian Stringham	Greenway	junior
6-1, 315	Armando Garcia	Mayrvale	senior
6-1, 300	Isaiah Stell	Cesar Chavez	senior
6-1, 300	Jacob Rudolph	Dobson	senior
6-0, 305	Robert Rater	Buckeye	senior
6-0, 300	Frank Tafoya	Glendale	senior
6-0, 285	Jesus Jaquez	Cesar Chavez	senior
6-0, 285	Chris Grapes	Buckeye	junior
6-0, 280	Jeremy Clark	Cortez	senior

5A CENTRAL REGION

1. Tempe Mountain Pointe (5-5)
2. Tempe Maros de Niza (3-7)
3. Tempe Corona del Sol (9-3)
4. Tempe Desert Vista (5-5)
5. Chandler Basha (8-2)

Last year **Mountain Pointe** helped its veteran coach, Karl Kiefer, reach a major milestone. The Pride's 23-21 win over rival Desert Vista gave the head coach his 300th win - most ever in the Grand Canyon State. Now the Pride would like to go one step farther and reach the playoffs again. They've missed it for three straight years. With 18 lettermen, including six starters on each side of the ball, it might happen. Several key starters, including linebacker Sam Nielsen, return. Nielsen, a 6-2, 215-pounder with 4.8

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speed, led the Pride in tackles and total defensive points. He also starts at guard. Tight end Travis Hardee (6-2, 195) caught only eight passes, but averaged 20.8 yards per reception, and scored twice. He also plays linebacker. Two-way tackle Jordan Hunter (6-5, 290) is the Pride's top lineman. All three players earned all-region recognition as juniors. Safety Jeremiah Jordan (6-0, 185) moved over from linebacker, and will see duty at tailback. He averaged 9.5 yards per carry in a backup role. Defensive end Michael Moore (6-1, 205) is another defensive stalwart. So is Tyler Graff (6-2, 225), another two-way player. The most versatile back looks like Keith Gervais (5-8, 150), who can break a close game open with a kick return. Brad Falk (6-3, 200), who completed 50% of his passes as a backup quarterback, gets the starter's call. If linemen Matt Kelly, Adam Anderson, and Tim King get support from skill position players like A.J. Baer, Jon-Te Gibson, Wesley Smith, Jason Cerecedes, Jesse Villegas and Brandon House, the Pride should be back on familiar playoff ground.

No Central Region team returns as many starters as **Marcos de Niza**. The Padres, under the guidance of Roy Lopez, welcome 30 squad members, including seven offensive regulars and eight defensive players. In fact, several of the region's top players wear the Padres' brown & gold, including linebacker A.J. Anderberg (6-2, 215), safety Jerome Cooper (6-0, 180), nose guard Roy Rojas (5-10, 225), linebacker Shawn Deisler (6-0, 225), guard Jimmy Klingensmith (6-2, 190), guard Peter Molina (5-9, 200), tackle Steve Shahin (6-0, 250), and linebacker David Oros (5-10, 185). All received post season recognition, and half saw playing time as sophomores. Rojas and two-way tackle Richard Hernandez (6-2, 265) are good wrestlers. D.J. Lewis, Adam Reyes, Phillip Howard, Michael Flatten, and big Larry Barkac, a 310-pound tackle, started at one time or another.

Corona del Sol got a taste of the playoffs and liked it. Coach Gary Venturo's club played one dozen games before exiting after a close loss to Gilbert Highland. Only 12 players with varsity experience return, but several were key figures, and all reside on the line: Mitchell Hunt (6-2, 260), Andy Stitt (6-1, 210), and Robert Holbrook (5-11, 230). Eric Williams, Justin Clare, and Jeff Zunino add depth. Little Kevin Hager (5-8, 150), an all-region place kicker, also returns. Whoever starts at quarterback will have

SOUTHWEST REGION NOTEBOOK

Since moving up to Class 5A in 1999, Peoria High has a better winning percentage in 5A than they did in 4A. The Panthers have won four of the past five region crowns. **COACHING:** Doug Clapp is the veteran, with a 166-48-6 record in 18 seasons, including 4A state titles in 1986, 1987, and a tie with Tucson Sahuaro in 1994. Clapp's winning percentage at Peoria (.776) is the fourth best among active Phoenix metro coaches. **TRIVIA**: Peoria is the grandfather of the league, Sunrise Mountain the baby. Peoria fielded a varsity team in 1923. Legendary Mesa coach Edgar "Mutt" Ford, the 1960 National High School Coach of the Year, was a Peoria alum, and coached the Panthers between 1934-38. **NEWCOMERS:** Sunrise Mountain is in its second year of 5A ball, after five years in 4A competition. Tolleson, back in 5A again, has produced two Arizona Players of the Year in the past three seasons, running backs Michael Bell and Marcus Thomas. **RECENT PROS:** Former Peoria receiver Eric Guliford played with the Carolina Panthers, Minnesota Vikings and New Orleans Saints.

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two promising receivers to throw to in Matt Mosley (5-11, 190) and Casey Schreiner (6-1, 185). Ironically, Schreiner might get the QB call. Matt Finstad, Matt Saba, and Aaron Kuhl look like good two-way skill position players. "We had a great senior-dominated team," says Venturo about his 9-3 squad. "If we work hard over the summer and mature early in the season we'll do fine."

Although a lack of depth cost **Desert Vista** in several close games, the Thunder played almost everybody tough. If skill position players step up, Dan Hines feels his team has a shot at the playoffs. Two players, linebacker Justin Sayas (5-10, 210) and center Kyle Haug (5-10, 220), could be stalwarts on each side of the ball. Sayas can play running back. Haug joins the defensive line. Defensive end Mike Murphy (5-11, 200), plus receivers Mike Barker (5-10, 165) and Eric Blake (5-10, 170) give the senior class leadership. In a run-oriented offense, Barker caught 11 passes for 130 yards, second best on the team. Juniors to watch include linebacker Avery Battle, lineman Steve Lambe, plus place kicker Jordan Litke, who booted 28 extra points, three field goals, and even scored a touchdown. "We beat some good teams early, but then lost some close games," says Hinds. "We have a very competitive schedule. It's a great opportunity."



Brophy quarterback Conor Hearn versus Paradise Valley (Steve Paynter photo).

The new kid on the Central Region block is **Basha**. The young Bears, coached by Tim McBurney, grew so fast they leaped from a 4A independent schedule to a 5A slate in two years. All 11 offensive starters and nine defenders return. Key players include quarterback Shane McBurney (6-3, 195), the coach's son, center Dorian Smith (6-0, 245), plus linebacker Kyle Flannery (5-10, 165). McBurney, one of the state's best intermediate hurdlers (38.6), completed 58% of his passes for 1,296 yards and 14 touchdowns for an 8-2 team. He threw only five interceptions. Little halfback Danny Kennan was the leading ground gainer with 1,173 yards and 17 scores. Justin Evans, a good kick returner, averaged 24.7 yards per reception and caught five touchdown passes. Other key players include tight end Steven Yena, tackles Keith Taylor and Josh Barkley, defensive end Robbie Tarwater, defensive backs Tony Kraft, Will Ewing and Trace Wallace, linebacker Jeff Whitlock, plus place kicker Sam Herbert. Junior Tom Henderson, a transfer from Colorado, could help at linebacker. This will be the Bears' first year with seniors.

5A DESERT VALLEY REGION

1. Phoenix Brophy Prep (11-2)
2. Scottsdale Horizon (5-5)
3. Phoenix St. Mary's (7-4)
4. Paradise Valley (10-1)
5. Scottsdale Desert Mountain (1-9)
6. Phoenix Shadow Mountain (3-7)

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First-year varsity coach Scooter Molander welcomes 30 lettermen, including 15 starters, as **Brophy Prep** looks like the team to beat again. Last year's unit, coached by Jeff Kearin, finished 11-2 and reached the 5A semifinals. Only Paradise Valley and state runnerup Mountain Ridge beat the Broncos. Bluechip safety Mike Callagan (6-1, 180) is a key player. He was the team's leading tackler with 24 solo stops. Junior quarterback Conor Hearn (6-0, 185) got more than his feet wet. He completed 118 of 226 passes (52%) for 1,729 yards and 16 touchdowns. He threw only two interceptions. Leading receiver Matt Smith (5-10, 155), with 4.5 speed, is also back. He caught 21 passes for 379 yards and two scores. His longest covered 44 yards. Just a junior, Blake Behrens (6-4, 255) might be the Broncos' best lineman. He doubles at tackle and defensive end. Two-way end Rashaad Barnett (6-1, 210) is another good one. Matt Gariboldi and Moose Veldman are experienced, senior linemen. Rahnee Dennard, Mike Giannola, Steve Pursley, Allen Hunter, Mike Gianolla, and Troy Taylor are quality skill position players. Cole Graybill, a transfer from Texas, could play tight end or inside linebacker. "We had a great season last year,"says Molander, a former star quarterback at Tempe Corona del Sol and Colorado State. "Our challenge this year is to build upon it."

Second year **Horizon** coach Steve Casey should have a smoother ride this year, especially since 15 starters return. "We expect to be much improved," claims Casey, who welcomes 27 lettermen. "We have great leadership coming back and an outstanding junior class." With senior Stefan Demos in the lineup, the kicking game is set. He was 100% on extra points, booted six field goals, and averaged 40.2 yards per punt. Wide receiver Reilly Sullivan (5-11, 160), who caught 31 passes for 462 yards, is another dandy. All-region tackle Kyle Kraemer (6-1, 245) anchors an offensive line which features the likes of Frank Valdivia (5-11, 245), Tommy Ohmart (6-1, 240), Alex Chancey (6-0, 220), and Eric Tope (6-6, 280). Quarterback Dax Crum (6-4, 215) is a major figure. Last year he completed 103 of 236 passes for 1,547 yards and 11 touchdowns. But he threw 12 interceptions. Junior Greg Djinis got his feet wet with 18 completions and 223 yards. Ryan Miller and Woody Sanborn add to the receiving corps. On defense linebacker Jordan Hull (6-1, 225) leads the pack. Junior Dan Pela (6-3, 230) can play defensive end or linebacker. Logan Sullivan, Adam Wickham, Alex Valdivia, Riley Michel, Steven Hess and Karl Hess could all start. The Husky junior varsity lost only once and should supply the varsity with plenty of depth.

St. Mary's, trying to rebound under mentor Pat Farrell, reached the playoffs for the first time in five years. The veteran coach, who has won over 200 games (see chart), watched Mesa Red Mountain end his team's season at 7-4 in the first round. But the injury bug hit every bit as hard as the Mountain Lions, and since almost every starter graduated, Farrell and his staff have their work cut out for them. One player who still stands is linebacker Keaton Kristick (6-2, 225), arguably the best in the region. He was one of the Knights' leading tacklers, and a first team all-region selection. Little linebacker Aaron Verlinde (5-10, 175) is right next to him, and might see action at quarterback. Throw in Jonathan Ciani (5-10, 180), who doubles at guard, and St. Mary's has three tough, quick linebackers. Two-way backs Andy Pacheco and Josh Felton saw playing time. Junior Blair Armstrong lined up at fullback. John Richy and Chris Greenhill saw duty on the line. "It was a thrill to reach the playoffs and wear our gold pants again," adds Farrell. "But we do have our work cut out for us, since we lost almost every starter."

It was heartbreak hotel for **Paradise Valley**, ranked as high as No.1 in 5A before an injury shelved arguably the state's best player, fullback/linebacker Matt Clapp. Graduation cleaned out most of Donnie Yantis' starting lineup, including Clapp, who took his player of the year credentials to the University of Oklahoma. Tailback Tomarcus Jordan (6-2, 205), who managed 405 yards in a backup role, steps into the spotlight. He scored seven touchdowns and starts in the secondary. Junior Michael Williams (5-9, 190) averaged 5.1 yards per carry and scored four TDs. Kyle Tilford (6-3, 303) is a force on the line, and goes both ways. So might starters Trevor Fierro and Zach Morris, giving PV experience on the line. Skill position players like Adam Monteilh, Tyler Davis and Micahel Brackney lettered but saw limited action. "Last year was great until the end," says Yantis, a former Trojan himself. "We'll be inexperienced, but I think this group will surprise some people."

For John Burke at **Desert Mountain**, the No. 1 goal in the offseason is to shore up his defense. Last year the Wolves surrendered 325 points in 10 games. If every player played like Luke Semler, a 6-3, 200-pound linebacker, the Wolves would be set. He doubles at tight end and might be one of the best two-way players in the league. Sawyer Merrill (6-1, 215), another linebacker/tight end, gives Burke and his staff two solid players at those positions. Tackle Vince Rio and skill players Ryan Frazier and Phil McCarthy are solid starters. The latter two double in the secondary and play

DESERT VALLEY NOTEBOOK

Outside of the East Valley, this is one of the few regions to break through with 5A championship seasons in recent years. Gold trophies reside at Phoenix St. Mary's and Scottsdale Horizon. St. Mary's, which didn't field a varsity football team until 1938, is one of the state's all-time leaders, with 464 wins and eight state championships. **COACHING:** Almost every varsity coach in the region is new except for Pat Farrell at St. Mary's, who has resurfaced after stepping down three years ago. Between 1978 and 2000, the Knights were 209-69-2 under Farrell, and won four state championships. Jeff Kearin at Brophy Prep and Brian Cole at North Canyon are in their second year at those schools. **TRIVIA:** Brophy's original school colors, green & white, now belong to St. Mary's. The Broncos, which once closed in 1935, reopened in the early 1950s and switched to red. **COLLEGE STARS:** Former Arizona State wide receiver Shaun McDonald, an all-Pac-10 selection in 2002, was a former sprint champion at Shadow Mountain, which recently left the Desert Valley Region and joined the 4A Wells Fargo. Today McDonald plays for the St. Louis Rams. **RECENT PROS:** Besides McDonald, recent Arizona Cardinals tight end Steve Bush is from Paradise Valley. The 1993 Outland Trophy Winner, Rob Waldrop, a Kansas City Chiefs draft pick, was from Horizon, along with tackle Ty Parten, another Chief. Guard Mike Malano (Minnesota Vikings), and recent Denver Broncos backup QB Jeff Lewis are also Horizon grads. St. Mary's alum Damon Pieri and Kevin Scott, both defensive backs, recently played for Carolina and Detroit respectively.

Big schools

Enrollment figures for the Valley of the Sun's largest 5A high schools during the 2003 football season:

Students	High School
3,981	*Mesa
3,657	*Mesa Mountain View
3,527	*Mesa Red Mountain
3,228	*Mesa Westwood
3,126	*Mesa Dobson
3,165	Gilbert Mesquite
3,147	Gilbert
3,073	Chandler Hamilton
2,945	Chandler
2,861	Tempe Desert Vista
2,845	Phoenix Alhambra
2,800	Tempe Corona del Sol
2,645	Phoenix Trevor Browne
2,632	Phoenix Cesar Chavez
2,573	Phoenix Maryvale
2,557	Mountain Ridge
2,494	Gilbert Highland
2,483	Peoria
2,477	Tolleson Westview
2,438	Phoenix North
2,399	Desert Mountain
2,394	Scottsdale Horizon

** Includes 9th grade junior high feeder schools.*
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wide receiver.

Shadow Mountain moves back into 5A competition after a two-year stint in the Wells Fargo Region. Coach Tom Wood's club was hit hard by graduation, but several key seniors, some who started, still reside. The Matadors have good size and experience when Sam Cassel (6-4, 235), Eric Von Hess (6-4, 210), Seth De Young (6-0, 205) and Austin Glenn (6-1, 240) are on the field. Cassel doubles at tight end/defensive tackle. With 4.5 speed, two-way back Mitch Farney is the fastest Matador on the roster. Halfback Eric Young and guard Ogaga Ojamemage started. Seniors David Franco, Drake James and Dick Hanson should start. Juniors Gerald Flunder and Steve Jahnke lettered as sophomores. The junior varsity, which won only two games, could have used them.

5A DESERT WEST REGION

1. Phoenix Maryvale (7-4)
2. Glendale Ironwood (5-5)
3. Peoria Centennial (12-1)
4. Tolleson Westview (5-5)
5. Peoria (9-2)
6. Peoria Sunrise Mountain (6-4)
7. Tolleson (3-7)
8. Avondale La Joya (JV)

Maryvale, talented by young, made an early playoff exit after winning seven regular season games. The Panthers, coached by Tom Bruney, dropped a 54-20 first round game to Phoenix Brophy Prep with seven juniors and two sophomores on defense. They started eight juniors on offense. Tailback/defensive end Jermaine Williams (6-4, 257), a four-year varsity player, has produced back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons. He's a horse, and one of the better defenders in the region. Quarterback Oscar Navarro (5-9, 185) has called the Panthers' signals for three years, passing for over 1,800 yards in the process. He has a flock of speedy receivers to pick from, including Demetrius Stewart (6-0, 190) and Noah Burkes (5-10, 175). Stewart handles the team's punting. Not to be overlooked are Robert Allen (5-7, 170), Deyon Bowser (6-1, 190) and Brantwon Bowser (6-1, 180), the quickest Panther with 4.4 speed. All three play in the secondary. The Bowsers are cousins. On the line, Juan Cruz (6-0, 250), a three year starter, Henry Castro (6-2, 245), and Armando Garcia (6-1, 315) are the key players. Linebackers Eric Williams (6-2, 215) and Michael Davis (6-2, 185), both juniors, are solid players. Eric is the quarterback's brother. Davis had 11 sacks as a sophomore. The Panthers' losses were to three semifinalist clubs (Hamilton, Mountain Ridge and Brophy), and quarterfinalist Canyon del Oro. Missing from the Panthers' schedule is a long time rival game with Trevor Browne. The two teams had played for three decades.

Another junior-dominated lineup resided at **Ironwood**, where the Eagles played .500 ball after 10 weeks. Fourteen starting positions return, including eight on offense. The big gun is wideout Skyler Hagg, a 5-10, 175-pound receiver with 4.5 speed who caught 41 passes for 726

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yards and five touchdowns. He averaged 17.7 yards per catch, played in the secondary, and last spring ran 100 meters in 10.93 seconds and long jumped 23-feet. Quarterback Luke Bakemeier completed 56% of his passes for 1,385 yards and 12 touchdowns. Protection came from several quality linemen, including David Klusnick (6-3, 240), Bryce Wilson (6-2, 300), and Joey Grimes (6-0, 180). Cody Mann, Tyrell Grant-Johnson, Leonard Jackson, Jacori Chavez, Andrew De La Torre, Jason Uhe, Ramon Cordova, and Ryan Lapsley played on defense. Kyle MacLeish handled the punting.

Centennial, in spite of injuries to several key players, roared through to the 4A semifinals, only to be knocked out 14-10 by Moon Valley. "We had an outstanding season," says Richard Taylor, the westside school's only varsity coach. "It was a great bunch of kids. Although we fell one game short of our goal, we still had the best season in our history, and look forward to the challenge of 5A football." Only two offensive starters return, but one is a dandy. With Timmy House (5-9, 190) in the lineup, the Coyotes have one of the best backs in the Valley. The speedy (4.5) House averaged 11.2 yards per carry, gained 1,647 yards, and scored 27 touchdowns - 22 rushing, two receiving, and three on kick returns. On defense he intercepted five passes. Fullback/linebacker Robbie Goetz (5-10, 210) averaged 7.2 yards per carry in a backup role. Shane Mascaranas (5-10, 175), with limited playing time, looks to move in at quarterback. Jordan Vanderford (6-4, 290) and Charles Charvat (6-3, 245) are quality offensive linemen. Tom Ramsey, Craig Gallegos, Ben Perez, and Greg Dorn join Goetz on defense. Entering his senior year, place kicker Ryan Arid has 115 extra points - 77 last year - to his credit. He's kicked four field goals.

More than half the starting lineup returns at **Westview**, plus the Knights welcome a boat load of good players from a near-perfect junior varsity. Without a doubt, the strength resides at defense, starting with end Kris Poindexter (6-2, 225), who is only a junior. Daniel Crowe (6-0, 215), an all-region linebacker as a sophomore, missed last year due to an injury, but is back. Crowe, Mario Perez (5-9, 170), and Paul Patino (6-3, 225) form a solid linebacking crew. Patino starts at tight end. Brandon Williams, Mitch Matthews, Alex Cruz, and Leo Clark can all play defense. Talented two-way back Brendon Crudup (6-2, 205) handles the punting. Lane Bernhardt returns at quarterback. "With the returning starters, plus players from our junior varsity, we should be very formidable," says head coach Jeff Bowen.

Peoria, strong in any class, had their season end in the playoff's first round. Gone from that 9-2 club, which fell to Hamilton and Corona del Sol, is 90% of the offense, including prize tailback Keegan Herring, who took his all-star form and nationally-ranked speed to Arizona State. Veteran coach Doug Clapp welcomes 34 lettermen, but very few starters. Those who did start, like deep back T.J. Jones (5-9, 170) and split end Chris Miranda (5-10, 150), are good ones. Jones, who led the team in interceptions, could see playing time at running back. He carried the ball only 12 times. Richie Gahagen (6-0, 175), the starting free safety, could also get a call at running back. Miranda, with 4.6 speed, took 25 catches for 431 yards and three scores. Dale Hunnewell saw limited time at quarterback, but could get the start. Junior T.J. Simpson is a promising wide receiver. The Panthers will have their usual collection of big offensive linemen, including C.J. Walton (6-4, 295), Adrian Macias (6-3, 285), Cory Crawford (6-1, 240), and Joe Manginelli (6-0, 260). Linebacker Marcus Rodriguez, end Gabe Hernandez, and tackle Alex Mireles are key defenders. "We look forward to the challenge in store for us with the new leagues," says Clapp, who has won 77% of his games since 1986. "It will be interesting because of the split with two divisions, with some good matchups before league play starts."

With 24 returning lettermen, **Sunrise Mountain** might earn a playoff ticket. Coach Will Babb's club won six games, and one more win could get them in. Several players who wear the purple & gold might be the best in the region, starting with all-everything Curt Sweeney. The 5-11, 165-pound senior, a first team all-region pick, led the team in receptions, played in the secondary, handled the place kicking, and returned kicks. Halfback Cole Ptacek (5-11, 190), who doubles at linebacker, runs a 4.6 and was the Mustangs' second leading rusher. Ryan Moeller (6-1, 180) starts in the secondary and saw action at quarterback. This year the job is his. In the trenches, Babb and his staff have solid players in Sean Logan (6-4, 270) and Jacob Nicol (6-1, 240), two of the region's best. The Mustangs last reached the playoffs five years ago. This team might do it.

Second year **Tolleson** coach Jon Rohloff looks for a more improved team, especially on the line, where a slew of players return. The Wolverines, always strong at the skill positions, look to players like Matt Ridge (6-2, 240) and Jacob Bruen (6-3, 300) to sew up the trenches.

METRO REGION NOTEBOOK

The most historic region - but not recently the most successful - is the Metro. No league has sent as many players into the college and professional ranks as the Phoenix Union District, which now has schools playing in two regions: 5A Metro & 5A Northwest. However, the state championship throne has eluded the district since 1981. Since the present playoff format was established in 1959, South Mountain (1959), Central (1969 & 1972), Camelback (1974) and Trevor Browne (1981) have won state crowns. South Mountain played in the 1993 finals. **COACHING:** No coach in the district has more than 10 years as the head man. The leader is Tom Brueny at Maryvale (10). The record for wins belongs to former Trevor Browne coach Bill Mitton, who won 206 games in 29 years with the Bruins, and coached in three consecutive state championship games. **TRIVIA:** Between 1913 and 1955, Phoenix Union, which closed in 1982, won 25 state football championships, a national record at the time. In September of 1963, the district reported the school's enrollment at 6,320 students, a state record-high to this date. The school was located at 7th Street & Van Buren. **COLLEGE STARS**: Hundreds, but the most recent is St. Louis Rams rookie safety Jason Shivers, out of South Mountain High and Arizona State University.**RECENT PROS:** Too many to list, but in recent years: **South Mountain** - Terry Fair (Lions), Raymond Perryman (Raiders), Rashad Bauman (Redskins). **Maryvale** - Frank Garcia (Rams), Darren Woodson (Cowboys), Phillipi Sparks (Giants). **Camelback** - Kevin Miniefield (Bears), Darryl Morrison (Redskins), Warren Wheat (Seahawks). **Alhambra** - Eric Johnson (Raiders). **Central** - Trung Canidate (Redskins). **Westview** - Nick Harris (Bengals).

In fact, three 300-pounders dot the roster. Bruen is only a junior. Nathan Aneas (6-0, 200), a strong linebacker, could get the call at quarterback. Two-way back Derrick Woods (6-2, 190), with 4.5 speed, is one of the quickest skill position players in the region. The kicking game is set with all-region pick David Delgadillo back for two more years. Last spring mini-back Anthony Tarkington (5-6, 150) ran 100 meters in 10.79 seconds. "We should have a much improved team," claims Rohloff. "Our line will be better after an extra year of work."

5A NORTHWEST REGION

1. Glendale Mountain Ridge (9-5)
2. Phoenix North Canyon (4-6)
3. Phoenix Trevor Browne (5-5)
4. Phoenix Goldwater (6-4)
5. Sandra Day O'Connor (6-4)
6. Glendale Deer Valley (4-6)
7. Kingman (1-9)
8. Boulder Creek (JV)

Coach Steve Belles and **Mountain Ridge** fans are hoping the post-season run continues. The Lions have recorded back-to-back seasons of 10-1 and 9-5, the latter ending in the 5A finals. Over 30 players who entered Sun Devil Stadium against Hamilton in the state championship game return, including the team's leading receiver, wideout Josh Morrow. The 6-4, 195-pound senior caught 27 passes for 544 yards and seven touchdowns. With 4.6 speed he averaged 20.2 yards per catch. Transfer Tony Paul (5-8, 173), a speedy receiver from Deer Valley, caught 34 passes for 548 yards and six touchdowns. He's a gamebreaker. Chris Johnston (5-11, 177), who starts at safety, looks to move in at quarterback. Junior Ricky Fox is the other candidate. Fullback Matt Pickering (5-10, 230), who doubles at defensive tackle, averaged 6.3 yards per carry and scored twice in a backup role. Blocking up front comes from starters like Josh Readel (6-2, 220), Spencer Ast (5-11, 200), and David Fresenius (6-0, 198). Pickering and Ast are three-year letter winners. If the Mountain Lions get good line play out of incoming seniors like Zach Hernandez, Tom O'Brien, Sinjon Hicks, Peter Fuzi, and Josh Klemm, a playoff ticket might be waiting. Tight end David Campbell (6-2, 230) caught only eight passes, but averaged 21.4 yards per grab. The kicking game looks solid with the return of punter Joe Murillo and place kicker Matt Novek. Murillo's longest punt from scrimmage sailed 56 yards. Novek made 35 of 43 extra points and all five field goal attempts. Wingback Jon Ott was one of seven sophomores who earned a varsity letter. Without them the JV squad still managed an 8-1 record. Sophomore Jeff Lock, a receiver/cornerback, lettered as a freshman.

North Canyon hopes to rebound from a 4-6 season with 13 returning starters, eight which played on defense. End Will Osolinsky (6-7, 255), one of the Rattlers' leading tacklers, leads the pack, which includes linebackers Anthony Llanos (6-2, 225) and John DeLorenzo (5-9, 215), plus defensive backs Mekyel Harrell (5-10, 180), Brett McKendrick (6-2, 185), and Tyler Hausman (6-1, 175). McKendrick, with one dozen catches, was one of the team's leading receivers. Running back Sherrod Austin (6-1, 215), with 4.5 speed, was the leading rusher. He gained 812 yards on 98 carries (8.3) and scored 13 touchdowns. Austin and DeLorenzo have been three-year varsity players. Backs Anthony Hester and David Gergan also contributed. Senior Quenton Martin (5-10, 230) looks like the most experienced lineman. Josh Tompkins, a transfer from Sandra Day O'Connor, is a probable starter at defensive end. For head coach Brian Cole and his staff, the key position to fill in the offseason is quarterback.

Goldwater followed a 5-5 record in 2003 with an improved 6-4 slate last fall. It was the school's first winning season in 14 years. With a handful of key starters returning, Dan Friedman and his staff should keep improving. The key player is quarterback Brian Harvey (5-9, 180), who completed 60% of his passes for 1,299 yards and 14 touchdowns. He threw only seven interceptions. On the ground he averaged 9.1 yards per carry, gained 638 yards, and scored six times. Two running backs, Dan Bayus (5-8, 175) and Scott Gilbert (5-8, 175), return. Bayus gained 508 yards, while Gilbert logged 268. Both start in the secondary, along with Sha Jackson, who doubles at wideout. With Scott Stewart (6-4, 300) and Greg Wilson (5-11, 210) in the trenches, the Bulldogs have two of the better linemen in the region. Jason Wolter and Tim Canfield join them.

Almost every defensive starter returns at **Sandra Day O'Connor**. Rick Mey's club, playing an independent schedule, posted a 6-4 record with very few seniors. They move into the 5A battle grounds with 39 returning lettermen. The head of the class is quarterback Ian Michels (6-1, 195), who completed 109 passes in 195 attempts (56%) for 1,555 yards, 12 touchdowns, and only six interceptions. Just as dangerous on the ground, he averaged 6.3 yards per carry, gained 1,147 yards, and scored 19 times. Defensive end David Packer (6-0, 225), who finished runnerup in the region's wrestling tournament at 189-pounds, junior tackle Larry Gibson (6-5, 245), and defensive back Iain Michael (5-9, 170), one of the school's best athletes, are post season candidates. Gibson and Michael missed games because of injuries. Mix in players like linebacker Austin Nielsen, running back Shane Anderson, two-way end Chris Frey, receiver Andrew Johnson, center Kyle Zorz, wideout Alex Brinbrich, plus backers Chad Duncan and Mike Laurrari, and the Eagles might pull off a few surprises along the way. "We are cautiously optimistic," warns Mey. "Physically, we will be a very strong team, but we will compete against much stronger competition this year."



Ian Michels
O'Connor



Jeff Spitz
North

Improvement is the name of the game at **Deer Valley**, where the Skyhawks won only four games. Coach Sven Christianson has a good collection of returning players, including tailback Austin Gaysue (5-10, 190), a 4.6 back who scored 16 touchdowns and rushed for 1,432 yards. Both Gaysue and defensive back Matt Corven (5-10, 180) were first team all-region selections. Corven was the Hawks' second leading tackler, and intercepted four passes, returning one 60 yards. Linebacker Guy Mauro (5-10, 215) is another solid defender. A.J. Hernandez (6-0, 200), who might start at fullback, is another good linebacker. Two-way tackle Brian Beck (6-1, 255) looks like Deer Valley's best lineman. Place kicker Michael Navarro (5-2, 115) made 28 of 31 extra points and three of six field goal attempts. Bronson McDonald, at 6-4, 300-pounds, was the biggest player on the roster. The Hawks' took a hit when speedy receiver Tony Paul transferred to rival Mountain Ridge, but several players from a good junior varsity could fill in the gap.

First year **Trevor Browne** mentor Randy Ricedorff takes over a Bruin squad depleted by graduation losses. Only two offensive starters return, so Ricedorff and his staff hope a veteran defensive unit can carry the early load. Augie Cortinas (6-1, 175) takes over at quarterback, and he might have the biggest line in the region blocking for him; J.C. Klatt (6-5, 240), Tanner Johnson (6-3, 315), Marcel Jones (6-7, 360), Stephon Browning (6-2, 240), and the midget of the litter, center Phillip Quintella (5-9, 200), like Browning a three-year letterman. Klatt and Jones were second team all-region picks. Jerron Miller, Markell Robinson, Ray Garcia, Oscar Rodriguez, and Jimmy Reynolds are two-way performers. Junior Devon Justis handled the place kicking. "Our staff and players are working hard to make big gains in a short period of time," says Ricedorff. "We have good senior leadership, a great attitude and a good work ethic."

Young **Boulder Creek**, located in Anthem, took their lumps, but play one more year of JV ball before going varsity in 2006. Coach Scott Heideman sees offense as the Jaguars' strength, since eight starters return. Almost every key player is a junior, including running back Nathan Hay, tight end Adam Walter, guard Tyler Gano, plus tackle Anthony Sorensen, a 6-2, 235-pounder. Lineman Joe Rua and middle linebacker Kris Sexton anchor the defense, which looks improved after a year under fire. "Most of our players were playing organized football for the first time," claims Heideman. "But they played hard and have taken that effort into the offseason."

5A METRO REGION

1. Phoenix Cesar Chavez (5-5)
2. Phoenix North (9-2)
3. Phoenix South Mountain (4-6)
4. Phoenix Camelback (1-9)
5. Phoenix Central (2-8)
6. Phoenix Alhambra (0-10)
7. Phoenix Carl Hayden (0-11)

Fast growing **Cesar Chavez** appears to be the early favorite in the Metro Region, where former Tolleson coach Dan Widmaier takes over the job. Defensively, depth and a lack of experience at linebacker is a concern. But the Champions have an extremely large, athletic offensive line, plus a speedy backfield. Senior Andrew Chavez (6-0, 255), was a first team all-region guard. Tackles Mike Stuart (6-2, 287) and Chris Gastelum (6-5, 290) are solid. Gastelum is just a junior. Speedy Terrance Brown (6-0, 190), the leading rusher with 662 yards, can start at free safety. Tailback John Holden (5-8, 170), like Brown, averaged over 6.0 yards per carry. He also returns kicks, and with 4.5 speed is the quickest back on the team. Fullback Reylon Wimbish (6-1, 210), with 4.6 speed, will play middle linebacker. Last year quarterback T.J. Reid passed for 1,029 yards and 12 touchdowns. Little cornerback Jamar Howard clocked a 22.0 in the 200 meter dash last spring.

North, last year's surprise league winner, took an early playoff exit after a thumping by state champ Hamilton in the first round. Still, several key starters, plus improved depth supplied by a good JV squad, keeps the Mustangs' hopes high. Coach Stuart Goldstein returns the region's strongest center, 6-2, 230-pound Charlie Burmood, an all-state selection who doubles at defensive tackle. Both safeties, seniors Max Moyes (6-2, 180) and Jeff Spitz (6-1, 175), were all-region picks. Tight end Cody Dowd (6-3, 240) led the team in rushing (841 yds.), averaged 20.9 yards per catch, starts at linebacker, and led the team in tackles. Wideout Daniel Walters (6-1, 210) caught only 11 passes, but averaged 17.0 yards per catch. Luis Villarreal (6-2, 240) is a solid two-way lineman. Erik Archuletta, a transfer from Gilbert Mesquite, could get a look at quarterback. The Mustangs' turnaround - from 2-8 in 2003 to 9-2 last year - was the best in 5A football, and the school's first winning season since a Dan White-coached team finished 11-2 in 4A competition in 1986.defensive lineman

The Plight of the Cougars

South of Phoenix, down in Pinal County, is Arizona's 10th largest high school, **Casa Grande**. The Cougars, which began playing football in 1931, will enter the 2005 campaign with over 2,900 students on its campus. At the school's request, they will compete in the newly formed 5A Yuma Region, which features Yuma High, Yuma Kofa, Yuma Cibola, San Luis (a 4A school which was granted permission to move up), and the Cougars. It will be the fourth different region the school has competed in in the past four two-year scheduling blocks.

Four years ago Casa Grande opt to compete in the 5A South Region, trying to save traveling expenses and earn more wins. In any sport. That didn't work either. In fact, during their short two-year stint in southern Arizona, the football team was winless, and in 2002 became the first school in state history to lose 11 football games in a single season.

It's a far cry from the school's glorious past. Between the end of World War II and the early 1960s, Casa Grande's athletic plant was a gold mine of talent and successful teams - in almost every sport. Although they were not in the state's largest classification, for almost two decades their track and football teams, coached by the likes of **Al Van Hazel** and **Thomas "Shanty" Hogan**, to name a few, were about as good as you could get. Athletes like **James "Junior" Tate** and **Haywood Sharp** were some of Pinal County's all-time greats.

In it's last stint in 4A competition, Casa Grande, coached by former Cardinals' running back **"Stump" Mitchell**, rode the legs of future Detroit Lion **Steven Trejo** through a 9-3 season and a ticket to the playoffs. Since then nothing has worked.

"With 2,000 less students I could take those track and football teams back then and beat this bunch every time," said a dejected Van Hazel recently. "They don't want to hear that, but it's true. It's sad to see what sports have become there."

In football, it doesn't help that the school changes head coaches as often as most people change their socks. Even former Cougar and Denver Bronco defensive back **Randy Robbins**, who today resides on the school board, couldn't help. During a short two-year stint one of his teams gave up 41.4 points per game. In the past 11 seasons, Casa Grande has had five different head football coaches. Last year's season-opening win over Phoenix Central snapped a 30-game losing streak. It was the Cougars only victory.

Third-year coach **Tracy Stuart** hopes to right the ship with 16 returning lettermen, including eight on offense. Tailback **Kyle Barnett** has an improved line blocking for him, including seniors **Jose Hernandez** (6-1, 307), **Matt Morrow** (6-2, 270), and **Karl Wischhusen** (6-0, 235). Little **Joe Ellis** as a good two-way back. Junior **Kevin Keeton** won honorable mention honors in the secondary as a sophomore. **Derek Johnson** was an all-region punter.

George DeLaTorre, the recent track coach at Mesa Westwood, takes over at **South Mountain**, and is the Jaguars' third coach in two years. He'll be greeted by several all-region selections, including two key players, running back Jalil Brown (5-10, 185), and defensive lineman Chris Smith (5-10, 215). They give the new coach two quality players on both sides of the line of scrimmage. Junior quarterback Robert Benjamin, fullback Daniel Regan, tight end Adam Ortiz, center Jamar Johnson, and guard Mike Larios give the new coach hope for the offense. Defensively, the Jaguars look to Smith and 260-pound tackle Curtis Smith for guidance. Last year, South won four of its last five games.

At **Camelback**, head coach Daryl Phillips hopes last year's outcome is just a memory, and an improved Spartan defense sets a better tone. His club gave up more points than normal, but veteran players like linebacker Daniel Harlin (6-2, 225), defensive end Rogelio Andrade (6-0, 240), plus defensive backs Donnie White, Tiandre Mann, and Antani Ashley give the defense a boost. Andrade and White are juniors. All five players possess good speed. Junior running back Jacques Minifield (5-9, 165, 4.5) managed 340 yards on 76 carries, plus 557 yards on 23 catches. That's an average of 24.2 yards per catch, and his longest reception covered 84 yards. Tight end Joe Middleton (6-5, 200) averaged 22.6 yards on 30 receptions, with his longest covering 71 yards. Both long plays were scoring strikes.

Central, with little depth to start with, suffered key injuries early and struggled through a 2-8 campaign. Coach Kevin Belcher was forced to use several sophomores, and the outcome was predictable. The Bobcats look at three key players for leadership: Tailback Nathan Delafield (5-9, 170), linebacker Nathan McQueen (5-10, 175), and guard Michael Rodriguez (5-11, 280), all juniors. Delafield gained 384 yards splitting time with Daniel Duran and Mark Jackson, who also return. Injured quarterback Jorge Diaz returns, but will get competition from junior Baron Steele, who stepped in and passed for 890 yards in six games. Besides Rodriguez, the offensive line has junior tackle Lance Reede (5-11, 280), plus transfer Eli Vera (6-2, 245) to build around. Middle linebacker Antonio Flores (5-11, 210), a two-way all-region pick who also plays guard, led the team in tackles (63). Two sophomores, Cody VanHorne and Tony Aguilera, could start at defensive end.

At **Alhambra**, the Lions suffered through the first winless season in the 42 year history of the school. So young were the Lions, six freshmen started the last four weeks. Coach Frank Lautt is still looking at a young club, but more depth at the skill positions, plus improved size on the line. "We played with only six seniors," adds Lautt. "That won't work in any 5A league." This fall, except for linebackers Eli Lopez and Jose Sanchez, most of the key players come from the junior class, starting with quarterback/safety Roman Wilson (6-2, 160), one of the team's better athletes. Skill position players like Greg Colter, Gary Bibbs, Sergio Solts, John Spatz, Andrew Hamilton, David Ochoa, and Daniel Parker give Lautt and his staff better depth and experience. Junior Rusty Stanton, a 6-3, 325-pound tackle, joins Derek Gredinger, Sam Saenz, Cesar Enriquez, and Joseph Rodriguez on the line.

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October 6th
Sunnyslope at Millenium

October 7th
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October 13th
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October 20th
Saguaro at Greenway

October 27th
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Centennial running back Timmy House gained 1,647 yards rushing last year and found the end zone a total of 27 times for the Coyotes, who will be competing at the 5A level this fall.

Millennium, Cactus Early Favorites

No championship game in memory had a more historic second half performance by the winner than last year's 4A finals, won by Phoenix Moon Valley. The Rockets, coached by Roger Britson, rallied from a 28-point deficit at halftime to beat Glendale Cactus 45-34. The score was 34-6 after two periods. The contest was the first of a 4A/5A championship double header, played in a slight drizzle before just under 9,000 fans at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe.

Moon Valley finished 14-0 after winning the Skyline Region, but realignment and the crazy splitting - enrollment wize - of the 4A schools in half has brought forth a rearranged league, one which is arguably the strongest in the state. The Rockets are now in the 4A Wells Fargo, joining Cactus (12-2), Glendale Independence (9-3), Prescott (7-4), Phoenix Greenway (5-5), and Glendale Apollo (4-6). The Hawks were the only member with a losing record last fall. Up-and-coming Independence, coached by Kelley Moore, used to be on everybody's homecoming schedule. Not anymore. Even Prescott is on an upswing. And if Greenway is back to normal - and here's betting they will be - this region could produce five playoff teams. But only if they don't beat each other up along the way. "We got where we were competitive in the old Desert Sky Region," says Moore, now in his fourth year with the Patriots. "But this will be different. It will test our depth more than before. It might take a while."

No high school in Arizona history had ever put as many points on the board as Moon Valley did last year. The Rockets scored 703 points, recorded 7,167 yards total offense, and added 279 first downs (32 vs Phoenix Washington). Quarterback Brian Wriston, an NAU signee, threw for a state record 49 touchdown passes, 22 to Arizona State signee Chris McGaha, The Arizona Republic's state player of the year. McGaha's 82 receptions for 1,593 yards also led the state.

Like in past years, 4A schools look to produce nearly as many Division I football signees as the larger 5A schools. In fact, in the past five years, four different 4A athletes have won player of the year honors, selected by at least one media outlet. Two, running backs Mike Bell (Arizona) and Marcus Thomas (UTEP), were from Tolleson High, which resided in 4A at the time. Another, former Sunnyslope quarterback Mike Nixon, is in the Los Angeles Dodgers' farm system.

From a coaching standpoint, long time Cactus mentor Larry Fetkenhier joined the 200 win club. His team's early-season win over Scottsdale Saguaro notched his 200th triumph as a head coach. He enters the 2005 campaign with a 211-62-4 record, including two years in Grand Blanc, Michigan. At least 16 Arizona coaches have now won over 200 football games.

4A WELLS FARGO REGION

1. Glendale Cactus (12-2)
2. Phoenix Greenway (5-5)
3. Phoenix Moon Valley (14-0)
4. Glendale Independenc (9-3)
5. Prescott (7-4)
6. Glendale Apollo (4-6)

At the high school level, team's with exceptional passing games are competitive, year after year. Look for **Cactus** to bounce back from a heart-breaking loss in the 4A finals on the arm of senior Jon Tobin. The 6-5, 212-pounder, who saw playing time as a freshman, completed 77 passes in 193 attempts (40%) for 1,191 yards and 11 touchdowns. He threw nine interceptions. Look for most of the catagaories to improve. His legs did damage also, gaining 192 yards on 87 carries and scored nine times. The Cobras' kicking game, always strong, looks near-perfect with all-state kicker Ezra Ricks (6-0, 180), who also plays linebacker and defensive back. Last year he made 35 extra points and 10 field goals. With 4.6 speed he was one of the team's best tacklers. Anthony Freeman (6-1,233) and Mike Schmitt (6-1, 202) join Ricks to form a solid unit at linebacker. Both earned all-region votes as juniors. Throw in lineman Daniel Monnarez (6-0, 268), and the Cobras' defense looks improved. Jake Liber (6-3, 205) looks solid at defensive end. The offense looks more explosive than usual. Richard Morris (6-1, 230) gained 1,019 yards on 147 carries and scored 12 touchdowns. His longest run covered 63 yards. All three receivers, Jordan Flores, Richard Moreno and Manny Solarez, return, and that's bad news for the opposition. Flores, a 6-1, 170-pound junior, was the leader with 20 catches for 471 yards – an average of 23.6 yards per reception. Tight end Travis Hawthorne caught his share also. Good protection on the line comes from the likes of Chris Johnson (6-3, 288), Brian Pigati (6-1, 273), Shane Estrada (6-0, 235), and the usual collection of large offensive linemen. "As always our expections are high," says Fetkenhier, whose team opens on the road at Mingus Union. "But or region is brutal and so is our non-region schedule."

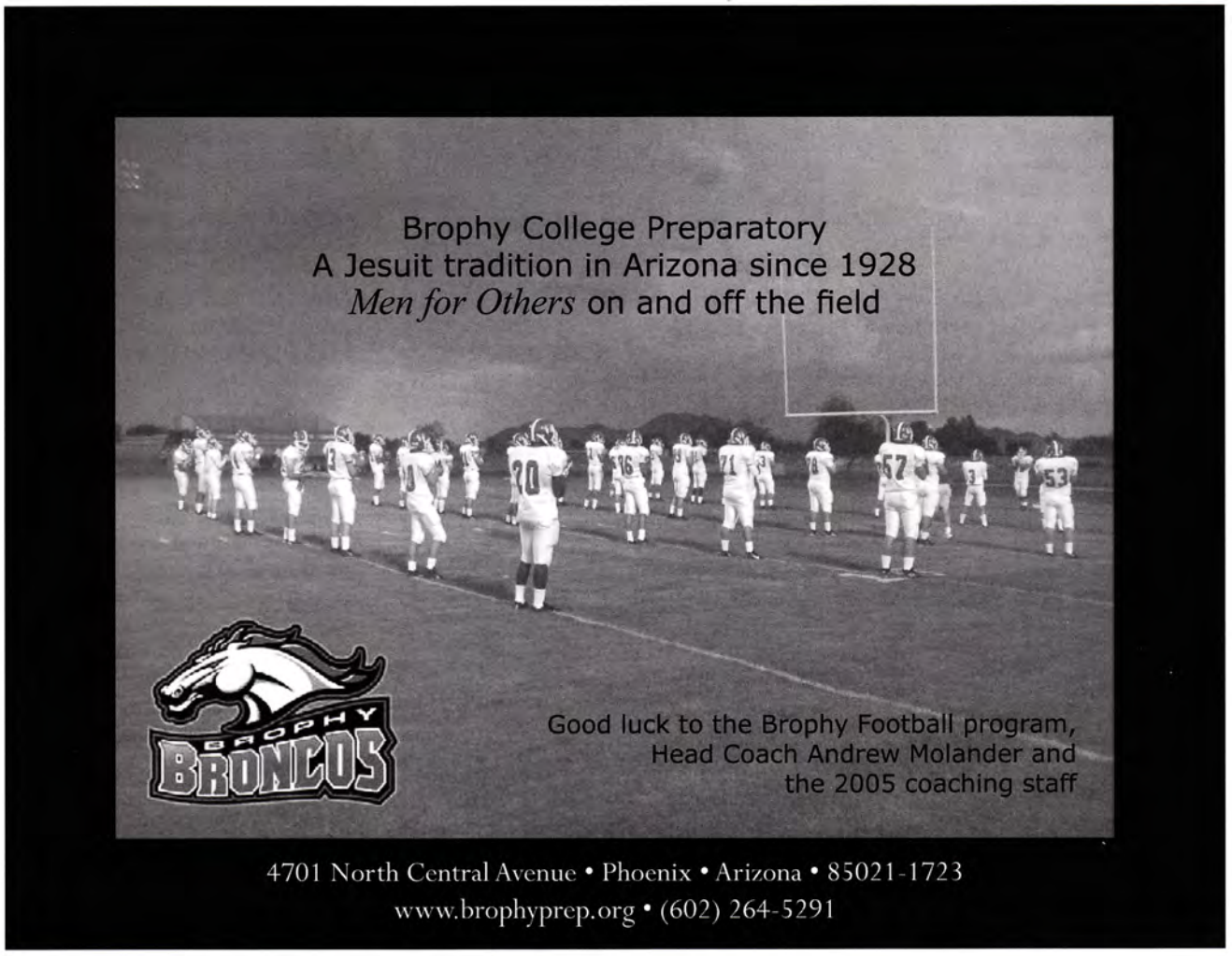
Last year's 5-5 finish ended six straight playoff tickets for **Greenway**, where coach Mike Brown welcomes seven exceptional defensive players to right the ship. Two of the best defenders look like tackle J.D. Hanley (6-0, 245) and back Ryan Keogh (5-10, 180). Both were second team all-region picks and high on the defensive charts for tackles. Strong safety Nick Certo will be a four-year letterman. Senior Dave Hofman was a first-team all-region cornerback and wide receiver, where he caught 25 passes for 518 yards and six scores. He averaged over 20 yards per catch, as did tailback Kenton Thomas, another four-year letterman who led the Demons in rushing. Thomas and Hofman give Greenway two exceptional defenders in the secondary, and both were members of the Demons' mile relay team which finished second in the 4A state meet. Not to be overlooked is middle linebacker Brenin Brooks, a 5-11, 180-pound sophomore who recorded 43 unassisted tackles, and found enough energy to catch 28 passes for 642 yards. Most of those passes came from quarterback Nate Hodges (5-11, 170), one of the state's leading throwers. Hodges, a good baseball player, completed 123 of 221 passes (56%) for 1,999 yards and 19 touchdowns. He threw nine picks. Since Thomas and Hofman handle the kick returns, and place kicker Ben Cordova returns, the kicking game looks solid. "We'll be a lot better," states Brown, whose non-region schedule includes Millennium and Cienega from Tucson. "Five wins and five losses is not acceptable around here."

METRO 4A TOP 20 POLL

1. Millennium Tigers
2. Cactus Cobras
3. Saguaro Sabercats
4. Chaparral Firebirds
5. Greenway Demons
6. Moon Valley Rockets
7. Tempe Buffaloes
8. Coronado Dons
9. Sunnyslope Vikings
10. Pinnacle Pioneers
11. Independence Patriots
12. Thunderbird Chiefs
13. Desert Edge Scorpions
14. Agua Fria Owls
15. Higley Knights
16. McClintock Chargers
17. Queen Creek Bulldogs
18. Prescott Badgers
19. Notre Dame Saints
18. Glendale Cardinals

Graduation took away over 2,000 yards of offense at **Moon Valley**, but the Rockets return seven starters on both sides of the ball. The defending state champs will find it hard to replace quarterback Brian Wriston (NAU) and wide receiver Chris McGaha (Arizona State), but enough good athletes at other positions will make it intertesting. Coach Roger Britson's newest edition looks solid along the line, with a good, quick linebacker in Isiah Smart. The 6-1, 200-pound smart, with 4.5 speed, recorded 58 solo tackles and a state-leading 19 quarterback sacks. Sammy Salamasina (6-1, 235), Vinnie Paciulli (6-1, 270), Jaivario Burkes (6-5, 305), Kevin Santiestiban (6-3, 305), Matt Forrest (6-1, 230), Demond Bucker (6-1, 205), and Kyle Black (6-1, 245) started at one time or another on the line, and could form the strongest front in the region. Strong safety Cody Bruns (6-4, 205), a good open field tackler, might start at quarterback. In fact, with corners Jowan Johnson and Brandon Redd, plus free safety Steve Thomas joining Bruns in the secondary, the Rockets have that section covered. Tailback Laron Harrington (6-1, 212), the leading rusher with 812 yards and a 7.1 average, is also back. Senior Bently Williams saw action at wideout.

It was a banner year at **Independence**, where the Patriots posted a 9-3 record, the most wins ever at the westside school. Coach Kelley Moore's club was hit hard by graduation, but several key players could cause a few headaches for region foes. Two-way back Marshawn Ross (5-9, 165, 4.5) averaged 29.5 yards on kickoff returns, returned only one punt - for 66 yards - averaged 6.5 yards rushing on 80 carries, and caught three passes for 31 yards. Two linemen who earned all-region acclaim include Diamond Johnson (6-2, 255), who lettered as a sophomore, and junior Jose Sanchez (6-0, 220). Fullback/linebacker Paul Jaramillo (6-0, 210) averaged 5.9 yards per carry in a backup role. Deep back Walter Peoples (6-2, 190) is a good open field tackler who intercepted two passes, returning one for a score. If linemen like Phil McCullough, Gabe Segoviano, Gus Martinez and Pat Cly, to list a few, develope in the offseason, the road through the Wells Fargo Region might be more bearable. Senior Jesse Cardenas was a second team all-region



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Sept. 9	@ North Canyon
Sept. 16	Tucson Sunnyside
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Sept. 30	Gilbert
Oct. 7	Tempe Mountain Pointe
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nose guard. "We had three consecutive winning seasons for only the second time," says Moore, whose team was eliminated by Flagstaff in the playoff's first round. "Now we must prove ourselves in the newer, tougher region."

Improved **Prescott**, 7-4 after an early playoff loss to Scottsdale Chaparral, was also hit hard by graduation, but welcome more than a few key players. Running back Chris Reed (5-9, 185) returns after gaining 882 yards rushing, 429 receiving, plus 553 on kick returns. Wide receiver Todd Citron (6-0, 175) returns with 508 yards receiving, and 556 returning punts and kicks. Citron and Reed, both with 4.6 speed, give the Badgers a real boost in the kicking game. Two-way end Jay Neidecker (6-2, 185) will anchor the defense. Payton Parra (5-11, 235) and Bobby Snyder (6-6, 300) anchor the offensive line. Young Nate Huck (6-1, 160) gets the call at quarterback, while the rest of the positions will be filled by incoming juniors and sophomores. Huck can also play in the secondary. Under the guidance of Lou Beneitone, the Badgers made the biggest turnaround in 4A last year, improving from 1-9 in 2003 to a playoff participant.

4A DESERT SKY REGION

1. Scottsdale Saguaro (11-2)
2. Scottsdale Chaparral (9-4)
3. Phoenix Pinnacle (7-3)
4. Phoenix Thunderbird (6-4)
5. Tempe McClintock (6-5)

Always strong **Saguaro**, absent from the playoff picture in 2003, was back in form. The Scottsdale school, under the guidance of second-year Sabercat coach Mike Reardon, fashioned an 11-2 record and pulled off the biggest upset of the 4A campaign. In fact, the Cats' two losses were to the same school - Glendale Cactus. The Cobras ended Saguaro's run 9-0 in the state semifinals. One week earlier Reardon's crew stunned defending state champ Sunnyside 6-0 in Tucson. Although graduation cleaned out most of the starting lineup, enough quality players return, plus an incoming JV unit which finished unbeaten looks solid. The offense starts with all-region tailback Tyler Porras (6-2, 185), one of the Valley's best backs. With 4.6 speed Porras, a long jumper on the track team, averaged 6.3 yards each time he touched the ball, gained 1,343 yards, scored 13 touchdowns, including one on a pass reception. On defense he recroded 22 unassisted tackles and intercepted two passes. Fullbacks Richard Bloom (6-1, 200) and Adam Coe (6-0, 200), both seniors, could alternate blocking for Porras. Coe has the most experience, having gained 111 yards on 21 carries in a backup role. Both start at linebacker, where Bloom was one of the team's best tacklers. Tight end Ronnie Luko (6-5, 210) was the Sabercats' second leading receiver, catching 14 passes for 193 yards in a run-oriented offense. Two-way back Ryan Ticer (5-10, 185) saw playing time on offense, and will double in the secondary. The rest of the lineup will be filled by last year's reserves, and newcomers from the sophomore class. The big question resides at quarterback. But no matter who wins the job, this year's Saguaro squad will stick with the running game.

Only at **Chaparral** can a 9-4 season be labeled disappointing. Such is the case with the Firebirds, who ended a rebuilding season in the quarterfinals. Almost 30 of Ron Estabrook's varsity players return, including four key all-region selections and the quarterback. Big Nick Neuenfeldt (6-4, 235), the team's signal caller, struggled at times, completing just 40% of his passes for 694 yards and five scores. Look for those marks to more than double, although Chaparral's strength will be the running game. That comes into play each week with the return of Spencer Rothery (5-10, 190), who gained 1,232 yards on 124 carries and scored 18 touchdowns. Junior receiver Vince Coleman (5-9, 180) led the team in catches, grabbing 29 for 536 yards and five scores. Tackle Trevor Hankins (6-5, 220), plus last year's reserves, and new bodies from the junior varsity will make up the offensive line. Newcomer Jacob Gendreau, a 6-3, 295-pound transfer, might help. Hankins is also the Birds' punter. He averaged 38.6 yards per kick, with a longest of 60 yards. In fact, Chaparral might have the best kicking game in 4A ball. Returning for his senior year is place kicker Matt Boatman (6-1, 200), who is also the team's ace linebacker. After two seasons, Boatman has booted 113 PATS, and has a shot at the state record of 169. Defensively, his 56 solo tackles led the team, ahead of linebacker Ben Wolff, who also returns. Only a junior, Rodney Shaw recored 44 solo stops, starting as a sophomore. Defensive back Charlie Campbell is another returner. "We will be inexperienced on both lines," says Estabrook, who has notched 101 wins at the Scottsdale school in 10 years. "But we look forward to the season. We play a great schedule."

Not to be overlooked is **Pinnacle**, the new kid on the block. Nine defensive starters return for Dana Zupke's club, which posted a 7-3 record in his second year. The Pioneers, who missed the playoffs by one game, will miss the all-around play of all-state back Cyrus Igono, an NAU signee, but return enough quality players to make the Desert Sky race interesting. Speedy back Garrett Lee (6-0, 175, 4.5) managed 323 yards on 67 car-

Rocket QB aired it out

*Last year **Brian Wriston** of 4A state champ Phoenix Moon Valley set an all-time state record with **49** single-season touchdown passes. The Grand Canyon State's all-time leaders in that catagory:*

TDs	Player / School	Conference	Year
49	... Brian Wriston, Phoenix Moon Valley	4A	2004
42	... John Beck, Mesa Mountain view	5A	1999
41	... Ryan Kealy, Phoenix St. Mary's	5A	1995
40	... Tim Rattay, Phoenix Christian	2A	1994
38	... Kellen Bradley, Scottsdale Saguaro	4A	2001
37	... Marty Rincon, Tolleson Westview	4A	1993
37	... Tyler Graunke, Tucson Salpointe	5A	2003
36	... John Rattay, Tempe Desert Vista (jr)	5A	1998
36	... Jon Stoner, Glendale Cactus	4A	1999
35	... Max Hall, Mesa Mountain View	5A	2003
34	... Reggie Robertson, Tucson Sahuaro	4A	1999
34	... Mike Nixon, Phoenix Sunnyslope	4A	2001
33	... Jason Lunsford, Phoenix Cortez	4A	1997
33	... Justin Echols, Phoenix Greenway	4A	1998
33	... Porter Caldwell, Snowflake	3A	2002

ries and scored four TDs. He also plays in the secondary, along with Justin Smith (6-0, 170), who could start at wideout. Look for quarterback Garrett Redd (5-10, 190) to improve on his scoring strikes (12), and his passing yards (950), although he completed 60% of his passes. Two-way back Orlando Lazar and linebacker Brett Nicholas are good skill position players. Still, it's the line which has the coaching staff smiling. If Joe Munguia continues to improve, the 6-2, 240-pounder could be a driving force, along with teammates Ray Fleming (6-0, 245) and Zach Gibson (6-1, 240). Newcomer Clay Davie (6-2, 225) might start at center, and can also play linebacker.

Thunderbird, hit early by suspensions, rallied and won six games. Coach Gary Mauldin likes the looks of his defense, where seven full-time starters return. Especially at linebacker, where all-region pick Logan Bonnesen (6-0, 180) leads a fast, tough pack which includes Logan Jewell, Mike Sidebottom, Jess Rodriguez, and Rishpal Saini. Sidebottom doubles at running back, where he gained 424 yards on 73 carries. The Chiefs' best athlete, 6-3, 185-pound senior Cody Wilt, lines up at quarterback, safety and punts. He completed 82 of 152 passes for 1,300 yards with only three interceptions. Colin Penrose, Brett Moore, and Darryn Cancel are good skill position players who can play multiple positions. "We hope our hard work in the summer pays off," says Mauldin, who saw all-state end Dexter Davis land a scholarship to Arizona State. "We are in a new and very tough league. Every team had a winning record. Our non-region schedule is also competitive."

McClintock, missing from the playoff race for two years, earned a post season spot, but took an early exit after a first round loss to Centennial. "We made a nice run at the end to get in," claims third year coach Steve Campbell. "We did it with a fairly young team." Twenty lettermen return, including seven starters on both sides of the line of scrimmage. During the regular season wideout Xavier Lucas (6-4, 190) averaged 20.5 yards on 28 catches, covering 574 yards. Quarterback Gavin Lemusu (5-10, 195) hit 57 passes in 135 attempts for 935 yards and seven scores. A good athlete, he doubles at linebacker, joining Tyler Hinchey (6-2, 215) to give the Chargers a good one-two punch at that position. Two-way linemen Brandon Hicks (6-2, 255) and Brennan Rushing (6-2, 220) are solid players.

4A WELLS FARGO REGION II

1. Phoenix Sunnyslope (8-3)
2. Scottsdale Note Dame
3. Bradshaw Mountain (2-9)
4. Phoenix Washington (1-9)
5. Cactus Shadows (0-10)

Coach Dallas Hickman watched his young **Sunnyslope** squad improve from 6-5 to 8-3 and miss the playoffs by one game. "We were hurt by the strength of our schedule and a lack of playoff points," says the veteran coach. "We won't have an issue with strength of schedule this year." Almost every starter returns, so a region title is in their grasps, And better yet, most of the key players return on defense. Speedy T.J. Campbell (5-9, 175, 4.6) was an all-region pick at defensive back and wide receiver. Andrew Belew (5-8, 185) and Matt Shillington (5-9, 180), both juniors, are tough little linebackers. So is senior Andy Rocha (5-9, 175). Two-way backs like Sean Maraz (6-2, 180) and Chase Corley (5-10, 170) join Campbell to form the region's strongest secondary. Brian Donahue (6-0, 180) and Casey Mahoney (5-10, 200) give the Vikings size and experience on the line. Both are two-way starters. Two key players, 2000-yard quarterback Ben Hornbeck, plus place kicker Rafael Ascencio, must be replaced. "We look forward to competing for the newly structured small school 4A state championship," adds Hickman.

Notre Dame Prep gets its first taste of a complete 4A schedule with 39 returning lettermen, including every returning starter but one. Coach Scot Bemis started only one senior during a one-win campaign which got everybody tested. With a strong, solid line to work with, look for the Saints to be in the hunt. Two-way tackle John Tryon (6-4, 305) is the driving force. If he improves, along with teammates like Chase Tushaus (6-2, 225), John Tidmarsh (6-1, 230), Andy Sinderman (6-1, 250), and Morgan Uribe (6-3, 220), Notre Dame's skill position players will have a much better time than last year. If young Sean Renfree (6-1, 175) learns the offense, the quarterback slot is filled for three years. He has promise. Big Mike Greco (6-3, 205), the Saints' free safety, plus Demitri Mondotte (5-10, 175), are solid defensive backs. Taylor Williams, who also plays in the secondary, handles the punting. Defensive end Paul Gomez and linebacker Kelly Lannan are returning starters. "Last year, playing an independent schedule, was a great learning experience for the kids," adds Bemis. "They've learned what it takes in the offseason to compete on Friday nights."

Washington fell on hard times last year, posting a one-win season after reaching the 4A semifinals the year before. First-year coach Jon Beckford replaces veteran Steve Chisman, and 21 lettermen await him in the locker room. Senior Josh Dixon (5-10, 185), a second team all-region selection, heads a good collection of experienced linebackers, including seniors Daniel Gurrola (6-2, 240) and Jed Relph (5-10, 185). Along with defensive back Martel Watkins (6-0, 170), these four players need to step up if the Rams' defense is to improve. Last year it gave up 408 points in 10 games. Watkins is the team's quarterback, while Relph should be Washington's leading ground gainer.

At **Cactus Shadows**, improvement is the battle cry after a winless season that saw the Falcons yield 52.5 points per game. Second year coach Chad DeGrenier will try to sew up his defense and improve the offense with a boat load of underclassmen, so the Falcons might still be one year away. Four juniors stand out: Quarterback Phillip Aholt, tight end/fullback Kyle Watkins, wideout/cornerback Kyle Foley, and halfback/linebacker Eric Gorraiz. All could be logging plenty of minutes on Friday nights. So could tackle Chris Manship, a 200-pound sophomore who lettered as a freshman. He looks like the Falcons' best young lineman. "If our players mature and work hard in the offseason, we look forward to winning some games," says DeGrenier.

4A EAST SKY REGION

1. Tempe Union (6-4)
2. Scottsdale Coronado (6-4)
3. Higley (5-5)
4. Queen Creek (9-3)
5. Apache Junction (3-8)
6. Scottsdale Arcadia (4-6)

A late-season upset loss to Apache Junction probably knocked **Tempe** out of the playoffs. With 16 returning players, including eight starters, Mark Rhiner and his staff look forward to another competitive season, and a possible playoff berth. Isaac Carrell (6-1, 205), an athletic defensive end, might move to fullback. The move could give the Buffaloes' offense an improved running game. Two-way back Tevron Denman (5-10, 170), linebacker Mike Hammell (5-9, 180), guard Isaiah Tucker (5-8, 250), tight end Jarvis Vason (6-2, 210), and center Justin Reeves (6-

01, 190) give the senior class good leadership. Other potential starters include guard Carlos Jimenez, halfback Raheem Watkins, safety Glenn Baxter, tackle Gene Agnis, receiver John Layfield, kicker Veda Kettigna, and defensive back Raul Alcala, who could get the call at quarterback.

Coronado's fortunates turned around, and the Dons missed a playoff ticket by an eyelash. Head coach P.J. Pasquel welcomes very few lettermen (8), but those who return are solid players. Quarterback Andy Klein (6-3, 193) got his feet wet, completing 50% of his passes for 968 yards and six TDs. Look for junior wideout Nolan Lamb to be Klein's favorite target. Protection will come from two-way tackle Gabe Hernandez, a 5-11, 242-pound senior. Tailback Matt Beltran, another junior, saw playing time and doubles at linebacker. Depth looks to be a weakness.

Fast growing **Higley**, in just it's fifth year of varsity ball, finds itself in the 4A battle grounds. Veteran coach Jim Beall, who won back-to-back state titles at 3A Snowflake, has posted three straight 5-5 campaigns in the 3A South. Last year's promising season was wiped out by injuries in the backfield. If the Knights stay healthy, a playoff berth is possible. A promising collection of underclassmen will mix in with key seniors, like linebacker Elliott Hawks (6-2, 180), and lineman Robert Montano (6-1, 205). Both earned all-region honorable mention honors last year. As a running back, Hawks managed 6.5 yards per clip on 31 carries. Running back Steffan Dotson (6-2, 195) managed 380 yards on 42 carries. He also starts in the secondary with Devin Bryant - who could see action at wide receiver. Two-way tackle Trumaine Sanders (6-2, 250) should spend lots of time on the playing field. "We struggled after we lost our starting running backs," claims Beall, who has won over 100 games in the profession. "We are really excited about going into 4A. We lost only one game between our freshman and junior varsity teams."

Queen Creek, another former member of the 3A South, moves into the new East Sky Region after back-to-back 9-3 playoff performances. Although graduation took a big chunk out of the Bulldogs' armor, veteran coach Curt LeBlanc returns a solid kicking game and plenty of beef on the line. Tough little nose guard Andy Wickizer (5-6, 175), who led the team in sacks (7), joins Garrett Horton (6-1, 210) and Ole Nevitt (6-2, 215) on the line. All three could be forced into two-way play. Place kicker Dominic Gamboa made 28 extra points and six field goals. If called upon he can play in the secondary. "It will be interesting to face new opposition as we move up to 4A," says LeBlanc, who greeted over 100 players in spring ball. "The kids are really excited."

At **Apache Junction**, graduation almost cleaned out the entire varsity roster, but Max Ragsdale's club broke a 22-game losing streak and won three of thier last four games. The Prospectors did a number on Desert Ridge, Tempe and Glendale. Three key regulars on defense return, including tackle Cody Anderson (6-6, 245), linebacker Thomas Wilfe (5-11, 200), and safety Ari Kalan (6-1, 180). All three earned all-region votes. Josh Linden (5-9, 200) was an honorable mention pick on the line. Chris Rodriquez (5-11, 200), who also plays in the secondary, returns at quarterback. Anderson and Rodriquez are three-year lettermen. "We are young and inexperienced," warns Ragsdale. "However, we are growing, and return a veteran staff that has a vision of great things to come."

Newspaper reports list quarterback Alec McDuffie, tackle Dave Hildebrand, and running backs Parker Howell and Jacque Watson as key returners at **Arcadia**, where the Titans hope the new 4A Division II league will improve their fortunes. They show only one winning campaign in the past five.

4A SKYLINE REGION

1. Goodyear Desert Edge (2-4)
2. Glendale (3-8)
3. Buckeye (5-6)
4. Phoenix Cortez (3-7)
5. Bullhead City Mohave (3-7)
6. Dysart (0-10)

Watch out for newcomer **Desert Edge**, where head coach Ryan Felker returns every starter and the region's best quarterback, senior Chase Brunick. In just six games, the 6-5, 205-pound signal caller completed 96 of 177 passes (54%) for 1,487 yards and 13 touchdowns. During a 52-29 loss to Sandra Day O'Connor, Brunick passed for 419 yards and rushed for 105. He also kicked 18 extra points and two field goals. Senior flanker Marcus Coleman (5-8, 170) caught nine touchdown passes. Fullback Ben Mason (5-10, 180) and tight end Brandon Ortega (6-2, 210) saw playing time. Left tackle Roger Lathrop (6-2, 235) might get a call to join the defense, also. Pat Lahaie (5-7, 170), possibly the smallest linebacker in the league, led the Scorpions in tackles. Defenders Deuce Espinoza and Josh Rowell started. "We grew up fast last year," says Felker. "We look forward to a senior-dominated team with all our starters back."

With eight returning starters on defense and seven on offense, **Glendale** looks for a big turnaround also. The Cardinals won only three games, but with so many underclassmen in the lineup, it was predictable. The defense looks solid with three all-region picks, including tackles Nathan Burns (6-1, 240) and Craig Lacey (6-2, 240), plus linebacker Jerame Guitron (5-11, 195). Two-way back Greg Lacey, the team's leading rusher with 873 yards, also returns. The 5-10, 185-pound senior won both the long jump (22-6) and triple jump (44-8) at the 4A state meet last spring. Quarterback Josh Booth (5-10, 175) looks to improve his stats, which saw a 53% completion mark and 511 yards. Last year's young line featured several 300-pounders, including Al Lopez, Frank Tafoya and Ben Watkins. Place kicker Luis Sanchez made 26 extra points and one field goal. "We're very excited about our season," says second year coach Jason Wilke.

Youth played a big part at **Cortez**, where at times the entire starting lineup was underclassmen. Nine Colts return on defense, seven on offense. The big gun is Anthony Groth, a 5-11, 200-pound fullback. His big game came against Cactus Shadows, when he scored seven touchdowns on 22 carries and gained 107 yards. Two second team all-region picks return, tackle Ben Garbett (6-0, 240) and punter Mark Martinez (5-8, 150), who also led the team in receptions. He averaged 22.5 yards per catch. Big tackle Daniel Limon (6-4, 330) and Justin Thompson (6-1, 210) join Garbett on the line, giving the Colts one of the biggest front walls in the region. Halfback Darrell Preston saw duties on both sides of the ball. "We had a lot of close games," says head coach Brian Galbreath, who lost four games by a total of eight points. "We have a senior led team with better depth than normal."

The odd guy out is **Mohave**, located on the Colorado River in Bullhead City. Third-year coach Al Melo likes the looks of 29 returning lettermen, including several of the top linemen in the league. Senior Kyler Johnson and junior Casey Fleming will battle at quarterback. Johnson passed for 586 yards and seven touchdowns last year. Returning starters on the line include Matt Guyer (6-5, 285),

Elio Valenzuela (6-0, 260), Dan Rerdon (5-11, 250), Dan Osuna (6-4, 250), plus newcomer Anthony Green (6-6, 275), who could start immediately. Little Don Tejada (5-8, 135, 4.5) brings speed to the receiver spot. He also starts in the secondary. Clyde Cunningham and Zach Turnbill are solid linebackers. Two years ago the Thunderbirds won seven games. With an improved defense they might match that again.

4A WEST VALLEY REGION

1. Goodyear Millennium (8-4)
2. Agua Fria (6-4)
3. Lake Havasu (6-5)
4. Willow Canyon (JV)
5. Copper Canyon (JV)
6. Ray Kellis (JV)

Few 4A schools in the Valley return as many starters as **Millennium**, where Mark Smith's forces marched into the playoffs with 15 positions manned by underclassmen. State finalist Cactus sent the Tigers home after a competitive 27-14 contest. "We found a way to persevere through adversity and won our region with only eight seniors on the team," claims Smith, who moved over from Glendale. "We play a tough schedule, but return a lot of kids who have played under the lights." Quarterback Kirt Brais has an arsenal of weapons, starting with region player of the year Aaron Gentry (5-10, 180), who gained 1,134 yards, averaged 7.2 per carry, and scored 17 touchdowns - three on receptions. Big Chris Rimer (6-3, 239) anchors the line. But it's the defense which has the coaching staff excited. Tackle Tony Lewis (5-10, 220), linebacker Corey Forshey (6-2, 210), cornerback Chad Lewis (5-9, 155), and end Kyle Mataszewski (6-3, 200) were all-region picks. In fact, the Tigers' secondary intercepted 20 passes. Safety Dallas Hunter (5-10, 170) handles all the kicking. In their opener, the Tigers face Page on Saturday, August 27, in the Kickoff Classic at the NAU Skydome in Flagstaff.

Almost as many underclassmen played at **Agua Fria**. Coach Kelly Epley went through a 6-4 campaign with six sophomores and eight juniors in the weekly lineup. The future looks real bright for 6-5, 250-pound junior Everson Griffen. The all-region defensive end was one of the Owls' leading tacklers, and led the team in sacks (10). As a fullback he managed 6.2 yards per carry and gained 422 yards. Another sophomore who shinned



Jonathan Tobin is a top-rated signal caller for Cactus (Steve Paynter photo).

was quarterback Mitch Wolfe (6-4, 180), who completed 55% of his passes for 1,313 yards and 13 touchdowns. He has two more seasons to tone his skills. His primary receiver, senior Nick Martinez (6-0, 175), is also back. Martinez caught 46 passes for 538 yards and four scores. Both he and offensive tackle Jacob Stucky (6-3, 250) earned all-region honors. George Espinoza and Eric Burger joined him on the line. Junior Tyler Heagney is a solid linebacker.

Lake Havasu, with all-star back Sean Michaels, should make things interesting. In Michaels, the Knights have one of the region's best players, and a potential all-state candidate. The 5-9, 180-pound senior gained 1,588 yards on 180 carries (8.8), and scored 25 touchdowns and 154 points. If he stays healthy, Brett Bending and his staff feel the Knights have a chance for a playoff berth. "We had our first winning season in ten years," claims Bending, whose 6-win season was the school's first since 2000. Quarterback Ryan Vizzard (6-0, 170) added 559 yards passing and 509 yards rushing to the offense. Halfback Eric Lopes (5-9, 170) gained 750 yrds from scrimmage. Receiver Brian Wooster saw playing time. Center Chris Hoag (6-1, 260) handles all snaps on place kicks, and keeps busy in the Knights' fast-paced offense. But to reach the playoffs, Lake Havasu needs to shore up a defense which gave up 329 points. With the offense scoring 354, every game was a shootout. Defenders like Zach Falldorf, Mike O'Neil, Chris Bench, Tai Harper, and Trevor Athay need to buckle down.

Copper Canyon, coached by former Millennium mentor Ron Frank, is one of two schools in the region which opened with freshmen classes only. The Aztecs have one more year of junior varsity ball before joining the West Valley varsity race in 2006. Frank's frosh squad compiled a 6-0-1 record, so the young Aztecs are on the right track. This year's squad will be built around three promising sophomores, quarterback/safety Jared Baldanado, plus tailback/linebackers Tim Hullaby and Dominique Dennis. Over 50 players are expected to suit up.

At **Raymond Kellis**, head coach Jason Golden expects the same turnout, as the Cougars play one more year of underclassmen ball. "Last year we played two JV teams with our freshmen squad," claims Golden. "We ended the season with 67 players." Already several individuals have started to shine, including running back Isiah Mangum (6-0, 205), and tackle Kenny Barnes (6-2, 235), both sophomores. Wide receiver Mike Sanders, end Keith Simpson, and defensive back Alex Duncan are other names to remember.

2004 CLASS 4A PLAYOFF RESULTS:

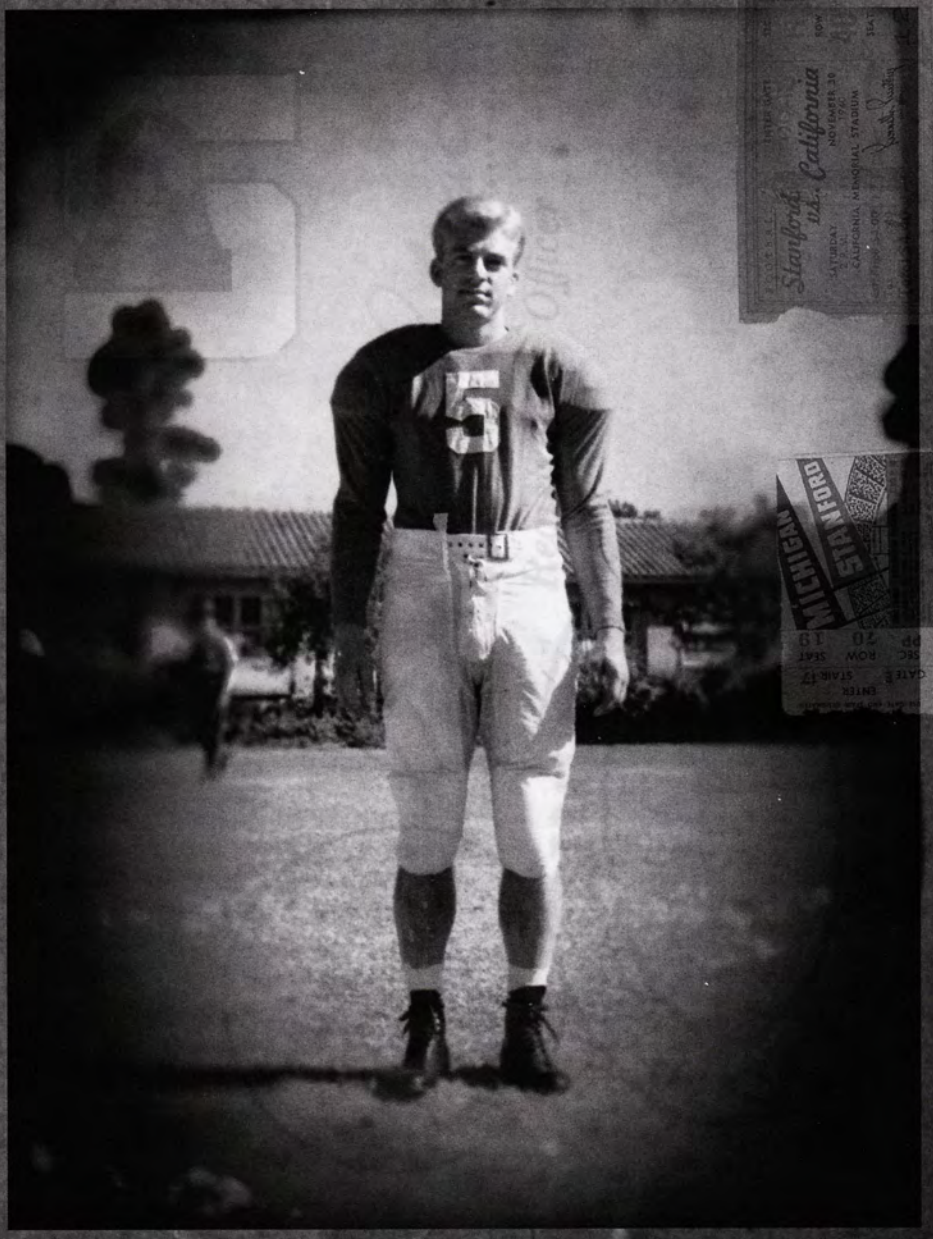
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Valley Christian's Trojans Top Pick

Phoenix Christian, a long-time power in 2A football, knocked on the championship door again and it opened, for the second consecutive year. The Cougars, coached by Jim Rattay, beat Arizona Lutheran 34-33 in a wild semi-final contest, then one week later stuffed unbeaten Valley Christian 10-3 in the 2A finals at Tempe McClintock High School, played before a live TV audience. PC finished 9-2 on the season, losing regular season games to Valley and Lutheran. One year earlier the Cougars knocked out White Mountain power St. Johns 24-7 in the finals. The school has now won seven state championships under four different coaches: Les Finger, Walt Beamis, Keith Brown and Rattay. Rattay earlier won state crowns at Mesa and Desert Vista. This year the preseason favorite among Metro Region coaches is Valley. No school in the Metro Region returns as many all-region picks (7) as the Trojans. In 3A, it looks like another race between Coolidge and defending state champ Lakeside Blue Ridge.

2A METRO REGION
1. Valley Christian (12-1)
2. Phoenix Christian (9-2)
3. Arizona Lutheran (10-2)
4. Phoenix Bourgade (7-4)
5. Scottsdale Christian (5-5)
6. Northwest Christian (1-8)
7. Westwind Prep (JV)

At **Valley Christian**, very few starters departed. The most noticeable was head coach Sean Loomer, who left after guiding the Trojans through a 48-16 six-year stretch, winning 75% of his games. If defense indeed wins championships, VC has a shot. Five key defenders return, including three first team all-region selections: Linebacker Luis Lugo (5-9, 187), defensive back Dane Rymer (5-11, 170), and defensive end/linebacker J.P. Grako (6-0, 218), who has played four different positions during his stint at the school. Rymer and linebacker Reggie Sheffield (5-10, 175) led the Trojans' defense in interceptions. Sheffield, with 509 yards on 70 carries, scored 11 touchdowns and is the top returning running back. Rymer, Philip Roffi (6-0, 180), and tight end Brett Urig (6-2, 210) make up the receiving corps. The big question: Who will play quarterback? Senior Kyle Groth (6-3, 268) is one of the premier lineman in the region.

But don't count out **Phoenix Christian**. Jim Rattay's forces will be ready as always, and this year's edition looks top-heavy with defensive players. Without a doubt the strongest position is linebacker. Two all-region players return: Drew Hixson (6-0, 220) and David Arnds (6-2, 180). Between the two of them they averaged 15 tackles per game. Other defenders who could start include linebacker Rocky Gingg (6-0, 190), tackle Nic Donahue (6-1, 210), ends Corsair Hancock (6-2, 200) and Ryan Willis (6-4, 195), along with deep backs J.R. Jarrett and Demetrius Lavant, to list a few. Several go both ways, like Gingg, who rushed for 610 yards, and look to join guard Noah Grant (5-11, 200), center Brent Owens (6-0, 190), tackle Josh Terry (6-2, 210), plus skill position players like running backs Danny Lazzeri and Jamey Westbrook, along with receivers

Jordan Mitchell and Brandon Troost on the offense. Chad Guzman, who kicked 26 extra points and two field goals, handles the kicking game. The Cougars' magic 9-2 run featured an overtime victory at Yuma Catholic, a win over St. Johns on the road, plus dynamite semifinal and title game wins.

Arizona Lutheran, which dropped a 34-33 heart-breaker in the state semifinals, looks talented at the skill positions, and returns enough key linemen to make another run. "If we can fill a couple spots on the line, find another linbacker, and stay healthy, we'll be one of the last teams standing," predicts Doug Meyer, *Phoenix Metro Football's* 2A Coach of the Year. In 6-4, 210-pound tackle/defensive end Nick Kelley, ALA has one of the top players in the league. Safety Jeremy Burmeister (6-1, 176) was one of the Coyotes' leading tacklers. Halfback Andy Zwick (5-9, 160) averaged 7.7 yards per carry on 97 tries and gained 752 yards. Quarterback Justin Salzwedel (6-1, 185) did more than his share, completing 62 passes in 126 attempts for 1,336 yards and 15 touchdowns. Only three passes were intercepted. Two-way back Drew Schroeder (6-2, 180) is available on either side. Meyer and his staff have a slew of linemen to choose from, including Zach Edwards, Will Groehler, Colin Schroeder, Ryan Gelner, Billy Walters and Brian Mundstock. Additional skill position players on hand include Aaron Jeager, Jeremiah Salzwedel, Troy Merkle, Silas Mueller, and Johns Akers.

In a true rebuilding year, **Bourgade Catholic** won a respectable seven games. Pat Lavin's newest edition could match that, and if so reach the playoffs for the sixth year in a row. The Eagles' playoff run died in Tombstone. Six starters return, and only two are on offense. Two-way lineman Paul Guzman (5-10, 210) is the key player, and the best bet for postseason honors. Jake Thomas, Josh Copeland, and Andrew Dishmon are good skill position players who could get called upon to go both ways. Copeland and Dishman are linebackers. Two-way backs Nate and Nick Prenovost are twins. The 5-9, 165-pound juniors play in the secondary, and contribute to the offense at wideout and running back. Junior Bernie Garcia (6-2, 180) gets the call at quarterback. Halfback Dan Magdaleno, a transfer from Phoenix Brophy Prep, could start. "We will be very young, and play one of the most difficult schedules in the history of the school," claims Lavin, whose slate inclues 3A Chandler Seton Catholic, plus Scripps Ranch, a San Diego area school with 1,500 students.

Under the guidance of third-year coach Jeff Fox, **Scottsedale Christian** has made steady progress. Last year's edition finished 5-5. The last squad to reach the playoffs was 1996. The key position to fill will be quarterback, where departed signal caller will Munsil accounted for close to 2,000 yards passing and running. Running back Kyle Miller and wideout John Desmarchais have big shoes to fill. Linebacker John Crowell (6-0, 200), was third in the team in tackles. Sophomore backer Ryan Tully saw action as a freshman. Zach Glennie, a 6-1, 240-pound junior, looks like the Eagles' best interior lineman. "We graduated a lot of players," observes Fox, "But I am excited to see the progression of our players from the younger levels. Last year's junior varsity lost only once."

Westwind Academy gets its region baptism with a heavy underclassmen squad that won only one game at the JV level. Still, Ryan McCartney and his staff are optimistic that an improved offseason conditioning program, plus a year of experience, will help the Warriors compete better. "We should be able to compete with most teams on our schedule," claims McCartney. Senior leadership is evident on the line in the form of tackles Andy Garcia (6-3, 270) and Jacob Conley (6-2, 250). Underclassmen at skill positions like Robbie Khaler, Pat Verville and Jose Hernandez have at least two yeas to sharpen their skills.

3A WEST REGION

At **Fountain Hills**, veteran coach Jim Fairfield returns a strong core of players from an 8-3 playoff unit which dropped a 28-21 first round game to Queen Creek. Alex Groh (6-3, 210), who caught 26 passes as a junior, will get the call at quarterback. He's also the Falcons' punter, having averaged 36.4 yards per kick, with a longest of 67 yards. Speedy Mike Krause (5-10, 175) averaged 28.3 yards per reception on just 10 catches. Alex Luca (5-10, 195) starts at center, but also plays defensive tackle. Reece Wasson and John Jaynes are two-way skill position players. Ben Hilgemann and H.P. Rollins flank Luca on the line. "Last year a lot of young players gained a lot of experience," says Faairfield, the only football coach the school has had. "We look for our incoming junjor class to fill in the open areas."

A lack of depth and unfortunte injuries to key players led to a 4-6 finish at **Estrella Foothills**. "It was very disappointing," says Mike Welch, who had high hopes before the injury bug hit. "We look forward to moving into the West Region, but not forward to replacing 18 seniors." They won't have to replace Tyler Best, one of the region's best linebackers. The 5-11, 190-pound senior-to-be was the team's second leading tackler. He also plays on the offensive line. Teammates Wayne DeCoste (5-10, 180) and Ben Preslar (5-10, 175) join Best at linebacker. Preslar is just a junior. Backup quarterback Ryan Castro (5-9, 160) takes over the top spot, even though he's a junior. He completed half his passes in a short stint. Kevin Wilkinson (6-0, 225) appears to be the most experienced interior lineman. If skill position players like Chalen Parham, Brett Meyers, Daniel Bateman, Brandon Hickman, Sean Woods and Jake Speckard step up, the Wolves might surprise a few opponents in their new league. Speckard might see time at quarterback.

Early season mistakes cost **Sedona Red Rock** two or three games, but the Scorpions still managed a playoff invite. State finalist Coolidge sent Jim

2A METRO REGION NOTEBOOK

Since 1984, schools from this region have played in 10 state championship games. Phoenix Christian faced Valley Christian in last year's state finals. Phoenix Christian is the oldest football-playing school in the region, Westwind Academy the youngest. The Cougars of PC first played varsity ball in 1955. They were coached at the time by Les Finger and were "mythical" state champs in 1959. **TRIVIA**: When current Bourgade mentor Pat Lavin coached at Agua Fria (1980-82), his star pupil was recent 14-year NFL veteran Randall McDaniel, an all-pro guard with the Minnesota Vikings. **COLLEGE STARS:** The 2000 Arizona 2A Player of the Year, running back/defensive back Jabari Felton-Smith from The Orme School, last year was a defensive back at Texas Tech. **RECENT PROS:** San Francisco 49ers quarterback Tim Rattay (Phoenix Christian), and Tennessee Titan linebacker Armon Williams (Valley Christian), were former all-state selections from the 2A Metro Region.

2004 CLASS 2A PLAYOFF RESULTS:

FIRST ROUND - Valley Christian 42, Antelope 0; Florence 34, Red Mesa 14; Tombstone 49, Phoenix Bourgade Catholic 7; San Manuel 38, Mayer 26; Thatcher 34, Williams 0; Arizona Lutheran 54, Tucson Pusch Ridge 7; St. Johns 33, Winkleman Hayden 0; Phoenix Christian 24, Yuma Catholic 17 (OT); **QUARTERFINALS** - Valley Christian 30, Florence 8; Tombstone 39, San Manuel 29; Arizona Lutheran 33, Thatcher 7; Phoenix Christian 29, St. Johns 6; **SEMIFINALS** - Valley Christian 42, Tombstone 0; Phoenix Christian 34, Arizona Lutheran 33; **FINALS** - Phoenix Christian 10, Valley Christian 3.

Cromartie's young club home early, but almost every starter returns, including nine players on offense. Quarterback Tommy Wyatt (5-11, 160) and tough lineman Eric West (6-0, 220) are three-year starters, and key figures in Red Rock's plans. West has played three different positions, including middle linebacker. With West, linebacker Skyler Hill, end Ryan Schupack, lineman Brett Senger, and safety Danny Wyatt in the lineup, the Scorpions' defense is a solid unit. Seniors David Olsen, Kole Riley, Stevie Tarantino, Zach Egan and Adam Peters have all played. "Their experience and leadership will be the key factor in our quest for a region championship," claims Cromartie, who has had coaching stints in Oklahoma and New Mexico. "Hopefully we can bring some of the younger players along as the season progresses."

It may not show on the scoreboard, but **Chino Valley** is getting better each year. "Our work ethic and commitment, from every player, keeps getting better," claims third-year coach Josh Anderson. "We lost only eight lettermen last year." The Cougars won two of eight games with an underclassmen lineup, so experience won't be a problem. An obvious strength is the line, starting with seniors Nick Seaman (6-2, 220), Marion Briles (6-0, 210), Danny Rubenstein (6-0, 185), plus Brandon Scott (6-1, 215). All four can run well and play both ways. So can little Chris Merwin (5-8, 160), who doubles at wideout and outside linebacker. Ten freshmen and seven sophomores dotted last year's roster.

3A SOUTH REGION

Chandler Seton Catholic, after a 3-6 campaign, hopes to jump back into the playoff picture with 25 returning lettermen, including eight starters on defenss. The key position appears to be linebacker, where juniors Matt Polowski and Thomas Glenn roam. Both started as sophomores. Glenn can also play on the line. Senior Jimmy Nguyen is an experienced defensive back. Wide receiver Michael Fernandez caught 22 passes for 379 yards and five TDs., averaging 17.2 yards per catch. Running back Joe Koestner managed 903 yards on 201 carries and scored 12 times.

Globe, state champs three years ago, has fallen upon hard times. The Tigers have won only two games in the past two years. Coach Mike O'Neal's squad, hit hard by injuries, should be more competitive this year with seven returning defensive starters. Two-way lineman Randy Bejarano (6-2, 230) anchors the line, along with Mark Marcanti, a 300-pound junior. Quarterback Kyle Wager (5-11, 185) and halfback Barry DeRose (5-9, 150) both play linebacker. Skill players Justin Williams, Jacob Montgomery and David Navarro make up the secondary. Two-way end Joe Ortega is only a junior. "We should be more competitive with a larger number of returners and a more forgiving schedule," says O'Neal.

2A EAST REGION

Almost every offensive starter returns at **Miami**, where a predominately underclassmen team finished 2-8. Third-year coach George Medrano welcomes 25 letter winners, including several key players who will see action on both sides of the ball. Two-way lineman Jon David Stapleton (6-4, 260) and wide receiver/defensive back Tyler Pearce (5-8, 170) are four-year lettermen. Running backs Sterling Udom and junior Adrian Canizales both play in the secondary. Chris Perez, another junior, will see duty on both lines. "We will still be young, but a lot of our players have varsity experience," says Medrano, as the Vandals inch closer to the school's 400th victory on the gridiron.

2A WEST REGION

Twenty lettermen from a 3-6 unit greet Kelvin Liermann and his staff at **Maricopa**, where the Rams look for improvement, and a possible playoff ticket. The team is set at quarterack, with 6-0, 175-pound senior Joe Sanchez penciled in. He also starts at safety. In fact, almost every key player goes both ways, including fullback/linebacker Carlos Villa and guard/linebacker Boyd Scofield, both seniors. Junior Joe Zabawa is a two-way back, and sophomore Matt Fierros could start at linebacker, and see duty in the backfield. The offense has potential. During the Rams' three victories, they scored 70, 62 and 48 points.

2A NORTH REGION

Camp Verde is still trying to find the winning formula. Coach and Luke Steege hopes eight returning starters on both sides of the line of scrimmage will help. Last year the Cowboys started six sophomores against eight playoff teams and it resulted in an 2-8 finish. Still, it will be seniors who lead the way. Guard/linebacker Tyler Rezzonico (6-0, 195), a four-year letter winner, joins classmates Pat Logston (6-1, 270), Casey Welsch (5-10, 190), Matt Bradley (5-10, 225), and George Johnson (6-0, 230) on an experienced, senior-dominated line. Wide receivers Alex Lewisd and Luke Hicks make for good targets. The big question is who will play quarterback? That job could belong to junior Zach Hauser. "We expect to improve," says Steege. "The kids are working hard in the offseason. That's where it gets done."

1A NORTH REGION

The Orme School, after back-to-back 7-3 campaigns, must retool its backfield as it moves to the 1A North. The Warriors rode the legs of a senior-dominated running game all the way to the 8-man semifinals. The year it's back to the aiarways. Quarterback Namory Doumbia (5-11, 165) has two solid tight ends in Aaron Davenport (6-3, 190) and Rick Getchell (6-3, 230). Little Nick Yazzie (5-6, 120) takes over at tailback. Newcomer Lashawn Bain, a 6-2, 240-pound sophomore, anchors the young Warriors line. Last year vetern coach Bob Miller notched his 200th win, and is 205-123-8 in the profession.

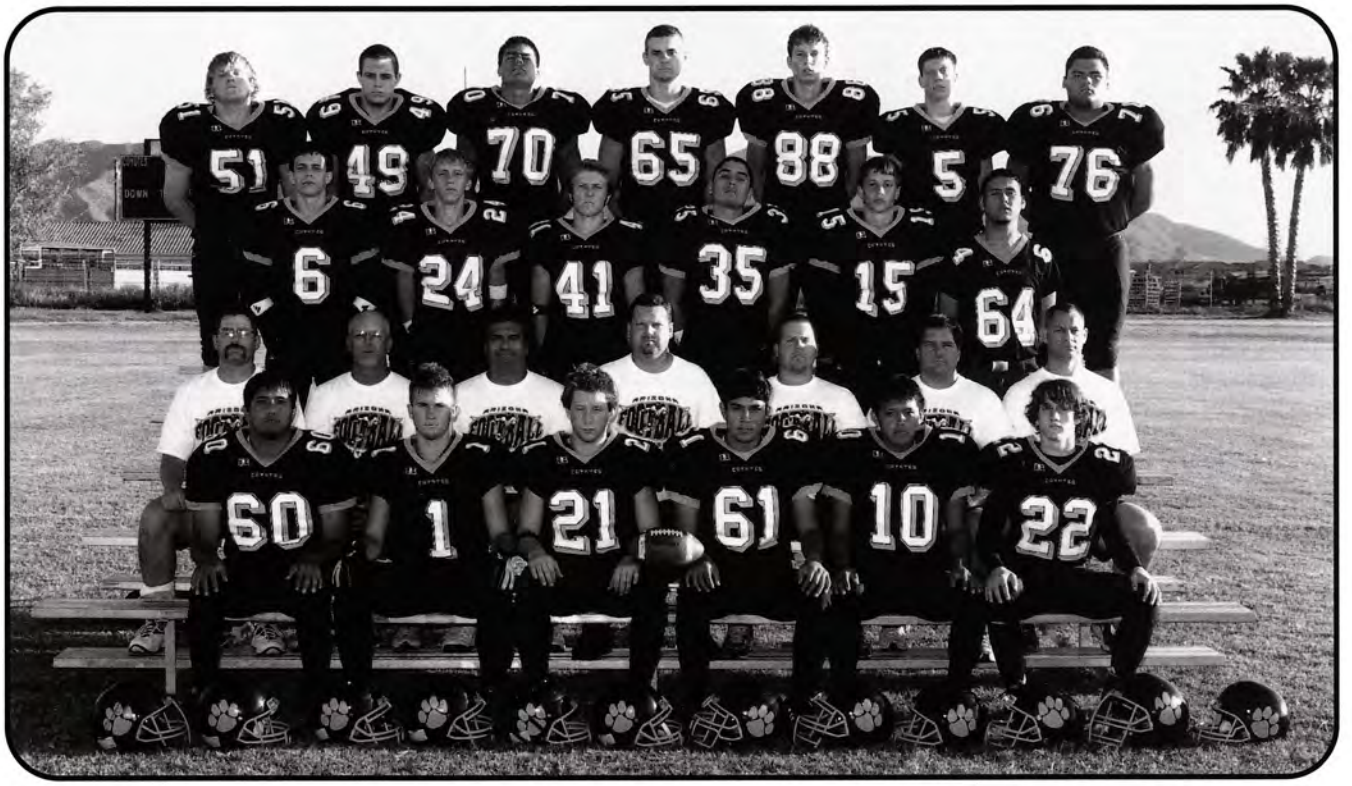
1A WEST REGION

Graduation cleaned out 5,000 yards of offense at **Salt River High**, so head coach Ernie Salazar will see if a veteran line and three freshmen backs can get the Eagles to the playoffs. Senior Mike Jaun (6-0, 260) might be one of the best tackles in 8-man ball. Jaun Guraro (6-4, 230) is the other tackle. Big Matt Ray (6-3, 300) handles the kicking. Sophomore Luke Saunders starts at tight end.

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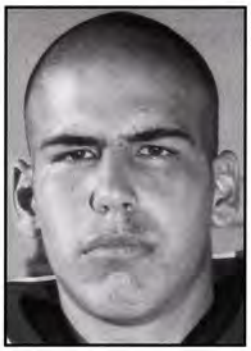
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Mesa High: Carry On



Neither politics, social changes, urban sproul, or a tragic fire has prevented Mesa High from winning more football games than any high school inthe Great Southwest.

By Barry Sollenberger

The state of Arizona, famous throughout the years for its sunshine, cactus and spring training games, has another commodity which has carved a niche into its young sports tradition. Just a few miles southeast of the Capitol City is the town of Mesa - the best high school football community in the state.

No school in Arizona - or the four corner states - has won more football games than Mesa High. No team in the larger 5A ranks has scored more points in a single game than Mesa Westwood; and no school in recent years has won more 5A state championships than Mesa Mountain View.

In the opinion of college coaches and recruiters, not many states in America can match the caliber of high school football as it is played in states like California and Texas. These states, whose population base dwarfs that of Arizona, have become a nursery for future All-Americans and professional stars. There are lover than five million people in the Grand Canyon State, but between 1934 and 1961, when the state had smaller numbers, the Mesa Jackrabbits played 43 games against schools from California, Texas, New Mexico and Utah. Under two different coaches, Steve Coutchie and Edgar "Mutt" Ford, the 'Rabbits won 70% of those games, playing teams from Los Angeles to Port Arthur, Texas.

While coaches like "Fighting" Bob Thomas, Coutchie and Ford became household names, athletes like Norris Steverson, Horace Griffen, Charlie Beall, Wilford "Whizzer" White, Glenn Bowers, Ralph Hunsaker, plus the Livingston brothers, Warren and Andy, became living legends.

The late Ford, the town's most innovative coach, molded a program which gained national stature. At least five of his squads were ranked nationally, and his Mesa teams never lost to West coast schools. The Rabbits' most famous night came in 1954, during a 40-13 shellacking of eventual Southern CIF champion Compton Centennial, and quarterback Paul Lowe. Earlier, his 1950 powerhouse, arguably the strongest in Mesa city histo-



ry, beat California foes Pasadena Muir 41-6 and Covina 49-20 on its way to an unbeaten slate.

When the "Old Grey Fox" stepped down in 1966, his teams at Peoria, Coolidge, Glendale, Mesa and Westwood had won 227 games, lost 64 and tied 17.

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He won eight state championships, seven in the Mesa School System. At Mesa and Westwood, Ford compiled a 177-39-15 mark, trailing only Coutchie, whose 128-48-15 log set the tone.

Long before Arizona State's enrollment boom and the coming of the National Football League, Mesa's autumn life was built around its high school football teams.

"Long before it became the norm, booster groups went into action to lend support, each in its own way, to the coaches and teams," claimed Ed Wiggins of The Mesa Tribune. "The state's first true junior high feeder system was established, with ninth grade classes in separate schools. The edge started there. Mesa's lower level teams often outnumbered its opponent three teams to one."

The real world of Mesa schoolboy football began in October of 1920, when 10 boys who had played the sport at other schools showed up at W.A. Wick's first practice. The population of Mesa was 3,035, and it was so far from downtown Phoenix it took half the day to drive there. Wick helped coach the 1919 South Dakota state champions at Madison, and from the very start to Mesa School Board wanted the best, so they hired him.

Of the 20 youngsters who finally suited up for the school's opener with the Phoenix Indian School, nine had never played football before. The Indians crushed the young Rabbits 19-0. Phoenix High, with an enrollment much larger than Mesa's, showed no mercy and buried Wick's outmanned squad 67-0.

It was also Wick's last year as Mesa's coach.

PLAYERS WITH NO BRAINS

Three different coaches tutored the Jackrabbits in the next three years. It was during the 1921 campaign that Mesa set a scoring record which lasted for 48 years. Ned Newell scored five touchdowns (four on pass interceptions) and Jess Skousen scored four as the purple & gold trounced the college boys from Flagstaff Normal, 88-0. It was the worst defeat a high school team ever handed a college squad in any sport in Arizona.

On Armistice Day, over 2,000 turned out to watch the schoolboys beat the local Legion Town Team 40-12. Although both Phoenix Union and Tucson handed the 'Rabbits a loss, the season ended on a high note with a 66-7 win over Winslow, thanks to Albert Guthrie's four pass interceptions in the secondary.

It was the 1922 squad, coached by Ray Duss, which produced the city's first all-state players: fullback Jess Skousen, end Bill Smith and tackle Duncan Brown, who would later be moved to halfback. The Jackrabbits' substitute quarterback that year was a 20-year old junior, as was star player Skousen. They fit right in during a lopsided loss to the Phoenix Indian School, which featured 20-year-old freshmen.

It was Skousen who scored the game's only touchdown during a surprising 6-0 win over Phoenix High. The victory almost got Duus elected mayor. After the afternoon contest, Mesa High students carried a coffin, borrowed from the local funeral parlor, through town with a sign reading: "Here lies Phoenix High. Died, October 28, 1922."

Although it would be the last time

Mesa defeated Phoenix for what seemed like ages, the 'Rabbits proved it was no fluke with a resounding 38-6 win over Tucson High. Freshman tackle Duncan Brown was the star, blocking three Badger punts.

For the next two campaigns. Elmer Weber became the coach. But he lost support early for his remarks in *The Arizona Republican* following a 13-7 loss to Yuma. "We outweighed Yuma by twenty pounds per player," he said. "We made the same dumb mistakes last week against Phoenix, and we lost that game too. Our players have no brains"

In fairness to Weber, his raw squad managed a 5-5 finish without star Cloyd Simpkins, who had scored seven touchdowns in the first three games, but was declared ineligible after the Yuma contest when he turned 21-years-old.

Although the 1924 campaign was Weber's last, it was also his best. Mesa won eight of 11 games, starting with a 26-6 season opener over Jerome, played at the mining town's infamous dirt and rock field on Mingus Mountain. That was followed by a 47-0 skunking of the Salt River Indian School, and a 40-0 whitewash of Globe, the first football game ever played by the Tigers. In that contest Mesa scored six of its 40 points on three safeties.

Weber protested a heartbreaking 13-7 loss to Nogales in Nogales, when the winning touchdown pass bounced off the ground into the receiver's hands, then realized there was nobody to listen to his protest. The state had no high school governing body yet, as the Arizona Interscholastic Association didn't come into being until 1927 (???).

But the 'Rabbits rebounded as tailback Duncan Brown threw a state record six TD passes and John Riggs scored four times during a 47-13 win over Tucson. Riggs, who later became a legendary football official, then booted a 45-yard drop kick in a 24-14 win over Douglas. Weber's last campaign in Mesa ended with a 47-19 win over Gilbert, that small farm community to the southeast.

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FIGHTING BOB

"Fighting" Bob Thomas took over the program in 1925. His nickname was appropriate. He also found two schools impossible to beat: Phoenix Union and the Phoenix Indian School. The larger Coyotes, who listed over 3,000 students by the new decade, would go on to win 25 state championships in football, one of the best marks in the land.

Like his predecessor, Thomas coached only two years. But his 15-4 mark was impressive. He strength was defense, and during an 8-2 campaign in 1926, all eight wins were shutouts. His star pupil, "Lefty" Blackburn, returned a kickoff 99 yards for a score and sailed a punt 90 yards from scrimmage in the same game, a 51-0 rout of Gilbert. He scored on two consecutive 80-yard punt returns against Yuma, then broke his collarbone in the first period against Tucson, a 26-0 loss. Ironically, his injury was suffered during a punt return, and he was replaced by young Norris Steverson, who later became the school's first NFL player.

THE COUTCHIE ERA

Steve Coutchie arrived on the scene from Illinois during the summer of 1927. In college, he was a reserve quarterback on the same University of Illinois team made famous by Harold "Red" Grange. Before his arrival, Mesa had trouble overcoming the "Phoenix jinx", in almost every sport. The tide soon changed, as he won two state championships on the gridiron and beat Phoenix Union six times, lost five and tied three.

In basketball, Coutchie-coached squads were just as good, winning two state titles and finishing runnerup twice. His track teams were always competitive with the larger Tucson and Phoenix schools, and in 1928 inaugurated the Mesa Relays, which almost amounted to a state meet.

It was during Coutchie's second campaign that halfback Zedo Ishikawa accidentally shot himself. The youngster's last words, "Carry On', became immortal to Mesa High sports, and the decade following his death became a glorious era for football in the city.

THE SOUTHWESTERN LEAGUE

Almost every season under Coutchie made history. His 'Rabbits won the first Mesa-Tempe clash 20-0 in 1928, and the following week lost 7-0 to Flagstaff Normal's freshman squad (today Northern Arizona University). One month later his team played a doubleheader, beating Peoria 14-0, then losing to Phoenix Brophy Prep 12-7 two hours later.

He scheduled a Thanksgiving Day game with Grossmont High near San Diego, but it was cancelled because of flooding in the desert near Yuma. On September 28, 1930, his team played in the first high school night game in Arizona, a 19-0 win over Gilbert, played on Irish Field at Arizona State University. One week after Brophy Prep walloped the Lehi Indians 105-0, Mesa handed the Phoenix school, its only loss, 13-0.

Coutchie's burning desire to upgrade the Jackrabbits' schedule led to his first out-of-state encounter, a 42-7 win over Las Cruces, N.M., in 1934. His "Iron Wall" defense stopped the Bulldogs cold. The purple & gold finished 10-1-1 in 1935, and for the first time met and defeated a Texas school, Austin High of El Paso. By now Mesa was a member of the Southwestern Interscholastic League, a much traveled high school loop which featured Phoenix Union, Tucson, Mesa, Albuquerque High, Las Cruces, and El Paso schools Austin, Bowie and El Paso High. Visiting teams often traveled by train. The league, which crowned a champ in football, basketball and track, soon died out during the Great Depression.

Arizona's first official playoff format for football, bringing together teams from four different regions of the state, took place during the Coutchie regime. In 1936, Mesa, the favorite, was upset by Glendale 6-0 in a semifinal match, handing the Coutchiemen their only loss in 12 games. It was during this season that Mesa beat both Texas schools on its schedule, El Paso High and El Paso Austin. All away games in West Texas were covered by train.

In 1937, a post season game was arranged with Port Arthur, the powerhouse of southern Texas. The Yellowjackets' only loss in three months was a 13-7 setback to eventual state champ Longview. They were tied by Shreveport, the Louisiana champs, 13-13, and beat Massachusetts (??) power Marblehead 24-0. Eighty of the Texan's 337 points resulted from the passing of quarterbacks Bill Steussy and Luther Powell. Mesa, which finished 7-2-1 on the season, countered "Hurling" Horace Griffen throwing to Cy Russell and Norris Enloe.

Before 5,000 chilled fans at Goodwin Stadium in Tempe, Port Arthur prevailed 25-20 in the late December clash. "That was one of the best high school games I've ever seen," wrote George Moore of

The Arizona Republic. The Texans ground game wore down the smaller Jackrabbits, rolling up 285 yards to Mesa's 125. Griffen hit 11 of 28 passes for 125 yards and one touchdown, then scored twice on runs, one from 63 yards.

"Griffen is as good as any quarterback we faced in Texas," said Port Arthur head coach Tom Dennis after the contest. "I'm in favor of these intersectional games, for high school players as well as college. There's a lot of folks who look on this trip as a lot of foolishness, but don't let me hear about it.

"Many of our players are seeing and enjoying things on this trip that they'd never learn in a classroom," he added. "They may never again had the opportunity to come to Arizona. I'm sure the Arizona boys will feel the same way when they come to Texas next year."

The next year was repeat performance, only the score was different. The game was a classic, played before 5,000 fans in Port Arthur. The Yellowjackets took a 28-7 lead into the final stanza before Griffen, in his last season of football, threw scoring strikes to Russell and Nichols, but time ran out. Overall, Griffen completed 17 of 37 passes for 249 yards in a 28-21 loss. The 'Rabbits finished 11-2 on the season, including wins over Davis County, Utah, and Albuquerque High. A 26-21 loss to Phoenix Union, before 10,000 fans in the Capitol City, was the only loss on Arizona soil during an 11-2 campaign.

One year later Coutchie's squad posted an 11-1-1 record, thanks to a 20-touchdown performance by halfback Cornell Fisher, the first black athlete from Mesa to earn all-state honors on the gridiron. Mesa fell to Phoenix Union and battled Tempe to a tie. They again played a double-header, beating Jerome 34-7, followed by a 13-7 win over Clarkdale, both games on Mingus Mountain. They season ended on a high note, a 19-0 win over Albuquerque High.

Between 1927 and 1944, Coutchie finished with a 129-50-15 mark. His .712 winning percentage was one of the best in the state, and to this date one of the best in Mesa's proud history. HIs basketball teams were almost as good, winning Arizona cage titles twice and finishing second twice. His track teams were always near the top, and in 1928 he inaugurated the Mesa Relays, which almost amounted to a state meet. When he stepped down to devote full time to farming a bitter controversy surrounded his resignation.

"I didn't resign, I was fired," he later admitted. "I was fired over a discipline case in class. A boy cussed at me three times. I gave him three chances to apologize, and he cussed me again. So I slapped him."

But Coutchie had set the ground work for coaches to follow. The Mesa School System would continue to flourish in his absence.

FORD AND THE WHIZZER

In 1944, Coutchie's last season, his football squad played 14 regular season games, the most ever by a Mesa school. With sophomore halfback Wilford "Whizzer" White, the 'Rabbits posted a 9-4-1 record, losing twice to Tucson (who was in the midst of a state-record 32 game winning streak), once to Globe, once to El Paso, and tying Phoenix Union.

From Glendale High came Edgar "Mutt" Ford, and the beat continued. If it's not broke don't fix it. Ford's first squad finished 9-3-1. There was little change. The three-sport star at Peoria High graduated from Arizona State College at Flagstaff in 1933, where he played halfback on Rudy Lavik's single-wing formation for three years. Although he became a football legend in Mesa, it's often forgotten that Ford won three state championships in basketball as well.

In three decades of coaching at Peoria, Yuma, Coolidge, Glendale, Mesa and Mesa Westwood, Ford compiled one of the nation's finest records. His football teams went 227-64-17 for a .780 winning percentage. He won eight state championships at three different schools, coached more than 60 all-state players and nine high school All-americans. Many of his victories came out-of-state, including 10 wins in 10 years against top-notch California clubs. He was coaching in Coolidge when he changed from the Notre Dame box formation to the winged-T he used during his last game as a high school coach in 1966, the state finals matchup with Tucson.

"I borrowed the winged-T from Clark Shaughnessy at Stanford," claimed Ford years later. "He took Stanford to the national championship after beating Nebraska in the Rose Bowl. We stuck with it everywhere we went, and it always worked. In Mesa every kid in the system learned it before they got to the varsity."

"But we were really fortunate to have many outstanding young men in the program," added Ford, who insisted he never had a back at Mesa any better than Wilford "Whizzer" White.

THE WHIZZER

Wilford White, who stood 5-feet, 9-inches tall and weighed no more than 165-pounds, set rushing and scoring records which lasted for years. The future Arizona State All-American and Chicago Bears halfback scored a state record 181 points in 1946 on 26 touchdowns and 25 extra points. Along the way he guided the Jackrabbits through a 9-1-1 record. A one point loss to Tucson at midseason and a 26-26 tie with el Paso, Texas, kept the slate from being clean. He also rushed for 1,991 yards, another state record, giving him 4,307 yards and 353 points during his three years in a purple & gold uniform.

One sports writer called White's punting "almost without equal as a high school youngster," after 61-and 75-yard punts against Phoenix North. During a 35-6 win over Bowie High in El Paso, Grevnille Mott of The El Paso Times wrote: "Wilford White is the hottest halfback to visit West Texas in years. Compared to the Mesa Jackrabbit, Odessa's Byron Townsend was a slowpoke."

As a junior White averaged 45.9 yards per punt, and led his basketball team (also coached by Ford) to the state championship. He won six gold medals at state track meets in the long jump and 440 yard dash, and later excelled in that sport in college, winning the Border Conference long jump title in 1950 with a leap of 23-feet, 6-inches, and was a member of the Sun Devils winning mile relay team.

After being wooed by the likes of Southern Cal, Tennessee and Notre Dame, White elected to remain in Arizona, and joined teammates like kicker Bobby Fuller at Arizona State. Under the direction of Ed Doherty, White led the nation in both scoring (136 pts.) and rushing (1,556 yds.) in 1950, while team-



ANDY LIVINGSTON



WARREN LIVINGSTON



BILL CRABTREE (LEFT) AND RALPH HUNSAKER

mate Fuller kicked a national record 48 extra points.

CREDIT HARVEY TAYLOR

Ford, who spoke in a soft, persuasive manner, gave much of the credit to Harvey Taylor, the school's superintendent and principal in his early years at Mesa. So did most of his staff.

"Taylor made the high school campus look as beautiful as the Morman Temple down the road," remembered Reed Peterson, a former Mesa High grad. "You weren't even allowed to walk on the grass."

In 1949, Peterson joined Ford's staff and became the Jackrabbits' junior varsity coach. During the next nine years he won 80% of his games. Assistants like Peterson, Dave Gates, Hil Brady and Roger Hightower, to list a few, made coaching in the Mesa School System a dream for Ford, by then nicknamed the "Wiley Old Fox."

WEST COAST RIVALS

When "Whizzer" White graduated, nothing seemed to change. The 'Rabbits went right on winning. In fact, Mesa won the state championship the very next season. During a 10-0-1 campaign, over 11,000 fans watched a 7-7 tied with Tucson. Crowds for high school football in Maricopa County got bigger and bigger. And two years later, a 14-7 loss to El Paso was the last game schedules against Texas foes. From that day on, most of the out-of-state teams on Mesa's schedule became California schools.

The 'Rabbits got stronger. In September of 1950, they routed Pasadena Muir 41-6. One week later over 15,000 fans watched Mesa edge Phoenix Union 20-14, the largest crowd to witness a high school game that month. Ford's line, sparked by Denzil Arrington, John Allen, and 235-pound All-American Glenn Bowers, halted the Coyotes ground game and enabled scatbacks Willie Harris and Don Beasley to cut loose for big gains. During a brilliant 41-13 win over Tucson, Beasley (later a star back at Arizona), averaged 22.1 yards on nine carries and scored three TDs. He almost matched that feat one week later, scoring three times during a 49-20 win over Covina, California.

A 10-0 win over Los Angeles champ Jefferson High was the only bright spot in Ford's worst season at Mesa, a 5-5 campaign in 1951. But the running of sophomore tailback Sterling Bonner made the future look bright.

And that it was. During the next three years the 'Rabbits went 24-4-0, playing a strong a schedule as any school in the West. They finished second in the Arizona AA ranks each year; behind Tucson 1n 1952, North Phoenix in 1953, and Phoenix Union in 1954.

"Coaches and players might not agree with me, but that 1954 team was every bit as good, if not better, than our state's best teams today," insisted Dave Gates years later, a former Mesa assistant who later coached at Westwood. "They were really talented. We had all sorts of kids play college ball, and (Warren) Livingston played with the Dallas Cowboys. But we played Phoenix Union (a 13-7 loss) without Bill Crabtree, our starting tailback. He broke his collarbone and was lost for the season."

A rematch with Covina was the only California school on Mesa's schedule in 1952, and the game was in Covina. The host school took a 16-6 lead before Sterling Bonner grabbed a fumble in midair and scored one of three touchdowns during a 33-16 'Rabbit rally. One year later, during another out-of-state clash, Bonner scored three times again during a 44-6 win over San Diego St. Augustine. Mesa rolled for 412 yards and Bonner scored on long-range runs of 75 and 51 yards against the Saints.

In 1954, Compton Centennial, with future San Diego Chargers star Paul Lowe in its backfield, won the Southern CIF crown with a 12-6 win over Glendale Hoover. The lone blemish on the Apaches' schedule was a 40-13 loss to Mesa on the road. Centennial was 8-0 prior to the Mesa trip, but homecoming king Ralph Hunsakaer scored two times and passed for two scores, and Weldon Jackson rushed for 148 yards.

"This was the best team we faced all year," said Centennial coach Aaron Anderson.

600 and counting ...

***Mesa High**, which played its first varsity football game in 1920, become the first high school in the four-corner states to win **600** football games last year. The Cactus State's leaders prior to 2005:*

Wins	School	First team	Overall record
600	Mesa	1920	600-271-37
527	Tucson	1910	527-320-29
507	Safford	1925	507-246-28
476	Winslow	1915	476-258-40
471	Phoenix St. Mary's	1938	471-231-16
448	Gilbert	1923	448-303-19
439	Snowflake	1929	439-265-23
439	Round Valley	1921	439-251-24
433	Douglas	1906	433-439-25
427	Flagstaff	1923	427-271-36
422	Tucson Amphi	1939	422-282-21
416	Peoria	1928	416-285-25
415	Tempe	1924	415-319-29
387	Miami	1923	387-378-25



WILLIE PEETE



MIKE ELLIOTT

THE FEEDER SCHOOLS

In 1966, Mesa Westwood tailback Bob Soza scored a large school state record 29 touchdowns for Edgar "Mutt" Ford's state finalist. To spectators, Soza was a delight. He ran effortlessly, with grace, balance and a style that excited fans as much on a five-yard run as a 70-yard game-breaker. But when it was over, he gave all the credit to his teammates.

"I played with most of those guys since the sixth grade," he said. "We played together all the way through school. Even before we got to Westwood."

A terrific, modest runner, Soza's background in Mesa's organized junior high programs accounted in part for his success, and he was the first to admit it.

He wasn't alone.

Ford's success in Mesa brought many college offers to his doorstep, and at three different times he was mentioned for the head post at all three Arizona colleges. "But it's hard to beat the thrill of high school coaching," he always said. "You have your own boys and you can count on them from year to year. I've been able to get more out of high school coaching than if I had been a college coach. I've been fortunate to be able to coach at this level."

But many opposing coaches felt Ford had an unfair advantage. He had "his boys" for more than four years, they claimed. The Mesa system was criticized for possessing an "unfair" junior high system. But the junior high program in Mesa was not the Ford System. It was the Mesa Public School System. A system with strong leadership from school officials.

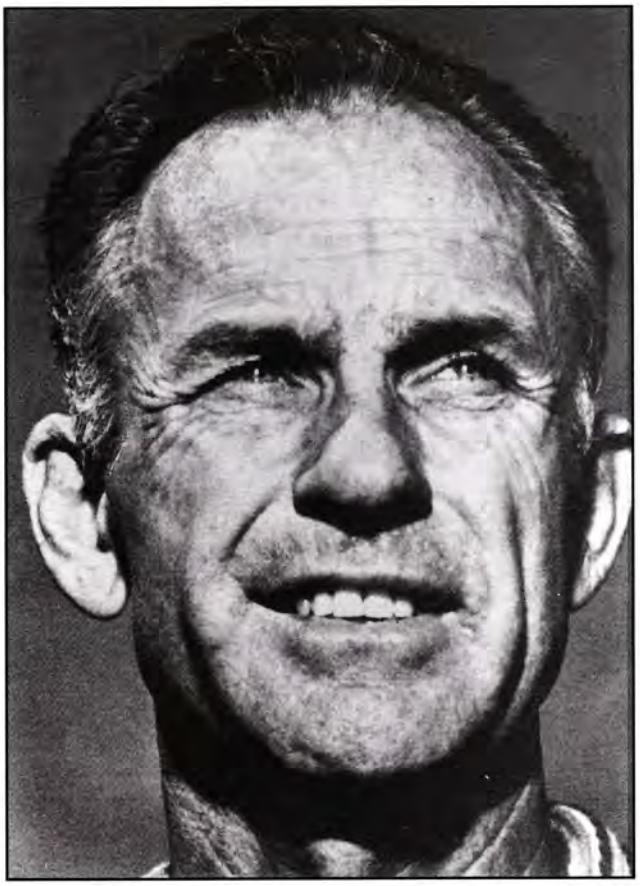
Ford won over 200 football games and eight state championships as a head coach at Peoria, Coolidge, Glendale and Mesa when junior highs were only a dream, so lots of credit should go to him. But Mesa's system is definitely a determining factor in the town's success in athletics - especially football - throughout the years.

"We play tackle only in the ninth grades," said former Ford assistant, and later Jackrabbit head coach, Reed Peterson. "It's a great advantage to have a tackle program in multiple schools, away from the high school, where the whole school can rally around the same team at a young age."

More important, coaches in the feeder schools used Ford's system each year. Roger Worsley, an assistant coach, published a book titled *Mesa's Power Attack*. The system was implanted before incoming students ever reached the varsity, or the high school's lower level teams.

Mesa is one of the few communities in Arizona with a true junior high format; a system where only three grades reside at the local high school campus. Other junior high systems in the state are junior high in "name" only. There are 13 junior highs which feed Mesa's six high schools today. Ford helped start the show at Mesa Junior High in 1952. One year later the Eagles outscored 10 opponents 387-7, with the frosh squad from Phoenix West the only team to cross their goal.

"These kids are success-oriented, not just in football, but in almost everything school-related," said Larry Clouse, head football coach at Poston Junior High in 1979.



Coach Mutt Ford

"Some sing in the chorus, others play in the band, and most work hard when they study. It's great to have a true junior high system, and rewarding."

When Clouse's Panthers concluded their 1979 campaign, Poston had won 33 games in a row, the school's third straight year without a loss. In 10 games the Panthers were unscored upon, outplaying their opponents 306-0. They are a feeder school for Mountain View.

Of the thousands of youngsters who have played in the Mesa junior highs, none were as publicized or as feared as the late Ronnie Bonner of Carson Junior High fame. With Bonner in the lineup the Red Raiders were almost unstoppable.

In 1971, the future Westwood and Arizona State tailback played in only seven games because of an injury, but the 5-7, 165-pound ninth grader scored 21 touchdowns and rushed for 1,182 yards. He dashed for scores of 60, 27, 19, 14 and 7 against Mesa; 90 and 40 against Phoenix Brophy Prep; 20, 3 and one versus Glendale Apollo; 95 and 65 against Scottsdale Coronado. During a 44-14 win over Scottsdale Arcadia, Bonner scored on runs of 51, 10, 75 and 85 yards, plus a 102-yard pass interception. Against rival Fremont he went 97, 75 and 18 to score. The Raiders didn't lose when Ronnie played.

He set the standard for up-and-coming runners in the Mesa Public Schools' feeder programs.

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2004 ..... Travis Dixon, Chandler Hamilton
2003 ..... (TIE) Darren Mougey, Scottsdale Chaparral
..... Max Hall, Mesa Mountain View
2002 ..... Jason Murietta, Glendale Ironwwood
2001 ..... (TIE) Mike Nixon, Phoenix Sunnyslope
..... Kellen Bradley, Scottsdale Saguaro
2000 ..... Mike Nixon, Phoenix Sunnyslope (jr)
1999 ..... John Beck, Mesa Mountain View
1998 ..... John Rattay, Tempe Desert Vista (jr)
1997 ..... Richard Lucero, South Mountain
1996 ..... Todd Mortensen, Tempe
1995 ..... Ryan Kealy, Phoenix St. Mary's
1994 ..... Chris Snyder, Sunnyslope
1993 ..... Jason Maas, Yuma
1992 ..... Jason Verdugo, Tucson Canyon del Oro
1991 ..... Anthony Sanders, Tucson Santa Rita
1990 ..... Grady Benton, Mesa
1989 ..... Aaron Santini, Tucson Santa Rita
1988 ..... Bret Powers, Glendale Cactus
1987 ..... John Bonds, Phoenix St. Mary's
1986 ..... Bobby Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside
1985 ..... Kent Kiefer, Tempe McClintock
1984 ..... Steve Belles, Phoenix St. Mary's
1983 ..... John Walker, Tempe Marcos de Niza
1982 ..... Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro (jr)
1981 ..... Steve Stallworth, Yuma
1980 ..... Trent Hutchinson, South Mountain
1979 ..... Lloyd Coker, Phoenix Central
1978 ..... Kevin Smith, Scottsdale Saguaro (jr)
1977 ..... Mike Pagel, Phoenix Washington
1976 ..... Greg Brady, Scottsdale Coronado
1975 ..... Jim Krohn, Tucson Amphi
1974 ..... Cary Palmer, Mesa
1973 ..... Rob Wilson, Scottsdale Coronado
1972 ..... Greg Hubbell, Phoenix Central
1971 ..... Fred Mortensen, Tempe
1970 ..... Fred Mortensen, Tempe (jr)
1969 ..... Danny White, Mesa Westwood
1968 ..... Bill Mannion, Phoenix St. Mary's
1967 ..... Ken Johnson, Scottsdale Arcadia (jr)
1966 ..... John Svob, Tucson Catalina
1965 ..... George Mattingly, Scottsdale Arcadia
1964 ..... Dave Grangaard, Phoenix Camelback
1963 ..... Rusty Tillman, Agua Fria
1962 ..... Tim Flood, Phoenix Brophy Prep
1961 ..... Elby Bushong, Phoenix Washington
1960 ..... Gary Deak, Scottsdale Arcadia
1959 ..... Eddie Bricker, Miami
1958 ..... John Power, Phoenix Camelback
1957 ..... Eddie Wilson, Chandler
1956 ..... Jim Mason, Phoenix West
1955 ..... Jim Wolf, Yuma

FRED ENKE, JR., *a three-sport star at Tucson High and the University of Arizona, was the first Arizona product to start at quarterback in the NFL. He played with Detroit (1948-51), Philadelphia (1952) and Baltimore (1953-54).*

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QB Angel Felix of Coolidge was selected as the 3A Player of the Year (Steve Paynter photo).

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Pima

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Matt Clapp,
Paradise Valley

5A Player of the Year
Matt Clapp,
Paradise Valley

4A Player of the Year
Chris McGaha,
Moon Valley

3A Player of the Year
Angel Felix,
Coolidge

2A Player of the Year
J.B. Brissette,
Valley Christian

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OFFENSE

Pos.	Player / High School / Size	Head Coach
QB	Travis Dixon, Chandler Hamilton, 6-1, 185	John Wrenn
HB	Keegan Herring, Peoria, 5-10, 185	Doug Clapp
HB	Markel DeVorce, Phoenix Brophy Prep, 5-10, 185	Jeff Kearin
FB	Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley, 6-4, 240	Don Yantis
WR	Mekell Wesley, Chandler Hamilton, 5-11, 185	John Wrenn
WR	Chris McGaha, Phoenix Moon Valley, 6-2, 185	Roger Britson
TE	Shaun Fitzpatrick, Gilbert Highland, 6-3, 240	Preston Jones
OC	Dusty Jones, Mesa Mountain View, 6-1, 270	Tom Joseph
OL	Daniel Borg, Tucson Ironwood Ridge, 6-6, 285	Gary Minor
OL	Richard Tuitu'u, Gilbert Highland, 6-5, 315	Preston Jones
OL	Shawn Byrnes, Paradise Valley, 6-4, 295	Don Yantis
OL	Jordan Lowe, Peoria Centennial, 6-4, 304	Richard Taylor
PK	Kyle Day, Sahuarita, 5-11, 175 (jr)	Brian Peterson
P	Jay Leal, Mesa Westwood, 5-11, 185 (jr)	Roger Suchomel

DEFENSE

DB	Jarvis Hodge, Tempe Mountain Pointe, 5-10, 180	Karl Kiefer
DB	Austin Martin, Glendale Mountain Ridge, 6-2, 180	Steve Belles
DB	Blaise Johnson, Tempe Corona del Sol, 5-11, 185	Gary Venturo
DB	Jack Darlington, Tucson Salpointe, 6-2, 190	Dennis Bene
LB	Greg Bird, Mesa Red Mountain, 6-3, 200	Jim Jones
LB	Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley, 6-4, 240	Don Yantis
LB	Jimmy Rogers, Chandler Hamilton, 5-11, 185	John Wrenn
DL	Jon Hargis, Mesa Red Mountain, 6-4, 290 (jr)	Jim Jones
DL	Dexter Davis, Phoenix Thunderbird, 6-2, 230	Gary Mauldin
DL	Shelley Smith, Tolleson Westview, 6-4, 280	Jeff Bowen
DL	Ekom Udofia, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-2, 300	Ron Estabrook
KR	Markus Turner, Peoria, 5-8, 168	Doug Clapp
KR	Channing Trotter, Mesa Red Mountain, 5-9, 180	Jim Jones

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MESA SPORTS LEGEND TOPS HALL OF FAME CLASS

By BARRY SOLLENBERGER



Joe Causey joins the likes of Whizzer White in this year's Hall of Fame class. Causey starred for Douglas High School.

Wilford "Whizzer" White, one of the most legendary sports figures to come out of the Mesa Public School District, heads the second induction class of the **Arizona High School Football Hall of Fame**.

Co-sponsored by *Phoenix Metro Football Magazine* and JK Communications & Construction, the AHSFH has now recognized 14 players, two coaches, one sports writer and a team in its first two classes.

White, Mesa's multi-sport star after World War II, won Arizona Player of the Year honors in football, all-state honors twice in basketball, six gold medals at the state track championships, and played briefly with the Chicago Bears after a stellar career at Arizona State.

Additional players in the 2005 class include two of Cochise County's most famous athletes, **Joe Causey** and **Gib Dawson** of Douglas High, Tucson High star halfbacks **Hayzel Daniels** and **Ted Bland**, Phoenix Union standouts **Bill Kajikawa** and **Charles Orme**, Miami High's three-sport legend **Dale Beedle**, Bisbee standout **Garner Barnett**, two-time player of the year **Bill Yeoman** of Glendale, plus all-state fullback **Bob Svob** from historic Jerome High, whose single-game kicking performance against Phoenix Union in 1936 earned him and the mining town national recognition.

James "Pop" McKale, the former Tucson High and University of



BILL KAJIKAWA
Phoenix Union



BOB SVOB
Jerome



BILL YEOMAN
Glendale

Arizona coach and athletic director, and one of the most influential sports figures in southern Arizona history, is recognized in the coach/official category.

"We are again honored to be part of this," says Jerry Kleven of JK Communications of Tempe, whose company will help finance duplicate plaques, one for each inductee and one for his school. "High school football has been a big part of the sports landscape in Arizona and the Southwest for years. It's a privilege to be able to honor these players and coaches."

In three years of varsity football in Mesa, **White** rushed for 4,307 yards, scored 52 touchdowns, and set a state scoring record of 353 points. He averaged 45.9 yards per punt as a junior, and 42.5 as a senior, under the direction of Edgar "Mutt" Ford, who with White in the lineup helped guide the Jackrabbits to the 1946 state championship.

In basketball during his junior year, White and his teammates entered the state tournament in Tucson as the 16th seed, and proceeded to win the state championship, finishing with a 17-11 record after upsetting Glendale in the finals. That team was also coached by Ford.

Although he took a stab at baseball, White's best spring sport was track & field, as he set school records in several events, while winning six individual gold medals at the state meets in Tucson. Upon graduation, White had run 100 yards in 10.0 seconds, the 220 in 22.4, the 440 in 50.6, long jumped 22-3 1/2, and won the Provo (Utah) Invitational Decathlon.

At Arizona State, under football coach Ed Doherty, he really blossomed, and led the Sun Devils to back-to-back Salad Bowl appearances. In 1950, while leading the Sun Devils to the Border Conference title, White led the nation in rushing with 1,502 yards, and finished his college career with 5,654 all-purpose yards and 327 points, both school records. His 1,502 yards, 22 touchdowns and 136 points still stands as single-season school records.

He made his mark on the collegiate track scene as well, where he won the Border Conference long jump title at 23-feet, 6-inches, second best in ASU history at the time, and twice was a member of the school's winning mile relay team at the conference meet.

After playing in the prestigious College All-Star Game in Chicago, and the East West Shrine Game in San Francisco, White spent two years in the backfield with the Chicago Bears, before a knee injury shelved his football career.

Causey and **Dawson**, multi-sport stars in Douglas, continued their winning ways in college, at Alabama and Texas respectively. Causey played football and track for the Crimson Tide, and set an Alabama school record in the pole vault. He was a two-time state vault champ in high school, and an all-state selection in football as an end and a halfback. As a junior, he scored 137 points on 21 touchdowns, eight extra points and a 40-yard drop kick for a field goal against Willcox. His biggest day as a schoolboy came against Tombstone on Armistice Day, when he totaled 39 points on six TDs and three extra points during a resounding 99-0 victory. His 40 touchdowns and 251 career points lasted as Douglas school records for 23 years, until "Galloping" Gib Dawson arrived.

Between 1945-48, under the

Dandy Dozen

*The 11 former Arizona high school athletes who join coach/official **James "Pop" McKale** of Tucson and University of Arizona fame, plus the 1905 Phoenix High School Coyotes, in the latest induction class of the Arizona High School Football Hall of Fame:*

Year	Player	High School	College Team
1926	Joe Causey	Douglas	Alabama
1926	Hayzel Daniels	Tucson	Arizona
1931	Ted Bland	Tucson	Arizona
1932	Bill Kajikawa	Phoenix Union	Arizona State
1932	Dale Beedle	Miami	Stanford
1936	Bob Svob	Jerome	Arizona
1936	Charles Orme	Phoenix Union	Stanford
1940	Garner Barnett	Bisbee	Arizona State
1944	Bill Yeoman	Glendale	West Point
1946	"Whizzer" White	Mesa	Arizona State
1948	Gib Dawson	Douglas	Texas

direction of head coach Frank Sancet, Dawson scored 54 touchdowns and 344 points for the Bulldogs, who played top-notch competition week after week, from El Paso, Texas, to Tucson. His biggest game was a five touchdown performance in 1948 against Nogales. His biggest play was a 101-yard fumble return for a score during a 12-12 tie with Tucson Amphitheater.

Dawson, who set Douglas school records in the long jump (22-8 1/2) and high jump (6-0 1/2), later earned All-Southwest Conference laurels at Texas, and played briefly with the Green Bay Packers.

Daniels, believed to be the first black athlete to make *The Arizona Republic* all-state team, was a two-time all-star who later became Arizona's first black magistrate, and the first to practice law in the state under Arizona Bar Association standards. At Tucson High his best year was 1925, when he rushed for 1,632 yards and scored 14 touchdowns in eight games. He was not allowed to play in two games in Texas because he was black.

"In West Texas colleges and high schools, prejudices were flaunted, and bias was open and flagrant," wrote Abe Chanin of *The Arizona Daily Star*. "Schools would not enroll black athletes, and they would not let competing schools bring blacks with their teams when games were played in Texas."

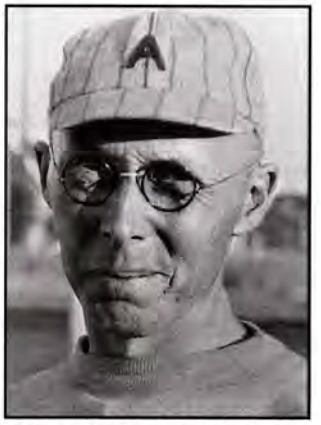
For Daniels, his best game was his last. During a 66-6 rout of Nogales in 1926, the Badgers rolled for 541 rushing yards and 30 first downs, with Daniels gaining 300 yards on 38 carries and scoring five touchdowns. He attended the University of Arizona, but dropped football at his doctor's advice after an injury.

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Bland, who was killed in World War II, was an an all-state selection in football and baseball, and a collegiate star at the University of Arizona. As a sophomore at THS, Bland was a member of C.A. McFarland's 1929 state championship club which ended Phoenix Union's stranglehold on the football crown. The Badgers only loss that year was a 20-14 setback to the University of Arizona freshman squad. In Bland's next-to-last high school game, a 48-0 win over Bisbee, the Badger great rushed for 248 yards and scored seven TDs on runs of 56, 75 (punt return), 47,48, 15, and a 19-yard pass reception. At Arizona, under "Tex" Oliver, he was a three-time All-Border conference quarterback, and later at two-time letter winner in baseball.

Both **Kajikawa** and **Orme** were two-time all-state selections at Phoenix Union, Kajikawa at quarterback and Orme at tackle, before playing at Arizona State and Stanford respectively. Both were selected captains of *The Arizona Republic* all-state teams, organized by sports guru

They Called Him "Pop"



Tucson's James McKale.

James Fred McKale arrived in Tucson by train in 1911, from Lansing, Michigan. The son of a deputy sheriff, he had no idea what to expect in Arizona, and no intention at the time of becoming a high school coach. In fact, Arizona wasn't even a state yet.

But by 1912, statehood had become a reality, and McKale, who had majored in history and chemistry, was a coach and teacher at Tucson High, which had an enrollment of 205 students.

In his first year he brought fame and recognition to the school by winning the territorial championship in football, thanks to a 24-6 win over Bisbee. One year later, with Arizona officially a state, the Badgers annexed the state championship, compiling an impressive 8-1 record. Quarterback Tom Wyche was the star. The school's only loss was a 19-0 setback to the University of Arizona's varsity. Earlier the Badgers pasted rival Phoenix Union 47-0 and 41-0, adding fire to a rivalry that would last for years.

At McKale's first state baseball tournament, held at the local college and entitled University Week, the new coach led his team to back-to-back state titles on the diamond paths, and established Tucson High as the scrooge of baseball for years to come.

Ironically, it was his success in baseball that ended his coaching career with the Badgers. His high school teams often beat the local college squad, and soon students at the university signed petitions calling for McKale to be brought over from the local high school to coach the Wildcats. In June of 1914, A.H. Wilde, president of the University, hired McKale as athletic director and coach of all four major sports, with an annual salary of $1,700. It was the beginning of almost half-a-century of contribution to amateur athletics in southern Arizona and the Grand Canyon State.

He outlasted almost everybody. During the first half of the 20th Century, thanks to his organizational skills, McKale watched the state's spring sports carnival, University Week, grow into one of the premier high school championship events in the Southwest. As President of the American College Baseball Association, he constantly battled the pros in his protest of their raiding of college and high school players. He helped sponsor and organize clinics for officials, which helped improve both high school and college officiating in the state.

James "Pop" McKale did it all.

Vic Housholder.

Kajikawa not only played football, basketball and baseball at Arizona State, but would later coach all three sports at the Tempe school; baseball and basketball as the head man, football as an assistant under Frank Kush. Today, Arizona State's football practice field on Rural Road is named in his honor.

Orme, a two-time all-state tackle for head coaches "Robby" Robinson and Larry Rouble during the 1930s, was a mainstay on the line during 8-0-2, and 7-4-1 campaigns. The Coyotes' "suicide schedule" included opponents like El Paso Austin, San Diego High, Bakersfield, Santa Barbara, and the Phoenix Indian School, to list a few. At Stanford, the Phoenix lad won three letters, and was a tackle for Clark Shaughnessy's undefeated 1940 squad which beat Nebraska in the Rose Bowl.

The Orme School, originally Orme Ranch, was founded by Orme's parents, Senator and Mrs. Charles H. Orme, in 1929. The younger Orme and his wife later became headmasters of the school, and in 1957, as head football coach, Charles Jr. coached the team's first undefeated team, as the Warriors won the mythical state championship in 6-man football.

Beedle, one of the most gifted athletes to come out of the Globe-Miami region, earned player of the year honors in football and basketball - a unique feat - won the state shot put title, and later played for Stanford in the 1935 Rose Bowl. In high school Beedle played for one of the state's most legendary coaches, B.C. "Bud" Doolen, who later became a nationally-known basketball coach at Tucson High. Beedle returned to his high school alma mater during the war years to become head football coach, but his stay was cut short by his tragic death by suicide in 1944.

Barnett, under the guidance of Waldo Dicus, was one of many sensational players from Bisbee's famed mining town. He scored 50 touchdowns and 295 points for the Pumas, five touchdowns in 1940 against Douglas (most ever in the rivalry), and earned all-state recognition three times. After a 6-6 tie with Tucson, in which Barnett scored on an 85-yard play, the Badgers' legendary coach, Rollin T. Gridley, told the *Tucson Citizen*, "I'll just be glad when Garner Barnett graduates." Although the war interrupted his college career, Barnett played three years at Arizona State nearly one decade after his graduation from Bisbee.

Yeoman, one of Glendale's all-time greats, was the rock solid leader of the Cardinals undefeated 1943 state co-champs, coached by Edgar :Mutt" Ford, as a center-linebacker. The two-time all-stater later was a member of Army's 1946 national championship team, coached by Earl "Red" Blaik. Later Yeoman became the successful head coach at the University of Houston, and is a member of the National College Football Hall of Fame.

Svob, who later played at the University of Arizona, helped put the famed Jerome Muckers on the map with an historic conversion kick in 1936. During a 20-7 loss to Phoenix Union, played at Jerome's infamous field on Mingus Mountain, Svob's extra point boot after the Muckers' lone score bounced off the field and rolled 300 yards to the railroad tracks below. The news media had fun with that, and Svob's kick landed in the famous national syndication *Ripley's Believe It or Not* as a 300-yard place kick.

McKale, who began his coaching tenure at Tucson High, switched to the local college after his Badgers beat the college boys on several occasions. During the first half of the 20th Century, McKale helped put the university on the national map, as both coach and athletic director. He helped organize early high school championships in basketball, baseball, track and tennis, orchestrated all-state and all-tournament teams in basketball, and led the direction, growth and improvement of high school and college officials. The University of Arizona's famed basketball arena is named after him.

The **Phoenix High School Coyotes**, on the 100th anniversary of their 1905 territorial championship season, is the latest team to be honored. Coached by George Lutgerding, a former Coyote player, the cast of characters for the undefeated champs included tailback Palmer Irvine, a darting, slashing runner nicknamed "The Flying Fish"; Art Goebel, later an All-American guard at Yale; end Ben Baum, captain of the 1909 University of Illinois squad; future Occidental College quarterback Clarence Spaulding, plus John Wolf Chief, a transfer from the Phoenix Indian School who lettered four years with the Coyotes, and who knows how many with the Indian School. Goebel is believed to be the first Arizona high school product to earn All-America honors in college.



GIB DAWSON
Douglas



GARNER BARNETT
Bisbee



CHARLES OREM. JR.
Douglas

10 years ago (1995)

Saguaro Rates With All-Time Best

Mike Brown, the best player on the best 4A team in the state, was at his best. So was quarterback Ryan Smith and the rest of Scottsdale Saguaro's Sabercats, one of the best 4A teams in Arizona history.

The site was Sun Devil Stadium, and it was part of a 4A/5A double header for the 1995 state championships. Brown, a tailback/safety, put on one of the best shows in title game history, running for 189 yards and two spectacular touchdowns during a 42-7 win over Glendale Ironwood. The halftime score was 14-7.

The '95 Sabercats, coached by Tim Beck, stumbled only once during a 14-game schedule. But the 26-23 loss to Peoria Centennial in early October was played without Brown, *Phoenix Metro Football Magazine's* Player of the Year. "They're so good, I thought Brown was playing," said Centennial coach Richard Taylor after his team's upset win.

One week later Saguaro, still minus Brown who was plagued by a leg injury, beat Mohave in Bullhead City ____. After that it was back to normal. Normal was a 36-7 win over Peoria, a 53-0 win over Agua Fria, and a 29-20 triumph over Tolleson to clinch the West Valley Region crown and a 9-1 regular season record.

In the first round of the playoffs Marana Mountain View was crushed 49-0, setting the stage for a rematch with Glendale Cactus, a team the 'Cats had beaten 34-17 earlier in the season. The quarterfinal matchup wasn't much different, as Brown gained 182 yards on 19 carries and scored five touchdowns.

"It's been evident in the last two games, that these guys are too close to the state title," said Beck after the contest. "They're not going to let it slip away."

One week later Tucson Sabino fell 16-7 in a talented semifinal matchup, setting the stage for the showdown with Ironwood in the finals. The championship games were part of a double-header which included the 5A title game between Phoenix St. Mary's and Scottsdale Horizon. The two games drew 21,478 fans to Tempe.

Besides his 189 yards rushing, Brown threw a fourth quarter touchdown pass back to quarterback Smith, and played terrific all night at safety. "He's the best player in the state," claimed Beck afterwards. Brown's scoring plays were highlight reels. His 83-yard screen pass in the second period covered about 100 yards, and his 56-yard, third quarter scoring strike might have been the best in 4A title game history.



From left, Saguaro's Greg Sauraci, Mike Lindsley, Steve Hannant, Tom Alexander and Gavin Engle surround the Class 4A championship trophy.

Despite missing two games, Brown gained 2,036 yards and scored 35 touchdowns, both Scottsdale city records. He averaged 28.0 yards on 11 receptions. "He's an awesome player, and I'm happy he had the opportunity to show his stuff in this game," added Beck, who later coached in the Texas high school ranks. "He deserves everything he's going to get because he's a great individual."

What he got was a full ride to the University of Nebraska, and later a boat load of cash to play safety for the Chicago Bears.

But Brown was by no means the whole show for Saguaro, a team which produced six Division I football signees. Ironically, the backup tailback was sophomore Nathan Wize, who two years later would set single season state records for touchdowns (51), rushing yards (3,121) and points (306) while a senior at Tucson Sabino.

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Although the 4A finals showcased Brown, the state champs were by no means a one man team. They showed off their skill in the passing game. Using play-action fakes to Brown, quarterback Smith completed eight of 12 attempts for 192 yards and four scores.

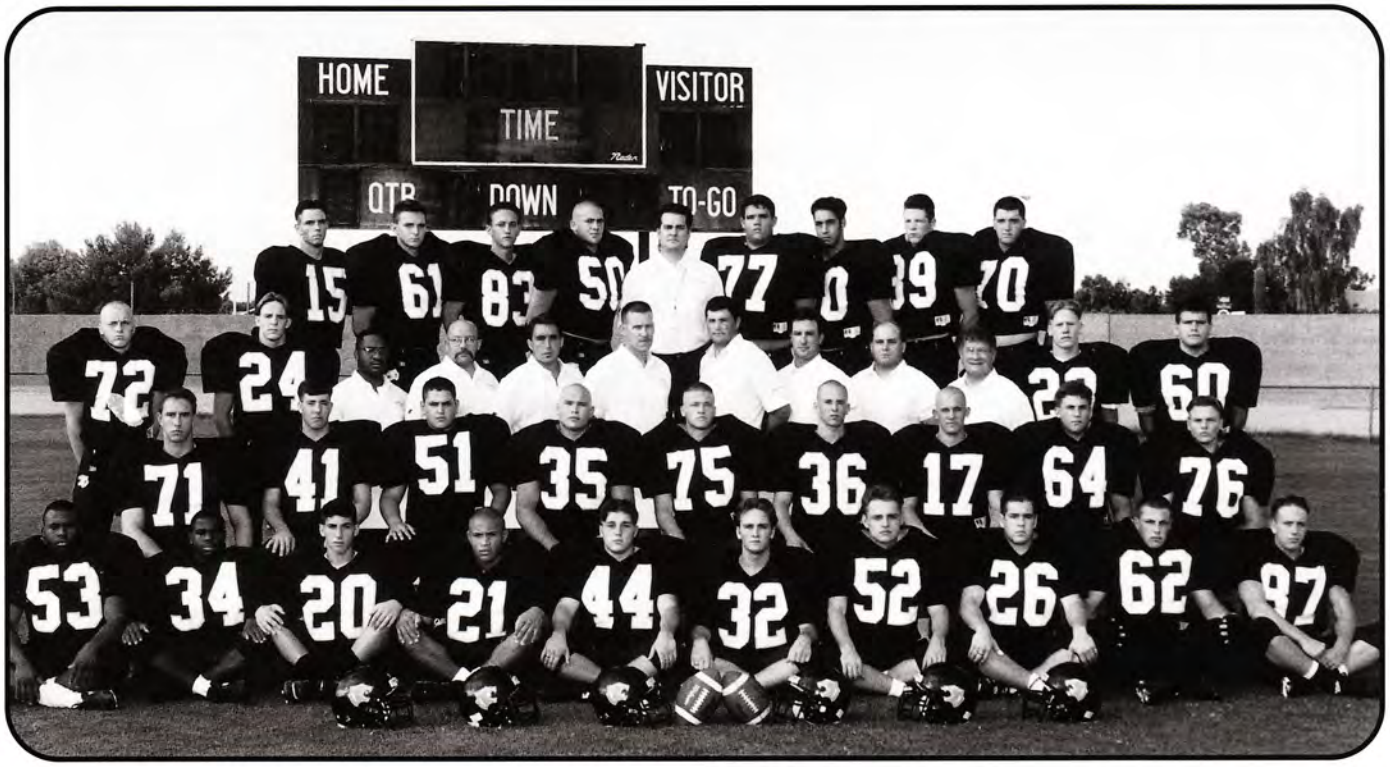
Smith added his name to the state finals record book with his 83-yard strike to Brown in the first half. The previous record covered 80 yards (Peoria's William Babb to Eric Guliford in 1987). During the season, Smith completed 127 of 206 passes for 2,152 yards and 21 touchdowns.

The 'Cats struck early and often in the second half. They took a 21-7 lead on a 12-yard reception to Mike Lindsley, then hit paydirt on the next position when Smith hit Gavin Engle wide open for a 24-yard strike after a play-action fake to Brown.

"That quarterback played a great game," said Ironwood coach Mark Matheson. "They have more than one weapon and they used them tonight."

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'CATS 34	Glendale Cactus 17
'CATS 28	Tucson Sabino 5
'CATS 23	Peoria Centennial 26
'CATS 20	Bullhead City Mohave16
'CATS 36	Peoria 7
'CATS 53	Agua Fria 0
'CATS 29	Tolleson 20

PLAYOFFS

'CATS 49	Marana Mtn. View 0
'CATS 16	Tucson Sabino 7
'CATS 42	Glendale Ironwood 7

20 years ago (1985)

Gilbert's Title Was a Dunn Deal

It didn't take Gilbert long to make an impact in the Class AAA ranks. At least the AAA-II ranks. After dominating the AA scene for years, the Tigers moved into the newly formed AAA-II region with high expectations. Especially since the first game of the new schedule was AAA-I powerhouse Mesa Mountain View.

The Tigers, which had won seven state football titles since 1923, started with a bang. Remy Carrasco scored two touchdowns and ran back a kickoff 95 yards as Gilbert upset the Toros 33-12 in the season opener for both teams. That Mountain View club, coached ironically by current Gilbert coach Jesse Parker, finished 6-5 and played one playoff game. The Tigers, coached by Rick Dunn, finished 13-1 and played four.

But the Mountain View victory wasn't the Tigers only big win. Fourteen weeks later Gilbert had a 13-1 record after a convincing 27-0 win over glendale Cactus in the AAA-II finals, plus more hardware for its ever-growing trophy case. Since its first football crown in Class B in 1923, the Tigers had produced 73 first team all-state players. Only Phoenix Union, Mesa, Tucson and Eloy Santa Cruz had produced more.

In Gilbert's coaching legacy, the family name in football belongs to the Dunns. Of the Tigers soon-to-be eight state championships in the fall sport, half have been coached by Dunns, three by Dan. The '85 title went to Rick.

"We will open with Mountain View again next year," said Rick after his team's surprising season. "I think they'll be ready for us next time. A very fine group of young men made it a memorable season," he added. "We'll lose some good players through graduation, but we should have a good team again."

During the championship run the first real test came in week three, an early-season matchup at highly regarded Peoria. Carrasco opened the scoring with a 25-yard run in the first period. Ed Bricker's 18-yard pass to Scott McLouth gave Gilbert a 15-14 come-from-behind win. The difference was Adam Hallwann's blocked punt for a safety in the third quarter.

Three weeks later the Tigers survived three lost fumbles, two interceptions and 125 yards in penalties in downing feisty Scottsdale Arcadia 12-10 at home. Carrasco and Bricker were again the offensive stars. In the first encounter with Cactus, a 20-0 Gilbert win, Carrasco was again the man of the night, scoring on a 45-yard run, a 40-yard pass reception, plus a 59-yard sprint.



Surrounded by players and family members, Gilbert head coach Rick Dunn is all smiles after a state championship win over Glendale Cactus. Dunn's father Bob, lower left, holds the AIA championship trophy (Mesa Tribune photo).

One week later Tolleson's defense stopped the Tigers four times inside the Wolverines' 20-yard line, handing the No. 1-ranked AAA-II team a 14-9 loss. Despite being outplayed throughout the contest, Gilbert had a chance to win the the final minutes. After Tolleson took a safety Carrasco brought the free kick back to midfield, where Bricker's passing arm moved the Tigers to the 11 yard line. But on fourth down his pass to a wide-open Carrasco sailed high.

"It's hard to win if you can't put points on the board," said Dunn to the Tempe Daily News after the game. "Tolleson had to win to get into the playoffs, and they obviously wanted it more."

But after than, Gilbert showed some grit of its own. Feisty Arcadia, in a first round rematch, again played the Tigers close. Like the first encounter, Gilbert again committed five turnovers, but still managed to win, 20-19. Gilbert trailed 13-0 before Carrasco and Bricker took over. In the quarterfinals, Dunn's crew exploded for 27 first half points, then held off a mild rally by Nogales for a 33-19 win.

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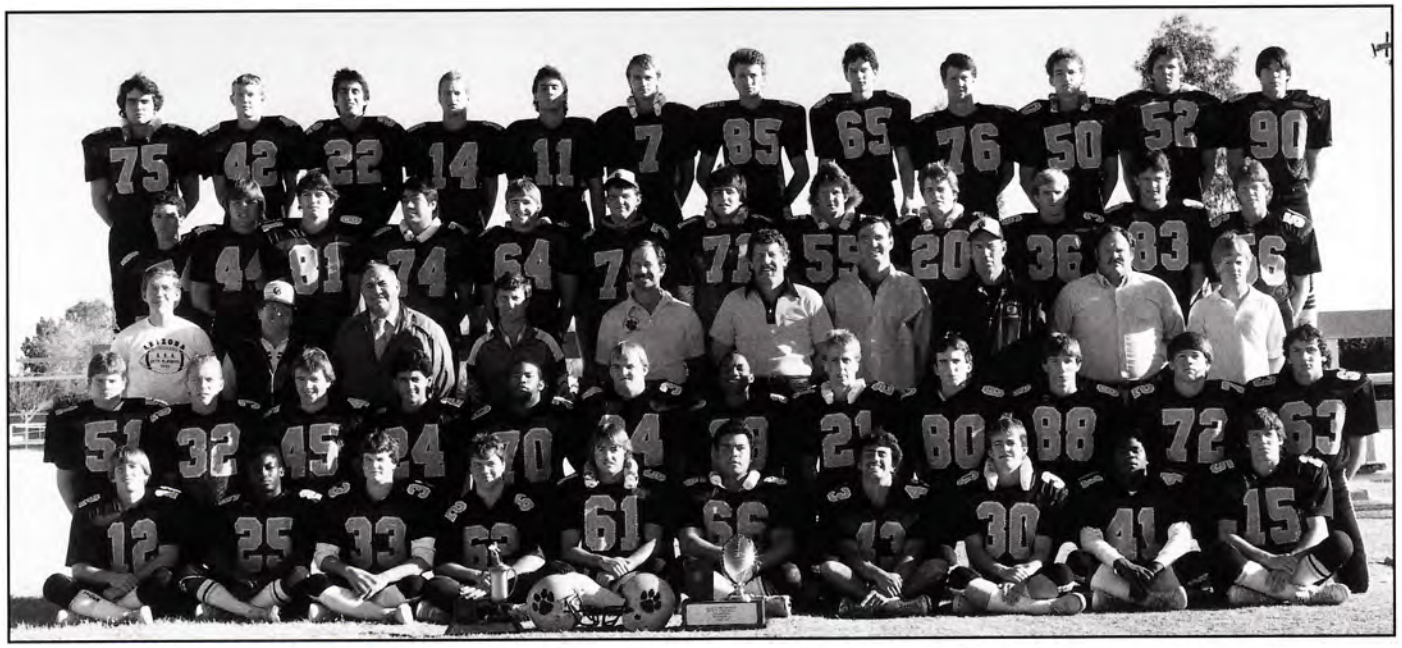
As the Tigers put the finishing touch on Agua Fria in the semifinals, played at Paradise Valley High School, chants of "A-S-U, A-S-U" started to rise from Gilbert's cheering section. After licking the Owls 21-6, fans and players knew the next sight was Sun Devil Stadium and the matchup with Cactus in the state finals.

"We get to play at ASU, and that will be a big treat for the kids," a jubilant Dunn said afterwards. "It'll be big for me too, being an ex-Sun Devil. I'll be tickled to death."

And credit Gilbert's defense with the championship win over Cactus. Before 14,211 fans, as part of the AAA-I double header between Phoenix St. Mary's and Glendale Apollo, they held the Cobras to minus-11 yards rushing in the first half, 39 total on the game. On offense, Carrasco gained 125 yards on 25 carries, scored once, ran for a two-point conversion, and intercepted a pass.

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TIGERS 26, Safford 6
TIGERS 20, Glendale Cactus 0
TIGERS 9, Tolleson 14 (L)
TIGERS 28, Casa Grande 7

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TIGERS 33, Nogales 19
TIGERS 21, Agua Fria 6
TIGERS 27, Glendale Cactus 0

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20 years ago (1985)

Knights No.1 After "Chilling" Thriller

Twenty years ago this fall the top-rated high school team at preseason was Tempe McClintock. Veteran coach Karl Kiefer returned a talented collection of players, including his son, quarterback Kent, who would later play at Missouri. Also in the Chargers' backfield was future college stars Cleveland Colter Jr. (USC), a talented receiver/running back/safety, plus tailback Art Greathouse (Arizona).

But McClintock's championship plans were derailed by Glendale Apollo 17-16 in the state semifinals in one of the state's all-time great upsets. And any dreams of gold for Apollo were doused one week later by defending state champ Phoenix St. Mary's, 11-7.

It should have been no surprise. Although the Knights returned 19 letter winners from its 1984 championship squad, few had been starters. But tradition never graduates. St. Mary's has won 471 games since playing their first football contest in 1938, and 14 of those wins came in 1985.

Missing from the Phoenix school's lineup was quarterback Steve Belles, who had picked up his diploma and headed to Notre Dame. But both running backs, Reggie McGill and Derryl Harris, returned. And the kicking game was solid with Mike Cortright back. Entering the '85 campaign he had 17 field goals to his credit.

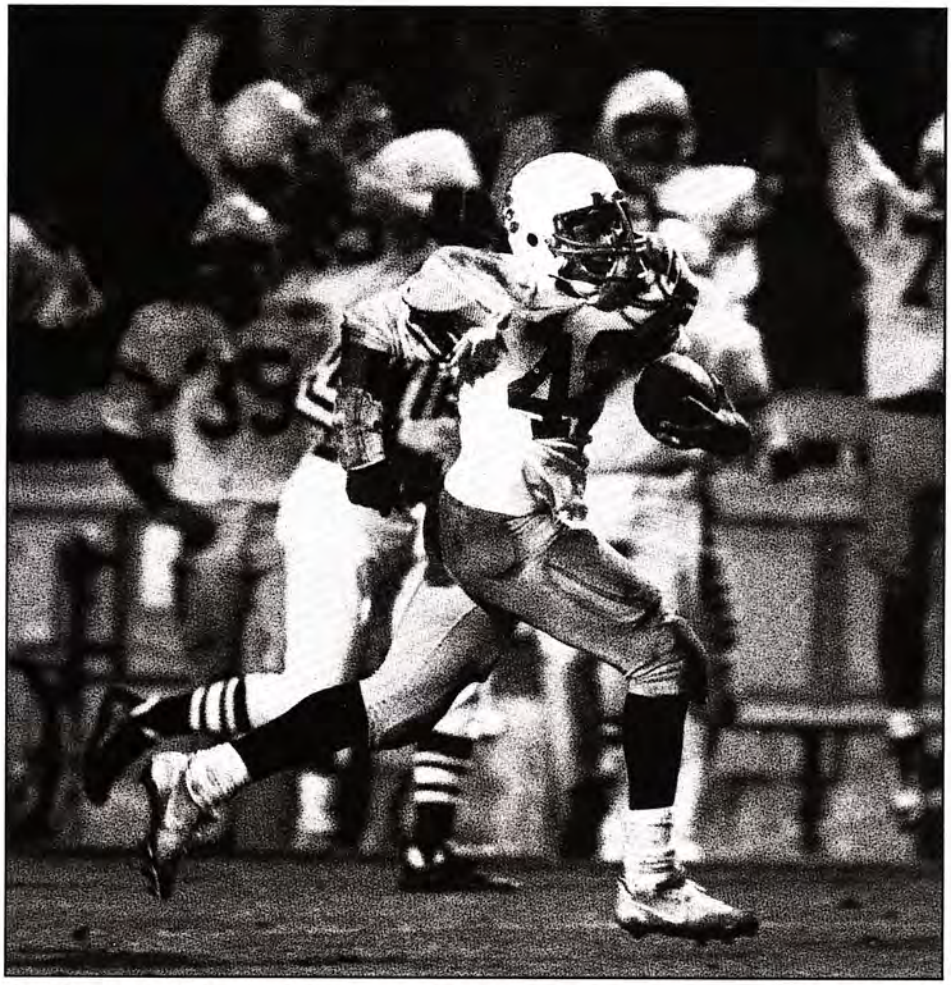
Then the defense took over.

First Phoenix Alhambra fell by one point, 13-12. Then Shadow Mountain lost by one touchdown, 10-3. Rival Phoenix Brophy Prep succumbed by five points, 15-10. Moon Valley fell by four, 24-20. Ironically, in the playoffs, Tucson Sahuaro was beaten by one point, 10-9. The same Tucson school the Knights had beaten in the previous state finals, 31-14.

The '85 state finals were played in freezing weather conditions at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe. A live ASPN TV audience was on hand, along with 14,221 brave fans who attended the game.

"We televised the game from outside the press box," recalls sportscaster George Allen. "We set our equipment up in the upper deck. It was so cold my teeth almost froze. And everybody stayed to the end because the game was so close. The winning score came in the last few minutes."

The difference in the four point St. Mary's triumph was McGill's 47-yard scoring sprint with 3:40 left on the clock.



St. Mary's took the lead for good on Reggie McGill's 47-yard touchdowns run. (Phoenix Gazette photo)

The junior running back, who would later play at Arizona, rushed for 1,448 yards and scored 13 touchdowns on the season. But none were more important than his 47-yarder against Apollo. The Hawks, coached by Rudy Pacheco, finished 8-6 on the season after being given up for dead in October.

"There is no way in the world I would have believed this would happen," said St. Mary's mentor Pat Farrell after the game. "These kids were a second half ball club this year, which is unfortunate for their coach's health."

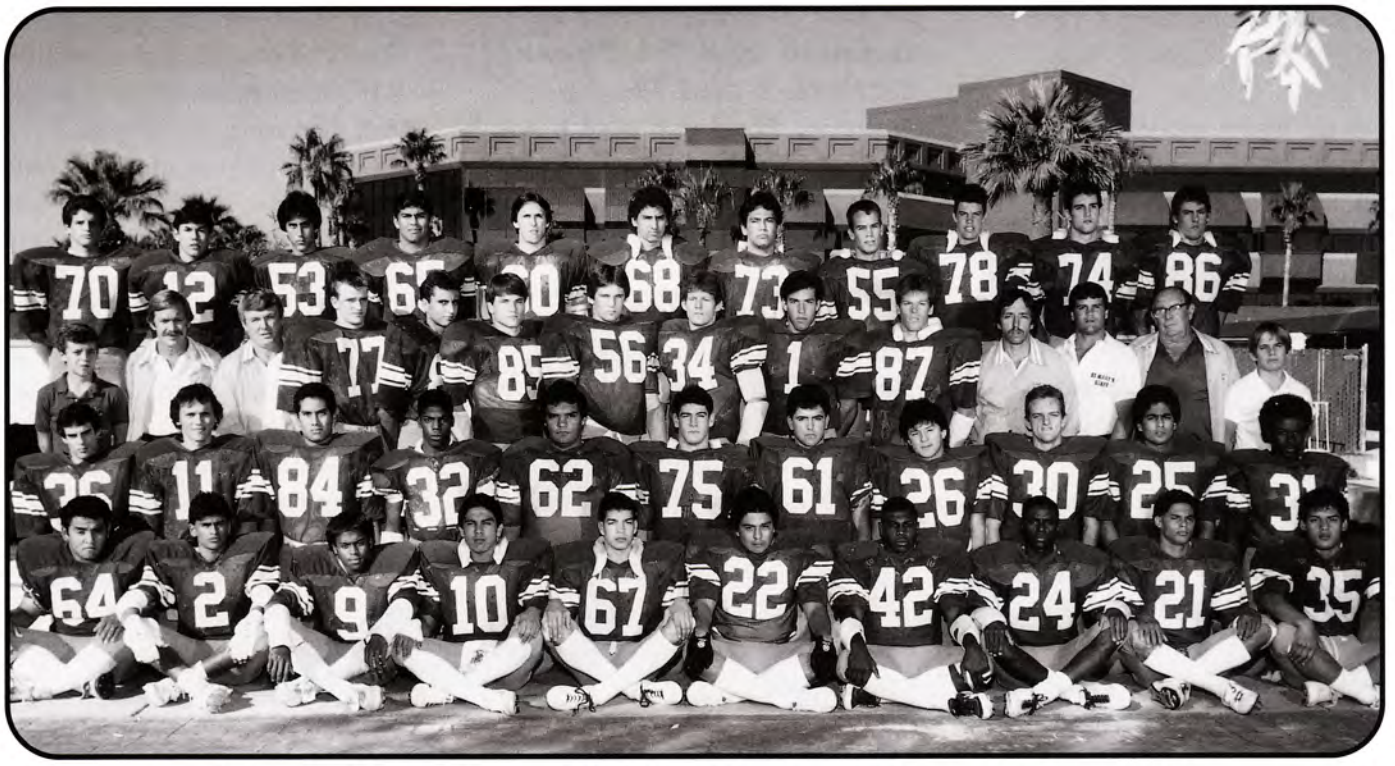
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Beside the state championship trophy - the Knights' sixth at the time - place kicker Cortright finished with a national record 36 field goals for his career, and two state championship rings. The win over Apollo gave St. Mary's its first undefeated season since 1967, and back-to-back state crowns for the first time since 1967-68. Those clubs were coached by Ed Doherty, and Farrell was a player.

The Knights' winning streak lasted four games into the 1986 campaign before Phoenix Moon Valley ended it at 27-straight with a hard-fought 14-7 win. That Farrell-coached club finished 10-2, and was eliminated in the state quarterfinals, 29-21 by a talented Phoenix Maryvale squad.

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KNIGHTS 13.....Phoenix Alhambra 12
KNIGHTS 10.....Phoenix St. Mary's 3
KNIGHTS 34.....Phoenix Camelback 7
KNIGHTS 15 .....Phoenix Brophy Prep 10
KNIGHTS 24.....Phoenix Moon Valley 20
KNIGHTS 21 .....Scottsdale Horizon 0
KNIGHTS 10.....Glendale Apollo 0
KNIGHTS 24.....Glendale Deer Valley 0
KNIGHTS 24.....Phoenix Greenway 6
KNIGHTS 34.....Phoenix Thunderbird 7

PLAYOFFS

KNIGHTS 20.....Phoenix Moon Valley 6
KNIGHTS 44.....Scottsdale Chaparral 13
KNIGHTS 10.....Tucson Sahuaro 9
KNIGHTS 11.....Glendale Apollo 7

30 years ago (1975)

Prospectors End Season With a Blast

Thirty years ago this season Apache Junction's Prospectors stung defending Class B champ Blue Ridge 30-6 to win the school's first and only state championship in football. The game was played at Mesa Community College.

At the time it was the first state championship ever for the Prospectors in any sport. Under the direction of head coach Jack Davis and assistants Don Nelson and Dan Loyden, AJ achieved the title after a convincing 33-10 victory over Wickenburg in the semifinals, followed by the surprising win over Blue Ridge.

The Junctionites got two touchdown efforts from sophomore quarterback Ton Allan and junior fullback Dale "Smitty" Diulus in the finals. Running back Dan Santistevan ran for two extra points and junior Pat Marquez ran one PAT to account for all the scoring.

All the champions' 194 offensive yards came on the ground. Blue Ridge totaled 205 yards in the loss, 121 through the air. The victory finished Apache Junction's title run with a 10-2 record, while the Yellow Jackets closed at 9-2. In October, a strong Superior eleven surprised AJ, undefeated at the time, and handed the future state champs a 13-0 beating. Then, in the last regular season game, Benson held on for a 28-23 win, sending AJ into the playoffs licking their wounds.

All season long Santistevan, Marquez, Diulus and Allan were the major ball carriers. Senior Alex Saldana was the leading receiver. Santistevan was the top ground gainer with 1,128 yards on 175 carries. His 134 points was tops in the league. Marquez finished with 893 yards on 129 carries, while Diulus totaled 721 yards on 160 carries. As a team, AJ averaged 30.8 points per game.

"We won with our defense. The coaches and the kids did a great job in the playoffs. But our defense won the Phoenix Christian and Florence games. Had we not won those battles, Blue Ridge would have been playing somebody else."

Davis, a former University of Arizona player who played one season with the Denver Broncos in the inaugural season of the old American Football League, was the first to credit his defense.

"We were real balanced on the offensive side of the ball," said the coach after the Blue Ridge win. "But I don't care what league you're in, if you can't stop anybody, you won't win any championship. We won with our defense. The coaches and the kids did a great job in the playoffs. But our defense won the Phoenix Christian and Florence games. Had we not won those battles, Blue Ridge would have been playing somebody else."

The defense was in the hands of Mike Pierce, Bill Santistevan, Keith Spors, Steve Wolf, Mark Hill, Chris Barwick, Gerald Mullander and Ronnie Sowers, to list a few. They gave up an average of 9.6 points per game.

Their grit was shown after holding Phoenix Christian on down after the Cougars had reached the five yard line late in the game. The 22-19 AJ win was the turning point of the season. A similar situation was present at Florence, where the defense held on for a 22-15 win that clinched the league crown.

Davis, who is 72, had two stints as the Prospectors' head coach, first in 1974, then again 20 years later when the school had grown to 4A status. As a pro lineman, in the first year of the AFL, Davis wore the infamous vertical-striped socks of the 1960 Denver Broncos, and later attended the team's 35th anniversary at a Bronco-Raiders game to salute that team.

During his coaching career, he took over nine losing high school programs in Arizona and California and turned eight into winners, logging over 180 wins in the process. "He combined an aggressively honest approach with a self-deprecating sense of humor and confidence," claimed Chris Cobbs of *The Phoenix Gazette*.

After playing one year under Oklahoma legend Bud Wilkinson, Davis entered the 45th Marine Division, and played alongside future pro coach Buddy Ryan. After several years of service ball Davis spent three years as a player in Tucson, before being drafted by the Washington Redskins in 1957. After being cut he drifted to the Western Pro League, and played against the likes of Tom Flores and John Madden.

As as coach he had only one overriding concern with this players.

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AJHS 33	Camp Verde 7
AJHS 62	Bagdad 6
AJHS 34	Winkleman Hayden 0
AJHS 57	Payson 0
AJHS 0	Superior 13 (L)
AJHS 22	Phoenix Christian 19
AJHS 20	St. Johns 0
AJHS 22	Florence 15
AJHS 23	Benson 28 (L)

PLAYOFFS:

AJHS 33	Wickenburg 10
AJHS 30	Blue Ridge 6

40 years ago (1965)

Eloy's All-Star Backfield Was Best

Chose your poison. That was the dilemma which faced one dozen opponents of Santa Cruz High's high octane football team 40 years ago.

Stop running back Art Malone, the state player of the year, and teammate Paul Ray Powell will score. Shut down that running game and quarterback Harold Foote will pick you apart.

When the season came to a conclusion, neither was done by anybody. The Eloy school seemed to score at will, climaxed by a 27-7 win over Peoria in the 1965 Class A finals at Arizona State University.

It would not be the last game in Sun Devil Stadium for Malone or Powell. On Christmas Eve Eloy's two blue-chip prospects signed letters of intent to continue their scoring ways in Tempe. Arizona State beat out such schools as Nebraska and UCLA in the process.

Located south of Casa Grande, just east of Interstate 10, Eloy was a popular stop for college recruiters between 1958 and 1990. They didn't bypass Eloy.

"The first coach we sent down there was Don Baker," said A-State head coach Frank Kush in 1978, referring to the popular backfield coach out of Phoenix Camelback. "He came back and said, "Hell, there's a back down there better than anything we've seen in Phoenix since we got here."

That back was Art Malone, who finished the 1965 campaign with a state record 37 touchdowns and 1,746 yards rushing for a 12-0 team. He had 520 yards on pass receptions, averaging 27.4 yards per catch.

With Malone, Powell and Foote in the backfield, the Lonnie Foster-coached squad averaged 41.5 points during the playoffs - a state record for all classes. Malone and Powell scored 300 of the Dust Devils' 512 points, and produced 3,176 yards of offense.

Malone, nicknamed the "Eloy rocket,"was the statistical giant of the season. He scored six touchdowns in one game, a 64-14 win over Coolidge, and five twice; first in a 67-0 rout of Willcox, followed by a 53-13 spanking of Hayden. In that game he rushed for a school record 299 games.

"Art's stats were misleading because he seldom played a full game," recalls former Santa Cruz assistant Glen Treadaway, today the Associate Executive Director of the Arizona Interscholastic Association. "We often had such a big lead, he spent most of the second half on the sidelines. Records weren't kept like they are today. He could have scored a lot more than we let him."



In 1965, quarterback Harold Foote (14) and halfback Art Malone (27) were an unstoppable combination at Eloy Santa Cruz (Eloy Enterprise photo).

"So far as I'm concerned," A-State assistant coach Paul Kemp said at the time, "In my eight years here, these are two of the finest prospects to come off the same ball club. We feel both boys have the tools and ability to do a good job. It's up to them how far they go."

Malone's hallmark was his ability to hit full speed in a few yards and hurdle defenders. In the spring he ran the high hurdles in 14.0 seconds, and broke the state record in the 180-lows with an 18.8 clocking. In the 1966 NOrth-South All-Star contest in Flagstaff, Malone blitzed a North defense made up mostly of players from larger schools for a record 212 yards. He later was an all-WAC fullback at arizona State, followed by a successful NFL career in Atlanta and Philadelphia.

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Teammate Powell started in A-State's secondary and was a member of the Sun Devils' 1969 NCAA championship baseball team. He spent several years in pro baseball in the Los Angeles dodgers organization.

In football, Powell was our best defensive player," claimed Foster, whose star player gained 910 yards and scored 13 touchdowns despite missing the four games because of a cracked collarbone. Powell, like Malone, starred in other sports. He averaged over 20 points as a guard on eloy's basketball team, and was rated a top baseball prospect.

The Dust Devils win over Peoria in 1965 was the school's first state championship in football, but it wasn't its last. Many have followed. Lots of Malones and worn the Silver & Red uniform of Santa Cruz Valley Union High School.

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50 years ago (1955)

One Last Cheer for the Coyotes

The Arizona Interscholastic Association, in continuing its tradition of saluting championship teams of the past, will again honor Phoenix Union's once proud legacy at the halftime of the 5A finals in December.

Last year the AIA saluted the Coyotes' 1954 nationally ranked club on their 50th anniversary. Twenty-two members of that team, plus three coaches, returned. It was the largest turnout of team members for any AIA anniversary team - in any sport - including championship teams from 25 years ago.

"This is something very special to us," says AIA Executive Director Harold Slemmer. "It's great to see such a turnout of players from these teams. Phoenix Union was a very special school, and left an ever-lasting impression on the Phoenix community. We look forward to seeing these former players and coaches."

Who would have guessed it? Fifty years ago this fall Phoenix Union won its last state championship in football. They would come close, but in 1955 the Coyotes, coached by Sam Winningham, won the school's 25th title on the gridiron after compiling an 8-1-1 record in tough AA competition.

The defending state champions returned a treasure chest of talent, headed by all-state fullback George Greathouse, the state player of the year. When Greathouse picked up his diploma in May of 1956, he had played on four "mythical" state championship clubs - two at Phoenix Carver and two at Union - scored 63 career touchdowns, 383 points, and rushed for 4,551 yards.

But the season started off on shaky grounds. Because Greathouse was married in the off-season, he needed an eligibility ruling from the Arizona Interscholastic Association in order to play. Then the injury bug struck, and several key Coyotes missed several games.

The opening season game was a success, as 9,000 fans showed up at Montgomery Stadium to see Winningham's wrecking crew rout nearby St. Mary's 33-6. Greathouse scored three touchdowns, while Jack Wing and Dave Hibbert tallied once each.

Then, in what the Arizona Republic called "the most crushing high school upset in Arizona since last-running glendale blackened North High's title hopes in 1951," young South Mountain edged the Coyotes 14-13. The Rebels (today their mascot is the Jaguars), coached by Thomas "Shanty" Hogan, stoped Greathouse and the Coyotes' running game cold.



After a 34-0 win over Tucson Amphitheater, Phoenix Union players, covered in mud, whoop it up (Tucson Citizen photo).

One week later Yuma, which would finish second to Phoenix Union in the AA race, was clobbered at home by a furious Coyote eleven as Winningham's crew looked back on track. Headed by quarterback Dave Hibbert, the Pack revealed a new passing attack. Hibbert, who replaced the injured Robert Fields, broke the game open with short passes to Delbert Hodge and Darnel Haney.

In consecutive weeks, CIF schools from the west coast visited Phoenix. Undefeated San Diego Helix fell 39-2 after an evening of demoralizing runs, kicks and hard knocks supplied by Greathouse & Co. Santa Barbara, which had beaten Phoenix more times than not in previous years, succumbed 14-0. "George Greathouse is a great runner," said the Dons' head coach, Lou Tsoutsouvak.

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Phoenix kept the prestigious Siegel Memorial Trophy by taming Tucson's Badgers 26-6 in a hard-fought game. The turning point was a 36-yard run with a fumble by 6-foot, 5-inch Sumner Smith.

Unpredictable Mesa was next. The 13-7 score was identical to the previous year's classic, and Greathouse performed superbly again. The game, played before 5,000 fans in Mesa, saw Dick Borden star for the defense.

The Coyotes struck early against West High, the city's newest school. Greathouse sprinted 94-yards and Hibbert later hit the 6-foot, 7-inch Haney with an important score soon after.

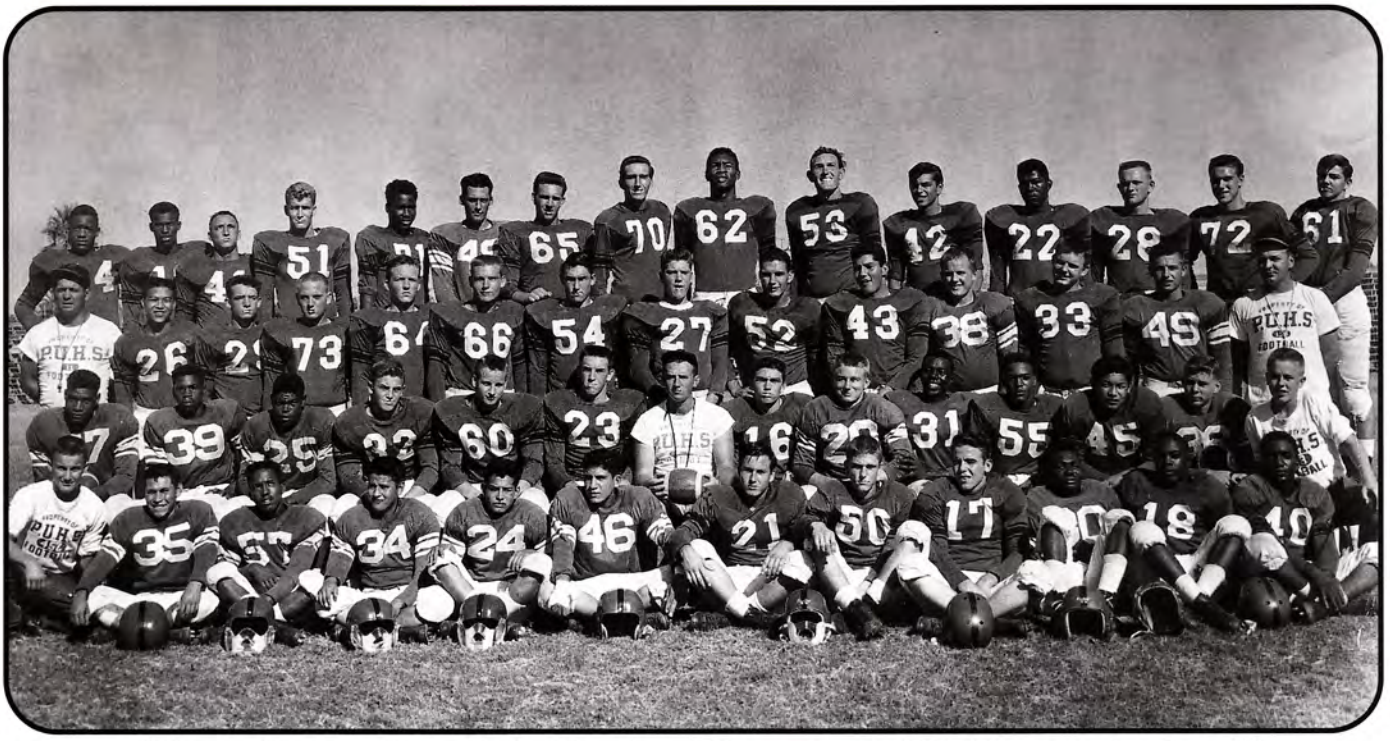
On Thanksgiving Day the favored Pack fought to a 7-7 tie with rival North, in the last game of Greathouse's career. Hodge scored for the Coyotes, while Lloyd Aycock tallied for the Mustangs. Over 9,000 screaming fans stood to the end.

The Coyotes closed the '55 campaign at 8-1-1, while North finished 4-3-3. There was no playoff system for football in Arizona's high school ranks then. In the AA league, none was needed yet.

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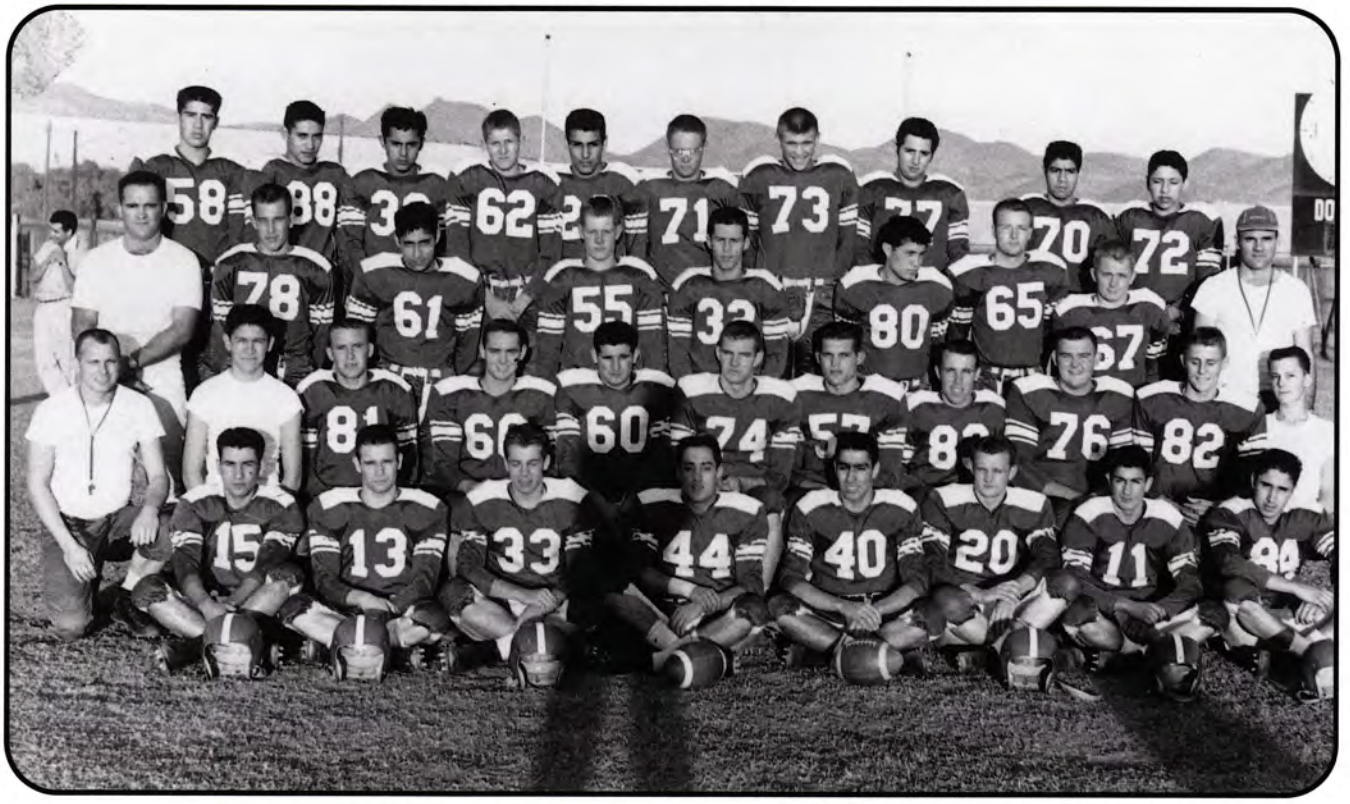
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Coyotes 14.....Santa Barbara, Ca. 0
Coyotes 26.....Tucson 6
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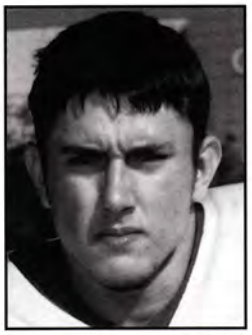
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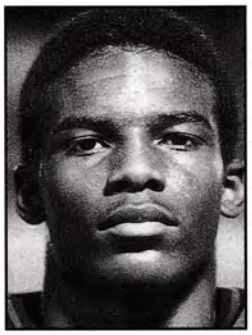
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MIAMI 39	Scottsdale 6
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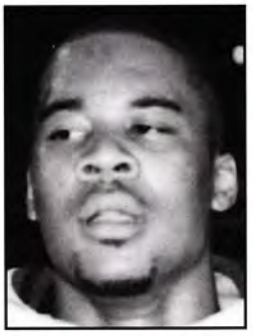
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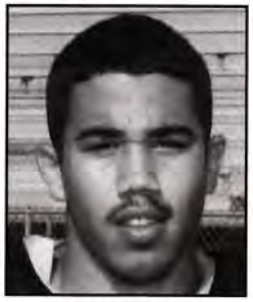
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2001..... Mike Nixon, Phoenix Sunnyslope
2000..... Chaz Scott, Chandler Hamilton
1999..... Marcus Thurman, Tempe Desert Vista
1998..... Bobby Wade, Tempe Desert Vista
1997..... Brandon Falkner, Peoria
1996..... Rashad Bauman, South Mountain
1995..... Mike Brown, Scottsdale Saguaro
1994..... Eric Johnson, Phoenix Alhambra
1993..... Corey Hill, Tucson Sabino
1992..... Mitchell Freedman, Phoenix Maryvale
1991..... James Richardson, Bradshaw Mountain (jr)
1990..... Eddie Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz
1989..... Billy Burris, Florence
1988..... Mike Salmon, Phoenix Greenway
1987..... Tyrone Byrd, Chandler
1986..... Nathan LaDuke, Phoenix Alhambra
1985..... Cleveland Colter, Jr., Tempe McClintock
1984..... John Giaspie, Phoenix Central
1983..... Anthony Parker, Tempe McClintock
1982..... Chuck Nixon, Phoenix Shadow Mountain
1981..... Shawn Benson, Mesa Mountain View
1980..... George Duarte, Tucson Sunnyside (jr)
1979..... Mossy Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz
1978..... Jeff Colter, Tucson Amphitheater
1977..... Charles Cobbs, Florence
1976..... Felix Kelson, South Mountain
1975..... David Given, Tempe McClintock
1974..... Harold Smith, Florence
1973..... Rob Wilson, Scottsdale Coronado
1972..... Carl Russell, McNary
1971..... Danny Smith, Safford (jr)
1970..... Derral Davis, Tucson
1969..... Dick Harris, Mesa Westwood (jr)
1968..... Joe Petroshus, Tucson
1967..... Rudy Quihuis, Tucson Pueblo
1966..... Bill Dipley, Scottsdale Arcadia
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1964..... LeRoy Peoples, Marana
1963..... Earliest Nelson, South Mountain
1962..... James Dugan, Flagstaff (jr)
1961..... Elby Bushong, Phoenix Washington
1960..... Luther Harper, Phoenix Union
1959..... Jim Sims, Tucson (jr)
1958..... Dornel Nelson, South Mountain
1957..... Steve Vaughn, Phoenix North

TYRONE BYRD, *a three-sport star at Chandler High School between 1985-87, was a star defensive back at Nebraska and a projected high NFL draft pick whose career was halted by an automobile accident in 1993.*

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7.....Coury Hankins, South Mountain, 1994
7.....Mike Brown, Saguaro, 1995
7.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1996 (jr)
7.....Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2002
7.....Anthony Groth, Cortez, 2004 (jr)
6.....Cotton Reiman, Phoenix Union, 1928
6.....Art Halbrook, Glendale, 1936
6.....Bill Crabtree, Agua Fria, 1952 (so)
6.....Phil Smith, Cortez, 1967
6.....Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
6.....Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
6.....Art Greathouse, McClintock, 1984 (jr)
6.....Darren Woodson, Maryvale, 1986
6.....Andrew McCormick, McClintock, '90
6.....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990 (so)
6.....Skeeter Brown, Mtn. Pointe, 1994
6.....Tim Vining, Cactus, 1994
6.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1996 (jr)
6.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1996 (jr)
6.....Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, 1998
6.....Cornell Canidate, Alhambra, 2000
6.....Mike Bell, Tolleson, 2000
6.....Jerry Vaughn, Glendale, 2002
6.....Shane Para, Mountain View, 2002
6.....Aaron Lafitte, Ironwood, 2002
6.....Adrian Conway, Westview, 2003
6.....Terry Longbons, Centennial, 2004
6.....Terry Longbons, Centennial, 2004
6.....Cyrus Igono, Pinnacle, 2004

TOUCHDOWNS (SEASON)
46.....Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2002
41.....Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, 1998
39.....Mike Bell, Tolleson, 2000
38.....Brian Drew, McClintock, 1989
37.....Tavon Cooper, Peoria, 1994
36.....Randy Hill, McClintock, 2001
35.....Mike Brown, Saguaro, 1995
35.....Aaron Lafitte, Ironwood, 2002
34.....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1988
34.....Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, 1993
34.....Micah Barton, Phoenix Christian, 1996
34.....Travis Gammage, Cortez, 1998
33.....Coury Hankins, South Mountain, 1994
33.....Markel DeVorce, Brophy Prep, 2004

TOUCHDOWNS (CAREER)
83.....Josh Griffin, Chaparral, 1997-99
77.....Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2000-02
76.....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88
76.....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990-92
72.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1995-97
71.....Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, 1991-93

POINTS (SEASON)
288.....Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2002
246.....Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, 1998
236.....Mike Bell, Tolleson, 2000
228.....Brian Drew, McClintock, 1989
222.....Tavon Cooper, Peoria, 1994
220.....Randy Hill, McClintock, 2001
216.....Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, 1993
213.....Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985
212.....Aaron Lafitte, Ironwood, 2002
210.....Mike Brown, Saguaro, 1995

POINTS (CAREER)
517.....Josh Griffin, Chaparral, 1997-99
474.....Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2000-02
460.....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88
456.....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990-92
440.....Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, 1991-93
434.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1995-97
415.....Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, 1997-98
393.....Andy Schroeder, ALA, 2001-03
386.....Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1985-88
383.....George Greathouse, Carver/
.....Phoenix Union, 1952-55
378.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
376.....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74

RUSHING YARDS (GAME)
424.....Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2002
409.....Maurice Smith, Tempe, 2001
402.....Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2002
400.....Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2002
388.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1996 (jr)
367.....Terrell Suggs, Hamilton, 1999
362.....Mark Wilda, Bourgade Catholic, 2004
358.....Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
354.....Maurice Smith, Tempe, 2001
353.....Brian Galbreath, Cortez, 1991
352.....Joel Huerta, Coronado, 1995 (so)
344.....Brian Pringle, Sunnyslope, 1970
341.....Daryl Lightfoot, Maryvale, 1999 (jr)
340.....Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2002
339.....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972 (so)
336.....Adrian Conway, Westview, 2003

RUSHING YARDS (SEASON)
3,573...Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2002
2,601...Keith Brown, Mountain Pointe, 1995
2,495...Aaron Lafitte, Ironwood, 2002
2,484...Mike Bell, Tolleson, 2000
2,330...Randy Hill, McClintock, 2001
2,321...Maurice Smith, Tempe, 2001
2,274...Terrell Suggs, Hamilton, 1999
2,230...Tim Vining, Cactus, 1994
2,224...Micah Barton, Phoenix Christian, 1996
2,201...Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1992
2,149...Travis Gammage, Cortez, 1998
2,127...Markel DeVorce, Brophy Prep, 2004
2,094...Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1996 (jr)
2,070...Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2001 (jr)
2,053...Terry Longbons, Centennial, 2003 (jr)
2,036...Mike Mantle, Coronado, 1996
2,030...Tavon Cooper, Peoria, 1994
2,027...Coury Hankins, South Mountain, 1994
2,023...Mike Brown, Saguaro, 1995

RUSHING YARDS (CAREER)
5,878...Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2000-02
5,669...Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990-92
5,204...Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1985-88
5,056...Maurice Smith, Tempe, 1999-01
4,597...Josh Griffin, Chaparral, 1997-99
4,455...Joel Huerta, Coronado, 1995-97
4,551...George Greathouse, Carver/
.....Phoenix Union, 1952-55
4,438...John Sanders, Thunderbird, 1993-95
4,417...Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
4,341...Daryl Lightfoot, Maryvale, 1998-00
4,319...Terry Longbons, Centennial,2002-04
4,307...Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
4,252...Cornell Canidate, Alhambra, 1998-00
4,240...Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1995-97
4,128...Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88
4,119...Mike Brown, Saguaro, 1993-95
4,081...Randy Hill, McClintock, 1999-01

AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (SEASON)
12.6.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955 (fr)
12.5.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1957 (jr)
12.3.....Rick Kelton, Gilbert, 1974
12.0.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1956 (so)
12.0.....Robert Holcombe, Mesa, 1993
11.9.....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1958
11.9.....Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1987 (jr)
11.8.....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990 (so)

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In 2004, all-state back Cyrus Igono of Phoenix Pinnacle scored six touchdowns during a win over Glendale (Tribune photo by Jennifer Grimes).

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN
99.....Sammy Johnson, Mesa, 1952
99.....Craig Ponciak, Gerard, 1964
99.....Wayne Jones, Dysart, 1972
99.....Jerry Harper, Chaparral, 1980
99.....Tom Collins, Apollo, 1985
99.....Randy Carr, Central, 1986
99.....Phil Hayward, Deer Valley, 1993 (jr)
99.....Trung Canidate, Central, 1994
99.....Phil Hayward, Deer Valley, 1994
99.....Skyler Hagg, Ironwood, 2004 (jr)
98.....Marvin Davis, Tempe, 1950
98.....Jim Rawlins, Tempe, 1950
98.....Danny Arredondo, Tempe, 1952
98.....Paul Fichera, Coronado, 1990 (jr)
98.....Craig Brown, Westview, 1994
98.....Mike Bell, Tolleson, 2000
98.....Kamron Scroggins, T. Browne, 2001(jr)

PASSING YARDS (GAME)
511.....Scott Martinez, Westview, 2000
480.....Mike Strack, Centennial, 1997 (jr)
479.....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
429.....Mark Tefteller, Phoenix Christian, 1998
419.....Chase Brunick, Desert Edge, 2004 (jr)
418.....John Beck, Mountain View, 1999
415.....Dante Johnson, Camelback, 2004
410.....Kellen Bradley, Saguaro, 2001
404.....Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971
403.....Rick Johnson, Paradise Valley, 1983
402.....Richard Lucero, South Mountain, 1997

PASSING YARDS (SEASON)
3,462...Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
3,370...Brian Wriston, Moon Valley, 2004
3,146...Jon Stoner, Cactus, 1999
3,094...John Rattay, Desert Vista, 1998 (jr)
3,009...Chris Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1994
2,929...Kellen Bradley, Saguaro, 2001
2,768...Mark Brooks, Greenway, 1995
2,683...Ryan Kealy, St. Mary's, 1995
2,669...John Beck, Mountain View, 1999
2,646...Tim Rattay, Phoenix Christian, 1994
2,636...Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope, 2001
2,586...Jason Murietta, Ironwood, 2002
2,566...Jonathan Beasley, Cactus, 1994 (jr)
2,539...Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1985
2,507...Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1991
2,507...Dennis Gile, Cortez, 1998
2,486...Mark Tefteller, Phx.Christian, 1998 (jr)
2,486...Mark Tefteller, Phoenix Christian, 1999
2,442...Todd Mortensen, Tempe, 1996
2,400...Max Hall, Mountain View, 2003

PASSING YARDS (CAREER)
8,091...Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope, 1998-01
7,239...Jon Stoner, Cactus, 1997-99
7,089...John Rattay, Desert Vista, 1997-99
6,441...Mark Brooks, Greenway, 1993-95
6,350...Ryan Kealy, St. Mary's, 1993-95
6,346...Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-85
6,142...Mark Tefteller, Phx. Christian, 1997-99
6,064...Marty Rincon, Westview, 1991-93
5,139...Jonathan Beasley, Cactus, 1993-95
5,063...Vince Fiore, Peoria, 1998-00

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (GAME)
7.....Tommy Scott, Gilbert, 1926
7.....Tim Rattay, Phoenix Christian, 1994
6.....Duncan Brown, Mesa, 1924 (jr)
6.....Charlie Beal, Mesa, 1943
6.....Gary Carpenter, North, 1968
6.....Chris Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1994
6.....Marco Burruel. Maryvale, 1997
6.....John Beck, Mountain View, 1999
6.....John Rattay, Desert Vista, 1999
6.....Brian Langhoff, Valley Christian, 2002
6.....Bubba Bradley, Cactus, 2003
6.....Brian Wriston, Moon Valley, 2004
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TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)
49.....Brian Wriston, Moon Valley, 2004
42.....John Beck, Mountain View, 1999
41.....Ryan Kealy, St. Mary's, 1995
40.....Tim Rattay, Phoenix Christian, 1994
38.....Kellen Bradley, Saguaro, 2001
37.....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
36.....John Rattay, Desert Vista, 1998 (jr)
36.....Jon Stoner, Cactus, 1999
35.....Max Hall, Mountain View, 2003
34.....Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope, 2001
33.....Justin Echols, Greenway, 1998

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (CAREER)
83.....Ryan Kealy, St. Mary's, 1993-95
82.....John Rattay, Desert Vista, 1997-99
78.....Jon Stoner, Cactus, 1997-99
74.....Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope, 1998-01
73.....Mark Tefteller, Phx. Christian, 1997-99
71.....Brian Wriston, Moon Valley, 2003-04
68.....Ryan Hoffner, NWCC, 1999-02
61.....Max Hall, Mountain View, 2002-03
60.....Todd Mortensen, Tempe, 1994-96
58.....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1991-93
58.....Mark Brooks, Greenway, 1993-95

RECEPTIONS (GAME)
21.....Paul Hardiman, Valley christian, 2002
17.....Sean Bowman, Phx. Christian, 1999
16.....Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
14.....Willie Haefs, Tempe, 1998
14.....Andy Hall, Saguaro, 2001
13.....Jason Birdsong, 1989 (jr)
13.....David Stephens, Glendale, '90 (jr)
13.....Blair Boynton, Desert Mountain, 2002
12.....Brad Anderson, Alhambra, 1978
12.....Adam Mesa, Gilbert, 1982
12.....Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
12.....Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
12.....Shelby Hill, Central, 1988
12.....Rick Huisman, Phx. Christian, 1998
12.....Ryan Jones, Saguaro, 1999 (jr)

RECEPTIONS (SEASON)
84.....Travis Brun, Deer Valley, 1996
82.....Chris McGaha, Moon Valley, 2004
79.....Rudy Fleming, McClintock, 2002 (jr)
77.....Blair Boynton, Desert Mountain, 2002
76.....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989 (jr)
76.....Damian Segovia, Greenway, 1995
75.....Justin Taplin, Tempe, 1996
74.....Tariq McDonald, St. Mary's, 1995
68.....Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985
68.....Adam Mannon, Hamilton, 2001
66.....Brant Williams, Independence, 1986
66.....Tony Vining, Cactus, 1991
66.....Matt Nixon, Sunnyslope, 1996 (jr)

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166 .....Justin Taplin, Tempe, 1993-96
157 .....Elton Johnson, Desert Vista, 1997-99
152 .....Ernie Salazar, Paradise Valley, 1985-87
148 .....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-90
145 .....John Peel, Chaparral, 2001-03
138 .....Damian Segovia, Greenway, 1993-95
129 .....Lee Resendes, Peoria, 1999-01
126 .....Matt Allen, Cactus, 1997-99

RECEIVING YARDS (GAME)
340 .....Sean Bowman, Phx. Christian, 1999
335 .....Ruck Huisman, Phx. Christian, 1998
315 .....Mark Marcos, Centennial, 1997
302 .....Pete Klaass, Paradise Valley, 1983 (jr)
296 .....Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
292 .....Cory Marshall, Tempe, 2001
277 .....Ricky Jamerson, Glendale, 2002
263 .....Ryan Jones, Saguaro, 1999 (jr)
262 .....Randy Fleming, McClintock, 2002 (jr)
260 .....Paul Hardiman, Valley Christian, 2002
258 .....Jimmy Conner, Greenway, 1998

RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON)
1,760 ...Damian Segovia, Greenway, 1995
1,662 ...Jimmy Connor, Greenway, 1998
1,593 ...Chris McGaha, Moon Valley, 2004
1,382 ...Rudy Fleming, McClintock, 2002 (jr)
1,298 ...Justin Taplin, Tempe, 1996
1,226 ...Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
1,208 ...Sean Bowman, Phx. Christian, 1999
1,207 ...Cory Marshall, Tempe, 2001
1,201 ...Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989
1,190 ...Tariq McDonald, St. Mary's, 1995

RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER)
3,333 ...Damian Segovia, Greenway, 1993-95
2,724 ...Justin Taplin, Tempe, 1993-96
2,698 ...John Peel, Chaparral, 2001-03
2,508 ...Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-90
2,507 ...Lee Resendes, Peoria, 1999-01
2,266 ...Matt Allen, Cactus, 1997-99
2,239 ...Wayman Westbrooks, M'vale, 1995-97
2,183 ...Sean Bowman, Phx.Christian, 1997-99

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (GAME)
5 .....Dwight Bennett, Glendale, 1966
5 .....Bristol Olomu, Red Mountain, 1998
4 .....Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
4 .....Merrill Brookings, Gilbert, 1926
4 .....Cecil Crouch, Mesa, 1943
4 .....Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1961 (jr)
4 .....Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962
4 .....Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
4 .....Dan White, West, 1967
4 .....Dick Harris, Westwood, 1969 (jr)
4 .....Jesus Tirado, Marcos de Niza, 1974
4 .....Shawn Harris, Tempe, 1988
4 .....Scott Mettham, Chaparral, 1988
4 .....Mike Collins, Mt. Pointe, 1993 (jr)
4 .....Tim Kohner, Phoenix Christian, 1994
4 .....Mike Allen, Cactus, 1994
4 .....David Tefteller, Phoenix Christian, 1995
4 .....Jerry Conner, Greenway, 1998
4 .....Jason Johnson, Thunderbird, 1998
4 .....Elton Johnson, Desert Vista, 1999
4 .....Sammy Moore, Westwood, 1999
4 .....Drew Bohannan, NWCC, 2002
4 .....Ricky Jamerson, Glendale, 2002
4 .....Thomas Huff, Camelback, 2002
4 .....John Means, St. Mary's, 2004

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (SEASON)
23 .....Jimmy Connor, Greenway, 1998
22 .....Chris McGaha, Moon Valley, 2004
21 .....Damian Segovia, Greenway, 1995
21 .....Sean Bowman, Phx. Christian, 1999
20 .....Tariq McDonald, St. Mary's, 1995
20 .....Drew Bohannan, NWCC, 2002
19 .....John Peel, Chaparral, 2003
17 .....Tim Kohner, Phoenix Christian, 1994
17 .....David O'Hara, Cortez, 1998
16 .....Dan Gonzales, Apache Junction, 1972
16 .....Justin Taplin, Tempe, 1996
15 .....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989 (jr)
15 .....Wayman Westbrooks, Maryvale, 1997
15 .....Todd Heap, Mountain View, 1997
15 .....Bristol Olomua, Red Mountain, 1998
15 .....Elton Johnson, Desert Vista, 1998 (jr)
15 .....Ed Grigsby, Cactus, 1998 (jr)
15 .....Elton Johnson, Desert Vista, 1999
15 .....Adam Mannon, Hamilton, 2001

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (CAREER)
40 .....John Peel, Chaparral, 2001-03
35 .....Damian Segovia, Greenway, 1993-95
34 .....Elton Johnson, Desert Vista, 1997-99
33 .....Sean Bowman, Phx.Christian, 1997-99
32 .....David Tefteller, Phx. Christian, 1993-95
32 .....Drew Bohannan, NWCC, 2000-02

INTERCEPTIONS (GAME)
5 .....Conrad Flippen, Phoenix Union, 1930
5 .....Dick Gwinn, Judson, 1964
4 .....Ned Newell, Mesa, 1921
4 .....Albert Guthrie, Mesa, 1921
4 .....Bill Woodbridge, Phoenix Union, 1927
4 .....Seth Williams, Glendale, 1958
4 .....Jack Meck, Buckeye, 1958
4 .....Craig Cardon, Mesa, 1966
4 .....Ralph Quintero, Gilbert, 1966
4 .....Pat Farrell, St. Mary's, 1969
4 .....Dick Harris, Westwood, 1970
4 .....Mark Oligschlaeger, Bourgade, 1972
4 .....Bret Baker, Saguaro, 1974 (jr)
4 .....Vince Martinez, Tempe, 1981
4 .....Steve McDowell, Gilbert, 1983
4 .....Rich Henkel, Horizon, 1984
4 .....Ty Hawkinson, Valley Christian, '90
4 .....Trevar Deed, Camelback, 2003
4 .....Beaux Kapr, Mesquite, 2003
4 .....Pat Huston, Highland, 2004

INTERCEPTIONS (SEASON)
15 .....Mike Vere, Bourgade, 1972
14 .....Mickey Bell, Cactus, 1979
14 .....Andy Zwingle, Peoria, 1979
13 .....Shawn Benson, Mesa, 1981
13 .....Scotty Malm, Phoenix Christian, 1986
12 .....Phil Havens, North, 1962
12 .....Bill Dipley, Arcadia, 1965 (jr)
12 .....Scott Hutson, Mountain View, 1983
12 .....Rhon McKinney, North, 1986
12 .....Andrae Thurman, Westview, 1997

INTERCEPTIONS (CAREER)
26 .....Phillip Echeverria, Buckeye, '85-87
24 .....Carlos Artis, Washington, 1988-90
20 .....Rhon McKinney, North, 1985-86
20 .....Keith Miller, Mountain View, 1977-78

LONGEST RETURN (INTERCEPTION)
105 .....T.C. Richmond, Agua Fria, 1985 (jr)
103 .....John Heffton, Moon Valley, 1980
103 .....Armando Bernasconi, Seton, 1991 (jr)
102 .....Quincy Fowler, St. Mary's, 1941
102 .....Elby Bushong, Washington, 1961
102 .....Chris Enos, Cortez, 1982
102 .....Ty-Juan Swasey, Carl Hayden, 1996

FIELD GOALS (GAME)
5 .....Jeremy Kelley, Mountain View, 1996
4 .....Lawrence Bever, Phoenix Union, 1925
4 .....Phil Insalaco, Phx. Christian, 1984
4 .....Joe Ackie, Carl Hayden, 1990
4 .....Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
4 .....Andy Schiesl, Chaparral, 1993 (so)
4 .....Terry Wood, Brophy Prep, 1995 (so)
4 .....Eric Oldenkamp, McClintock, 2000
4 .....Bubba Bradley, Cactus, 2003

FIELD GOALS (SEASON)
19 .....Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1985
19 .....Bubba Bradley, Cactus, 2003
16 .....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
15 .....Jeremy Kelley, Mt. View, 1995 (jr)
15 .....Jeremy Kelley, Mountain View, 1996
15 .....Erik Contos, Red Mountain, 2001
13 .....Phil Insalaco, Phoenix Christian, 1984
13 .....Cameron Mark, Arcadia, 1993 (jr)
13 .....Esteban Bayona, Marcos de Niza, 2002
13 .....Ezra Ricks, Cactus, 2004 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (CAREER)
36 .....Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1983-85
30 .....Jeremy Kelley, Mountain View, 1994-96

LONGEST FIELD GOAL
62 .....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
60 .....Ramey Peru, Dobson, 1998
58 .....Jim Sanson, St. Mary's, 1994 (jr)
58 .....Bubba Bradley, Cactus, 2003
57 .....Mike Johnson, Centennial, 1995
57 .....Todd Purdin, Saguaro, 1995
56 .....Lucas Coelho, Dobson, 1996
56 .....Esteban Bayona, Marcos de Niza, 2002

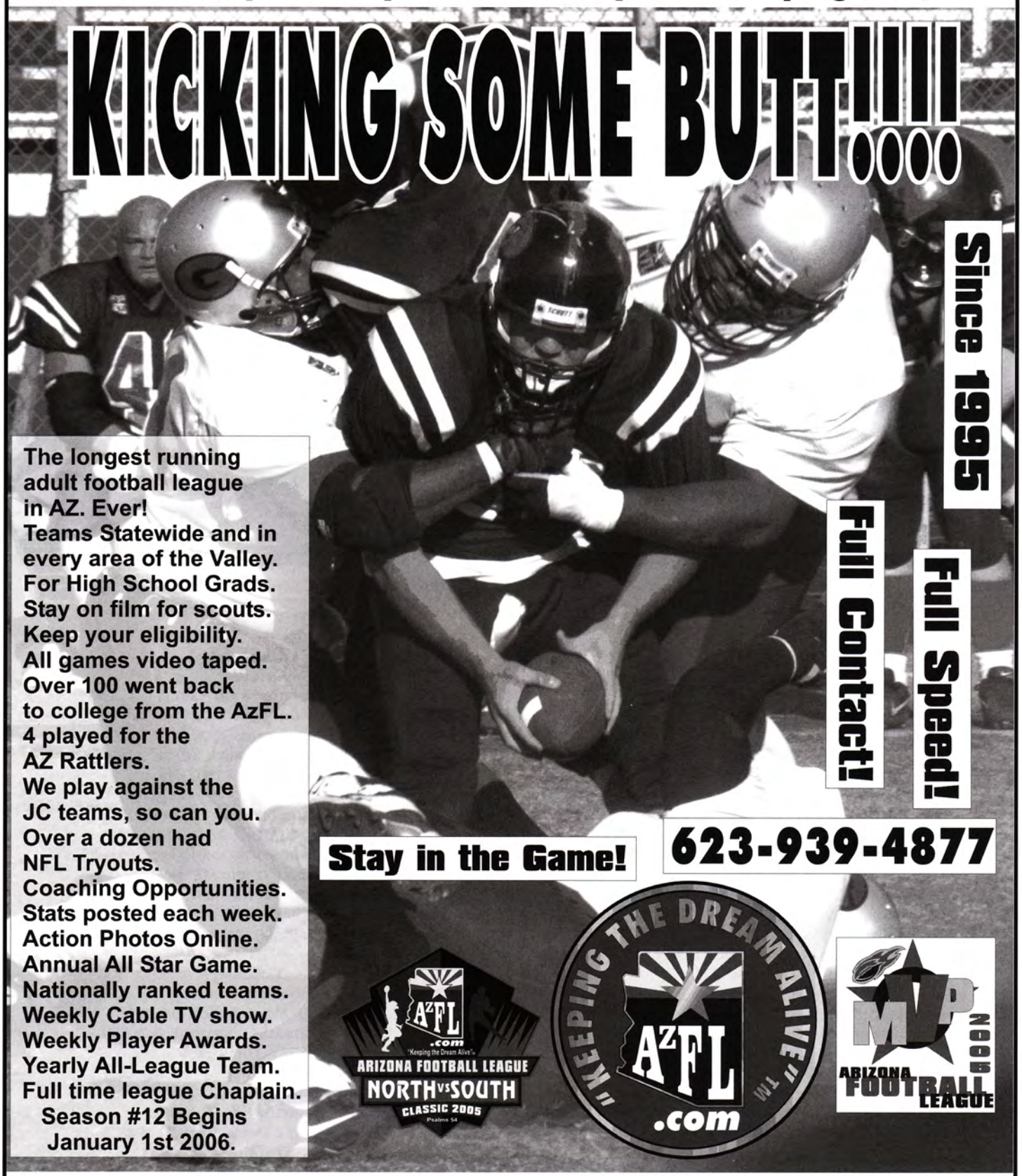
PATS (SEASON)
83 .....Matt Boatman, Chaparral, 2003 (so)
78 .....Sergi Sausedo, Agua Fria, 1998 (jr)
77 .....Ryan Aird, Centennial, 2004
70 .....Don Gallardo, Cactus, 1994 (jr)
70 .....Bronson Higham, Mountain View, 2002
70 .....Mike DeVinenzo, Moon Valley, 2003 (jr)
69 .....Tony Camino, Peoria, 1987
66 .....Kyle Bell, McClintock, 1989

PATS (CAREER)
169 .....Josh Lane, Phoenix Christian, 1994-97
155 .....Kyle Sparks, Tolleson, 2000-03
142 .....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1987-89
142 .....Jim Sanson, St.Mary's, 1993-95

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2004 All-State Teams



5A Coach of the Year Steve Belles of Mountain Ridge (Steve Paynter photo).

CLASS 5A

Offense

QB .....Travis Dixon, Chandler Hamilton, 6-1, 185
FB .....Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley, 6-4, 240
HB.....Keegan Herring, Peoria, 5-10, 185
HB.....Markel DeVorce, Phoenix Brophy Prep, 5-10. 185
TE .....Shaun Fitzpatrick, Gilbert Highland, 6-3, 240
WR.....Mekell Wesley, Chandler Hamilton, 5-11, 185
WR.....John Means, Phoenix St. Mary's, 6-2, 180
OC .....Dusty Jones, Mesa Mountain View, 6-1, 270
OL.....Richard Tuitu'u, Gilbert Highland, 6-5, 315
OL.....Ryan Tonnemacher, Chandler Hamilton, 6-3, 265
OL.....Shawn Byrnes, Paradise Valley, 6-4, 295
OL.....Ian Brinker, Tucson Salpointe, 6-6, 280
PK.....Patrick Huston, Gilbert Highland, 6-0, 165
P.....Jay Leal, Mesa Westwood, 5-11, 185 (jr)

Defense

LB.....Greg Bird, Mesa Red Mountain, 6-3, 200
LB.....Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley, 6-4, 240
LB.....Jimmy Rogers, Chandler Hamilton, 5-11, 185
DL.....Ty Porter, Gilbert Highland, 6-2, 230
DL.....Shelley Smith, Tolleson Westview, 6-4, 280
DL.....Alonzo Akins, Phoenix Maryvale, 6-1, 215
DL.....John Hargis, Mesa Red Mountain, 6-4, 290 (jr)
DB.....Jarvis Hodge, Tempe Mountain Pointe, 5-10, 180
DB.....Jack Darlington, Tucson Salpointe, 6-2, 190
DB.....Austin Martin, Glendale Mountain Ridge, 6-2, 180
DB.....Blaise Johnson, Tempe Coronad del Sol, 5-11, 185

Player of the Year: Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley
Coach of the Year: Steve Belles, Glendale Mountain Ridge

CLASS 4A

Offense

QB .....Brian Wriston, Phoenix Moon Valley, 6-1, 180
RB.....Xavier Smith, Tucson Sunnyside, 6-0, 205
RB.....Jacob Morell, Tucson Santa Rita, 5-10, 175
RB.....Tim House, Peoria Centennial, 5-9, 175 (jr)
TE .....Cody Jones, Tucson Sabino, 6-5, 235
WR.....Chris McGaha, Phoenix Moon Valley, 6-2, 185
WR.....Jon Stalcup, Phoenix Sunnyslope, 6-1, 180
OC .....Joe Bernardi, Flagstaff, 6-2, 270
OL.....Daniel Borg, Tucson Ironwood Ridge, 6-6, 285
OL.....Jordan Lowe, Peoria Centennial, 6-4, 304
OL.....Bobby Torres, Peoria Centennial, 6-3, 290
OL.....Sam Salamasina, Phoenix Moon Valley, 6-1, 222 (jr)
K.....Ezra Ricks, Glendale Cactus, 6-0, 180 (jr)

Defense

LB.....Richie Brockel, Phoenix Greenway, 6-3, 230
LB.....Matt Hain, Phoenix Moon Valley, 5-9, 175
DL.....Ekom Udofia, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-2, 300
DL.....Dexter Davis, Phoenix Thunderbird, 6-2, 230
DL.....Tanner Highlen, Peoria Centennial, 6-2, 275
DL.....Jack Wagner, Vail Cienega, 6-1, 250
DL.....James Brooks, Flagstaff, 6-6, 270 (so)
DB.....Cyrus Igono, Phoenix Pinnacle, 5-10, 200
DB.....Nathan Vega, Tucson Sunnyside, 6-0, 185
DB.....Will Campbell, Flagstaff Coconino, 6-0, 170
DB.....Chris McGaha, Phoenix Moon Valley, 6-2, 185

Player of the Year: Chris McGaha, Phoenix Moon Valley
Coach of the Year: Roger Briston, Moon Valley

2004 All-State Teams



Valley Christian's J.B. Brissette in action at the 2A state semfinals at McClintock (Jennifer Grimes photo).

CLASS 3A

Offense

QB .....Angel Felix, Coolidge, 5-11, 195 (jr)
RB .....Ryan Randell, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 6-0, 180
RB .....Paul Johnson, Snowflake, 5-11, 190
RB .....Brandon Jordan, Coolidge, 5-10, 185
WR .....Oscar Palacios, Coolidge, 5-11, 190
WR .....Andrew McCarville, Chandler Seton Catholic, 5-11, 180
OL .....Manuel Valenzuela, Coolidge, 6-4, 270
OL .....Tyler Massey, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 6-2, 205 (jr)
OL .....Anthony Williams, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 6-5, 240
OL .....Stetson Tenney, Show Low, 6-5, 250
OL .....Chris Garrison, Sahuarita, 6-5, 280
K.....Kyle Day, Sahuarita, 5-11, 175 (jr)

Defense

LB.....Garrett Lock, Queen Creek, 6-0, 180
LB.....Travis Depper, Sahuarita, 5-9, 180
LB.....Weston Petrovich, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 5-11, 180 (jr)
DL .....Manuel Valenzuela, Coolidge, 6-4, 270
DL .....Rashaun Payne, Coolidge, 5-9, 250
DL .....Anthony Williams, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 6-5, 240
DL .....Lance Erhart, Springerville Round Valley, 5-9, 205
DB.....Nate Harris, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 6-0, 166
DB.....Brian Murphy, Show Low, 6-3, 175
DB.....Jesse Wheeler, Coolidge, 5-8, 155
DB.....Craig Webster, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 6-2, 170

Player of the Year: Angel Felix, Coolidge
Coach of the Year: Brian Peterson, Sahuarita

CLASS 2A

Offense

QB .....Josh Schlueter, Phoenix Christian, 6-3, 200
RB .....Dwayne Thomas, Tombstone, 5-11, 175 (jr)
RB .....J.B. Brissette, Chandler Valley Christian, 5-11, 187
RB .....Chad Vargas, San Manuel, 5-11, 220
WR .....Tyler Woodman, Yuma Catholic, 6-1, 185
TE .....Nick Schroeder, Arizona Lutheran, 6-2, 210
OC .....Mike Villone, Chander Valley Christian, 6-2, 270
OL .....Phil Class, Arizona Lutheran, 6-4, 225
OL .....Ben Smith, Phoenix Christian, 6-3, 225
OL .....Aaron Delay, Tombstone, 6-2, 260
OL .....David Sanger, Florence, 6-3, 225
K.....Jose Chavez, San Manuel, 5-6, 135

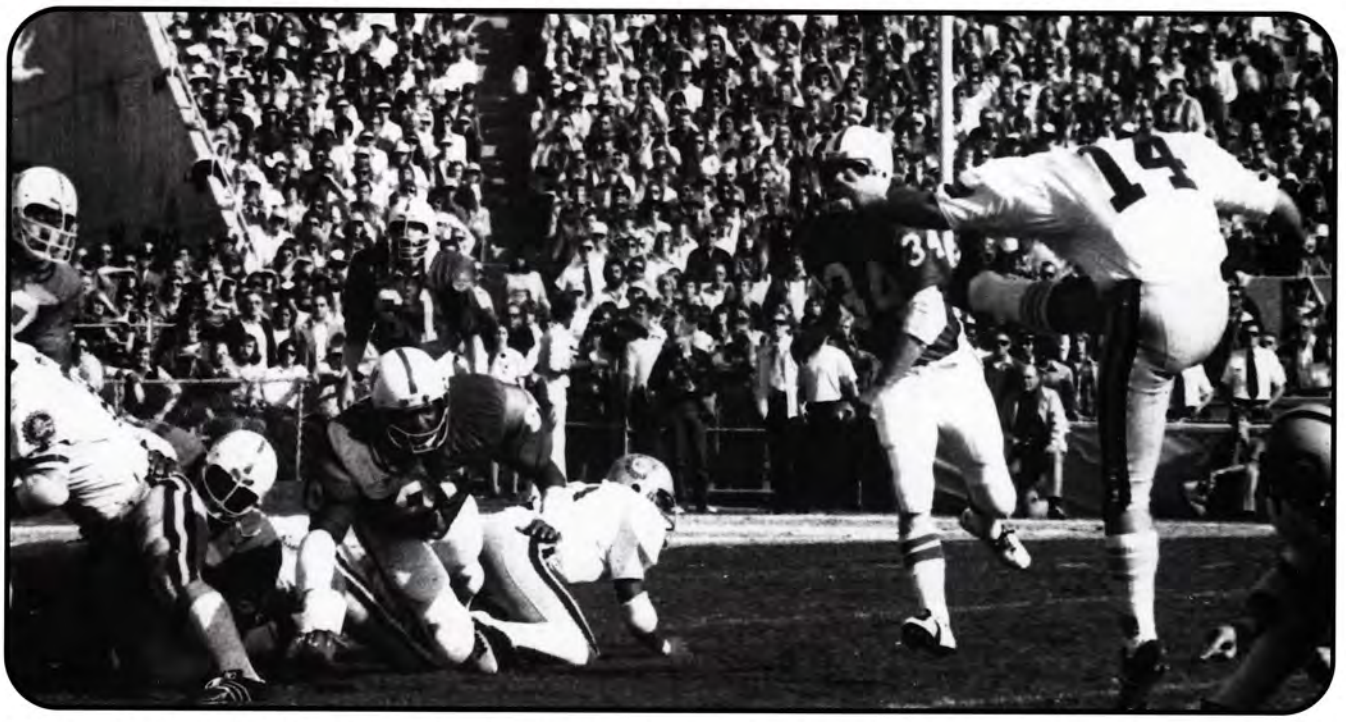
Defense

DB.....Travis Householder, Thatcher, 5-11, 180
DB.....Steve Arguelles, Yuma Catholic, 5-10, 175
DB.....Phil Roffi, Chandler Valley Christian, 6-0, 180 (jr)
DB.....Clint Morgan, St. Johns, 6-5, 200
LB.....Mark Wilda, Phoenix Bourgade Catholic, 5-11, 205
LB.....Kyle Young, Phoenix Northwest Christian, 6-2, 210
DL .....Andrew Thompson, Phoenix Christian, 6-2, 245
DL .....Matt Olsen, Scottsdale Christian, 6-0, 205
DL .....Brandon Oldham, Yuma Catholic, 6-4, 230
DL .....Nick Schroeder, Arizona Lutheran, 6-2, 210

Player of the Year: J.B. Brissette, Valley Christian
Coach of the Year: Doug Meyer, Arizona Lutheran

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Parade Magazine All-American Ekom Udofia of Scottsdale Chaparral is now at Stanford. (Steve Paynter photo)

2004 ... Ekom Udofia, Chaparral, DL
2003 ... Darren Mougey, Chaparral, QB
2002 ... Kyle Caldwell, Saguaro, DL
2001 ... Mike Falco, Horizon, RB
2000 ... Chad Christensen, Desert Mountain, QB
1999 ... Josh Griffin, Chaparral, RB/KR
1998 ... Jeff Krohn, Horizon, QB
1997 ... Jerry Schwartzberg, Chaparral, RB
1996 ... Mike Mantle, Coronado, RB/DB
1995 ... Mike Brown, Saguaro, RB/DB
1994 ... John Clayton, Horizon, RB
1993 ... Randy Hakes, Arcadia, TE/LB
1992 ... Rod Bair, Coronado, FB
1991 ... Paul Fichera, Coronado, RB
1990 ... Justin Olson, Horizon, RB
.. Paul Fichiera, Coronado, RB (jr)
1989 ... Kevin McLemore, Coronado, RB/LB
1988 ... Andy Davis, Saguaro, RB
1987 ... Tony Werstler, Saguaro, QB
.. Neil Begalman, Saguaro, LB
1986 ... John Boyer, Coronado, FB/LB
1985 ... Charles Sanfilippo, Chaparral, RB
1984 ... Steve Rosholt, Arcadia, RB
1983 ... Dave Schilling, Coronado, RB
1982 ... Lee Bishop, Chaparral, RB
.. Tim McInnis, Coronado, TE
1981 ... Frank Rudolph, Coronado, DE
1980 ... Randy Hayes, Scottsdale, WR
1979 ... Jeff Harper, Chaparral, RB
1978 ... Kevin Smith, Saguaro, QB (jr)
1977 ... Joey Lumpkin, Scottsdale, FB/LB
1976 ... Greg Brady, Coronado, QB
1975 ... Bob Pitre, Arcadia, QB
1974 ... Rick McClelland, Saguaro, FB/LB
1973 ... Rob Wilson, Coronado, QB/DB
1972 ... Keith Sobraski, Coronado, OT/DT
1971 ... Gil Gillenwater, Arcadia, RB
1970 ... Jim Cedarstrom, Saguaro, DE

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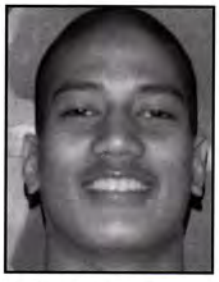
2004.....Greg Bird, Red Mountain, TE/LB
2003.....Max Hall, Mountain View, QB
2002.....Jarrett Stradling, Mesa, FB/LB
2001.....Mike Green, Red Mountain, LB
2000.....Steve Walker, Red Mountain, RB/LB
1999.....John Beck, Mountain View, QB
1998.....Bristol Olomua, Red Mountain, WR
1997.....Todd Heap, Mountain View, TE/LB
1996.....Cody Price, Westwood, LB
1995.....Tom Pace, Mesa, QB
1994.....Matt Griffith, Mesa, NG
1993.....Mikel Moreno, Mesa, QB
1992.....Brandon Thomas, Westwood, WR
1991.....Mike Cook, Mountain View, WR/DB/K
1990.....Grady Benton, Mesa, QB
1989.....Mark Jorgensen, Westwood, DB
1988.....Lance Smith, Mountain View, RB
1987.....Josh Arnold, Dobson, RB/DB
1986.....Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, PK
1985.....Bob Davis, Mountain View, LB
1984.....Pat Schabel, Westwood, WR
1983.....Paul Kasprzyk, Mountain View, RB
1982.....Keith Moody, Mountain View, T
1981.....Brian Denton, Mesa, T
1980.....Kevin Van Norman, Mountain View, DB
1979.....Todd Shell, Mountain View, LB
1978.....Keith Miller, Mountain View, WR
1977.....Ron Sowers, Mountain View, T
1976.....Fred Freeman, Westwood, T
1975.....Darrel LeSuer, Mesa, LB
1974.....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, RB
1973.....Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, WR



Mountain View's Max Hall passed for 2,400 yards and 35 touchdowns. (Steve Paynter photo)



Cody Price
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2001 .. Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope, QB/DB/K
2000 .. Mike Bell, Tolleson, RB
1999 .. Terrell Suggs, Chandler Hamilton, RB
1998 .. Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, RB/DB
1997 .. Todd Heap, Mountain View, TE/LB
1996 .. Justin Taplin, Tempe, WR
1995 .. Mike Brown, Saguaro, RB/DB
1994 .. Tavon Cooper, Peoria, RB/KR
1993 .. Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, RB/DB
1992 .. Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, RB
1991 .. Sam Salts, St. Mary's, WB/DB/K
1990 .. Grady Benton, Mesa, QB
1989 .. Brian Drew, McClintock, RB/RS
1988 .. Mike Salmon, Greenway, WB/DB/K
1987 .. Kevin Galbreath, Maryvale, RB
1986 .. Nathan LaDuke, Alhambra, QB/DB
1985 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, RB/DB
1984 .. Steve Belles, St. Mary's, QB
1983 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, RB/DB
1982 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, RB
1981 .. Frank Rudolph, Coronado, DE
1980 .. Jimmy Williams, Tempe, LB
1979 .. Todd Shell, Mountain View, LB
1978 .. Rory Barnett, Trevor Browne, RB (jr)
1977 .. Mike Pagel, Washington, QB
1976 .. Greg Brady, Coronado, QB
1975 .. Brian Felix, Phoenix Union, RB/DB



In 2002, Parade All-American Marcus Thomas rushed for 3,573 yards and 46 touchdowns (Steve Paynter photo).

1974 .. David Mitchell, St. Mary's (jr)
1973 .. Rob Wilson, Coronado, QB/DB
1972 .. Keith Sobraski, Coronado, DT
1971 .. Fred Mortensen, Tempe, QB
1970 .. Bob Breunig, Alhambra, FB/LB
1969 .. Danny White, Westwood, QB
1968 .. Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, QB
1967 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, FB
1966 .. Bob Soza, Westwood, TB
1965 .. Bill Dunning, Mesa, RB
1964 .. Richard Griffin, Westwood, T
1963 .. Earliest Nelson, South Mountain, RB
1962 .. Everett "Moose" Rollins, Arcadia, RB
1961 .. Andy Livingston, Mesa, RB
1960 .. Ted Lawrence, South Mountain, G
1959 .. Bob Olson, South Mountain, RB
1958 .. Lewis Albright, Scottsdale, RB
1957 .. Eddie Wilson, Chandler, QB

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Sept. 30 .....at Apache Junction
Oct. 7 .....Bradshaw Mountain
Oct. 14 .....at Scottsdale Chaparral
Oct. 21 .....Surprise Willow Canyon
Oct. 28 .....at Lake Havasu
Nov. 4 .....Goodyear Millennium

ALHAMBRA LIONS
Sept. 2 .....at Casa Grande
Sept. 9 .....Sandra Day O'Connor
Sept. 16 .....Tucson Flowing Wells
Sept. 23 .....Phoenix Camelback
Sept. 30 .....at Phoenix Central
Oct. 7 .....Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Oct. 14 .....at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 21 .....Phoenix North
Oct. 28 .....at South Mountain
Nov. 4 .....at Tempe Mountain Pointe

APACHE JCT. PROSPECTORS
Aug. 26 .....at Goodyear Desert Edge
Sept. 2 .....Dysart
Sept. 9 .....at Phoenix Washington
Sept. 16 .....at Page
Sept. 23 .....Cottonwood Mingus Union
Sept. 30 .....Agua Fria
Oct. 7 .....Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 14 .....at Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 21 .....Higley
Oct. 28 .....at Queen Creek
Nov. 4 .....Tempe Union

APOLLO HAWKS
Sept. 2 .....Lake Havasu
Sept. 9 .....at Tucson Catalina Foothills
Sept. 16 .....at Tempe McClintock
Sept. 23 .....at Goodyear Desert Edge
Sept. 30 .....Phoenix Moon Valley
Oct. 7 .....Glendale Cactus
Oct. 14 .....Surprise Willow Canyon
Oct. 21 .....at Prescott
Oct. 28 .....at Phoenix Greenway
Nov. 4 .....Glendale Independence

ARCADIA TITANS
Sept. 2 .....at Tucson Palo Verde
Sept. 9 .....Flagstaff Sinagua
Sept. 16 .....Goodyear Desert Edge
Sept. 23 .....at Dysart
Sept. 30 .....Flagstaff
Oct. 7 .....at Apache Junction
Oct. 14 .....Higley
Oct. 21 .....at Queen Creek
Oct. 28 .....at Tempe Union
Nov. 4 .....Scottsdale Coronado

ARIZONA LUTHERAN COYOTES
Aug. 25 (Thur.) .....at San Manuel
Sept. 2 .....Maricopa
Sept. 9 .....at Sahuarita
Sept. 16 .....Northwest Christian
Sept. 23 .....at Phoenix Bourgade
Sept. 30 .....Chandler Valley Christian
Oct. 7 .....at Phoenix Christian
Oct. 15 (Sat.) .....Scottsdale Christian
Oct. 21 .....at Phoenix Westwind
Oct. 28 .....Phoenix South Pointe

BASHA BEARS
Sept. 2 .....Mesa Dobson
Sept. 9 .....at North Canyon
Sept. 16 .....Tucson Sunnyside
Sept. 23 .....at Yuma Cibola
Sept. 30 .....Gilbert
Oct. 7 .....Tempe Mountain Pointe
Oct. 14 .....at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Oct. 21 .....Tempe Marcos de Niza
Oct. 28 .....at Tempe Corona del Sol
Nov. 4 .....at Tempe Desert Vista

BOURGADE GOLDEN EAGLES
Aug. 26 .....at Willcox
Sept. 2 .....Chandler Seton Catholic
Sept. 9 .....at Maricopa
Sept. 16 .....(San Diego) Scripps Ranch
Sept. 23 .....Arizona Lutheran
Sept. 30 .....at Northwest Christian
Oct. 7 .....at Chandler Valley Christian
Oct. 14 .....Phoenix Christian
Oct. 21 .....at Scottsdale Christian
Oct. 28 .....Phoenix Westwind Academy

BROPHY PREP BRONCOS
Sept. 2 ..... Tempe Desert Vista
Sept. 8 (TV) .....at Chandler
Sept. 16 .....at Glendale Mountain Ridge
Sept. 23 .....at Tucson Salpointe
Sept. 30 .....Mesa Westwood
Oct. 7 .....Paradise Valley
Oct. 14 .....at Scottsdale Horizon
Oct. 21 .....at Phoenix St. Mary's
Oct. 28 .....Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Nov. 4 .....Phoenix Shadow Mountain

BUCKEYE HAWKS
Aug. 26 .....at Surprise Willow Canyon
Sept. 2 .....Higley
Sept. 9 .....at Cottonwood Mingus Union
Sept. 16 .....Queen Creek
Sept. 23 .....at Phoenix Washington
Sept. 30 .....Tucson Palo Verde
Oct. 7 .....Phoenix Cortez
Oct. 14 .....at Goodyear Desert Edge
Oct. 21 .....Dysart
Oct. 28 .....at Glendale
Nov. 4 .....Bullhead City Mohave

CACTUS COBRAS
Sept. 2 .....at Cottonwood Mingus Union
Sept. 9 .....Agua Fria
Sept. 16 .....Scottsdale Chaparral
Sept. 23 .....at Phoenix Thunderbird
Sept. 30 .....Tucson Rincon
Oct. 7 .....at Glendale Apollo
Oct. 14 .....Phoenix Greenway
Oct. 21 .....at Phoenix Moon Valley
Oct. 28 .....at Glendale Independence
Nov. 4 .....Prescott

CACTUS SHADOWS FALCONS
Sept 2 .....Surprise Willow Canyon
Sept. 9 .....at Phoenix Pinnacle
Sept. 16 .....at Phoenix Cortez
Sept. 23 .....Scottsdale Coronado
Sept. 30 .....at Higley
Oct. 7 .....Flagstaff Sinagua
Oct. 14 .....at Phoenix Washington
Oct. 21 .....Bradshaw Mountain
Oct. 28 .....Scottsdale Notre Dame
Nov. 4 .....at Phoenix Sunnyslope

CAMELBACK SPARTANS
Sept. 2 .....Phoenix Goldwater
Sept. 9 .....at Yuma Union
Sept. 16 .....Glendale Deer Valley
Sept. 23 .....at Phoenix Alhambra
Sept. 30 .....Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Oct. 7 .....at Phoenix North
Oct. 14 .....Phoenix Central
Oct. 21 .....at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 28 .....at Tempe Marcos de Niza
Nov. 4 .....South Mountain

CARL HAYDEN FALCONS
Sept.2 .....Kingman
Sept. 9 .....at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Sept. 16 .....Gilbert Desert Ridge
Sept. 23 .....Phoenix North

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Sept. 30 .....at South Mountain
Oct. 7 .....at Casa Grande
Oct. 14.....Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 21.....Phoenix Camelback
Oct. 28.....at Phoenix Central
Nov. 4 .....at Phoenix Cesar Chavez

CASA GRANDE COUGARS
Sept. 2 .....Phoenix Alhambra
Sept. 9 .....at Tucson Flowing Wells
Sept. 16 .....Sierra Vista Buena
Sept. 23.....at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Sept. 30 .....Mesa Skyline
Oct. 7.....Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 14 .....at Yuma Union
Oct. 21 .....at San Luis
Oct. 28 .....Yuma Kofa
Nov. 4 .....Yuma Cibola

CENTENNIAL COYOTES
Sept. 2 .....at Mesa Mountain View
Sept. 9.....Phoenix Goldwater
Sept. 16 .....at Kingman
Sept. 23 .....Avondale La Joya
Sept. 29 (TV) .....Phoenix Maryvale
Oct. 7.....at Peoria
Oct. 14 .....at Tolleson
Oct. 21 .....Tolleson Westview
Oct. 28.....at Glendale Ironwood
Nov. 4 .....Peoria Sunrise Mountain

CENTRAL BOBCATS
Sept. 2 .....Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Sept. 9 .....at Yuma Kofa
Sept. 16 .....Tolleson
Sept. 23 .....at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Sept. 30 .....Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 7.....at South Mountain
Oct. 14 .....at Phoenix Camelback
Oct. 21 .....Phoenix North Canyon
Oct. 28.....Phoenix Carl Hayden
Nov. 4 .....at Phoenix North

CESAR CHAVEZ PEGASUS
Sept. 2.....Tempe Marcos de Niza
Sept. 9.....at Mesa Dobson
Sept. 16.....at Gilbert Highland
Sept. 23.....Phoenix Central
Sept. 30 .....at Phoenix Camelback
Oct. 7.....at Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 14.....Chandler Basha
Oct. 21 .....South Mountain
Oct. 28.....at Phoenix North
Nov. 4 .....Phoenix Carl Hayden

CHANDLER WOLVES
Sept. 2 .....at Scottsdale Horizon
Sept. 8 (TV) .....Phoenix Brophy Prep
Sept. 16.....at Mesa Westwood
Sept. 23 .....at Tucson
Sept. 30 .....Mesa Red Mountain
Oct. 7 .....Gilbert Mesquite
Oct. 14.....at Gilbert Desert Ridge
Oct. 21 .....Gilbert
Oct. 28 .....Gilbert Highland
Nov. 4 .....at Chandler Hamilton

CHAPARRAL FIREBIRDS
Aug. 27 (Sat.) .....at Flagstaff Coconino
Sept. 2 .....Phoenix Moon Valley
Sept. 9 .....BYE
Sept. 16 .....at Glendale Cactus
Sept. 23.....at Tempe Union
Sept. 30 .....Tucson Sabino
Oct. 7.....at Phoenix Pinnacle
Oct. 14 .....Agua Fria
Oct. 21 .....at Phoenix Thunderbird
Oct. 28 .....Scottsdale Saguaro
Nov. 4 .....Tempe McClintock

CORONA DEL SOL AZTECS
Sept. 2 .....Tucson
Sept. 9.....Gilbert
Sept. 16.....at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Sept. 23.....at Gilbert Highland
Sept. 30.....Phoenix St. Mary's
Oct. 7 .....at Phoenix Goldwater
Oct. 14 .....Tempe Desert Vista
Oct. 21.....at Tempe Mountain Pointe
Oct. 28.....Chandler Basha
Nov. 4 .....at Tempe Marcos de Niza

CORONADO DONS
Sept. 2 .....at Flagstaff Coconino
Sept. 9.....Scottsdale Notre Dame
Sept. 16 .....Glendale
Sept. 23.....at Cactus Shadows
Sept. 30.....Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 7.....at Queen Creek
Oct. 14 .....Apache Junction
Oct. 21 .....Tempe Union
Oct. 28.....at Higley
Nov. 4.....at Scottsdale Arcadia

CORTEZ COLTS
Aug. 26 .....Scottsdale Notre Dame
Sept. 2 .....Phoenix Washington
Sept. 9 .....at Tucson Cholla
Sept. 16.....Cactus Shadows
Sept. 23 .....at Queen Creek
Sept. 30 .....Glendale
Oct. 7 .....at Buckeye
Oct. 14 .....BYE
Oct. 21 .....at Bullhead City Mohave
Oct. 28 .....Dysart
Nov. 4 .....at Goodyear Desert Edge

DEER VALLEY SKYHAWKS
Sept. 2 .....Glendale Ironwood
Sept. 9 .....at Mesa Red Mountain
Sept. 16 .....at Phoenix Camelback
Sept. 23 .....Sandra Day O'Connor
Sept. 30 .....Kingman
Oct. 7 .....at North Canyon
Oct. 14 .....Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 21 .....at Phoenix Trevor Browne
Oct. 28 .....Yuma Union
Nov. 4 .....at Phoenix Goldwater

DESERT EDGE SCORPIONS
Aug. 26.....Apache Junction
Sept. 2.....Scottsdale Notre Dame
Sept. 9 .....at Tucson Santa Rita
Sept. 16 .....at Scottsdale Arcadia
Sept. 23 .....Glendale Apollo
Sept. 30 .....at Dysart
Oct. 7 .....BYE
Oct. 14 .....Buckeye
Oct. 21 .....at Glendale
Oct. 28 .....at Bullhead City Mohave
Nov. 4.....Phoenix Cortez

DESERT MOUNTAIN WOLVES
Sept. 2 .....at Phoenix Maryvale
Sept. 9 .....Phoenix Carl Hayden
Sept. 16 .....Tempe Corona del Sol
Sept. 23 .....Casa Grande
Sept. 30 .....at Tucson Salpointe
Oct. 7.....at Scottsdale Horizon
Oct. 14.....Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Oct. 21 .....at Paradise Valley
Oct. 28 .....at Phoenix Brophy Prep
Nov. 4 .....Phoenix St. Mary's

DESERT RIDGE JAGUARS
Sept. 2.....Mesa
Sept. 9 .....at Avondale La Joya
Sept. 16 .....at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Sept. 23 .....Mesa Skyline
Sept. 30 .....Tucson Flowing Wells
Oct. 7 .....at Chandler Hamilton
Oct. 14.....Chandler
Oct. 21 .....Gilbert Mesquite
Oct. 28 .....at Gilbert
Nov. 4 .....at Gilbert Highland

DESERT VISTA THUNDER
Sept. 2.....at Phoenix Brophy Prep
Sept. 9 .....Phoenix Maryvale
Sept. 16 .....at Mesa Mountain View
Sept. 23.....Gilbert Mesquite
Sept. 30.....Chandler Hamilton
Oct. 7.....at Tempe Marcos de Niza
Oct. 14 .....at Tempe Corona del Sol
Oct. 21 .....at Yuma Kofa
Oct. 28.....Tempe Mountain Pointe
Nov. 4 .....Chandler Basha

DOBSON MUSTANGS
Sept. 2 .....at Chandler Basha
Sept. 9 .....Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Sept. 16 .....Yuma Union
Sept. 2 (TV) .....Glendale Mountain Ridge
Sept. 30 .....at Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Oct. 7.....Mesa Red Mountain
Oct. 14 .....at Mesa Skyline
Oct. 21 .....at Mesa
Oct. 28 .....Mesa Westwood
Nov. 4.....at Mesa Mountain View

DYSART DEMONS
Sept. 2 .....at Apache Junction
Sept. 9 .....Flagstaff
Sept. 16.....at Glendale Independence

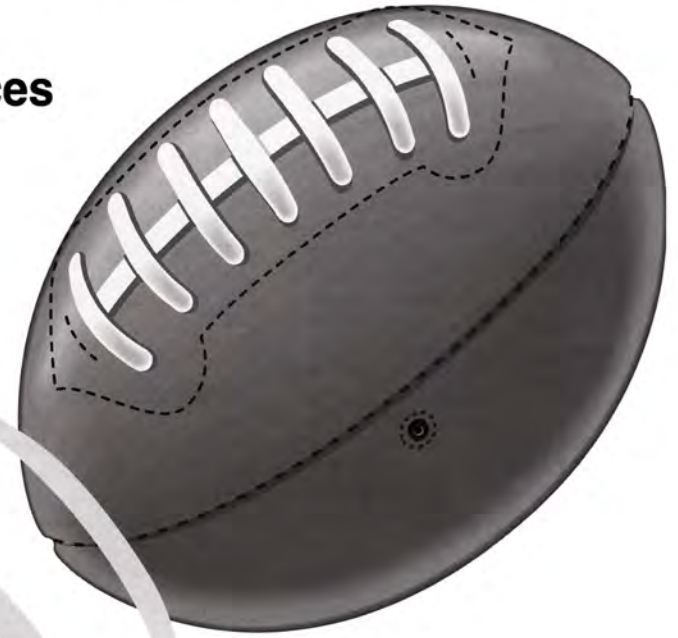


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DYSART DEMONS (cont)
Sept. 23 .....Scottsdale Arcadia
Sept. 30 .....Goodyear Desert Edge
Oct. 7 .....at Surprise Willow Canyon
Oct. 14 .....Bullhead City Mohave
Oct. 21 .....at Buckeye
Oct. 28 .....at Phoenix Cortez
Nov. 4 .....Glendale

ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS WOLVES
Aug. 26 .....at Florence
Sept. 2 .....Scottsdale Christian
Sept. 9 .....at Eloy Santa Cruz
Sept. 16 .....Wickenburg
Sept. 23 .....at River Valley
Sept. 30 .....at Sedona Red Rock
Oct. 7 .....BYE
Oct. 14 .....Parker
Oct. 21 .....at Chino Valley
Oct. 28 .....Fountain Hills

FOUNTAIN HILLS FALCONS
Aug. 26 .....at Lakeside Blue Ridge
Sept. 2 .....Eloy Santa Cruz
Sept. 9 .....Tuba City
Sept. 16 .....at Parker
Sept. 23 .....Sedona Red Rock
Sept. 30 .....at Payson
Oct. 7 .....Wickenburg
Oct. 14 .....at Chino Valley
Oct. 21 .....River Valley
Oct. 28 .....at Estrella Foothills

GILBERT TIGERS
Sept. 2 .....Peoria Sunrise Mountain
Sept. 9 .....at Tempe Corona del Sol
Sept. 16 .....Marana Mountain View
Sept. 23 .....Mesa Mountain View
Sept. 30 .....at Chandler Basha
Oct. 7 .....Gilbert Highland
Oct. 14 .....at Chandler Hamilton
Oct. 21 .....at Chandler
Oct. 28 .....Gilbert Desert Ridge
Nov. 4 .....at Gilbert Mesquite

GLENDALE CARDINALS
Sept. 2 ..... Flagstaff
Sept. 9 .....at Glendale Independence
Sept. 16 .....at Scottsdale Coronado
Sept. 23 .....Phoenix Sunnyslope
Sept. 30 .....at Phoenix Cortez
Oct. 7 .....Bullhead City Mohave
Oct. 14 .....at Lake Havasu
Oct. 21 .....Goodyear Desert Edge
Oct. 28 .....Buckeye
Nov. 4 .....at Dysart

GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Sept. 9 .....Air Force Academy
Sept. 17 .....at Phoenix College
Sept. 24 .....Pima College
Oct. 1 .....at Scottsdale Community
Oct. 8 .....Eastern Arizona
Oct. 15 .....Mesa Community
Oct. 22 .....at New Mexico Military Institute
Oct. 29 .....Dixie State
Nov. 5 .....Snow College
Nov. 12 .....at Arizona Western

GOLDWATER BULLDOGS
Sept. 2 .....at Phoenix Camelback
Sept. 9 .....at Peoria Centennial
Sept. 16 .....Yuma Cibola
Sept. 23 .....at Kingman
Sept. 30 .....at Phoenix North Canyon
Oct. 7 .....Tempe Corona del Sol
Oct. 14 .....Phoenix Trevor Browne
Oct. 21 .....at Sandra Day O'Connor
Oct. 28 .....Glendale Mountain Ridge
Nov. 4 .....Glendale Deer Valley

GREENWAY DEMONS
Sept. 2 .....Phoenix Sunnyslope
Sept. 9 .....at Vail Cienega
Sept. 16 .....Goodyear Millennium
Sept. 23 .....at Agua Fria
Sept. 30 .....Glendale Independence
Oct. 7 .....at Prescott
Oct. 14 .....at Glendale Cactus
Oct. 20 (TV) .....Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 28 .....Glendale Apollo
Nov. 4 .....at Phoenix Moon Valley

HAMILTON HUSKIES
Sept. 1 (TV) .....Mesa Red Mountain
Sept. 9 .....Paradise Valley
Sept. 16 .....at Tucson
Sept. 23 .....at Tempe Marcos de Niza
Sept. 30 .....at Tempe Desert Vista
Oct. 7 .....Gilbert Desert Ridge
Oct. 14 .....Gilbert
Oct. 21 .....at Gilbert Highland
Oct. 28 .....at Gilbert Mesquite
Nov. 4 .....Chandler

HIGHLAND HAWKS
Sept. 2 .....Yuma Kofa
Sept. 9 .....at Sierra Vista Buena
Sept. 16 .....Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Sept. 23 .....Tempe Corona del Sol
Sept. 30 .....at Paradise Valley
Oct. 7 .....at Gilbert
Oct. 14 .....at Gilbert Mesquite
Oct. 21 .....Chandler Hamilton
Oct. 28 ..... at Chandler
Nov. 4 .....Gilbert Desert Ridge

HIGLEY KNIGHTS
Sept. 2 .....at Buckeye
Sept. 9 .....Flagstaff Coconino
Sept. 16 .....at Scottsdale Notre Dame
Sept. 23 .....at Bradshaw Mountain
Sept. 30 .....Cactus Shadows
Oct. 7 .....Tempe Union
Oct. 14 .....at Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 21 .....at Apache Junction
Oct. 28 .....Scottsdale Coronado
Nov. 4 .....Queen Creek

HORIZON HUSKIES
Sept. 2 ..... Chandler
Sept. 9 .....at Tempe Mountain Pointe
Sept. 16 .....at Mesa
Sept. 23 .....Mesa Red Mountain
Sept. 30 .....at Yuma Kofa
Oct. 7 .....Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Oct. 14 .....Phoenix Brophy Prep
Oct. 21 .....at Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Oct. 28 .....Phoenix St. Mary's
Nov. 4 .....at Paradise Valley

INDEPENDENCE PATRIOTS
Aug. 26 .....Phoenix Pinnacle
Sept. 2 .....at Flagstaff Sinagua
Sept. 9 .....Glendale
Sept. 16 .....Dysart
Sept. 23 .....at Tucson Pueblo
Sept. 30 .....at Phoenix Greenway
Oct. 7 .....at Phoenix Moon Valley
Oct. 14 .....Prescott
Oct. 21 .....BYE
Oct. 28 .....Glendale Cactus
Nov. 4 .....at Glendale Apollo

IRONWOOD EAGLES
Sept. 2 .....at Glendale Deer Valley
Sept. 9 .....Tempe Marcos de Niza
Sept. 16 .....at South Mountain
Sept. 23 .....at Tolleson
Sept. 30 .....Tolleson Westview
Oct. 7 .....at Peoria Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 14 .....Peoria
Oct. 21 .....at Phoenix Maryvale
Oct. 28 .....Peoria Centennial
Nov. 4 .....Avondale La Joya

LA JOYA LOBOS
Sept. 2 .....San Luis
Sept. 9 .....Gilbert Desert Ridge
Sept. 16 .....at Sandra Day O'Connor
Sept. 23 .....at Peoria Centennial
Sept. 30 .....Tolleson
Oct. 7 .....at Tolleson Westview
Oct. 14 .....Phoenix Maryvale
Oct. 21 .....at Peoria
Oct. 28 .....Peoria Sunrise Mountain
Nov. 4 .....at Glendale Ironwood

MARCOS DE NIZA PADRES
Sept. 2 ..... at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Sept. 9 .....at Glendale Ironwood
Sept. 16 .....Tolleson Westview
Sept. 23 .....Chandler Hamilton
Sept. 30 .....at Marana Mountain View
Oct. 7 .....Tempe Desert Vista
Oct. 14 .....at Tempe Mountain Pointe
Oct. 21 .....at Chandler Basha
Oct. 28 .....Phoenix Camelback
Nov. 4 .....Tempe Corona del Sol

MARICOPA RAMS
Aug. 26 .....Winkleman Hayden
Sept. 2 .....at Arizona Lutheran
Sept. 9 .....Phoenix Bourgade Catholic



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MARICOPA RAMS (cont)
Sept. 16 .....Wellton Antelope
Sept. 23 .....at San Pasqual, Ca.
Sept. 30 .....at Yuma Catholic
Oct. 7 .....at Baboquivari
Oct. 14 .....Gila Bend
Oct. 20 (Thur.) .....at Red Mountain Juniors
Oct. 28 .....Tonopah

MARYVALE PANTHERS
Sept. 2.....Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Sept. 9 .....at Tempe Desert Vista
Sept. 16 .....Tempe Mountain Pointe
Sept. 23.....at Peoria Sunrise Mountain
Sept. 29 (TV) .....at Peoria Centennial
Oct. 7 .....Tolleson
Oct. 14 .....at Avondale La Joya
Oct. 21 .....Glendale Ironwood
Oct. 28 .....at Tolleson Westview
Nov. 4 .....Peoria

McCLINTOCK CHARGERS
Sept. 2.....at Tempe Union
Sept. 9.....at Sunrise Willow Canyon
Sept. 16 .....Glendale Apollo
Sept. 23 .....Tucson Amphi
Sept. 30 .....Queen Creek
Oct. 7 .....at Lake Havasu
Oct. 14 .....at Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 21.....Phoenix Pinnacle
Oct. 28 .....Phoenix Thunderbird
Nov. 4 .....at Scottsdale Chaparral

MESA JACKRABBITS
Sept. 2 .....at Glendale Desert Ridge
Sept. 9 .....Phoenix Trevor Browne
Sept. 16 .....Scottsdale Horizon
Sept. 23 .....at Tucson Flowing Wells
Sept. 30 .....Phoenix North
Oct. 7 .....at Mesa Westwood
Oct. 14.....at Mesa Red Mountain
Oct. 21 .....Mesa Dobson
Oct. 28 .....Mesa Mountain View
Nov. 4 .....at Mesa Skyline

MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Sept. 3 .....at Redlands (Ca.)
Sept. 10 .....Globe-Miami Sting
Sept. 17.....at Dixie State College
Sept. 24.....New Mexico Military
Oct. 1 .....Phoenix College
Oct. 8 .....at Snow College
Oct. 15 .....at Glendale Community
Oct. 22 .....Arizona Western
Oct. 29.....Eastern Arizona
Nov. 5 .....at Pima Community
Nov. 12.....Scottsdale Community

MESQUITE WILDCATS
Sept. 2.....Phoenix North
Sept. 9.....at Phoenix St. Mary's
Sept. 16 .....at San Luis
Sept. 23 .....at Tempe Desert Vista
Sept. 30 .....Tempe Mountain Pointe
Oct. 7.....at Chandler
Oct. 14 .....Gilbert Highland
Oct. 21.....at Gilbert Desert Ridge
Oct. 28 .....Chandler Hamilton
Nov. 4 .....Gilbert

MILLENNIUM TIGERS
Aug. 27 .....Page (Flagstaff Kickoff Classic)
Sept. 2 .....Phoenix Pinnacle
Sept. 9 .....at Scottsdale Saguaro
Sept. 16 .....at Phoenix Greenway
Sept. 23 .....Tucson Canyon del Oro
Sept. 30 .....at Tucson Sahuaro
Oct. 6 (TV).....Phoenix Sunnyslope
Oct. 14 .....at Phoenix Moon Valley
Oct. 21 .....Lake Havasu
Oct. 28.....Surprise Willow Canyon
Nov. 4 .....at Agua Fria

MOON VALLEY ROCKETS
Sept 2 ..... at Scottsdale Chaparral
Sept. 9 .....Tucson Ironwood Ridge
Sept. 16.....at Saguaro
Sept. 23.....at Flagstaff
Sept. 30 .....at Glendale Apollo
Oct. 7 .....Glendale Independence
Oct. 14.....Goodyear Millennium
Oct. 21 .....Glendale Cactus
Oct. 28 .....at Prescott
Nov. 4 .....Phoenix Greenway

MOUNTAIN POINTE PRIDE
Sept 2 .....at Mesa Westwood
Sept. 9 .....Scottsdale Horizon
Sept. 16.....at Phoenix Maryvale
Sept. 23 .....South Mountain
Sept. 30 .....at Gilbert Mesquite
Oct. 7 .....at Chandler Basha
Oct. 14 .....Tempe Marcos de Niza
Oct. 21 .....Tempe Corona del Sol
Oct. 28 .....at Tempe Desert Vista
Nov. 4 .....Phoenix Alhambra

MOUNTAIN RIDGE MTN. LIONS
Sept. 2.....at Tucson Sunnyside
Sept. 9 .....Peoria
Sept. 16.....Phoenix Brophy Prep
Sept. 22 (TV) .....at Mesa Dobson
Sept. 30 .....at Sandra Day O'Connor
Oct. 7 .....Phoenix Trevor Browne
Oct. 14 .....at Deer Valley
Oct. 21.....Kingman
Oct. 28 .....at Phoenix Goldwater
Nov. 4 .....Phoenix North Canyon

MOUNTAIN VIEW TOROS
Sept. 2 .....Peoria Centennial
Sept. 9 .....at South Mountain
Sept. 16 .....Tempe Desert Vista
Sept. 23.....at Gilbert
Sept. 30.....at Tucson Sunnyside
Oct. 7.....Mesa Skyline
Oct. 14 .....Mesa Westwood
Oct. 21.....at Mesa Red Mountain
Oct. 28 .....at Mesa
Nov. 4 .....Mesa Dobson

NORTH PHOENIX MUSTANGS
Sept. 2 .....at Gilbert Mesquite
Sept. 9 .....Tolleson Westview
Sept. 15 (TV) .....at Paradise Valley
Sept. 23 .....at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Sept. 30 .....at Mesa
Oct. 7 .....Phoenix Camelback
Oct. 14 .....South Mountain
Oct. 21 .....at Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 28 .....Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Nov. 4 .....Phoenix Central

NORTH CANYON RATTLERS
Sept. 2 .....Marana Mountain View
Sept. 9 .....Chandler Basha
Sept. 16 .....at Peoria
Sept. 23 .....at Phoenix Trevor Browne
Sept. 30 .....PHoenix Goldwater
Oct. 7 .....Deer Valley
Oct. 14 .....at Sandra Day O'Connor
Oct. 21.....at Phoenix Central
Oct. 28.....at Phoenix Central
Nov. 4.....at Glendale Mountain Ridge

NW CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS
Sept. 2 .....at Wickenburg
Sept. 9 .....at Tucson Pusch Ridge
Sept. 16 .....at Arizona Lutheran
Sept. 23 .....at Scottsdale Christian
Sept. 30.....Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Oct. 7 .....Phoenix Westwind Academy
Oct. 14 .....at Chandler Valley Christian
Oct. 21 .....Sahuarita
Oct. 28 .....Phoenix Christian

NOTRE DAME PREP SAINTS
Aug. 26.....at Phoenix Cortez
Sept. 2 .....at Goodyear Desert Edge
Sept. 9 .....at Scottsdale Coronado
Sept. 16 .....Higley
Sept. 23 .....Tucson Santa Rita
Sept. 30 .....Flagstaff Sinagua
Oct. 7 .....Phoenix Washington
Oct. 14 .....at Bradshaw Mountain
Oct. 21 .....Phoenix Sunnyslope
Oct. 28 .....at Cactus Shadows
Nov. 4 .....at Page

PARADISE VALLEY TROJANS
Sept. 2 .....at Peoria
Sept. 9.....at Chandler Hamilton
Sept. 15 (TV) .....Phoenix North
Sept. 23 .....San Luis
Sept. 30 .....Gilbert Highland
Oct. 7 .....at Phoenix Brophy Prep
Oct. 14 .....at Phoenix St. Mary's
Oct. 21 .....Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Oct. 28.....at Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Nov. 4 .....Scottsdale Horizon

PEORIA PANTHERS
Sept. 2.....Paradise Valley
Sept. 9 .....at Glendale Mountain Ridge
Sept. 16.....Phoenix North Canyon
Sept. 23 .....at Tolleson Westview



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Sept. 30.....Peoria Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 7 .....Peoria Centennial
Oct. 14.....at Glendale Ironwood
Oct. 21 .....Avondale La Joya
Oct. 28 .....at Tolleson
Nov. 4 .....at Phoenix Maryvale

PHOENIX CHRISTIAN COUGARS
Sept. 2 .....Tombstone
Sept. 9 .....at Thatcher
Sept. 16 .....at Scottsdale Christian
Sept. 23.....Phoenix Westwind Academy
Sept. 30 .....Phoenix South Point
Oct. 7 .....Arizona Lutheran
Oct. 14 .....at Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Oct. 21.....Chandler Valley Christian
Oct. 28.....at Northwest Christian

PINNACLE PIONEERS
Aug. 26 .....at Glendale Independence
Sept. 2 .....at Goodyear Millennium
Sept. 9.....Cactus Shadows
Sept. 16.....Prescott
Sept. 23 .....at Tucson Ironwood Ridge
Sept. 30 .....Surprise Willow Canyon
Oct. 7 .....Scottsdale Chaparral
Oct. 14 .....Phoenix Thunderbird
Oct. 21.....at Tempe McClintock
Oct. 28.....BYE
Nov. 4 .....at Scottsdale Saguaro

PRESCOTT BADGERS
Sept. 2 .....Bradshaw Mountain
Sept. 9 .....at Phoenix Thunderbird
Sept. 16 .....at Phoenix Pinnacle
Sept. 23.....Tucson Catalina
Sept. 30 .....at Flagstaff Coconino
Oct. 7 .....Phoenix Greenway
Oct. 14 .....at Glendale Independence
Oct. 21 .....Glendale Apollo
Oct. 28.....Phoenix Moon Valley
Nov. 4 .....at Glendale Cactus

QUEEN CREEK BULLDOGS
Sept. 2 .....Tucson Desert View
Sept. 9.....at Bullhead City Mohave
Sept. 16 .....at Buckeye
Sept. 23 .....Phoenix Cortez
Sept. 30 .....at Tempe McClintock
Oct. 7 .....Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 14 .....at Tempe Union
Oct. 21.....Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 28.....Apache Junction
Nov. 4 .....at Higley

RAYMOND KELLIS COUGARS (JV)
Sept. 1 .....Buckeye
Sept. 8.....at Copper Canyon
Sept. 15.....at Flagstaff
Sept. 22 .....Scottsdale Chaparral
Sept. 29.....Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 6.....Goodyear Desert Edge
Oct. 13.....BYE
Oct. 20 .....at Glendale Independence
Oct. 27 .....at Apache Junction



Centennial Head Coach Dick Taylor (Steve Paynter Photo).

RED MOUNTAIN MOUNTAIN LIONS
Sept. 1 (TV) .....at Chandler Hamilton
Sept. 9 .....Glendale Deer Valley
Sept. 16 .....Yuma Kofa
Sept. 23 .....at Scottsdale Horizon
Sept. 30 .....at Chandler
Oct. 7 .....at Mesa Dobson
Oct. 14 .....Mesa
Oct. 21 .....Mesa Mountain View
Oct. 28.....at Mesa Skyline
Nov. 3 (TV) .....Mesa Westwood

SAGUARO SABERCATS
Sept. 2 .....at Tucson Canyon del Oro
Sept. 9 .....Goodyear Millennium
Sept. 16 .....Phoenix Moon Valley
Sept. 23 .....Vail Cienega
Sept. 30 .....at Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 7 .....at Phoenix Thunderbird
Oct. 14 .....Tempe McClintock
Oct. 20 (TV) .....at Phoenix Greenway
Oct. 28 .....at Scottsdale Chaparral
Nov. 4 .....Phoenix Pinnacle

SAINT MARY'S KNIGHTS
Sept. 2 .....at Yuma
Sept. 9.....Gilbert Mesquite
Sept. 16 .....Phoenix Trevor Browne
Sept. 23.....Mesa Westwood
Sept. 30 .....at Tempe Corona del Sol
Oct. 7.....at Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Oct. 14 .....Paradise Valley
Oct. 21 .....Phoenix Brophy Prep
Oct. 28.....at Scottsdale Horizon
Nov. 4 .....at Scottsdale Desert Mountain

SALT RIVER EAGLES
Aug. 26 .....Rock Point
Sept. 2 .....at Nolie
Sept. 6 .....Baboquivari
Sept. 9 .....at Bagdad
Sept. 16.....at Phoenix Valley Lutheran
Sept. 23 .....Ajo
Sept. 30 .....Superior
Oct. 7 .....at Canyon State Academy
Oct. 14 .....at Tempe Prep
Oct. 21 .....Salome

SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR EAGLES
Sept. 2 .....at Mesa Skyline
Sept. 9 .....at Phoenix Alhambra
Sept. 16 .....Avondale La Joya
Sept. 23 .....at Glendale Deer Valley
Sept. 30 .....Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 7.....at Kingman
Oct. 14 .....Phoenix North Canyon
Oct. 21 .....Phoenix Goldwater
Oct. 28.....at Phoenix Trevor Browne
Nov. 4.....San Luis

SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN EAGLES
Aug. 27 (Sat.) .....Tucson Pusch Ridge
Sept. 2.....at Estrella Foothills
Sept. 9 .....Wickenburg
Sept. 16 .....Phoenix Christian
Sept. 23 .....Northwest Christian
Sept. 30 .....at Phoenix Westwind Academy
Oct. 7 .....BYE
Oct. 15 (Sat.) .....at Arizona Lutheran
Oct. 21 .....Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Oct. 28 .....at Chandler Valley Christian

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SETON CATHOLIC SENTINELS
Sept. 2.....at Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Sept. 9 .....Payson
Sept. 16 .....at Coolidge
Sept. 23.....Parker
Sept. 30.....Sahuarita
Oct. 7 .....at Safford
Oct. 14 .....Eloy Santa Cruz
Oct. 21 .....Florence
Oct. 28 .....at Globe

SHADOW MOUNTAIN MATADORS
Sept. 2 .....at Phoenix Central
Sept. 9 .....Tucson Sunnyside
Sept. 16.....at Peoria Sunrise Mountain
Sept. 23 .....at Yuma Union
Sept. 30.....Mesa Dobson
Oct. 7 .....Phoenix St. Mary's
Oct. 14 .....at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Oct. 21 .....Scottsdale Horizon
Oct. 28 .....Paradise Valley
Nov. 4 .....at Phoenix Brophy Prep

SKYLINE COYOTES
Sept. 2 .....Sandra Day O'Connor
Sept. 9 .....at San Luis
Sept. 16 ..... Tucson Salpointe
Sept. 23.....at Gilbert Desert Ridge
Sept. 30 .....at Casa Grande
Oct. 7 .....at Mesa Mountain View
Oct. 14 .....Mesa Dobson
Oct. 21 .....at Mesa Westwood
Oct. 28.....Mesa Red Mountain
Nov. 4 .....Mesa

SOUTH MOUNTAIN JAGUARS
Sept. 2 .....at Phoenix Trevor Browne
Sept. 9 .....Mesa Mountain View
Sept. 16.....Glendale Ironwood
Sept. 23 .....at Tempe Mountain Pointe
Sept. 30 .....Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 7 .....Phoenix Central
Oct. 14.....at Phoenix North
Oct. 21 .....at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Oct. 28.....Phoenix Alhambra
Nov. 4.....at Phoenix Camelback

SUNNYSLOPE VIKINGS
Aug. 26 .....at Cottonwood Mingus Union
Sept. 2 .....at Phoenix Greenway
Sept. 9 .....Tempe Union
Sept. 16 .....Phoenix Thunderbird
Sept. 23 .....at Glendale
Sept. 30 .....at Bradshaw Mountain
Oct. 6 (TV) .....at Goodyear Millennium
Oct. 14.....Flagstaff Coconino
Oct. 21 .....at Scottsdale Notre Dame
Oct. 28 .....Phoenix Washington
Nov. 4 .....Cactus Shadows

SUNRISE MOUNTAIN MUSTANGS
Sept. 2.....at Gilbert
Sept. 9 .....Tucson Salpointe
Sept. 16.....Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Sept. 23 .....Phoenix Maryvale
Sept. 30 .....at Peoria
Oct. 7 .....Glendale Ironwood
Oct. 13 (TV) .....at Tolleson Westview
Oct. 21 .....Tolleson
Oct. 28 .....at Avondale La Joya
Nov. 4 .....at Peoria Centennial

TEMPE UNION BUFFALOES
Sept. 2 .....Tempe McClintock
Sept. 9 .....at Phoenix Sunnyslope
Sept. 16.....Cottonwood Mingus Union
Sept. 23 .....Scottsdale Chaparral
Sept. 30 .....at Page
Oct. 7.....at Higley
Oct. 14 .....Queen Creek
Oct. 21 .....at Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 28.....Scottsdale Arcadia
Nov. 4.....at Apache Junction

THUNDERBIRD CHIEFS
Sept. 2 .....Agua Fria
Sept. 9.....Prescott
Sept. 16 .....at Phoenix Sunnyslope
Sept. 23.....Glendale Cactus
Sept. 30.....at Phoenix Washington
Oct. 7 .....Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 14.....at Phoenix Pinnacle
Oct. 21 .....Scottsdale Chaparral
Oct. 28.....at Tempe McClintock
Nov. 4.....at Lake Havasu

TOLLESON WOLVERINES
Sept. 2 .....at Yuma Cibola
Sept. 9 .....Kingman
Sept. 16 .....at Phoenix Central
Sept. 23.....Glendale Ironwood
Sept. 30.....at Avondale La Joya
Oct. 7 .....at Phoenix Maryvale
Oct. 14 .....Peoria Centennial
Oct. 21 .....at Peoria Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 28 .....Peoria
Nov. 4.....Tolleson Westview

TREVOR BROWNE BRUINS
Sept. 2 .....South Mountain
Sept. 9.....at Mesa
Sept. 16.....at Phoenix St. Mary's
Sept. 23.....Phoenix North Canyon
Sept. 30 .....Yuma Cibola
Oct. 7 .....at Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 14 .....at Phoenix Goldwater
Oct. 21 .....Glendale Deer Valley
Oct. 28.....Sandra Day O'Connor
Nov. 4 .....at Kingman

VALLEY CHRISTIAN TROJANS
Sept. 2 .....Sedona Red Rock
Sept. 9 .....at Lakeside Blue Ridge
Sept. 16 .....at Phoenix Westwind Academy
Sept. 23 .....Kearny Ray
Sept. 30 .....at Arizona Lutheran
Oct. 7 .....Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Oct. 14.....Northwest Christian
Oct. 21 .....at Phoenix Christian
Oct. 28 .....Scottsdale Christian

WASHINGTON RAMS
Sept. 2 ..... at Phoenix Cortez
Sept. 9 .....Apache Junction
Sept. 16.....at Bullhead City Mohave
Sept. 23 .....Buckeye
Sept. 30 .....Phoenix Thunderbird
Oct. 7 .....at Scottsdale Notre Dame Prep
Oct. 14 .....Cactus Shadows
Oct. 21 .....at Flagstaff
Oct. 28 .....at Phoenix Sunnyslope
Nov. 4 .....Bradshaw Mountain

WESTVIEW KNIGHTS
Sept. 2 .....Sierra Vista Buena
Sept. 9 .....at Phoenix North
Sept. 16 .....at Tempe Marcos de Niza
Sept. 23 .....Peoria
Sept. 30 .....at Glendale Ironwood
Oct. 7 .....Avondale La Joya
Oct. 13 (TV).....Peoria Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 21 .....at Peoria Centennial
Oct. 28 .....Phoenix Maryvale
Nov. 4 .....at Tolleson

WESTWIND ACADEMY WARRIORS
Aug. 27 .....Baboquivari
Sept. 2 .....at Bisbee
Sept. 9 .....Gila Bend
Sept. 17 .....Chandler Valley Christian
Sept. 23.....at Phoenix Christian
Sept. 30 .....Scottsdale Christian
Oct. 7 .....at Northwest Christian
Oct. 14 .....BYE
Oct. 21 .....Arizona Lutheran
Oct. 28 .....at Phoenix Bourgade

WESTWOOD WARRIORS
Sept. 2 .....Tempe Mountain Pointe
Sept. 9 .....at Yuma Cibola
Sept. 16 .....Chandler
Sept. 23.....at Phoenix St. Mary's
Sept. 30.....at Phoenix Brophy Prep
Oct. 7 .....Mesa
Oct. 14 .....at Mesa Mountain View
Oct. 21.....Mesa Skyline
Oct. 28 .....at Mesa Dobson
Nov. 3 (TV).....at Mesa Red Mountain

WILLOW CANYON WILDCATS
Aug. 26.....Buckeye
Sept. 2.....at Cactus Shadows
Sept. 9.....Tempe McClintock
Sept. 16 .....at Marana
Sept. 23 .....Lake Havasu
Sept. 30 .....at Phoenix Pinnacle
Oct. 7.....at Dysart
Oct. 14.....at Glendale Apollo
Oct. 21 .....at Agua Fria
Oct. 28.....at Goodyear Millennium

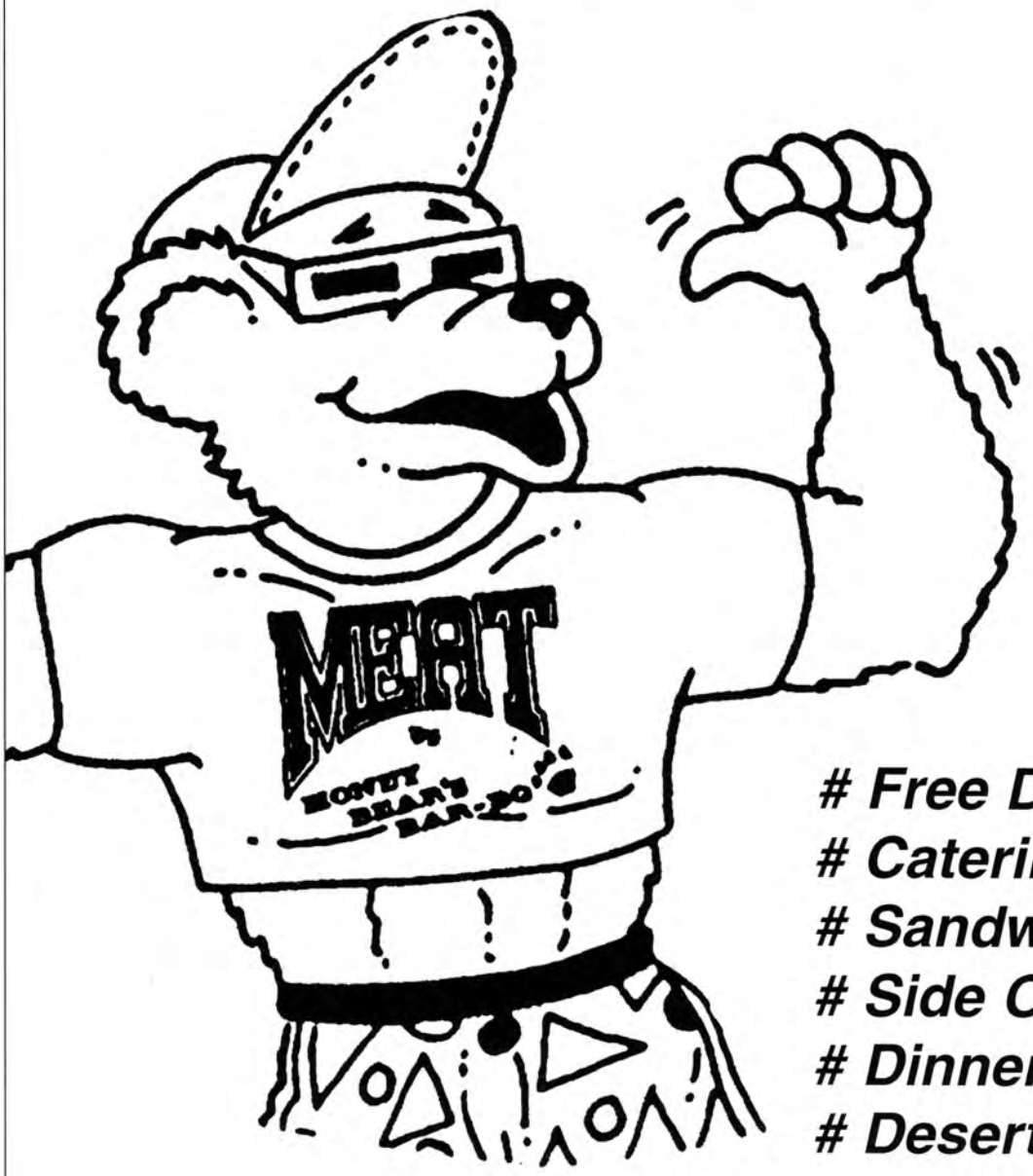


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SPORTS QUIZ

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW FOOTBALL ...

1) In the past 20 years, only one non-East Valley high school has won a 5A football state championship. Name that school.

a) Phoenix Trevor Browne
b) Phoenix Maryvale
c) Phoenix St. Mary's
d) Tucson Amphitheater

2) Last year, Phoenix Moon Valley staged a terrific comeback to beat Glendale Cactus in the 4A finale. Which Phoenix Metro other than Scottsdale Chaparral captured the most recent 4A state crown?

a) Tempe Union
b) Scottsdale Saguaro
c) Avondale Agua Fria
d) Peoria

3) ASU's 2005 roster features a strong receiving corps, including five scholarship athletes from Arizona. Which one of the following does not hail from the Grand Canyon State?

a) Zach Miller
b) Derek Hagan
c) Chris McGaha
d) Andrew Pettes
e) Matt Miller
f) Brent Miller



Saguaro's Mike Brown catches his breath in the 1995 4A title game at Sun Devil Stadium. The Sabercats defeated Ironwood to capture top honors 10 years ago.

4) Barry Sollenberger, the publisher-editor of this magazine for the past 35 years, was an outstanding track & field athlete at which Valley high school?

a) Scottsdale Coronado
b) Mesa
c) Scottsdale Arcadia
d) Phoenix Camelback

5) (T/F) Mike Brown, an all-state running back-safety who led the 1995 Saguaro Sabercats to a state title, continued his playing career at the University of Nebraska.

ANSWERS

1) c, St. Mary's has won three 5A titles in the past 20 years, most recently in 1995.
2) a, Tempe Union in 1996. The Buffs defeated Glendale Ironwood, 20-17, in overtime.
3) b, Hagan is from Palmdale, Calif.
4) c, Barry was an Arcadia grad.
5) True, then Brown moved on to the NFL Chicago Bears.

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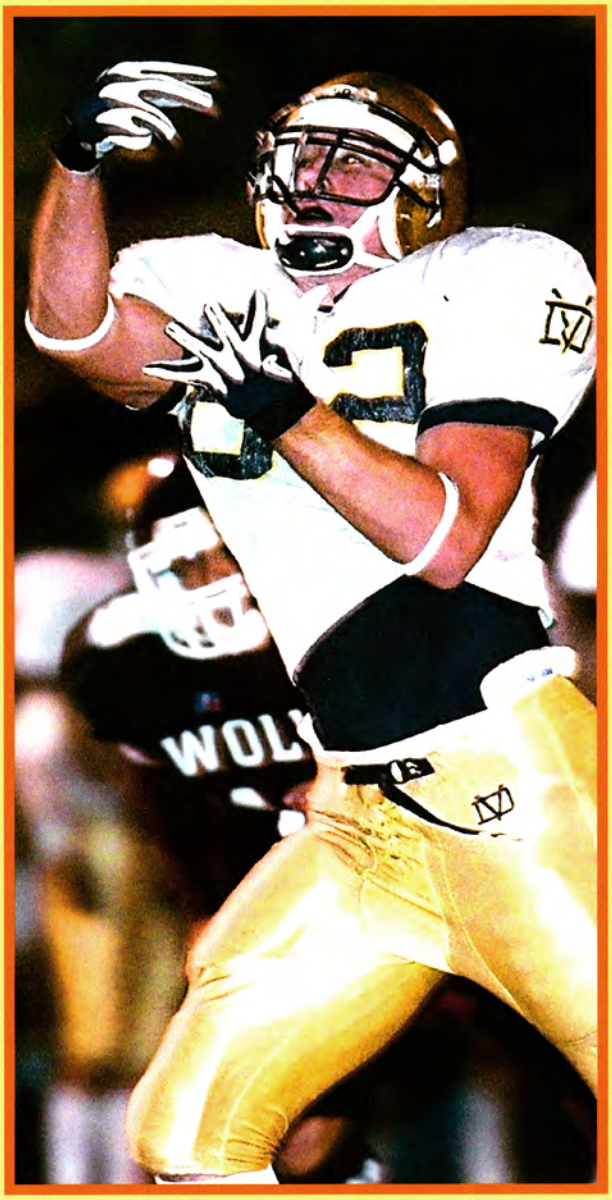
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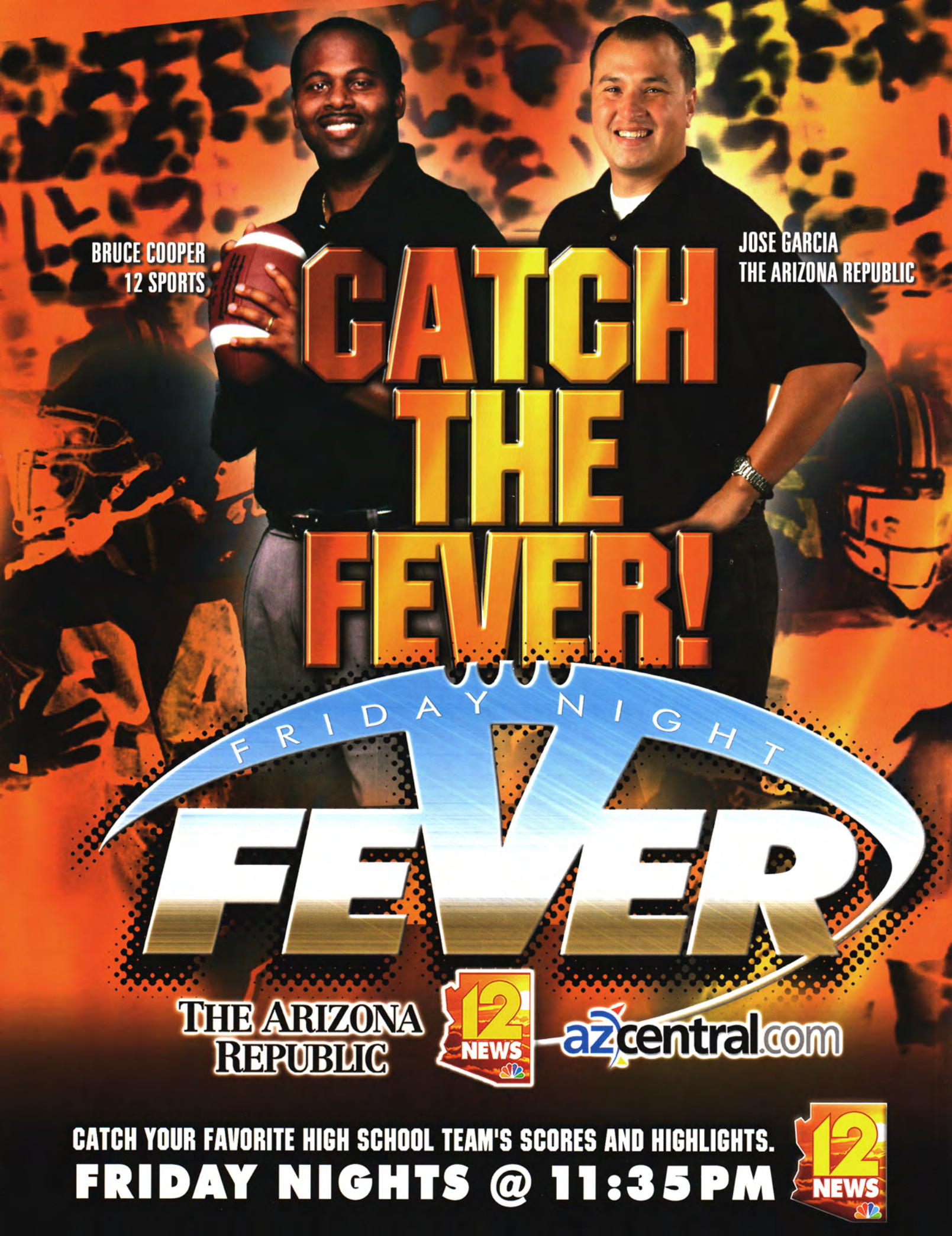
2004 .....CHRIS McGAHA
.....Moon Valley
2003 .....ZACH MILLER
.....Tempe Desert Vista
2002 .....THOMAS HUFF
.....Phoenix Camelback
2001 .....ADAM MANNON
.....Chandler Hamilton
.....JOSH JORDAN
.....Chandler (jr)
2000 .....JUNIOR TAYLOR
.....Mesa
1999 .....SAMMY MOORE
.....Mesa Westwood
1998 .....BRISTOL OLOMUA
.....Mesa Red Mountain
1997 .....JASON JENKINS
.....South Mountain
1996 .....JUSTIN TAPLIN
.....Tempe Union
1995 .....TARIQ McDONALD
.....Phoenix St. Mary's
1994 .....KENNY MITCHELL
.....Peoria
1993 .....KENNY CHEATHAM
.....South Mountain
1992 .....FREDDIE DODSON
.....Chandler
1991 .....STEVE BUSH
.....Paradise Valley
1990 .....JASON BIRDSONG
.....Glendale Cactus
1989 .....JASON BIRDSONG
.....Glendale Cactus (jr)
1988 .....ERIC DRAGE
.....Tucson Santa Rita
1987 .....ORLANDO MCKAY
.....Mesa
1986 .....ERIC GULIFORD
.....Peoria (jr)
1985 .....STEVE MARTIN
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1984 .....TODD YOUNG
.....Tempe Marcos de Niza



Parade Magazine All-America receiver
Zach Miller, Desert Vista.
(Frank Williams photo)

1983 .....VINCE MASTERS
.....Coolidge (jr)
1982 .....RANDALL McDANIEL
.....Avondale Agua Fria
1981 .....GLENN DENNARD
.....Tempe Corona del Sol
1980 .....SKIP PEETE
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1979 .....JAY DOBYNS
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1978 .....JUNIOR SOLOMON
.....Coolidge
1977 .....CHARLES COBBS
.....Florence
1976 .....JOHN MISTLER
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1975 .....RON WASHINGTON
.....Tempe McClintock
1974 .....SPEEDY HART
.....Phoenix St. Mary's
1973 .....PRESTON DENNARD
.....Tempe Marcos de Niza
1972 .....DON WOODS
.....Mesa
1971 .....WILLIE SCROGGINS
.....Safford
1970 .....DARION GILBERT
.....Phoenix Union
1969 .....LARRY SHORTY
.....Eloy Santa Cruz
1968 .....ED WEATHERSPOON
.....Globe
1967 .....CALVIN DEMERY
.....South Mountain
1966 .....MIKE BOWLING
.....Avondale Agua Fria
1965 .....BILL DIPLEY
.....Scottsdale Arcadia (jr)
1964 .....BILL SORCINELLI
.....Phoenix Camelback
1963 .....BOB WALLACE
.....South Mountain

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