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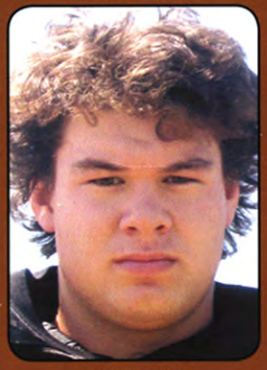
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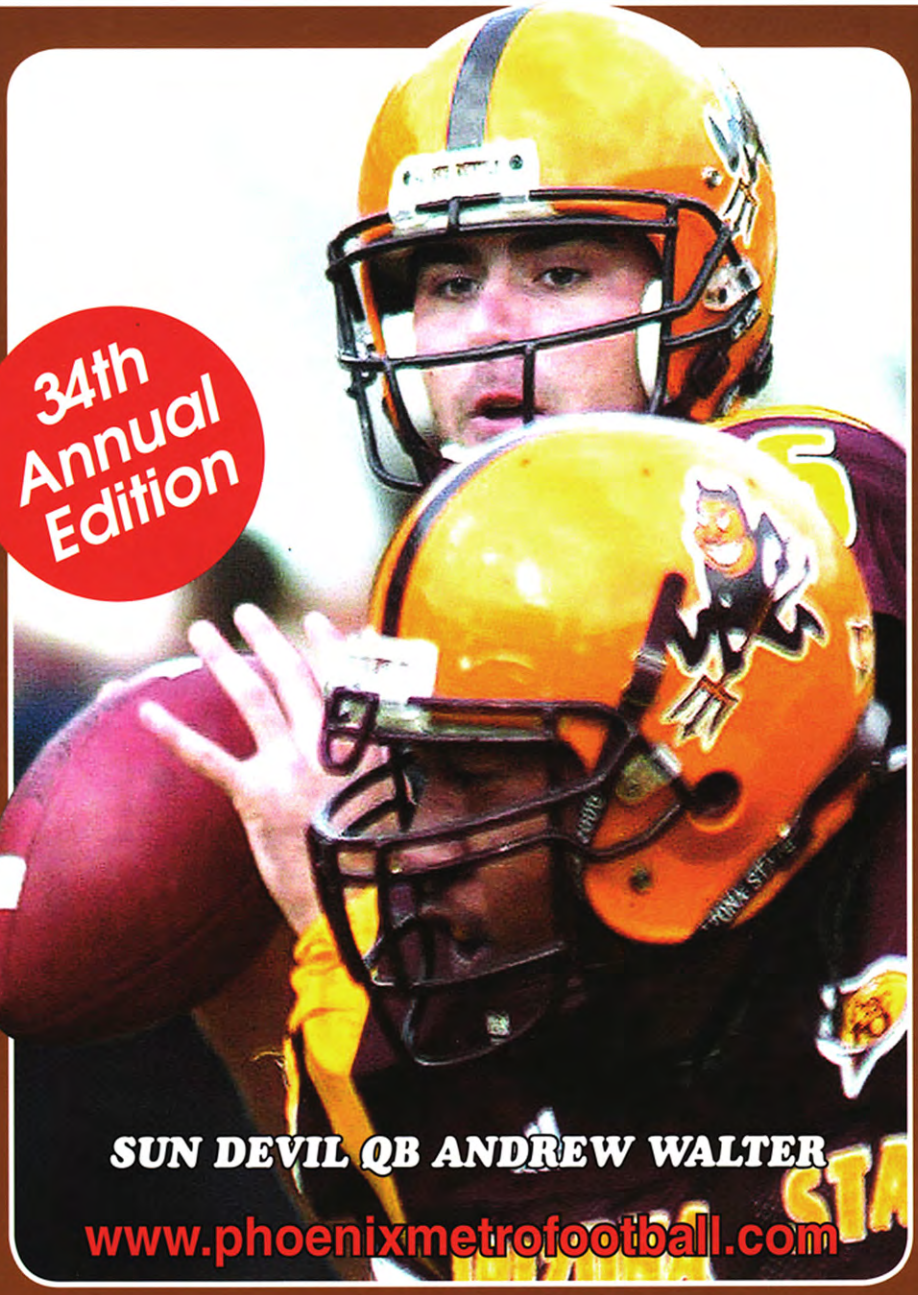
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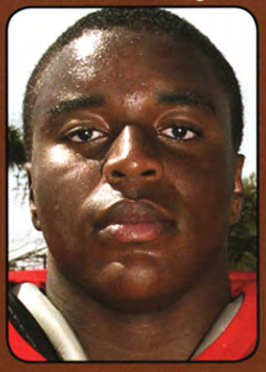


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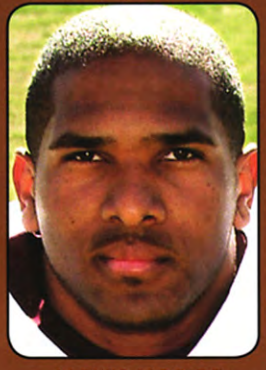




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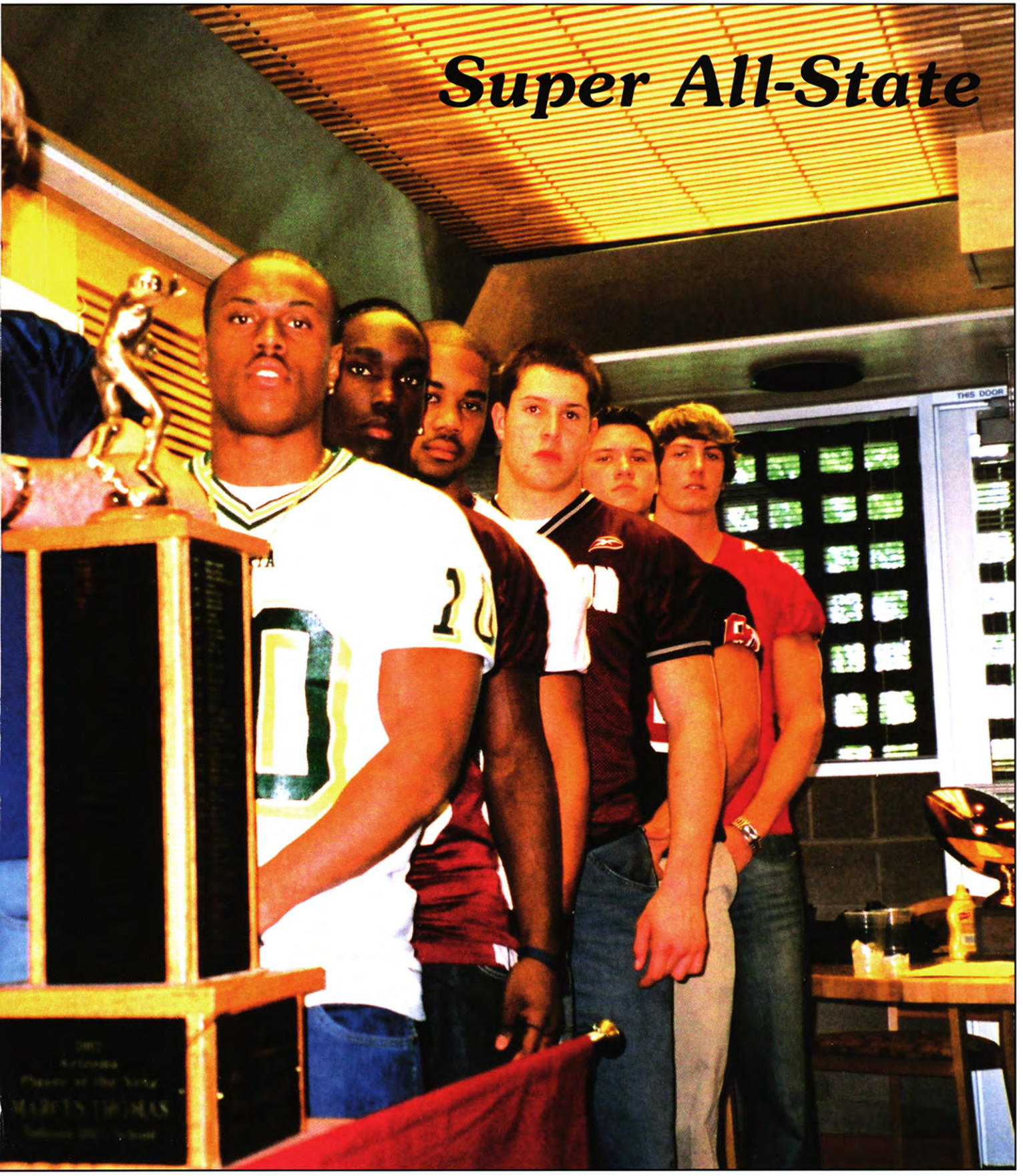
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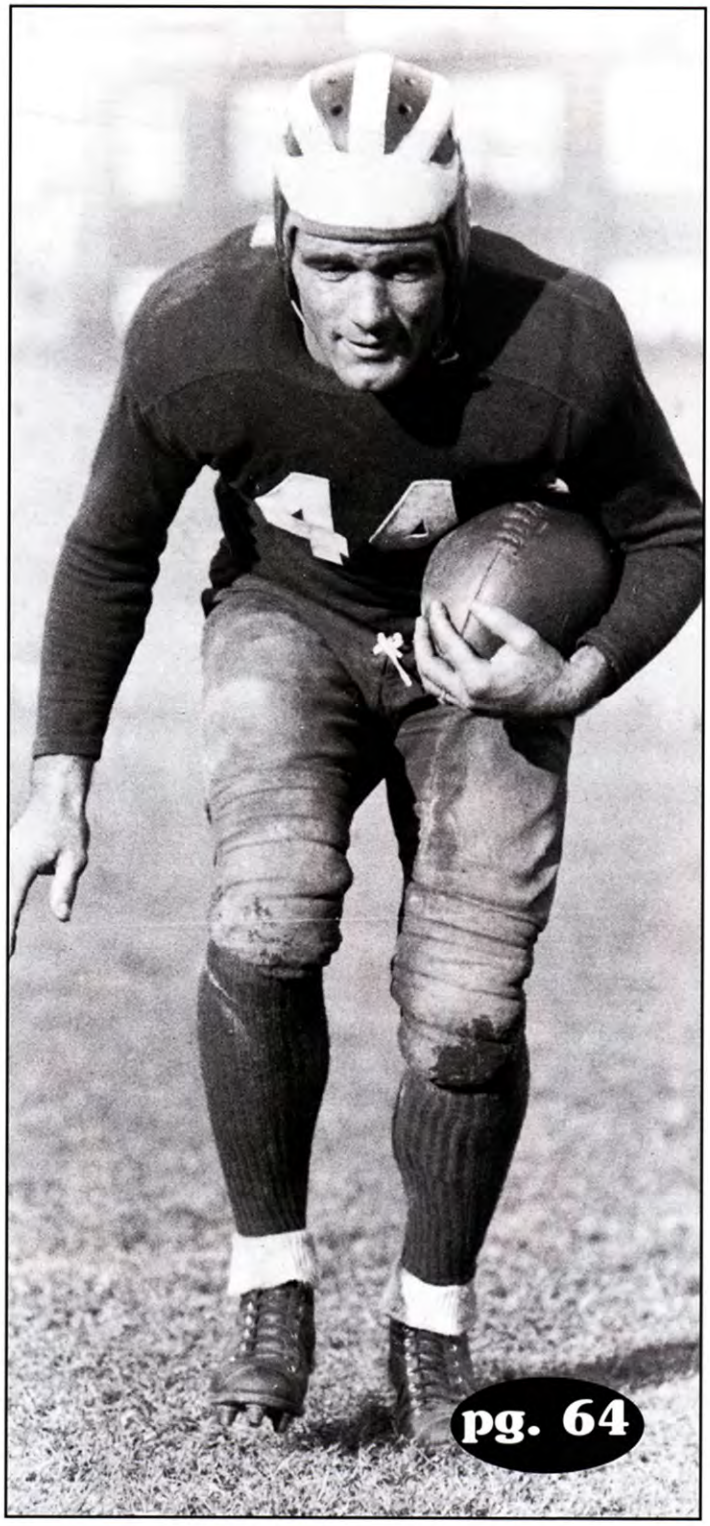


Super All-State



Seven members of Phoenix Metro Football Magazine's 2003 Super All-State Team pose with the Vic Housholder Trophy at the Scottsdale Quarterback Club's annual all-state luncheon. L-R: Desert Vista's Zach Miller, Peoria's Keegan Herring, Hamilton's Tramell McGill, Myrio Davis and Adam Vincent, Paradise Valley's Matt Clapp, and Chaparral's Darren Mougey (see page 88).

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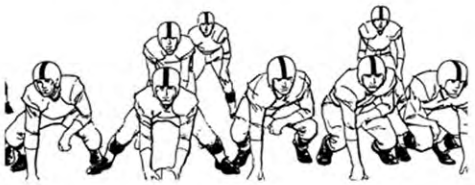
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TOO TOUGH TO DIE

Enclosed find a check for three copies of your 2003 *Phoenix Metro Football* magazine, which featured the history of the Globe-Miami rivalry ("This Town's Too Tough to Die"). We moved to Miami from Pennsylvania when I was a freshman. We lived there only three years in the mid-50s, before returning to Pa. But it was a great experience, living in Arizona and following the Vandals.

People in Pennsylvania have no idea about the quality of play, talent, etc. in Arizona, or the whole Rocky Mountain region for that matter. But I remember my father, who is deceased, raving about the teams in the Globe-Miami area during that time. He went to high school here, but was surprised about the support for the schools in Arizona's mining towns back then. It was really sad to read about the demise of the copper mines and their high school athletic programs since we left some time ago.

"I remember my father ... raving about the teams in the Globe-Miami area during that time. He went to high school here (Pa.), but was surprised about the support for the schools in Arizona's mining towns back then."

Jimmy "Buck" Allison
Reading, Pa.

Just a note to let you know how much we enjoyed the story on high school football in the Globe-Miami region of Arizona. My parents lived in Miami during World War II, and I remember my father telling us about the death of Dale Beedle, Miami's star athlete during the Depression, and how that tore out the hearts of Miami loyalist. It's amazing to me that somebody in your office knows about that, and publishes it for sports fans in your state to read. Arizona, like most states, has a great history of high school sports, and your state is blessed to have a magazine, as we also have in Texas, which each year makes this available to the sport-minded public.

Alan Hinton
Ft. Worth, Texas

I was sent a copy of your *2003 Phoenix Football* magazine, with the story on football in Globe & Miami. I attended elementary school in Miami, but not high school, since my father was transferred before I could attend high school. But I was old enough to remember the great Vandal teams coached by Paul Petty, and how exciting the games were with so many fans "fired up" for the game on Thanksgiving. It was sad to see it come to an end, with the decline of the "Turkey Day" game and the mining industry in Arizona.

Jeff Erickson
Seattle, Washington

HISTORY LESSON

I enjoy learning the history of Arizona, especially the sports history. I think you've done an awesome job, and really appreciate your back issues. I try to do all I can for my athletes, especially when it's getting information out to the rest of the state about our school, our program, and our student-athletes. Thanks for putting together such valuable and fun information.

Coach *Josh Anderson*
Chino Valley High School
Chino Valley, Arizona

Without a doubt, the strength of your magazine over the years are the stories about great teams, coaches and players of past years. Your recent story on Globe-Miami football, plus an earlier story on Bisbee-Douglas, is a good history lesson for newcomers to our state who have no knowledge of our past, especially high school football in the mining towns before the mines closed.

Keep the history lessons coming.

Michael Thornton
Tucson, Arizona

GET OUT OF THE VALLEY

Your rankings are way off. Bradshaw Mountain is clearly one of the top 20 Class 4A schools with 20 returning lettermen and three players that run 4.5 forty times. This could be the most dangerous team in 4A in 2003. You guys need to get out of the Valley more often; very poor job on your part.

Phoenix coaches have little knowledge of the competition. I've been a scout for 35 years for several colleges, and retired here in Prescott. Last year was the beginning of something special at Bradshaw Mountain. Mark my words, this group is going to surprise a lot of people this year. Just like they surprised a powerful Cactus team last year.

"Your rankings are way off ... You guys need to get out of the Valley more often; very poor job on your part. Phoenix coaches have little knowledge of the competition. Mark my words, this group is going to surprise a lot of people."

It's obvious a Valley bias made your rankings. Boy are those coaches in for a surprise with Bradshaw Mountain. Especially the ones who have to play them with all their D-I speed on the field. I personally don't see how anyone is going to stop this much speed.

Dr. K
Prescott, Arizona

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Last year Bradshaw Mountain, playing an 11-game regular season schedule, finished 6-5 and failed to reach the 4A playoffs.)

SUPER ALL-STATE

I want to thank you for the honor of being on your 2003 cover, and later being selected for the Super All-State Team. You helped make my high school football experience special. I also want to thank you for all your work and dedication in rewarding those who participate in high school sports. You do a great service to the schools, athletes and coaches in Arizona.

Darren Mougey
Chaparral High School
Scottsdale, Arizona

BOYS TOWN

I enjoyed your 1986 edition, with the Boys Town (Nebraska) article. I enjoyed that part as well as looking back at the pictures and articles about Arizona high school football. A number of my staff also recalled fond memories after looking over the issues. You do a great service for high school football in Arizona. Thanks for making that contribution.

Steve Green
Principal
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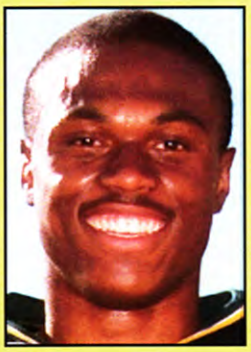
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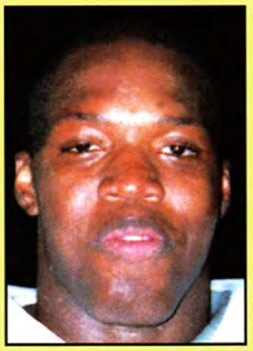
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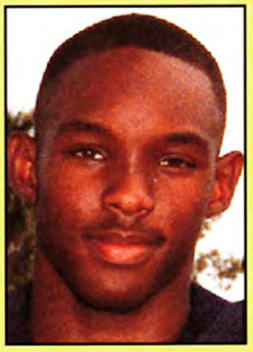
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WHIZZER WHITE, *a 1946 high school All-American, was a three sport star at both Mesa High School and Arizona State University, and later played in the National Football League with the Chicago Bears.*

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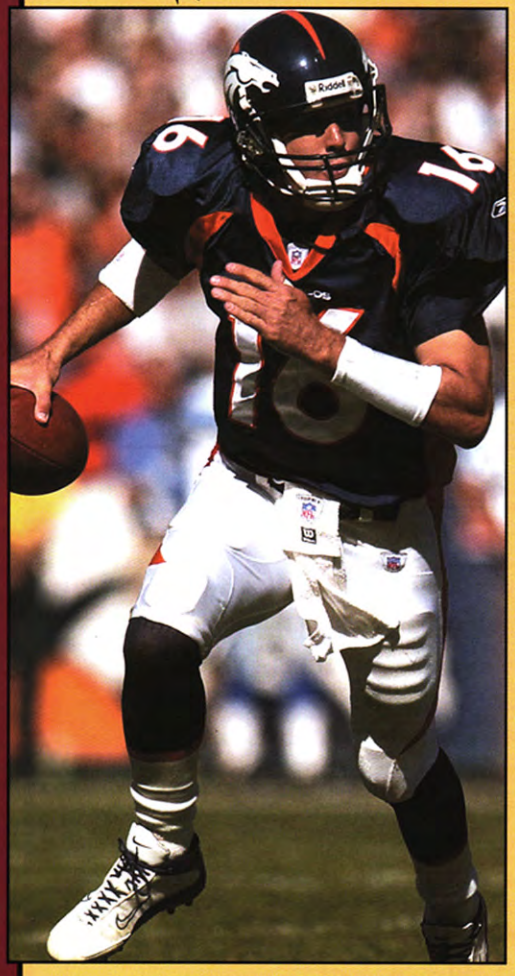
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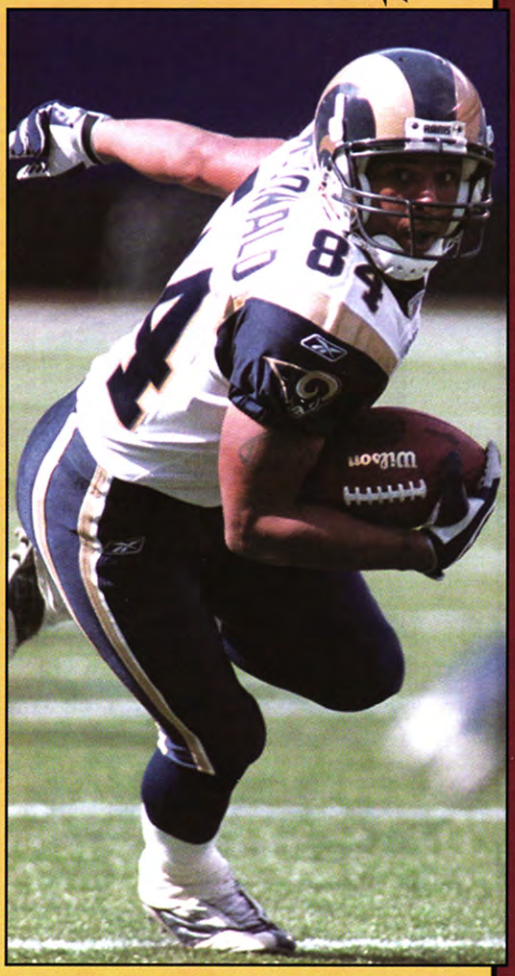
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Kiefer, Mesa High face historic seasons

When **Karl Kiefer** accepted his first head coaching job at **Tempe McClintock** in 1965, he had no idea he would stay in the profession for four decades and coach over 400 games. "When you start coaching you don't think about things like that," said the state's all-time winningest coach. "You're just excited to get a job. But coaching high school football is great fun, so I stayed with it." Kiefer, a former all-state end at Tempe High and captain of the A-State Sun Devils under **Frank Kush**, is just three wins shy of becoming the first football coach (at any level) in Arizona history to win 300 games. Kiefer is 297-128-3 at both McClintock and **Mountain Pointe**, with 218 wins and three 5A championships at McClintock. He left McClintock in 1991 to take over the reins at the new Tempe school, where ironically he has won four state championships in track & field. With an abundance of returning players, the veteran coach has a shot at the magic 300-win plateau in September.

"The 300 wins aren't about me," Kiefer told **East Valley Tribune** sports reporter **Matt Simpson** last fall. "They're about all the people who have helped since we started this thing."

Team-wise, **Mesa High** is in a similar situation. The historic Jackrabbits, one of the state's legendary athletic institutions, is three wins shy of becoming the first Arizona school - and one of the fewest in the West - to win 600 football games. Since their first win in 1920, the school which produced the likes of **Norris Steverson**, **Wilford "Whizzer" White**, **Andy Livingston** and **Mickey Hatcher**, to name just a few, has won 597 games, 11 state championships, and 15 state runnerups. To put it in proper perspective, only four high schools in Texas and two in California have won 600-plus football games. Historically, the architect of the Mesa football heritage was **Steve Coutchie**, later the head coach at Arizona State. Between 1927 and 1944, Coutchie was a front-runner for preseason out-of-town camps, enabling his players to escape the hot August heat, and out-of-state competition. During the Great Depression, the Jackrabbits won over 70% of their games against teams from four different states, playing as far away as Port Arthur, Texas. After losing his job for striking a rowdy student, Coutchie turned over the reins to **Edgar "Mutt" Ford**, who added California opponents to the schedule. During the 1950s Mesa never lost a game to a West Coast school, and added the participation of the junior high feeder schools to the system. The Mesa Public School System has thrived ever since. But this year the purple & gold 'Rabbits, under first-year head coach **Dennis Parker**, might have a rough go of it in September. Few starters return from a 3-7 season.

It seems only fitting, with two landmark accomplishments on the horizon, that the 2004 season marks the inaugural **Arizona High School Football Hall of Fame** induction. Co-sponsored by *Phoenix Metro Football Magazine* and **JK Communications**, this historic first class includes one coach, a team, an official and 13 players, including the first 12 Arizona schoolboy products to play in the **National Football League**. "It's great to be a part of this," says Scottsdale businessman **Jerry Kleven**, whose company will help finance duplicate plaques, one for each inductee and one for their school. "Very few state's have a high school hall of fame for just football. Now Arizona has one. It's amazing how many great players and teams have come out of this state, with its smaller population base."

R.R. "Robby" Robinson, who built once-mighty **Phoenix Union** into a power in every sport, plus his 1930 "mythical" national championship team, highlight the list, which includes his all-time prize pupil, **Conrad Flippen**, the 1930 National Player of the Year, plus legendary sports guru **Vic Housholder**, considered the "father" of the all-state teams. The state's first NFL product, Phoenix Union halfback **James Oldham**, a University of Arizona back who played with the Racine (Wis.) Tornadoes in 1926, along with the likes of Mesa star **Norris Steverson**, Tucson High tackle **Earle Nolan**, Phoenix Union brothers **Cecil** and **Carl Mulleneaux**, plus Tucson's **Fred Enke, Jr.**, the state's first NFL quarterback, include an impressive list of legendary Grand Canyon State athletes deserving Hall of Fame recognition.

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PAT TILLMAN HONORED

The Pac-10 Conference will rename its annual defensive player of the year award after former Arizona State and Arizona Cardinal star Pat Tillman. The popular linebacker was killed in action in Afghanistan in April as a member of the Army Rangers. The award will be called the Pat Tillman Defensive Player of the Year Award. The former linebacker was selected the league's outstanding defensive player after the 1997 season, when he helped lead the Sun Devils to a 9-3 campaign and a win over Iowa in the Sun Bowl. He was also a first team All-America selection and a first-team Academic All-American.

ROUGH ROAD TRIP

One of the finalist for the Arizona coach of the Year Award at the **Arizona Interscholastic Association's** season-ending ***Everyday Heroes*** extravaganza in Phoenix last May was Bourgade Catholic football coach **Pat Lavin**.

Lavin, a Phoenix St. Mary's alum who has coached in both the high school and college ranks since the late 1960s, was nominated not only for his coaching expertise, but for his courage (along with his team's) under fire during a near-disastrous road trip last fall to St. Johns, located in the White Mountains. The Golden Eagles were supposed to face **St. Johns** in the 2A quarterfinals, but the bus overturned between Show Low and Egar and the game was forfeited. Although several players suffered injuries, there were no fatalities. In fact, players and coaches from St. Johns aided their opponents, and some offered to let them stay in their homes overnight.



Coach Joe Famulatte



A DPS officer surveys Bourgade's chartered bus that overturned while carrying the team to a playoff game in St. Johns (White Mountain Independent).

"We were lucky," said Lavin later. "It could have been worse. If you were to drive by later and see the bus, laying there on its side, you would have thought the worst. But the kids were great, helping each other. The community support, from the highway patrol and emergency vehicles, was terrific. But that was a road trip we'll never forget."

COACHING LOSSES

The coaching fraternity took a hit this year with the death of two prominent Arizona coaches, former North Phoenix mentor **Tom Black**, and legendary football-basketball coach **Joe Famulatte** of the famed Phoenix Indian School.

Black, born in Douglas, was a four-year letterman at both Tucson High and the University of Arizona, where he graduated in 1948 after military service in World War II. After one year as head coach at Casa Grande, he began a two-year stint at North in which he coached in two of the state's more historic games; consecutive ties with rival Phoenix Union, coached by his brother, **John Black**. In 1949, the Mustangs tied the Coyotes 7-7, before 16,000 fans at Montgomery Stadium in Phoenix. One year later the Black brothers hooked up against each other in another tie (20-20), before another throng of 16,000.

Black's North High teams featured the legendary four M's, Gene Mitchum, Ray Mariani, Bob Melton and Kemper Marley, one of the school's all-time best units. Besides the 1950 Thanksgiving Day tie with Union, the Mustangs stunned Southern CIF champ Compton 26-14, snapping the Tarbabes 14-game win streak, and two weeks later blitzed Santa Barbara 48-28. Their only loss was a 21-13 setback to state champ Mesa. Black left the coaching profession in the early '50s to join the FBI as a special agent under J. Edgar Hoover. He was 81 when he died in March.

Famulatte, a member of the **Arizona Sports Hall of Fame**, also served in World War II. He attended George Washington University, where he played football and baseball, and had a brief stint in the minor leagues. After a short coaching position at **St. Johns Indian School** near Phoenix, Famulatte began his legendary career at the **Phoenix Indian School**. His basketball teams, known for their full-court pressing defense and high scoring offenses, played before packed gyms at home and away. Because of a lack of size and depth, his football



Jason Murrietta
Ironwood



Anthony Bates
Mountain Pointe

teams were not as successful, playing larger Phoenix area schools. But his basketball teams, led by such outstanding players as Joel Querta, a high school All-American who averaged 30 points per game, earned state-wide and national acclaim.

The birth of numerous high schools on the reservations of northern Arizona caused the Phoenix Indian School, because of declining enrollment, to close. Famulatte taught at the **Salt River Day School** until retirement in 1981. Following his death at age 82, a memorial gathering was held at Memorial Hall on the former Phoenix Indian School campus, now called Steele Indian School Park. It was packed.

MOVING TO THE PROS

Mark Whipple, a 1975 graduate of Phoenix Camelback, moves from the head coaching job at UMass to the NFL as quarterbacks coach of the **Pittsburgh Steelers**. Whipple was an all-state quarterback at Camelback under head coach **Jesse Parker**, leading the Spartans to the 1974 state championship. He has been a head coach at three Eastern colleges for the past 16 years. His UMass teams were 1-AA national champions in 1998, and Atlantic 10 Conference champs in 1999 and 2003. Two recent standouts under Whipple have been **Marcel Shipp**, now of the Arizona Cardinals, and former Scottsdale Horizon quarterback **Jeff Krohn**.

BATES FOUNDATION

Sharon Bates is on a mission. It was her son, **Anthony Bates**, who died at age 20 from an undiagnosed heart condition called Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM). Anthony, a **Mountain Pointe** grad, was at the peak of his young life as a student-athlete at **Kansas State**, and a member of the Wildcats football team.

"We had no warning his heart was diseased," says Sharon, who has organized **The Anthony Bates Foundation**. "With detection Anthony could have had a full, productive life. Young athletes represent the majority of all fatalities from HCM. It affects all age groups, ethnicity and genders."

According to statistics, young athletes represent the majority of fatalities from the disease because of the added physical exertion of the heart during exercise. One of every 500 people have HCM, but most are undiagnosed and non-symptomatic.

The Bates Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives through early detection."Echocardiogram Heart Screening and ECG's are the only way to detect HCM," claims Bates, whose mission is to encourage all high schools to get involved and set up screenings and test on an annual basis.

For more information check out **www.Anthony Bates.org**, or contact The Anthony Bates Foundation, 602-482-5606

SUPPORT FOR DAHL

The life of athletes and coaches is often an emotional roller coaster ride. The life of former Scottsdale Coronado athlete/coach **Tom Dahl** is no different. Recently Dahl, an assistant to Ed Anderson in 1976 when the Dons defeated South Mountain in the 5A finals, was diagnosed with inoperable cancer. But the word "quit" is not in Dahl's vocabulary, nor that of family and friends. Former fraternity brothers from **Alpha Tau Omega** at Arizona State University have established a medical expense account at **Wells Fargo Bank**, and laid the groundwork for a scholarship in Dahl's name at Coronado High. His coaching career spanned four decades, including football at both Coronado and city rival Chaparral, wrestling at Coronado and Saguaro, and head varsity girls tennis coach at Chaparral, where the Lady Firebirds won two state championships. He also managed to coach two years of football at **Scottsdale Community College**. Those wishing to make donations to help defray medical expenses can contribute to the **Tom Dahl Fund** by contacting any **Wells Fargo Bank** branch.

BIG SKY STAR

Jason Murrietta, the former Glendale Ironwood quarterback who led the Eagles into the 2003 Class 5A championship game, was named the Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Year



Dahl, who played and coached at Coronado, won two state championships as a tennis coach at Chaparral.

in balloting by the league's coaches. Last year Murrietta, who led **Northern Arizona University** to an 8-3 record and a share of the Big Sky title. He passed for 2,974 yards and 22 touchdowns as a freshman, and was a candidate for the **Walter Payton Award**, given annually to the top player in Division 1-AA football. When the Lumberjacks shocked top-ranked **McNeese State** 35-3 in the first round of the Division 1-AA playoffs, Murrietta completed 24 of 34 passes for 285 yards and five touchdowns, setting a 1-AA record for touchdown passes thrown by a freshman. NAU was eliminated the following week by **Florida Atlantic**.

NFL PEGGED

During the bizarre on-again-off-again college-pro career of Ohio State's infamous back **Maurice Clarette**, the former Buckeyes' lawyers may have hit the nail on the head, claiming in court papers that the NFL supports the NCAA college football system to save the league millions of dollars in development and training.

"College football acts in effect as a minor league, for which the NFL incurs no expenses," his lawyers claimed. "While major league baseball teams each spend an average of $9 million annually for their minor league system, the NFL teams spend virtually nothing on a player development system."

Arizona State Preview

Sun Devils' Speed, Depth Vastly Improved

By SAMMY WRIGHT



The signature of Dirk Koetter's first three recruiting classes was speed, and the most recent group is no exception (Steve Paynter photo).

The changes will be few but hopefully productive. The offense, with talented quarterback Andrew Walter back for his senior year, will eliminate the fullback position and switch to a double tight end. The defense plans on a few changes also.

After an impressive finish in 2002, highlighted by a trip to the Holiday Bowl in San Diego, A-State dropped to 5-7 last year, and an 8th place finish in the Pac-10. A 28-7 win over Arizona in the season-finale didn't seem to soothe any wounds. But so much for last year. Fourth-year head coach Dirk Koetter and his staff look to return to bowl form and prove last year was the exception, not the norm, for ASU's once-proud football program.

"It was very disappointing, and at this point you've got to learn from it and move on," explains Koetter. "It doesn't do any good to dwell on it."

The key man is Walter, who has tossed 55 touchdown passes in three seasons. But he can't do it alone. His supporting cast looks faster and deeper than last year. In fact, the entire team looks faster and deeper. "We have a team that is skilled enough, and we have a team that is fast enough," adds Koetter. "The question is are we tough enough, and are we competitive enough?"

Walter has a chance to become the most prolific passer in ASU's storied history. He needs just 11 scoring strikes and 1,361 yards to pass Jake Plummer's career marks. However, he threw for less yardage and fewer touchdowns last year than he did as a sophomore: 3,044 yards and 24 touchdowns vs 3,877 yards and 28 TDs.

Although true freshmen Max Hall and rudy Carpenter are highly touted newcomers, Walter will be backed up by sophomore Sam Keller and junior Chad Christensen. It was Christensen, who preped at Desert Mountain High in Scottsdale, who started the Dun Devils opener two years ago at Nebraska. He later lost his starting job to Walter. Hall, from nearby Mesa Mountain View, is no stranger to Sun Devil Stadium. He led the Toros to back-to-back trips to the 5A finals, passing for 4,755 yards and 61 touchdowns in the process.

"We have a team that is skilled enough, and we have a team that is fast enough. The question is are we tough enough, and are we competitive enough?"

Koetter has plenty of depth and speed at running back, with sophomores Loren Wade (6-0, 212) and Randy Hill (6-2, 208), plus juniors Hakim Hill (6-0, 219) and Cornell Canidate (5-9, 198). Wade was the leader last year, gaining 773 yards and scoring five times. He averaged 5.7 yards per carry and was selected to the ***Sporting News*** Pac-10 All-Freshman Team. Hakim Hill rushed for 452 yards and three touchdowns, while Randy Hill gained 228 yards and scored once. Canidate rushed for 104 yards and two touchdowns but missed playing time with injuries. Both Randy Hill (Tempe McClintock) and Canidate (Phoenix Alhambra) were local schoolboy products,



Kyle Caldwell
Saguaro



Lamar Baker
Agua Fria

Sun Devil Newcomers

HIGH SCHOOLS:

Pos	Player / Height & Weight	High School/State
QB	Max Hall, 6-1, 180	Mesa (Mountain View), Arizona
QB	Rudy Carpenter, 6-3, 190	Westlake (Westlake), Calif.
RB	Price Wilks, 6-0, 185	Hacienda Heights (Wilson), Calif.
WR	Michael Jones, 6-3, 190	Sugar Land (Fort Bend Austin), Texas
WR	Jeremy Payton, 6-1, 190	Covina (South Hills), Calif.
WR	Nate Kimbrough, 6-1, 175	Santa Fe Springs (Santa Fe), Calif.
TE	Zach Miller, 6-4, 245	Tempe (Desert Vista), Arizona
TE	Andrew Pettes, 6-4, 230	Phoenix (Moon Valley), Arizona
OL	Jonathan Lehmann, 6-4, 267	Giddings (Giddings), Texas
OL	Bradis McGriff, 6-5, 300	Vallejo (Vallejo), Calif.
OL	Brent Russum, 6-5, 275	Lewiston (Lewiston), Idaho
OL	Leo Talavou, 6-4, 320	Fountain Valley (Fountain Valley), Calif.
DB	Myrio Davis, 6-1, 190	Chandler (Hamilton), Arizona
DB	Uriah Marshall, 5-10, 185	Phoenix (Brophy Prep), Arizona
DB	Angelo Fobbs-Valentino, 6-1, 185	San Mateo (Junipero Serra), Calif.
DL	Wes Evans, 6-3, 250	Reno (Reno), Nevada
DL	David Smith, 6-4, 255	Chandler (Hamilton), Arizona
LB	Adam Vincent, 6-2, 215	Chandler (Hamilton), Arizona
LB	Antone Saulsberry, 6-0, 215	Bellflower (Bellflower), Calif.

JUNIOR COLLEGES:

FS	Maurice London, 6-0, 185	Grossmont (Grossmont), Calif.
LB	Dale Robinson, 6-1, 240	Glendale (Glendale), Arizona
DL	DeWayne Hollyfield, 6-4, 275	Los Angeles (Harbor), Calif.
DL	Quency Darley, 6-2, 270	Kilgore (Kilgore), Texas

and heavily recruited.

This fall ASU will not run a fullback position. The new H-back and double-tight end are separate positions, but interchangeable. Junior Lee Burghgraef (6-5, 245) is the returning starter at tight end. He was one of the team's best run-blockers. Sophomore Jamaal Lewis (6-4, 245) will line up as the H-back. Redshirt freshman Kellen Mills, a walk-on from Mesa Mountain View, has looked impressive in practice. Classmate Brent Miller, a product of nearby Desert Vista High, missed last season with a knee injury, but has promise. So does his younger brother, freshman Zach, last year's Arizona Player of the Year (also from Desert Vista). Along with Moon Valley product Andrew Pettes, ASU has two of the premier freshmen tight ends in the Pac-10. Last year Pettes caught 39 passes for 627 yards and eight TDs.

Last year's biggest playmaker was wideout Derek Hagan, a junior from Palmdale, California. Many of his big plays were catch-and-run, turning medium-range passes into big plays with his speed. The preseason All-American joins Matt Miller, Terry Richardson and redshirt freshman Rudy Burgess to form a solid receiving corps.

Senior Drew Hodgdon (6-3, 285), junior Grayling Love (6-3, 297) and sophomore Andrew Camahan (6-8, 297) anchor an experienced offensive line. Camahan, who started every game at left tackle last year, was also a member of ***Sporting News*** Pac-10 All-Freshman Team. Junior Chaz White (6-4, 304) and soph Stephen Berg (6-6, 319), local products from St. Johns and Tucson respectively, also have experience.

However, for ASU to move up in the Pac-10 standings the defense needs to improve, and in a big way. The coaching staff is betting it will.

The line is anchored by ends Jimmy Verdon, who had 44 solo tackles last year, Ishmael Thrower and Kyle Caldwell. Caldwell, a 6-3, 256-pound sophomore from Scottsdale Saguaro, should be more seasoned after recovering from an early-season leg injury. He too was a ***Sporting News*** Pac-10 All-Freshman selection.

Senior Connor Banks (6-3, 269) added 25 pounds in the off-season, and will move to tackle, playing alongside senior Gabe Reininger and soph Jordan Hill. Converted fullback Mike Talbot, a former state discus champ (196'6") at Agua Fria High in Avondale, added 20 pounds and could figure into the mix at defensive end.

Thanks to the return of junior Jamar Williams, the Sun Devil's look deep at linebacker. Williams, who led the team with 10 tackles for a loss last season, combined with Justin Burks for 146 tackles. J.W. Lucas, Mark Washington, DeAndre Johnson, Matt Fawley and Lamar Baker, converted defensive backs, will see action. The staff is high on freshman Antone Saulsberry, along with junior college transfer Dale Robinson.

With the addition of cornerbacks coach Mark Carrier, the team's secondary should be improved. The coach, a former All-American at USC (out of Long Beach Poly High), can't play but he has good tools to work with. Senior R.J. Oliver has started 30 games during his career, although pestered by injuries. Look for lots of playing time from Chris McKenzie, Josh Golden, Mike Davis Jr., Chad Green and Uriah Marshall.

"Every little thing we do on the practice field, from covering guys to walk-throughs, we do it to win," Carrier told The Arizona Republic. "One thing I've learned is preparation and doing things fast in practice, like you do it in a game. You put players through tough situations."

Second team All-Pac-10 safety Riccardo Stewart joins Emmanuel Franklin, Maruice London, Daniel Varvel and redshirt freshman Josh Barrett at the safety spots. London was a JC All-American at Grossmont Community College in El Cajon, California.

On speciality teams, Golden, Richardson and Burgess are quality punt return artists. Golden averaged 10 yards per catch last fall, plus 18.4 of kickoff returns. Chris McDonald, a freshman from Mesa Red Mountain, takes over the punting duties. Jesse Ainsworth will handle the kickoffs and place kicking. He made 10 of 15 field goals last year, with his longest 47 yards. Sophomore Jason Burke returns at snapper, with backup quarterback Christensen the holder.

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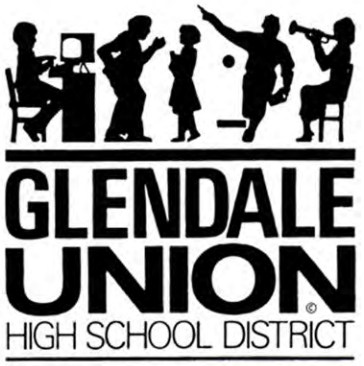
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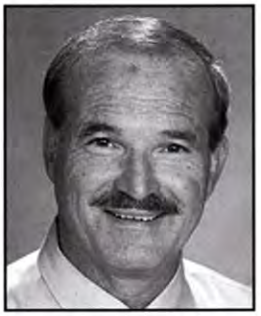
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.846 .. Ron Estabrook, Chaparral (143-26-0)
.817 .. John Wrenn, Hamilton (197-44-0)
.797 .. Jim Rattay, Phoenix Christian (224-57-4)
.776 .. Doug Clapp, Peoria (166-48-6)
.768 .. Larry Fetkenhier, Cactus (199-60-4)
.752 .. Pat Farrell, St. Mary's (209-69-2)
.716 .. Tom McGoldrick, Wickenburg (48-19-0)
.706 .. Sean Loomer, Valley Christian (36-15-0)
.705 .. Jesse Parker, Gilbert (277-116-4)
.701 .. Tom Joseph, Mountain View (94-40-0)
.699 .. Karl Kiefer, Mountain Pointe (297-128-3)
.682 .. David Hinds, Desert Vista (15-7-0)
.682 .. Chuck Horn, Millennium (15-7-0)
.676 .. Darryl Phillips, Camelback (23-9-0)
.653 .. Kelley Moore, Independence (96-51-0)
.651 .. Tom Bruney, Maryvale (71-38-0)
.651 .. Steve Belles, Mountain Ridge (56-30-0)
.623 .. Pat Lavin, Bourgade Catholic (160-97-3)
.627 .. Steve Chisman, Washington (116-69-4)
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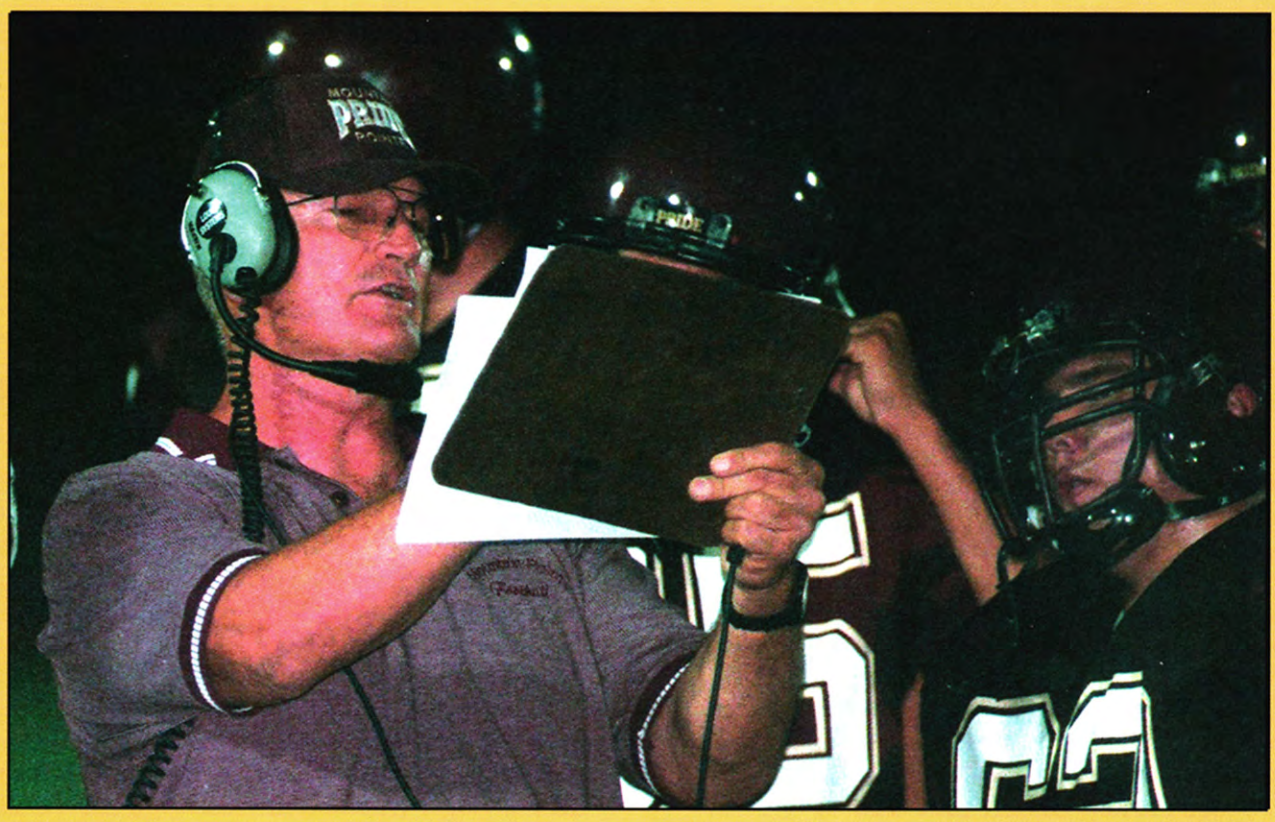
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.596 .. Jim Ewan, Chandler (62-42-0)
.586 .. Gary Mauldin, Thunderbird (126-89-1)
.585 .. Shawn Cluff, Florence (19-13-0)
.581 .. Don Yantis, Paradise Valley (25-18-0)
.577 .. Roger Suchomel, Westwood (26-19-0)
.570 .. Jimmy Jones, Red Mountain (98-74-3)
.558 .. Pete Wahlheim, Seton Catholic (29-23-0)
.534 .. Doug Meyer, Arizona Lutheran (39-34-1)
.528 .. Roger Britson, Moon Valley (28-25-0)
.524 .. B.J. Pasquel, Coronado (22-20-0)
.521 .. Richard Taylor, Centennial (63-58-2)
.516 .. Gary Venturo, Corona del Sol (141-132-2)
.516 .. Tom DeMassa, Dobson (16-15-0)
.510 .. Dallas Hickman, Sunnyslope (50-48-1)
.510 .. Curt LeBlanc, Queen Creek (25-24-0)
.500 .. Frank Lautt, Alhambra (46-46-0)
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QB ... Travis Dixon, Chandler Hamilton, 6-1, 180
QB ... Josh Schlueter, Phoenix Christian, 6-3, 205
RB ... Keegan Herring, Peoria, 5-10, 185
RB ... Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley, 6-3, 235
RB.... Aazaad Muhammad, Paradise Valley, 5-8, 177
RB ... Tim Ham, Glendale Mountain Ridge, 6-1, 205
RB ... Terry Longbons, Peoria Centennial, 6-0, 212
RB ... Sean Morris, Phoenix Thunderbird, 5-10, 175
RB ... Bobby Ili, Gilbert, 6-1, 235
RB.... Jermaine Williams, Maryvale, 6-3, 250 (jr)
WR .. Mekel Wesley, Chandler Hamilton, 5-11, 180
WR .. Saunders Montague, Gilbert Mesquite, 6-1, 175
TE ... Shaun Fitzpatrick, Gilbert Highland, 6-3, 240
TE ... Nick Covey, Glendale Mountain Ridge, 6-4, 220
OL ... Dusty Jones, Mesa Mountain View, 6-1, 270
OL ... Jordon Lowe, Peoria Centennial, 6-5, 303
LB.... Isaiah Jackson, Chandler, 6-2, 205
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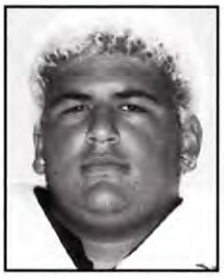
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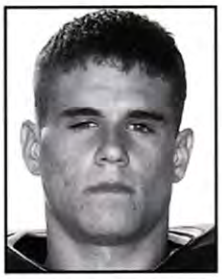
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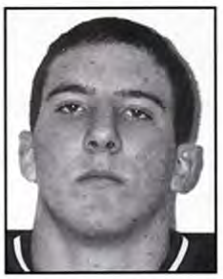
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Tailback Keegan Herring didn't start in a single game in 2003, yet rushed for 1,722 yards, scored 29 touchdowns and won the Whizzer White Award, given annualy to the state's best back (Steve Paynter photo).

Hamilton Starts Where They Finished

Last fall Chandler Hamilton and Mesa Mountain View finished the season like they started it - against each other. But in the rematch, a 3OT thriller won by Hamilton, the victor was different. The Huskies, playing with an inexperienced quarterback in September, were shutout by their Mesa opponent 15-0. But they prevailed in the rematch 35-28, before 14,000-plus fans and a live TV audience at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe.

The win marked a quick rise to power by the young Chandler school, which has played in only five 5A campaigns. Since opening with an independent varsity schedule in 1998, the school which produced 2002 Bronco Nagurski Award winner Terrell Suggs (Baltimore Ravens) has won 88% of its games, and has never lost more than two contest in a season.

This September, Hamilton head coach John Wrenn will win his 200th high school game. He enters the upcoming campaign with a 197-44-0 record, of which 132 wins came in Illinois. With an abundance of key performers from last year, plus quarterback Travis Dixon, his Huskies start the new season where they left off - on top.

But there are plenty of land mines on the horizon. In Mesa, schools such as Dobson, Westwood and Red Mountain, down on their luck for a couple of years, are on an upswing. Mesa High, the granddaddy of them all, is three wins from the magic 600 mark. No high school in the four-corner states has recorded that many wins.

At Mountain Pointe, in the Tempe School District, veteran coach Karl Kiefer is just three victories from reaching 300, another unique landmark facing Arizona high school football this coming fall.

But the game is played by the kids, and this year promises to be a thriller, thanks to an abundance of exciting running backs. At no time in recent memory has the Valley of the Sun produced as many quality runners. Potentially, college recruiters could find at least five major college running backs in Phoenix, excluding Maryvale's talented Jermaine Williams, a 6-3, 250-pound junior.

At the top of the list is Peoria's electrifying Keegan Herring, winner of the Whizzer White Award as a junior, given annually to the state's best back. Without starting in a single game, Herring gained 1,722 yards and scored 29 touchdowns, leading a junior-laden Panther outfit through an 11-2 campaign and a berth in the 5A semifinals. In the spring, Herring ran nationally ranked sprint times of 10.75 and 21.40, plus anchored Peoria's speedy 400-meter relay team (41.4), made up mostly of football players, before injuries and late-season suspensions ruined a promising track season.

5A FIESTA REGION

1. Chandler Hamilton (13-1)
2. Gilbert (9-4)
3. Gilbert Mesquite (6-4)
4. Chandler (6-4)
5. Gilbert Highland (3-7)
6. Casa Grande (0-10)

At **Hamilton**, the defending state champs return five starters on both sides of the ball, and rate as the team to beat in preseason. In quarterback Travis Dixon (6-1, 180), head coach John Wrenn might have the best field general in the Valley. Last year he passed for 1,888 yards and 23 touchdowns, rushed for 461 yards, and scored seven times. He's won 13 games in a row. Wideout Mekel Wesley (5-11, 180, 4.5) is the Huskies' game-breaker. In the state quarterfinals, a 47-14 blowout of Tucson Salpointe, it was Wesley's 95-yard kickoff return which nailed the lid on the Lancers' coffin. Then, during a 41-19 win over Gilbert in the semifinals, he recovered an offensive fumble for a touchdown, returned a punt 75 yards for a score and rushed for a TD. Other key veterans include linemen Ryan Tonnemacher (6-4, 275) and Chris Hegge (6-4, 275), defensive backs Daniel Hill (6-0, 190) and Jimmy Rogers (6-0, 185), plus linebacker Miles Posz (6-0, 210). Senior Justin Harper sometimes started at cornerback. Linebacker Scott Campos is the long snapper. ***Street & Smith's College Football Annual*** listed Hamilton as one of the top 25 teams in the USA to watch this season. The Huskies opener is a dandy, a September 3rd trip to face Mountain View. Look for Wrenn to get his 200th win before October.

Another coach with a lot of wins is Jesse Parker at **Gilbert**, where the Tigers return 14 starters, seven on defense. Parker, who has coached in both Arizona and Texas, has 277 wins and five state championships on his resume. Twenty lettermen from a state semifinalist squad return, including the Tigers biggest gun, 235-pound running back Bobby Ili, who rushed for 1,490 yards and scored 23 touchdowns, four in a first round playoff win over Desert Vista. Several key players return, including safety Mike Neilson (6-3, 200), who doubles at wide receiver, tackle Jake Schneidmiller (6-2, 220), the team's long snapper who doubles at defensive end, linemen Ryan White and Josh Hernandez, plus cornerback Mark Kelly. All are seniors who landed votes on the all-region squad. Chase Bingold (6-2, 235) returns at center. Derek Smith, Dusty Williams, Alex Carrasco and Bubba Coons all saw action. Junior fullback/linebacker Gavin McDowell, a transfer from California, could see playing time. "We need to find a replacement at quarterback real quick," says Parker. "But at most of the other positions we have good returning players."

So does **Mesquite**, where Rich Iverson went 6-4 with a junior-dominated lineup. "We played with a lot of young players and almost made the playoffs," says Iverson, the only head coach the young Gilbert school has had. Sixteen starters return, including one of the region's best pass catchers, wideout Saunders Montague. The 6-1, 175-pound senior, who plays in the secondary, averaged 23.4 yards on 25 receptions, and is a good return man. Quarterback Erik Archuletta completed 59 of 142 passes for 1,096 yards and 11 touchdowns. He threw only six interceptions. Anchored by big Deb Nelson (6-2, 315), the line looks solid with Dan Battan, Wes Robertson and Devin Bollinger, a three-year varsity player. Aaron Joseph, Corey Dunn and Stephen Brown add size and experience. Receiver Jeff Scafaria handles the kicking. Kevin Gallas, Troy Elliot and Andrew Blankendaal are two-way skill players.

Chandler looks for a playoff spot in Jim Ewan's fourth year on the strength of its defense. Especially at linebacker. In 6-2, 205-pound Isaiah Jackson, the Wolves have a potential all-state candidate. With 4.7 speed he leads the pack, along with fast defenders Reno Blomquist and J.A. Graves. L.J. Thompson gives that position depth. Speedy wideout James Richardson (5-7, 160) caught 26 passes for 345 yards and four TDs. Senior Brad Johnson (6-2, 190) is ready to step in at quarterback. Two quick juniors, Justin Sims and Anton Bernard, step into the

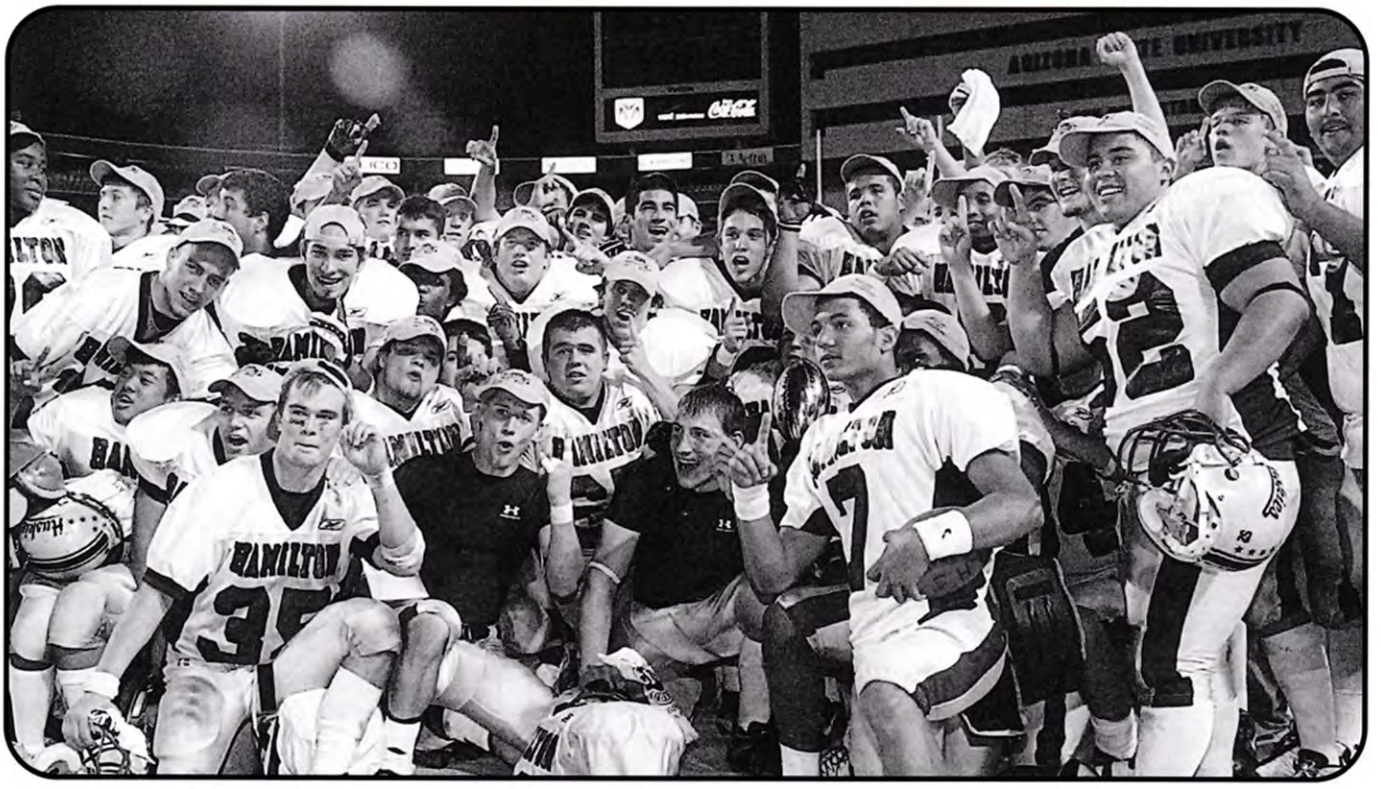
METRO 5A TOP 20 POLL

1. Hamilton Huskies
2. Mountain Ridge Lions
3. Peoria Panthers
4. Paradise Valley Trojans
5. Gilbert Tigers
6. Dobson Mustangs
7. Westwood Warriors
8. Red Mountain Lions
9. Corona del Sol Aztecs
10. Mountain View Toros
11. Mesquite Wildcats
12. Mountain Pointe Pride
13. Maryvale Panthers
14. Chandler Wolves
15. Highland Hawks
16. Brophy Prep Broncos
17. Sunrise Mtn. Mustangs
18. Westview Knights
19. St. Mary's Knights
20. Cesar Chavez Pegasus

FIESTA REGION NOTEBOOK

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. **COACHING**: Gilbert mentor Jesse Parker has 277 wins, third most in state history. The leaders are active coaches: Mountain Pointe's Karl Kiefer (297) and Tucson Amphi's Vern Friedli (290). Hamilton coach John Wrenn, last year's state coach of the year, is three wins shy of 200. **TRIVIA**: Gilbert was 8-0 and Class B (now 2A) state champs in its first year of varsity football (1923), one year before Chandler fielded an organized team. Gilbert has won a state championship in every 11-man class but 5A. **COLLEGE STARS:** 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, including St. Louis linebacker Adam Archuleta and former San Francisco receiver Sanjay Beach. Hamilton's Suggs was the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year last fall with the Baltimore Ravens.

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HUSKIES 48.....Casa Grande 0
HUSKIES 38.....Mesquite 7
HUSKIES 38.....Highland 7
HUSKIES 36 .....Gilbert 21
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HUSKIES 41 .....*Corona del Sol 0
HUSKIES 47 .....*Tucson Salpointe 14
HUSKIES 41 .....*Gilbert 19
HUSKIES 35 ....*Mountain View 28 (3OT)

running game with little experience but plenty of heart. Kaybrin Stevenson, Tanner Wall and Mark Chmielowski sometimes started. "This needs to be a productive year," says Ewan, who won a state championship in 1980 at Eloy Santa Cruz. "We are stronger and faster than in recent years, and have 12 track athletes who bring a legitimate level of speed to our program."

Highland, with seven starters on both sides of the ball, could make a run at the playoffs. Although Preston Jones saw his young team finish 3-7, the Hawks lost four games by a touchdown or less, and two in the last minute. With all-region receiver Shaun Fitzpatrick (6-3, 240) in the lineup, Jones has one of the region's best players. The big tight end caught 36 passes for 487 yards and eight scores. In fact, size and experience is a plus for this Highland unit, with Richard Tuitu'u (6-5, 300), Ty Porter (6-2, 235) and Danny Stegall (6-3, 220) among the returning starters. Two-way skill performers Kris Stone, Raphael Mack and Wesley Orth give the Hawks an edge. Kellen Sirrine was an honorable mention all-region pick at linebacker.

In **Casa Grande**, Tracy Stuart's crew hopes to put the skids on a 31-game losing streak with 15 returning starters, nine on defense. But that group has to shore up its forces, which gave up 474 points, the most in 5A. Hope comes from linebacker Bobby Wuertz (6-1, 200), a second team all-region pick. Two-way end Mike Bias (6-3, 220) appears to be the Cougars other top player. Gustavo Almaguer (6-5, 345) is truly the biggest, along with classmate Chasman Shaw (6-3, 247). Juniors like Joe Ellis, Shane Norman, Justin Rebellosso, Jose Hernandez and Matt Morrow, an honorable mention all-region guard, were thrown into varsity competition as sophomores. "We will be very young this year," adds Stuart. "A lot of juniors who played last year will be playing important roles."

597 and counting ...

***Mesa High**, which played its first varsity football game in 1920, is within three wins of becoming the first high school in the four-corner states to win **600** games. The Cactus State's leaders prior to the 2004 campaign:*

Wins	School	First team	Overall record
597	Mesa	1920	597-264-37
520	Tucson	1910	520-317-29
502	Safford	1925	502-240-28
466	Winslow	1915	466-256-42
464	Phoenix St. Mary's	1938	464-227-16
442	Gilbert	1923	442-299-19
433	Snowflake	1929	433-261-23
430	Round Valley	1921	430-247-24
429	Douglas	1906	429-433-25
417	Flagstaff	1923	417-269-36
415	Tucson Amphi	1939	415-278-21
409	Tempe	1924	409-315-29
407	Peoria	1928	407-283-25
385	Miami	1923	385-370-25

EAST VALLEY REGION

1. Mesa Dobson (7-4)
2. Mesa Westwood (6-4)
3. Mesa Red Mountain (7-5)
4. Mesa Mountain View (13-1)
5. Mesa (3-7)
6. Mesa Skyline (4-6)
7. Yuma Cibola (1-9)

It's been a long, rough road for **Dobson**. Especially after winning the 1987 state championship. But the Mustangs, under third year coach Tom DeMassa, won seven games and advanced one round into the playoffs. During the season they beat playoff bound Red Mountain 42-41, crushed rival Mesa 42-6, and lost a thriller to Westwood 21-13. Marana Mountain View knocked them out of contention on the road. With 20 returning lettermen, most of them good skill players, it's up to our inexperienced line to jell. "That will be critical for us," says DeMassa. "We return some good skill people, but how quickly our offensive line responds will be the key." The Mustangs are set at quarterback. Senior Brennan Poe (6-2, 180) hit for 1,247 yards and 16 touchdowns during the regular season. He threw only seven interceptions. Tight end Drew Thurston (6-5, 220) and wideout Vance Beach (5-10, 170) are good targets. Beach and junior Marcus Richmond (6-2, 205), who plays at running back and safety, are two of the fastest players on the team. James Bojorquez was a second team all-region defensive back. Josh Roth was an honorable mention pick at wide receiver. Brenton Good (6-3, 260) looks like the best lineman.

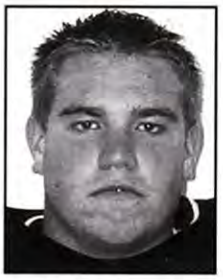
Another school with good skill position players is **Westwood**, coached by Roger Suchomel. Close to 20 underclassmen logged playing time, and one dozen starters return. Three-way threat Channing Trotter has transferred to Red Mountain, but the Warriors key performer, quarterback Brice Wilkins, is back. The 6-1, 180-pound junior passed and ran the young Warriors to six wins by completing 59% of his throws for 1,099 yards and 12 touchdowns. His lone pass interception was the least among starting 5A quarterbacks. Guard Bryce Clark (5-10, 180) and tight end Cody Norberg (6-2, 215), along with linebacker Ryan Colbert (5-10, 195), are quality players at key positions. Junior back Jay Leal (5-11, 180) managed 435 yards on 63 carries before an injury stopped him. Luke Jaicks, Zach Dutra, Tate Bills and Kyle

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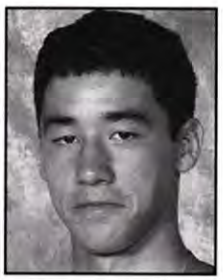
FIRST ROUND - Mesa Mountain View 46, South Mountain 3; Paradise Valley 17, Scottsdale Horizon 7; Marana Mountain View 34, Mesa Dobson 12; Peoria 59, Phoenix Alhambra 22; Tucson Salpointe 42, Phoenix Brophy Prep 12; Chandler Hamilton 41, Tempe Corona del Sol 0; Gilbert 36, Tempe Desert Vista 19; Mesa Red Mountain 21, Glendale Mountain Ridge 7; **QUARTERFINALS** - Mesa Mountain View 28, Paradise Valley 6; Peoria 19, Marana Mountain View 15; chandler Hamilton 47, Tucson Salpointe 14;Gilbert 33, Mesa Red Mountain 18; **SEMIFINALS** - Mesa Mountain View 35, Peoria 8; Chandler Hamilton 41, Gilbert 19; **FINALS** - Chandler Hamilton 35, Mesa Mountain 28 (3 OT)

Hargrave were underclassmen who logged valuable playing time.

Last year **Red Mountain** put points on the board, but gave up too many and finished 7-5. Still, that mark got them two rounds into the playoffs. Several key players return, including all-region defensive back Greg Bird (6-1, 185), linebacker Tanner Roberts (6-2, 210), wide receiver Nick Miller (5-8, 160), defensive lineman Brooks Wardrip (6-1, 220), plus promising tackle John Hargis, a 6-4, 290-pound junior. Ryan Ledbetter and Danny Raible fit in also. But the key to the season might be how well newcomer Channing Trotter fits in. Last year at rival



John Hargis
Red Mountain



Ken Golladay
Mountain View

Westwood, the versatile Trotter amassed 247 yards rushing and receiving and scored three TDs while pacing the Warriors to a 31-28 win over Jim Jones' Red Mountain club. Trotter tallied the game-winner on a 67-yard pass reception with just over a minute to go. During the season he rushed for 664 yards, caught 33 passes for 532 yards, and scored 21 touchdowns. He was also the most dangerous kick returner in the East Valley. With the addition of Trotter, Jones has 30 returning players to work with. The playoffs are in reach.

More than ever before, graduation almost completely cleaned out the starting lineup at **Mountain View**. Excluding punter Tate Ash (38.7) and place kicker Kenny Golladay (59 PATs), the Toros return only one key starter, center Dusty Jones. The 6-1, 270-pound Jones, one of the best at his position in the Valley, is about all that's left of a near-perfect unit which almost won back-to-back 5A state crowns. A three-overtime loss to Chandler Hamilton in the state finals ended a 27-game win streak. Still, Tom Joseph has just enough returners to make it interesting, starting with halfback Mike Para, receiver Stetson Banks, and defensive lineman Garrett Greenhalgh. Fill that in with players from a JV unit which won seven games, plus the district's superior junior high feeder system, and Mountain View could make the playoffs for the 20th year in a row.

Mesa is the district's lone school with a new coach. Dennis Parker, younger brother of Gilbert mentor Jesse Parker, brings 27 years of coaching experience at the high school and college levels in Texas and Missouri to the city's oldest school. The Jackrabbits won only three games last year, but are just three wins shy of winning 600, most ever in the four-corner states. The new coach will have four offensive and four defensive starters to work with, including three honorable mention all-region picks. Wide receiver/defensive back Taylor Ayers (6-3, 190), who also played quarterback, joins tackle Erick Rivera (6-2, 215) and two-way back Dan Parker (5-9, 165) as key performers going into the school's 85th campaign. Frankie Hoffman could start at quarterback, with wideout Kason Ashe and tight end Nathan Cook quality receivers. Ashe started in the secondary and Cook started at linebacker, so two-way performers in Parker's first year are a necessity. At different times, Brandon Thompson, Anthony Canez, Duan Gilliam, Sam Ashby, Seth Dezentje, Roland Mills, Jeff Garner, Jared Sitani and Pat Hagerman started or played a lot. The famed 'Rabbits will have their hands full again in their opener, an early September clash with Peoria.

Young **Skyline** will be looking for its first winning season with 20 returning lettermen, better size than normal, and a solid kicking game. Junior Derek Smith booted three field goals in a win over Phoenix Central, and has two years left to split the uprights. Defensive back Chris Carrasco (5-8, 150) and offensive lineman Trevor Keeling (5-10, 200) were honorable mention all-region picks. Britt Goodman, Ryan Matthews, Tyler Tryon, Aaron Hicks, Chris Rollins and Jeff Turner started at one time or another. Big bodies Brandon Hester (6-3, 290) and Travis Wideman (6-3, 275) give the Coyotes size and depth.

Last year was a challenging season for **Yuma Cibola**, as the Raiders won only once. Since only nine letter winners return, so the upcoming campaign looks bleak also. Coach Lucky Arvizo is banking on five key seniors: linebacker Brett Klee, cornerback Adrian Preciado, free safety Hunter Coll, defensive end Spencer Taylor and guard Sal Ruvalcaba to slow down the high octane offenses in the East Valley. But all five will be forced to go both ways. "Hopefully we can be more competitive in this tough region," concludes Arvizo.

5A CENTRAL REGION

1. Tempe Corona del Sol (6-4)
2. Tempe Mountain Pointe (6-4)
3. Tempe Desert Vista (6-4)
4. Tempe Marcos de Niza (4-6)
5. Yuma Union (5-5)

No 5A school in the East Valley returns as many starters or all-region picks at **Corona del Sol**. Veteran coach Gary Venturo returns nine offensive starters and his place kicker, Antonio Vidaure, one of the best in the state. On defense the Aztecs welcome six starters

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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and punter Steve Harper, another dandy. Last year's junior-dominated club won six games and advance one round into the playoffs. Hamilton sent them packing, 41-0. With speedy Blaise Johnson (4.5) in the lineup, CDS has a skill player who can play multiple positions, on both sides of the ball. Last year the 5-11, 180-pounder managed 437 rushing yards on 96 carries and scored seven rushing TDs. He also starts in the secondary, and is a good backup to teammate Jake Nero (6-2, 190) at quarterback. Nero completed 45 of 86 passes for 641 yards and four scores in the Aztecs' run-oriented offense. Dan McClendon, another good two-way back, gained 343 yards on 75 carries. Center Sam Ferolie (5-11, 190) anchors a veteran offensive line which includes Joey Featherman (6-3, 285), Brian Freuler (5-11, 195) and Doug Dedrick (6-4, 240). Standout defensive players include linebacker Jake Taylor and lineman Mitchell Hunt (6-2, 220), an honorable mention all-region pick as a sophomore. Kirk Cox, Greg Keller, Jared Mosley, Ryan Reynolds, Jeff Sinay, Michael Yarbrough, Andy Stitt and Kevin Hager have all contributed. "We were a real young team last year," claims Venturo, who has won 141 games in the business. "If we develop and stay away from injuries, we look for a better season this year."

At **Mountain Pointe**, long-time

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 2004 campaign with 297 wins, best in Arizona history. Third-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 three 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.

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6-6, 300	Jeremy Alexander	Pinnacle	senior
6-5, 345	Gustavo Almaguer	Casa Grande	senior
6-5, 320	Josh Mendenhall	Saguaro	senior
6-5, 303	Jordon Lowe	Centennial	senior
6-5, 300	Richard Tuitu'u	Highland	senior
6-5, 270	Mike Gallett	Sandra Day O'Connor	senior
6-4, 320	David Debruin	Fountain Hills	senior
6-4, 315	Brian Agnis	Tempe Union	junior
6-4, 305	Cleatus Peake	Trevor Browne	senior
6-4, 300	Jake Gendreau	Desert Mountain	junior
6-4, 295	Shawn Byrnes	Paradise Valley	senior
6-4, 292	Mike Sneed	Central	senior
6-4, 290	Daniel Limon	Cortez	junior
6-4, 290	John Hargis	Red Mountain	junior
6-4, 285	John Tryon	Notre Dame Prep	junior
6-4, 280	Shelley Smith	Westview	senior
6-4, 280	Mark Chmielowski	Chandler	senior
6-4, 275	Chris Hegge	Hamilton	senior
6-3, 300	Bobby Torres	Centennial	senior
6-3, 292	Joe Augusta	Moon Valley	senior
6-3, 290	Brandon Hester	Skyline	senior
6-3, 285	Joey Featherman	Corona del Sol	senior
6-3, 275	Travis Wideman	Skyline	senior
6-3, 250	Kelly Antone	Maricopa	senior
6-2, 335	Ruben Munoz	Peoria	junior
6-2, 330	Donnie Ornelas	Dysart	senior
6-2, 315	Deb Nelson	Mesquite	senior
6-2, 295	Ekom Udofia	Chaparral	senior
6-2, 294	Jacob Acord	Peoria	senior
6-2, 288	James Castillo	Ironwood	senior
6-2, 285	Kyle Tilford	Paradise Valley	junior
6-2, 275	David Bertrand	Horizon	senior
6-1, 280	Dillon Suber	Ironwood	senior
6-1, 280	Armando Garcia	Carl Hayden	junior
6-0, 325	Michael Piper	Peoria	senior
6-0, 300	Mike Reyes	Cortez	senior
6-0, 295	Christian Lopez	South Mountain	senior
6-0, 285	Matt Jahnke	Shadow Mountain	senior
6-0, 285	Jose Hernandez	Casa Grande	junior
6-0, 277	Jared Sitani	Mesa	senior

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mentor Karl Kiefer could get his 300th win by midseason, with a strong core of returning starters, especially on defense. In fact, with free safety Jarvis Hodge (5-10, 180), strong safety Tom Grace (6-1, 180), and cornerback Skylar Harris (5-10, 185), the Pride might have the best secondary in the region. Harris is a transfer from nearby Desert Vista. Versatile Kevin Cronin (6-3, 215), an all-region punter, plays tight end and linebacker. Austin Caldwell (5-10, 190) is a quick center, while Aaron Whittle (6-0, 150) is the long snapper. Linemen with varsity experience include Ryan Goldman, Scott Gosselin, Brad Turcott, Jimmy Miller, Garrett Zeigler, Brett Underwood and Josh Woodward. Tom Romaine, Lavion Gibson, Shay O'Neill and Keith Wilson are two-way skill players. Andrew Stricklin and Jeff Quihuis-Bell handle the Pride's kicking. Who will play quarterback is the biggest question facing Kiefer and his staff in the offseason.

Playing one of the toughest schedules in the state, **Desert Vista** won six times and played one playoff game, a 36-19 loss to Gilbert. Coach Dan Hinds saw graduation clean out most of the starting lineup, including player of the year Zach Miller, the state's best linebacker/tight end. Still, several outstanding individuals return, including safety Pete Hargis, running back Chris Brogdon, wideout Mike Tamez and lineman Matt Putz, four of the better players in the region. The 6-2, 200-pound Hargis could start at quarterback, and is one of the league's better athletes. He pitches and plays outfield for the Thunder's baseball team. As a hard hitting safety he's one of the best around. The 205-pound Brogdon averaged 5.6 yards per carry during the regular season, gained 919 yards and scored 12 touchdowns. He also plays linebacker. Tamez caught 23 passes for 375 yards and three scores in 10 games. Putz joins Sam Cowley (6-4, 225), Remy Kale (6-3, 220) and Mike Roder (6-4, 280) to give a solid look up front. The Thunder lost several close games to good teams. They may be one year away from a playoff berth, with juniors up from a 9-0 JV unit, and sophomores off an 8-1 freshman club.

Eight offensive starters and seven defenders greet first-year coach Roy Lopez at **Marcos de Niza**. The key player is on the defensive side of the ball, all-region linebacker Terrance Hooks, a 6-2, 205-pound senior who also plays running back. In fact, Hooks averaged 6.0 yards per carry and gained 550 yards tooting the ball. Still, his strength is tackling, and the Padres have a force to be reckoned with when he's on the field. Kyle Leslie, Kellen Matwick and Michael Laborin join Hooks to form a good collection of linebackers. End Tristan McClelland (6-4, 200) and back Jordan Andrews (5-11, 205) are good two-way players. Devon Smith and Omar Rodriguez are solid wide receivers. Adam Blazquez can contribute at running back or linebacker. Juniors Adam Reyes, who started in four varsity games, and Spencer Wilson will battle for the starting quarterback position.

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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Yuma went from 1-9 to 5-5 under first-year coach Larry Stovall, so the Criminals are looking up, and expect to be better this year. With Joe Hare (5-11, 170, 4.5) and Jermairo Crawford (6-1, 215, 4.6) in the lineup, Yuma has two of the better players in the region. Hare was a first team all-region wide receiver, and an honorable mention defensive back. Crawford, an outstanding linebacker, is one of the region's best tight ends. The Criminals need to find a quarterback to get the ball to these two. Mark Welter and Josh Ramirez are two-way skill position players.

5A DESERT VALLEY REGION

1. Paradise Valley (8-4)
2. Phoenix Brophy Prep (7-4)
3. Phoenix St. Mary's (4-6)
4. Phoenix North Canyon (5-5)
5. Scottsdale Desert Mountain (3-7)
6. Scottsdale Horizon (7-4)
7. Yuma Kofa (5-5)

Paradise Valley advanced two rounds into the playoffs and return 13 starters, including one of the Valley's best



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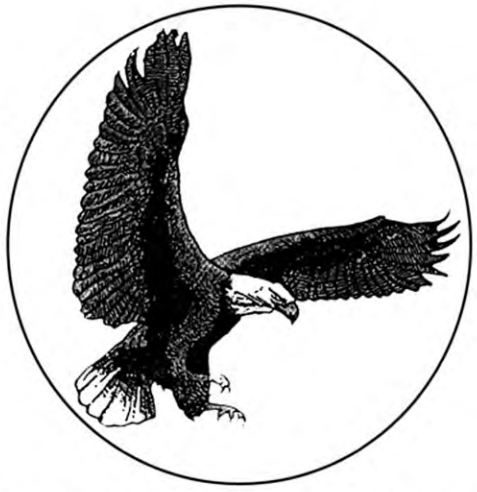
Joey Featherman
Corona del Sol

backfields. Between fullback Matt Clapp, tailback Aazaad Muhammad and quarterback Ryan Barela, the Trojans return over 3,000 yards of offense. Clapp, a 6-3, 235-pounder with 4.6 speed, is arguably the state's best fullback. Last year he netted 1,602 yards on 256 carries and scored 16 touchdowns. His longest scoring strike covered 92 yards. Muhammad, a burner with 4.5 speed, gained 961 yards from scrimmage, scored 11 rushing touchdowns, returned a pass interception 82 yards for a score, and averaged 32.6 yards on kickoff returns, including a 94-yarder for a TD. Barela, a three year varsity player, runs the show. To keep opponents off guard he passed for 539 yards and completed 50% of his throws. Tight end Dennis Hilburn (6-1, 215) averaged 11.9 yards per reception, and doubles at defensive end, where he recorded 24 unassisted tackles. All-region tackle Shawn Byrnes (6-4, 295) and teammate Andy Morrison (6-1, 230) are a solid blocking force. At one time or another, wideout Andrew Leahy, safety Brandon Ponce and center Chris Hazelwood started. Big Kyle Tilford (6-2, 285) saw action as a sophomore. "This is our best senior class in five years," claims Donnie Yantis. "The kids are working extremely hard. It would be great to advance farther than the quarterfinals."

A senior-dominated **Brophy Prep** club reached the playoffs, but dropped a first round decision to Tucson Salpointe, 41-14. Second year coach Jeff Kearin returns 22 letter winners, but only three started on offense. The key player looks like running back Markel DeVorce (5-10, 190), who got more attention at linebacker, but managed 4.2 yards per carry when given the ball. Two other defenders,

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defensive backs Chris Regan and Bryan Bayham, started. Both are also good pass catchers. Help is on its way from a near-perfect 8-1 junior varsity.

After a three year absence, Pat Farrell is back at **St. Mary's**, where he led the Knights to a 209-69-2 record and four state championships. Defense is a concern, with only three returning starters. Safety John Means (6-2, 185) and linebacker Keaton Kristick (6-2, 220) will need some help. Means doubles at wide receiver, while Kristick plays running back. Juan Rosales (6-6, 250) doubles at tight end/defensive end, and handles the punting. He's a good one. Dante Johnson (5-10, 165) is the quarterback, with speedy Tyler Johnson (5-9, 160) his best deep threat. "The kids won their last two region games," adds Farrell. "We hope to carry that same attitude forward."

Four key players, all three- year starters, hope to mix well with a young lineup at **North Canyon**. It's no surprise that the Rattlers' best players are quarterback Andra Rogers (6-0, 175), fullback John Warren (6-0, 205), center Nick Sundberg (6-2, 250) and tackle Collin Boulay (6-1, 250), a second team all-region pick. Rogers was an honorable mention selection. Except for two-way end Carson Wheet (6-1, 185) and tackle Marco Stalteri (6-1, 240), the remaining key players are juniors, like halfback Sherrod Austin, linebacker Anthony Llanos and fullback John Delorenzo. Llanos started at middle linebacker as a sophomore. "We lost a good group of seniors," says second year coach Brian Cole. "We will be young but hopefully competitive."

John Burke, a former head coach at Phoenix Goldwater, takes over at **Desert Mountain**, where the Wolves look for their first region win in four years. Graduation cleaned out most of the starting lineup, with only four regulars back on both sides of the ball. Although most positions are up for grabs, its no mystery who will start at center. Tyler Nelson, a 6-2, 255-pounder, was the region's best as a junior. Running back Vince Rana (5-10, 175) was a second team all-region pick. Newcomer Jonathan Jones, a transfer from Chaparral, might help. Burke's staff looks solid at linebacker, with Chad Barnes (6-2, 230) and junior Luke Semler (6-2, 190) penciled in as starters. Garrett Stretton (6-2, 220), like center Nelson, is a good two-way lineman. Matt Torkelson, who also plays linebacker, has a shot at quarterback. Last year Joel Nathanson handled the kicking. Incoming junior tackle Jake Gendreau played on the varsity at 300-pounds. "After spring ball I'm excited about the size and attitude of our returning players," claims Burke.

Most of the starting lineup at **Horizon** picked up diplomas, and head coach Mike Brown left to take a head job in California. Steve Casey, who spent the last six years at Yuma Kofa, succeeds Brown, and will have lots of new faces to work with. Still, several key veterans return, including all-region lineman David Bertrand (6-2, 275), and junior kicker Stefan Demos (5-8, 170), one of the Valley's best. During last year's playoff run, players like safety Mike Schilling, receiver Stephen Prociw, guard Matt Stevens, and defensive end Ralph Campasano started.

5A METRO NORTHWEST

1. Glendale Mountain Ridge (10-1)
2. Phoenix Maryvale (5-5)
3. Phoenix Trevor Browne (5-5)
4. Phoenix Goldwater (5-5)
5. Glendale Deer Valley (2-8)
6. Phoenix Alhambra (7-4)

Mountain Ridge, coached by Steve Belles, played 11 games and lost only once, a first-round heartbreaker to Mesa Red Mountain, 21-7. "Except for the last two hours it was a great season," says Belles, a former all-state quarterback at Phoenix St. Mary's. "If this group of seniors bonds together it may be a great year for the westside." Nine starters on offense return, including the league's offensive player of the year, halfback Tim Hamm. With 4.6 speed, the gutty two-way player, who also plays linebacker, averaged 9.6 yards per carry, gained 900 yards and scored 11 touchdowns. He averaged 23.7 yards on 20 receptions and scored four more times. With Hamm and tight end Nick Covey (6-4, 220) in the lineup, The Ridge has two of the better players in the Valley. Covey, an all-region pick at two positions, averaged 19.2 yards on 17 receptions for 326 yards and three scores. He can start at linebacker and handles the punting, averaging 43.5 yards per boot. Along with Hamm and Covey, safety Austin Martin, back Nick Bell, and guard Brad Gual have been on the varsity since their sophomore year. The hard-running Bell plowed his way through enemy lines for 7.1 yards per carry and 443 yards. Center Adam Smith (6-0, 228) anchors a solid, experienced line, which includes Ben Ortega, Trevor Young, Brad Yost, Dan McKee and Spencer Ast, the only junior. Defensively, Brady Rohlwing, Cody Brechtel, Matt Pickering, Daniel Villasenor, Ben Zierten and David Campbell could start. The key position yet to be filled is quarterback, where the staff needs to find a replacement for Cody Rohlwing. Drew Ellis, a 6-0, 180-pound senior, could be the guy.

Maryvale started as many as 10 sophomores, lost their first four games, then got on track and won five straight before falling to Mountain Ridge in the

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 past 2003 football season:

Students	High School
3,688	*Mesa Mountain View
3,668	*Mesa
3,285	Chandler Hamilton
3,253	*Mesa Red Mountain
3,252	*Mesa Dobson
3,205	*Mesa Westwood
3,036	Gilbert Mesquite
3,008	Gilbert
2,908	Chandler
2,840	Tempe Desert Vista
2,754	Mountain Ridge
2,752	Peoria
2,743	Tempe Corona del Sol
2,614	Phoenix Trevor Browne
2,610	Phoenix Alhambra
2,609	Phoenix Cesar Chavez
2,436	Desert Mountain
2,425	Phoenix Maryvale
2,402	Phoenix North
2,399	Scottsdale Horizon
2,398	Tolleson Westview
2,361	Gilbert Highland

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

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region title game in November. Coach Tom Bruney returns eight offensive starters, including talented junior Jermaine Williams, a 6-3, 250-pound running back. Williams, with 4.6 speed, also earned all-region honors at linebacker. Jose Gutierrez (6-0, 200) steps in at quarterback for the second year, and plays a solid free safety. Phillip Benney (5-10, 185), an all-region wide receiver, is one of the the quickest Panthers with 4.5 speed. The two quickest are backs Ronald Huckaby and Brantwon Bowser, both 4.4 burners. Alonzo Akins (6-1, 215) is a strong defensive end. Ronnie Council, Casey Waldron and Juan Cruz start on the line. Junior Robert Allen is a small, speedy slotback.

Seven starters on both offense and defense is good news at **Trevor Brown**. The young Bruins, coached by Phil Wooley, batted .500 with an inexperienced lineup. Best bet for postseason honors are tailback Sean Jones, a 5-9, 190-pounder with 4.5 speed, and guard Josh Manche (6-3, 220). Good skill position players and big, strong linemen dot the roster. Quarterback Daniel Gonzales and tight end Eddie Hernandez are a solid pass-catch combo. Fullback Marcus Damper and wide receiver Danmark Kortsen add speed to the offense. Up front, the Bruins have plenty of size with Cleatus Peake (6-4, 305), Shelton Smith (6-4, 270), Stephan Browning (6-2, 230), Calon Childress (5-10, 215), Jose Flores (5-10, 205) and Philip Quintella (5-10, 200), a junior center. Junior Jimmy Reynolds (5-10, 215) is a top-notch linebacker. Look for Kyle Smith, Rick Timney and Lamar White in the secondary.

Goldwater, under third-year coach Dan Friedman, continues to improve, and had a big win against unbeaten and state-ranked Phoenix Alhambra last year. Seven defensive regulars return, including linebacker/tight end Matt Loewen (6-3, 225), one of the Bulldogs' best players. In fact, with Loewen, Justin Conn and Jim Chesnik on the field, Friedman's club is solid at linebacker. Chesnik is also the center. Ken Easter and junior Brian Harvey will battle at quarterback. If Harvey wins out, Easter can move to running back. He also starts in the secondary. On the line the 'Dogs have a potential standout in tackle Robert Irwin, a 6-8, 340-pound two-way tackle, along with teammate Brandon Ford (6-3, 225), another two-way performer. Backs Dan Bayus, Cole Roler and Scott Gilbert could see duty on both sides of the ball.

With 14 returning starters, eight on defense, **Deer Valley** looks committed to turning the tables. The key defensive player appears to be tackle Ed Craft (5-11, 240), an all-region choice who recorded 38 solo tackles. Jason Thier (6-0, 215), Bryce Finley (5-11, 205) and junior Guy Mauro (5-10, 200) form a solid crew at linebacker. With 4.6 speed, safety Matt Corven is the quickest member of the Skyhawks' young secondary. He's just a junior. So is little wideout Tony Paul, who caught 25 passes for 430 yards and two touchdowns. Overall, head coach Sven Christianson has 18 letter winners to

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work with, plus a good group from a 5-3-1 JV unit.

Hit hard by graduation, **Alhambra** returns only eight lettermen, the least among 5A schools in the region. Four starters on each side of the ball are back, including safety Phillip Cochran (6-0, 185), a 4.5 speedster with good range. In front of him are three solid defensive linemen: Andrew Rivas, Ian Brown and junior Gilberto Lopez. Whoever starts at quarterback will find 6-4, 220-pound tight end Jonathan Clark a good target. Walt Martinez and Chet Kyman should start on the offensive line, with Jorrel Ortiz and Alvincent Mansfield good skill position players. The Lions won seven games for the first time in 18 years, started 6-0 and made the playoffs. "We hope to continue our progress," says head coach Frank Lautt. "Leadership by our seniors will determine our season."

5A SOUTHWEST REGION

1. Peoria (11-2)
2. Sunrise Mountain (6-4)
3. Tolleson Westview (6-4)
4. Tolleson (5-5)
5. Glendale Ironwood (3-7)
6. Kingman (2-8)

When it's speed in 5A football these days, it resides at **Peoria**, home of the Panthers. Last year Doug Clapp's 18th edition at the westside school won 11 of 13 games and reached the semifinals, where Mountain View put an end to the ride, 35-8. Since moving up to 5A in 1999, Clapp's teams have had a better winning percentage (.776) than they did in 4A (.768). The only item missing is a state championship. "Where we have a problem late in the playoffs is in the line," says the veteran coach, who seldom has players playing both ways. "We have always been competitive at the skill positions." And this year is not exception. With three-fourth of the state's fastest 400 meter relay team (41.4) in Peoria's backfield, points could come in bunches. The big threat is tailback Keegan Herring (5-10, 185), the state's fastest (and arguably best) player. Last fall Herring didn't play in the Panthers' opening win over Mesa, and did not start in one single game after that. Yet he touched the ball enough times to gain 1,722 yards and score 29 touchdowns - the most in Arizona 5A history by a junior. His 4.35 forty speed helped him average 34.9 yards per carry, a slight edge over teammate Marcus Turner (5-8, 175), an all-state kick returner who averaged 34.2 yards on kickoffs. Kicking to Peoria after a score is almost suicide. Turner, leadoff man on the Panthers' sprint relay team, gained 1,172 yards on 128 carries (9.2) and scored 14 rushing touchdowns. His other scores came on returns. Then there's quarterback Carlos Miranda, a three-year starter. In Peoria's run-oriented offense he managed to complete 50% of his passes for 680 yards and six touchdowns. Entering the 2004 campaign, Peoria returns 3,574 yards of offense with just three players. Miranda, with a 37.1 average, handles the punting. Not to be overlooked is wideout Clarence Wise (6-0, 185), who averaged 15 yards per reception on 23 catches and scored twice. But the key players will be up front, plus an improved defensive unit. Big Michael Piper (6-0, 325) starts at center, and Jacob Accord (6-2, 294) returns at a tackle. Brandt Workman (5-11, 210) can play guard or tackle. The rest of the regulars reside on the defensive side of the ball, starting with all-region end Jake Robinson (6-7, 207), a potential all-state candidate. He recorded seven sacks and recovered three fumbles. Alfonso Hampton (5-11, 215), Kendahl Chambers (5-11, 289) and Ruben Munoz (6-2, 335) could start on the line. Marcus Rodrigues (5-11, 187) and Alex Harrod (6-0, 210) are veteran linebackers. T.J. Jones, Richey Gahagon and Tyler Williams are penciled into the secondary. Williams started. "This year's pre-league schedule will once again be tough," adds Clapp, whose only losses were to the state finalist teams. "Add in the fact that we will face a bunch of new head coaches, and it adds to the intrigue."

Sunrise Mountain, relatively new to this league, gets better each year. In every sport. "Our goal is to be more competitive every week," says second-year coach Will Babb, who greets 20 lettermen from a 6-4 club. Best bet for post-season honors belong to two-way lineman Ryan Potter (6-2, 235), who can also play linebacker, and junior wideout/kicker Curt Sweeney (5-9, 160), who booted four field goals against Tolleson last year. Ryan Combs returns at tight end to give quarterback newcomer Dante Beltramo two good targets. Halfback Dustin Gronski, who played varsity ball as a freshman, starts on both sides of the ball. Johnny Maratinez joins him at running back. Josh Manning looks like the best offensive lineman. Defensively, Jacob Nicol is a solid down lineman, while Cameron Davis and Brent Seno are agile linebackers.

Westview, in Jeff Bowen's first year at the helm, finished strong, winning five of its last six games. Always stocked with good skill players, this year's strength is in the line, starting with all-state candidate Shelley Smith. The 6-4, 280-pound two-way tackle earned most attention on defense. "He has the potential to be a college recruit," claims his head coach, and those who compete against him.

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).

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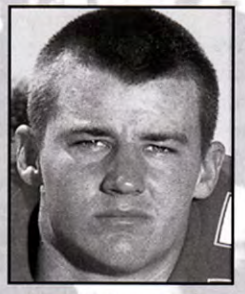
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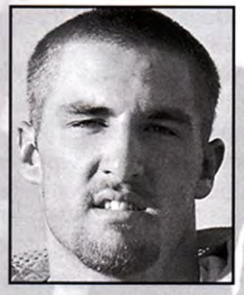
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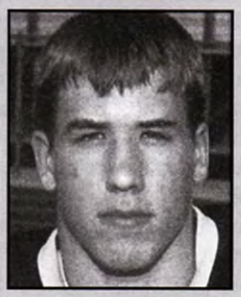
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Daniel Crowe, a 6-0, 200-pound junior, was an honorable mention all-region pick at linebacker as a sophomore. He's a dandy. Travis White (6-0, 225) was an all-region offensive lineman. Two-way back Nick Fontana (5-9, 165) is the Knights' quarterback, while D'Andre Covington (5-10, 160) is the top returning receiver. Edgar Garcia and Robert Hernandez are game tested. All seven players go both ways.

Graduation and coaching changes might take its toll on **Tolleson**. Only seven regulars return. All-region defensive back Rod Brown (5-9, 175) is the best bet for post-season honors again. Other key figures who saw considerable playing time include fullback Steve Mitchem (5-10, 220), guard Ivan Diaz (5-9, 205), and tackle Carlos Hererra (6-1, 265) on offense; linebacker Dominique Gandy (5-10, 192), rover Isreal Lugo (5-9, 203), corner Joe Quinones (5-10, 180) and Brown on defense. With several key players from Tolleson's speedy sprint relay team in football pads, the Wolverines are traditionally one of the quicker teams on the westside.

Ironwood, fresh off a state finalist appearance, finished 3-7 under first-year mentor Larry Allen. The varsity roster was loaded with underclassmen, including 13 sophomores forced into action, and the results were predictable. But several of those young players stepped up, including junior tailback Skyler Hagg (5-10, 160), wide receiver Chris Baker (5-11, 170) and defensive linemen Andrew Dela Torre (6-0, 215). All three picked up post-season honors and give the Eagles hope for the future. The underclassmen ranks produced several big bodies as well, including James Castillo (6-2, 288), Ramon Cordova (6-3, 250), Bryce Wilson (6-2, 270), and Dillon Suber (6-1, 280), to name a few.

5A METRO REGION

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

No team in the Metro Region returns as many starters or all-region picks as **Cesar Chavez**, located in southwest Phoenix. The Pegasus broke even in its third varsity season and look for a playoff spot. Included in last year's season was a 12-7 win over rival South Mountain, the league champions, plus a 20-14 September upset of Mesa. Twenty varsity lettermen return, including six strong candidates for post-season honors. Cornerback Jamar Howard (5-6, 145), place kicker Freddy Valladolid (5-10, 175), safety John Holden (5-10, 170), linebacker Juron Greer (6-1, 200), tackle Isaiah Stell (5-11, 265) and corner Jorge Ponce (5-9, 175) give this club an edge in their league. The season-opener at state-ranked Paradise Valley will be a good test.

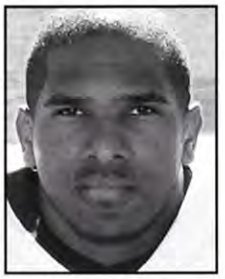
Camelback's back-to-back 9-win seasons and two-year grip on the region crown ended with a 5-5 record. Coach Daryl Phillips returns 18 regulars, including seven offensive stalwarts, starting with veteran quarterback Brandon Whitby (6-2, 170), a two-year starter. Wide Receiver Michael Avila returns as well, along with linemen Rodney Reagan, Daniel Harlin, a 6-2, 225-pound junior, and Francisco Valdez, an honorable mention selection as a 245-pound sophomore. Defensively, Antwon Freeney, with 4.6 speed, earned post-season honors at linebacker. The Spartans' opener at Deer Valley, followed by a home game with Brophy Prep, are good tests.

Region champion **South Mountain** found its trip to the playoffs short-lived, but at least they made it. More teams don't than do. Third-year coach Perry Coggin graduated 90% of his offense, and almost the entire defense. "We basically return no experience," claims Coggin. "Lots of young players will have to play early and take their lumps." All-district kicker Edson Reymundo, who missed only one extra point and made four of seven field goals, returns. His longest covered 47 and 42 yards. So does Jalil Brown, a junior but a key player because he plays both defensive end and quarterback. Wide receiver Abdul Howard and two-way tackle Christian Lopez (6-0, 295) are good bets for post-season honors. Howard might be the Jaguars' best player. Look for Carlos Perez at tight end and Chris Smith at guard, in spite of his lack of size at 5-9 and 170-pounds.

Improvement is the name of the game at **North**, where the Mustangs finished 2-8 in Stuart Goldstein's first year at the school. "We spent most of the time just teaching the basic fundamentals of the game," says the head coach. Goldstein and his staff have a good athlete returning at quarterback, 6-3, 180-pound senior Eric Perry, who doubles at safety. But that indicates some of the problem. Because of a lack of depth, almost every key player is asked to play both ways. Wide receiver Jamon Erby-Bell (5-10, 170) doubles at cornerback, tight end Evan Rozell (6-2, 240) can play fullback and defensive tackle, if called upon, and Josh Chapman will be asked to help out at three different positions, fullback, defensive end or linebacker. Rozell was an all-region selection at Scottsdale Saguaro, Goldstein's previous school. Joseph DeLaCruz will be asked to go both ways in the middle of the line. Overall, only 14 varsity players return, and the incoming juniors won only three JV games.



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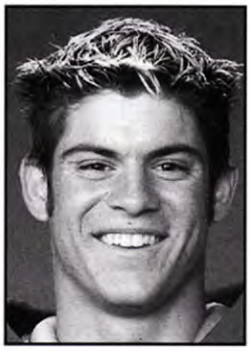
Central finished on a sour note, dropping the season finale to region champ Cesar Chavez, 52-12. Shoring up the defense is the main goal and the coaches feel they have players to do it, with the return of defensive end Chris Rodgers (6-5, 225) and safety Daniel Lugo (5-11, 190), two key regulars. Jacob Kyzer (5-10, 160) joins Lugo in the secondary, so the defense of the air game looks solid. But stopping the run and scoring points have been a problem. Last year the Bobcats averaged less than two touchdowns per game. Halfbacks Josh Dennis and James Saucedo, along with tackle Mike Sneed, were starters.

It was a long season for **Carl Hayden**, were the Falcons gave up 31 points per game and were winless. Only 24 varsity players suited up and just half return. Two key players, seniors Albert Alvarez (5-6, 150) and Andre Anderson (6-1, 175), are back, and both play multiple positions. Besides doubling at fullback/linebacker, Alvarez handles the kicking. The same goes for Anderson, who starts at wide receiver and cornerback. If Antwain Miller, Anthony Aguilar and Armando Garcia improve in the off-season, the Falcons will have several 270-pounders suited up.

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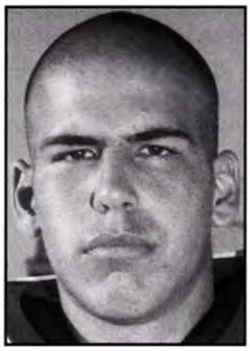
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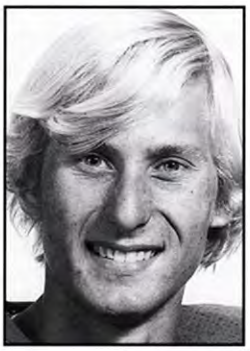
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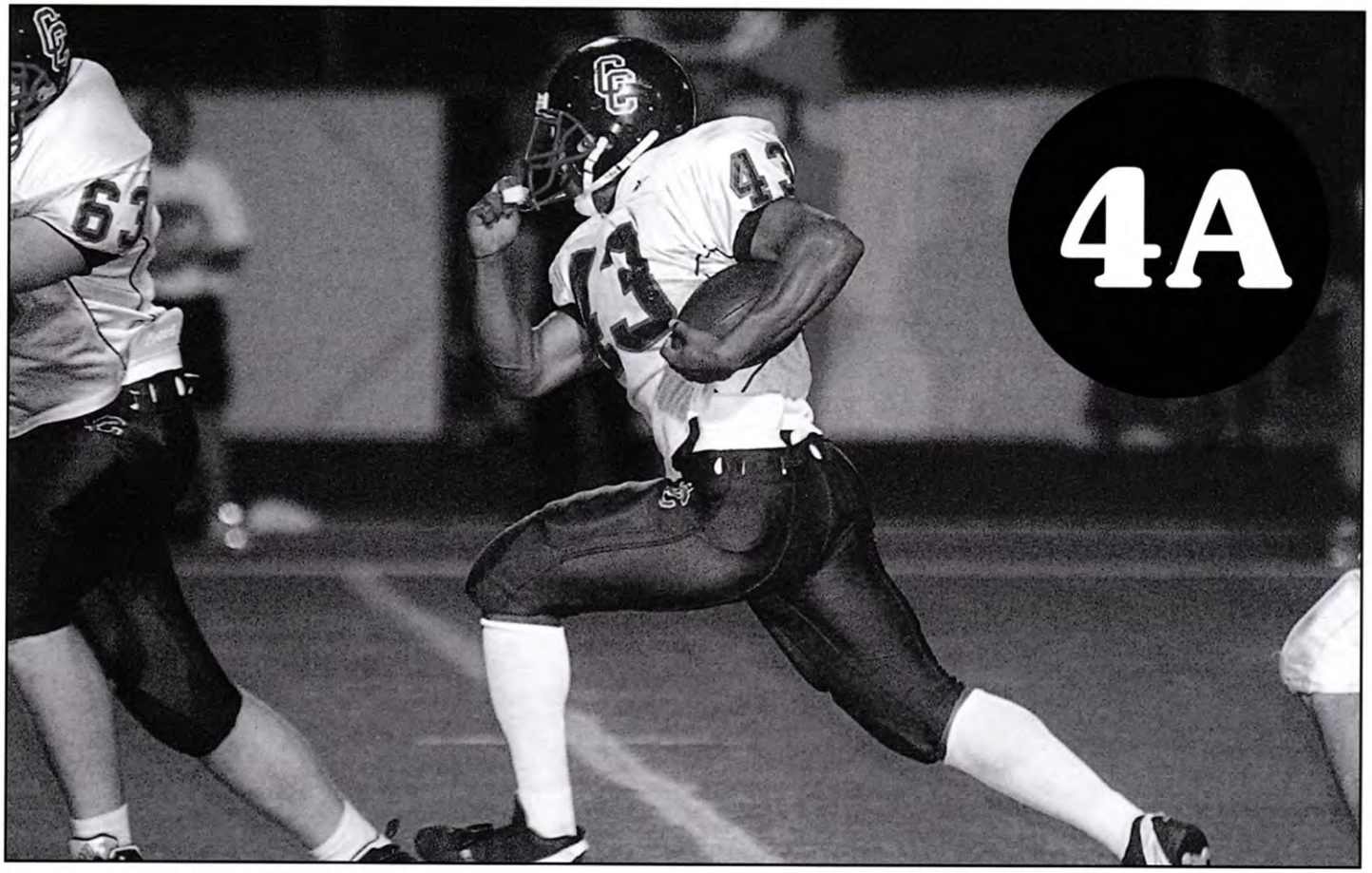
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As a junior, Centennial back Terry Longbons scored 28 touchdowns and rushed for 2,053 yards, both school records. (Steve Paynter photo)

Centennial Will Run with Longbons

No championship race in recent years has been more unpredictable than Class 4A. In fact, in the past four years, two of the biggest upsets in recent history have involved 4A teams, and both contests involved Tucson Sunnyside. In 2001, a terrific Saguaro squad, arguably as good as any team in 5A, was knocked cold in the semifinals by Sunnyside, 23-21. The same Sunnyside team which Saguaro clobbered 26-7 in early September. One week later the Blue Devils belted Phoenix Greenway 28-6 in the 4A finals. On national letter of intent date, Saguaro had three major college football signees.

Two years later top-ranked Scottsdale Chaparral, the highest scoring 4A team in Arizona history, was knocked out of the finals by - you guessed it - Tucson Sunnyside. The same Sunnyside club which dropped an earlier game to chaparral, 41-14. The 16-7 semifinal win by the Blue Devils vaulted the Tucson school into the finals against Cactus. Sunnyside prevailed 21-13.

With 16 starters returning, the Blue Devils, coached by Richard Sanchez, will enter the '04 campaign as the team to beat in 4A. But the changing landscape of 4A football in Phoenix makes the matchups less predictable. The incredible growth on the westside of the Valley of the Sun is starting to effect the outcome of high school sports. Within three years, the number of schools west of Central Avenue will catch - or surpass - the total on the east. Throughout the Valley, schools which didn't exist 10 years ago have become contenders.

In 4A, the early pick in Maricopa County is Centennial, coached by Richard Taylor. Last fall the Coyotes missed a semifinal spot by one touchdown, dropping a 35-28 rematch to Glendale Cactus. Rematches can be murder. Just ask Saguaro, Chaparral, or the Arizona Rattlers.

Centennial's big gun is tailback Terry Longbons, possibly the best back in 4A competition. Last fall Longbons gained a school record 2,053 of his team's 5,053 yards and scored 27 touchdowns. Twenty-four players, including seven starters on offense and six on defense, give Centennial an early edge. And last year's 10-2 club will be backed up by an unbeaten (9-0) junior varsity. Depth appears to be a strength. This will be the 13th varsity season at the Peoria school. It has the potential to be the best.

But look for schools like Thunderbird, Goodyear Millennium and Moon Valley, which returns quarterback Brian Wriston, to try and ruin it. At T'bird, veteran coach Gary Mauldin returns running back/safety/kick return artist Sean Morris, one of the Valley's best players. Millennium is just one of a long list of new schools on the westside, of which half-a-dozen will be playing varsity football for the first time soon.

4A WELLS FARGO REGION

1. Peoria Centennial (10-2)
2. Phoenix Pinnacle (6-4)
3. Phoenix Shadow Mountain (4-6)
4. Glendale Cactus (12-2)
5. Bradshaw Mountain (6-5)
6. Prescott (1-9)

Last year **Centennial's** young varsity won 10 of 12 games and came within one touchdown of the semifinals. Richard Taylor's running game centers around the league's best back, senior Terry Longbons. The 6-0, 212-pound tailback, with 4.5 speed, rushed for 2,053 yards on 227 carries and scored 27 touchdowns. He averaged 9.0 yards per carry, best in the Wells Fargo. Experience at quarterback is in his favor. Signal caller Joe Caskey (6-0, 165) is back for his senior year. He guided the Coyotes two rounds into the playoffs by hitting 79 of 137 passes (58%) for 1,422 yards and 15 scores. Big Jordon Lowe (6-5, 303), a good prospect on the offensive line, has lots of friends to help protect Longbons and Caskey, including Bobby Torres (6-3, 300), Daniel Henson (6-5, 270) and Humberto Valdez (6-2, 270). Tight end Junior Hackworth (6-0, 183) caught only five passes, but averaged 20.2 yards per catch. Senior Danny Sutton also saw action at tight end. Defensively, Tanner Highlen (6-2, 270) is a stalwart on the line. If defense wins championships, Highlen and six teammates, linebackers Ryan Coulter, Alex Rodriguez and Tanner Bloomquist, cornerback Matt Keith, safety Drew Leeper, and defensive end Kellen Orta, are key figures. Junior Ryan Aird kicked 38 extra points and a field goal. Young halfback Timmy House could see action as a backup to Longbons, or join him in the backfield.

Newcomer **Pinnacle**, coached by Dana Zupke, had a breakout year with six wins and has its sights set on a playoff ticket. Although the Pioneers are young, enough good, strong athletes at key positions give them an edge. With halfback Cyrus Igono (5-10, 200) and fullback Ryan Aukema (6-0, 200) back, plus Jeremy Alexander (6-6, 300) and Jaron Bree (6-2, 240) blocking, the running game looks strong. Junior Garrett Redd (6-0, 180) gets the call at quarterback. He also plays safety. Another junior, guard/linebacker Zac Gibson (6-0, 210), is also a key. Overall, 14 regulars return, and the JV squad had a winning season. "We will be young," warns Zupke, as his team prepares for its fifth varsity season. "But we have several good players, a great attitude and a good work ethic."

METRO 4A TOP 20 POLL

1. Centennial Coyotes
2. Thunderbird Chiefs
3. Millennium Tigers
4. Moon Valley Rockets
5. Greenway Demons
6. Pinnacle Pioneers
7. Saguaro Sabercats
8. Chaparral Firebirds
9. Independence Patriots
10. Tempe Buffaloes
11. Apollo Hawks
12. Sunnyslope Vikings
13. McClintock Chargers
14. Shadow Mtn. Matadors
15. Cactus Cobras
16. Buckeye Hawks
17. Agua Fria Owls
18. Glendale Cardinals
19. Washington Rams
20. Coronado Dons

Shadow Mountain, in its first year in 4A, won twice as many games as in the previous year. Head coach Tom Wood hopes the trend continues. Although only 10 regulars return, the Matadors have enough good players at key positions to make it happen. At the top of the depth chart is two all-region selections, linebacker Derrick Hannifin and guard Garret Stafford, both 6-1, 210-pound seniors. Hannifin is the Matadors' fullback, while Stafford is a solid defensive tackle. Safety Jim Wren, nose tackle Matt Jahnke, defensive end Charlie Lozier, safety R.J. Mann and linebacker Matt LeBlanc form a better than normal defensive unit. Jahnke is the team's center. Big Sam Cassel (6-1, 205) could start at quarterback. But he's just a junior. Austin Glenn, Mitch Farney, Brandon Gray and Jackson McMeans are skill position players the coaching staff hopes will mold into a solid offensive unit.

It was a great three-month run at **Cactus**. The Cobras lost only twice, 35-28 to league rival Centennial, and 21-13 to Tucson Sunnyside in the state finals. "We lost a lot of people who played hard," says Larry Fetkenhier, who is just one win shy of 200 for his career. "It's someone else's turn now." Although 24 lettermen return, only six started in the finals: center Josh Byrne (6-1, 240), offensive tackle Jake Byrne (6-1, 240), defensive tackle Mike Zepeda (6-2, 260), linebacker Glenn Koehler (5-11, 200), linebacker Mike May (6-2, 198), and junior fullback Cody Durham (6-0, 220). May, with 4.6 speed, is one of the league's best defenders. The hard-running Durham managed 5.4 yards per carry as a blocking back. The Cobras' first win this year will be Fetkenhier's 200th. The veteran Cactus coach is 199-60-4, including a short stint in Michigan. Cactus kicks off the season with a Thursday night game at Scottsdale Saguaro.

Graduation picked **Bradshaw Mountain** clean of most starters, with

WELLS FARGO NOTEBOOK

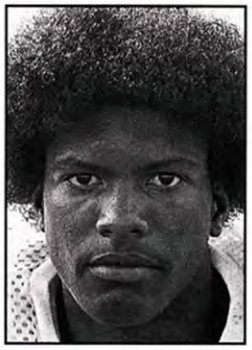
Prescott, the granddady of the league, and Pinnacle, the baby, started varsity football almost 100 years apart. Prescott played its first contest in 1908, the Pioneers in 2000... Since Cactus opened varsity play in 1978, the Cobras have won 72% of their games. **COACHING:** Cactus' head coach Larry Fetkenhier is the veteran of the league, having won 199 games in the profession, 184 at Cactus. **TRIVIA:** Two years ago, Prescott all-state safety Jason Pride, the 2002 state baseball player of the year, was a third round pick of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays... Ironically for an Arizona high school, Pinnacle is the only school whose mascot is the Pioneers. **RECENT PROS:** Cactus holds the edge in this young league, with graduates Ryan Christopherson, a former fullback with the Carolina Panthers, and recent ASU linebacker Kyle Kosier, a 7th round draft pick of the San Francisco 49ers. St. Louis Rams receiver Shaun McDonald, a former sprint champion at Shadow Mountain, was an all-Pac-10 receiver at Arizona State in 2002. Other famous Shadow Mountain alum include baseball pitcher Curt Schilling, NBA guard Mike Bibby (McDonald's cousin), and Olympic swim champion Misty Hyman.

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2003 ..... (TIE) Darren Mougey, Scottsdale Chaparral
..... Max Hall, Mesa Mountain View
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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
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1957 ..... Eddie Wilson, Chandler
1956 ..... Jim Mason, Phoenix West
1955 ..... Jim Wolf, Yuma
1954 ..... Ralph Hunsaker, Mesa

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only one dozen lettermen returning. The Bears, coached by Michael McMahon, played 11 regular season games and missed the playoffs by one win. Key seniors remaining include two-way linemen Andy Busk (6-4, 300) and George Blevins (6-3, 210), running back/linebacker Sean Lerette, and two-way end Kris Vanzant. Junior Tyler Contreras will get the call at quarterback.

Prescott failed to win the close games and it resulted in a one-win campaign. Coach Lou Beneitone returns seven offensive starters, six defenders, and has good speed but not much size. The Badgers need leadership skills from the likes of quarterback Ricky Odorfet, linebackers Carl Stoeckel and Michael Vicente, plus the rest of the seniors to mix well with underclassmen like halfback Chris Reed and wideout Todd Citron. Senior linebacker/running back Randy Schonert is a solid two-way player. "We feel good about the players we have and look forward to a better season," adds Beneitone.

Peoria back finds the zone

*Although he didn't start in any game, and missed the Panthers' opener, Peoria tailback **Keegan Herring** scored 29 touchdowns for the state 5A semifinalist, the top single-season performance ever by a junior in 5A competition. The state's all-time single season leaders by **junior** running backs:*

TDs / Player / School / Division	Year
35 ... Jeremy Hathcock, Lakeside Blue Ridge (3A)	1989
33 ... Jonny Ferris, Parker (3A)	2000
32 ... Kyran Jones, Peoria (4A)	1996
31 ... Derrick Ray, Glendale Cactus (4A)	1987
31 ... Kevin Schmidtke, Marana Mountain View (4A)	1992
30 ... Nick Mangosing, Glendale Apollo (4A)	1997
30 ... Paul Johnson, Snowflake (3A)	2003
29 ... Danny Beckwith, Page (3A)	1975
29 ... Robert Johnson, Miami (3A)	1985
29 ... Keegan Herring, Peoria (5A)	2003

EAST SKY REGION NOTEBOOK

Excluding Chaparral and AJ, these schools have taken enrollment hits in recent years. Coronado, with 1,266 students last year, had 3,000-plus in 1976, the year the Dons won the 5A state championship... Arcadia, once a state power in 5A football with an enrollment almost twice its size today, produced two nationally-ranked teams in the 1960s. **COACHING:** Chaparral's Ron Estabrook has won 85% of his games, best winning percentage ever in Scottsdale. Recent district athletic director Joe Corte won over 100 games (142) at Scottsdale and Coronado, most ever in the city. Estabrook has won 93 at Chaparral. **TRIVIA:** Tempe's 42-35 win over Cactus in the 2001 quarterfinals was the Buffaloes' 400th win. THS is 409-315-29 since 1924. Third-year Buff coach Mark Rhiner is a Tempe alum. **COLLEGE STARS:** Recent ASU receiver/kick returner Justin Taplin was the 1996 Arizona Player of the Year at Tempe, and today he is a member of the Arizona Rattlers. **RECENT PROS:** Saguaro leads this parade, with defensive back Mike Brown (Chicago), tight end Jeremy Brigham (Oakland) and center Dale Hellestra (Dallas). Tempe halfback Darnell Autry (Philadelphia) was fourth in the 1995 Heisman Trophy balloting at Northwestern as a sophomore, when he rushed for 100-plus yards in every contest.

4A EAST SKY REGION

1. Scottsdale Saguaro (4-6)
2. Scottsdale Chaparral (12-1)
3. Tempe Union (6-4)
4. Scottsdale Coronado (3-7)
5. Gilbert Desert Ridge (1-9)
6. Scottsdale Arcadia (8-3)
7. Apache Junction (0-10)

It looks like **Saguaro's** time again. The Sabercats and Chaparral have taken turns tearing up the league, and sometimes each other. This year's Saguaro defense might be strong enough to do it. Opponents will be seeing double after twins Michael and Taylor Kleinschmidt, all-region linemen, run over them. The 6-0, 225-pound seniors shine on both sides of the ball. Defensive backs Clayton Dowd and Chad Page can also line up at wideout, and are good targets for senior quarterback John Sanders. Starting tailback C.J. Denezia is a dangerous kick returner. Jordan Webber, Mike Young, Matt Smith, Richard Bloom, Shane Ranney and Josh Mendenhall, a 6-5, 320-pounder, saw playing time. John Casale, a wide receiver/defensive back with 4.5 speed, returns after two years in Pennsylvania. "We'll be much improved," claims second-year 'Cat coach Mike Reardon. "Last year was a transition season, and it showed."

Chaparral graduated 33 seniors, including the best pass-and-catch tandem in 4A, Darren Mougey (San Diego State) to John Peel (Utah). That wiped out over 3,000 yards of Ron Estabrook's offense. Losing 17 of the other 22 starting positions cleaned out the rest. One of the most talented teams in Chaparral history saw their near-perfect season end in the semifinals in a 16-7 loss to Tucson Sunnyside. Only three starters return, but 100% of the tradition, which never graduates. The cream of the crop is defensive lineman Ekom Udofia (6-2, 295), a first team all-state selection, and one of the best defenders in the school's history. Whoever starts at quarterback, and it might be junior Nick Nuenfeldt, has two solid linemen up front: senior Shaun Rothery (6-3, 203) and junior Trevor Hankins (6-4, 204). Grant Pakis (6-3, 200) could start at tight end. Kellen Bell, a newcomer from Ohio, looks promising at running back. Defensively, Garner Geitz and junior Charlie Campbell look good at the corners. Lyall Harris could be a safety. Not to be overlooked is junior kicker Matt Boatman. After kicking 83 extra points last fall he's on pace to set an all-time state record; 169 by Phoenix Christian's Josh Lane.

After a two-year absence, **Tempe** might be a playoff contender. Twenty returning players, seven starters on both sides of the line, are signs of improvement. Coach Mark Rhiner looks to build his offense around halfback Fernando Anzaldua (6-0, 190) and center Don Haggenmuller (6-0, 185), good bets for post-season honors. Dwight Pete should start at running back, Jordan Cooks at tight end, Apollo Ruiz at wingback and Jeremy Egboro at wide receiver. Dorrel Bradford and Trevon Denman are good two-way skill players. Although juniors dot the interior line, including big Brian Agnis

Statewide poll picks:

A preseason look at the top teams in Arizona in each class, based on coaches' reports and returning players:

5A - Chandler Hamilton

Talent-deep Huskies, with quarterback Travis Dixon and game-breaker Mekel Wesley, aim for a repeat.

4A - Tucson Sunnyside

Defending state champs return quarterback Jaime Cota, all-state running back Xavier Smith, and players at 16 starting positions.

3A - Coolidge

Passing combo of Angel Felix pitching to Oscar Palacios, plus 21 returning lettermen, make Bears an early threat.

2A - Yuma Catholic

Veteran coach Tom Hurt, all-state back Tyler Woodman, and one dozen returning starters stamp Shamrocks as an up-and-coming power.

1A - Pima

The Roughriders, once a mighty menace in 8-man football, are back in the championship hunt.

(6-4, 315) and Ian McPherson, senior George Brooker has playing time. Veda Kettinga is a third-year varsity kicker.

Injuries, especially at quarterback, ruined **Coronado's** season, as the Dons finished 3-7. Too many underclassmen were forced into action. Coach B. J. Pasquel looks at junior Andy Klein (6-3, 183) to take over at quarterback, with the rest of the key positions filled by veterans. Klein can also play safety, which will come in handy with the Dons' depth problem. Running back/linebacker Eric Woolf and wideout/cornerback Eric Beltran were honorable mention all-region picks. Stennis Robinson, a 6-0, 182-pound defensive end, and Andres Molina, a two-way interior lineman, are good bets for post-season honors.

Young **Desert Ridge**, with only seven seniors on the entire roster, paid the price with an early baptism in varsity ball. Coach Vincent Smith returns almost his entire starting lineup - on both sides of the ball. Defensive back Shawn Rees (5-8, 160), an all-region selection, also starts at wideout. Linebacker Nick Odom (6-0, 195) and tackle Jeff Sesemann (6-3, 215) picked up a few post-season votes. Junior Austin Hendricks is a promising two-way back. The same goes for tackle Brett Leifson, who will be asked to go both ways. But until the Jaguars build up their underclassmen ranks, the going looks rough.

Apache Junction was also young and inexperienced. But with 18 returners, including several key starters, Max Ragsdale's crew should be improved. With Ryan Allan (6-1, 170, 4.5) back in the lineup, the Prospectors have a gifted, speedy wide receiver/defensive back, and an all-league candidate. A.J. Webb (6-2, 190) and Jacob Anderson (6-0, 225) are solid linemen. Anderson also plays linebacker. Last fall Cody Anderson, a 6-4, 260-pound sophomore tackle, saw action.

4A DESERT SKY REGION

1. Phoenix Greenway (8-3)
2. Glendale Independence (7-4)
3. Glendale Apollo (3-7)
4. Lake Havasu (1-9)
5. Phoenix Cortez (2-8)
6. Cactus Shadows (5-5)

No matter who comes and goes, **Greenway** keeps trucking right along. Last fall the Demons, coached by Mike Brown, made their customary playoff trip, and with a limited number of veterans. In fact, in the past five years, the Demons have won no less than eight games each season. Moon Valley sent them packing early after a wild 44-32 first round shootout. If the junior class steps up, look for a longer playoff trip this year. Best bet for post-season honors goes to senior Richie Brockel, a 6-3, 230-pound tight end/linebacker. He's one of the best around, at either position. As a receiver he caught 20 passes for 412 yards and eight scores. As a defender he led the team in just about everything, including unassisted tackles (74). Tailback Kenton Thomas (6-1, 175) was the leading ground gainer as a sophomore, gaining 719 yards on 116 carries on a team which passed for 2,000 yards. In fact, several of Brown's key figures are juniors, including tackle J.D. Hanley (6-2, 210) and safety Nick Certo (6-1, 165). Mike Kellerman (6-0, 230) looks like the most experienced senior lineman.

Independence, the league's preseason favorite last fall, almost made it. But the Patriots can't beat Greenway. They did beat seven foes, but it wasn't enough for Kelley Moore's squad to get into the playoffs. "Missing the playoffs was a big disappointment," says Kelly, who returns only five starters. "We'll see what kind of character this year's senior class has." And seniors will carry the burden, starting with quarterback Cameron Douglas (6-2, 190), linebacker Michael Reyna (5-11, 200), and punter Jerry Castronova (5-11, 168), three veterans at three key positions. Douglas was on the varsity as a sophomore. Line play continues to improve with Javier Rodrigues (6-2, 260), Josh Rynes (5-10, 215) and John Nieto (5-11, 219) back in the lineup. Not to be overlooked is Diamond Dillon-Johnson (6-2, 242), the only sophomore to earn a varsity letter. Ray Canty, Dustin Wicktor, Ryan Malone and Miguel Sauceda are all two-way skill position players. The Patriots continue to improve. Last year's JV squad went 8-1.

Injuries all but wrecked **Apollo's** season. At one time or another the Hawks played without seven starters. "We need to change that in order to avoid another disappointing year," says fourth-year coach Ed Barnes. "That starts in the weightroom." Already the Hawks look stronger and faster. But center Dan Poffinbarger (6-2, 265) and guard David Valdivida (6-2, 220) are the only returning senior linemen. Juniors Randy Fox and Gabe Moreno saw playing time. Running backs Joe Young and Chris Nielsen are seniors, backed up by Ralph Cruz and Brandon House. Wideouts Rodney Jankans, Domenique Clark and Luis Sanchez should make an impact. Tyler Matock and junior Isaac Lewis will battle

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October 14th
Brophy Prep at Paradise Valley

October 21st
TBD

October 28th
Sunnyslope at Thunderbird

November 4th
Westwood at Red Mountain

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First Round Playoff Game

November 19th
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at quarterback. The secondary looks improved also, with veteran Eric Lilley joined by Clark and senior Adrian Anzures. Linebackers Derek Hinkle, Chris Scholtes and Brandon Johnston help secure a solid defense.

Brett Bending takes over at **Lake Havasu**, where the Knights won only one game. But they return 15 starters, eight on offense. The role played by seniors will be a key, starting with quarterback Tim Alexander (6-0, 170), wideouts Josh Falldodrf (6-1, 175) and Mike McCormack (6-2, 185), plus linemen Steven Pipes and Randy Bezanson, who handle the kicking game. Junior running back Sean Michaels (5-9, 175) is a threat. Underclassmen Zach Falldorf, Mike O'Neil, Ryan Vizzard and Pat Wilhelm look to start. "We took our lumps as a very young team." says Bending. "But we have really worked hard and will be stronger, faster and more competitive."

Eight returning starters on offense give **Cortez** hope, as the Colts won only two games. It helps to have an experienced quarterback, and Brian Galbreath does with senior Joe Martinez, a 6-0, 180-pounder with 4.8 speed. Linebacker Ricardo Morales (6-0, 210) is the key returning defender. Three underclassmen, guard Anthony Groth (6-0, 200), along with two-way backs Darrell Preston (5-8, 160) and Kevin Underwood (5-9, 170), will be kept busy. Last year's young line was one of the league's biggest; Eric Pinedo (6-0, 240), Casey Holtz (5-9, 315), Daniel Limon (6-4, 290) and Mike Reyes (6-0, 300), to list a few.

Cactus Shadows, with three head coaches in the past three years, has their hands full with limited experience, and even less size. Only two returning players tip the scales at 200-plus pounds. Although the road looks rocky, two promising players return,

DESERT SKY REGION NOTEBOOK

Coaching changes have wrecked havoc in this once stable region. In the past eight years, the six-member schools have had 19 different head coaches. Only Greenway, with the league's most established coach, reached the playoffs last year. **COACHING:** Greenway's Mike Brown has won 60% of his contests, and 112 games. His Demons played in back-to-back state championship games in 2001 & 2002. Cactus Shadows has had three head coaches in the last three years. **TRIVIA:** Two years ago Greenway became the sixth school from the Glendale Union School District to play in the state finals. Sunnyslope (1970), Washington (1977/1992), Moon Valley (1982/1986), Apollo (1985) and the Demons (2001/2002) have reached title games. **RECENT PROS:** Former San Francisco 49er tackle Frank Pollack (Greenway), San Diego Chargers cornerback Brian Davis (Cortez), and 49er safety Mike Salmon (Greenway), brother of 2002 World Series star Tim Salmon (Greenway) of the Anaheim Angels, played high school football in this region..

Arizona Super Bowl Streak Alive



Peete started his NFL career with the Detroit Lions.

Two former Arizona schoolboy products, quarterback Rodney Peete and linebacker Jason Kyle, helped keep the state's Super Bowl appearance in tact.

Peete and Kyle added to a growing list of players from Arizona's high school ranks who have played in Super Bowls, although they both did it in minor roles.

Last season's classic pitted New England against the Carolina Panthers. The Patriots won their second Super Bowl in three years 32-29 on a 41-yard field goal with four seconds left. New England quarterback Tom Brady won his second Super Bowl MVP honor in three years. What started out slow turned into one of the most exciting Super Bowls ever.

Despite a slow start, Carolina quarterback Jake Delhomme threw for 323 yards and three touchdowns. Not bad for a guy who didn't even start the season. That belonged to Peete, a 15-year veteran who has played on five different NFL teams since almost winning the Heisman Trophy in 1988. Peete took the first snaps of the championship season for the Panthers, but ended up a spectator in the championship game. But he showed no hard feelings.

"After being in the league for 15 years, to finally get here is a great feeling," said the 37-year-old before the Super Bowl. "I'm just soaking it all in. It's special to do it with a team that's come from where we were (1-15) two years ago and getting to the Super Bowl."

Playing on a 5-4-1 Tucson Sahuaro team, Peete was ***Phoenix Metro Football's*** 1982 Arizona Player of the Year as a junior, the only media outlet in the state to honor him. He was the whole show for the Cougars, completing 140 of 253 passes (55%) for 1,8885 yards and 15 touchdowns, with just eight interceptions. During a 34-34 tie with Tucson Amphitheater, Peete completed 29 of 41 passes for 424 yards and five touchdowns. He finished his high school career in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, where his family moved after his father Willie landed an assistant job with the Kansas City Chiefs. His college choice was USC, where he led the Trojans to back-to-back Rose Bowls and finished runnerup in the Heisman voting to Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders.

Kyle, a one-time Tempe McClintock star and Arizona State linebacker, has evolved into a good NFL long-snapper with the Panthers. His only championship came in high school, as a member of McClintock's 1989 state championship squad. As a Sun Devil he left for the NFL one year before Jake Plummer and the Sun Devils made a run at the 1997 Rose Bowl. In nine seasons in the pros, last year was his first championship season. He started in Seattle, then played in Cleveland and San Francisco before signing with the Panthers as a free agent in 2001. That was the infamous 1-15 season.

"I guess long-snapping is underrated, which is fine with me," Kyle said before the Super Bowl. "I don't need the recognition anyway. It just means something went bad."

SKYLINE REGION NOTEBOOK
Improved programs at Glendale and Independence makes this region - from top to bottom - more solid. Thunderbird, coached by veteran Gary Mauldin, is a preseason pick for the first time in years. **COACHING:** During its first 24 years of varsity football, Moon Valley had the same head coach, Earl "Tiny" Putman. Current Washington coach Steve Chisman won his 100th game two years ago. The district record for coaching wins is 167, held by Putman. **TRIVIA:** In 75 years of football, Glendale has produced just one undefeated team. In 1943, the state champs (9-0) were coached by Arizona Hall of Famer Edgar "Mutt" Ford, and produced future Army center Bill Yeoman, later the head coach at Houston. **RECENT PROS:** McClintock leads the charge with Anthony Parker (Minnesota), Shaun Patterson (Green Bay), Jason Kyle (Carolina), Kenny Wheaton (Dallas) and John Tait (Kansas City); followed by Thunderbird guard Todd Kalis (Minnesota), Washington quarterback Mike Pagel (Cleveland), and Moon Valley quarterback avis Brown (Buffalo).

all-region defensive back Marc Ciliberti (5-9, 170) and two-way tackle Mike Walsh (6-3, 215), key figures to build around. They just don't have enough help.

4A SKYLINE REGION
1. Phoenix Thunderbird (9-3)
2. Phoenix Moon Valley (9-3)
3. Sunnyslope (5-5)
4. Tempe McClintock (4-6)
5. Glendale (6-5)
6. Phoenix Washington (11-2)
7. San Luis (1-10)

One of the best seasons in **Thunderbird** history ended with a 21-20 overtime loss to league-rival Washington in the state quarterfinals. It was a rematch with the region champs. But Gary Mauldin's club got off to a good start in the playoffs, blitzing Ironwood Ridge of Tucson 44-22 in the first round. For the Chiefs, the game started with a bang, an 88-yard kickoff return by junior Sean Morris, arguably the league's best player. Overall his four touchdown night



Michael Kleinschmidt
Saguaro



Taylor Kleinschmidt
Saguaro

was one of the best individual performances in the playoffs. One week later he scored on an 80-yard run from scrimmage in the loss to Washington. Morris rushed for 1,642 yards and scored 25 touchdowns, and had 2,171 yards total offense. Both he and defensive end Dexter Davis (6-2, 230) give the Chiefs two potential college prospects. With Morris at tailback, Mike Sidebottom at fullback and Cody Wilt at quarterback, T'bird has the region's quickest backfield. With Cole Forbregd (6-5, 175) at wide receiver, Wilt has a good target, one who caught 33 passes for 450 yards and five touchdowns. Wilt and Forbregd are juniors. Mersudin Malcinovic, a 265-pound tackle, is one of the Chief's strongest players, and will anchor the offensive line. Alex Pirilla is a good two-way skill position player with 4.5 forty speed. The school's finish was the best since a 1990 Mike Brown-coached team finished 10-3.

Defense went out the window during **Moon Valley's** season, but the Rockets managed a 9-3 record and reached the playoffs. Chaparral ended it in the quarterfinals, 52-24. This year's offense will be built around returning quarterback Brian Writson, who passed for 1,667 yards and threw for 22 touchdowns. However, his biggest target, all-state tight end Andrew Pettes, picked up his diploma and headed to Arizona State. But wideout Chris McGaha (6-1, 170) is back: 26 catches, 515 yards, six TDs, 19.8 yards per reception. Place kicker Mike DeVincenzo booted a school record 70 extra points, and has 105 for his career. He also starts at linebacker. Defensive back Matt Hain (5-7, 163) and linebacker Andrew Forrest (5-11, 166), both all-region picks, also return.

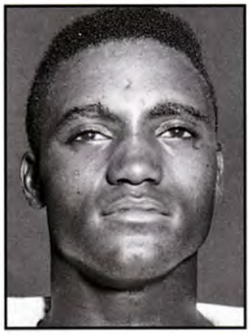
Although **Sunnyslope** finished 5-5, the Vikings lost three games by a total of 10 points. Had that gone the other way they would have been in the playoffs. Coach Dallas Hickman returns more starters (9 defense/8 offense) than any team in the region. His passing game looks on track, with Ben Hornbeck (6-1, 175) throwing to receivers Jon Stalcup (6-1, 180) and Tyler Petersen (6-0, 185), both veterans. Linebacker Josh Cunningham (6-1, 190), who doubles at running back, leads the defense. Tackle Rudy Padilla, center Travis Williams, defensive back T.J. Campbell, receiver Chase Corley, running back Mike Jaycox, place kicker Rafael Ascencio, and halfback Andrew Belew look like starters. Belew is a just sophomore.

Last year injuries beat up **McClintock** worse than the opposition. Second-year coach Steve Campbell looks for a better finish, with good skill position players but an inexperienced line. Defensively, the secondary looks strong with Joe Bagby (6-3, 190), Garfield Anderson (5-9, 170) and Ivaughn Oakry (5-9, 170). All three have good speed, are good two-way players, and should see lots of playing time. Bagby, with 4.5 speed, doubles at wide receiver and may be the best of the bunch. Xavier Lucas (6-4, 200) is penciled in at tight end. Alex Bryant (6-3, 220) looks like the leader on the offensive line. The Chargers' opener is an early-September clash with Tempe.

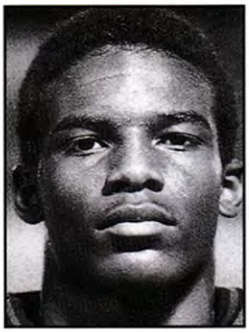
2003 CLASS 4A PLAYOFF RESULTS:

FIRST ROUND - Scottsdale Chaparral 76, Scottsdale Arcadia 0; Phoenix Moon Valley 44, Phoenix Greenway 32; Tucson Sunnyside 21, Vail Cienega 20; Cottonwood Mingus Union 21, Tucson Sabino 20; Phoenix Washington 33, Goodyear Millennium 14; Phoenix Thunderbird 44, Ironwood Ridge 22; Glendale Cactus 38, Flagstaff Coconino 7; Peoria Centennial 42, Tucson Santa Rita 14; **QUARTERFINALS** - Scottsdale Chaparral 52, Phoenix Moon Valley 24, Tucson Sunnyside 55, Cottonwood Mingus Union 7; Phoenix Washington 21, Phoenix Thunderbird 20 (OT); Glendale Cactus 35, Peoria Centennial 28; **SEMIFINALS** - Tucson Sunnyside 16, Scottsdale Chaparral 7; Glendale Cactus 31, Phoenix Washington 8; **FINALS** - Tucson Sunnyside 21, Glendale Cactus 13.

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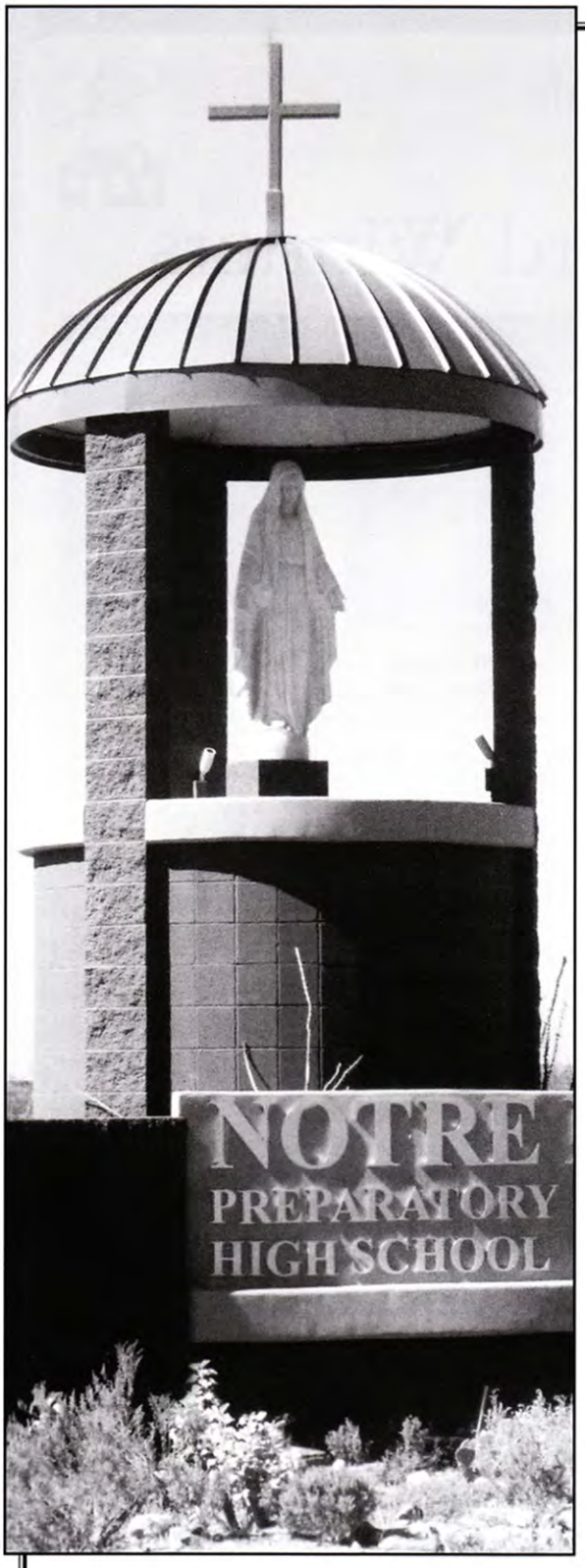
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1998..... Bobby Wade, Tempe Desert Vista
1997..... Brandon Falkner, Peoria
1996..... Rashad Bauman, South Mountain
1995..... Mike Brown, Scottsdale Saguaro
1994..... Eric Johnson, Phoenix Alhambra
1993..... Corey Hill, Tucson Sabino
1992..... Mitchell 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
1965..... Bill Dipley, Scottsdale Arcadia (jr)
1964..... LeRoy Peoples, Marana
1963..... Earliest Nelson, South Mountain
1962..... James Dugan, Flagstaff (jr)
1961..... Elby Bushong, Phoenix Washington
1960..... Luther Harper, Phoenix Union
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1958..... Dornel Nelson, South Mountain
1957..... Steve Vaughn, Phoenix North
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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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Glendale had a good mix of seniors and underclassmen, won six of 11 games, but missed the playoffs. With triple-threat Ricky Jamerson (5-10, 156) in the lineup, the 'Cards have a real game-breaker. The speedy senior starts at wideout, defensive back and kick returner. Defensive end Corey Jones (6-0, 209) is another key regular. Seven sophomores saw playing time, plus one freshman, 6-2, 230-pound Craig Lacey, who logged minutes at running back and defensive end.

Graduation hit **Washington** hard, the hardest in the league. Only two starters return, one on each side of the line of scrimmage. The Rams benefited from a large senior class and won the region for the second year in a row. Cactus knocked them out in the semifinals. Coach Steve Chisman has one of the best players in the region in wide receiver/defensive back Delton Prescott, a 5-11, 165-pound senior. Last fall he caught 58 passes (third best in the state) for 938 yards and six touchdowns. He averaged 16.2 yards per catch. But the Rams need to find a passer to get the ball to him. The line looks solid, with Richard Adams (5-11, 180), Jerome Harris (5-8, 225), Paul Little (5-9, 245) and Trinidad Bojorquez (5-8, 185) possible starters. Adams might be the Rams' best linebacker. Travis Sario (5-10, 160) doubles at receiver and safety.

It was a rough start for **San Luis**, located south of Yuma. The Sidewinders lost 10 of 11 games, but return 95% of the roster. Eleven players return on offense, including fullback Jesus Sanchez, a 5-10, 218-pound senior. Big Julio Saavedra (6-1, 280) returns at tackle. Junior Alan Quiroz takes the reins at quarterback again. Head coach Marc Kneeland has two solid performers in his secondary, safeties Ivest Samayoa and Joseph Reynoso.

4A WEST VALLEY REGION

1. Goodyear Millennium (7-4)
2. Buckeye (1-9)
3. Bullhead City Mohave (7-3)
4. Agua Fria (4-6)
5. Dysart (3-7)

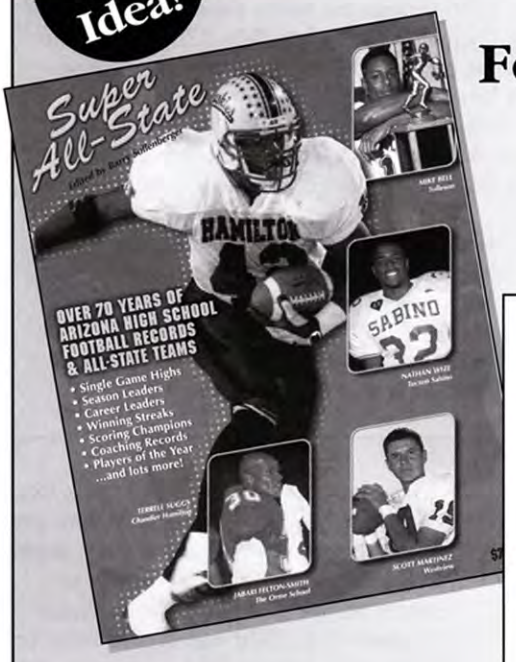
Millennium, the league's preseason pick for two years, gets the call again. Barely. The Tigers return just enough key players to make it interesting. Two of the best in the region, center Jared Marvin (6-1, 226) and do-everything junior Aaron Gentry (5-10, 160), are back. Gentry runs the ball, defends it in the secondary, and returns kicks. During a 36-21 win over Agua Fria, Gentry had 251 all-purpose yards on two interceptions, one kickoff return and one pass reception. The fastest back is Enrich Rennspies (6-0, 182), whose 4.5 speed can be used on both offense and defense. Ross Boullanger (6-0, 220) returns a defensive end. Eric Lewis and Kirt Brais are two-way skill position players. Loren Murphy (6-1, 263) and Mark Mulhall (6-2, 220) start on the line.

Buckeye, with almost its entire starting lineup intact, promises to make it an interesting race. Suspensions and injuries caused havoc for Bobby Barnes' club. But that was last year. Ten starters

WEST VALLEY REGION NOTEBOOK

The premier program in the region once belonged to Agua Fria, which has seen a population boom and new high schools cut into their talent pool. The most damaging was the birth of Millennium. Agua Fria originally played six-man football under the name Litchfield Park High School. Only Agua Fria and rival Buckeye have won state championships.
COACHING: Every coach in the region is relatively new. The league's veteran, long-time Buckeye mentor Rudy Pacheco, retired two years ago. He coached in the high school ranks for more than 30 years.
TRIVIA: Buckeye, nicknamed the Hawks, was originally the Wildcats, but was forced to change its mascot by the University of Arizona, who claimed all rights to the mascot name at that time. That no longer applies. Estrella Foothills, newest school in Buckeye, plays in the 3A South Region for now.
RECENT PROS: Agua Fria alum Randall McDaniel (Minnesota/Tampa Bay) is the most recent NFL star from this school. Other great Owls who played in the NFL include former Green Bay Packer guard Bill Lueck, and Washington Redskin linebacker Rusty Tillman, a long time NFL assistant coach.

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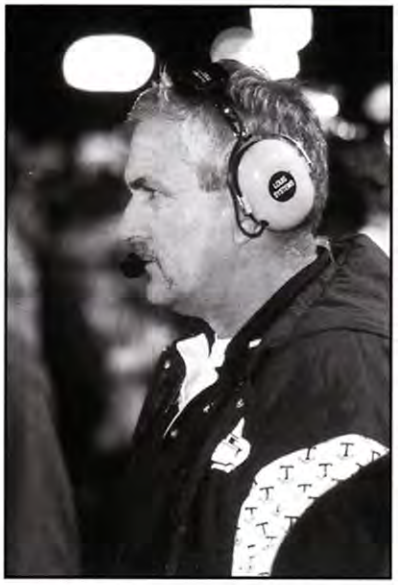
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Young Guns

At least half-a-dozen Arizona high schools are playing varsity ball for the first time this year, and several reside in Maricopa County.

Basha, the newest school in Chandler, has built a sold foundation in two years of underclassmen play under Tim McBurney, former head coach at Tempe Union. McBurney, whose Tempe team won the 1996 Class 4A crown, plays an independent schedule, along with most of his foes, as school's await the new 2005-06 scheduling block. The Bears, undefeated as a JV unit, will field a junior-dominated team, headed by quarterback/safety Shane McBurney (6-3, 185), the coach's son, and talented wideout Tony Kraft (6-3, 180). Halfback Zach Zolin, tackle Josh Faut, guard Josh Barkley, defensive end Keith Taylor and sophomore linebacker Steven Yena could give Basha fans a lot to cheer about.



McBurney won the 1996 state 4A championship at Tempe.

Scot Bemis looks for his young **Notre Dame Prep** squad to play aggressive defense in its first year of varsity play. That defense will be led by junior linebackers Chase Tushaus (6-2, 210) and Stephen Barrios (5-10, 200), along with defense end Paul Gomez. The offense will be run by quarterback Taylor Williams (5-10, 185), whose receiving corp includes Pete Bourjos, Glenn Busard and sophomore Mike Greco. Tailback Gus Scholz (6-1, 200) will get the bulk of the carries. At 6-4, 285-pounds, tackle John Tryon is very athletic for a junior. Size-wise, the Saints may have the biggest junior class among new Valley teams. "We are excited," says Bemis. "We are going into our first varsity season with a young group of kids who pride themselves in discipline and hard work."

With a sprinkling of seniors, **Sandra Day O'Connor** will compete in a full varsity schedule for the first time also. Even though the senior class is thin, two of Rick Mey's premier players are senior linemen Mike Gallett (6-5, 270) and Jack Foster (5-11, 210). Both are strong, agile players. But the starting lineup will be junior-laden, starting with quarterback Iain Michels (6-2, 185) on offense, and linebacker Austin Neilsen (6-1, 200) on defense, two key positions. "Last year we played a mixed schedule of varsity and JV games," says Mey. "The scores from the varsity games were not pretty, but our players gained invaluable lessons about what it takes to compete at this level."

In the West Valley, **Desert Edge** will play a five game varsity independent slate, and head coach Ryan Felker is pleased with the progress at the new Goodyear school. Young Chase Brunick (6-3, 190) continues to impress at quarterback. Two-way back Calvin Clark (5-9, 180), plus lineman Dan Jones (5-10, 200), join Brunick as three of the Scorpions best junior players. Speedy sophomore Aaron Sydney (5-10, 160) looks like the team's best receiver.

on both sides of the ball return, including all-region quarterback Kole Calhoun, who is only a junior. In just seven games he completed 70 passes in 149 attempts for 949 yards and 12 touchdowns. Linebacker Taylor Nahrgang earned all-region honors with 109 tackles and five sacks, and started at fullback. Junior wideout Jacob Mayfield, a member of the Hawks' 400-meter relay team, could be the best receiver in the league. Deep backs Frankie Lugo and J.P. Molitor are two of Buckeye's best cover guys. Junior Craig Schindler will be a three-year starter at center. Running back Buddy Caldwell (6-2, 215) was injured most of last season, but could be an impact player. Todd Frew and Dylan Maki look good at linebacker, with Maki an outstanding baseball player. Craig Schindler, Todd Gladden and Cody Hansen form a quick, movable line. "Our region will be very competitive," adds Barnes, who enters his second year. "Injuries could play a big part in our ability to contend for the region championship."

Mohave, under first-year coach Al Melo, made great strides, won seven games, and missed the playoffs by one loss. "Our kids really bought into what our staff was doing," claims Melo. "We return four starting offensive linemen, and have quality depth overall." Big Matt Guyer (6-5, 275), only a junior, heads a well-focused list of linemen, including Chris Thompson (5-10, 225), Denny Sixbery (6-1, 235) and Tyler McGee (6-0, 200). Defensively, linebacker will be the Thunderbirds' strong point, led by Thompson, who was an all-region pick, little Zach Johnson (5-9, 160) and Nathan DeWitt (6-1, 200). Wide receiver/safety Trevor Hicks (6-3, 190), with 4.5 speed, is Mohave's deep threat. Tim Mitchell (6-2, 190) is a good two-way skill position player. Junior Chris Nava (5-10, 170) will get the first shot at tailback. The Colorado River school returns 29 lettermen, most in the West Valley Region.

It might be a rough go at **Agua Fria**, once the pride of the westside. The Owls, with a senior-dominated starting lineup, finished 4-6 and missed the playoffs for the second year in a row. Junior lineman Garrett Washington (6-3, 195), and wide receiver/defensive back John Coker (5-10, 160) look like the best bet for post-season honors. So thin were the Owls' ranks, one dozen sophomores and the same number of freshmen logged playing time. To make matters worse, the season-opener is a Sept. 3 clash at No. 1-ranked Peoria Centennial.

Dysart is searching for a new coach, more depth and more wins. The young Demons managed just three last year, and face a major rebuilding task. In spite of a gloomy forecast, the westside school does return one of the best two-way lineman in the league, 6-1, 240-pound all-region tackle Rick Lopez. Teammate Adrian Ward (6-2, 190) was an all-region defensive end. The biggest Demon in camp is 6-4, 330-pound senior Donnie Ornelas, another starter. With a projected enrollment jump, due to a fast population growth, Dysart's best years may be ahead of them.

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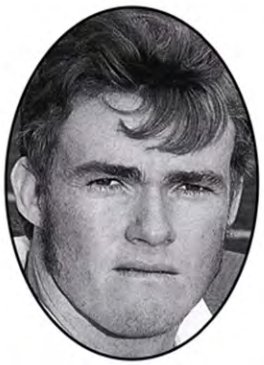
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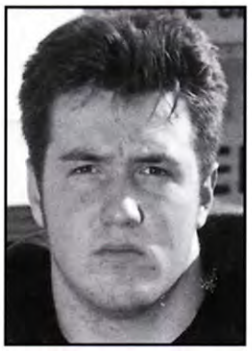
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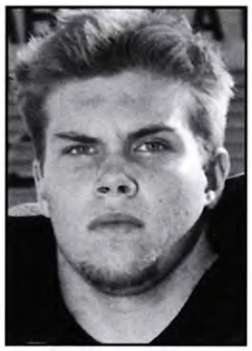
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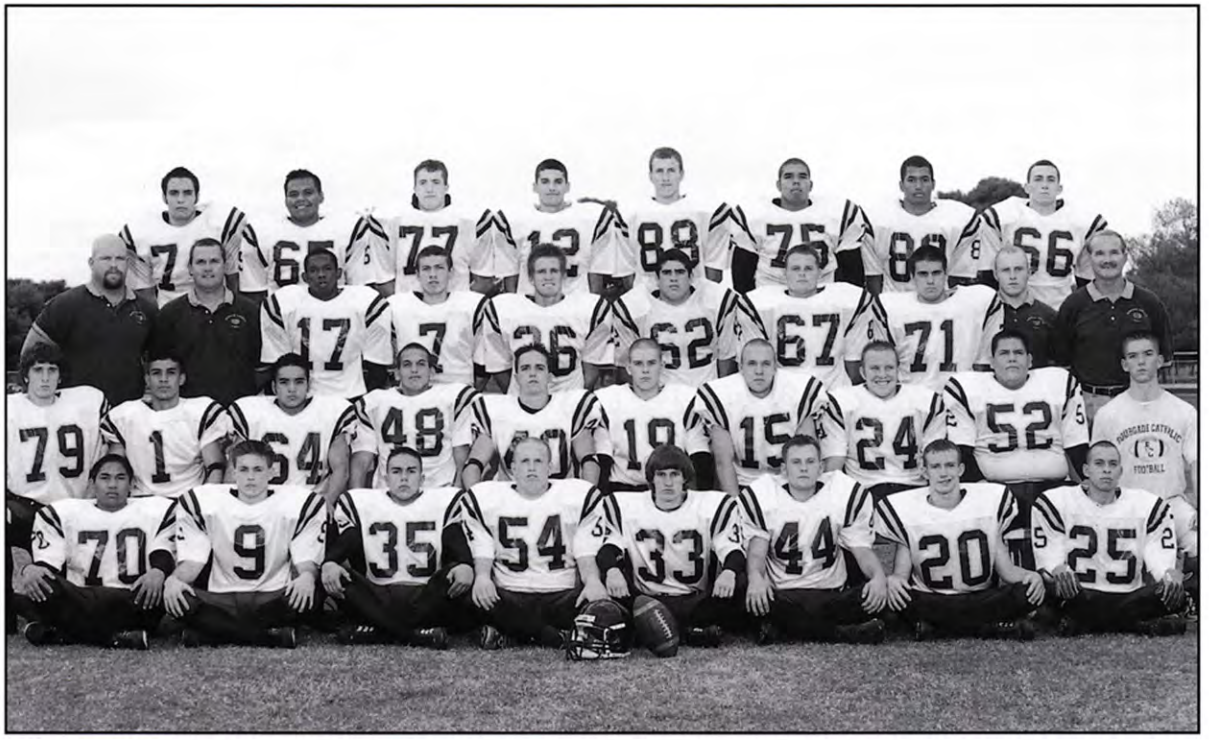
HONORING ARIZONA'S BEST HIGH SCHOOL LINEMAN

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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)
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1993 ..... Todd Thompson, Tucson Sahuaro (DL)
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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)
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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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Phoenix Christian quarterback Josh Schlueter passed for 2,127 yards and 24 touchdowns for the 2A state champs. (Steve Paynter photo)

Coolidge, PC Look'n Good

Phoenix Christian, a long-time power in 2A football, knocked on the championship door again, and it opened. The Cougars, coached by Jim Rattay, knocked out White Mountain power St. Johns 24-7 in the finals before a large crowd at Tempe McClintock High School. It was the school's sixth state championship under four different coaches: Les Finger, Walt Beamis, Keith Brown and Rattay. Rattay earlier won state crowns at Mesa and Desert Vista. With a returning lineup including all-state quarterback Josh Schlueter and star lineman Andrew Thompson, the Cougars have the metal to battle for a repeat. But newcomer Yuma Catholic is now a threat. In 3A, it looks like a race between Coolidge, top pick in South Region #1, and always strong Lakeside Blue Ridge, the premier 3A program in Arizona. Coolidge returns all-state quarterback Angel Felix and receiver Oscar Palacios. In one game last season, a wild win over league rival Queen Creek, Felix threw seven touchdown passes, five in one half.

3A SOUTH REGION#1

1. Coolidge (10-2)
2. Higley (5-5)
3. Fountain Hills (5-5)
4. Queen Creek (9-3)
5. Chandler Seton Catholic (11-3)
6. Estrella Foothills (3-7)

At **Coolidge** the name of the game is "throw the ball." The Bears, 10-2 quarterfinalist last year, return the league's best quarterback, senior Angel Felix, and 14 regulars. Last year as a junior Felix completed 60% of his passes for 1,876 yards and 25 touchdowns. He was intercepted only once. His seven TD strikes in a single game against Queen Creek was one of the state's all-time best performances. Palacios averaged 20.0 yards per catch after 42 receptions and 14 TDs. Brandon Jordan, the team's leading ground gainer, is also back. He gained 857 yards on 87 carries (9.8) and scored 23 touchdowns, including three on pass receptions. Manuel Valenzuela (6-3, 225) and Rashaun Payne (5-10, 250) anchor the line. Sophomore Jesse Wheeler is a promising young cornerback, one of four Bears who lettered as freshmen. In four short seasons, Carlo Hernandez-coached teams have averaged 10 wins per season.

Young **Higley**, coached by veteran Jim Beall, lost to Seton Catholic and Queen Creek in tight games and may have turned the corner. In guard Walker Scheurn (6-2, 220) and fullback Jeff Zornes (5-11, 180), Beall might have two of the top players in the region. Last fall Zornes had 600 yards in three games before he got hurt. Quarterback Zach Appenzellar (6-2, 170), who doubles at safety, runs the show. Matt Hamberg backs him up, and plays split receiver and defensive back. Chase Miller and Nick Eggert are also receivers. Michael Lee, Mark Bell and Elliott Hawks give the Knights three solid linebackers. Stefton Dotson, Sean McIver and Robert Montano, good players up from the JV team, should help.

Fountain Hills has a strong core of returning players and a solid sophomore class coming up to fill in holes. Veteran

Jim Fairfield has one of the region's best quarterbacks in son Brandon, a 6-6, 195-pound senior with good athletic skills. Fairfield completed 79 of 151 passes for 1,142 yards and six touchdowns. Last May he won the high jump at the 3A state track meet. Two-year tackle David DeBruin (6-4, 320) was an honorable mention all-state pick. Teammate David McElligott (6-3, 215) helps give the Falcons two strong tackles. Ben Holexa plays tight end and joins Brad Guthrie at linebacker. With 4.6 speed, tailback Francisco Alvazrez is the team's fastest back.

Graduation took a heavy toll at **Queen Creek**, where Curt LeBlanc has only two starters back from a 9-3 quarterfinalist squad. The Bulldogs lost to just two teams, Seton Catholic twice and Coolidge. At least six players will play key roles on both sides of the ball, fullback/linebacker Garrett Lock (5.2 yards per carry), two-way lineman Bryan Cooper, running back/linebacker Bryson Penrod, guard/tackle Justin Crewse, and junior halfback/linebacker Ryan Patterson. Jordan Lemieux gets the call at quarterback. Under LeBlanc, Queen Creek has gotten better each year. Two seasons ago they were the only team to beat state champion Globe. Last fall the junior varsity finished undefeated.

Seton Catholic's veteran team reached the 3A finals, then Pete Wahlheim watched most of his starting lineup pick up diplomas six months later. Only six lettermen return, including one offensive starter. But four regulars are back on defense, including linebacker Ryan McCazrthy (6-0, 200), one of the region's best. Receiver Andrew McCarville (5-11, 180) managed 18 receptions for 330 yards and one score. Little running back Johnny Nguyen, in a limited role, gained 212 yards on 48 carries. He scored three times. Improved play from tackle Chris Blomberg (6-0, 220) and linebacker Joe Knelesberger (6-1, 200) will give the Sentinels a boost.

Estrella Foothills, without a senior class, was hurt by a lack of depth, but still won three games. "We suffered key injuries late in the season," says Mike Welch about the Wolves' first varsity campaign. "But we should be a lot more competitive this time around." The team's best defender, linebacker Bryce Bellue (5-10, 160), looks healthy after a season-ending injury. Twins Jermaine and Jamal Austin, 5-10, 150-pound seniors, are good skill position players who earned all-region votes. So did two-way lineman Berto Hogan (5-10, 220). Scott O'Dell handles the punting. Mickey Zeeb will get competition at quarterback, but has the experience. Players like Dustin Bennett, Tyler Best and Trent Baysinger, to list a few, saw lots of playing time. In an interesting inter-league matchup, the Wolves face 2A foe Tombstone - with all-state tailback Dwayne Thomas - on Saturday, Sept. 4, at the Round Valley Classic.

3A SOUTH REGION#2

Globe, near-perfect state champs two years ago, should bounce back after a surprising 1-8 season. Second-year coach Mike O'Neal is in better shape with 10 returning regulars, five on defense. Size is a problem. Quickness at the skill positions is not. Offensively, quarterback Nick Kieren (6-0, 185) is the key guy. He also plays safety. Little flanker Kimball Hansen (5-7, 150) and tight end Stefan O'Neal (6-0, 190) give Kieren two good receivers to pitch to. Both play defense. Zach Doerkson starts at running back. Ben LeChemant looks like to best interior lineman, and plays a good linebacker. The junior varsity won only two games, so the senior class needs to carry the load.

For the first time in more than a decade, **Santa Cruz** won nine games. The Dust Devils, coached by Jay Denton, reached the quarterfinals, but state champ Show Low sent them packing, 21-0. Graduation hit hard. Only five regulars return. Backs Manuel Romero and Aaron McKaney, along with 230-pound tackle Javier Villarreal, must show senior leadership. Classmates Devondrick Hampton, Hector Ortega and Gabriel Beltran must do the same. The rest of the lineup features juniors like 240-pound guard Donald Harris, and promising kicker Leonardo Carmargo. "This will be a very inexperience varsity-level team," warns Denton, who has won over 100 games at the Eloy school.

3A WEST REGION

Even during a down year, **Wickenburg** is tough. Last year Tom McGoldrick's struggling crew won only five games, but landed the region crown - its fifth consecutive title. The 3A West Region beat his club up pretty good. Their playoff trip was short-lived, but the beat goes on. Nine lettermen, including four key defenders, return. Linebacker Zach Wannemacher (5-10, 200), guard Tony Stewart (5-10, 195) and defensive tackle Cameron Shaw (6-1, 225) are seniors. All three were first team all-region selections. Wide receiver Darren Hunt and cornerback Gerald Drescher picked up some votes. Scott McKeever was an honorable mention all-region pick as a freshman. Aaron Uthoff doubles at fullback/linebacker, Daniel Helton at wide-out/cornerback, and Greg Hendricks at fullback/defensive end. But who's going to play quarterback.

Twenty-five lettermen, plus several key transfers, make for a better than average look at **Sedona Red Rock**. Veteran coach Jim Cromartie, missing an experienced signal caller, still returns eight offensive starters to give the Scorpions a lift. Tailback Adam Senger (5-10, 165), with 4.5 speed, is the main offensive threat. He joined defensive lineman Eric West (6-1, 235) and cornerback Tommny Wyatt (5-10, 155) on the all-region team. Wyatt is just a junior. Linebacker Adam Eaton, guard Jason Kamas and rover J-Mac Reynolds are game-tested. Junior Kole Riley should start at center, with sophomore Brett Senger seeing two-way

2A METRO REGION NOTEBOOK

Since 1984, schools from this region have played in nine state championship games. Northwest Community Christian is the most recent, having faced St. Johns in the state finals last year. Phoenix Christian is the oldest football-playing school in the region, Valley Lutheran the youngest. The Cougars first played varsity ball in 1955, VL in 1999. PC, coached at the time by Les Finger, were "mythical" state champs in 1959. **COACHING**: With the arrival of Jim Rattay at PC, the region has a 200-game winner for the first time. Rattay-coached teams are 211-57-4 in Ohio and Arizona. **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, is now a defensive back at Texas Tech University. **RECENT PROS:** San Francisco 49er quarterback Tim Rattay (Phoenix Christian), and Tennessee Titan linebacker Armon Williams (Valley Christian), were former all-state selections from the 2A Metro Region.

2003 CLASS 3A PLAYOFF RESULTS:

FIRST ROUND - Chandler Seton Catholic 54, Sedona Red Rock 0; Queen Creek 61, Tuba city 13; Snowflake 55, Hopi 8; Coolidge 72, Window Rock 12; show Low 44, Sahuarita 18; Eloy Santa Cruz 21, Safford 7; Lakeside Blue Ridge 42, Wickenburg 14; Winslow 56, Parker0; **QUARTERFINALS** - Chandler Seton Catholic 17, Queen Creek 7; snowflake 35, Coolidge 20; Show Low 21, Eloy Santa Cruz 7; Winslow 13, Lakeside Blue Ridge 6; **SEMI-FINALS** - Chandler Seton Catholic 27, snowflake 20; Show Low 27, Winslow 13; **FINALS** - Show Low 35, Chandler Seton Catholic 14.

action on the line. "Adam Senger is an outstanding running back," says Cromartie of his speedy senior. "He could contend for offensive player of the year in the 3A West." The Scorpions played one playoff game last season and are undefeated at home for the past two years.

There's plenty of optimism in **Chino Valley**, where second-year coach Josh Anderson returns 20 players - nine starters - and a few members of the track team which finished second in the 3A state meet. The Cougars won only two games, but several were close and lots of underclassmen played. "We made great improvements, even though our record didn't show it," claims Anderson. The Cougars' attack starts at quarterback, and the return of Ben Burk (6-4, 180) is a big plus. In a game last year, Burk hit tailback Morgan Reichert with a 99-yard scoring strike against Sedona Red Rock. Reichert was a sophomore. In fact, most of the key players come from the junior class. Besides Reichert, fullback Brandon Scott (6-1, 200) and linebacker Marion Briles (6-0, 200) have two more years to carry the Chino's blue & silver banner. "We are moving in the right direction," adds Anderson.

So is **Camp Verde**, according to fifth-year coach Luke Steege, who likes the looks of six offensive starters, and 16 players overall. "But we need to eliminate turnovers and get stronger if we want to return to the playoffs." warns the head coach. Fullback/linebacker Demetri Baca (6-1, 205) looks like the best of a depth-shy senior class. Classmates Jason Baiamonte, Steffan Nelson, Kevin Getman and Jacinto Diaz might have to go both ways. Still, the strength of this year's squad is youth, like Alex Lewis (6-1, 200), an all-region receiver as a sophomore, junior linebacker Nick Betts, defensive end Tyler Rezzonico, guard George Johnson, tackle Patrick Logston, quarterback Luke Hicks, and two promising sophomores, two-way back Austin Beeler and lineman Steven Benson, at 6-1, 215 a potential two-way star.

2A METRO REGION

1. Phoenix Christian (13-0)
2. Arizona Lutheran (6-4)
3. Chandler Valley Christian (6-5)
4. Phoenix Bourgade (8-2)
5. Northwest Christian (4-5)
6. Scottsdale Christian (4-5)
7. Valley Lutheran (0-10)

Although **Phoenix Christian** returns only four offensive/defensive starters, it's easy to see why most coaches pick the Cougars in preseason. Coach Jim Rattay returns just enough key players to make a run, including all-state quarterback Josh Schlueter. Last year the 6-3, 205-pounder cranked up his arm 177 times, completed 119 passes (67%), and struck for 24 touchdowns and 2,127 yards. The last time this 2A powerhouse had a quarterback with numbers like that (Tim Rattay) he ended up playing in the National Football League. Schlueter should have plenty of protection with center Anthony Cutting (5-11, 200), guards Drew Hixson (6-0, 200) and Andrew Thompson (6-1, 240), plus tackles Ben Smith (6-4, 235) and Garret Heng (6-8, 305). Defensive back LaDarius Howard (6-1, 195) saw limited time on offense, but managed 6.6 yards per carry. Little Dan Lazzeri gained 4.4 yards in part-time play. Receivers Brank Freeze and Aaron Skiles will see more action. Last year the Cougars scored 533 points and gave up only 26, the fewest by a 2A school since state champ Kearny Ray yielded 13 in 1965.

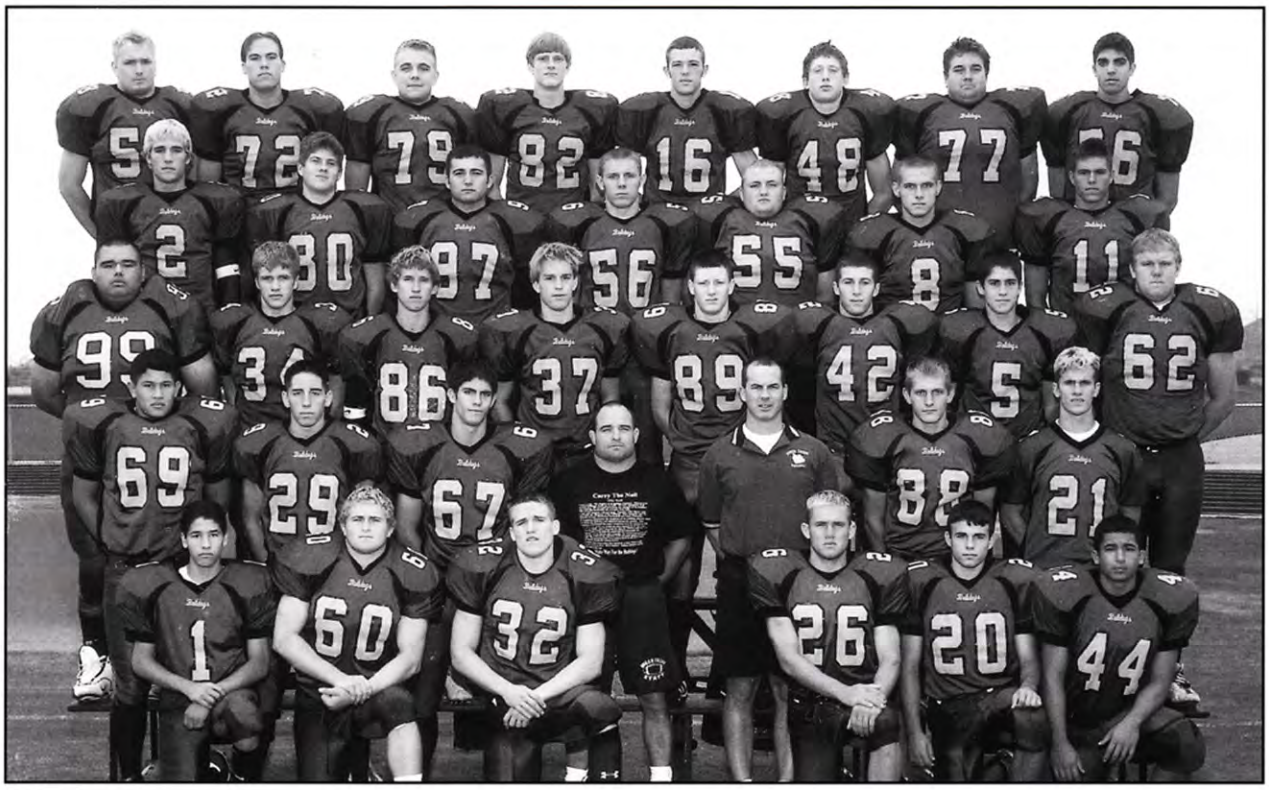
This could be it for **Arizona Lutheran**. "It" is a trip deep into the playoffs. The Coyotes return more starters - eight offense/nine defense - than any team in the league, plus good depth with incoming players from a once-beaten JV club. With Phil Class (6-4, 235) in the lineup, veteran coach Doug Meyer has possibly the best two-way lineman in the Metro Region. Classmate Nick Schroeder (6-3, 205) is an excellent two-way end, especially defensively. In fact, defense will be the Coyotes' strong point. Cornerback Brian Aswege (5-9, 150) was a second team all-region pick. Agile Nick Schroeder (6-3, 205) can play defensive end or linebacker. Linebackers Andy Fennema, Ryan Press and Shayne Farrne, along with nose guard Jordan McCotter, defensive tackle Leslie Jimmie, and cornerback Tyler Yazzie form a solid senior class. Underclassmen fit in with quarterback Justin Salzwedel, tackle Nick Kelley, halfback Andy Zwick, wideout Drew Schroeder, safety Jeremy Burmeister, guard Will Groehler and tackle Zach Edwards possible starters. " We made the 2A playoffs for the first time last year, and we had only five seniors," adds veteran coach Doug Meyer. "This is our best returning group ever."

3A SOUTH NOTEBOOK

The demise of the Arizona Boys Ranch, now called Canyon State Academy, has made this race wide-open again. By far, the best rivalry among region foes belongs to Eloy and Coolidge, who have knocked heads since 1949. With the population decay in Miami, the Vandals no longer compete in the 3A South, although the Globe-Miami rivalry still continues. **COACHING:** The veteran of this league is Jay Denton at Santa Cruz, who has won 124 games at the Eloy school, including a 3A state championship in 1978, and a 2A state crown in 1990. **TRIVIA:** Jay Denton's 1978 state champions featured future NFL defensive back Mossy Cade, and his '90 club featured future NFL defensive back Eddie Cade. When it comes to state championship trophies, Santa Cruz and rival Coolidge have more than their share on display. Coolidge started the victory parade back in the 1940s, when Glenn Wilson-coached teams won three titles (and 26 straight games) in a row during World War II. **RECENT PROS:** Eloy leads the pack by a long shot, with recent players Eddie Cade (New England) and offensive tackle Levi Jones, now in his third year with the Cincinnati Bengals. Last year Houston Texan rookie Keith Wright, a defensive tackle from Missouri, became the first player from the Arizona Boys Ranch to be drafted by the NFL. He played two years at Arizona Western.

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3A WEST NOTEBOOK

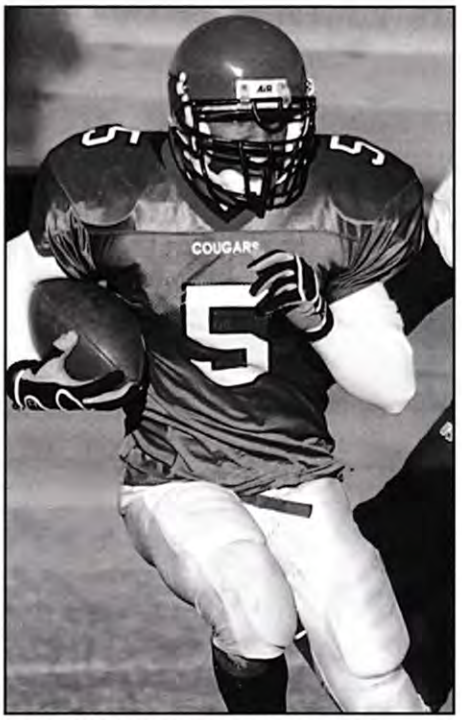
The veteran football-playing school in this region is Wickenburg, which started up the sport in 1937, playing 6-man ball. Camp Verde began varsity play in 1948. **COACHING:** Easily, the veteran here is Sedona's Jim Cromartie, who coached in New Mexico and Oklahoma "before oil was discovered." Cromartie also coached in Hobbs, N.M., a basketball-known school with a 15,000-seat football stadium. Higley's Jim Beall, who won his 100th game recently, also coached in Oklahoma. **TRIVIA:** Before joining the 11-man ranks in 1953, Wickenburg won six state championships in 6-man football. Forty years ago last fall, Camp Verde won its second of two-straight 6-man crowns. **RECENT PROS:** Last year's New York Giants punter Jeff Feagles graduated from Phoenix Gerard, a former Catholic school which is closed. The Redcoats once toiled in this 3A conference, and were state champions in 1974. Feagles played college football at Miami of Florida.

After losing all-state candidate Cliff Weston to a neck injury, **Valley Christian** rallied to make the playoffs. Coach Sean Loomer's veteran team won six of 11 encounters, but dropped an opening round playoff game to Florence, 20-7. Only three senior starters return, led by backs John Holman and Brett Fraley. The junior class has one of the league's best players, tight end/safety Brett Urig, a 6-1, 190-pounder. He looks like the Trojans best bet for post-season honors again. Tackle Nick Hernandez (6-3, 238) and linebacker J.P. Grako (5-11, 220) start at key positions. Help arrives from a 5-1-1 junior varsity outfit.

Last year's memorable campaign ended for **Bourgade Catholic** with a bus accident on rout to St. Johns for an early playoff game. Nobody was seriously injured but the Eagles season came to a halt. The 8-2 campaign was marred by losses to 3A runnerup Seton Catholic and 2A state champ Phoenix Christian. Veteran coach Pat Lavin lost 17 seniors, so rebuilding is in store. Two key players who return, tackle Sal Bonanno (6-2, 245) and linebacker Mark Wilda (5-10, 205), look like all-state candidates. Wilda is a three-year starter. Shane Gerhardt (5-11. 170) moves from wide receiver to quarterback. Two-way linemen Zach Gallaher (5-11, 200) and Jake Johnson (6-0, 235) will be kept busy. Junior Josh Copeland could crack the starting lineup at two positions: tailback and linebacker. "We'll have quite a lot of sophomores playing," warns Lavin. "We only have nine seniors on the roster."

Northwest Christian hopes to bounce back into the playoff hunt after a uncharacteristic 4-5 season. But the Crusaders, coached by Derek Wahlstrom, have to do it with four returning starters, three on offense and only one on defense. The key player without a doubt is running back/kick returner Kyle Young (6-2, 210), a real game-breaker. With 4.6 speed he's one of the best athletes in the 2A Metro. The Crusaders kicking game looks solid again, with Alan Blose in the lineup. But after that Wahlstrom and his staff have to fill in the blanks with basically new players.

If any team is underrated, it's **Scottsdale Christian**. The Eagles return 18 regulars, including seven on defense, to give themselves a legitimate shot at the playoffs. For second-year coach Jeff Fox, the game starts with quarterback Will Munsil, a 6-1, 195-pound senior who completed 110 of 206 passes (53%) for 1,508 yards and 14 touchdowns. He threw only four interceptions, but his receiving corp will be brand new. Running back Luke Savidge (6-1, 190) managed 5.7 yards per carry and scored five touchdowns. His best position might be linebacker. He and Matt Olsen (6-0, 205) earned post-season honors on the defensive side of the ball. In fact, with Jordan Isaac (6-1, 230) in the lineup, SCA might have the best set of linebackers in the region. A.J. Rowen is a good two-way skill position player. The Eagles last reached the playoffs in 1996. "We hope to vie for a playoff spot and move into the upper echelon of the Metro," says Fox.



Phoenix Christian back LaDarius Howard averaged 6.6 yards per carry.


Jermaine Austin
Estrella Foothills


Jamal Austin
Estrella Foothills

Improvement is the name of the game at **Valley Lutheran**, where the Flames last won in 2001. Coach Josh Mitchell might hit the win column with nine returning starters on both sides of the ball. The running game, with Robert Vaught (5-10, 180) and junior D.J. Lillard (5-8, 170) back, looks stronger. Both start at linebacker. The likes of Jeremy Gilmore, David DuRocher and Rod Callis give the Flames good line play, plus tight end Zak Baumann. Whoever plays quarterback will have receivers Jakob Lilluik and Adam DeBow as targets.

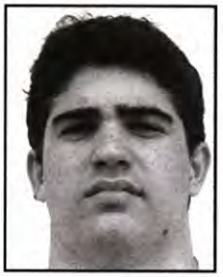
2A COPPER REGION

In **Florence**, fans got their monies worth as the Gophers played 13 games and reached the semifinals. State champ Phoenix Christian ended their campaign at 10-3, the most wins at the school since 1989. It was a senior-dominated team, so Shawn Cluff and his staff have to rebuild. The outcome might be determined by the overall play of four key seniors: two-way back Jason Calhoun (5-8, 175), tackle David Sanger (6-4, 250), and wingbacks Phillip Garcia (5-7, 160) and Chuck Lopez (5-6, 145). All four are playoff tested and can play multiple positions.

Last year's 1-9 finish was no indication of **Miami's** improvement, and coach George Medrano hopes this year proves it. "We were very young and played lots of underclassmen," says the head coach. "We are stronger both in numbers and in the weightroom." Without a doubt, three key seniors, quarterback Raun Manson (5-



Will Munsil
SCA



Sal Bonanno
Bourgade

2003 2A PLAYOFF RESULTS:

FIRST ROUND - Phoenix Christian 48, Morenci 6; Benson 27, Williams 20; Florence 20, Chandler Valley Christian 7; Tombstone 42, Mayer 18; St. Johns 43, Wellton Antelope 0; Phoenix Bourgade Catholic 27, San Manuel 12; Yuma Catholic 42, Red Mesa 0; Thatcher 43, Arizona Lutheran 26; **QUARTERFINALS** - Phoenix Christian 47, Benson 0; Florence 20, Tombstone 12; St. Johns defeated Bourgade by forfeit due to bus accident; Yuma Catholic 48,Thatcher 26; **SEMIFINALS** - Phoenix Christian 45, Florence 0; St. Johns 27, Yuma Catholic 0; **FINALS** - Phoenix Christian 24, St. Johns 7.

9, 170), wide receiver Rue Manson (5-9, 170), and tackle Chris Dalton (6-1, 240) have plenty of varsity experience. Raun will earn four varsity letters. Two young sophomores look impressive, running back Adrian Canizales and linebacker Chris Perez. Twenty-four varsity players return.

2A DESERT REGION

Hopes are high in **Maricopa**, where the Rams return 27 lettermen, including nine offensive starters from a 5-4 squad which missed the playoffs by one game. Kevin Liermann's team made great strides, and with an improved defense might make a playoff stand by November. Controlling the line of scrimmage is the goal for Kelly Antone (6-3, 350) and Ed Baugus (6-4, 250), two of the bigger tackles in the 2A Desert Region. Both are seniors, along with halfback/corner Ruben Fierros (5-6, 150), one of the Rams quickest players. Two-way skill position players like Carlos Villa and Joe Sanchez add to a strong junior class. Transfer Jordan Miller, a guard, should fit in well with the veteran players.

1A WEST REGION

A veteran **Orme School** team carried the Warriors to the 8-man semifinals and a 7-3 finish. "Last year we had a very good line, but an inexperienced backfield," says veteran coach Bob Miller, who is just five wins shy of 200. "This year will be the complete opposite." Big Michael Brooks (5-11, 208) is the go-to-guy". He doubles at running back/linebacker. So does classmate Jesse Reynolds, who is quicker but not as strong. Throw in Ben Burnett and Orme has three good runners in the offensive backfield. All are seniors. Little junior Nick Yazzie (5-6, 120) backs them up. Another junior, Namory Doumbia, will start at quarterback and plays safety. Classmates Aaron Davenport (6-2, 185) and Rick Getchell (6-2, 205) make for good targets at tight end. Sophomore David McIntyre could start at a corner. For Orme to see a playoff picture, linemen like Jason Acosta and Chance Spannagel need to step up.

1A EAST REGION

Desert Eagle, coached by Ernie Salazar, won four of 11 games and could have won eight. The Eagles dropped three close contests in the fourth quarter. Six offense starters return, including the entire passing attack; quarterback Joe Urias (6-0, 240), wideout Joe Enos (5-10, 160) and tight end Joel Hayes (6-0, 175). Look for Luke Saunders (5-11, 190), a freshman receiver, to play. Senior Matt Saunders (5-10, 270) anchors the line at center. "Our goal is to make the playoffs by passing the ball," claims Salazar.

4A GRAND CANYON REGION

In its first year in 4A competition, **Payson** posted an 8-2 record and just missed the playoffs. Although the Longhorns lost several key players, 22 regulars, including eight offensive starters, are back. Donnie Wilbanks (6-3, 170) and junior Josh Blalock (6-0, 175) both will see action at quarterback. Backs Tyler Williams, James Gibson and Luke Apfel add to the threat. Linemen Greg Barnes and Don Engler may be called to go both ways. Chris Skinner looks like the team's best defensive lineman. Another 8-win season is possible.

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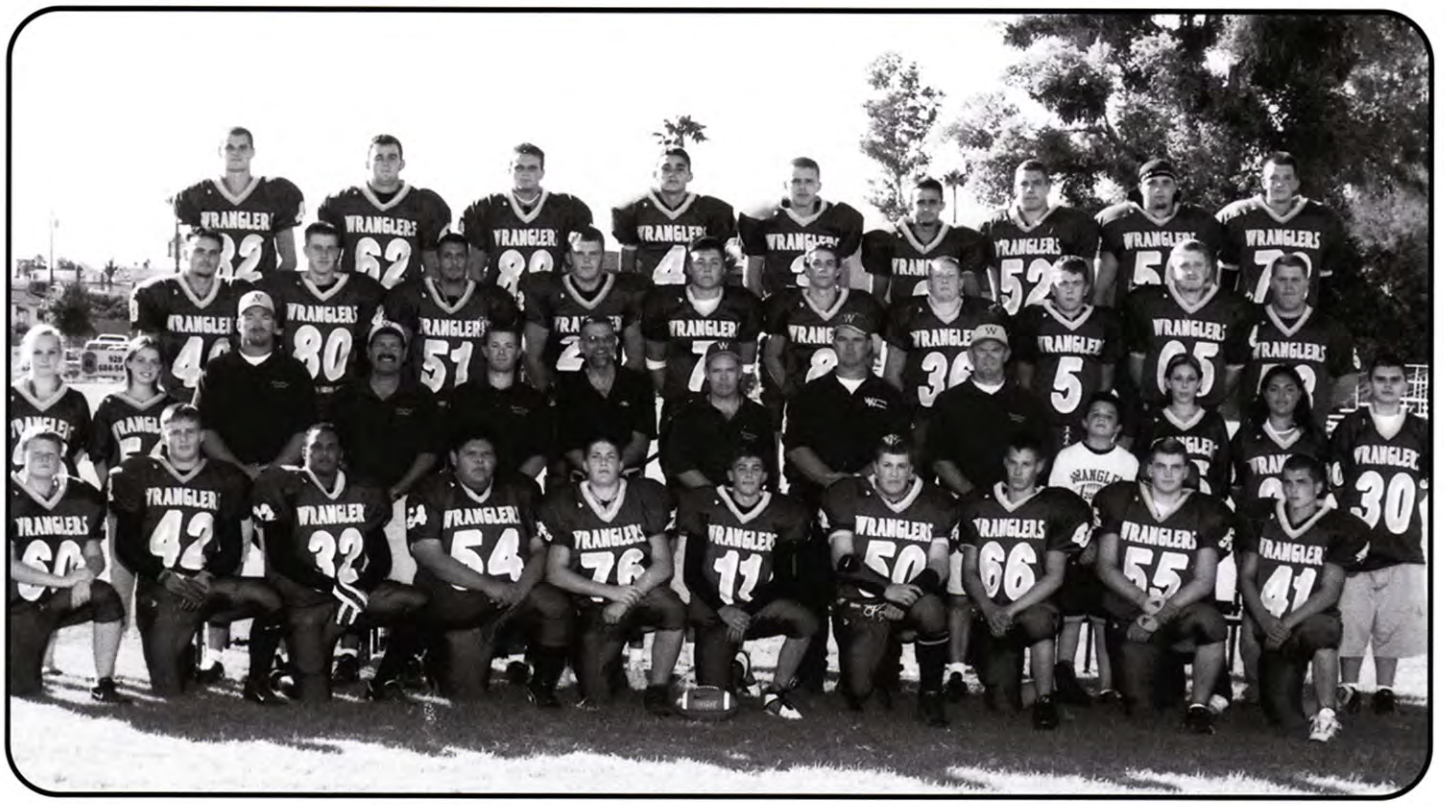
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Thirteen players, including the first 12 Arizona high school products to play in the National Football League, join a legendary coach, a team, and a prominent official in the inaugural Arizona High School Football Hall of Fame.

By BARRY SOLLENBERGER

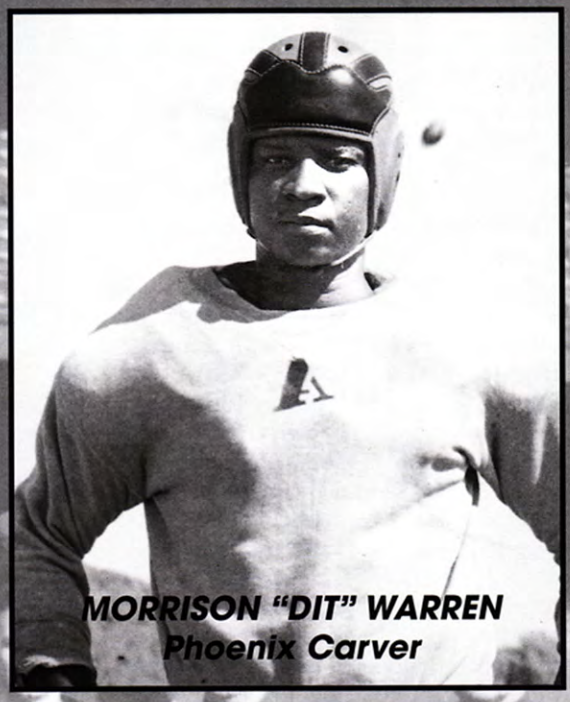


Sonny Karnofsky (40), an All-American back at Phoenix Union, skirts left end for the Eagles against the Green Bay Packers.

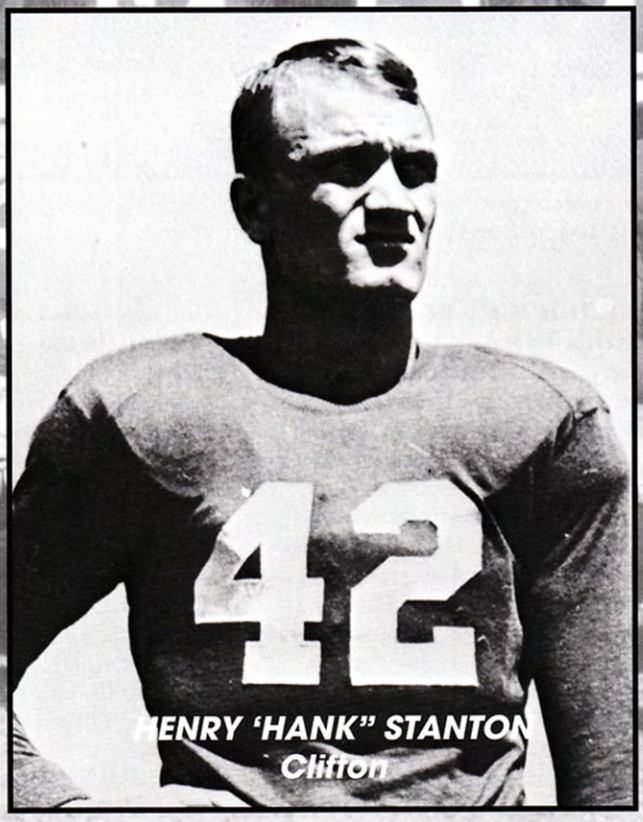
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HALL OF FAME (cont.)

R.R. "Robby" Robinson was arguably the most influential coach in Maricopa County in the first half of the 20th Century. The same goes for Vic Housholder, possibly the most prominent sports official in the Cactus State during the same era.

Both individuals, one of the state's most historic teams, plus 13 outstanding players make up the first-ever **Arizona High School Football Hall of Fame**. The inaugural class, co-sponsored by ***Phoenix Metro Football Magazine*** and JK Communications of Tempe, gives overdue praise and recognition to Arizona's high school football past, a unique history which is truly one of sport's best kept secrets. Based on population, the Grand Canyon State's surprising success against out-of-state competition, including hundreds of games with schools throughout the West, not to mention its contribution to the college and professional ranks, is unmatched.

Robinson, who built Phoenix Union into a power in every sport, plus his 1930 mythical national championship team, highlight the list, which includes several great Coyote stars prior to World War II. Conrad Flippen, the 1930 National Player of the Year, plus Housholder, considered the "father" of the all-state teams, heads the list which includes the first 12 products from the Arizona high school ranks to land on active NFL rosters.

The state's first NFL player, Phoenix Union halfback James Oldham, a University of Arizona back who played with the Racine (Wis.) Tornadoes in 1926, along with the likes of Mesa's Norris Steverson, Tucson High tackle Earle Nolan, Phoenix Union brothers Cecil and Carl Mulleneaux, plus Tucson's Fred Enke Jr., the state's first NFL quarterback, have long deserved Hall of Fame recognition.

Except for Peoria's Tom Greenfield, Phoenix Union's Sonny Karnofsky, and Enke, all the inductees are deceased. The lineup:



Phoenix Union's 1929 backfield included Conrad Flippen (lower left), and teammates Rhodes Neece, Don Clark and Eddie "Red" Horne.

COACH ROBBY ROBINSON
Phoenix Union

In the opinion of oldtimers, R.R. Robinson and Phoenix Union's once historic Montgomery Stadium are closely linked. Sadly all three are gone. It was the tremendous success of Robinson's football teams which led to construction of the 15,000-seat stadium, which paid off its indebtedness in half the projected time.

Robinson, who arrived in Phoenix in 1920 from the army air corps after World War I, spent 37 years as the Coyotes' football, basketball and track coach, plus athletic director. He arrived in Phoenix as a lean, tough young coach, after a glittering career as one of the best-ever ends at Colorado State University.

With Phoenix Union being the only high school in the city, the Coyotes ventured out-of-state on numerous occasions, playing schools from as far west at Long Beach, and east to Albuquerque. The popularity of Phoenix high schools sports dwarfed the local college, Arizona State, as did its massive football stadium. His teams won Rocky Mountain and Southwestern interscholastic titles, in football as well as basketball and track, and attracted such legendary college coaches as Notre Dame's Knute Rockne, who recruited Robinson's prize pupil, Conrad Flippen.

Besides Flippen, among the hundreds



Tucson's Fred Enke Jr., the first Arizona schoolboy product to start at quarterback in the NFL, played with Detroit, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

of athletes he coached were Bob Goldwater, W.W. "Skipper" Dick, the Mulleneaux brothers, Carl and Cecil, Bill Kajikawa, basketball All-American Leon Blevins, plus football-track star Harry Tompkins.

Robinson's last state championship team was in basketball, where his near-perfect 1944 squad, led by Blevins, compiled a 26-1 record and defeated Mesa in the state finals in Tucson,. Blevins later became a star at the University of Arizona.

Altogether, Robinson-coached football teams won 83% of their games against high school competition, 14 state championships, five Southwestern Interscholastic crowns, and one mythical national title. His 1930 juggernaut, led by Flippen and Tompkins, earned Robinson National Coach of the Year honors, selected by the National Sports News Service in Minneapolis.

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That season climaxed with a 38-7 triumph over unbeaten Fort Collins, Colorado. But the key game in the campaign was a 22-20 win over West Coast power San Diego High, played at mid-season in Phoenix. The game matched Flippen against the visitor's star back, Cotton Warburton, later an All-American at USC.

"Robby was like a father to the boys," recalled Skipper Dick, later the state superintendent of public instruction. "Most of the kids were right off the farm. He was a strict disciplinarian who practiced what he preached. The first thing he enforced was a no-cursing rule. He told us 'If there's to be any cursing around here I'll do it.' There wasn't any at all."

"Coach Robinson's mixture of discipline, instant sympathy, and thoughtful consideration was a major influence on the lives of hundreds - perhaps thousands - of boys he mixed with in his coaching and physical education work," wrote Bob Allison of the ***Phoenix Gazette*** in 1960.

Robinson, before retiring to athletic director duties, coached the Coyotes to a 307-119 record and five state championships in basketball, then switched to track & field and won 12 state crowns. Several of his cinder teams were rated among the best in the nation, and his 1931 squad produced five All-Americans, including Tompkins, the state's first 9.8 sprinter.

Robby Robinson died in 1960 of cancer at age 70.

CONRAD FLIPPEN
Phoenix Union

In 1930, Conrad Flippen was the best back on what was arguably the best high school team in the country. As a quarterback/tailback, Flippen scored 23 touchdowns and a state record 148 points for the 12-0 state champs. He gained 303 yards and scored on an 80-yard run with a fake punt during a 59-13 win over Tucson. During a 41-0 win over Albuquerque High he intercepted a state record five passes.

Born in Missouri, Flippen moved to Phoenix in 1927 with his mother and family after his father died of tuberculosis. At Phoenix Union he developed into one of the school's all-time greats, excelling in football, basketball, baseball and track. In 1931, after guiding the Coyotes to the state basketball championship, he was selected captain of the all-state team.

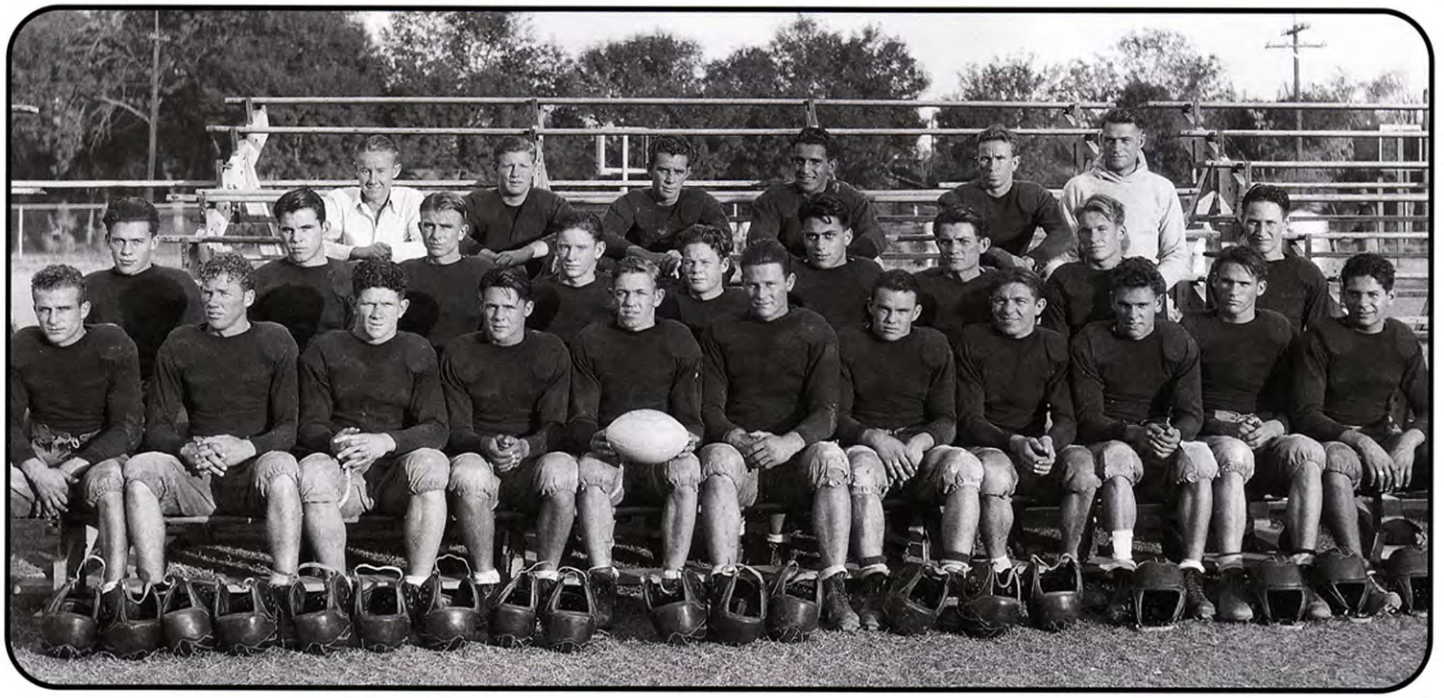
Flippen, whose stint at Notre Dame was short-lived, had a brief stay at Phoenix College before signing a pro baseball contract with the Chicago White Sox. He spent nine years in the minors, then managed the Evangelize League in Louisiana. During World War II he enlisted in the Navy, and ended his athletic career playing fast-pitch softball in Phoenix for the famous Funk Jewels. He retired in 1977 from the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Conrad Flippen died on December 10, 1983, at age 71.



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JAMES OLDHAM
Phoenix Union

The late James Oldham wins the prize. The former Phoenix native is believed to be the first Arizona schoolboy product to play in the National Football League, with the Racine Tornadoes in Wisconsin, short-lived interstate rivals of the Green Bay Packers.

Oldham, at 6-0, 190-pounds, was an all-state forward in basketball, and excelled in the shot and discus for the Coyotes' state championship track team. But in football his 21 touchdowns and 127 points from his fullback position earned Arizona Player of the Year honors and captain of ***The Arizona Republic's*** 1923 all-state squad. The state champions only setbacks during a 9-1-1 season were a loss to the University of Arizona's freshmen, and a scoreless tie with San Diego High.

Coach Robinson's star pupil scored four touchdowns twice, first during a 61-0 win over Douglas, followed by a 77-0 trouncing of Miami the following week. His two quick touchdowns got the Coyotes off to a healthy start during a 24-0 win over El Paso, Texas, clinching the Southwestern Interscholastic crown, and his three-TD day against Mesa nailed down the state crown. Oldham's college career in Tucson was short-lived, and he lettered only one year for the Wildcats' legendary head coach James "Pop" McKale. While with Racine, he played three positions, end, blocking back and wingback, all very well.

NORRIS STEVERSON
Mesa

Norris Steverson, a charter member of three different sports hall of fames, was the first from Mesa's proud football heritage to play in the pros. He is also the first Arizona State alum to reach the NFL, when the college was nicknamed the Bulldogs. The pride of Mesa lettered in football and basketball at ASU, and was an All-Border Conference halfback in 1931. He was a member of the first Arizona State squad to beat rival Arizona in the 20th Century.

Steverson signed with George Halas and the Chicago Bears after the pros played an exhibition game against a Phoenix all-star team in 1933. But the Bears traded him to the NFL Cincinnati Reds before the start of the season. The Reds disbanded after eight games, and the Mesa native later played with the St. Louis Gunners. Steverson, who died in March at age 93, taught physical education at ASU, helped coach a variety of sports, and is credited with founding the gymnastics program. He lettered in four sports at Mesa, and was inducted into the the Mesa City Sports Hall of Fame.

EARLE NOLAN
Tucson

The first Tucson High and second University of Arizona alum to land in the pro ranks was Michael Earle Nolan, nicknamed "King Kong" by his teammates. At nearby Tucson High, Nolan was a first team all-state tackle at 6-2, 205-pounds, and a state shot put and discus champion. In college, Nolan played three years for Wildcat coach Tex Oliver, and competed on the UA track team in all three weight events (including the javelin), and competed in the 1936 Olympic track and field trials. But football and boxing were his favorite two sports. He won all 20 amateur boxing matches he entered.

In 1937 Nolan signed as a tackle with the NFL Chicago Cardinals for $135 a game. "The Cardinals coach, Milan Creighton, used all his top players against me during a try-out," recalled Nolan in 1989. "Then the coach put on a football uniform and went against me. I made the team. I don't think they thought a player for a professional team could come from Arizona."

After two years in the NFL Nolan joined the Marine Corps. He fought at Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal during World War II, received the Navy Cross and was

A Houshold Name



Vic Housholder

It would take a very large room to display the awards presented to Vic Housholder in his lifetime. And most of the recognition came from his contribution to Arizona's youth.

For over 50 years he was a civil engineer, an outstanding sportsman, conservationist, civic leader and sponsor of numerous youth projects.

Housholder, who died in 1971 at age 79, was also a member of the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame. His accomplishments, almost too lengthy to mention, are what legends are made of.

He first brought organized baseball to Arizona in 1924, and was the original manager of the old Phoenix Senators minor league baseball team. In 1926 he founded the state's best-known track meet, the Greenway Field Day, later renamed the Luke Greenway Invitational. During one two-year span in the 1930s, over 8,000 fans paid to see the meet, held at both the State Fairgrounds and Phoenix Union's Montgomery Stadium.

It was Housholder who started selecting all-state football teams for ***The Arizona Republic*** in 1923, and was the recognized authority for almost two decades. Today a four-foot-tall trophy bares his team - **The Vic Housholder Trophy** - and is given annually to the school which produced the Arizona Football Player of the Year, selected by ***Phoenix Metro Football Magazine***.

His participation as a sports official spanned two decades, and he was commissioner of the state's Amateur Athletic Union for years. For 47 years he managed the American Rolling Mills Company, and was national president of the American Association of Engineers in 1933.

Housholder was born in Columbus, Kansas, and graduated from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, where he was an all-around athlete. He was brought to Arizona in 1918 by George Gillespie to be engineer for the Gillespie Dam on the Gila River near Buckeye. He soon was the engineer in charge of flood control near Cave Creek in 1922.

In one of the highlights of his career, Housholder was credited with saving the life of former President Harry S. Truman in France during World War I. Housholder was second in command to Captain Truman at the 129th Field Artillery Battery when German guns killed Truman's horse, trapping him in mud and water under the animal. Housholder rolled the animal off the future president, preventing him from drowning.

That effort earned Housholder the U.S. Army's Commendation Medal.



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promoted to captain.

"I don't think pro football had the same feel or spirit for him that college ball did," said Nolan's son-in-law John Krygelski, after Nolan's death in 1991. "Most of what he reminisced about were his college days."

CECIL & CARL MULLENEAUX
Phoenix Union

The first brother act from Arizona's high school ranks to play in the National Football League was Cecil and Carl Mulleneaux, members of Robby Robinson's Southwestern Interscholastic and state championship teams.

Both Mulleneaux brothers were multiple sports stars, and Cecil (nicknamed "Brute") was a two-time all-state pitcher for popular Phoenix Union baseball coach Jesse McComb. In 1928, Cecil teamed with star infielder Hank Leiber to guide the Coyotes to the state baseball championship, a 16-3 win over Mesa. While Cecil and his brother toiled in the NFL, Leiber went on to have a flourishing major league baseball career with the New York Giants.

Both Mulleneaux brothers played on state championship football teams under Robinson, Carl (nicknamed "Moose") as an end and Cecil as a fullback. Carl's college career flourished at Utah State, while brother Cecil became a star at Northern Arizona in Flagstaff.

During a 10-year pro career, Cecil played fullback and center for multiple teams, including the New York Giants, Pittsburgh Steelers, Green Bay Packers and Columbus Bullies. Brother Carl's career, which was interrupted briefly by military service, was more stable. He spent six years as a starting end for the Green Bay Packers. The other receiver was NFL Hall of Famer Don Hutson.

TOM GREENFIELD
Peoria

Peoria's inductee became one of the University of Arizona's most decorated football players. Tom Greenfield played high school sports for both Barto Davis and Edgar "Mutt" Ford, with football and basketball his strong suits. But it was in college where he made a name for himself, gaining All-America and All-Border Conference honors as a center, playing for Tex Oliver and Orian Landreth. In basketball he was a forward for Fred Enke's always strong Wildcat roundball teams. In 1949, Greenfield was selected to the school's half-decade team by the ***Arizona Daily Star***, and to the All-Time Rocky Mountain Collegiate Team. The 200-pound Peoria native played center three-straight years for the Green Bay Packers under legendary coach Earl "Curly"Lambeau. Today Greenfield resides in Tucson.

SONNY KARNOFSKY
Phoenix Union

The high school career of Sonny Karnofsky was about as unique as anybody's could be. As a Phoenix Union underclassman, Karnofsky was a star back on the school's six-man football team, during one of the few years the Class C Conference allowed the Coyotes to field a team. It resulted in a state championship, an all-state berth for the sophomore back, and Six-Man All-America recognition, selected and sponsored by ***American Boy Magazine***. After that it was back to 11-man ball for Karnofsky and his teammates, and Phoenix was booted out of the six-man ranks.

In 1939, under Stanford grad Larry Rouble, Karnofsky joined backfield aces Ted Olea and Tex Blanchard to guide the Coyotes through an excellent 10-2 campaign, playing a murderous Arizona and Southern California schedule. The state champs, during one eight week span, faced six tough West Coast schools. With Olea's arm and Karnofsky's legs, the Coyotes beat Covina 7-0, Santa Ana 27-6, Long Beach Poly 14-0, and Glendale 30-6. In between were hard-fought wins



Carl Mulleneaux, shown here with the Green Bay Packers, teamed up with all-pro end Don Hutson.

on Arizona soil over Tucson, 27-7, and Mesa, 16-6. Losses were to Santa Barbara, 16-7, and Bakersfield, 14-13.

With Karnofsky in the lineup on a part-time basis because of injuries, the Coyotes fell to 6-4-1 in 1940, including a thrilling battle in Long Beach with Poly High. During a 25-20 Long Beach win, Karnofsky scored on a short run and added an extra point.

Although World War II interrupted his college career - and that of thousands of athletes - Karnofsky's place in NFL history took a strange twist after the war. When the world conflict ended, the popularity of the National Football League boomed. Record crowds attended both pro and college games. On September 16, 1945, in Philadelphia, Abraham "Sonny" Karnofsky, a rookie from Arizona, scored two touchdowns on short runs as the Eagles upset the Green Bay Packers 28-21, before 90,218 fans, the largest crowd to watch an NFL game at

the time. Today Karnofsky resides in Rancho Muriet, California, located near Sacramento.

HENRY "HANK" STANTON
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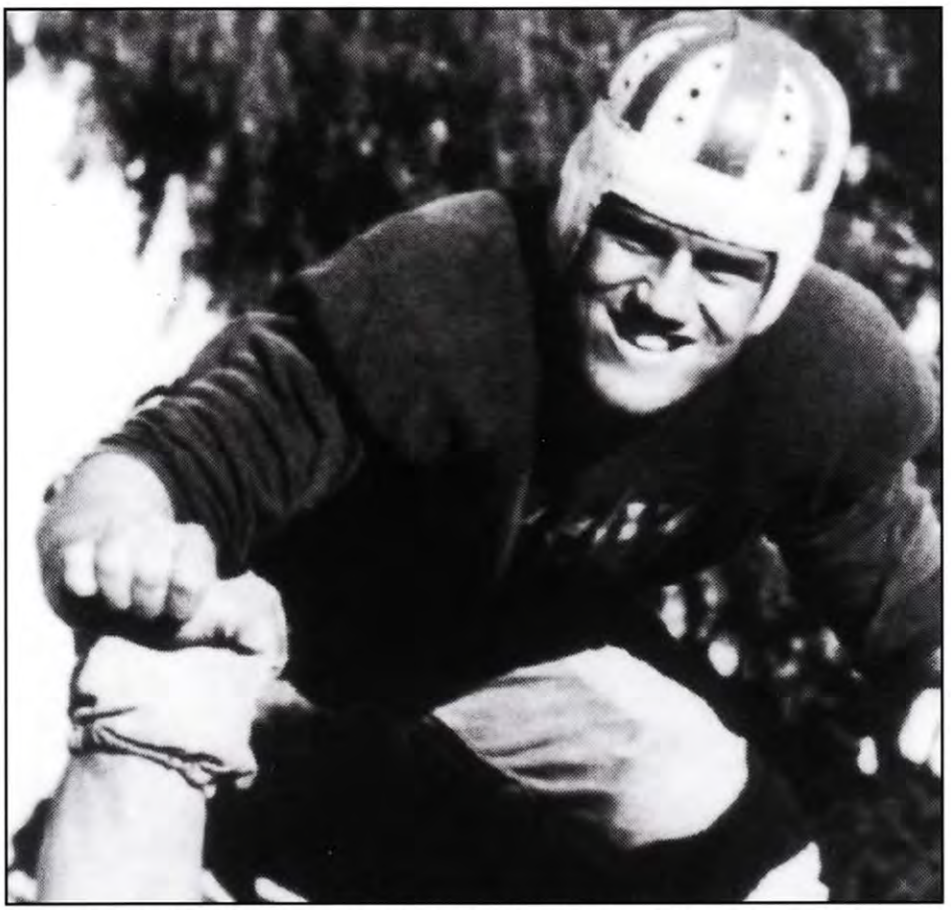
The rangy end from Clifton, one of Arizona's all-time greats, has a stadium named after his father and an award named after him. Stanton played on weak high school teams with the Trojans, but much better squads at Arizona. He climaxed a brilliant college career in 1941 by setting NCAA records with 50 catches for 820 yards (breaking the previous marks of 47 for 754 yards set by Jim Benton at Arkansas). Stanton's best game came against Oklahoma State: 11 catches for 104 yards. Before two-platoon football, Stanton was a dangerous end-around artist, a damaging blocker and a gifted defensive player. After graduation he played in the East-West Shrine Game in San Francisco, the College All-Star Game in Chicago, the famous Army All-Star Game, and became Arizona's first All-American receiver.

During World War II, Stanton served as a captain in the U.S. Army. Prior to enlisting he was drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers, but military obligations put his pro career on hold. He eventually found his way into the professional ranks, and played two years with the New York Yankees of the All-American Conference.

The Clifton native, who is deceased, later coached at both Arizona and Arizona State before joining the sales force at the Arizona Portland Cement Company. Today, the Hank Stanton Award is given each year to the state's best high school receiver, selected by Phoenix Metro Football Magazine.

HAL PRESCOTT
Phoenix Union

Future pro Hal Prescott made the most of his only varsity season at Phoenix Union as a versatile two-way end, the same positions he played at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene, Texas, and with three professional teams. The Coyotes 1938 lineup included future stars such as Ted Olea, R.K. Warren, Tex Blanchard and Prescott. At Hardin-Simmons, which competed briefly in the old Border Conference, Prescott earned his spurs as a quality receiver and tough, hard-hitting defensive end. After World War II the former Phoenix native played one year with the Green Bay Packers, three with the Philadelphia Eagles, and one with the New York Bulldogs. In Philadelphia, Prescott played for the Eagles all-time leader in coaching victories, Earl "Greasy" Neale, and was a member of the Birds' back-to-back NFL championship teams in 1948 and 1949.



Tucson's Earle "King Kong" Nolan, the first Badger to play in the NFL, was a state shot put and discus champion.

MORRISON WARREN
Phoenix Carver

Morrison Warren's athletic career began at the Phoenix Colored School (later Carver High) during the Great Depression years of the 1930s. In those days, black students were not allowed to attend nearby Phoenix Union. The Monarchs, located on Grant Street, played an independent schedule in most sports, except for track, a sport they dominated at the state meets in Tucson. In 1946, Warren became one of the first two black athletes to play at Arizona State. The other was teammate George Diggs. Nicknamed "Dit", Warren played on the last Arizona State team to be nicknamed Bulldogs, and the first to be called Sun Devils; under two college coaches, Steve Coutchie and Ed Doherty. In 1947, as a fullback-linebacker, Warren played in the same college backfield with freshman Wilford "Whizzer" White. "He was a great guy and a great person," said White after learning of Warren's death in 2002. "He was a real tough football player." Warren and Diggs often faced racial discrimination during Border Conference games when "Jim Crow" laws in Texas prohibited blacks from staying in hotels with whites. But when ASU refused to schedule schools which wouldn't allow every player to stay in hotels together, things changed for the better. A former president of the Fiesta Bowl, Warren played one year of pro ball after college with the Brooklyn Dodgers of the All-American Conference.

Dandy Dozen

*The first 12 Arizona schoolboy products to play in the **National Football League**, their first year in the league, their high school team, plus the pro team they played with the longest:*

Year	Player	High School	Pro Team
1926	James Oldham	Phoenix Union	Racine (Wis.)
1935	Norris Steverson	Mesa	Cincinnati
1937	Earle Nolan	Tucson	Chicago
1937	Cecil Mulleneaux	Phoenix Union	Pittsburgh
1938	Carl Mulleneaux	Phoenix Union	Green Bay
1939	Tom Greenfield	Peoria	Green Bay
1945	Sonny Karnofsky	Phoenix Union	Philadelphia
1946	Hank Stanton	Clifton	N.Y. Yankees
1946	Hal Prescott	Phoenix Union	Philadelphia
1948	Morrison Warren	Phoenix Carver	Brooklyn
1948	Don Corbitt	Prescott	Washington
1948	Fred Enke Jr.	Tucson	Detroit



DON CORBITT
Prescott

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The first athlete from northern Arizona to reach the playing fields of the National Football League was Prescott's Don Corbitt, one of the state's all-time great high school and collegiate centers. Corbitt, who is deceased, was the Washington Redskins' center in 1948. As a 6-3, 205-pound high school senior, Corbitt was a two-sport star for Hamblin Pratt's football and basketball teams, and the first team center on ***The Arizona Republic's*** 1941 all-state squad. In Washington, D.C., under head coach Turk Edwards, the Redskins' quarterback coach was former NFL legend Sammy Baugh, and Corbitt was the center. A two-year lineman at the University of Arizona under Miles Casteel, Corbitt's athletic career was interrupted briefly by World War II, were he served in the Navy. Corbitt died in 1993 at age 69.

FRED ENKE JR.
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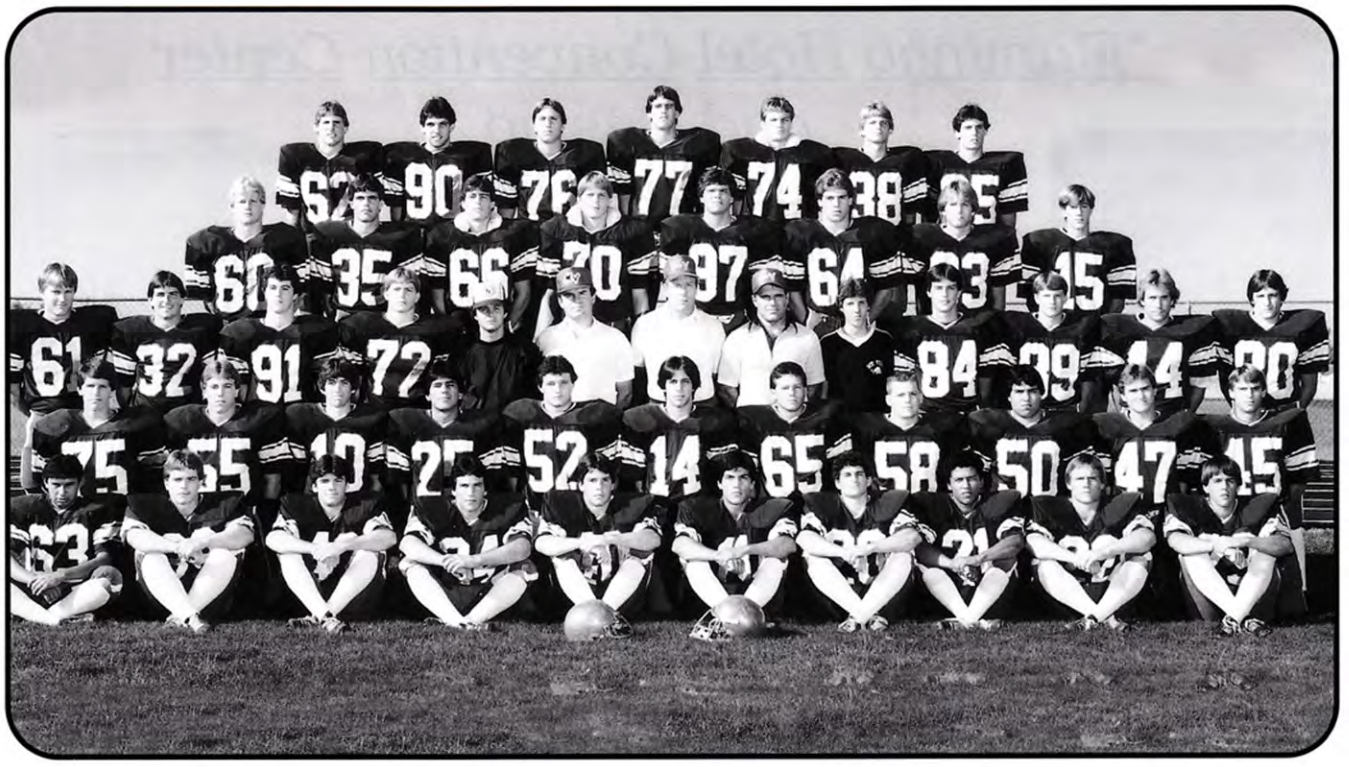
Tucson High's rich athletic heritage has had more than its share of legends, and Fred Enke Jr. is near the top of the list. The son of the late University of Arizona basketball coach who bared the same name, Enke was a three-sport star at Tucson during the early 1940s, a Hall of Fame athlete at the University of Arizona, and the first quarterback from Arizona's high school ranks to start in the National Football League. For the past 20 years the Fred Enke Award, named after the former Badger great, has recognized the state's best high school quarterback.

At Tucson High, Enke played for several of Southern Arizona's most prestigious coaches: Rollin T. Gridley in football, B.C. "Bud" Doolen in basketball, and Henry "Hank" Slagle in baseball. With Enke in the Badgers' infield, Tucson started a 52-game winning streak against high school competition - a state record which stands today. At Arizona he lettered in football, basketball and baseball, and played on three Border Conference championship basketball teams coached by his father. He was named all-conference as a quarterback in 1947, was a third team All-American, and set Wildcat school records for total offense with 2,973 yards. Enke, who resides in Casa Grande, played professional football from 1948 to 1954, with the NFL Detroit Lions, Philadelphia Eagles and Baltimore Colts.



Phoenix Union's Hal Prescott, No. 86 with the Eagles, helped Philadelphia win back to back NFL championships in 1948 and 1949.

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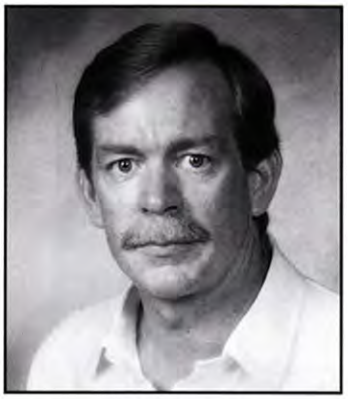
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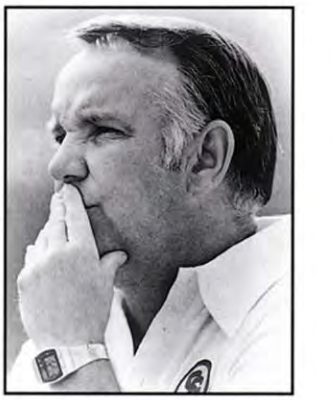
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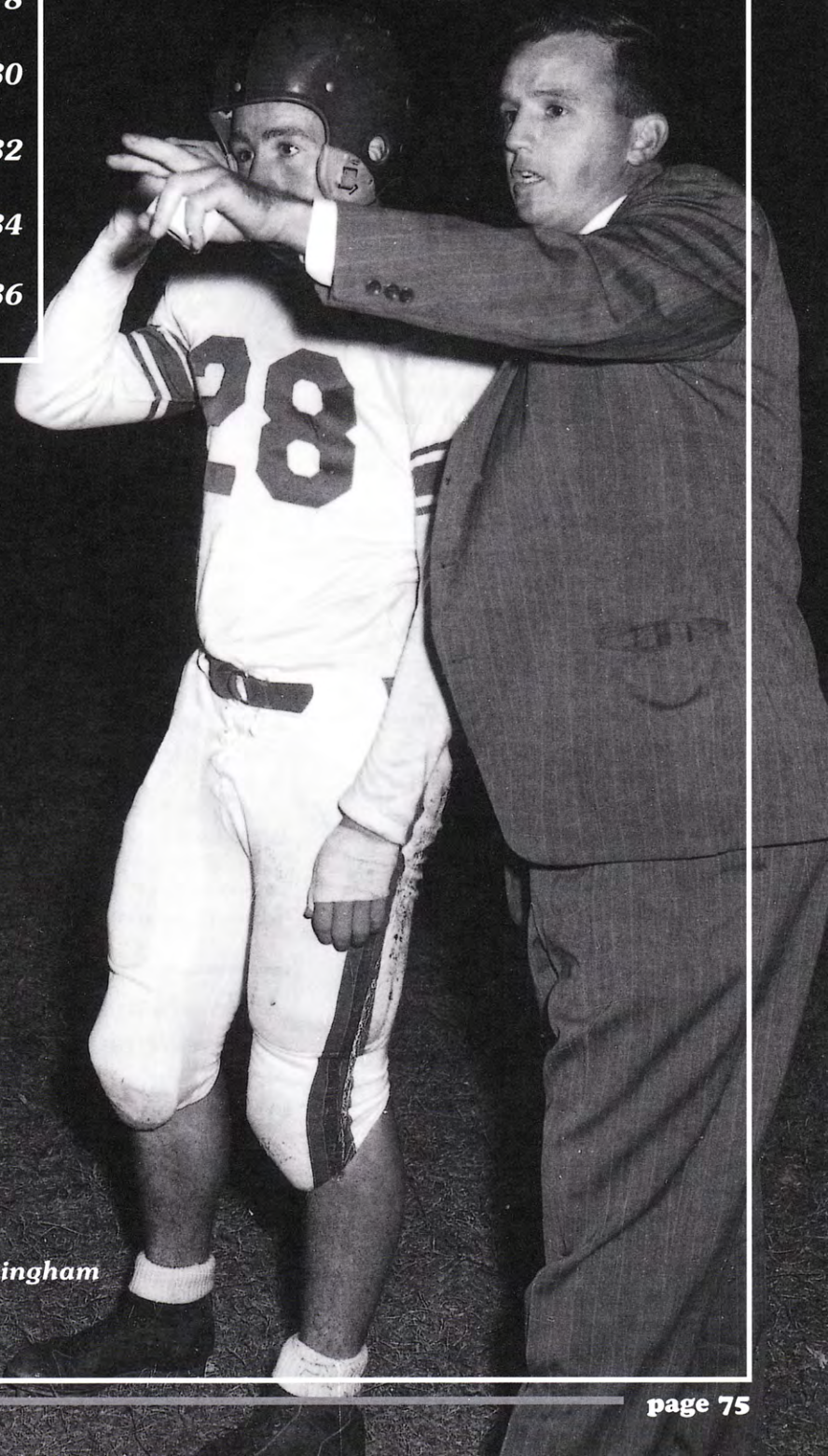
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Phoenix Union head coach Sam Winningham and back Tom Hulen

10 years ago (1994)

Breathtaking Horizon Best in State

Wow! What a finish!

There have been some great last-minute fourth-quarter drives in state championship games before, but the last offensive play of the game for Scottsdale Horizon in 1994 will be hard to top. And hard to forget - for Horizon or St. Mary's players and fans.

With 24 seconds remaining in the game, Horizon was camped on the St. Mary's 7-yard line and facing fourth down. The Huskies were looking at fourth and goal because they had just been penalized for a false start.

Quarterback Jeff Voigt rolled to his right, but appeared corralled by the Knights' Ben Pelzer, who knocked Voigt off-balance. As Voigt fell he pushed the ball forward to fullback Brooks Tyree, who was wide open, and he almost walked into the end zone to give the Huskies a 16-14 win.

"That play was unreal," recalls former Horizon coach Doug Shaffer, whose team survived two fourth-down plays, plus a fumble by halfback John Clayton at the 3-yard line, during the game-winning 80-yard drive. "It was just our night."

Horizon, ranked No. 1 in preseason, had to jump several major hurdles to get to the championship game. During a July auto accident, Voigt suffered a broken left collarbone. Then, after a humiliating 21-2 season-opening loss to Mesa Mountain View, the Huskies soon found themselves looking at a 1-2 start after dropping a 15-13 decision to St. Mary's.

"We always had tough, competitive games with St. Mary's," recalls Shaffer. "They are always well coached, and our players usually played well, no matter what the outcome. Back then it was to our advantage to play them again, after losing earlier. It seems always an advantage in a rematch to the team which lost the first time."

Then, prior to a non-league contest with Mesa Westwood, Shaffer suspended 29 players for a campus prank. The Huskies basically faced Westwood with a JV lineup, and were trounced 29-3. "But after that game we got our act together," adds Shaffer.

In the remaining nine games, Horizon outscored their opponents 398 points to 54, and finished their championship run with an 11-3 record.

The school's rise to the top of the 5A football charts was no fluke. First under Richard Gray, and then Shaffer, the north Scottsdale school had always been strong in football. In 1981, the school's second varsity campaign, a Gray-coached club finished 10-2 and earned him coach of the year honors.



Quarterback Jeff Voigt, who pitched the winning touchdown pass in the 5A title game, rebounded from a broken collarbone to lead his team to the finals.

Shaffer, who took over the program in 1985, won over 100 contests and almost 70% of his games. Before the championship win over St. Mary's, Shaffer-coached teams, during a five-year stretch, recorded 8-3, 9-1-1, 9-3, 10-2, and 10-1 seasons, and produced top 10-rated teams each year.

In 1994, rematches worked in Horizon's favor. After knocking out Trevor Browne of Phoenix 43-3 in the playoffs' first round, the Huskies sent Mountain View home after a 23-14 win, avenging the season-opener. It was not a rematch in the semifinals, but it was a hard-fought 28-15 win over talented South Mountain.

"Talent-wise, that was the best team we played," says Shaffer, referring to South. "They were big and fast, but our defense played great, and we slowed them down. Our coaches and kids did a great job."

The quarterfinals in late November was a bad night for the East Valley. Not only did Horizon knock Jesse Parker's Toros out of action, but St. Mary's did a 24-14 number on undefeated Mesa High.

In the finals at Arizona State, played before 15,651 paid fans and a TV audience, Clayton rush for 120 yards and one touchdown on 23 carries. He finished the season with 1,821 yards and 24 scores, both school records. The Knights' Roger Aguilar, an all-state wingback, caught five passes from junior quarterback Ryan Kealy for 110 yards and both touchdowns.

Besides Clayton, a San Diego State signee, tackle Mike Malano, who later played with the Minnesota Vikings, and linemen Ryan Wing and D.J. Vasquez made various all-state teams.

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HUSKIES 40	Trevor Browne 12
HUSKIES 3	Mesa Westwood 29
HUSKIES 62	Scottsdale Saguaro 8
HUSKIES 42	North Canyon 0
HUSKIES 63	Yuma Kofa 0
HUSKIES 62	Shadow Mountain 0
HUSKIES 59	Deer Valley 0
HUSKIES 43	*Trevor Browne 3
HUSKIES 23	*Mountain View 14
HUSKIES 28	*South Mountain 15
HUSKIES 16	*Phoenix St. Mary's 14

10 years ago (1994)

Peoria, Sahuaro Fit-to-be Tied

Where's a good tie-breaker system when you need one? That's what fans of both Peoria and Tucson Sahuaro were wondering after watching the two schools battle to a draw in the 1994 Class 4A finals at Sun Devil Stadium.

Today they play overtime. Ten years ago they settled for a tie and went home.

For Tucson Sahuaro, the Cougars were in a happier mood than Peoria. After going the length of the field with less than four minutes remaining, Sahuaro scored a touchdown and a two-point conversion to tie it at 17-17. Peoria, which led most of the way, thought they had it won. But Sahuaro's game-tieing drive changed everything.

Sahuaro coach Howard Breinig, coaching in has last game after a 32-year career, was much happier than the year before, when his team was steamrolled 63-32 in the 4A finals by Marana Mountain View.

For Peoria, it was another trip to Tempe's Sun Devil Stadium for one of the state's most successful programs - at any level. It was the Clapp's fifth championship game appearance. Two resulted in wins: 29-23 over Agua Fria in 1986; 28-6 over Glendale Cactus in 1987. His 1988 squad fell to Agua Fria 13-7 in the finals, while his near-perfect 1990 unit dropped a 31-28 shootout with Tucson Sabino. He began his career at the west-side school in 1986.

In 1994, the Panthers were top-notch again. State player of the year Tavon Cooper (2,030 yards, 37 touchdowns) and all-state receiver Kenny Mitchell grabbed all the headlines, but the team was deep and talented, and like most Clapp-coached teams two-platooned.

Cooper, who led the state in kickoff returns, was almost bottled up by Sahuaro's stingy defense. But after the Cougars scored first on Omar Bacon's 39-yard run, Cooper ran the ensuing kickoff back 91-yards for a score. It was the first kickoff returned for a score in 4A championship game history, and the longest in any title game - regardless of class. From scrimmage, Cooper was held to 92 yards on 29 carries.

But the key play of the game may have come in the third period, when Sahuaro sophomore Chris Spurr blocked a Peoria punt for a safety, keeping the Cougars close at 10-9.

Peoria rang a warning bell in early September with a 55-31 pasting of Scottsdale Chaparral. Between that rout and a 49-25 win over Centennial to close the regular season, they stubbed their toe only once.



Cooper, who led the state in kickoff returns, landed player of the year honors after 2,039 rushing yards and 37 touchdowns.

In a matchup that had grown into the biggest rivalry in the Valley, the Panthers were nipped by Glendale Cactus 37-33, before 6,000-plus fans at Glendale Community College. In a losing effort, Cooper ran for 298 yards on 30 carries and scored three touchdowns.

For Cactus, junior quarterback Jonathan Beasley, who would later play for Kansas State, completed 21 passes in 35 attempts for a school-record 395 yards and three touchdowns. Both teams combined for 854 yards total offense.

"It's hard to believe it's been 10 years already ... but what I remember the most was how strong, and how competitive, all the teams were in the playoffs. Everyone of them. There were no weak teams. Even schools like Casa Grande, with that Trejo kid, were really strong that year. "

"We did a Peoria-Cactus game or two for Cox-TV," recalls Valley sports caster George Allen. "The games and the crowds were unreal. It drew better than games in the East Valley, and the skill-position players were terrific."

In the playoffs, Peoria had their hands full from start to finish. After dropping Ironwood 29-10 in a rematch from a regular season clash, Casa Grande (with young fullback Steve Trejo) fell 40-37; Gilbert Highland was next at 14-13, followed by the tie with Sahuaro.

"It's hard to believe it's been 10 years already," says Clapp. "But what I remember the most was how strong, and how competitive, all the teams were in the playoffs. Everyone of them. There were no weak teams. Even schools like Casa Grande, with that Trejo kid, were really strong that year."

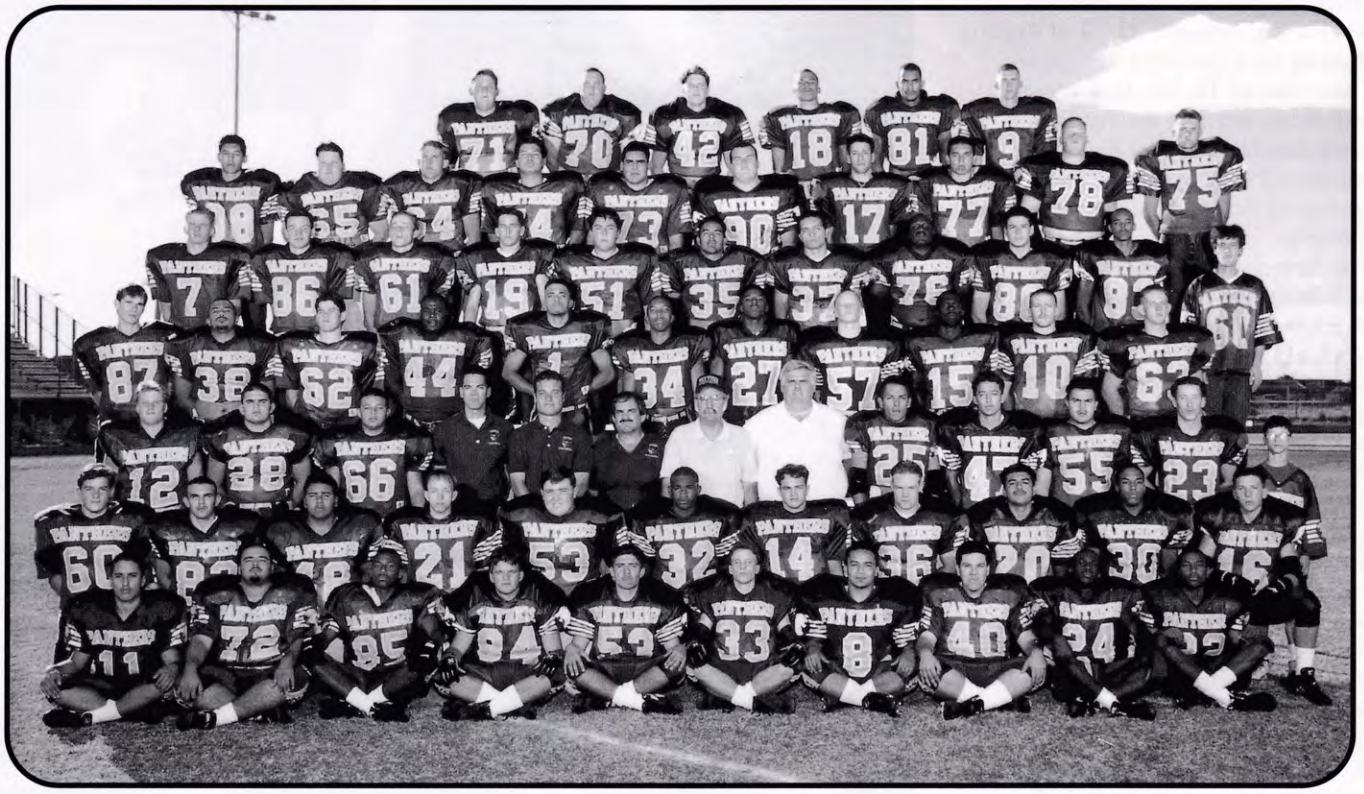
When the dust had cleared and the college recruiting process had concluded, the colleges grabbed the Panthers' three best prospects: Cooper signed with Colorado, Mitchell with Arizona State, and linebacker Jeff Johnson went to Washington.

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PEORIA 33 .....Glendale Cactus 37
PEORIA 18.....Glendale Ironwood 14
PEORIA 20 .....Lake Havasu 14
PEORIA 35.....Tolleson Westview 21
PEORIA 36 .....Agua Fria 12
PEORIA 40.....Tolleson 6
PEORIA 49.....Peoria Centennial 25

PLAYOFFS:

PEORIA 29 .....Glendale Ironwood 10
PEORIA 40 .....Casa Grande 37
PEORIA 14.....Gilbert Highland 13
PEORIA 17.....Tucson Sahuaro 17

20 years ago (1984)

Another Knight to Remember

Quarterback Steve Belles was all smiles. He wasn't alone. It was another historic night for the St. Mary's football tradition, December 7, 1984. In the second half, the offense came alive and buried Tucson Sahuaro, 31-14 at Arizona Stadium in the Class AAA title game.

The crowd of 12,500 fans, mostly from Tucson, watched the Pat Farrell-coached Knights win their first state crown since 1968. Ironically, Farrell was a member of the '68 squad, coached by Ed Doherty.

The new champions finished 12-2, while Sahuaro, the No. 2 seed from the AAA South league, finished 9-5. St. Mary's had lost their opener to top-rated Tempe McClintock, 14-9. But they beat the favored Chargers in a rematch in the semifinals, 24-7.

Belles, the Knights all-state signal caller who later played at Notre Dame, didn't have one of his better nights, completing seven of 15 passes for 88 yards. But his teammates on defense picked up the slack. The intercepted a title game record five passes. One was returned for a score. Rohber Bradford intercepted three.

However, St. Mary's, which won its sixth state championship since 1941, scored from everywhere on the field. Junior halfback Derryl Harris sprinted 57 yards for a touchdown, junior Mike Cortright booted a 33-yard field goal, Bradford returned his pass interception 40 yards, and sophomore Reggie McGill caught two short scoring strikes from Belles.

During the season Belles, the Arizona Player of the Year, passed for a school record 2,233 yards. Cortright kicked a school record 11 field goals and 45 extra points, and the Knights' secondary intercepted a school record 28 passes.

"We won it on defense, no doubt about it," said Farrell after the game. "The kids weren't really sharp on offense, but they did the job when they had to on defense. The biggest play of the game was just before the half."

With 45 seconds left in the second period St. Mary's led 10-0, but Sahuaro was inside the 5-yard line. Three running plays moved the ball to within inches of the goal, where Sahuaro faced a fourth down. Fullback Ronnie Pearce, a 6-3, 230-pounder, tried the middle, but was hit behind the goal by linebacker Hans Laughner, and the Knights escaped to the locker room unscratched.



During the season Belles, the Arizona Player of the Year, passed for a school record 2,233 yards, then signed with Notre Dame (Phoenix Gazette photo).

"That was the bottom-line key right there," recalled Farrell. "If they score right before the half they go into the locker room juiced-up, and they come out in the second half fired up."

"I think we would have done a lot better in the second half if we had gotten in," agreed Sahuaro head coach Howard Breinig, once a starting guard at the University of Arizona. "We just killed ourselves with mistakes. They're a fine team, especially defensively."

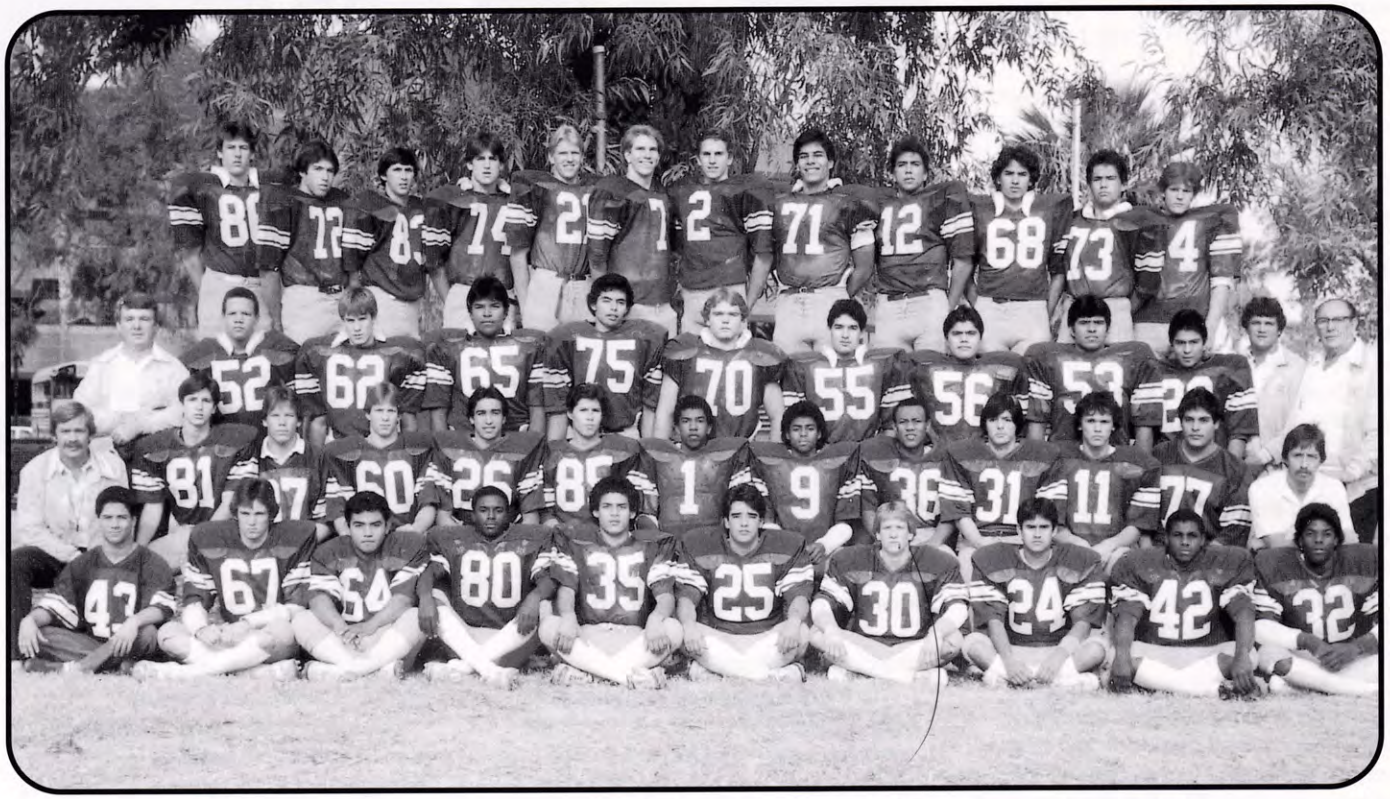
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St. Mary's was able to contain Sahuaro's famed "Black Offense", a shotgun formation with no running backs, until the fourth quarter. The Cougars rallied behind the passing of Brad Chilcote to all-state receiver Steve Martin, an Arizona State baseball signee. They scored twice after St. Mary's took a 31-0 lead.

Farrell knew defense would be the key, as it is in most championship games. In 1968, during his junior year, he intercepted nine passes for the state champs. When Doherty stepped down as head coach after the 1970 season, Farrell became an assistant under Pat Lavin. He landed the head job in 1978, and has won over 200 games at his alma mater.

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KNIGHTS 20	Moon Valley 29
KNIGHTS 20	Scottsdale Horizon 8
KNIGHTS 17	Glendale Apollo 9
KNIGHTS 42	Phoenix Brophy Prep 0
KNIGHTS 34	Deer Valley 17
KNIGHTS 45	Shadow Mountain 15
PLAYOFFS	
*KNIGHTS 37	Prescott 0
*KNIGHTS 26	Tucson Amphi 21
*KNIGHTS 24	Tempe McClintock 7
*KNIGHTS 31	Tucson Sahuaro 14

30 years ago (1974)

Camelback Finally Got it Right

Mark Whipple had the right touch this time. So did the rest of his Camelback teammates. Right down to the waterboy. Ask Buena High from Sierra Vista, or Phoenix St. Mary's. Or any of the dozen victims on the Spartans' 12-0-1 schedule in 1974.

In 1973, a young Camelback squad, coached by young Jesse Parker, advanced all the way to the AAA finals, only to lose a 22-20 thriller to Tucson Palo Verde in the final minute of the game.

Whipple, the Spartans' junior signal caller, walked off the field dejected, along with the rest of his teammates. But they had a burning desire to come back. One year later they returned to Sun Devil Stadium, first as part of a double-header in the state semifinals.

The two-game shootout drew 21,000 fans, at the time a high school record for the state. In the opener, top-ranked Marcos de Niza, with state player of the year Jimmy Moore, faced St. Mary's. The feisty Knights, with junior halfback David Mitchell and junior receiver Speedy Hart, upset the Padres 28-14.

In the second contest, Whipple's superb ballhandling and the running of Randy Palmer, Rick Hancock and Roger Overton had Buena leaning the wrong way on every play. The Spartans coasted to a 34-7 halftime lead, and later prevailed 34-21.

The following week, on a wet playing surface at Sun Devil Stadium, 17,000 braved the damp night and watched another classic 22-20 title game. Only this time Camelback was the victor. It was the same score they had lost to Palo Verde by the previous year.

The two teams battled evenly, the only surprise being Camelback's accuracy through the air. The Spartans' ground game had made the pass unnecessary during most of the season. But against St. Mary's, Whipple and his receivers were right on target. An early touchdown pass and a two-point conversion loomed big.

The Spartans took the lead when Whipple hit Mark DeGrow on a 17-yard scoring strike. But Wally Zink's extra point kick missed. St. Mary's, coached by Pat Lavin, answered with quarterback Chris Skelly scoring on a one-yard run. Greg Gamez added the extra point and the Knights led 7-6. But the Spartans roared back, taking the lead on a short run by Jim Keller. Whipple's two-point scoring toss followed.



Camelback coach Jesse Parker (left) and Phoenix St. Mary's mentor Pat Lavin meet at mid-field after Spartans' 22-20 win (Ken Akers photo).

St. Mary's answered right back, as Kelly hit Hart for a score. Camelback answered again, as Overton scored from the two. Then came a key play. Zink's extra point missed again. But St. Mary's was offside and the Spartans got a second chance. Overton ran it in for a 22-14 lead.

With little time remaining, St. Mary's went the length of the field, and Mitchell scored on a sweep. A two-point pass attempt failed. Hart, one of the schools best-ever receivers, recovered the on-side kick. But the Knights attempted comeback fell short when they fumbled seconds later, and Camelback ran out the clock.

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It was the Phoenix school's first state title after three attempts. In 1964, Camelback dropped a heartbreaker to Mesa Westwood in the finals, 10-7. Three years later eventual state champ St. Mary's ended their season in the semifinals - also in Sun Devil Stadium - 20-14. The '74 squad finished 12-0-1. They were tied earlier in the season 20-20 by Maryvale.

For Parker, who was assisted by Bill Saunders, Ernie Hawkins, Gerry Clyne and Dale O'Dell, it concluded his sixth year at the school. Prior to that he was an assistant at Phoenix Union under Saunders. Two years later he left to take over duties at the new Mesa school, Mountain View.

Parker graduated from East Central State College in Oklahoma in 1963, with a degree in American History. He became an assistant coach at Caperock High in Amarillo, Texas, before attending Kansas University. Then he moved to Phoenix.

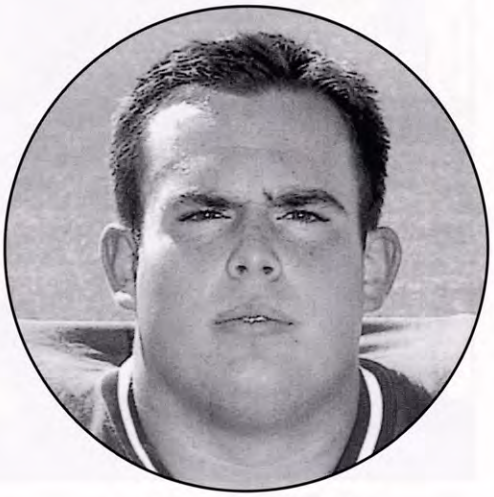
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1976.....Pat Blakey, Scottsdale Coronado (6-2, 220)
1975.....Frank Collins, Phoenix Maryvale (6-1, 210)
1974.....Jim Flannery, Chandler (6-1, 190)
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40 years ago (1964)

Westwood from Start to Finish

Grinning from ear to ear, 54-year-old Edgar "Mutt" Ford looked like a kid in a candy store as he darted around the roaring Westwood dressing room.

"How does it feel to win your eighth state championship?" asked a reporter from ***The Arizona Republic***.

"Every one is more of a thrill than the last," answered Ford, the most legendary football coach in Mesa's proud football system. "Our whole defense needs a pat on the back. It played like pros down on the goal line. And it had to. Camelback's the best overall team we've played this year."

The happy locker room was in Tempe, at Arizona State University. Ford's Westwood High team, with its first senior class, had just beaten Phoenix Camelback 10-7 in the state finals. The game was played before 18,000 fans in Sun Devil Stadium. It was the 13th straight win for the Warriors dating back to 1963. Undefeated Camelback had a 16-game win streak scissored.

"Hey coach, how about that!" shouted Rudy Santa Cruz, whose first field goal of the season was the difference.

"We didn't play our best on offense, but they've got a tough defense, too," added Westwood quarterback David Cummard.

Ron Hendrix, Camelback's All-American linebacker who later signed with Arizona State, drew praise from the state champs. "I think Hendrix and the rest of his teammates hit me twice as hard as anybody we've played," sighed Ric Watson, one of Westwood's ace backs. "They have a great ball team."

Frustration etched into the face of Don Baker, the Spartans' young-looking coach who later became an popular assistant at Arizona State. He watched a penalty wipe out one touchdown, and a later drive stop inches from the goal line.

"We should have beaten them, we should have beaten them," he uttered. "But they were tough when they had to be. They had a good ball club down on the goal line. But we still should have beaten them."

The win climaxed a speedy rise to athletic prominence for the new Mesa school in only its second year of varsity play, and gave their coach another championship crown. Ford earlier won a state title at Glendale, and seven at Mesa High.

With :38 left in the first period, Santa Cruz came in to kick his 23-yard field goal. His three pointer was set up by one of four pass interceptions thrown by Camelback's all-state quarterback Dave Grangaard.



Westwood's Bill Bailey, one of the Warrior's ace backs, cuts back against the field during a hard-fought 20-13 win over Arcadia (Mesa Tribune photo).

The Warriors advanced to the finals with an impressive 20-0 shutout of unbeaten Tucson Salpointe, played before 12,000 fans at the University of Arizona. Two-way tackle Richard Griffin, also a prep All-American, and his Warrior teammates held the Lancers' bruising fullback Herbie Jones to 49 yards on 15 carries. Jones had been the state's top scorer during regular season play. But during the game Westwood lost fullback Jim Boubelik to a broken leg. This stymied the Warrior's ground game in the finals.

In September, Watson and running-mate Bill Bailey got the Warriors to a good start, beating a strong Scottsdale High team 14-0. It was the Beavers only loss of the year. Eight weeks into the season Westwood was unbeaten and ready to face their coach's old school, Mesa High. The 14-7 Warrior win was played before a packed house at the old Jackrabbit Stadium, located in Mesa on Broadway Street. Boubelik broke loose for both touchdowns.

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One week later Westwood survived a 20-13 thriller with Arcadia, the new Scottsdale school which had become a state power as quickly as Westwood. Bailey's 73-yard scoring dash gave the Warriors the edge. They closed out the regular season with a 21-0 win over Phoenix Maryvale.

Although Ford would coach two more years at Westwood, his '64 squad was his last championship team. Dave Gates and Roger Hightower were his assistants. It was Ford's first undefeated team since 1943, when he won a co-state championship at Glendale. Ironically, he never coached an undefeated, untied team at Mesa.

His final game was a classic. In 1966, the Warriors fell to Tucson High 14-7 in the state finals, also played at Sun Devil Stadium. He never coached in the Mesa Public School System again.

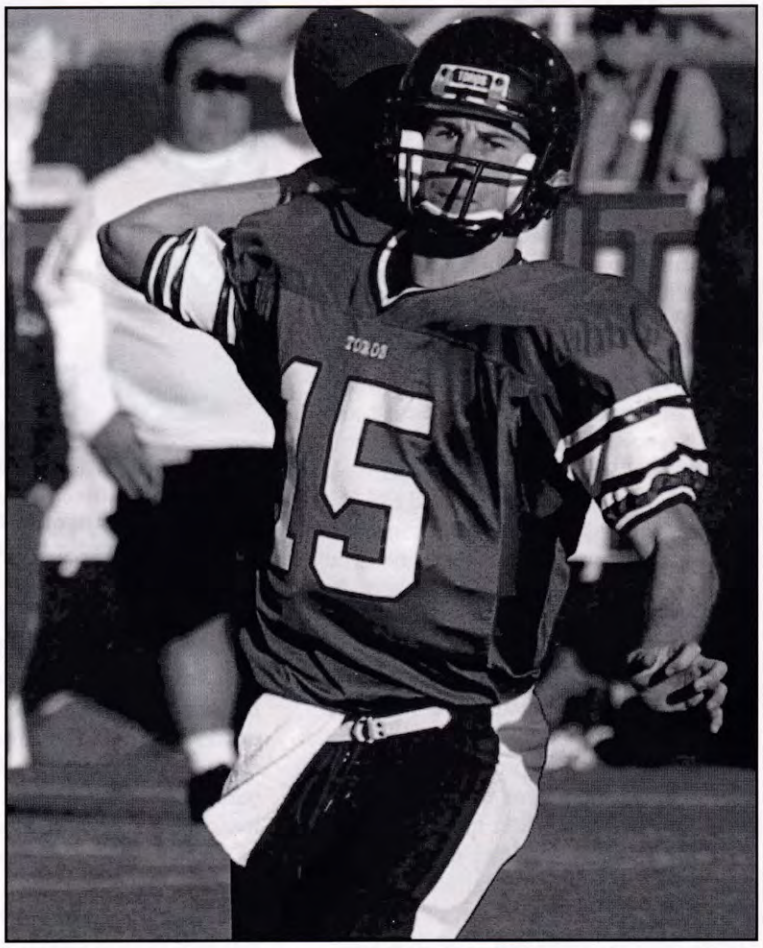
With head coaching stints at Peoria, Coolidge, Glendale, Mesa and Westwood, and a short stint at Mesa Community College, Ford won 227 games, lost 64 and tied 17. He was the 1960 National Coach of the Year, and between 1945 and 1961, Ford-coached teams were 6-3-1 against Texas schools, and 10-0 against West Coast teams.

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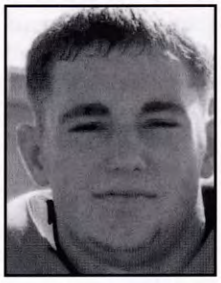
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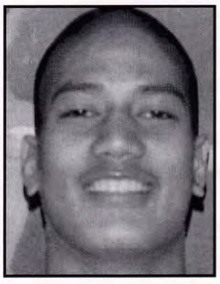
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2002.....Jarrett Stradling, Mesa, FB/LB
2001.....Mike Green, Red Mountain, LB
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1998.....Bristol Olomua, Red Mountain, WR
1997.....Todd Heap, Mountain View, TE/LB
1996.....Cody Price, Westwood, LB
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1993.....Mikel Moreno, Mesa, QB
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1991.....Mike Cook, Mountain View, WR/DB/K
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1989.....Mark Jorgensen, Westwood, DB
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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
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1970.....Dick Harris, Westwood, WR



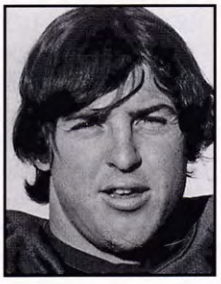
Mountain View's Max Hall passed for 2,400 yards and 35 touchdowns. (Steve Paynter photo)



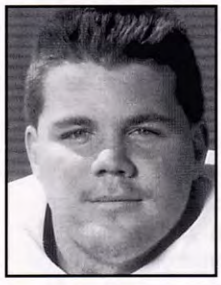
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Golden Year for Phoenix Union

In continuing its tradition of saluting outstanding teams of the past, the Arizona Interscholastic Association will honor one of the city's most historic football teams in December.

During the halftime of the upcoming 2004 Class 5A football finals at Sun Devil Stadium, the 1954 Phoenix Union Coyotes will take another bow. And deservedly so.

In 1954, major events took place on the Phoenix sports scene. The most important was the decision by the Phoenix Union High School District to integrate their school system. Carver High, the all-black school located less than one mile south of Phoenix Union, closed. The students were merged with the older, larger school at 7th Street and Van Buren. The Coyotes' enrollment jumped to 3,973 students. One year later nearby Phoenix Tech closed and PU had 5,819 students on his massive campus.

Almost overnight, the school became a national power in almost every sport. And since more interstate competition existed in those days, the Coyotes proved it on the playing field. During the decade of the '50s, Phoenix Union went 9-6-1 against out-of-state competition in football (mostly West Coast schools), produced nationally ranked basketball teams, plus numerous All-Americans in track & field.

"Along with the merger came an incredible collection of talented athletes, like George Greathouse" says young head coach Sam Winningham. The task was undertaken by Winningham, whose opening game in 1954 was the first public display of how the merger worked. A 41-7 win over Yuma, sparked by a punt return by Greathouse, started a two-year title run in which the Coyotes won back-to-back state crowns.

One week later Greathouse scored three times, Vic Sanchez and Sylvester Mabry once, and all-state guard Al Carr was a terror on the line. Before 8,000 fans at historic Montgomery Stadium the Coyotes crushed next-door-neighbor St. Mary's 37-13. Carr, who would later star at Arizona State, was a fearless competitor with great quickness.

"It was a great lesson in life for all of us involved," recalled Carr years later. "We battled each other to make the teams, joked together and became friends. And I felt the coaches' decisions were always fair."



Greathouse, the state player of the year as a junior, fights for yardage against Tucson Amphitheater. He gained 177 yards and scored three touchdowns during a 34-8 win (Phoenix Gazette photo).

Greathouse scored the only touchdown in the only blemish on Phoenix Union's schedule, a 7-7 tie with Redlands, California. But two weeks later, in Bakersfield, against one of California's proudest programs, Greathouse scored three touchdowns, Mo Watson dashed 80 yards for a another, and Don Rhinehard tossed a touchdown pass to Sherman Gile as Phoenix drilled Bakersfield's Drillers 33-14.

In the last meeting between the two schools, Phoenix Tech fell 33-0; Tucson was crushed 34-7, returning the historic Francis Siegel Trophy to the Coyotes; and Mesa fell 13-7 in a defensive battle, played before 11,000 fans in Phoenix. Phoenix Union's defense was superb in stopping Mesa's all-state quarterback Ralph Hunsaker and tailback Warren Livingston, later stars at the University of Arizona. That same Mesa squad, coached by Edgar "Mutt" Ford, finished the '54 campaign with a stunning 40-13 win over Southern CIF champion Compton Centennial.

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After a 36-13 win over Phoenix West, followed by a 34-8 shellacking of Tucson Amphitheater, the stage was set for the annual Thanksgiving Day game between the Coyotes and city rival North. An afternoon crowd of 13,500 watched Greathouse score once and throw a touchdown pass to Ken Ramsey during a 14-7 state championship-clinching win.

Phoenix finished with a 9-0-1 record during this era prior to the AIA playoff format. Greathouse, only a junior, scored 22 touchdowns and earned All-American recognition. Teammates Sanchez and Carr joined him on ***The Arizona Republic's*** annual all-state squad. In Minneapolis, the National Sports News Service ranked the Coyotes No. 7 in its final U.S.A. prep poll. No. 1 was Vallejo, California, with All-American tailback Dick Bass.

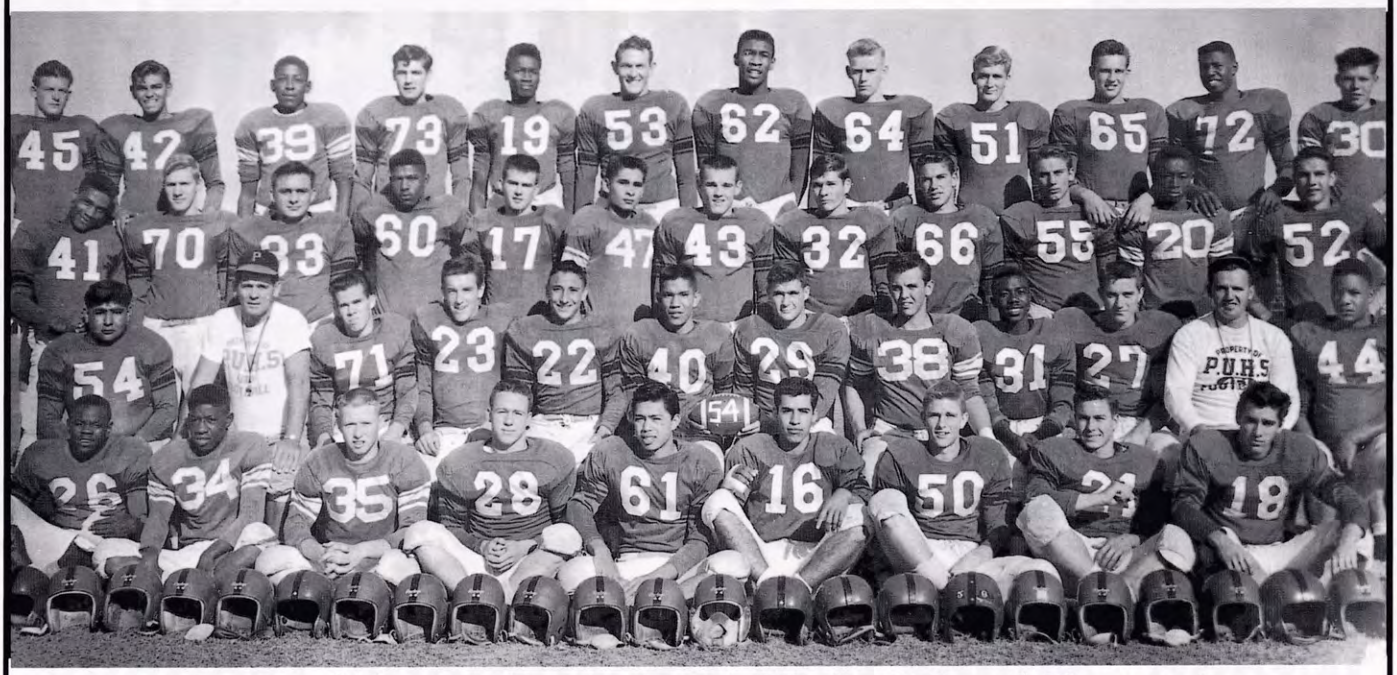
Between 1895, when the school opened, and 1981, when the doors closed, few high schools in the Southwest matched Phoenix Union's success. With an enrollment peak of 6,320 students in 1963, the Coyotes won over 100 state championships in team sports, including 25 in football, a national record at the time.

By BARRY SOLLENBERGER

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Hamilton tailback Tramell McGill, a Colorado State signee, gained 1,512 yards and scored 21 TDs for the 5A state champs. (Steve Paynter photo)

Wrenn, Miller Win Prestigious Trophies

By BARRY SOLLENBERGER

Desert Vista tight end/linebacker **Zach Miller**, and Chandler Hamilton head coach **John Wrenn**, landed two of the state's most prestigious football trophies after the 2003 football season.

Miller, who was also selected as Arizona's **Gatorade** Player of the Year, is the recipient of the **Vic Housholder Trophy**, presented to the Arizona Player of the Year by ***Phoenix Metro Football*** Magazine. The award, a four-foot-tall traveling trophy, is presented each year by the **Scottsdale Quarterback Club** at their annual Super All-State luncheon. The event, held Friday before Super Bowl XXXVIII, is co-sponsored by ***Phoenix Metro Football***. Last fall Miller, the state's most highly touted recruit, caught 46 passes for 790 yards and six touchdowns. At linebacker he led the Thunder's defense with 97 tackles and eared the prestigious **Larry Gordon Award**, given to the state's best each season at that position.

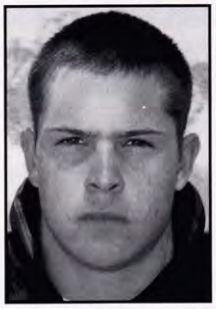
The Vic Housholder Trophy is named after the late ***Arizona Republic*** sports columnist, considered the "father" of the all-state teams. It was Housholder who organized on an annual basis the all-state selections for the ***Republic*** in the mid-1920s, and continued the tradition for years. The trophy resides at the winner's school for nine months. In 2002, the trophy belonged to Tolleson High and **Marcus Thomas**, the most prolific single-season rushing leader in Arizona history. Today, Thomas is a wide receiver at Texas El Paso, after a short-lived stint at the University of Arizona.

Wrenn, an Illinois transplant who has built Hamilton High into a state power in six short years, took home the **R.R. "Robby" Robinson Trophy**, given annually to the state's coach of the year. It is named after the legendary Phoenix Union mentor who won 14 state football championships and was the 1930 National coach of the Year, selected by the ***National Sports News Service*** in Minneapolis. Wrenn, whose Huskies beat Mesa Mountain View 35-28 in the 5A finals in three overtimes, is just three wins shy of joining the profession's 200-win club. In Arizona and Illinois, Wrenn's coaching record reads 197-44-0, for a .817 winning percentage.

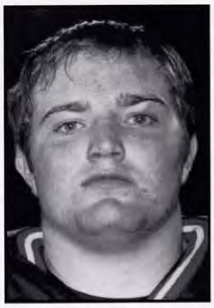
The 2003 Super All-State Team included two quarterbacks, Scottsdale Chaparral's **Darren Mougey**, a San Diego State signee, and Mountain View's **Max Hall**, an Arizona State pick. Both career's mirrored one another, as both won state championships as juniors and rewrote their school's record books for quarterbacks.

With Mougey at the helm, the Firebirds compiled a 25-2 two-year record, while Hall was working on a 27 game winning streak when the Toros were derailed in the 5A finals. While leading Chaparral to the 4A semifinals last fall, Mougey passed for 2,218 yards and 32 touchdowns; 4,347 and 55 for his career. Hall, the MVP of the 5A state finals as a junior, passed for 2,400 yards and 35 scores; 4,755 yards and 61 scores during his career.

The star-stunned backfield included two exceptional juniors: Peoria tailback



ADAM VINCENT
Hamilton



BRYCE HARDY
Mountain View

Keegan Herring, winner of the **Whizzer White Award** as the state's best back, and Paradise Valley fullback **Matt Clapp**. Herring, who ran sprint times of 10.75 and 21.40 last spring, rushed for 1,722 yards and scored 29 touchdowns - even though he didn't start in a single game. The third running back, Hamilton senior Tramell McGill, gained 1,512 yards and scored 21 touchdowns for the 5A state champs.

Besides Miller, the region produced another exceptional tight end, Moon Valley's **Andrew Pettes**. Like Miller an Arizona State signee, Pettes caught 39 passes for 627 yards and eight scores. Chaparral wideout John Peel, who signed with Utah, caught 55 passes for 1,106 yards and 19 touchdowns. His 20.1 years per catch was one of 13 Arizona receivers who averaged over 20 yards per grab.

Tucson Salpointe's aerial circus, coached by Dennis Bene, produced two 1,000-yard receivers for the first time in Arizona history. **Rocco Bene**, the coach's son, led the state with 68 catches for 1,376 yards and one dozen scores. Teammate Jack Darlington, a junior, caught 57 passes for 1,172 yards and 13 scores, all from quarterback Tyler Graunke, the Tucson City Player of the Year. The Lancers, who produced the state's premier lineman in Notre Dame signee **John Kadous**, met their Waterloo in the state quarterfinals, 47-14 to state champ Hamilton.

Do-everything **Bubba Bradley**, the state's 4A Player of the Year, guided Glendale Cactus into the finals with both his arm and leg. As a place kicker his 19 field goals tied a state record held by Mike Cortright (Phoenix St. Mary's) and Cory Lizarraga (Blue Ridge). Sophomore place kicker Matt Boatman is on pace to break the state record for PATS in a career, thanks to the 83 he booted for high scoring Chaparral, which scored a 4A state record 664 points in 13 games.

Defensively, Centennial safety **Troy Osborne** etched his name into the Coyotes' record books with a state leading 11 pass interceptions. With Osborne in the lineup, the Coyotes advanced to the 4A quarterfinals, where they dropped a heart-breaker in a rematch with Cactus, 35-28. It was the same score when the two westside toughies met in early November, only the winner was different.

Arizona State cleaned up on the defensive side of the ball, signing three players from Hamilton's state championship squad. Safety **Myrio Davis**, who helped make the winning tackle on the last play of the state title game, linebacker **Adam Vincent**, and lineman David Smith are now Sun Devils.

*2003 Super All-State

OFFENSE

Pos.	Player / High School / Size	Head Coach
QB	Darren Mougey, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-4, 205	Ron Estabrook
	(TIE) Max Hall, Mesa Mountain View, 6-1, 180	Tom Joseph
HB	Keegan Herring, Peoria, 5-10, 180 (jr)	Doug Clapp
HB	Tramell McGill, Chandler Hamilton, 6-1, 195	John Wrenn
FB	Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley, 6-3, 230 (jr)	Don Yantis
WR	John Peel, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-1, 185	Ron Estabrook
WR	Roco Bene, Tucson Salpointe, 6-0, 190	Dennis Bene
TE	Zach Miller, Tempe Desert Vista, 6-4, 245	Dan Hinds
TE	Andrew Pettes, Phoenix Moon Valley, 6-4, 230	Roger Britson
OL	John Kadous, Tucson Salpointe, 6-7, 310	Dennis Bene
OL	Thomas Gagliardi, Phoenix Moon Valley, 6-5, 315	Roger Britson
OL	Allen Smith, Tempe Corona del Sol, 6-5, 325	Gary Venturo
OL	Devin Clark, Mesa Mountain View, 6-4, 290	Tom Joseph
OL	Benny Muth, Phoenix Pinnacle, 6-6, 288	Dana Zupke
K	Bubba Bradley, Glendale Cactus, 6-0, 195	Larry Fetkenhier

DEFENSE

DB	Myrio Davis, Chandler Hamilton, 6-1, 190	John Wrenn
DB	Uriah Marshall, Phoenix Brophy Prep, 5-10, 185	Jeff Kearin
DB	Spencer Perkinson, Mesa Mountain View, 6-2, 195	Tom Joseph
DB	Troy Osborne, Peoria Centennial, 6-0, 180	Richard Taylor
LB	Zach Miller, Tempe Desert Vista, 6-4, 245	Dan Hinds
LB	Bryce Hardy, Mesa Mountain View, 5-10, 225	Tom Joseph
LB	Adam Vincent, Chandler Hamilton, 6-2, 215	John Wrenn
DL	Aaron Fernandez, Mesa Red Mountain, 6-2, 260	Jim Jones
DL	David Smith, Chandler Hamilton, 6-4, 255	John Wrenn
DL	Garrett Ellis, Glendale Mountain Ridge, 6-1, 235	Steve Belles
DL	David Ross, Phoenix Alhambra, 6-2, 295	Frank Lautt
KR	Markus Turner, Peoria, 5-8, 168 (jr)	Doug Clapp

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2003 STATE-WIDE AWARDS

Coach of the Year
John Wrenn,
Chandler Hamilton

5A Player of the Year
Zach Miller,
Tempe Desert Vista

4A Player of the Year
Bubba Bradley,
Glendale Cactus

3A Player of the Year
Trale Permar,
Show Low

2A Player of the Year
Kyle Gingg,
Phoenix Christian

*2003 All-State Teams

CLASS 5A

Offense:

QB Max Hall, Mesa Mountain View, 6-1, 180
HB Tramell McGill, Chandler Hamilton, 6-1, 195
HB Keegan Herring, Peoria, 5-10, 180 (jr)
FB Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley, 6-3, 230 (jr)
TE Zach Miller, Tempe Desert Vista, 6-4, 245
WR Rocco Bene, Tucson Salpointe, 6-0, 190
WR Greg Cochrane, Chandler, 6-2, 180
OL Paul Carpenter, Scottsdale Desert Mountain, 6-7, 290
OL John Kadous, Tucson Salpointe, 6-7, 310
OL Allen Smith, Tempe Corona del Sol, 6-5, 325
OL Mike Griffin, Peoria, 6-3, 285
OL Devin Clark, Mesa Mountain View, 6-4, 290
PK Dan Griffiths, Chandler Hamilton, 6-1, 190

Defense:

DB Myrio Davis, Chandler Hamilton, 6-1, 190
DB Uriah Marshall, Phoenix Brophy Prep, 5-10, 185
DB Spencer Perkinson, Mesa Mountain View, 6-2, 195
DB Rodney Overton, Phoenix Alhambra, 5-10, 170
LB Zach Miller, Tempe Desert Vista, 6-4, 245
LB Bryce Hardy, Mesa Mountain View, 5-10, 225
LB Adam Vincent, Chandler Hamilton, 6-2, 215
DL Garrett Ellis, Glendale Mountain Ridge, 6-1, 235
DL Aaron Fernandez, Mesa Red Mountain, 6-2, 260
DL David Smith, Chandler Hamilton, 6-4, 255
DL David Ross, Phoenix Alhambra, 6-2, 295
KR Markus Turner, Peoria, 5-8, 168 (jr)

Player of the Year: Zach Miller, Tempe Desert Vista
Coach of the Year: John Wrenn, Chandler Hamilton



Moon Valley tight end Andrew Pettes, an Arizona State signee, caught 39 passes for 627 yards and eight TDs (Steve Paynter photo).

CLASS 4A

Offense

QB Darren Mougey, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-4, 205
RB Kam Kranz, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-1, 200
RB Terry Longbons, Peoria Centennial, 5-11, 190 (jr)
RB Xavier Smith, Tucson Sunnyside, 6-0, 190 (jr)
TE Andrew Pettes, Phoenix Moon Valley, 6-4, 230
WR Rudy Fleming, Tempe McClintock, 6-1, 185
WR John Peel, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-1, 185
OL Thomas Gagliardi, Phoenix Moon Valley, 6-5, 315
OL Benny Muth, Phoenix Pinnacle, 6-6, 288
OL Jeff Hanson, Tucson Sabino, 6-2, 250
OL Mike Achs, Glendale Cactus, 6-3, 300
OL Eric Singh, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-2, 255
K Bubba Bradley, Glendale Cactus, 6-0, 195

Defense

DB Troy Osborne, Peoria Centennial, 6-0, 180
DB Reno Paccioni, Bradshaw Mountain, 6-0, 166
DB Geoff Williams, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-1, 170
DB Steve Hoffmann, Phoenix Greenway, 5-10, 175
LB Dustin Kleven, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-3, 215
LB Brandon Lopez, Vail Cienega, 6-2, 210
LB Zack Samorano, Tucson Sunnyside, 6-1, 205
LB Mike Phillips, Glendale Cactus, 6-3, 220
DL Ekom Udofia, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-2, 270 (jr)
DL Matt Hassenflug, Flagstaff, 6-1, 260
DL Maurice Wells, Vail Cienega, 6-3, 215
KR Reno Paccioni, Bradshaw Mountain, 6-0, 166

Player of the Year: Bubba Bradley, Cactus (QB/K)
Coach of the Year: Richard Sanchez, Sunnyside

CLASS 3A

Offense

QB Angel Felix, Coolidge, 6-0, 180 (jr)
RB Trale Permar, Show Low, 5-10, 180
RB Paul Johnson, Snowflake, 5-11, 185 (jr)
RB Jefferson Clark, Higley, 6-3, 190
FB Brian Herrington, Wickenburg, 6-1, 227
TE Daniel Wortman, Show Low, 6-4, 204
WR Oscar Palacios, Coolidge, 6-0, 185 (jr)
WR C.J. Garoner, Safford, 5-8, 150
OL Barry Charters, Chandler Seton Catholic, 6-1, 290
OL Garrett Riffey, Higley, 5-10, 230
OL Miles Payne, Queen Creek, 6-2, 270
OL Stetson Tenney, Show Low, 6-5, 235 (jr)
OL Cameron Bechtel, Coolidge, 6-0, 215
K Sean Kirby, Fountain Hills, 6-0, 180

Defense

DB Brian Murphy, Show Low, 6-3, 175
DB Richie Williams, Eloy Santa Cruz, 6-0, 165
DB Neil Kerkhof, Chandler Seton Catholic, 5-9, 178
DB Nick Merklin, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 5-9, 155
LB J.D. Denton, Eloy Santa Cruz, 5-11, 205
LB John Sullivan, Winslow, 5-10, 195
LB C.J. Nikolaus, Show Low, 5-11, 175 (jr)
DL Josh Rivas, Eloy Santa Cruz, 5-9, 206
DL Ed Damper, Snowflake, 5-9, 270
DL Anthony Williams, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 6-5, 230 (jr)
DL Jason Covert, Show Low, 6-4, 220
KR Richie Williams, Eloy Santa Cruz, 6-0, 165

Player of the Year: Trale Permar, Show Low
Coach of the Year: Jeremy Hathcock, Show Low



GARRETT ELLIS
Mountain Ridge



JOHN PEEL
Chaparral



DUSTIN KLEVEN
Chaparral

CLASS 2A

Offense

QB Josh Schlueter, Phoenix Christian, 6-0, 200 (jr)
RB Jerry Nicholas, Thatcher, 5-11, 190
RB Andy Schroeder, Arizona Lutheran, 6-0, 175
RB Tyler Woodman, Yuma Catholic, 6-0, 178 (jr)
RB Dwayne Thomas, Tombstone, 5-10, 160 (so)
WR Geoff Burns, Phoenix Christian, 6-0, 175
WR Dustin Patterson, St. Johns, 6-3, 160
OC Jon Matney, Scottsdale Christian, 5-11, 225
OL Michael Davis, Morenci, 6-5, 305
OL John Poe, St. Johns, 6-3, 303
OL J.T. Young, Thatcher, 6-3, 225
OL Andrew Thompson, Phoenix Christian, 6-1, 240 (jr)
K Nate Huss, Phoenix Christian, 6-0, 160

Defense

DB Steve Ramirez, Phoenix Bourgade, 5-8, 160
DB Kellen Cottrell, Phoenix Christian, 6-0, 175
DB Dustin Patterson, St. Johns, 6-3, 160
DB Gabe Ramirez, Florence, 5-11, 165
LB Kyle Gingg, Phoenix Christian, 6-0, 208
LB Joe Pappas, Phoenix Bourgade, 5-11, 200
LB Ryan Davis, St. Johns, 6-2, 200
DL Anthony Schelstrate, Scottsdale Christian, 6-4, 250
DL Michael Davis, Morenci, 6-5, 305



Scottsdale Chaparral wingback Kam Kranz averaged 17.8 yards per carry (Darryl Webb/The Tribune).

DL Jake Carrasco, Florence, 6-3, 235
DL John Podojil, Phoenix Bourgade, 6-0, 205
KR Kellen Cottrell, Phoenix Christian, 6-0, 175
Player of the Year: Kyle Gingg, Phoenix Christian, FB/LB
Coach of the Year: Tom Hurt, Yuma Catholic

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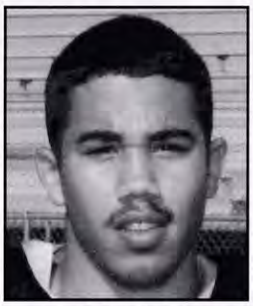
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TOUCHDOWNS (GAME)
8.....C.R. Davis, Moon Valley, 2000
7.....Coury Hankins, South Mountain, 1994
7.....Mike Brown, Saguaro, 1995
7.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1996 (jr)
7.....Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2002
6.....Cotton Reiman, Phoenix Union, 1928
6.....Art 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

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

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
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440.....Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, 1991-93
434.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1995-97
415.....Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, 1997-98
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
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
334.....Paul Fichera, Coronado, 1990 (jr)
333.....Mike Bell, Tolleson, 1999 (jr)

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
2,094...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
4,307...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)

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN
99.....Sammy Johnson, Mesa, 1952
99.....Craig Poncziak, Gerard, 1964
99.....Wayne Jones, Dysart, 1972
99.....Jerry Harper, Chaparral, 1980
99.....Tom Collins, Apollo, 1985
99.....Randy Carr, Central, 1986

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In 2002, no back in Arizona history had a season like Marcus Turner: 3,573 yards and 46 touchdowns (Steve Paynter photo).

99 .....Phil Hayward, Deer Valley, 1993 (jr)
99 .....Trung Canidate, Central, 1994
99 .....Phil Hayward, Deer Valley, 1994
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
418 .....John Beck, Mountain View, 1999
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
3,146 ...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

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)
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
32 .....Todd Mortensen, Tempe, 1996
32 .....Ryan Hoffner, NWCC, 2002
32 .....Darren Mougey, Chaparral, 2003

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
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
56 .....Jonathan Beasley, Cactus, 1993-95
56 .....Kellen Bradley, Saguaro, 2000-01

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
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)
66 .....Sean Bowman, Phx. Christian, 1999

RECEPTIONS (CAREER)
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
123 .....Sean Bowman, Phx.Christian, 1997-99

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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
255 .....Brian Ruede, Brophy Prep, 1989

RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON)
1,760 ...Damian Segovia, Greenway, 1995
1,662 ...Jimmy Connor, Greenway, 1998
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
2,172 ...Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75

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)

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (SEASON)
23 .....Jimmy Connor, Greenway, 1998
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 .....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

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
101 .....Jarett Sayas, Desert Vista, 2001 (jr)

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
12 .....Randy Weiskittle, Brophy Prep, 1987
12 .....Kyle Bell, McClintock, 1989
12 .....Mario Silva, St. Mary's, 1990
12 .....Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
12 .....Jim Sanson, St. Mary's, 1994 (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
78 .....Sergi Sausedo, Agua Fria, 1998 (jr)
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
63 .....Frank Coen, McClintock, 1980
63 .. ..Brian Golladay, Mountain View, 1999
63 .....Scott Lane, Chaparral, 1999

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
135 .....Derek Lay, Maryvale, 1991-93
134 .....Rich Groppenbacher, McC., 1982-84
129 .....Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope, 1998-01
128 .....Don Gallardo, Cactus, 1993-95
115 .....Frank Coen, McClintock, 1979-80

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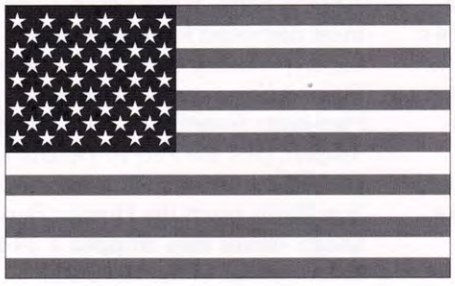
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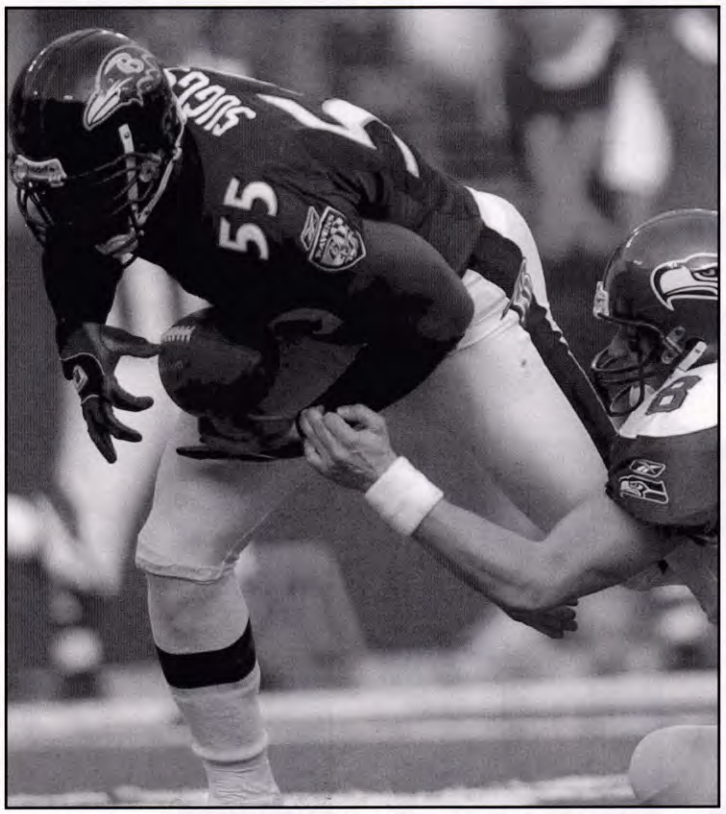
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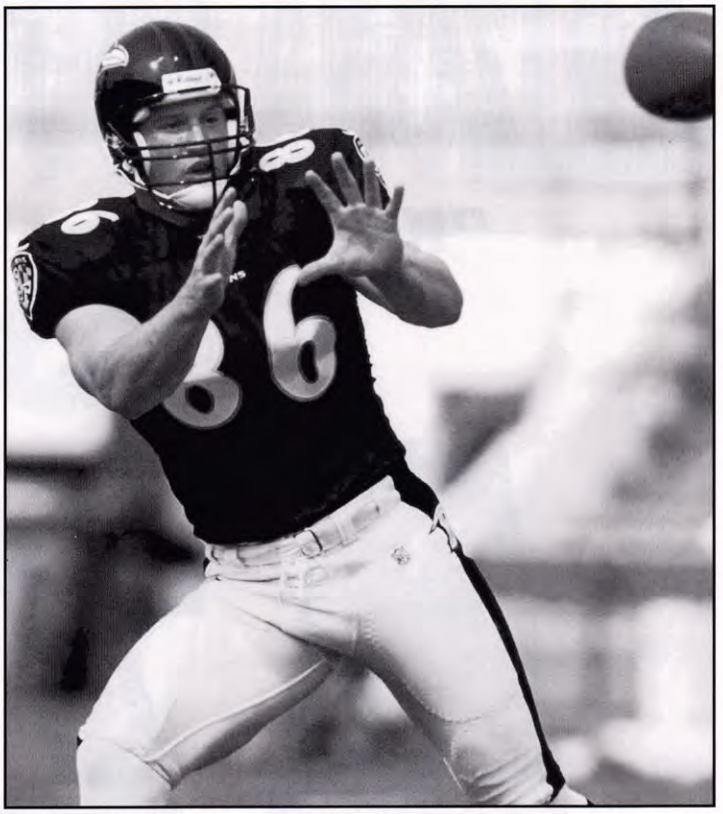


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Former Hamilton High star Terrell Suggs (left) and Mountain View receiver Todd Heap have made a name for themselves, in both Baltimore and the National Football League (NFL Properties).

Suggs, Heap Soar With Ravens

By SAMMY WRIGHT

The numbers are down but the quality isn't. Last fall, on opening day, only 24 former Arizona schoolboy products dotted active NFL rosters, the fewest number in several years.

The same went for the league's April draft, which saw only three former players from the Grand Canyon State selected, another low. But most of those who played were the cream of the crop.

After his first year in Baltimore, former Chandler Hamilton and Arizona State star **Terrell Suggs** won the Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year Award. Ironically, the offensive award had an Arizona connection also, with Arizona Cardinal rookie wide receiver Anquan Boldin winning a similer award.

Boldin, a product of Pahokee (FL) High School and Florida State, set an NFL rookie record with 101 catches, and had more receiving yards (1,377) than any rookie in 40 years.

Suggs, the 1999 Arizona High School Player of the Year as a running back, had 12 sacks after moving from his college position at defensive end to linebacker. He won the award in spite of the fact that he started only one game, and played mostly on passing downs. He edged out Dallas cornerback Terence Newman, the former Kansas State star, in the balloting.

"I've gotten more confidence as a player, and my pass coverage has come together,: Suggs told The Tribune. "I'm playing well enough now that they're confident enough to throw me out there on first and second downs. It took a long time, but I'm getting it now."

"He's a bright Kid," said Ravens defensive coordinator Mike Nolan after Suggs almost broke the NFL single season mark for sacks by a rookie. "Terrell's still got a lot of growing up to do. But he learns quickly, has a tremendous passion for football and isn't intimidated by the pro game."

He did tie an NFL record by recording at least one sack in each of his first four games, and his 12 sacks eclipsed the franchise mark of 11 set by Peter Boulwarae in 1997.

"All of his sacks come off a lot of hard work, and half have created fumbles," adds Nolan. "It's impressive. If they were interceptions instead of fumbles, he'd be going to the Pro Bowl."

Ironically, Suggs wasn't even a defensive star in high school. But he was a star on the offensive side. While leading young Hamilton High to the state playoffs in 1999, the 6-4, 235-pound tailback gained 2,274 yards on 297 carries and scored 26 TDs for a 10-2 quarterfinalist team. In an October contest he set a Class 5A single game mark with 367 yards and five touchdowns during a 48-21 win over Yuma Kofa.

Three years later, as a junior at Arizona State, Suggs became one of the most decorated football players in ASU history, winning the Lombardi Award, the Bronko Nagurski Award, the Ted Hendricks Award, the 2003 Morris Trophy, plus the Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year Award. All while helping the Sun Devils reach the Holiday Bowl in San Diego, where they dropped a 34-26 heart-breaker to Kansas State.

But Suggs wasn't the only Raven from Arizona who is drawing high praise from



JASON SHIVERS
South Mountain



SAMMY MOORE
Westwood

Baltimore fans and NFL opponents. **Todd Heap**, the former Mesa Mountain View and A-State tight end, was named to the Pro Bowl in 2002, only his second year in the league. Athletically, he has been compared to New York giants tight end Jeremy Shockey.

A first-round draft pick of the Ravens in 2001, the 6-5, 250-pound Heap brought smiles to Baltimore faithful with his solid blocking, speed, and agility uncommon to pro tight ends. In his second season in the league he caught 68 passes for 836 years and six touchdowns, earning a Pro Bowl berth. He was the NFL's only tight end to lead his team in receptions.

LONGEVITY

If it seems like quarterback **Rodney Peete** (Tucson Sahuaro), defensive back **Darren Woodson** (Phoenix Maryvale), punter **Jeff Feagles** (Phoenix Gerard), and kick returner **Michael Bates** (Tucson Amphi) have been in the league forever, it's because they have.

Peete, the 1982 Arizona Player of the Year as a junior, attended USC, and has since started in games for Detroit, Dallas, Philadelphia, Oakland and most recent Carolina. He first called signals for the Lions in 1989, and 15 seasons later is still in the league. Feagles, whose high school in east Phoenix closed in 1987, has played 15 seasons with New England, Philadelphia, Arizona, Seattle, and last year signed a five-year, $4.3 million contract with the New York Giants. He kicked in college at the University of Miami. Woodson, an all-state linebacker at Maryvale in 1986, has been a rock-solid performer for Dallas since 1992, and one of Arizona State's all-time greats.

Bates, a teammate of Woodson's last year, was a five-time Pro Bowl kick returner and special teams player with the Carolina Panthers between 1996-00. He and his brother **Mario Bates** are members of one of the most talented sports families in Arizona history. He spent training camp two years ago with Carolina, but was cut when the team chose to keep a younger Rod Smith. Bates then landed with the New York Jets, and had a strong early season, averaging 27.1 yards on kick returns, but broke his hand and was placed on injured reserve. Then Dallas picked him up.

2003 Pro Parade

The 24 former Arizona schoolboy products on NFL rosters last year, the high schools they came from, colleges they attended, and recent pro teams:

OFFENSE:

Pos	Player / High School / College	Pro Team
QB	Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro (USC)	Carolina Panthers
QB	Tim Rattay, Phoenix Christian (Louisiana Tech)	San Francisco 49ers
QB	Travis Brown, Phoenix Moon Valley (NAU)	Buffalo Bills
RB	Trung Canidate, Phoenix Central (Arizona)	Washington Redskins
RB	Robert Holcombe, Mesa (Illinois)	Tennessee Titans
FB	Stephen Trejo, Casa Grande (Arizona State)	Detroit Lions
TE	Steve Bush, Paradise Valley (Arizona State)	Arizona Cardinals
TE	Todd Heap, Mountain View (Arizona State)	Baltimore Ravens
WR	Bobby Wade, Desert Vista (Arizona)	Chicago Bears
WR	Shaun McDonald, Shadow Mountain (Arizona State)	St. Louis Rams
OL	John Tait, Tempe McClintock (BYU)	Kansas City Chiefs
OL	Brian Jennings, Red Mountain (Arizona State)	San Francisco 49ers
OL	Levi Jones, Eloy Santa Cruz (Arizona State)	Cincinnati Bengals
OL	Kyle Kosier, Glendale Cactus (Arizona State)	San Francisco 49ers
P	Jeff Feagles, Phoenix Gerard (Miami, Fla.)	New York Giants
P	Nick Harris, Tolleson Westview (California)	Cincinnati Bengals

DEFENSE:

DB	Darren Woodson, Phoenix Maryvale (Arizona State)	Dallas Cowboys
DB	Eric Johnson, Phoenix Alhambra (Nebraska)	Oakland Raiders
DB	Mike Brown, Scottsdale Saguaro (Nebraska)	Chicago Bears
DB	Rashad Bauman, South Mountain (Oregon)	Washington Redskins
LB	Adam Archuleta, Chandler (Arizona State)	St. Louis Rams
LB	Jason Kyle, Tempe McClintock (Arizona State)	Carolina Panthers
DE	Terrell Suggs, Chandler Hamilton (Arizona State)	Baltimore Ravens
KR	Michael Bates, Tucson Amphitheater (Arizona)	Dallas Cowboys

NEWCOMERS:

DL	Terry Johnson, Tempe McClintock (Washington)	Chicago Bears
LB	Marquis Cooper, Highland (Washington)	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
DB	Jason Shivers, South Mountain (Arizona State)	St. Louis Rams
WR	*Sammy Moore, Mesa Westwood (Washington St.)	Seattle Seahawks

*Signed as a free agent

TALENTED FREE AGENT

Of the Arizona newcomers in the NFL this season, the most talented wasn't even drafted. Washington State receiver/kick returner **Sammy Moore** signed as a free agent with Seattle. The Seahawks got a steal. The former Mesa Westwood star originally signed with Arizona State during the **Bruce Snyder** era, but failed the qualify academically. After two years at Bakersfield Junior College in California, Moore landed in Pullman, and had two great seasons. He really hit it big in 2002, with a 100-yard kickoff return in the Rose Bowl against Oklahoma. Last year several spectacular catches and returns on national TV games against Notre Dame and Colorado had Westwood fans jumping.

But Moore's performance was no surprise to his long-time followers. In 1999, he was a member of the Super All-State Football Team, and winner of the **Hank Stanton Award**, given annually to be state's best high school receiver. Not counting relays, he won five gold medals at the state track meets. His best performance at 100 meters (10.56), 200 meters (21.33) and the long jump (24-10) were three of the best performances in Arizona history, and three of the top marks in the USA his senior year.



In 13 years as head coach at Glendale, Kersting has won two NJCAA championships, 12 conference titles, and guided the Gauchos to 11 bowl game appearances (Steve Paynter photo).

Glendale College is the JC Plum

By JOE B. ALLAN

The Gauchos did it again.

Glendale Community College, the Arizona college with the best football record (at any level) since the late 1980s, beat Hutchinson (Ks.) 41-17 in the Valley of the Sun Bowl in December.

The beat goes on.

Coached by Joe Kersting, Glendale has an 8-5 record in Valley of the Sun Bowl games, which usually pits the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference school with the best record against the highest-ranked out-of-state team available. In the Arizona JC football ranks, GCC is the plum. "I'm really proud of the consistency of our program," Kersting told ***The Arizona Republic*** prior to his team's clash with Hutchinson.

Last year's bowl game was overshadowed by the state high school finals, played on the same day in Tempe. "I feel like we are the Rodney Dangerfield of college football in the state," added Kersting, who is 88-38-2 at the westside school. "Our players are big and athletic, and coaching is good in our junior colleges. You better be ready to play every Saturday."

If the record speaks for itself, Kersting is the key. He started his stint at GCC as an assistant to Chuck Zontanos in 1981, and became the Gauchos' head coach in 1987. He remained at that position for 10 years, before leaving to be an assistant to Steve Axman at Northern Arizona University. He returned as a GCC teacher in 2000, then spent one year as an assistant to Mike Grossner.

After beating Garden City (Ks.) 13-7 in the 2000 Valley of the Sun Bowl to win the school's second NJCAA championship, Grossner took a job at Western State University in Colorado. Kersting, the Gauchos' offensive coordinator, took over. "Dave Grant, the athletic director, asked me to take over the program again, and I said yes," recalls the head coach, whose teams are undefeated in Arizona Conference play three of the past four years. "I have been the head coach ever since. It's been a great ride. It's a great school."

Last year's squad finished 9-2 and was ranked No. 8 in the final national JC poll. They were No. 2 in total offense at 478 yards per contest. Since 1988, Glendale has a 113-46-2 mark on the gridiron.

Entering the 2004 campaign, defense looks like the Gauchos' strong point. Plus recruiting, especially on the Valley's fast growing westside, which is stocked with quality programs. Programs with players often overlooked by major colleges - until they play for Glendale.

Key defensive players - all sophomores - look to be Tolleson lineman Levi Brooks (6-4, 265), Paradise Valley cornerback Victor McKinde (6-2, 188), Westview defensive end Ronnie Tate (6-3, 260), North Canyon linebacker Jason Horn (6-1, 250), Peoria nose guard Robert Baker (6-4, 285), and Phoenix St. Mary's punter Brian Pacheco (5-10, 195), who doubles at safety. It was Brooks who returned a 56-yard interception for a touchdown against Hutchinson. Two out-

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of-state cornerbacks, Chris Page and Stacey McIntosh, are real burners.

Whoever fits in at quarterback this year will be surrounded by several strong performers, including Phoenix Greenway running back Brandon Halverson (5-7, 175), Westview wide receiver Eddie Brown (5-10, 190), and Ironwood tight end Corey Jenkins (6-4, 240), a highly-touted major college prospect. Tailback Johnny Lopez gives the running game depth.

"Last year we were close to playing for the national championship," adds Kersting. "This team looks good also. They work hard and should be real stout defensively."

But in the Arizona JC football circles, Glendale doesn't hold a lock on all the tradition. Over at **Mesa Community College**, Dan Dunn returned last year to try and pick the Thunderbirds from up off the deck. The once-mighty program had taken a turn for the worse, and Dunn, who was the school's head coach earlier in his career, returned to the scene.

"I'd like to see this program get back to where it was when I once was involved," said Dunn last year. "Mesa, in my opinion, should always be one of the premier programs around. With the talent-base in Mesa we should be in the hunt each year."

The once-proud program has had three losing seasons in the past four years, and played in only one Valley of the Sun Bowl in the past 11. They have won only one ACC championship during that span.

On paper, the T'birds (3-7) look stronger on both sides of the ball, especially the running game, which starts with tailback Austin Collin (6-0, 185), a sophomore from Hobbs, New Mexico. Collin and Jeremiah White (6-1, 205) from Mesa Skyline give Mesa a one-two punch in the running game. Quarterback Ryan Rusler (5-10, 180), a part-time starter from Colorado, has battled the injury bug since he arrived. If he's healthy he's the starter. Brad Smith (6-3, 265) is solid on the offensive line. Mesa High alum Jeff McKane (6-3, 185) and Mountain View's Greg Nielson (5-9, 165) are capable receivers.

Defensively, Justin Douglas (6-3, 265) out of Mountain View, and Minnesota transplant Nate Meyers (6-1, 260) are the key figures. But the addition of several newcomers will help, including highly-touted lineman Aaron Fernandez (6-2, 260), a two-time ***Arizona Super All-State*** selection from Mesa Red Mountain, and former Mountain View cornerback Robert Daulk (6-0, 195), a transfer from the University of Wisconsin.

On the offensive side of the ball, tight end Greg Spilsbury (6-4, 225) out of Mountain View, plus two-way lineman Buck Leavitt (6-5, 280) from Red Mountain, have returned from church missions. Shawn Hinton, a running back out of Thatcher, also joins the mix.

A Pennsylvania native, Dunn landed in Tempe in 1964 on a football scholarship at Arizona State, and played under Frank Kush. Besides Mesa CC, he has coached in the high school ranks in Chinle, Gilbert, Payson, and Red Mountain as an assistant. Three of his teams at Gilbert won state championships. In 2000 and 2001 he was an assistant to Jim Jones at Red Mountain for both the school's 5A state championship seasons.



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Sept. 3.....at Peoria Centennial
Sept. 10 ..... Phoenix Washington
Sept. 17 .....at Glendale Apollo
Sept. 24 ..... Flagstaff
Oct. 1 ..... Shadow Mountain
Oct. 8 .....at Phoenix Thunderbird
Oct. 15.....at Dysart
Oct. 22..... Bullhead City Mohave
Oct. 29 .....at Buckeye
Nov. 5..... Goodyear Millennium

ALHAMBRA LIONS
Sept. 3 ..... Phoenix St. Mary's
Sept. 10 .....at Kingman
Sept. 17 .....at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Sept. 24 ..... Tempe Corona del Sol
Oct. 1 .....at Tolleson
Oct. 8 ..... Deer Valley
Oct. 15..... Phoenix Goldwater
Oct. 22 .....at Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 29..... Phoenix Maryvale
Nov. 5.....at Phoenix Trevor Browne

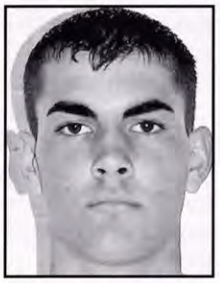
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Aug. 27 .....at Chandler Basha
Sept. 3 ..... Sunnyslope
Sept. 10 .....at Payson
Sept. 17 ..... Glendale Independence
Sept. 23 .....at Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 1 .....at Scottsdale Chaparral
Oct. 8 ..... Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 15 .....Gilbert Desert Ridge
Oct. 22 .....at Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 29 .....Tempe
Nov. 5.....at Glendale

APOLLO HAWKS
Sept. 3 .....at Dysart
Sept. 10.....at Scottsdale Saguaro
Sept. 17..... Agua Fria
Sept. 24 .....at Mingus Union
Oct. 1 ..... Glendale Cactus
Oct. 8 ..... Lake Havasu
Oct. 15 .....at Cactus Shadows
Oct. 22..... Glendale Independence
Oct. 29 .....at Phoenix Cortez
Nov. 5 ..... Phoenix Greenway

ARCADIA TITANS
Sept. 3 ..... Phoenix Thunderbird
Sept. 10 ..... Prescott
Sept. 17 .....at Dysart



Mark Wilda
Bourgade



Shane McBurney
Basha

Sept. 23..... Apache Junction
Oct. 1 .....at Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 8 .....at Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 15 .....Tempe
Oct. 22.....at Gilbert Desert Ridge
Oct. 29 .....at San Luis (Yuma)
Nov. 5 .....Scottsdale Chaparral

ARIZONA LUTHERAN COYOTES
Sept. 3 .....at Maricopa
Sept. 10 ..... Tempe Life School
Sept. 17 ..... Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Sept. 24 .....at Chandler Valley Christian
Oct. 2 ..... Valley Lutheran
Oct. 8 ..... Northwest Christian
Oct. 15 .....at Scottsdale Christian
Oct. 22 .....BYE
Oct. 29 .....at Phoenix Christian

BASHA BEARS
Aug. 27.....Apache Junction
Sept. 17 .....at Las Vegas Palo Verde
Oct. 1 .....Scottsdale Notre Dame Prep
Oct. 8 .....Gilbert Desert Ridge
Oct. 15 .....at Sandra Day O'Connor
Oct. 22 .....at Scottsdale Chaparral
Oct. 29.....at Chinle

BOURGADE GOLDEN EAGLES
Sept. 3 ..... Chandler Seton Catholic
Sept. 10 ..... Miami
Sept. 17 .....at Arizona Lutheran
Sept. 24 ..... Phoenix Christian
Oct. 1 .....at Mayer
Oct. 8 ..... Scottsdale Christian
Oct. 16 .....at Northwest Christian
Oct. 22 ..... Valley Lutheran
Oct. 29 .....at Chandler Valley Christian

BROPHY PREP BRONCOS
Sept. 3..... Glendale Mountain Ridge
Sept. 10 .....at Phoenix Camelback
Sept. 17 ..... Glendale Ironwood
Sept. 24 ..... Yuma Kofa
Oct. 1 .....at Phoenix St. Mary's
Oct. 8 ..... Scottsdale Horizon
Oct. 14 (TV) .....at Paradise Valley
Oct. 22..... Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Oct. 29.....at Tempe Mountain Pointe
Nov. 5.....at North Canyon

BUCKEYE HAWKS
Aug. 27 .....at Bradshaw Mountain
Sept. 3..... Glendale
Sept. 10 ..... Tempe
Sept. 17..... Tucson Catalina Foothills
Sept. 24 .....at Glendale Cactus
Oct. 1 ..... Tempe McClintock
Oct. 8 .....at Bullhead City Mohave
Oct. 15.....at Goodyear Millennium
Oct. 22 ..... Agua Fria
Nov. 5..... Dysart

CACTUS COBRAS
Sept. 2 (TV) .....at Scottsdale Saguaro
Sept. 10 .....at Tempe McClintock
Sept. 17 ..... Tucson Amphitheater
Sept. 24 ..... Buckeye
Oct. 1.....at Glendale Apollo
Oct. 8..... Prescott
Oct. 15 ..... Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Oct. 22 .....at Bradshaw Mountain
Oct. 29 .....at Pinnacle
Nov. 5 .....Peoria Centennial

CACTUS SHADOWS FALCONS
Sept 3..... Flagstaff Sinagua
Sept. 10 .....at Sunnyslope
Sept. 17 ..... Scottsdale Coronado
Sept. 24 .....at Pinnacle
Oct. 1 ..... Flagstaff Coconino
Oct. 8 .....at Glendale Independence
Oct. 15 ..... Glendale Apollo
Oct. 22 ..... Phoenix Cortez
Oct. 28 .....at Phoenix Greenway
Nov. 5.....at Lake Havasu

CAMELBACK SPARTANS
Sept. 3 .....at Deer Valley
Sept. 10 ..... Phoenix Brophy Prep
Sept. 17 ..... Tempe Marcos de Niza
Sept. 23 .....at Tempe Mountain Pointe

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Oct. 1 ..... Gilbert
Oct. 8 ..... Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 15 ..... at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Oct. 22 ..... South Mountain
Oct. 29 ..... at Phoenix Central
Nov. 5 ..... at Phoenix North

CANYON STATE RAMS
Aug. 27 ..... Joseph City
Sept. 3 ..... at Seligman
Sept. 10 ..... Bagdad
Sept. 17 ..... Fredonia
Sept. 24 ..... at Salome
Oct. 1 ..... at Heber Mogollon
Oct. 9 ..... Sierra Ridge
Oct. 15 ..... Orme School
Oct. 22 ..... at St. Michael

CARL HAYDEN FALCONS
Aug. 27 ..... at Yuma Cibola
Sept. 3 ..... at Tempe Marcos de Niza
Sept. 10 ..... Tucson Sahuaro
Sept. 17 ..... Sunrise Mountain
Sept. 23 ..... at Gilbert Highland
Oct. 1 ..... Phoenix Trevor Browne
Oct. 8 ..... at Phoenix Camelback
Oct. 15 ..... Phoenix Central
Oct. 22 ..... at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Oct. 29 ..... Phoenix North
Nov. 5 ..... at South Mountain

CASA GRANDE COUGARS
Sept. 3 ..... at Phoenix Central
Sept. 10 ..... Marana Mountain View
Sept. 17 ..... at Phoenix Goldwater
Sept. 23 ..... at Phoenix Trevor Browne
Oct. 1 ..... Phoenix Maryvale
Oct. 8 ..... Chandler Hamilton
Oct. 15 ..... at Chandler
Oct. 22 ..... at Gilbert
Oct. 29 ..... Gilbert Mesquite
Nov. 5 ..... Gilbert Highland

CENTENNIAL COYOTES
Sept. 3 ..... Agua Fria
Sept. 10 ..... at Scottsdale Chaparral
Sept. 17 ..... Phoenix Washington
Sept. 23 ..... at Glendale Independence
Oct. 1 ..... at Flagstaff Sinagua
Oct. 7 (TV) ..... Pinnacle
Oct. 15 ..... at Prescott
Oct. 22 ..... Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Oct. 29 ..... Bradshaw Mountain
Nov. 5 ..... at Glendale Cactus

CENTRAL BOBCATS
Sept. 3 ..... Casa Grande
Sept. 10 ..... Tolleson
Sept. 17 ..... at Mesa Skyline
Sept. 24 ..... Desert Mountain
Oct. 1 ..... at Yuma Union
Oct. 8 ..... South Mountain
Oct. 15 ..... at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 22 ..... at Phoenix North
Oct. 29 ..... Phoenix Camelback
Nov. 5 ..... at Phoenix Cesar Chavez

CESAR CHAVEZ PEGASUS
Sept. 3 ..... at Paradise Valley
Sept. 10 ..... at Mesa
Sept. 17 ..... Phoenix Alhambra
Sept. 23 ..... at Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 1 ..... Gilbert Highland
Oct. 8 ..... at Phoenix North
Oct. 15 ..... Phoenix Camelback
Oct. 22 ..... Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 29 ..... at South Mountain
Nov. 5 ..... Phoenix Central

CHANDLER WOLVES
Sept. 3 ..... at Glendale Ironwood
Sept. 10 ..... Yuma Kofa
Sept. 17 ..... at Glendale Mountain Ridge
Sept. 23 ..... South Mountain
Oct. 1 ..... Tempe Mountain Pointe
Oct. 8 ..... at Gilbert
Oct. 15 ..... Casa Grande
Oct. 22 ..... Gilbert Mesquite
Oct. 29 ..... at Gilbert Highland
Nov. 5 ..... at Chandler Hamilton

CHAPARRAL FIREBIRDS
Aug. 27 ..... at Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Sept. 3 ..... at Tucson Sunnyside
Sept. 10 ..... Peoria Centennial
Sept. 17 ..... Phoenix Greenway
Sept. 23 ..... at Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 1 ..... Apache Junction
Oct. 8 ..... at Tempe
Oct. 15 ..... Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 22 ..... Chandler Basha
Oct. 29 ..... Gilbert Desert Ridge
Nov. 5 ..... at Scottsdale Arcadia

CORONA DEL SOL AZTECS
Sept. 3 ..... at Mesa Dobson
Sept. 10 ..... Chandler Hamilton
Sept. 17 ..... Phoenix Maryvale
Sept. 24 ..... at Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 1 ..... Gilbert Mesquite
Oct. 8 ..... at Yuma
Oct. 15 ..... Mountain Pointe
Oct. 22 ..... at Tucson Flowing Wells
Oct. 29 ..... Tempe Marcos de Niza
Nov. 5 ..... at Tempe Desert Vista

CORONADO DONS
Sept. 3 ..... at Pinnacle
Sept. 10 ..... Bradshaw Mountain
Sept. 17 ..... at Cactus Shadows
Sept. 23 ..... Scottsdale Chaparral
Oct. 1 ..... Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 8 ..... at Apache Junction
Oct. 15 ..... Phoenix Moon Valley
Oct. 22 ..... at Tempe
Oct. 29 ..... Scottsdale Saguaro
Nov. 5 ..... at Gilbert Desert Ridge

CORTEZ COLTS
Aug. 27 ..... Payson
Sept. 3 ..... at Gilbert Desert Ridge
Sept. 10 ..... at Tucson Santa Rita
Sept. 17 ..... Page
Sept. 24 ..... Dysart
Oct. 8 ..... at Phoenix Greenway
Oct. 15 ..... Lake Havasu
Oct. 22 ..... at Cactus Shadows
Oct. 29 ..... Glendale Apollo
Nov. 5 ..... at Glendale Independence

DEER VALLEY SKYHAWKS
Sept. 3 ..... Phoenix Camelback
Sept. 10 ..... at North Canyon
Sept. 17 ..... Tucson
Sept. 24 ..... Glendale Ironwood
Oct. 1 ..... at Kingman
Oct. 8 ..... at Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 15 ..... Phoenix Maryvale
Oct. 22 ..... at Phoenix Trevor Browne
Oct. 29 ..... at Glendale Mountain Ridge
Nov. 5 ..... Phoenix Goldwater

DESERT EAGLE EAGLES
Aug. 27 ..... Duncan
Sept. 3 ..... at Clifton
Sept. 10 ..... St. David
Sept. 17 ..... Pima
Sept. 24 ..... Tempe Prep
Oct. 1 ..... at Orme School
Oct. 8 ..... at Elfrida Valley Union
Oct. 15 ..... at Ajo
Oct. 22 ..... at Fort Thomas

DESERT EDGE SCORPIONS
Aug. 27 ..... Tucson Santa Rita
Sept. 3 ..... Baboquivari
Oct. 15 ..... at Buckeye
Sept. 22 ..... Chinle
Oct. 29 ..... at Sandra Day O'Connor

DESERT MOUNTAIN WOLVES
Sept. 3 ..... Phoenix Trevor Browne
Sept. 10 ..... at Gilbert Mesquite
Sept. 17 ..... Phoenix North
Sept. 24 ..... at Phoenix Central
Oct. 1 ..... Yuma Kofa
Oct. 8 ..... Paradise Valley
Oct. 15 ..... at North Canyon

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.....Sunnyslope (QB/DB)
2000 .....MIKE BELL
.....Tolleson (RB)
1999 .....TERRELL SUGGS
.....Chandler Hamilton (RB)
1998 .....BOBBY WADE
.....Desert Vista (RB/DB)
1997 .....NATHAN WIZE
.....Tucson Sabino (RB)
1996 .....JUSTIN TAPLIN
.....Tempe (WR/KR)
1995 .....MIKE BROWN
.....Saguaro (RB/DB)
1994 .....TAVON COOPER
.....Peoria (RB/RS)
1993 .....KEVIN SCHMIDTKE
.....Marana Mtn. View (RB)
1992 .....MIKE MITCHELL
.....Brophy Prep (RB)
1991 .....CHRIS HOPKINS
.....Tucson Salpointe (RB)
1990 .....MARIO BATES
.....Tucson Amphi (RB)
1989 .....BRIAN DREW
.....Tempe McClintock (RB)
1988 .....ERIC DRAGE
.....Tucson Santa Rita (WR)
1987 .....KEVIN GALBREATH
.....Phoenix Maryvale (RB)
1986 .....BOBBY VALDEZ
.....Tucson Sunnyside (QB)
1985 .....CLEVELAND COLTER
.....Tempe McClintock (RB)
1984 .....STEVE BELLES
.....Phoenix St. Mary's (QB)
1983 .....ANTHONY PARKER
.....Tempe McClintock (RB)
1982 .....RODNEY PEETE (jr)
.....Tucson Sahuaro (QB)
1981 .....STAN GILL
.....Flagstaff (RB)



Player of the Year Zach Miller, Desert Vista Thunder. (Steve Paynter photo)

1980 .....FRED SIMS
.....Tucson Sunnyside (RB)
1979 .....MOSSY CADE
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (DB)
1978 .....MIKE CADE
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (RB)
1977 .....(TIE) ALVIN MOORE
.....Coolidge (TB)
.....RIKI GRAY
.....Tucson Amphi (LB)
1976 .....GREG BRADY
.....Coronado (QB)
1975 .....BRIAN FELIX
.....Phoenix Union (RB)
1974 .....DAVID MITCHELL (jr)
.....Phoenix St. Mary's (RB)
TIE .....JIMMY MOORE
.....Marcos de Niza(TE/DE)
1973 .....ROB WILSON
.....Coronado (QB/DB)
1972 .....JESSE PARKER
.....Tucson Rincon (RB)
1971 .....FRED MORTENSEN
.....Tempe (QB)
1970 .....BILL CROWE
.....Tempe McClintock (LB)
1969 .....BENNY MALONE
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (RB)
1968 .....JOE PETROSHUS
.....Tucson (HB)
1967 .....TIM SMITH
.....Phoenix St. Mary's (RB)
1966 .....(TIE) BOB SOZA
.....Mesa Westwood (TB)
.....BILL DAWSON
.....Tucson (OT/DT)
1965 .....ART MALONE
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (TB)
1964 .....LEROY PEOPLES
.....Marana (HB)
1963 .....JAMES DUGAN
.....Flagstaff (HB/DB)
1962 .....EVERETT ROLLINS
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Nov. 5 .....at Phoenix St. Mary's

DESERT RIDGE JAGUARS
Aug. 27 .....at Glendale Independence
Sept. 3 .....Phoenix Cortez
Sept. 10 .....at Pinnacle
Sept. 17 .....Payson
Sept. 23 .....at Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 1 ..... Tempe
Oct. 15 .....at Apache Junction
Oct. 22 .....Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 29 .....at Scottsdale Chaparral
Nov. 5 .....Scottsdale Coronado

DESERT VISTA THUNDER
Sept. 3 .....at Mesa Westwood
Sept. 10 .....at Glendale Mountain Ridge
Sept. 17 ..... Gilbert
Sept. 23 ..... Peoria
Oct. 1.....at Glendale Ironwood
Oct. 8 .....at Mountain Pointe
Oct. 15 ..... Mesa Mountain View
Oct. 21 (TV) ..... Tempe Marcos de Niza
Oct. 29 .....Yuma Union
Nov. 5 .....Tempe Corona del Sol

DOBSON MUSTANGS
Sept. 3 ..... Tempe Corona del sol
Sept. 9 (TV) .....at Phoenix Maryvale
Sept. 17 ..... South Mountain
Sept. 23..... Mesa Mountain View
Oct. 1.....at Mesa Skyline
Oct. 8.....at Mesa Red Mountain
Oct. 15 .....at Mesa Westwood
Oct. 22 ..... Mesa
Oct. 29.....at Tucson Sahuaro
Nov. 5 ..... Yuma Cibola

DYSART DEMONS
Sept. 3 ..... Glendale Apollo
Sept. 10.....at Tucson Rincon
Sept. 17..... Scottsdale Arcadia
Sept. 24 .....at Phoenix Cortez
Oct. 1 ..... Lake Havasu
Oct. 8.....at Goodyear Millennium
Oct. 15 ..... Agua Fria
Oct. 22 .....at Sunnyslope
Oct. 29..... Bullhead City Mohave
Nov. 5 .....at Buckeye

ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS WOLVES
Aug. 27.....at Valley Lutheran
Sept. 4.....Tombstone (Round Valley Classic)
Sept. 10 .....at Safford
Sept. 17 ..... River Valley
Sept. 24 .....at Parker
Oct. 1.....at Queen Creek
Oct. 8..... Chandler Seton Catholic
Oct. 15 ..... Higley
Oct. 22 .....at Fountain Hills
Oct. 29 .....Coolidge

FLORENCE GOPHERS
Aug. 27..... Eloy Santa Cruz



Hard-running Mountain Ridge back Nick Bell averaged 7.1 yards per carry. (Steve Paynter photo).

Sept. 3 ..... San Manuel
Sept. 10 .....at Thatcher
Sept. 17 ..... Tombstone
Sept. 24 .....San Carlos
Oct. 1.....at Kearny Ray
Oct. 8 ..... Superior
Oct. 15.....at Miami
Oct. 22 ..... Winkleman Hayden
Oct. 29 .....at Morenci

FOUNTAIN HILLS FALCONS
Aug. 27 ..... Rio Rico
Sept. 3..... Camp Verde
Sept. 10 .....at Wickenburg
Sept. 17 ..... Sedona Red Rock
Sept. 24 .....at Chino Valley
Oct. 1 .....at Coolidge
Oct. 8 ..... Queen Creek
Oct. 15 .....at Chandler Seton Catholic
Oct. 22 ..... Estrella Foothills
Oct. 29.....at Higley

GILBERT TIGERS
Sept. 3 ..... Sunrise Mountain
Sept. 10 .....at Mesa Mountain View
Sept. 17 .....at Tempe Desert Vista
Sept. 23 ..... Tucson Salpointe
Oct. 1 .....at Phoenix Camelback
Oct. 8 ..... Chandler
Oct. 15 .....at Gilbert Highland
Oct. 22 ..... Casa Grande
Oct. 29..... Chandler Hamilton
Nov. 5 .....at Gilbert Mesquite

GLENDALE CARDINALS
Aug. 27 ..... Lake Havasu



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Oct. 1 ..... Sunnyslope
Oct. 8 .....at Phoenix Moon Valley
Oct. 15 ..... Phoenix Thunderbird
Oct. 22 .....at Tempe McClintock
Oct. 29 ..... Phoenix Washington
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GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Sept. 11 .....Phoenix College
Sept. 17 .....at Air Force Academy
Sept. 25 .....at Pima College
Oct. 2 .....Scottsdale
Oct. 9 .....at Eastern Arizona
Oct. 16 .....at Mesa
Oct. 23 .....New Mexico Military
Oct. 30 .....at Dixie State (Utah)
Nov. 6 .....at Snow College (Utah)
Nov. 13 .....Arizona Western

GOLDWATER BULLDOGS
Sept. 3 ..... Mesa Skyline
Sept. 10 .....at Phoenix North
Sept. 17 ..... Casa Grande
Sept. 24 ..... Kingman
Oct. 1 .....at South Mountain
Oct. 8 ..... Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 15 .....at Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 22 .....at Phoenix Maryvale
Oct. 29 ..... Phoenix Trevor Browne
Nov. 5 .....at Deer Valley

GREENWAY DEMONS
Sept. 3 ..... at Moon Valley
Sept. 10 ..... Shadow Mountain
Sept. 17 .....at Scottsdale Chaparral
Sept. 23 (TV) ..... Goodyear Millennium
Oct. 1 .....at Flagstaff
Oct. 8 ..... Phoenix Cortez
Oct. 15 ..... Glendale Independence
Oct. 22 .....at Lake Havasu
Oct. 28 ..... Cactus Shadows
Nov. 5 .....at Glendale Apollo

HAMILTON HUSKIES
Sept. 3 .....at Mesa Mountain View
Sept. 10 .....at Tempe Corona del Sol
Sept. 17 ..... Kingman
Sept. 23 ..... Phoenix Maryvale
Sept. 30 (TV) ..... Peoria
Oct. 8 .....at Casa Grande
Oct. 15 .....at Gilbert Mesquite
Oct. 22 ..... Gilbert Highland
Oct. 29 .....at Gilbert
Nov. 5 ..... Chandler

HIGHLAND HAWKS
Sept. 3 ..... Tucson Salpointe
Sept. 10 .....at Phoenix St. Mary's
Sept. 17 ..... Tolleson
Sept. 23 ..... Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 1 .....at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Oct. 8 .....at Gilbert Mesquite
Oct. 15 ..... Gilbert
Oct. 22 .....at Chandler Hamilton
Oct. 29 ..... Chandler
Nov. 5 .....at Casa Grande

HIGLEY KNIGHTS
Aug. 27 .....at Safford
Sept. 3 .....at Tucson Pusch Ridge
Sept. 10 ..... Eloy Santa Cruz
Sept. 17 ..... Chino Valley
Sept. 24 .....at Sedona Red Rock
Oct. 1 .....at Chandler Seton Catholic
Oct. 8 ..... Coolidge
Oct. 15 .....at Estrella Foothills
Oct. 22 .....at Queen Creek
Oct. 29 ..... Fountain Hills

HORIZON HUSKIES
Sept. 3 ..... South Mountain
Sept. 10 .....at Peoria
Sept. 17 .....Tempe Mountain Pointe
Sept. 23 ..... Phoenix St. Mary's
Oct. 1 .....at North Canyon
Oct. 8 .....at Phoenix Brophy Prep
Oct. 15 ..... Tucson Canyon del Oro
Oct. 22 .....at Yuma Kofa
Oct. 29 .....at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Nov. 5 ..... Paradise Valley

INDEPENDENCE PATRIOTS
Aug. 27 ..... Gilbert Desert Ridge
Sept. 3 .....at Phoenix Washington
Sept. 10 .....at Flagstaff
Sept. 17 .....at Apache Junction
Sept. 24 .....Peoria Centennial
Oct. 1 ..... Bradshaw Mountain
Oct. 8 ..... Cactus Shadows
Oct. 15 .....at Phoenix Greenway
Oct. 22 .....at Glendale Apollo
Oct. 29 ..... Lake Havasu
Nov. 5 .....Phoenix Cortez

IRONWOOD EAGLES
Sept. 3 ..... Chandler
Sept. 10 .....at Tempe Marcos de Niza
Sept. 17 .....at Phoenix Brophy Prep
Sept. 24 .....at Deer Valley
Oct. 1 ..... Tempe Desert Vista
Oct. 8 ..... Kingman
Oct. 15 .....at Tolleson Westview
Oct. 22 ..... Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 29 ..... Tolleson
Nov. 5 .....at Peoria

MARCOS DE NIZA PADRES
Sept. 3 ..... Phoenix Carl Hayden
Sept. 10 ..... Glendale Ironwood
Sept. 17 .....at Phoenix Camelback
Sept. 23 ..... Gilbert Mesquite
Oct. 1 .....at Tolleson Westview
Oct. 8 .....at Tucson
Oct. 15 ..... Yuma Union
Oct. 21 (TV) .....at Tempe Desert Vista
Oct. 29 .....at Tempe Corona del Sol
Nov. 5 ..... Tempe Mountain Pointe

MARICOPA RAMS
Aug. 27 .....at Winkleman Hayden
Sept. 3 .....Arizona Lutheran
Sept. 10 .....at Valley Lutheran
Sept. 17 .....Baboquivari
Sept. 24 .....at San Pasqual
Oct. 1 .....Yuma Catholic
Oct. 8 .....at Wellton Antelope
Oct. 15 .....at Life School
Oct. 22 .....Gila Bend

MARYVALE PANTHERS
Sept. 3 ..... Tucson Canyon del Oro
Sept. 9 (TV) ..... Mesa Dobson
Sept. 17 .....at Tempe Corona del Sol
Sept. 23 .....at Chandler Hamilton
Oct. 1 .....at Casa Grande
Oct. 9 (Sat.) ..... Phoenix Trevor Browne
Oct. 15 .....at Deer Valley
Oct. 22 ..... Phoenix Goldwater
Oct. 29 .....at Phoenix Alhambra
Nov. 5 .....Glendale Mountain Ridge

McCLINTOCK CHARGERS
Sept. 3 .....at Tempe Union
Sept. 10 ..... Glendale Cactus
Sept. 17 ..... Flagstaff
Sept. 24 ..... Phoenix Thunderbird
Oct. 1 .....at Buckeye
Oct. 8 .....at San Luis (Yuma)
Oct. 15 ..... Sunnyslope
Oct. 22 ..... Glendale
Oct. 29 .....at Phoenix Moon Valley
Nov. 5 .....at Phoenix Washington

MESA JACKRABBITS
Sept. 3 ..... Peoria
Sept. 10 ..... Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Sept. 17 .....at Gilbert Mesquite
Sept. 23 ..... Mesa Westwood
Oct. 1 .....at Yuma Cibola
Oct. 8 ..... Phoenix St. Mary's
Oct. 14 ..... Mesa Red Mountain
Oct. 22 .....at Mesa Dobson
Oct. 29 ..... Mesa Skyline
Nov.5 .....at Mesa Mountain View



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Sept. 10 .....Air Force Academy
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Sept. 25 .....at NMMI
Oct. 2 .....at Phoenix College
Oct. 9 .....Snow College (Utah)
Oct. 16 .....Glendale
Oct. 23 .....at Arizona Western
Oct. 30 .....at Eastern Arizona
Nov. 6 .....Pima
Nov. 13 .....at Scottsdale

MESQUITE WILDCATS
Sept. 3 .....at Mesa Red Mountain
Sept. 10 ..... Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Sept. 17 ..... Mesa
Sept. 23 .....at Tempe Marcos de Niza
Oct. 1 .....at Tempe Corona del Sol
Oct. 8 ..... Gilbert Highland
Oct. 15 ..... Chandler Hamilton
Oct. 22 .....at Chandler
Oct. 29 .....at Casa Grande
Nov. 5 ..... Gilbert

MILLENNIUM TIGERS
Aug. 27 .....at Flagstaff Sinagua
Sept. 3 .....at Mingus Union
Sept. 10 ..... Tucson Sunnyside
Sept. 17 ..... Phoenix Thunderbird
Sept. 23 (TV) .....at Phoenix Greenway
Oct. 1 ..... Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 8 ..... Dysart
Oct. 15 .....at Bullhead City Mohave
Oct. 22 ..... Buckeye
Nov. 5 .....at Agua Fria

MOON VALLEY ROCKETS
Sept 3..... Phoenix Greenway
Sept. 10 .....at Tucson Palo Verde
Sept. 17 ..... Mingus Union
Sept. 24 .....at Sunnyslope
Oct. 1 ..... San Luis (Yuma)
Oct. 8 ..... Glendale
Oct. 15 .....at Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 22 .....at Phoenix Washington
Oct. 29 ..... Tempe McClintock
Nov. 5.....at Phoenix Thunderbird

MOUNTAIN POINTE PRIDE
Sept 3.....at Tolleson
Sept. 10 ..... Mesa Red Mountain
Sept. 17 .....at Scottsdale Horizon
Sept. 23 ..... Phoenix Camelback
Oct. 1.....at Chandler
Oct. 8.....Tempe Desert Vista
Oct. 15 .....at Tempe Corona del Sol
Oct. 22 ..... Yuma Union
Oct. 29..... Phoenix Brophy Prep
Nov. 5 .....at Tempe Marcos de Niza

MOUNTAIN RIDGE MTN. LIONS
Sept. 3.....at Phoenix Brophy Prep
Sept. 10..... Tempe Desert Vista
Sept. 17 ..... Chandler
Sept. 24 .....at Tolleson Westview



Panthers Marcus Mims (52), Jermaine Williams (6), Richard Rivera (11), Morris Wooten (15), Alonzo Akins (44) and Barrington O'Neal (66) helped lead Maryvale to a win over rival Trevor Browne (Arizona Informant photo).

Oct. 1 ..... Paradise Valley
Oct. 8 .....at Phoenix Goldwater
Oct. 15 .....at Phoenix Trevor Browne
Oct. 22 ..... Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 29 ..... Deer Valley
Nov. 5 .....at Phoenix Maryvale

MOUNTAIN VIEW TOROS
Sept. 3 ..... Chandler Hamilton
Sept. 10 ..... Gilbert
Sept. 17 .....at Tucson Salpointe
Sept. 23.....at Mesa Dobson
Oct. 1.....Mesa Red Mountain
Oct. 8.....at Mesa Skyline
Oct. 15 .....at Tempe Desert Vista
Oct. 22 ..... Yuma Cibola
Oct. 29 .....at Mesa Westwood
Nov.5 ..... Mesa

NORTH PHOENIX MUSTANGS
Sept. 3 .....at Sierra Vista Buena
Sept. 10 ..... Phoenix Goldwater
Sept. 17.....at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Sept. 23 ..... Tolleson
Oct. 1.....at Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 8..... Phoenix Cesar chavez
Oct. 15.....at South Mountain
Oct. 22 ..... Phoenix Central
Oct. 29.....at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Nov. 5 ..... Phoenix Camelback

NORTH CANYON RATTLERS
Sept. 3..... Tolleson Westview
Sept. 10..... Deer Valley
Sept. 17 .....at Peoria
Sept. 23.....at Paradise Valley
Oct. 1 ..... Scottsdale Horizon
Oct. 8 .....at Yuma Kofa
Oct. 15..... Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Oct. 22.....at Mesa Red Mountain
Oct. 29 .....at Phoenix St. Mary's
Nov. 5 ..... Phoenix Brophy Prep

NORTHWEST CC CRUSADERS
Sept. 3 ..... Tuba City
Sept. 10 .....at Snowflake
Sept. 16 (TV) ..... Scottsdale Christian
Sept. 29 .....at Valley Lutheran
Oct. 1..... Phoenix Christian
Oct. 8.....at Arizona Lutheran
Oct. 15..... Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Oct. 22 .....at Chandler Valley Christian
Oct. 29.....at Tucson Pusch Ridge

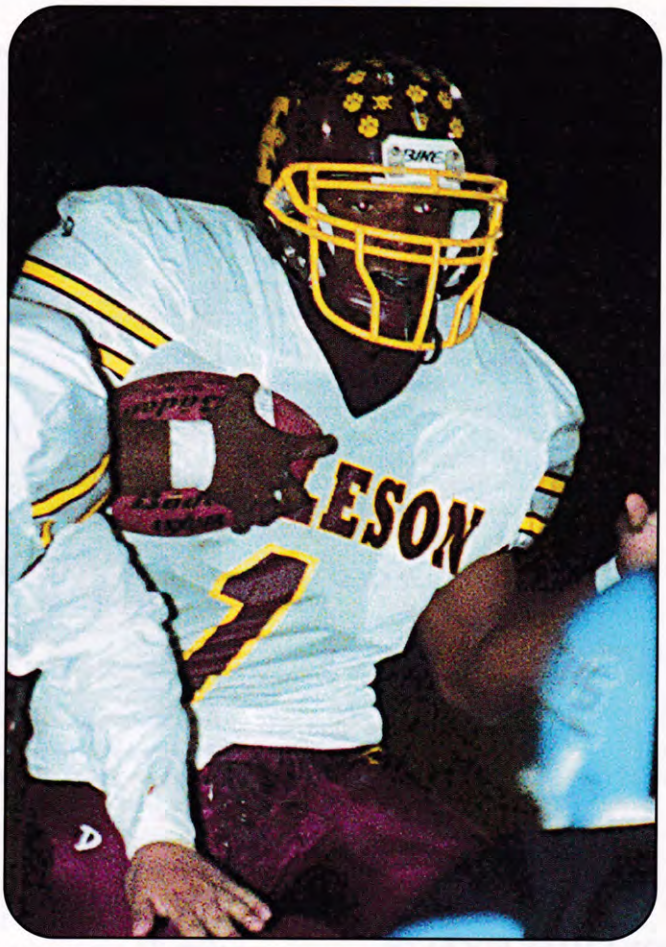
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Aug. 27 ..... Sunnyslope
Sept. 3 .....at Payson
Sept. 10.....San Luis (Yuma)
Sept. 17 .....at Tucson Catalina
Oct. 1 .....at Chandler Basha
Oct. 15.....at Chinle
Oct. 22 ..... Sandra Day O'Connor
Oct. 29.....at Goodyear Millennium

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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
1974 .. David Mitchell, St. Mary's (jr)



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

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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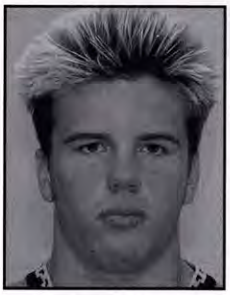
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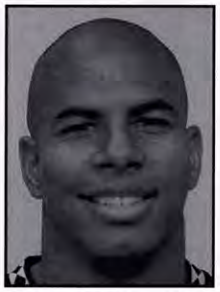
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ORME SCHOOL WARRIORS
Aug. 27 .....Seligman
Sept. 3 .....at Bagdad
Sept. 11 .....at Fredonia
Sept. 17 .....Salome
Sept. 24.....Mogollon
Oct. 1 .....Salt River
Oct. 9 .....at St. Michael
Oct. 15 .....at Canyon State Academy
Oct. 22.....Joseph City

PARADISE VALLEY TROJANS
Sept. 3 ..... Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Sept. 10 .....at Sunrise Mountain
Sept. 17..... Tolleson Westview
Sept. 24 (TV) ..... North Canyon
Oct. 1 .....at Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 8 .....at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Oct. 14 (TV) ..... Phoenix Brophy Prep
Oct. 22 ..... Phoenix St. Mary's
Oct 29.....at Yuma Kofa
Nov. 5 .....at Scottsdale Horizon

PEORIA PANTHERS
Sept. 3.....at Mesa
Sept. 10 ..... Scottsdale Horizon
Sept. 17 ..... North Canyon
Sept. 23 .....at Tempe Desert Vista
Sept. 30 (TV) .....at Chandler Hamilton
Oct. 7 ..... Tolleson Westview
Oct. 15.....at Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 22..... Tolleson
Oct. 29.....at Kingman
Nov. 5..... Glendale Ironwood

PHOENIX CHRISTIAN COUGARS
Aug. 27 ..... Phoenix South Pointe
Sept. 10.....at Rick Hansen, Canada
Sept. 17 ..... Chandler Valley Christian
Sept. 24.....at Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Oct. 1 .....at NWCC
Oct. 8 .....Valley Lutheran
Oct. 15.....at Chinle
Oct. 22 ..... at Scottsdale Christian
Oct. 29 ..... Arizona Lutheran

PHOENIX DEAF SCHOOL 'RUNNERS
Sept. .....at Fredonia
Sept. .....St. David
Sept. .....at Salome
Sept. .....St. Michael
Oct. .....at Orme School
Oct. .....Canyon State Academy
Oct. .....at Bagdad
Oct. .....at Tucson ASDB

PINNACLE PIONEERS
Sept. 3 ..... Scottsdale Coronado
Sept. 10..... Glendale Desert Ridge
Sept. 17 .....at Glendale
Sept. 24 ..... Cactus Shadows
Oct. 1 ..... Payson
Oct. 7 (TV).....at Peoria Centennial
Oct. 15 ..... Bradshaw Mountain
Oct. 22 .....at Prescott
Oct. 29 ..... Glendale Cactus
Nov. 5 .....at Phoenix Shadow Mountain

PRESCOTT BADGERS
Sept. 3 ..... Flagstaff Coconino
Sept. 10 .....at Scottsdale Arcadia
Sept. 17..... Sunnyslope
Sept. 24 .....at Payson
Oct. 1 ..... Mingus Union
Oct. 8.....at Glendale Cactus
Oct. 15..... Peoria Centennial
Oct. 22 ..... Pinnacle
Oct. 29.....at Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Nov. 5 .....at Bradshaw Mountain

QUEEN CREEK BULLDOGS
Aug. 27.....at Willcox
Sept. 3.....Sahuarita
Sept. 10 .....at Mesa Red Mountain Juniors
Sept. 17..... Camp Verde
Sept. 24 .....at Wickenburg
Oct. 1 ..... Estrella Foothills
Oct. 8 .....at Fountain Hills
Oct. 15 ..... Coolidge
Oct. 22 ..... Higley
Oct. 29 .....at Chandler Seton Catholic

RED MOUNTAIN MOUNTAIN LIONS
Sept. 3 ..... Gilbert Mesquite
Sept. 10.....at Mountain Pointe
Sept. 17.....at Marana Mountain View
Sept. 23 ..... Mesa Skyline
Oct. 1 .....at Mesa Mountain View
Oct. 8..... Mesa Dobson
Oct. 14 .....at Mesa
Oct. 22 ..... North Canyon
Oct. 29 .....at Yuma Cibola
Nov.4 (TV) ..... Mesa Westwood

SAGUARO SABERCATS
Sept. 2 (TV) .....Glendale Cactus
Sept. 10 ..... Glendale Apollo
Sept. 17 .....at Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Sept. 23 ..... Gilbert Desert Ridge
Oct. 1.....at Goodyear Millennium
Oct. 8 ..... Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 15 .....at Scottsdale Chaparral
Oct. 22 ..... Apache Junction
Oct. 29 .....at Scottsdale Coronado
Nov.5 .....at Tempe

SAINT MARY'S KNIGHTS
Sept. 3 .....at Phoenix Alhambra
Sept. 10 ..... Gilbert Highland
Sept. 17 .....at Mesa Westwood
Sept. 23 .....at Scottsdale Horizon
Oct. 1 .....Phoenix Brophy Prep
Oct. 8 .....at Mesa
Oct. 15 ..... Yuma Kofa
Oct. 22 .....at Paradise Valley
Oct. 29 ..... North Canyon
Nov. 5 ..... Scottsdale Desert Mountain

SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR EAGLES
Aug. 27 .....at Cottonwood Mingus Union
Sept. 3 .....at Lake Havasu
Sept. 17 .....at Tucson Pusch Ridge
Oct. 1 .....Bullhead City Mohave
Oct. 8.....at Chinle
Oct. 15.....Chandler Basha
Oct. 22 .....at Notre Dame Prep
Oct. 29 .....at Goodyear Desert Edge

SANTA CRUZ DUST DEVILS
Aug. 27.....at Florence
Sept. 3 ..... Coolidge
Sept. 10 .....at Higley
Sept. 17 ..... Springerville Round Valley
Sept. 24 .....at Lakeside Blue Ridge
Oct. 1 ..... Rio Rico
Oct. 8 .....at Safford
Oct. 15 ..... Globe
Oct. 22 ..... Sahuarita
Oct. 29 .....at Willcox

SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN EAGLES
Aug. 27 .....at Mayer
Sept. 3 .....at Gila Bend
Sept. 10 .....Tombstone
Sept. 16 (TV).....at Northwest Christian
Sept. 24 .....Life School
Oct. 1 ..... Chandler Valley Christian
Oct. 8 .....at Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Oct. 15 ..... Arizona Lutheran
Oct. 22..... Phoenix Christian
Oct. 29 .....at Valley Lutheran

SETON CATHOLIC SENTINELS
Sept. 3.....at Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Sept. 10.....at Sahuarita
Sept. 17 ..... Parker
Sept. 24 .....at River Valley
Oct. 1 ..... Higley
Oct. 8 .....at Estrella Foothills
Oct. 15..... Fountain Hills
Oct. 22 .....at Coolidge
Oct. 29 ..... Queen Creek

SHADOW MOUNTAIN MATADORS
Aug. 27 .....Scottsdale Chaparral
Sept. 10 .....at Phoenix Greenway
Sept. 17 ..... Scottsdale Saguaro
Sept. 23 ..... Flagstaff Coconino

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Oct. 1 .....at Agua Fria
Oct. 8.....at Bradshaw Mountain
Oct. 15.....at Glendale Cactus
Oct. 22 .....at Peoria Centennial
Oct. 29..... Prescott
Nov. 5 ..... Pinnacle

SKYLINE COYOTES
Sept. 3.....at Phoenix Goldwater
Sept. 10 .....at Phoenix South Mountain
Sept. 17 ..... Phoenix Central
Sept. 23 .....at Mesa Red Mountain
Oct. 1..... Mesa Dobson
Oct. 8 ..... Mesa Mountain View
Oct. 15 .....at Yuma Cibola
Oct. 22 .....Mesa Westwood
Oct. 29 .....at Mesa
Nov. 5..... Sierra Vista Buena

SOUTH MOUNTAIN JAGUARS
Sept. 3 .....at Scottsdale Horizon
Sept. 10 ..... Mesa Skyline
Sept. 17.....at Mesa Dobson
Sept. 23 .....at Chandler
Oct. 1..... Phoenix Goldwater
Oct. 8.....at Phoenix Central
Oct. 15 ..... Phoenix North
Oct. 22 .....at Phoenix Camelback
Oct. 29 ..... Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Nov. 5..... Phoenix Carl Hayden

SUNNYSLOPE VIKINGS
Aug. 27 ..... Scottsdale Notre Dame Prep
Sept. 3 .....at Apache Junction
Sept. 10 ..... Cactus Shadows
Sept. 16.....at Prescott
Sept. 23 ..... Phoenix Moon Valley
Oct. 1 .....at Glendale
Oct. 8..... Phoenix Washington
Oct. 15.....at Tempe McClintock
Oct. 22 ..... Dysart
Oct. 28 (TV) .....at Phoenix Thunderbird
Nov. 5 ..... San Luis (Yuma)

SUNRISE MOUNTAIN MUSTANGS
Sept. 3.....at Gilbert
Sept. 10 ..... Paradise Valley
Sept. 17 .....at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Sept. 24 ..... Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Oct. 1 ..... Phoenix North
Oct. 8 .....at Tolleson
Oct. 15 ..... Peoria
Oct. 22.....at Glendale Ironwood
Oct. 29 .....at Tolleson Westview
Nov. 5..... Kingman

TEMPE UNION BUFFALOES
Sept. 3 ..... Tempe McClintock
Sept. 10 .....at Buckeye
Sept. 17 ..... Bradshaw Mountain
Sept. 23.....at Phoenix Washington
Oct. 1 .....at Gilbert Desert Ridge
Oct. 8 ..... Scottsdale Chaparral
Oct. 15 .....at Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 22..... Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 29 .....at Apache Junction
Nov.5 ..... Scottsdale Saguaro

THUNDERBIRD CHIEFS
Sept. 3 .....at Scottsdale Arcadia
Sept. 10..... Mingus Union
Sept. 17 .....at Goodyear Millennium
Sept. 24 .....at Tempe McClintock
Oct. 1..... Phoenix Washington
Oct. 8 ..... Agua Fria
Oct. 15 .....at Glendale
Oct. 22 .....at San Luis (Yuma)
Oct. 28 (TV)..... Sunnyslope
Nov. 5..... Phoenix Moon Valley

TOLLESON WOLVERINES
Sept. 3 .....Tempe Mountain Pointe
Sept. 10 .....at Phoenix Central
Sept. 17.....at Gilbert Highland
Sept. 24 .....at Phoenix North
Oct. 1 ..... Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 8 ..... Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 15 ..... Kingman
Oct. 22.....at Peoria
Oct. 29.....at Glendale Ironwood
Nov. 5 ..... Tolleson Westview

TREVOR BROWNE BRUINS
Sept. 3.....at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Sept. 10 ..... Mesa Westwood
Sept. 17 .....at Tucson Canyon del Oro
Sept. 24 ..... Casa Grande
Oct. 1.....at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 9 (Sat.) .....at Phoenix Maryvale
Oct. 15 ..... Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 22 ..... Deer Valley
Oct. 29 .....at Phoenix Goldwater
Nov. 5 ..... Phoenix Alhambra

VALLEY CHRISTIAN TROJANS
Sept. 3.....at Sedona Red Rock
Sept. 10 ..... Tucson Pusch Ridge
Sept. 17.....at Phoenix Christian
Sept. 24 ..... Arizona Lutheran
Oct. 1 .....at Scottsdale Christian
Oct. 8..... Tombstone
Oct. 15 .....at Valley Lutheran
Oct. 22 ..... NWCC
Oct. 29 .....at Phoenix Bourgade Catholic

VALLEY LUTHERAN FLAMES
Aug. 27 ..... Estrella Foothills
Sept. 4.....Mayer (Round Valley Classic)
Sept. 10 ..... Maricopa
Sept. 17 ..... Williams
Sept. 24 .....at Northwest Christian
Oct. 1.....at Arizona Lutheran
Oct. 8 .....at Phoenix Christian
Oct. 15.....Chandler Valley Christian
Oct. 22.....at Phoenix Bourgade
Oct. 29 ..... Scottsdale Christian

WASHINGTON RAMS
Sept. 3 ..... Glendale Independence
Sept. 10 .....at Agua Fria



Tony Kraft
Basha



Zack Zolin
Basha

Sept. 17.....at Peoria Centennial
Sept. 24 .....Tempe Union
Oct. 1 .....at Phoenix Thunderbird
Oct. 8 .....at Sunnyslope
Oct. 15 ..... San Luis (Yuma)
Oct. 22 ..... Phoenix Moon Valley
Oct. 29 .....at Glendale
Nov. 5..... Tempe McClintock

WESTVIEW KNIGHTS
Sept. 3 .....at North Canyon
Sept. 10 ..... Tucson Flowing Wells
Sept. 17.....at Paradise Valley
Sept. 24..... Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 1 .....Tempe Marcos de Niza
Oct 8.....at Peoria
Oct. 15 ..... Glendale Ironwood
Oct. 22.....at Kingman
Oct. 29 ..... Sunrise Mountain
Nov. 5 .....at Tolleson

WESTWOOD WARRIORS
Sept. 3..... Tempe Desert Vista
Sept. 10 .....at Phoenix Trevor Browne
Sept. 17 ..... Phoenix St. Mary's
Sept. 23.....at Mesa
Oct. 1 .....at Marana Mountain View
Oct. 8 .....Yuma Cibola
Oct. 15..... Mesa Dobson
Oct. 22.....at Mesa Skyline
Oct. 29 ..... Mesa Mountain View
Nov. 4 (TV).....at Mesa Red Mountain

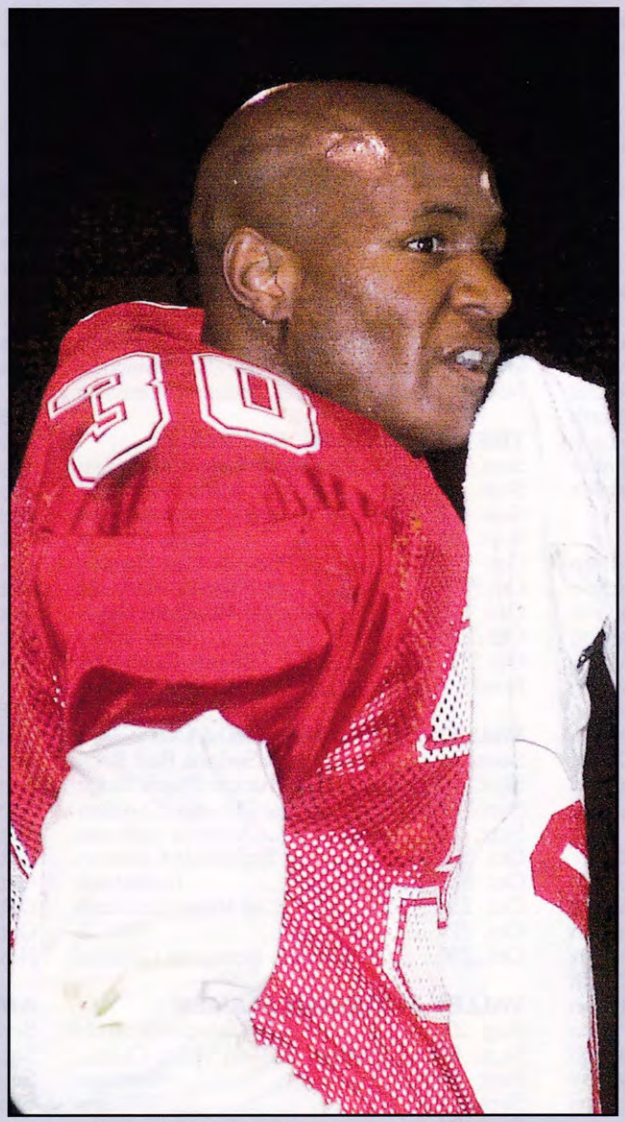
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Sept. 11.....at Northwestern
Sept. 18 .....Iowa
Sept. 25.....Oregon State
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Oct. 9 .....BYE
Oct. 16 .....at USC
Oct. 23 .....UCLA
Oct. 30 .....at California
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2002 .....CLAYTON SPEDDING
.....Bradshaw Mtn. (TE)
2001 .....JASON PRIDE
.....Prescott (WR/DB)
2000 .....JABARI FELTON-SMITH
.....Orme School (RB/DB)
1999 .....TONY GRAY
.....Bradshaw Mtn. (RB) jr.
1998 .....LAYNE CAMPBELL
.....Prescott (LB)
1997 .....MIKE RHORER
.....Mingus Union (RB/DB)
1996 .....KEVIN LARSON
.....Prescott (RB)
1995 .....DAVID MORAN
.....Bradshaw Mtn. (QB)
1994 .....DAVID MORAN
.....Bradshaw Mtn. (QB) jr.
1993 .....HEATH MELTON
.....Mingus Union (RB)
1992 .....HAMILTON MEE
.....Mingus Union (DL)
1991 .....JIM RICHARDSON
.....Bradshaw Mtn. (QB) jr.
1990 .....JAKE BARNES
.....Mingus Union (OT)
1989 .....JAKE BARNES
.....Mingus Union (OT) jr.
1988 .....SAM AUSTRINO
.....Prescott (DL)
1987 .....GUY GROVER
.....Prescott (RB/DB)
1986 .....COREY SUTTLES
.....Prescott (C)
1985 .....TIM WEST
.....Prescott (DB)
1984 .....DAVID ANDERSON
.....Bradshaw Mtn. (RB)
1983 .....BRIAN SCHAR
.....Prescott (QB)



Today, Orme's Jabari Felton-Smith is a defensive back at Texas Tech University. (Prescott Courier photo)

1982 .....MIKE REHMET
.....Orme School (C)
1981 .....DAVID MCELVAIN
.....Bradshaw Mtn. (QB)
1980 .....CURT DEVEREAUX
.....Prescott (DL)
1979 .....JOE PRUZINA
.....Prescott (DL)
1978 .....ART MARTINEZ
.....Mingus Union (DB)
1977 .....DAVID SORIANO
.....Mayer (LB)
1976 .....JIM TATUM
.....Prescott (RB)
1975 .....RON LOTT
.....Prescott (OL)
1974 .....STEVE CORSON
.....Mingus Union (RB)
1973 .....MARVIN DOTSON
.....Mingus Union (E)
1972 .....BOBBY MANRIGUEZ
.....Prescott (WB/DB)
1971 .....BOBBY MANRIGUEZ
.....Prescott (WB/DB) jr.
1970 .....GEORGE KAGELE
.....Prescott (DL)
1969 .....MAX CASTILLO
.....Mingus Union (G)
1968 .....JOE FLAGNIK
.....Prescott (OC)
1967 .....DENNIS KENDRICK
.....Prescott (DB)
1966 .....RAYMOND ACOSTA
.....Ash Fork (C)
1965 .....FRANK MURDOCK
.....Camp Verde (RB)
1964 .....JOHN PARKER
.....Mingus Union (G)
1963 .....CLIFFORD BIRD
.....Camp Verde (QB)
.....WAYNE HODGES
.....Camp Verde (WR)

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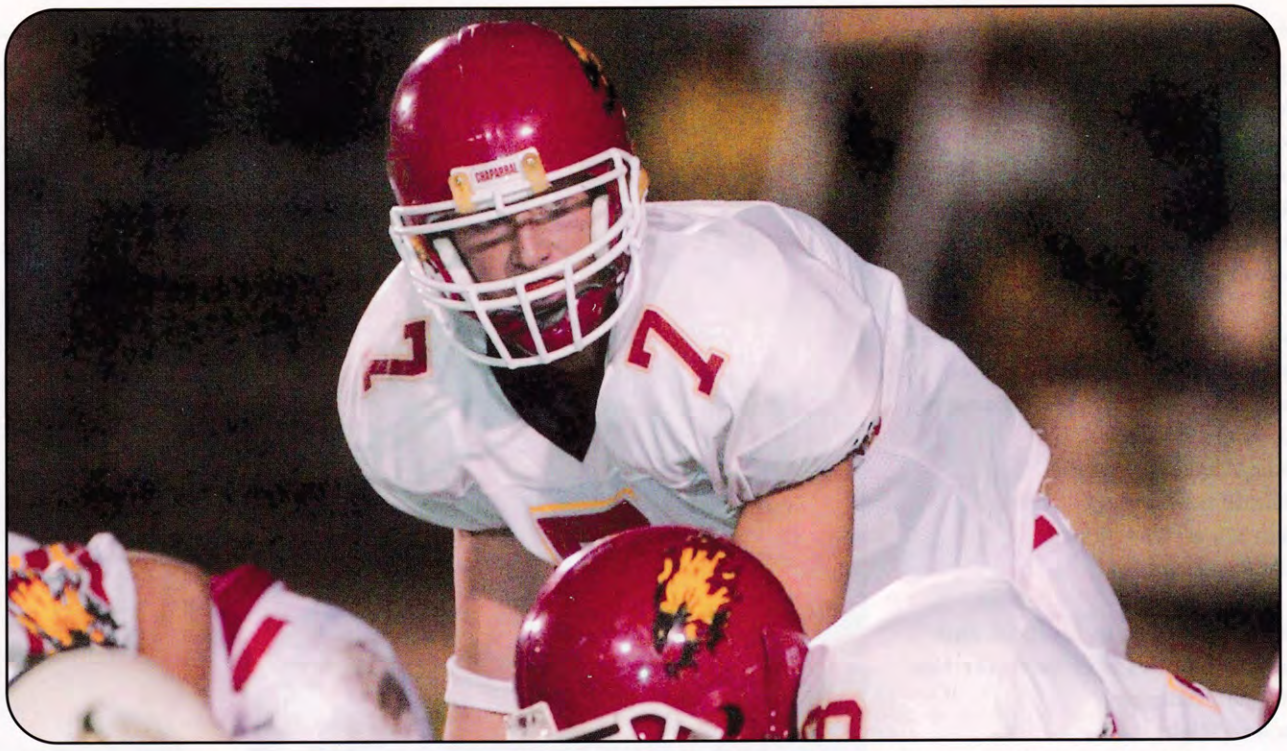
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Chaparral QB Darren Mougey passed for 2,218 yards and 32 touchdowns (Tribune photo).

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
1969 ... Wayne Mattingly, Saguaro, FB

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SPORTS QUIZ

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW FOOTBALL ...

1) During the 2004 NFL draft, which of these former Phoenix area high school stars was the highest pick?
- a) Jason Shivers, South Mountain
- b) Marquis Cooper, Highland
- c) Terry Johnson, McClintock
- d) Sammy Moore, Westwood

2) This summer, former Westwood star Sammy Moore hooked up with this NFL team as a receiver/kick returner:
- a) Oakland Raiders
- b) San Francisco 49ers
- c) Seattle Seahawks
- d) San Diego Chargers
- e) Denver Broncos

3) With 597 victories in football, this Arizona high school is close to the historic 600-win category:
- a) Tucson High
- b) Globe
- c) Phoenix St. Mary's
- d) Mesa
- e) Safford

4) With 297 coaching wins, this Phoenix area coach is close to joining the magic 300 list:
- a) Jesse Parker, Gilbert
- b) Karl Kiefer, Mountain Pointe
- c) Pat Farrell, St. Mary's
- d) Gary Venturo, Corona del Sol
- e) Ron Estabrook, Chaparral



This summer, former Westwood receiver/kick returner Sammy Moore hooked up with a West Coast NFL team (Bob Dunn/The Tribune).

5) This Arizona high school won nine consecutive state championships (including ties) between 1920-28, a national record at the time:
- a) Tucson
- b) Bisbee
- c) Globe
- d) Phoenix Union
- e) Miami
- f) Jerome
- g) Ajo
- h) Phoenix St. Mary's

6) TRUE OR FALSE: In the past decade, the Arizona high school ranks have produced more NFL draft picks than Arizona State, the University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University combined.

ANSWERS:
1) Terry Johnson, McClintock
2) Seatle Seahawks
3) Mesa
4) Karl Kiefer
5) Phoenix Union
6) True

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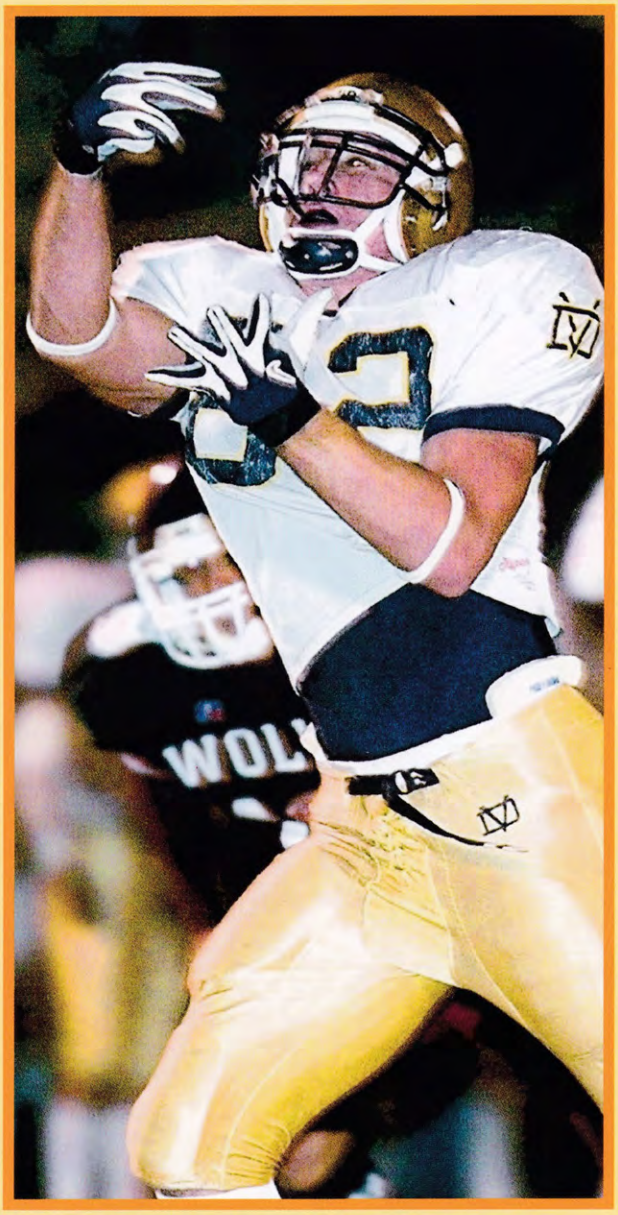
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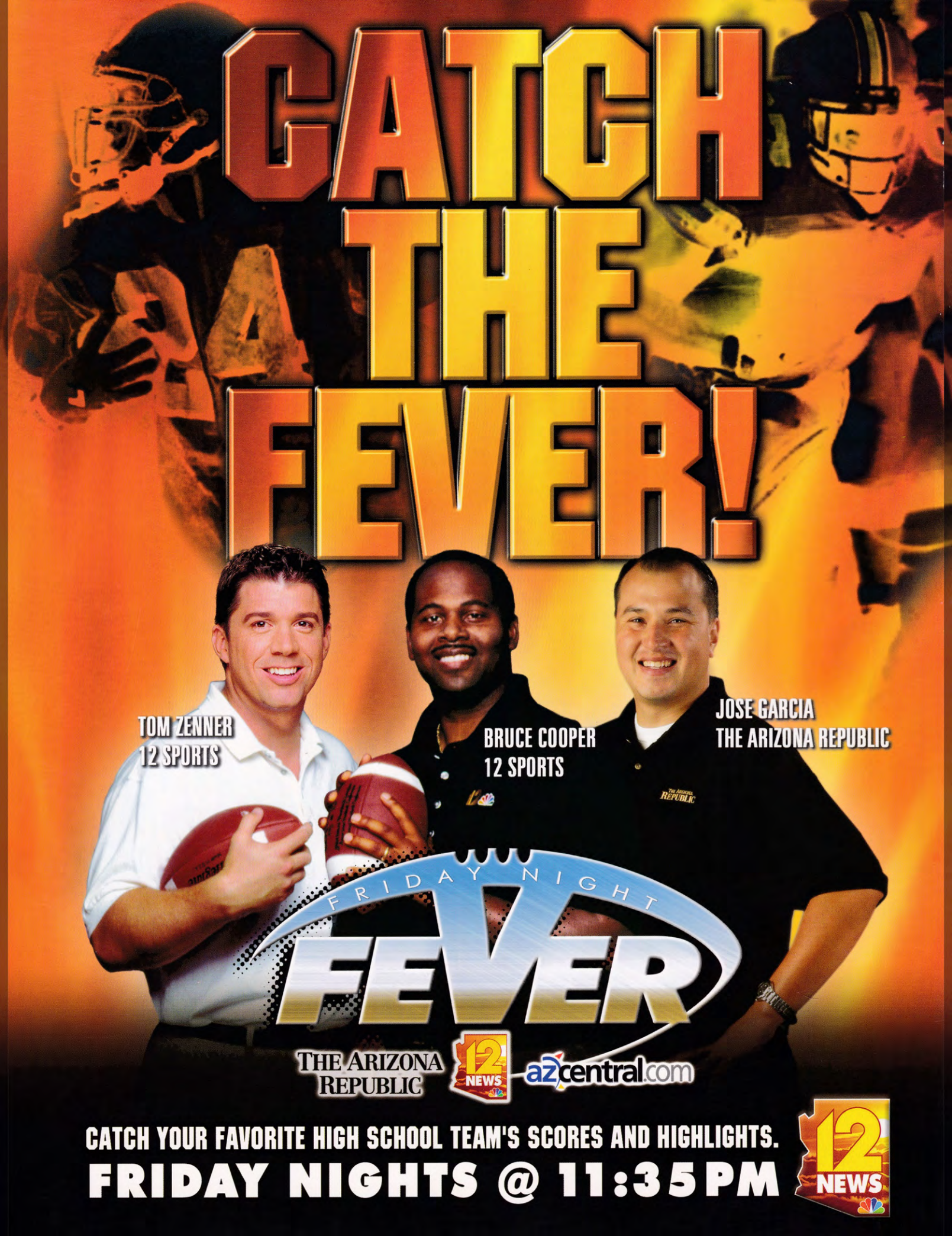
2003 .....ZACH MILLER
.....Tempe Desert Vista
2002 .....THOMAS HUFF
.....Phoenix Camelback
2001 .....ADAM MANNON
.....Chandler Hamilton
.....JOSH JORDAN
.....Chandler (jr)
2000 .....JUNIOR TAYLOR
.....Mesa
1999 .....SAMMY MOORE
.....Mesa Westwood
1998 .....BRISTOL OLOMUA
.....Mesa Red Mountain
1997 .....JASON 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
1983 .....VINCE MASTERS
.....Coolidge (jr)



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

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
1962 .....FRED CARR
.....Phoenix Union (jr)
1961 .....WILLIE NASH
.....McNary (6-man)

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