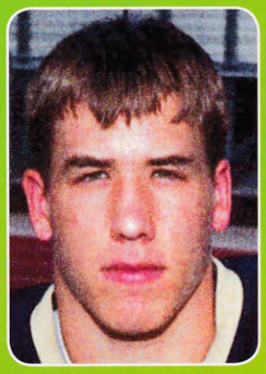
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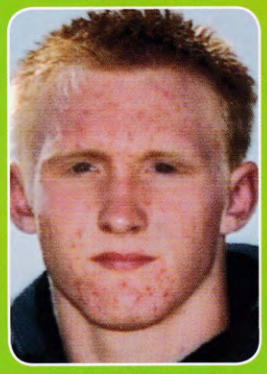
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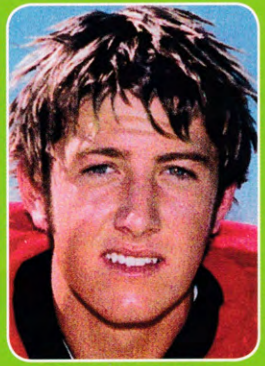
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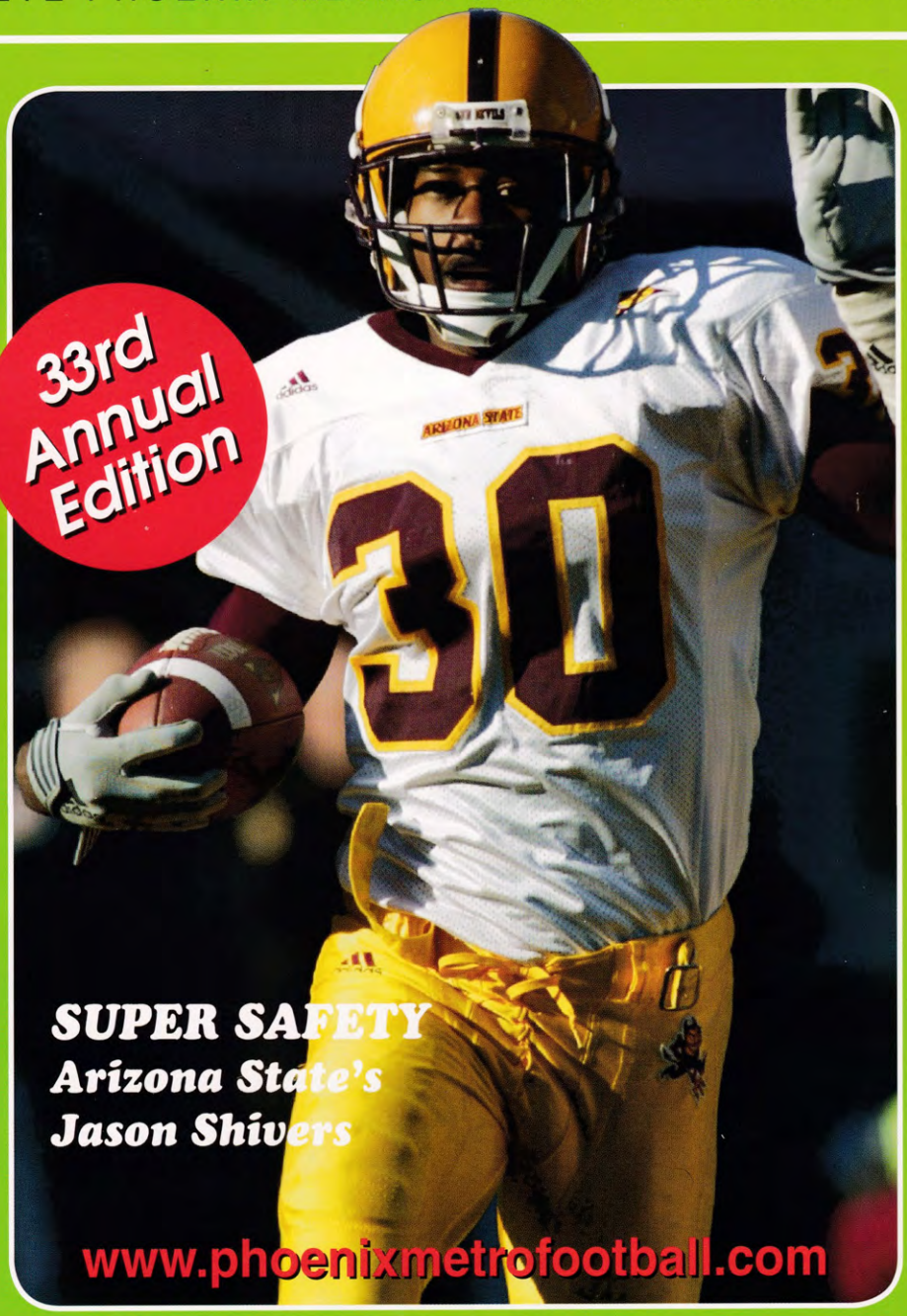
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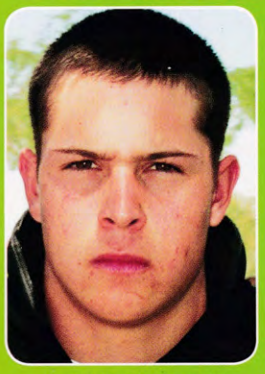


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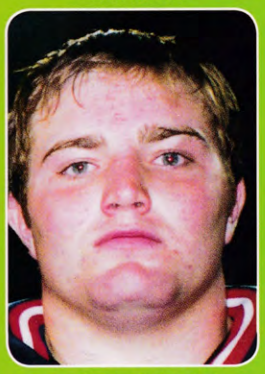


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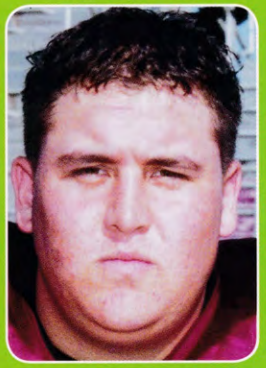




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.....Phoenix St. Mary's (QB)
1983 .....ANTHONY PARKER
.....Tempe McClintock (RB)
1982 .....RODNEY PEETE (jr)
.....Tucson Sahuaro (QB)
1981 .....STAN GILL
.....Flagstaff (RB)
1980 .....FRED SIMS
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Parade Magazine All-American Marcus Thomas. (Steve Paynter photo)

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.....Coolidge (TB)
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.....Tucson Amphi (LB)
1976 .....GREG BRADY
.....Coronado (QB)
1975 .....BRIAN FELIX
.....Phoenix Union (RB)
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TIE .....JIMMY MOORE
.....Marcos de Niza(TE/DE)
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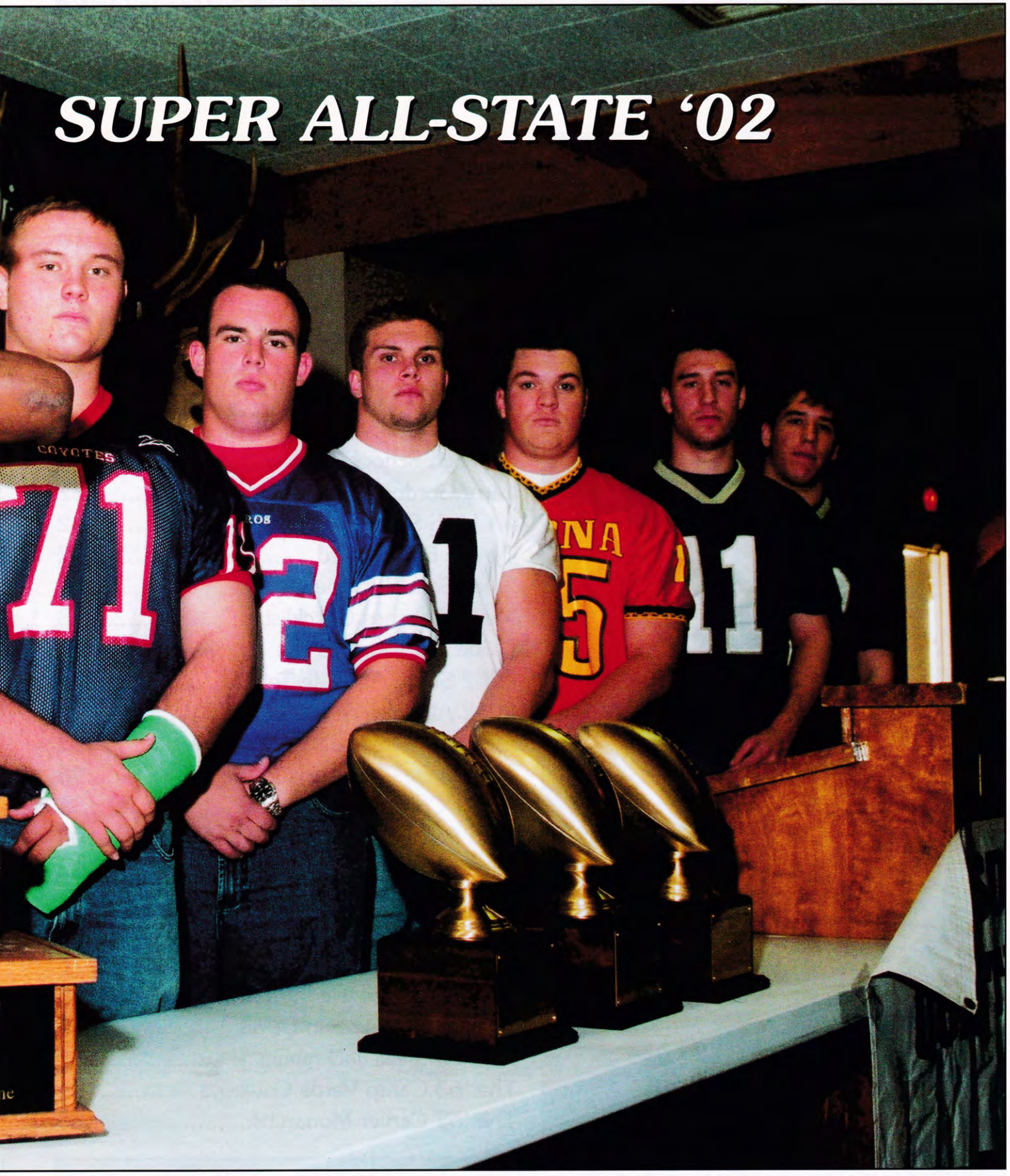
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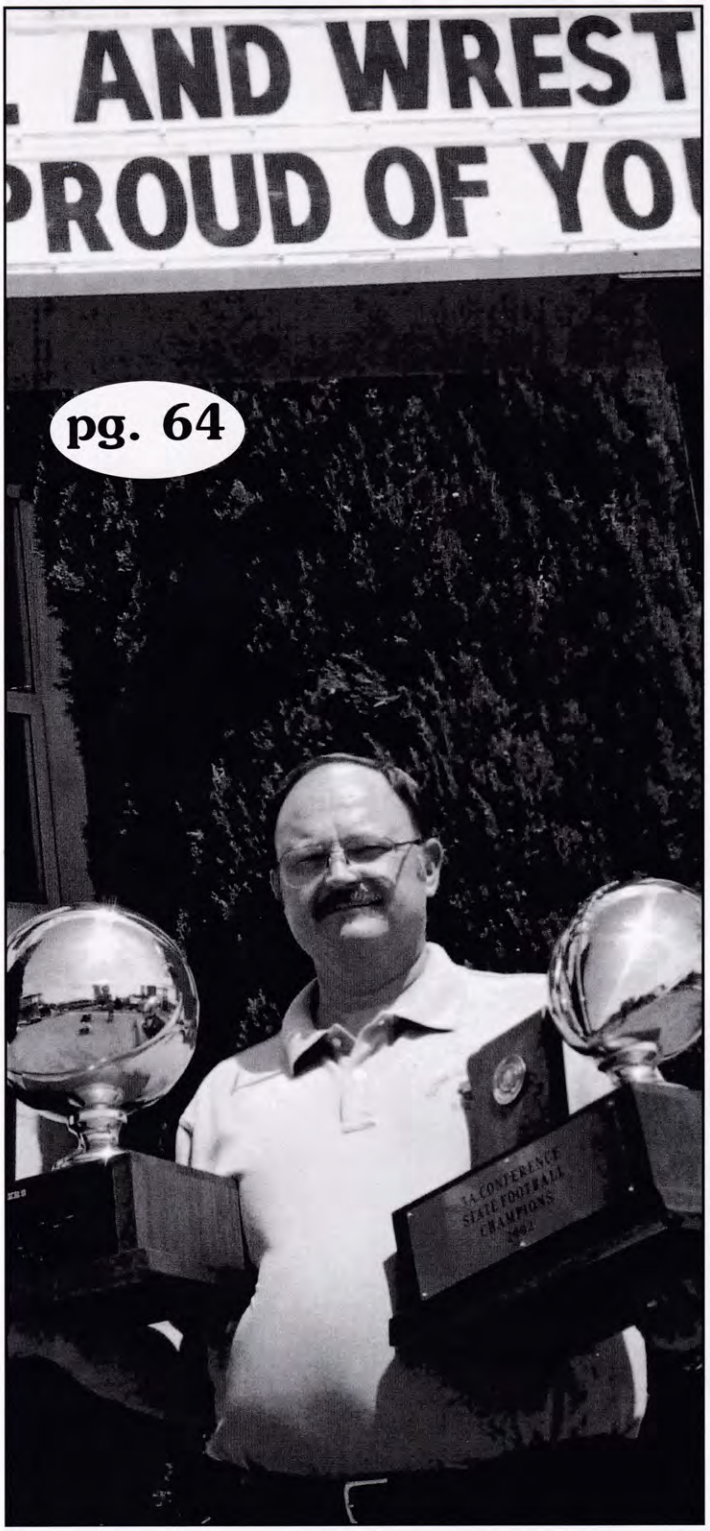


SUPER ALL-STATE '02



Several members of Phoenix Metro Football Magazine's 2002 Super All-State Team pose with the Vic Housholder Trophy at the Scottsdale Quarterback Club's annual luncheon. L-R: Tolleson's Marcus Thomas, Centennial's Mikal Brewer, Mountain View's Hunter Brady, Saguaro's Kyle Caldwell, Corona del Sol's Mike Pollak, and Desert Vista brothers Brent & Zach Miller (Todd Lillard photo).

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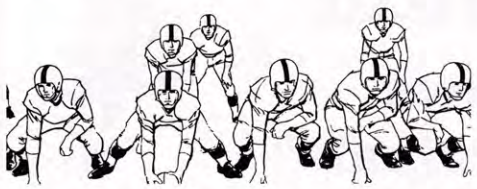
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HAMILTON FOOTBALL

I enjoyed your 2002 *Phoenix Metro Football Magazine*. I cover a good deal of high school and collegiate football here in Illinois. John Wrenn of Chandler Hamilton is well known in our area, having coached at both Aurora and Elgin. With a bit of luck and timing, I may someday see him in action during the AIA football playoffs. You have a classy magazine. I enjoyed the article on the Phoenix Union-North High Turkey Day battles.

Woodrow Carroll
Fox Valley Labor News
Aurora, Illinois

"We always went to the Turkey Day games. They were better than the A-State games. The Sun Devils didn't have very strong teams until Dan Devine and Frank Kush arrived. The high school games were better."

TURKEY DAY SPECIAL

Your recent story on the short-lived history between Phoenix Union and North High on 'Turkey Day" made our day. Almost everyone in my family attended those games in the mid-'50s. We lived in the Sunnyslope area but always went to the "Turkey Day" games. They were better than the A-State games. The Sun Devils didn't have very strong teams until Dan Devine and Frank Kush arrived. The high school games were better.

Daniel Becker
Surprise, Arizona

The story on the games between North and Phoenix Union brought back a lot of memories of my time at North High. Several of my friends and family who also attended North enjoyed it as well.

Barbara Rodgers
Glendale, Arizona

REMEMBER THE TITANS

Your 2002 edition certainly upheld your tradition of quality publications. I enjoyed the article, "Remember the Titans," about the 1962 Arcadia High team. Arcadia was a power when I arrived in the Valley from the United States Air Force Academy.

Warren Goodrich
Scottsdale, Arizona

Enclosed find a check for your latest *Phoenix Metro Football Magazine*. I am new to Phoenix. We moved from Omaha in 1999 and I saw a copy at the doctor's office. I've never seen a city magazine like yours for high school football before. I know they have a state-wide one in Texas. I am surprised at the number of players from Arizona high schools in the NFL. Your stories of the past are interesting, too. Time changes and schools which once were strong sometimes become weak, and vice-versa. I was surprised to read that Arcadia High was once a power in football.

Steve Manning
Scottsdale

DECADE'S BEST

I loved your 2000 edition, which saluted the Decade of the '90s. It is extremely well done and is a fabulous collector's item. I was thrilled to see my son, Brad Selby, included on the Team of the Decade with his teammate, Mike Brown, who as you know went on to Nebraska, and today plays for the Chicago Bears.

Bob Selby
Scottsdale

We just received your 1970 edition in the mail. Of all the interesting articles, the best by far was the list of great players from the Decade of the '60s. It's hard to fantom a state as small as Arizona producing so many good college and NFL players back then. I never read that in our local papers, which spend far too much space on pro sports. There seems to be a lot of high schools today, with all the growth.

Dale O'Conner
Avondale

COACHES KNOW MORE

The firing of Arizona State football coach Bruce Snyder, Diamondback manager Buck Showalter and Arizona Cardinals coach Vince Tobin in recent years is disturbing. The disturbing element from this angle is all were first pilloried and their firing advocated by Phoenix-based sports columnists. The belief here is that a reporter should report what is happening on the field or in the locker room, but should seldom advocate removing a coach.

One thing we should realize is even the most knowledgeable reporter knows far less about the game than the coaches he reports about. We are not held responsible for what we think should be done in the heat of battle, when the game is on the line. Coaches are.

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Sam Conner
Sports Editor
Winslow Mail

OLD TIMERS

I was visiting an old friend recently and saw a copy of your magazine. I'm sure you have received lots of thanks for your efforts over the years, but being an "old timer" I wanted to thank you for all your work and dedication in rewarding those who participate in high school sports. I remember my coaching days at Phoenix Union, how eagerly our kids waited for your football edition, just to see if their name might be mentioned, or read what you might say about the Coyotes. You continue to do a great service to the schools, athletes and coaches, and I want to say thanks.

Bill Saunders
Phoenix

Your 32nd annual edition of *Phoenix Metro Football* was again excellent. You have contributed greatly to Arizona high school football, and all sports, including academics. I commend you and your staff.

Paul Petty
Lake Havasu City

BOGUS BOOK

Your magazine is bogus and political and I will advise my friends and others to leave it in the racks. Your all-state selections are inconsistent. How can you select the running back from (Tucson) Salpointe over James McCullom of Peoria? *The Arizona Republic* was on the money considering their pick.

This young man ran behind one of the most inexperienced lines in 5A, and still didn't receive any credit from your magazine. If you compare the amount of yards per carry to those of the running backs you selected, you will find he gained more yards per carry, including those of his cousin, Aaron Lafitte ... Tim Toone of Peoria accounted for less of the offensive production than James. I can't help but feel that (your magazine) may have something to do with the jealousy most in the state feels for Coach Doug Clapp.

Susan Zykan
Peoria

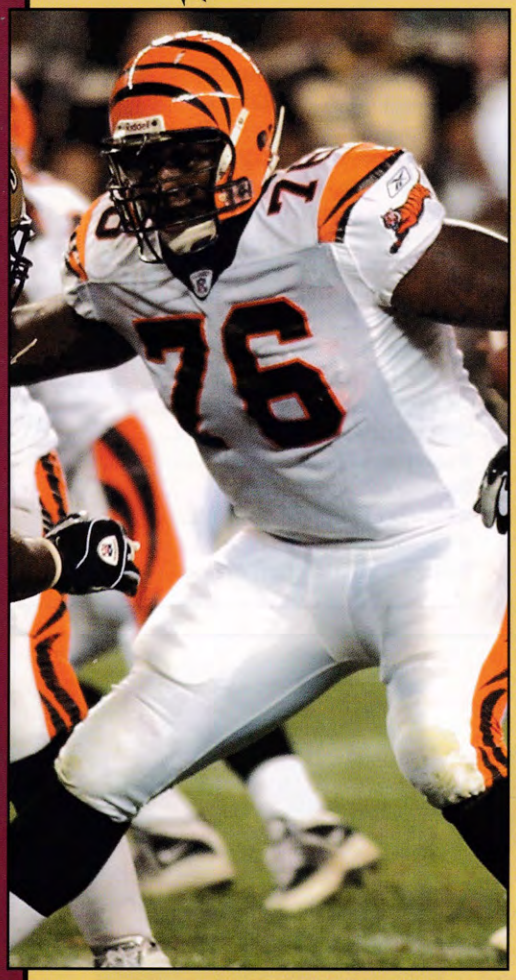
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Last January, Scottsdale Saguaro's **Kyle Caldwell**, the state's premier defensive lineman, was selected to play in the Third Annual United States **All-American Bowl**, sponsored by the **U. S. Army**. The game was played in the new, plush Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. During a pre-game practice, according to a Phoenix-based reporter, Caldwell took one look at the three-story press box at a local high school stadium and knew he was in the midst of "big-time Texas football." Later the game proved how silly that logic is. Here's a fact: The height of your press box, no matter what state or level of competition you compete in, has absolutely nothing to do with the caliber or quality of your football programs, teams or talent.

Caldwell was the only player from the Cactus State selected to play. No other member of Arizona's **Super All-State** team was invited. Yet 16 Texas players joined Caldwell on the West squad. They could have used some of his former teammates. The West, playing in the midst of "big time Texas football," lost 47-3. So much for three-story press boxes.

Here's another fact: The city of Phoenix, which is not in Texas, has produced more quality high school football teams and players - not to mention college and **National Football League** products - than San Antonio. And no high school in Maricopa County has a three-story press box.

Then there's **University of Arizona** running back **Clarence Farmer**. If this former Texas schoolboy product ever ran for mayor of Tempe he wouldn't get a vote. It was Farmer, one of 19 players on the Wildcats' roster from Texas, who instigated the bench-clearing melee which followed Arizona's 34-21 win over ASU in Tempe two years ago. As the clock ticked down, Farmer dashed from the sidelines and stomped on the "Sparky" logo at midfield. Arizona State players retaliated. Then, prior to the 2002 campaign, Farmer told *The Tucson Citizen*, "All football players have a mentality. What makes Texas football players stand out is a mentality and the way we play the game. Not to take away from California, Florida or any other states who have good football, but the mentality and the intensity we have in Texas is on a different level."

Somewhere between the **Red River** and the **Old Pueblo**, Texas mentality got lost in the shuffle. The 'Cats, with more Texas products on their roster than any Pac-10 team, finished last in the conference, won one Pac-10 game, and Farmer, who suffered a knee injury in September, never finished the season.

Then there's **Arizona Diamondback** outfielder **Luis Gonzalez**, who was way out in left field with this comment to **Dan Bickley** of *The Arizona Republic*: "I think everyone - the fans, the players, the media - is just tired of going to **Sun Devil Stadium**," said Gonzalez, a season ticket holder explaining another dismal Arizona Cardinal season, played on the campus at ASU. "There are too many bad vibes, too many bad memories. I think everything is going to change when they get into that new stadium." Gonzo here's a fact: When you've won only 40% of your games for 80 years, and have a losing record against almost every franchise in the league, you have a lot of "bad vibes and bad memories" in a lot of places. It's amazing how **Sun Devil Stadium**, arguably one of the premier college football facilities in the country, turns into the worst pro stadium every other Sunday.

In a 2002 college football article entitled *Florida: Breeding Ground for National Champions*, **Paola Boivin** of *The Arizona Republic* noted several bizarre comparisons (made by Floridians) of Florida high school football to other states. Examples for Florida's success at the college level included "they breed better football players" and "street ball with no pads and no coaching makes you tougher." Or state's like Arizona's "failure to allow pads outside the season during off-season workouts." It proves arrogance and nonsense isn't restricted to Texans. But leave it to Florida State's **Bobby Bowden**, who soon will become the nation's winningest college football coach, to shed some common sense on the topic. Bowden thinks the key to success in his state boils down to numbers. Like 16 million people, the approximate population of Florida. "More than anything, that's where the biggest difference lies," claims Bowden.

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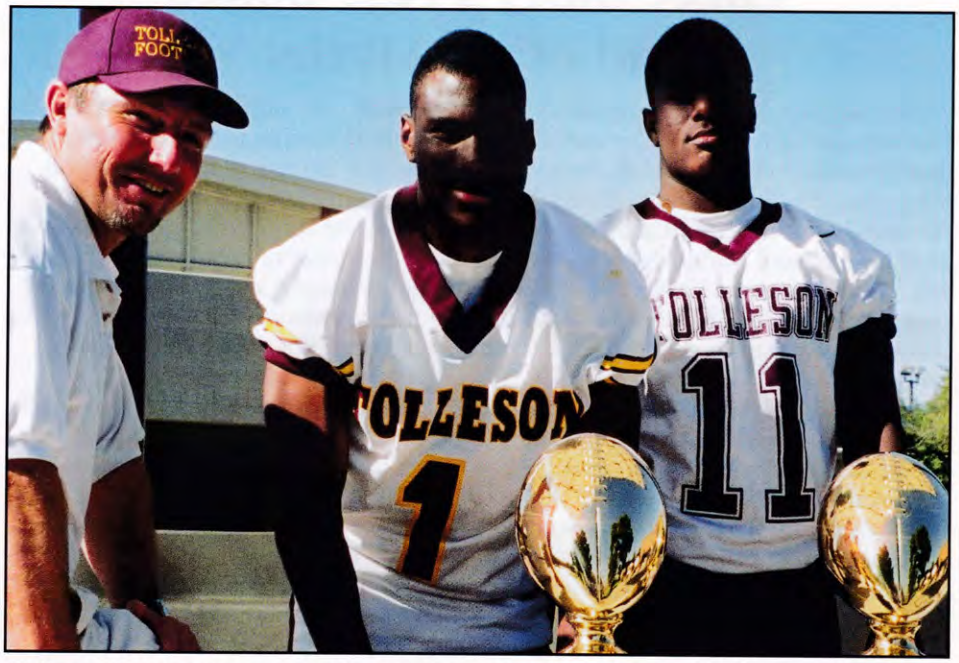
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Tolleson head coach Dan Widmaier has tutored two players of the year in the past three seasons, halfbacks Marcus Thomas (left) and Mike Bell.

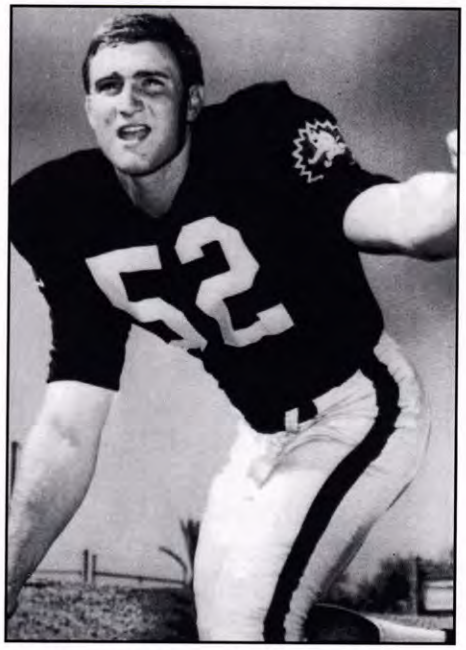
ALL IN THE FAMILY

The near-unanimous selection of running back **Marcus Thomas** as the 2002 Arizona Player of the Year was the second time the honor went to a Tolleson back in three years. In 2000, **Mike Bell** was the winner. It had been 15 years since that was last accomplished. Today, both are teammates at the University of Arizona.

In 1985, Tempe McClintock's **Cleveland Colter Jr.**, a USC signee, was the player of the year, just two years after former teammate **Anthony Parker** landed the same honor. Parker later played at Arizona State. In 1978-79, **Mike** and **Mossy Cade** became the most recent brother act to land player of the year honors. Both prepped at Eloy Santa Cruz. Collegiately, Mike played briefly at Michigan and Arizona State. Mossy earned All-America honors at Texas. The previous brother act was also from Eloy, future A-State stars **Art** (1965) and **Ben** (1969) **Malone**.

HALL OF FAME BACKER

The Frank Kush era at Arizona State continues to receive national recognition. **Ron Pritchard**, who starred at linebacker for the Sun Devils between 1966-68, was named to the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame. It was the second straight year an ASU alum was selected. Wide receiver **John Jefferson** went in last year.



Linebacker Ron Pritchard.

Pritchard, a native of Antioch, Calif., played before defensive stats were kept, but became the school's first three-time first-team All-Western Athletic Conference selection, and first consensus All-American. The Houston Oilers made him the 15th overall pick in the 1969 draft, and he played nine years in the league. A knee injury while playing with the Cincinnati Bengals ended his career.

"You don't have success by yourself," said Pritchard, upon hearing of his induction. "I can give thanks to every defensive player in my era. They get a piece of it. I'm not being modest. That's just a matter of fact. I'm blessed."

FIRST-ROUND DRAFTS

Five different colleges, including **Arizona State**, have had a first-round pick in the NFL draft for three consecutive years. The schools include Miami (Fla.), Florida State, Florida, Syracuse and the Sun Devils. Arizona State's three straight first-round picks have all been former Arizona schoolboy products: **Adam Archuleta** (Chandler), **Levi Jones** (Eloy Santa Cruz) and **Terrell Suggs** (Chandler Hamilton), to the Rams, Bengals and Ravens respectively.

KROHN REPORT

Jeff Krohn, the former A-State and Horizon High quarterback who transferred to Massachusetts last year, has been named co-captain for the upcoming season. Last fall Krohn passed for 2,032 yards and 16 touchdowns for the Minutemen. Two seasons ago in Tempe, during the first year under **Dirk Koetter**, he completed 115 of 213 passes for 1,942 yards and 19 touchdowns. He threw only seven interceptions. Last fall his position was soon filled by sophomore **Andrew Walter**, who had a stellar season of his own: 274 completions, 3,877 yards, 28 touchdowns. UMass is coached by former Phoenix Camelback quarterback **Mark Whipple**.

WEST MAY SOON BE BEST

Last year, half-a-dozen new high schools opened in the Phoenix metropolitan region, the most ever. This fall only one opens its doors, **Willow Canyon**, located in Surprise in the northwest part of Maricopa County. They'll join the 4A West Valley Region. The opening of WCHS gives the westside 41 high schools west of Central Avenue. There are 49 on the eastside. The west is catching up. Within five years, Maricopa County could have 100 high school members of the **Arizona Interscholastic Association**.

LIGHT IT UP

During the recently completed Arena Football season, the Arizona Rattlers played in two of the highest-scoring games in the league's history. On April



Joe Bugel



Gene Stallings

Toros, Knights & Badgers

A statistical comparison between last year's 5A state champ Mesa Mountain View, and two previous outstanding Arizona high school teams.

	Mt. View '02	St. Marys '95	Tucson '70
Won-loss record	14-0	14-0	12-0
Average points per game	43.0	39.3	39.6
Shutouts	8	6	1
Super All-State players	4	3	6
1,000-yard backs	1	0	3
Division-1 signees	0	3	5
*Division-1 signees faced	5	5	10
Parade Magazine All-Americans	0	1	2
#Highest national ranking	17	16	3

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13 they beat Los Angeles 82-76 in overtime, followed one week later with an 82-81 overtime win over Grand Rapids. In the first game, Rattlers QB **Sherdrick Bonner** threw nine touchdown passes as Arizona and the Avengers combined for 23 touchdowns.

One week later they topped it, stunning Grand Rapids on the road in a game that saw the Rattlers and Rampage combine for 61 second quarter points and 752 yards. The 163 combined points was the second most in Arena history, behind the 167 when New York beat Carolina 99-68 in 2201. In the second game, Bonner completed 26 of 43 passes for 358 yards and another nine scores.

COACHING GRAVEYARD

According to the *The Sporting News*, the **Arizona Cardinals** have been the National Football League's ultimate coaching graveyard, having made 38 head coaching changes since the team started in 1920. "This should be no surprise in the case of the Cardinals, considering their track record for dumping coaches rather than looking at organizational weaknesses," claimed the magazine. Since moving to Phoenix in 1988, Cardinals' head coaches have included Gene Stallings, Joe Bugel, Buddy ("You've Got a Winner in Town") Ryan, Vince Tobin and Dave McGinnis.

NAME GAME

At new **Sandra Day O'Connor High School**, located in the Deer Valley School District, two sophomores, running back Iain Michael and QB Ian Michels, are different people with basically the same same. The Eagles are coached by Rick Mey and will compete in the 5A Northwest Region.

A MESA FIRST

The city of Mesa, rich in high school football history, recorded a not-so-good first last fall. For the first time since World War II, the entire school system produced no Division I football signees. This included 5A state champ **Mountain View**. That hadn't happened before. It was the first time since 1961 (Tucson Pueblo) that the state's large school champions failed to produce a major college signee. However, the Toros' best prospect, center **Hunter Brady**, elected to attend a church mission. A Division-I football scholarship may be waiting when he returns. The alleged talent-drought didn't seem to bother Mountain View. During a 14-game run to the title, the Toros scored a 5A record 602 points, recorded eight shutouts, and steamrolled **Glendale Ironwood** 50-8 in the state finals. The 5A champs were coached by first-year Toro mentor Tom Joseph.

WOLFMAN

Former NFL player **Ron Wolfley**, a running back for the St. Louis/Phoenix/Arizona Cardinals between 1985-91, and local radio talk show host, is now in the high school football business. **The Academy**, founded by Wolfley, is located at Phoenix College, where he helps coach on a part-time basis. Classes are going to be held at the Bulpitt Auditorium during the school year. "The Academy is a football classroom dedicated to preparing high school players for the next level," says Wolfley. The old school philosophy governs the curriculum, teaching youngsters how to be more successful on the field, off the field and in school. Players from all grades, along with parents and coaches are welcome.

UNFRIENDLY ROOMMATES

The Arizona Cardinals, which are seeking up to $21 million in damages from **Arizona State University** in a recent dispute over advertising signage, have had a rough relationship with the school since it began playing in Sun Devil Stadium. But it's not like ASU wasn't warned. Wrote Tucson columnist **Corky Simpson** in 1988: "Arizona State is making a mistake by allowing the National Football League on its campus. It will erode its fan base, ticket sales and media coverage." Added **Bob Hurt** of *The Arizona Republic* in 1999: "Sun Devil Stadium may not be among the five best in the NFL, but it's no dog pound. In fact, the stadium is one heck of a lot better than the teams the Cardinals have put in it. Why can't they just rest their case on the need for control. They don't have to demean the stadium that provided them a first-class temporary home. I hope the Cardinals get their stadium, because it will get them out of ASU's hair."

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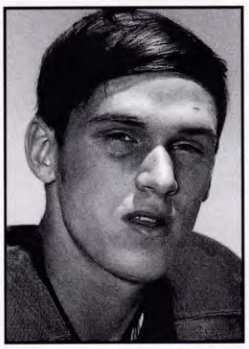




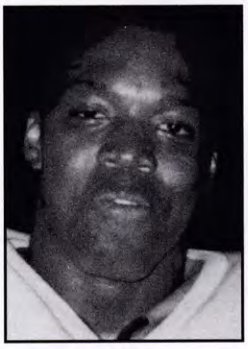
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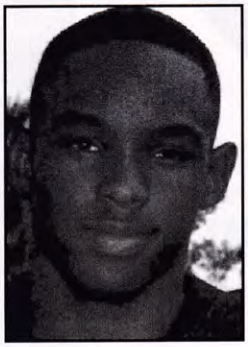
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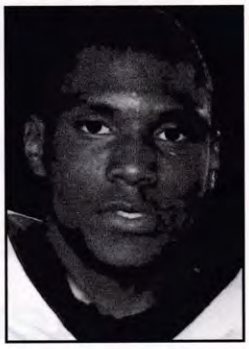
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WHIZZER WHITE, *a 1946 high school All-American, was a three sport star at both Mesa High School and Arizona State University, and later played in the National Football League with the Chicago Bears.*

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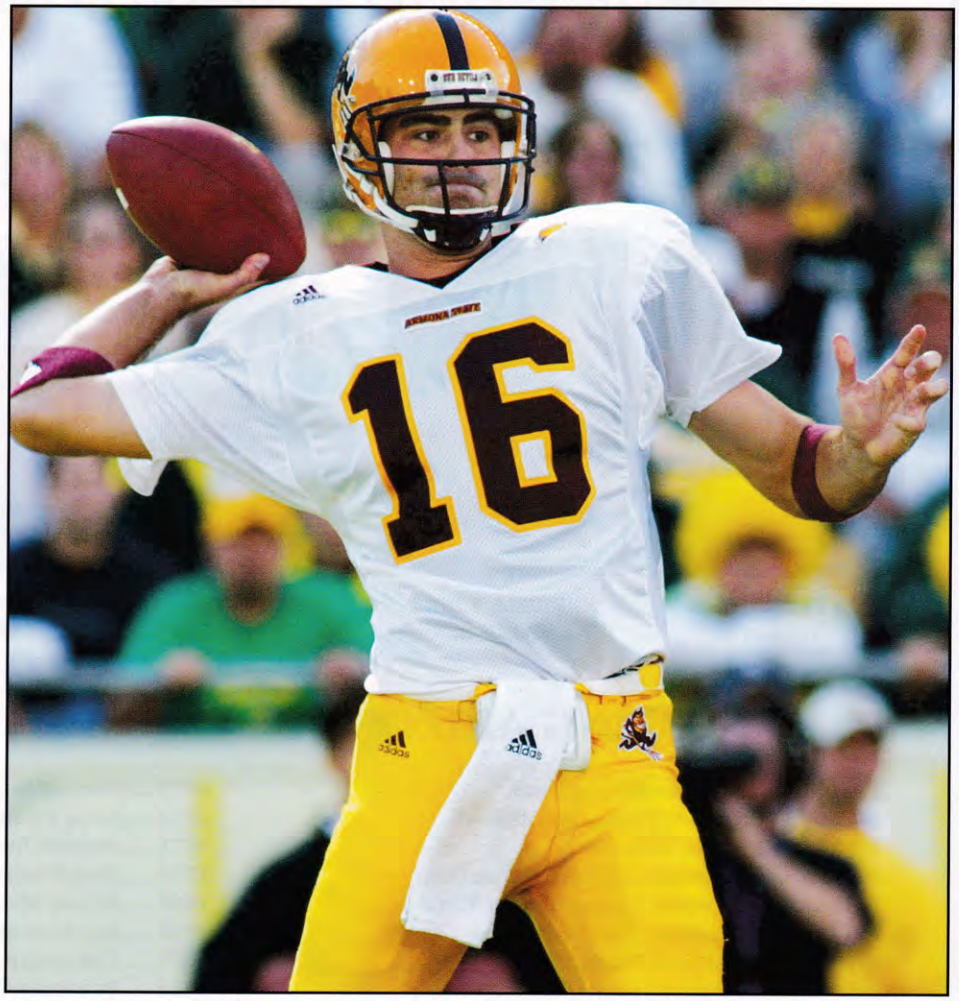
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Arizona State Preview

It's Andrew Walter's Aerial Show

By SAMMY WRIGHT



Against Oregon, Walter completed 31 of 53 passes for 536 yards and four touchdowns (Jason Wise photo).

It's the worst-kept secret in the Pac-10. When it comes to Arizona State's offense, the 2003 season rides on the arm of junior Andrew Walter.

Everybody knows it, including a large collection of defensive backs in the West. As Walter goes so go the Sun Devils. But if third-year coach Dirk Koetter has his way, A-State will be more than just an aerial threat. Many aspects of the program have improved.

"It was a successful season," says Koetter, evaluating last year's campaign, where the Sun Devils finished 8-6 after dropping a 34-27 heartbreaker to Kansas State in the Holiday Bowl. "Successful in that we exceeded people's expectations. A great season is playing in the Rose Bowl, or in last year's case, playing in the Fiesta Bowl. That's the next step."

A-State hopes to take that next step when they return the nucleus of a team that finished third in the Pac-10 after being tabbed to finish as low as ninth. They have lost their share of stars, with the likes of defensive lineman Terrell Suggs (Baltimore Ravens) and receiver Shaun McDonald (St. Louis Rams), but return more than enough depth on both sides of the ball to head back to "bowl country."

Plus, it will be the third season under the new regime. The third season of Koetter's system. If done right and aimed in the proper direction, things get better. In any business. College football is no different.

Quarterback Walter (6-5, 220) has been selected by his teammates as their 2003 co-captain, along with junior safety Riccardo Stewart. Still, the team is young. Not many juniors are selected team captains, at any school.

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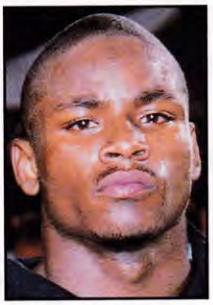
Last year Walter, who has been mentioned by some media outlets as a possible Heisman Trophy candidate, completed 56.7 percent of his passes for a school record 3,877 yards. He threw 28 scoring strikes, which ranked second on the ASU single-season charts (behind Mike Pagel's 29 in 1981). He was the first field general in the school's history to reach the 3,000-yard mark in a single season (3,877), and he almost hit 4,000.

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Stat-wise, Walter's biggest games included 57 attempts against Kansas State, 31 completions vs Oregon and Washington State, 536 passing yards at Oregon, and five touchdown passes against Stanford. The Devils split those contests, beating Oregon and Stanford.



Jason Shivers
South Mountain



Daryl Lightfoot
Maryvale

Four other quarterbacks are in the program; sophomore Chad Christensen, the former Scottsdale high school star who started last year's opener at Nebraska, redshirt freshman Kellen Bradley (another former Scottsdale prep star), and incoming frosh Mike Affleck and Sam Keller.

The tailback situation includes two dandys, senior Mike Williams and sophomore Cornell Canidate. The top spot belongs to Williams, who earned "player of the game" honors after 162 yards and four touchdowns on 40 carries during a 34-20 win over Arizona. "Mike is the most complete running back we have," says his head coach. "He is a leader who is versatile and knows our system."

Senior Jermaine McKinney appeared in six games. Redshirt freshmen Randy Hill and Loren Wade are expected to make an impact. Hill was a former prep star at nearby Tempe McClintock. Senior Mike Karney (6-0, 260) has the fullback slot to himself, with sophomores Mike Talbot (6-2, 234) and Joseph Aboussie (5-9, 243) ready at any time.

Even with the departure of Shaun McDonald, the Devils return several explosive receivers. Three-fourths of the team's wideouts return, including junior Daryl Lightfoot, senior Skyler Fulton and soph Derek Hagan. Throw in Matt Miller, Terry Richardson, Moey Mutz and Rudy Burgess and there's plenty of targets.

The big gap is at tight end, but with Lee Burghgraef, Aaron Austin, Jamaal Lewis, Frank Maddox and Brent Miller in the program, the prospects look bright. Burghgraef was the team's second tight end last year, and Maddox was second the year before.

Koetter and his staff return all five starters on the offensive line, a bonus for coaches in a league like the Pac-10. They include guard Regis Crawford (6-3, 304), guard Tim Fa'aita (6-1, 305), center Tony Aguilar (6-3, 288), guard Drew Hodgdon (6-3, 285), and sophomore tackle Chaz White (6-4, 290).

Sun Devil Newcomers

HIGH SCHOOLS:

Pos	Player / Height & Weight	High School/State
QB	Mike Affleck, 6-3, 228	Provo (Timpview), Utah
QB	Sam Keller, 6-4, 220	Danville (San Ramon Valley), Calif.
WR	Rudy Burgess, 5-11, 180	Edwards (Desert), Calif.
TE	Brent Miller, 6-5, 225	Tempe (Desert Vista), Arizona
OL	Robert Gustavis, 6-3, 263	Torrance (North Torrance), Calif.
OL	Julius Orieukwu, 6-7, 298	Houston (Bellaire), Texas
OL	Mike Pollak, 6-4, 275	Tempe (Corona del Sol), Arizona
OL	Brandon Rodd, 6-5, 275	Aiea (Aiea), Hawaii
LB	De'Andre Johnson, 6-2, 225	Phoenix (South Mountain), Arizona
LB	Mark Washington, 6-3, 240	Long Beach (Poly), Calif.
DE	Kyle Caldwell, 6-4, 260	Scottsdale (Saguaro), Arizona
DT	Brett Palmer, 6-3, 280	Tempe (Marcos de Niza), Arizona
DB	Josh Barrett, 6-1, 195	Reno (Reno), Nevada
DB	Chad Green, 5-11, 170	Van Nuys (Birmingham), Calif.
DB	Damel Henderson, 5-11, 185	Oakland (McClymonds), Calif.
DB	Daniel Varvel, 6-3, 190	Bakersfield (Bakersfield), Calif.
PK	Jessie Ainsworth, 6-3, 200	Thousand Oaks (Thousand Oaks), Calif.

JUNIOR COLLEGES:

TE	Aaron Austin, 6-5, 255	Fresno (Fresno), Calif.
DB	Chris McKenzie, 5-10, 185	Glendale (Glendale), Arizona
LB	Justin Burks, 6-3, 235	Norwalk (Cerritos), Calif.
DT	Gabe Reininger, 6-2, 270	Moorpark (Moorpark), Calif.

"We may end up with about eight guys who are going to play the bulk of the minutes," says Koetter. "Within that eight, you have to have guys who can play different spots. We will try to put our five best on the field."

But when it comes to big games, the outcome is usually decided by the defense. Even with the loss of the highly acclaimed Suggs, the Devils' defense looks improved. Senior tackles Brian Montesanto (6-5, 260) and Shane Jones (6-2, 290), along with junior end Jimmy Verdon (6-3, 270) anchor the line. Verdon can line up at end or tackle. Sophomore defensive end Nick Johnson, out of nearby Chandler High, is penciled in at the other end. He surprisingly saw lots of action last year as a true freshman. The rest of the front includes junior Connor Banks, junior Jared Wolfgramm, senior Matt Mason, sophomore Josh Kirkwood, junior Gabe Reininger, redshirt freshmen Rickey Parker and Ali Likio, plus highly-touted newcomer Kyle Caldwell, a prep All-American from nearby Scottsdale Saguaro.

Three seniors started at linebacker last year, so this position is all new. Sophomore Jamar Williams (6-1, 228) will assume the leadership role. He has the most minutes. Sophomore Barton Hammit (6-0, 220) will be a key. He played in several games as a true freshman in 2001 before being shelved by an injury. Redshirt freshman Jordan Hill (6-2, 240) hopes to make an impact. He hails from the same high school in Idaho (Pocatello Highland) as Koetter attended. Last year, newcomer Justin Burks was one of the best junior college linebackers in the country. Freshman Mark Washington joins the team after totaling 165 tackles (28 for losses), nine sacks and eight forced fumbles in two years at historic Poly High in Long Beach, California.

The Sun Devils are well-stocked at safety, with juniors Jason Shivers (cover) and Riccardo Stewart, both honorable mention All-Pac-10 picks. These two can run and hit with anybody. Shivers was a local state sprint champ from nearby Phoenix South Mountain. Brett Hudson, Joey Smith, Matt Fawley and Lamar Baker have all played. Jamar Williams, Barton Hammit, Ishmael Thrower, Jordan Hill, Justin Banks and Tyrone Bowers will man the corners.

Daryl Lightfoot, Josh Golden, Cornell Canidate and Terry Richardson will return kicks. Tim Parker is the punter. Jesse Ainsworth will handle the place kicking, with Parker a backup.

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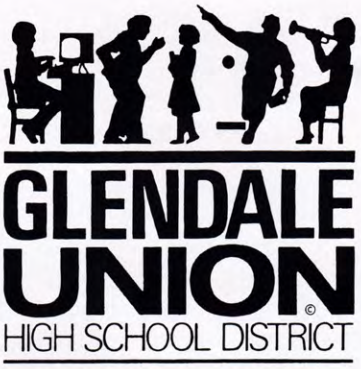
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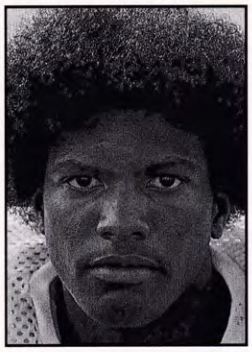
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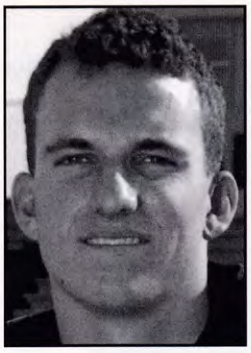
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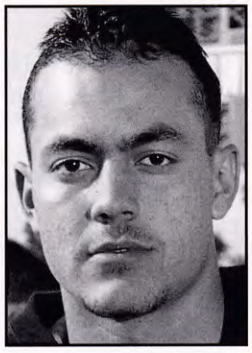
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1957 ..... Eddie Wilson, Chandler
1956 ..... Jim Mason, Phoenix West
1955 ..... Jim Wolf, Yuma
1954 ..... Ralph Hunsaker, Mesa
1953 ..... Clyde Nielson, North Phoenix (jr)
1952 ..... Pat Flood, Tucson

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

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.....Tucson Sahuaro
1984 .....TODD YOUNG
.....Tempe Marcos de Niza
1983 .....VINCE MASTERS
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.....Avondale Agua Fria



Utah-bound receiver Thomas Huff, Phoenix Camelback Spartans. (Steve Paynter photo)

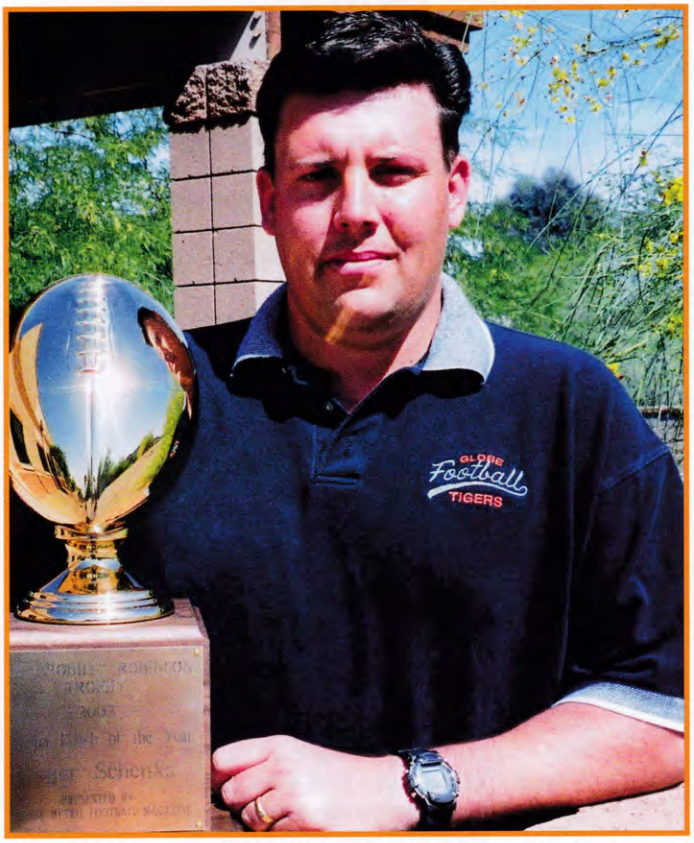
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.....Globe
1967 .....CALVIN DEMERY
.....South Mountain
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.....Avondale Agua Fria
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.....Scottsdale Arcadia (jr)
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1984.....Pat Farrell, Phoenix St. Mary's
1983.....Jesse Parker, Mesa Mountain View
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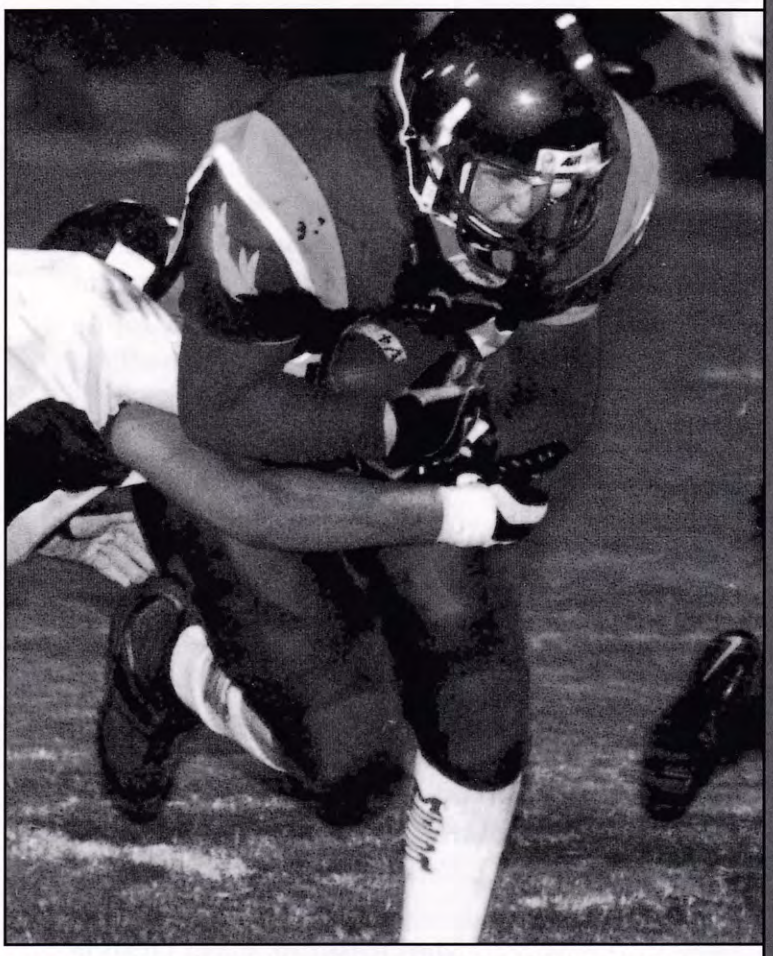
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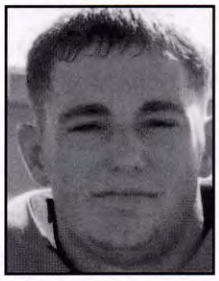
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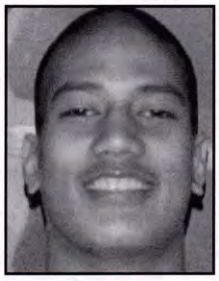
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2001.....Mike Green, Red Mountain, LB
2000.....Steve Walker, Red Mountain, RB/LB
1999.....John Beck, Mountain View, QB
1998.....Bristol Olomua, Red Mountain, WR
1997.....Todd Heap, Mountain View, TE/LB
1996.....Cody Price, Westwood, LB
1995.....Tom Pace, Mesa, QB
1994.....Matt Griffith, Mesa, NG
1993.....Mikel Moreno, Mesa, QB
1992.....Brandon Thomas, Westwood, WR
1991.....Mike Cook, Mountain View, WR/DB/K
1990.....Grady Benton, Mesa, QB
1989.....Mark Jorgensen, Westwood, DB
1988.....Lance Smith, Mountain View, RB
1987.....Josh Arnold, Dobson, RB/DB
1986.....Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, PK
1985.....Bob Davis, Mountain View, LB
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1981.....Brian Denton, Mesa, T
1980.....Kevin Van Norman, Mountain View, DB
1979.....Todd Shell, Mountain View, LB
1978.....Keith Miller, Mountain View, WR
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1976.....Fred Freeman, Westwood, T
1975.....Darrel LeSuer, Mesa, LB
1974.....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, RB
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1969.....Danny White, Westwood, QB



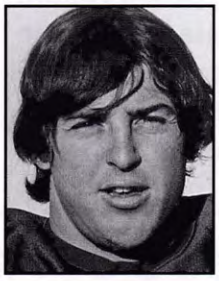
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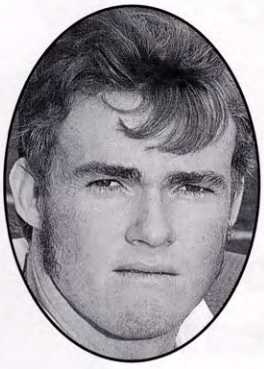
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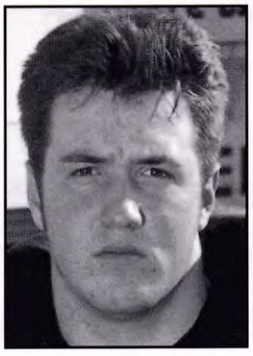
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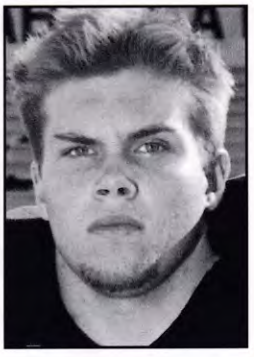
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Mountain Ridge



Brian Murray
Salpointe



Loren Howard
Saguaro



Kyle Caldwell
Saguaro

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2002 ..... Kyle Caldwell, Scottsdale Saguaro (DL)
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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)
1994 ..... Matt Griffith, Mesa (NG)
1993 ..... Todd Thompson, Tucson Sahuaro (DL)
1992 ..... John Tait, Tempe McClintock (OT)
1991 ..... Willie Walker, Tucson Desert View (DL)
1990 ..... Grady Stretz, Tempe McClintock (DL)
1989 ..... Mike Ciasca, Tucson Sahuaro (OT)
1988 ..... Eric Ipock, Peoria (OT)
1987 ..... Richard Griffith, Tucson Catalina (DL)
1986 ..... Tim Landers, Round Valley (DT)
1985 ..... Gary Pay, Glendale Apollo (T)
1984 ..... Vincent Byrd, Eloy Santa Cruz (DT)
1983 ..... Steve Spurling, Scottsdale Horizon (C)
1982 ..... Richard Bear, Moon Valley (DT)
1981 ..... Frank Rudolph, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)
1980 ..... Tom Briehl, Phoenix Gerard (T)
1979 ..... Dave Wood, Phoenix Washington (DL)
1978 ..... Doug Kellermeyer, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)
1977 ..... Marty Van Gorder, Chandler (C)
1976 ..... Jack Housely, Phoenix Maryvale (DL)
1975 ..... Phil Hedrick, Phoenix Maryvale (T)
1974 ..... Jimmy Moore, Tempe Marcos de Niza (DL)
1973 ..... Jon Abbott, Phoenix Central (T)
1972 ..... Keith Sobraske, Scottsdale Coronado (T)
1971 ..... Mike Dawson, Tucson (T)
1970 ..... Glen Gresham, Phoenix Union (OT)
1969 ..... Roger Kronberg, Tempe (OT)
1968 ..... Fernie Mendoza, Tucson Salpointe (T)
1967 ..... Ken Hatcher, Mesa (C)
1966 ..... Bill Dawson, Tucson (T)
1965 ..... Bill Dawson, Tucson (T) jr.
1964 ..... Richard Griffin, Mesa Westwood (OT)
1963 ..... Curley Culp, Yuma (MG)
1962 ..... (TIE) Gary Swift, Scottsdale Arcadia (T)
..... Bob Bertelsen, Scottsdale Arcadia (T)
1961 ..... Allen Thorn, Phoenix St. Mary's (C)
1960 ..... Ted Lawrence, South Mountain (G)
1959 ..... Dennis Couse, Tucson (T)
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1957 ..... Wayne Magnusson, Phoenix West (G)
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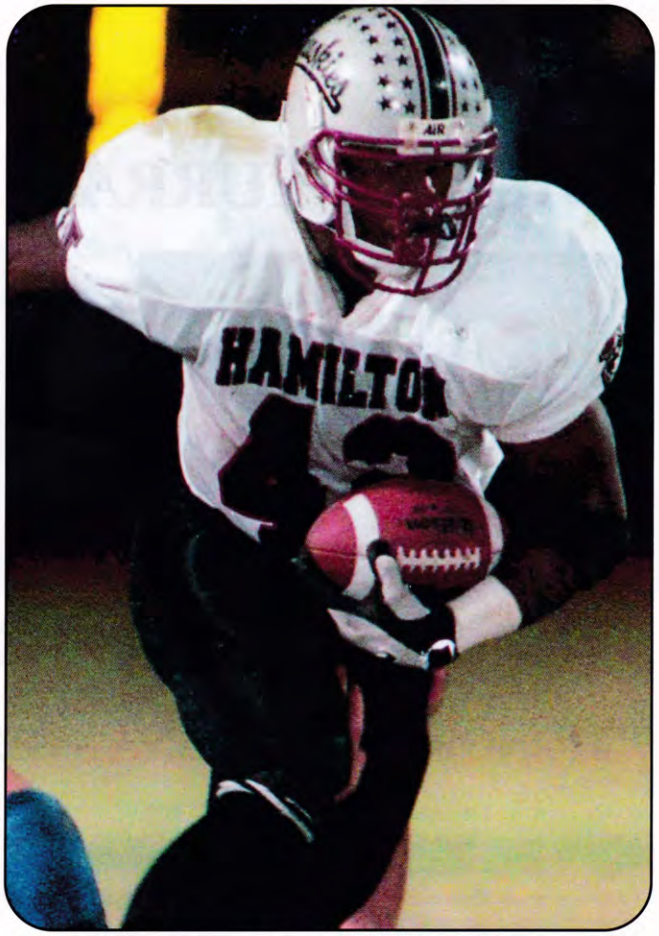
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1998 .. Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, RB/DB
1997 .. Todd Heap, Mountain View, TE/LB
1996 .. Justin Taplin, Tempe, WR
1995 .. Mike Brown, Saguaro, RB/DB
1994 .. Tavon Cooper, Peoria, RB/KR
1993 .. Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, RB/DB
1992 .. Mike Mitchell, 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)
1973 .. Rob Wilson, Coronado, QB/DB



Today, Terrell Suggs is a rookie with the Baltimore Ravens (Andy Sawyer/The Tribune).

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
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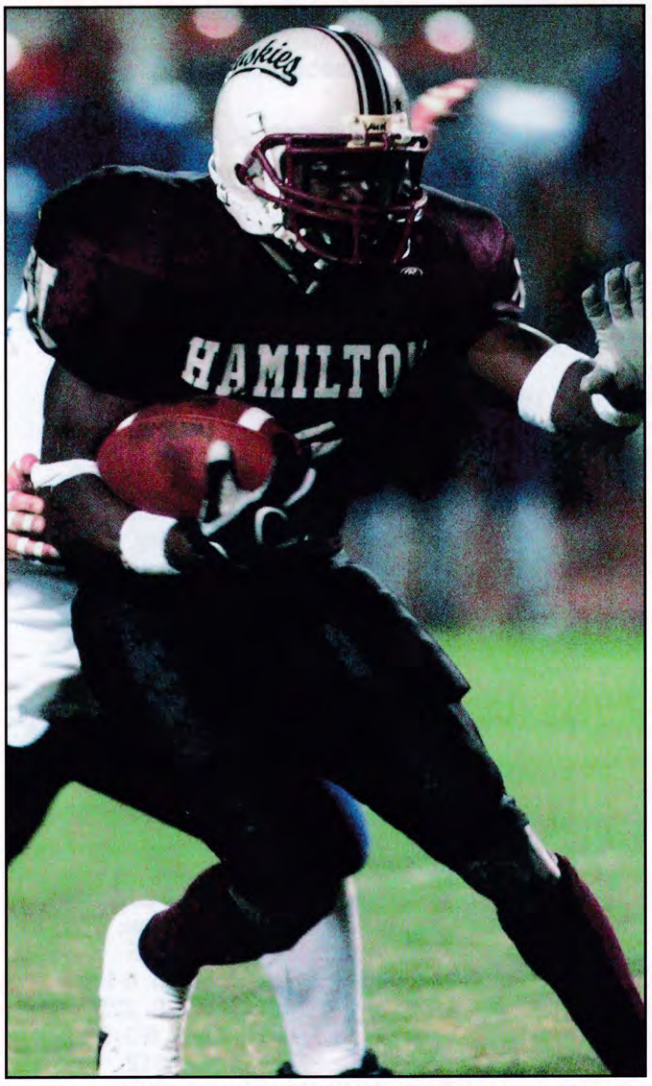
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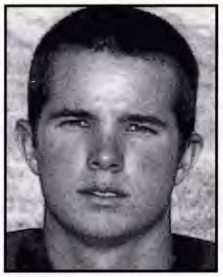
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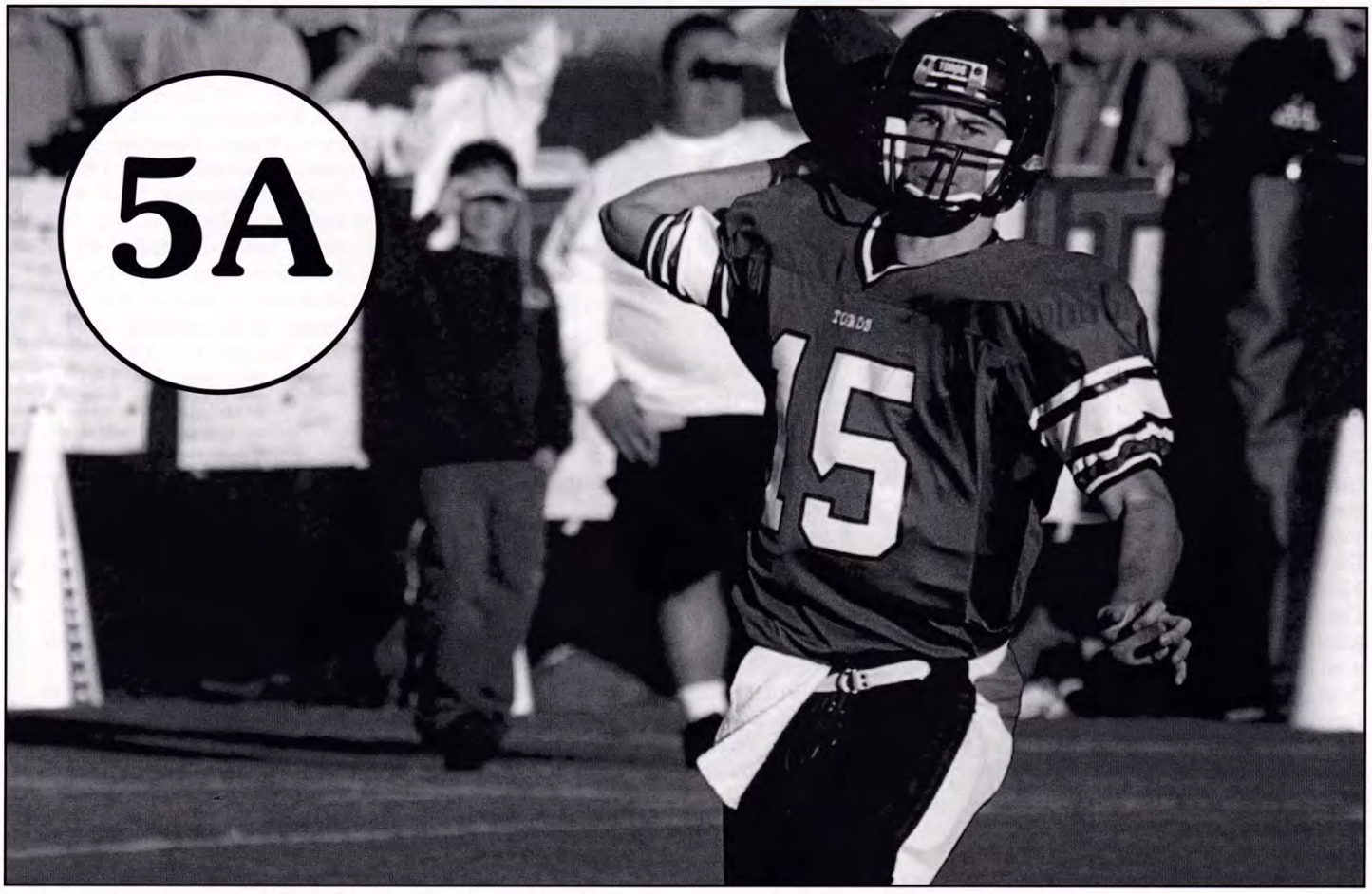
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With quarterback Max Hall in the lineup, Mountain View might have the best field general in 5A football, and the ringleader of an offense which averaged 43 points and 387 yards per game (Steve Paynter photo).

Mountain View's Toros Start on Top

The Mesa Public Schools, with their large enrollments and strong junior high feeder systems, continue to dominate the 5A football playoffs. Last year was no exception.

The outcome of the state title game, won 50-8 by Mountain View over Glendale Ironwood, was a surprise to everybody but Toro fans. Coach Tom Joseph, in his first year at the Mesa school, stamped his 2002 edition as one of Mesa's all-time great clubs. In 14 games the Toros scored a 5A state record 602 points, recorded eight shutouts, and steamrolled everybody in their playoff path.

Basically, only one school, rival Westwood, played them tough. Late in October, the feisty Warriors battled Mountain View to an 8-0 standoff. But in November, two games into the playoffs, it was a different story: Toros 45, Westwood 6.

Twice the state champs scored over 70 points, beating northern foe Kingman 73-0, and city rival Dobson 74-0. They finished the season ranked No. 17 in the USA by both Student Sports Magazine (the nation's most respected poll), and the National Sports News Service (the nation's oldest).

Unfortunately for MV foes, the all-important field general who ran the champ's offense, quarterback Max Hall, is back. With Hall in charge, the Toros ground out 5,429 yards, or 387 per game, while averaging 43.0 points each night, best-ever by a Mesa school.

The defending champs return their best defensive player as well, all-state linebacker Bryce Hardy. In other words, both key figures on each side of the ball, not to mention 32 lettermen from that unbeaten club, return. It's no wonder they were featured as one of the nation's premier programs in this summer's Street & Smith's College Football Preview.

But don't look for the rest of the state to wave a white flag yet. Several road blocks, as always, await any defending champ, no matter how strong they look on paper. First up for the Toros in No. 2 ranked Chandler Hamilton, a club they knocked out in the semifinals 31-7. It was the Huskies only loss during a near-perfect 13 game schedule.

Hamilton coach John Wrenn, who built the Chandler school into a state power in a very short time, has the nucleus of another excellent team, plus three potential Division I signees. Since the school opened in 1998, Hamilton has averaged 10 wins per season, second only to Mountain View in the 5A ranks.

Historically, Mesa High is within shouting distance of a magic mark: 600 football victories. Entering the 2003 campaign, the Jackrabbits are 594-257-37 since 1920. However, with little size

and speed in the lineup, it might take Bill McKane's forces two years to reach that mark. On the westside, look for Peoria to bounce back from an early playoff loss. In fact, with its tremendous growth, there will soon be has many high schools west of Central Avenue as reside in the East Valley.

5A EAST VALLEY

1. Mesa Mountain View (14-0)
2. Mesa Red Mountain (6-5)
3. Mesa (6-5)
4. Mesa Dobson (3-7)
5. Mesa Westwood (7-5)
6. Yuma Cibola (5-5)
7. Mesa Skyline (2-8)

At **Mountain View**, the defending state champs return enough key players at key positions to repeat. Second-year coach Tom Joseph has the best QB in the region in senior Max Hall (6-1, 175). Last fall the Toros signal caller passed for 2,355 yards and 25 touchdowns. His best game was in the 5A finals: 12 of 22 for 235 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for two scores as the Mesa school blitzed Glendale Ironwood 50-8. On defense the Toros return all-state linebacker Bryce Hardy (5-11, 225), plus enough sticky defenders to make life miserable for opposing teams and coaches. Defensive backs Spencer Perkinson (6-2, 185) and Drew Mugleston (6-3, 205), along with end McKay Carling (6-2, 215), are good ones. Mugleston doubles at wide receiver, and along with Brendon McGowan (5-11, 170) give Hall two excellent pass catchers. Big Devin Clark (6-3, 290), along with junior Dustin Jones (6-1, 250), give the Toros two excellent offensive tackles. Jones was an honorable mention all-region pick as a sophomore. In fact, four sophomores lettered for the state champs: Jones, guard Geoff Myer, tackle Colter Martin and kicker Kenny Golladay. Mountain View starts defense of its state crown in early September at Chandler Hamilton. "If we work hard in the offseason we'll be good again," warns Joseph.

Look for **Red Mountain**, back-to-back state champs two years ago, to jump into the playoff fry again. Jim Jones, the only head coach the school has had, returns an impressive collection of good players of his own. Top of the list is two-time all-stater Aaron Fernandez, a 6-2, 260-pound guard/tackle. Last year he recorded 34 solo tackles and five sacks. He started for the school's state championship club two years ago. In fact, the Lions defense might be its strength. Linebackers Mike Nave (6-1, 220) and Nathan Sare (5-9, 195), along with backs Turner Hoy (6-0, 175) and James Faccio (5-7, 170), join Fernandez for a rock-solid unit. Travis Johnson (6-2, 205) saw playing time at linebacker and wingback. Offensively, halfback Montrel Boyston (5-8, 160) and wideout Jake Johnson (6-3, 170) are the big threats. Last year Boyston, who joined the varsity late, gained 823 yards on 97 carries (8.5 ypc) and scored six touchdowns. His longest run from scrimmage covered 76 yards. During a 54-10 win over Mesa Dobson, Boyston gained 233 yards on just nine carries. Johnson, an excellent hurdler in track (14.45/38.43), averaged 23.7 yards per catch in the Lions' run-oriented offense. Look for Robert Thomas to move in at tight end. In a backup role last year, quarterback Jason Argos completed 22 of 61 passes for 348 yards and two scores. It's his job to lose. "We played a really tough schedule but had too many injuries," says Jones. "But we're excited about this season. We have experience at key positions. If we stay healthy we'll be in the playoffs."

Hit hard by graduation losses, **Mesa** might find a six-win season tough to reach. But since the Jackrabbits are only six wins shy of 600 for all-time, that may be an added incentive. Only 12 players return, but two, quarterback Garrett Stapley (5-10, 177) and wideout Akeem Jackson (6-3, 176), are dandys. Last year Stapley, who missed several games with injury problems, ran the option to near-perfection, gaining 634 yards and scoring nine times. He passed for 635 yards in the process. Jackson, the state high jump champ at 6-feet, 8-inches, averaged 19.0 yards per catch in Mesa's run-oriented offense. He also plays in the secondary and returns kicks. Halfback/safety Don

METRO 5A TOP 20 POLL

1. Mountain View Toros
2. Hamilton Huskies
3. Desert Vista Thunder
4. Red Mountain Lions
5. Gilbert Tigers
6. Peoria Panthers
7. Ironwood Eagles
8. Mountain Ridge Lions
9. Paradise Valley Trojans
10. Westview Knights
11. Chandler Wolves
12. Brophy Prep Broncos
13. Camelback Spartans
14. Mesa Jackrabbits
15. Horizon Huskies
16. Mountain Pointe Pride
17. Tolleson Wolverines
18. Maryvale Panthers
19. St. Mary's Knights
20. Trevor Browne Bruins

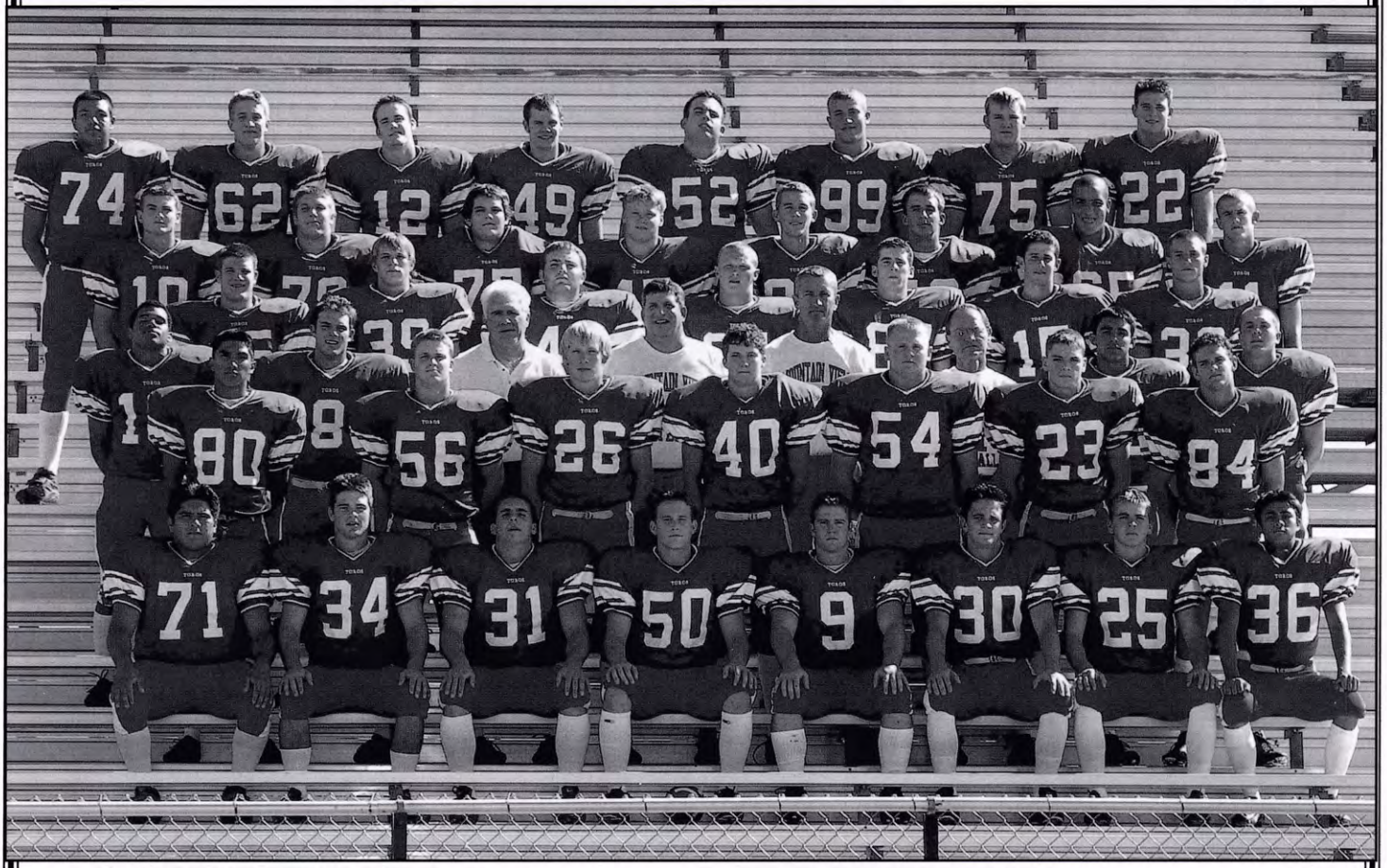
FIESTA REGION NOTEBOOK

This youngest of all Arizona 5A regions has three schools with less than 12 years of varsity competition: Hamilton, Mesquite and Highland. Hamilton's rise to the 2001 finals 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 268 wins, third most in state history. The leaders are active coaches: Mountain Pointe's Karl Kiefer (291) and Tucson Amphi's Vern Friedli (284). **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 last year, is a product of Hamilton High, where he was the 1999 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. ASU defensive end Nick Johnson, only a sophomore, is from Chandler. **RECENT PROS:** This region is so young only Chandler has produced recent NFL players, including St. Louis linebacker Adam Archuleta, and former San Francisco receiver Sanjay Beach, both Chandler High products. Hamilton's Suggs is a rookie with the Baltimore Ravens.

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Rabon (5-11, 170) is a threat, too. Junior Danny Parker (5-9, 173), a backup quarterback, handles the punting. Michael Moreno (5-11, 220) can start at fullback and linebacker. Afu Maafu (5-8, 250) starts at guard, and is the only returning player with experience on the offensive line. Seniors Isaac Alvarez, Ivory Meyers and Hunt Thornhill need to step up. Ben Wells, Tyler Moser, Bryce Christensen, Joel Arizmendez, Omar Arizmendez, Matt Rayman, Chris Skousen, Brandon Turner, David Parada and Kyle Parker could all start. Parker, at 6-2, 270, is the biggest 'Rabbit of a small, inexperienced group.

Look for **Dobson** to make the biggest improvement, with 40 players back from a three-win season. "That wasn't what we expected," says third-year coach Tom DeMassa. "We should be much improved this time around." Several starters return, including five players who earned all-league recognition. Junior quarterback Brenan Poe (6-1, 170) started as a sophomore. That's a tough task in any league. Two running backs, Danny Nephew (575 yds.) and Mike Borden (550 yds.), return. So does tight end Matt French (6-5, 220), a second team all-league pick. Junior tight end Drew Thurston (6-5, 220) looks like his twin. Big Greg Hall (6-5, 250) is a two-way tackle. Linebacker Darryl Horne (6-2, 225) might be the Mustangs' best defender. Mark Klinger, Vance Beach, Brandon Hall and Brandon Quarles are starters. Beach is a junior flanker.

Westwood returns several key people, but few have game experience. Coach Roger Suchomel returns 22 players from a surprise club which lasted two rounds into the playoffs. But only five started. Talented Ray Barboza (6-0, 200), a two-way end who also plays fullback, was an all-region pick. For the Warriors to get close to a playoff berth, key players will be called upon to go both ways. Besides Barboza, look for tackle Sione Fatongiatau (6-2, 275), guard/linebacker Adam Sezate (5-10, 180) and safety/quarterback Matt Budge (5-11, 160) on the field at all times. Budge is just a junior. Ben Beavers started in the secondary. Some help should arrive from a near-perfect (8-1) junior varsity, and other lower level clubs were strong. Westwood looks to be a year away.

Newcomer **Yuma Cibola** will be young, with only six starters returning. The Raiders, coached by Lucky Arvizo, looks to be competitive with a dozen returning lettermen and players from an 8-1 junior varsity. Two-way back David Barrios (6-0, 180) and guard/tackle Julian Aguayo (6-1, 220) are senior starters. Linebacker Brett Klee, cornerback Adrian Preciado, guard Sal Rualcaba and tackle Tino Perez form a strong junior class. Last year Cibola broke even in the Metro Southwest Region. This will be tougher.

Skyline, with only seven wins in four years, has nowhere to go but up. Undersized linebacker Tyson Hyer (5-11, 170) earned honorable mention all-region votes. At one time or another, Corey Brown, Steve Mendoza, David Bitton, Rich Beeman, Nathan Martinez, Nate Merrill, Zane Daniels and Joe Triebel started. Andrew Gamboa was the backup quarterback. Junior Cody Dungan handles the place kicking.

The 600 club

Mesa High, which played its first varsity football game in 1920, is within six wins of becoming the first high school in the four-corner states to win 600 football games. The Cactus State's leaders prior to the 2003 campaign:

Wins	School	First team	Overall record
594	Mesa	1920	594-257-37
516	Tucson	1910	516-311-29
495	Safford	1925	495-236-28
460	Phoenix St. Mary's	1938	460-221-16
456	Winslow	1915	456-254-42
433	Gilbert	1923	433-295-19
428	Round Valley	1921	428-240-24
427	Douglas	1906	427-444-25
423	Snowflake	1929	423-258-23
413	Flagstaff	1923	413-263-36
409	Tucson Amphi	1939	409-274-21
403	Tempe	1924	403-311-29
396	Peoria	1928	396-281-25
384	Miami	1923	384-361-25

5A FIESTA REGION

1. Chandler Hamilton (12-1)
2. Gilbert (3-7)
3. Chandler (5-5)
4. Gilbert Mesquite (9-3)
5. Gilbert Highland (2-8)
6. Casa Grande (0-11)

If **Hamilton** keeps knocking on the state championship door it's bound to open. The Huskies, near-perfect last fall, saw their title dreams go up in smoke in the semifinals, no thanks to Mesa Mountain View. The Toros knocked them from the unbeaten ranks 31-7, and sent John Wrenn's forces home earlier than expected. But that was last year. Forty players who suited up in late November return, including four of the top players in the East Valley: TB Tramell McGill (6-0, 190, 4.6), WR Myrio Davis (6-2, 205, 4.5), DE Dave Smith (6-3, 250, 4.9), and LB Adam Vincent (6-3, 215, 4.7). McGill, who started as a sophomore, is one of the region's best backs. Last fall he gained 1,504 yards on 241 carries (6.2 ypc) and scored 22 touchdowns, four against Yuma Kofa. Davis, the team's fastest player, caught 38 passes for 667 yards and six scores. He averaged 17.6

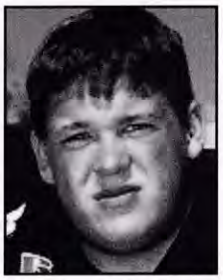
2002 5A PLAYOFF RESULTS:

FIRST ROUND - Chandler Hamilton 37, Paradise Valley 6; Gilbert Mesquite 48, Phoenix Camelback 0; Mesa Mountain View 52, Tucson Sabino 0; Mesa Westwood 14, Tempe Marcos de Niza 10; Glendale Ironwood 26, Tempe Desert Vista 21; Tucson Salpointe 21, Red Mountain 13; Tolleson Westview 23, Peoria 21; Glendale Mountain Ridge 55, Phoenix Maryvale 28; **QUARTERFINALS** - Chandler Hamilton 43, Gilbert Mesquite 5; Mesa Mountain View 45, Mesa Westwood 6; Glendale Ironwood 39, Tucson Salpointe 34; Glendale Mountain Ridge 28, Tolleson Westview 0; **SEMIFINALS** - Mesa Mountain View 31, Chandler Hamilton 7; Glendale Ironwood 32, Glendale Mountain Ridge 13; **FINALS** - Mesa Mountain View 50, Glendale Ironwood 8.

yards per catch, and carried the ball 22 times from the line of scrimmage. Last spring he ran 100 meters in 10.94 seconds. Defensively, Smith recorded 27 unassisted tackles and helped out on 48. He knocked down five passes, recorded 11 sacks, caused two fumbles and intercepted a pass. Vincent (cover) had 43 unassisted tackles and 77 assisted. All four players started as sophomores in the 2001 finals against Red Mountain. Besides McGill and Davis, guard Justin Lawien (6-2, 260) looks like the next best offensive player. The real strength resides with the defense, including safety Brandon Robertson (6-0, 180), who recorded five picks, tackle Troyer Lucas (6-0, 220), and end Jason Walley (6-3, 250). Place kicker Tyler Workman booted 61 extra points and seven field goals. Receivers Daniel Hill and Andrew Thorsen, along with defensive back JImmy Rogers and linebacker Jeremiah Nelson, sometimes started. "We had a good year, but this fall we should have a better one," warns Wrenn, who has won 81% of his games in the business.



Garrett Ellis
Mtn. Ridge DE



Jon Weeks
Mtn. Ridge OT

Look for **Gilbert** to bounce back into the playoff hunt. Veteran coach Jesse Parker (268 wins) returns 28 letter winners from a team which lost too many close games. "We're very optimistic," says the veteran coach. "We've got a quality senior class supported by a good group of juniors." Tight end Brady Conrad (6-4, 220) has the tools to play at the next level. Quarterback Golden Goodman (6-0, 175) got his feet wet with 55 completions for 725 yards. But he threw far too many interceptions. Wideout Vince Arrington (5-11, 170) hauled in 29 passes for 465 yards and one TD. Backs like junior Derrick Smith (6-1, 205) running behind linemen like Nick Turner (6-1, 250) should make the ground game go. Quality players return on defense, and that's good news. Linebackers Austin Johansen, Tyson Bailey and Brian Bailey, along with safety Chad Yaconette could make Gilbert a defensive force to be reckoned with.

If **Chandler** finds a quarterback, the Wolves might be a playoff contender. Coach Jim Ewan returns 24 players from a 5-5 unit which lost too many close games of their own. Nine starters return on offense, including wideout Greg Cochrane (6-2, 185), who averaged 12.8 yards per catch and scored three touchdowns. Junior running back Kaybrin Stevenson (5-10, 175, 4.6), could be the home run threat the Wolves need. With little John Hedrick in the lineup, the kicking game looks solid. He booted 31 extra points and six field goals. Linemen Travis Miller (6-0, 235) and Nick Conerly (6-1, 313) give the offense a solid front. On defense, the Wolves return the region's best safety, Derrick Richardson. The 5-11, 180-pound senior also plays linebacker and wide receiver. Junior Isaiah Jackson (6-1, 185) was a second team all-region pick at linebacker. "With so many starters returning we should be better," claims Ewan. "We have real good team speed."

Mesquite, coached by Rich Iversen, rolled into the playoffs with its best team ever. In its fourth varsity season the Wildcats fashioned a 9-3 record. League rival Hamilton ended their season in the quarterfinals (see chart). It concluded a good run for a senior-deep squad. Still, several key players, especially on defense, return. Little Beaux Kapr (5-8, 170), who doubles at wideout, was a second team all-region pick in the secondary. So was linebacker Tony Baker (6-0, 185), the team's fullback. Bryce Kapr (5-8, 165) is a good two-way back. Kurtis Meile (6-1, 225) and junior Cameron Washington (5-11, 230) started on the line. Adam Videbeck (5-10, 225) will join them. Austin Knoll, Leon Sparrow, David Destefano, Pat Hamlin and Jason Zoske are quality players. The Wildcats have outstanding size.

With only six returning players, experience will be a factor at **Highland**. But talent is there, starting with first team all-region guard Wilson Boyer, the Hawks' top prospect. The 6-0, 220-pound guard is a solid two-way player. So is defensive back Cory Brinton (5-10, 190), who doubles at wideout. In fact, the secondary and the receiving corp looks strong with Brinton and Alan Mahacek (5-10, 170) in the lineup. Linebacker Kellen Sirrine (5-10, 185) picked up several post season votes. Matt Palmer (6-1, 255) and Ty Porter (6-1, 225) are solid linemen. Porter is just a junior. "We've made huge gains in strength and speed in the offseason," says second-year coach Preston Jones, son of Red Mountain mentor Jimmy Jones. "Hopefully we'll surprise some people."

For **Casa Grande**, sailing was no smoother in the 5A Southern Region than in Maricopa County. Last year the Cougars tied a state single-season record for losses (11), and this year find themselves in one of the state's toughest regions. Still, second-year coach Tracy Stuart is optimistic. "We have a new staff and our team looks stronger and quicker," claims Stuart. Look for quarterback Vince Cantu (6-0, 175) to run the Cougars' spread offense. In Angel Santos (6-1, 180), he has a talented receiver who averaged 23.4 yards per catch and scored

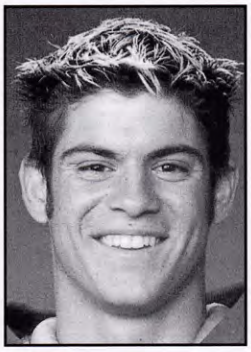
DESERT VALLEY NOTEBOOK

Outside the East Valley, this is the only region to break through with championship seasons in recent years. Gold trophies reside at St. Mary's and Horizon. St. Mary's, although younger than rival Brophy, is one of Arizona's winningest football schools, with 460 wins since 1938. Brophy's first football season was 1928. **COACHING**: Almost every coach in the region is new, including first-year Brophy mentor Jeff Kearin, and first-year North Canyon coach Brian Cole. **TRIVIA**: Brophy's original colors, green & white, now belong to St. Mary's. Brophy, which closed in 1935, reopened in the early '50s and switched to red. **COLLEGE STARS:** Former ASU receiver Shaun McDonald, an all-Pac-10 selection last year, was a former sprint champion at Shadow Mountain High. Today he is a rookie with the St. Louis Rams. Recent famous SMHS alum include baseball pitcher Curt Schilling, NBA guard Mike Bibby, and Olympic swim champion Misty Hyman. **RECENT PROS:** Besides McDonald, Phoenix Cardinals tight end Steve Bush is from Paradise Valley. The 1993 Outland Trophy winner, Rob Waldrop, a Kansas City Chief draft pick, is from Horizon, along with tackle Ty Parten, another Chief. Guard Mike Malano (Minnesota Vikings), and recent Denver Broncos backup quarterback Jeff Lewis are also Horizon alum. St. Mary's grads Damon Pieri and Kevin Scott recently played for Carolina and Detroit respectively.

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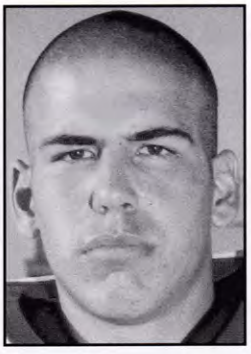
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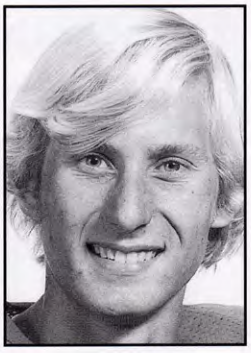
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2002..... Esteban Bayona, Tempe Marcos de Niza (PK)
2001..... Erik Contos, Mesa Red Mountain (PK)
2000..... Ryan Slack, Tucson Salpointe (PK)
1999..... Scott Lane, Scottsdale Chaparral (PK)
1998..... Ramey Peru, Mesa Dobson (PK)
1997..... Josh Lane, Phoenix Christian (PK)
1996..... Jeremy Kelley, Mesa Mountain View (PK)
1995..... Jim Sanson, Phoenix St. Mary's (PK)
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1993..... Matt Belden, Glendale (PK)
1992..... Marcus Williams, Tempe McClintock (PK)
1991..... (TIE) Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro (PK)
..... Dominic DeMark, Prescott (P)
1990..... Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino (PK)
1989..... Terry Belden, Glendale (P)
1988..... Jeff Black, Tucson Sahuaro (PK)
1987..... Steve Rausch, Mesa Dobson (PK)
1986..... Quin Rodriguez, Mesa Dobson (PK)
1985..... Mike Cortright, Phoenix St. Mary's (PK)
1984..... (TIE) Mike Schuh, Mesa Mountain View (P)
..... Phil Insalaco, Phoenix Christian (PK)
1983..... Dean Roney, Winslow (PK)
1982..... Richard Jones, Scottsdale Chaparral (PK)
1981..... Jerry Necoechea, Bisbee (P)
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1979..... Dave Wood, Phoenix Washington (PK)
1978..... Matt McKinney, Scottsdale Saguaro (PK)
1977..... Bill Zivic, Tucson Palo Verde (PK)
1976..... Kevin Rutledge, Gilbert (P)
1975..... Monte Varah, Scottsdale Saguaro (PK)
1974..... Gary Williams, Lakeside Blue Ridge (P)
1973..... Lee Pistor, Phoenix Central (PK)
1972..... Pat Whitehurst, Phoenix North (P)
1971..... Pat Hawbaker, Phoenix St. Mary's (P)
1970..... Jeff Hernandez, Miami (PK)
1969..... Danny White, Mesa Westwood (P/PK)
1968..... Cleveland Colter, Marana (PK)
1967..... (TIE) Luis Vega, Phoenix West (PK)
..... Marty Shuford, Scottsdale Saguaro (P)
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1965..... Jim McCann, Phoenix North (P)
1964..... Ron Hendrix, Phoenix Camelback (PK)
1963..... Sam Maya, Glendale (PK)
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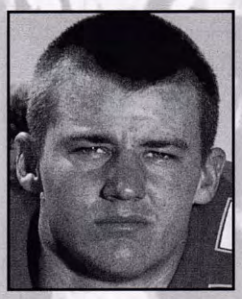
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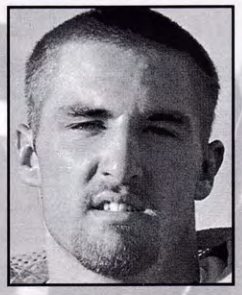
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Randall McDaniel
Agua Fria



Austin Sendlein
Chaparral



Steve Trejo
Casa Grande



Fred Carr
Phoenix Union



Brent Miller
Desert Vista

2002 .. Brent Miller, Tempe Desert Vista
2001 .. Adam Moro, Lakeside Blue Ridge
2000 .. David Coronado, Tucson Sunnyside
1999 .. Austin Sendlein, Scottsdale Chaparral
1998 .. Brian Gaffney, Phoenix Brophy
1997 .. Mike Miller, Arizona Boys Ranch
1996 .. Cody Price, Mesa Westwood
1995 .. Steve Trejo, Casa Grande
1994 .. Jeff Johnson, Peoria
1993 .. Randy Hakes, Scottsdale Arcadia
1992 .. Jim Sprotte, Lakeside Blue Ridge
1991 .. Jon McGee, Tucson Sahuaro
1990 .. Aaron Franklin, Peoria
1989 .. Daniel Taplin, Tempe
1988 .. Luke Davis, Mesa Dobson
1987 .. Jeramiah Clark, Mesa
1986 .. Odel Stewart, Sierra Vista Buena
1985 .. Bob Davis, Mesa Mountain View
1984 .. Craig Davis, Tucson Canyon del Oro
1983 .. Tim Hicks, Sunnyslope
1982 .. Randall McDaniel, Agua Fria
1981 .. Darin Tupper, Phoenix Trevor Browne
1980 .. Jimmy Williams, Tempe
1979 .. Todd Shell, Mesa Mountain View
1978 .. Kurt Whiteman, Scottsdale
1977 .. Riki Gray, Tucson Amphitheater
1976 .. Riki Gray, Tucson Amphitheater (jr)
1975 .. Alan Edwards, Morenci
1974 .. Roark Shirley, Tempe Marcos de Niza
1973 .. Richard Rucker, Canyon del Oro
1972 .. Tim Petersen, Ajo
1971 .. Larry Gordon, Phoenix Union
1970 .. Bob Breunig, Phoenix Alhambra
(TIE) Bill Crowe, Tempe McClintock
1969 .. Bill Crowe, Tempe McClintock (jr)
1968 .. Larry Delbridge, Coolidge
1967 .. Jeff Quinn, Mesa Westwood
1966 .. Jay Ray Rokey, Mesa Westwood
1965 .. Bill Owsley, Phoenix North
1964 .. Ron Hendrix, Camelback
1963 .. Dana Woudenberg, Arcadia
1962 .. Fred Carr, Phoenix Union (jr)
1961 .. Ross Shannon, Phoenix North
1960 .. Florence Chandler, Tucson

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five times. Fullbacks Tyler Miller (5-11, 215) and Eric Cevedia (5-10, 225) double at linebacker. Veteran Chris Mora (6-0, 220) looks like the best lineman. Ben Grover, Bobby Wuertz, Jerod Baca, Dexter Rackley and Chasman Shaw, a 6-4, 245-pound two-way end, should all start. Shaw is just a junior.

5A CENTRAL REGION

1. Tempe Desert Vista (9-2)
2. Tempe Mountain Pointe (3-7)
3. Tempe Marcos de Niza (8-3)
4. Tempe Corona del Sol (6-4)
5. Yuma Union (1-9)

It's back to business at **Desert Vista**, where one of the state's best clubs was knocked out of the playoffs early. With 18 returning lettermen, including one of the Valley's best players, look for the Thunder at playoff time again. In 6-4, 240-pound Zach Miller, the Tempe school has a dandy of a two-way player. The pre-season *Street & Smith* All-American tight end averaged 19.3 yards on 28 catches for 500 yards and seven touchdowns. On defense, he was even better, leading the Thunder in almost every category, including tackles for losses (15), fumbles caused (4), QB sacks (10), QB hits (14), fumble recoveries (2) and overall tackles (87). Most national publications regard Miller as Arizona's top schoolboy prospect. The ground game falls in the hands of running back Marcus Waugh, a 5-11, 223-pound junior. In a limited role he averaged 5.1 yards per carry and scored twice. With 4.5 speed, wideout Chris Meeker (5-11, 185), who doubles in the secondary, is the team's quickest player. Up front, head coach Dan Hinds has a massive offensive line, including "big bodies" Tim Bond (6-4, 275), David Saleaumua (6-2, 275), and Gind Cruse (6-5, 300), all seniors. At one time or another, linebacker Jeff McDaniel, wideout

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 2003 campaign with 288 wins, best in Arizona history. Second-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, a tight end, was the Sun Devil's team captain in 1959, while Venturo was an All-WAC guard for A-State's unbeaten 1970 Peach Bowl champions.

RECENT PROS: Before Casa Grande bailed out of the league, joining the 5A South two years ago, the Cougars-with the worst recent winning percentage in 5A football - have had three NFL alum: 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 rookie Bobby Wade, a wide receiver at the University of Arizona, was a former state player of the year at Desert Vista.

Big bodies

At least 38 players in the Phoenix metro area weigh in at 275-plus pounds, with more than one dozen at 300-plus pounds. The metro region's largest players, based on coaches' reports:

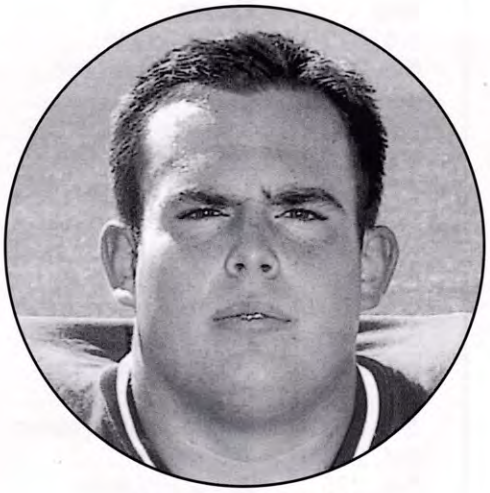
Size	Player	School	Grade
6-8, 320	Robert Irwin	Goldwater	junior
6-8, 290	Paul Carpenter	Desert Mountain	senior
6-6, 360	Justin Elzy	Apollo	senior
6-6, 315	Thomas Gagilardi	Moon Valley	senior
6-6, 280	Ben Muth	Pinnacle	senior
6-6, 275	Jayson Johnson	Apollo	senior
6-5, 325	Allen Smith	Corona del Sol	senior
6-5, 315	Jordon Lowe	Centennial	junior
6-5, 300	Gind Cruse	Desert Vista	senior
6-5, 300	Gustavo Almaguer	Casa Grande	junior
6-5, 270	Lenny Dehart	Apache Junction	senior
6-4, 295	Logan Campbell	Camelback	senior
6-4, 285	David Debruin	Fountain Hills	junior
6-4, 280	Mike Gashwytewa	Apollo	senior
6-4, 275	Tim Bond	Desert Vista	senior
6-4, 275	Drew Hopkins	Brophy Prep	senior
6-3, 346	Thomas Liaga	Moon Valley	senior
6-3, 322	Joe Montoya	Moon Valley	senior
6-3, 305	Erick Welch	Peoria	junior
6-3, 300	Greg Myrick	Camelback	senior
6-3, 290	Devin Clark	Mountain View	senior
6-3, 290	Austin Knoll	Mesquite	senior
6-3, 285	Shane Byrnes	Paradise Valley	senior
6-3, 285	Michael Griffin	Peoria	senior
6-2, 330	Donnie Ornelas	Dysart	junior
6-2, 310	Jowanza Adonis	Peoria	senior
6-2, 295	David Ross	Alhambra	senior
6-2, 295	Bruce Bale	Mountain Ridge	senior
6-2, 290	Robert Pittman	Trevor Browne	senior
6-2, 285	Miles Payne	Queen Creek	senior
6-2, 275	Dave Saleaumua	Desert Vista	senior
6-1, 313	Nick Conerly	Chandler	senior
6-1, 305	Michael Pipen	Peoria	senior
6-1, 290	Barry Charters	Seton Catholic	senior
6-1, 275	David Bertrand	Horizon	junior
6-0, 290	Jose Flores	Westview	senior
6-0, 275	Jon Weeks	Mountain Ridge	senior
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2001.....Mike Payne, Gilbert (6-1, 220)
2000.....Chris Palaia, Scottsdale Chaparral (6-2, 235)
1999.....Adrian Zvirgzdins, Glendale Cactus (6-3, 277)
1998.....Pat Walsh, Phoenix Brophy Prep (6-4, 260)
1997.....Scott Huff, Scottsdale Horizon (6-2, 250)
1996.....David McKane, Mesa (6-3, 215)
1995.....Eric Quackenbush, Show Low (6-4, 230)
1994.....Joey Horvat, Mesa Dobson (6-3, 245)
1993.....James Langston, Gilbert (6-1, 220)
1992.....Steve McKane, Mesa (6-2, 225)
1991.....Alvin Huff, Phoenix Maryvale (6-2, 232)
1990.....Rusty James, Mesa Mountain View (6-3, 235)
1989.....Jeff Wisch, Phoenix Moon Valley (6-1, 225)
1988.....Darian Mellon, Agua Fria (6-1, 211)
1987.....Andy Schultz, Tucson Amphi (6-2, 245)
1986.....Corey Suttles, Prescott (6-6, 230)
1985.....Dave Henderson, Phx. Alhambra (6-2, 220)
1984.....Jason Wisch, Moon Valley (6-2, 220)
1983.....Steve Spurling, Scottsdale Horizon (6-3, 230)
1982.....John Hoebee, Phoenix Maryvale (5-11, 200)
1981.....Tim Wyatt, Phoenix Moon Valley (6-1, 200)
1980.....Joe Williams, Apache Junction (6-1, 215)
1979.....Jim Polenske, Phoenix Maryvale (6-3, 255)
1978.....David Anders, Gilbert (6-2, 202)
1977.....Marty Van Gorder, Chandler (6-2, 220)
1976.....Pat Blakey, Scottsdale Coronado (6-2, 220)
1975.....Frank Collins, Phoenix Maryvale (6-1, 210)
1974.....Jim Flannery, Chandler (6-1, 190)
1973.....Nick Petrucci, Phoenix Camelback (6-2, 200)
1972.....Matt Smith, Phoenix St. Mary's (5-10, 190)
1971.....Mike Bailey, Tucson (6-3, 215)
1970.....Randy Collett, Tempe McClintock (6-0, 240)
1969.....Jeff Caldwell, Tucson Salpointe (5-11, 180)
1968.....Joe Flajnik, Prescott (6-3, 235)
1967.....Ken Hatcher, Mesa (6-1, 230)
1966.....Ken Hatcher, Mesa (6-1, 225)
1965.....Steve Pearson, Mesa Westwood (6-1, 225)
1964.....Mike Danielek, Glendale (6-0, 240)
1963.....Steve Sowders, Phoenix Camelback (6-1,185)
1962.....Walt Jones, Phoenix Union (6-1, 195)
1961.....Allen Thorn, Phoenix St. Mary's (5-10, 210)

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Corion Cooper, guard Bryan Bermon and tackle Ryan Wiener started. Dale Speight handled the kicking. Jordan Stewart saw limited time at quarterback. "We'll have a young team with a lot of heart," insists Hinds, whose team averaged 41.3 points before falling to Glendale Ironwood 26-21 in the first round of the playoffs. Last year's junior varsity was undefeated.

In this region, the gap between the favorite and the rest of the field is huge. But with more returning players (24) than any team, **Mountain Pointe** coach Karl Kiefer is optimistic. Linebacker Kris Richardson (6-2, 195) appears to be the Pride's best player. He was a second team all-region pick as a junior. Quarterback Chad Whittle (6-2, 185), wideout Scott Hernandez (6-1, 190), fullback Mitch Gonder (6-0, 195), defensive lineman Marcus Nunez (6-5, 225), and cornerback Aaron Whittle (6-1, 160, jr.) all earned post-season honorable mention recognition. The older Whittle completed 92 of 198 passes for 1,342 yards and eight touchdowns. Hernandez caught 21 passes for 392 yards, averaging 18.7 yards per grab. Gonder averaged 4.6 yards on 65 carries. Linemen Brandon Nigri (6-3, 220) and Dan Charles (6-3, 225) give Mountain Pointe good size up front. Two-way players Danny Calvin, Oscar Baskom, Marcus Johnson, Chris Nickolson and Parker Hilton form a solid senior class. Junior Andrew Stricklin will handle the kicking. Kiefer, who has coached in the Tempe School District for more than 30 years, is just eight wins shy of 300 at the varsity level.

With an outstanding senior class, **Marcos de Niza** upset the cart and won the region title. A 20-16 upset of Desert Vista was the key game. In his first year as head coach, Mike Maluski's forces won eight games. Graduation took a big chunk of the starting lineup (only 13 players return), but at least two key players, fullback/linebacker Maurice Turner (5-10, 185) and guard/tackle Bryon Phillips (6-1, 250) return. Turner gained 461 yards on 61 carries. Two-way backs Mickey Hartley and Pat Walker, linemen Sam Hauptman and Ruben Duran, along with linebacker Luke Hasenwinkel, started at one time or another. Junior wideout Erin Sharp and safety Austin Ford played. "We have a lot of new faces," says Maluski. "We don't have as much depth, so we'll have more two-way players."

Another squad with lots of new faces is **Corona del Sol**, coached by Gary Venturo. The Aztecs, 6-4 last year, missed the playoffs by one game. The biggest (and maybe best) player in camp is two-way tackle Allen Smith (6-5, 325), one of the region's top prospects. One of the best all-round players is two-way back Blase Johnson, a safety who may start at quarterback. Both Smith and Johnson (as a punter) earned all-region votes. Last year as a receiver, Johnson averaged 12.8 yards per catch on 22 receptions. Linebacker Lloyd Cook earned honorable mention recognition. Seniors Jon Kaufman, Eric Smith and Chase Flores should start. Stephen Harper will handle the punting. Centers Michale Pursley (6-

SOUTHWEST REGION NOTEBOOK

Since moving up to Class 5A in 1999, Peoria has a better winning mark (77%) than Doug Clapp's forces did in 4A (76%). During their first three years in 5A, the Panthers won three consecutive region crowns. **COACHING:** Clapp is the veteran, with a 155-46-6 record in 17 seasons, including 4A state titles in 1986, 1987, and a tie with Tucson Sahuaro in 1994. Clapp's winning percentage (.771) is the seventh best among active Phoenix metro coaches. **TRIVIA**: Peoria is the grandfather of this 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 first 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, 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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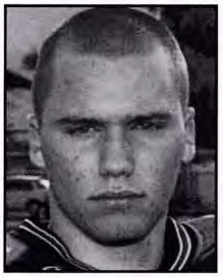
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1, 260) and Matt Purvis (6-1, 210) add beef to the line, one of the biggest in the region. "Once the season gets going we should be tough," says Venturo. "We have a lot of young players who will play right away."

5A DESERT VALLEY REGION

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

The early favorite in this region, **Paradise Valley**, returns only 19 lettermen, but one, junior fullback Matt Clapp, might be the most destructive force on cleats. As a sophomore, the 6-3, 225-pounder banged his way for 952 yards on 175 carries and scored 17 touchdowns. He rambled for 176 yards and four scores in the Trojans' 35-17 win over Shadow Mountain. Clapp also plays linebacker, along with seniors Jaime Meraz (5-10, 185) and Nick Baldeth (6-1, 215), a



Andy Haas
Horizon OG



Matt Huff
Horizon LB

three-year letter winner. Wingback/safety Gabe Chapman (6-0, 185) and defensive end Glenn Jankiewicz (6-1, 185) add punch to a thin senior class. Besides Clapp, halfback Azaad Muhammad, end Dennis Hilburn, wideout Andrew Leahy, quarterback Ryan Berela and tackle Shawn Byrnes could all start as juniors. In his varsity debut, Muhammad rushed for 244 yards and two touchdowns against Peoria. Byrnes is a 6-3, 285-pounder. The JV squad won only one game, but 13 players from that class played on the varsity. "We have only eight seniors on the squad," says Donnie Yantis, whose team won the region title. "We'll be young again but we have high expectations, and we'll be prepared. All our backs return."

First-year coach Jeff Kearin plans to spread it out at **Brophy Prep**, where the Broncos won only four games last year. Kearin replaces veteran Tim Sanford, who won 112 games at the north Phoenix school. Good skill players could make for an exciting start for the new coach, starting with all-region wideout B.J. Dennard (5-11, 180). Dennard, running back Evan Gammage (5-9, 165) and cornerback/wideout Uriah Marshall (5-10, 180), all run 40 yards in 4.5 seconds. John Cleveland (6-2, 225) looks to start at tight end. Tackle Drew Hopkins (6-4, 275) is the biggest and best offensive lineman. Mike Mattingly (5-10, 220) is a solid linebacker. The quarterback battle includes newcomers Jimmy Reible, Tyler Chick and Estevez Martinez.

Just like Brophy, look for **Horizon** to bounce back from a four-win season. Coach Keith Brown returns 23 players, including 15 starters. Several all-region selections, good, strong linemen, plus the

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club's leading tackler are back. With Danny Schilling (6-1, 195), Stephen Marzola (5-10, 175) and Tommy Richards (6-2, 180) in the lineup, the Huskies' secondary is set. Offensively, Schilling, who averaged 24.2 yards on just 10 catches, and Richards are good receivers. Marzola, with 4.6 speed, is a good kick returner. The defense looks improved with linebackers Andrew Stravitz (6-2, 210) and Matt Huff (6-1, 210), along with end Eric Kuster (6-2, 225) and tackle David Bertrand (6-1, 275) in the lineup. Huff led the team in tackles. Bertrand is just a junior. Offensive guard Andy Haas, who doubles at defensive end, might be the club's best lineman. Last spring the 6-1, 225-pounder was one of the best shot put and discus throwers (160-11/51-7) in the Valley. "We lost nine starters to injuries last year," says Brown. "We'll be a lot stronger this year. Half our starters are back."

St. Mary's finished strong and tied for the region championship. A loss to Paradise Valley kept them out of the playoffs. "We have a good senior class with a young line," says John Rodriguez, a former all-state quarterback at the school. The Knights also have experienced skill players, starting with first string all-region wideout Tim Fahrendorf (6-5, 180), and second team quarterback Tyler Knobbe (6-1, 165). The defense looks improved, with linebackers Chris Laugher, Nick Vyles and Stephen Cervantes expected to start. Defensive end Sam Sprague looks like the best interior lineman. The coaches like what they see in sophomore Keaton Kristick, a 6-1, 180-pound fullback/linebacker.

Yuma Kofa brings its aerial show back to the Desert Valley, with 12 returning letterman and one of the best signal callers in the league. With little Kyle Curtis (5-8, 160) running the Kings' multiple offense, Kofa is a threat. Last year he completed 113 of 195 passes for 2,086 yards and 18 touchdowns. He threw only four interceptions. His longest scoring strike covered 85 yards. He also averaged 39.2 yards punting the ball. It's up to linemen Sam Dombrose (6-2, 295) and Andy Chaulk (6-1, 275) to protect their ace. Wideouts Sean Mazich and Ken Nelson, along with tight end Kane Rainey, step into the receiving corp. They saw limited action. Josh Stevenson and Bryan Casey are two good linebackers. Female Corey Strickland handles the place kicking. She booted 35 extra points and a field goal.

Like league rival Kofa, **North Canyon** returns only one dozen letter winners, but in running back Kris Schlepp (5-11, 180) and wingback Richard Ricketts (6-2, 215), the Rattlers have two of the better players in the region. Schlepp, an all-region pick, gained over 1,500 yards and played in the secondary. Ricketts, last year's quarterback, has been moved to wingback. He's been a three-year letterman at linebacker. Andrew Johnson (6-1, 205) and Irving Rodriquez (6-1, 220) start on the line. Two juniors, quarterback Andra Rogers (6-0, 175) and linebacker/fullback John Warren (6-1, 200), get their chance to start. So could two transfers from Chandler, Dan and John DeLorenzo. "Although we have a good group of seniors, it could be a rebuilding type year," says first-year coach Brian Cole. "We just hope to be competitive."

Newcomer **Desert Mountain** hopes to be more competitive in the Desert Valley, having posted a 2-8 record against East Valley foes. Coach Craig Cobley returns 17 varsity players, including three potential all-region picks. Last year quarterback Garrett Moore (6-2 220) passed for 2,158 yards and 11 touchdowns, best in the East Valley during regular season play. Split end Chris Young (5-10, 180) caught 35 passes. The biggest Wolf on the roster might be one of the best linemen in the Valley, 6-8, 290-pound tackle Paul Carpenter. Desert Valley teams might find this Scottsdale school tougher than expected.

5A METRO REGION

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

At **Camelback**, the Spartans have a stranglehold on the league crown, with no desire to give it up. Only the playoffs have been unkind. League play has been perfect. This year's unit looks solid on defense, with strong, speedy linebackers. Brandon Campbell (6-0, 220), Anrenzo Scroggins (6-0, 230) and Brandon Segall (6-0, 210) backup an improved defensive front. Campbell is a three-year varsity player. Scroggins averaged 7.5 yards per carry in a limited role at fullback. Rodney Reagan (5-10, 272) earned post season mention at defensive line. With Greg Myrick (6-3, 300), Logan Campbell (6-4, 295) and Dan Balcazar (6-0, 235) in the lineup, the Spartans' offensive line is the biggest in the league. Anthony Hawkins moves in at quarterback. Tyrone Gill, Trevar Deed, Benny Collins, Ryan Landrum and John Stuart are two-way backs. "We're looking forward to another good year, built around an impressive defensive team," says head coach Daryl Phillips, 18-4-0 in his short stint tilt at the school.

Eighteen lettermen, including several returning starters, greet Manny Acosta at **Cesar Chavez**. Look for the Champions to make a run at the playoffs in their third year of varsity play. Acosta has two of the best players in the league when tailback/cornerback Roosevelt Armstrong (5-9, 170) and tight end Michael Peraza (6-0, 205) take the field. Both were all-league picks. So was junior Juron Greer (6-1, 205), who doubles at fullback/linebacker. Tackle Carlos Leal (6-0, 250) has been on the varsity for three years. So has linebacker Jose Perez. Tommie Taylor could get lots of carries at fullback, and start at linebacker. He's a good one.

The most improved team in the league is **Carl Hayden**, where the Falcons won four games - the same amount they won

EAST VALLEY NOTEBOOK

Only two Mesa schools, Mountain View (1996-97) and Red Mountain (2000-01), have won back-to-back crowns. The granddaddy of the league, Mesa High, has won more games (594) than any team in Arizona history - high school or college. The 'Rabbits first played football in 1920. **COACHING:** This 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. **COLLEGE STARS:** Too numerous to list, but current Washington State receiver Sammy Moore was a star receiver at Westwood and Bakersfield (Ca.) Junior College, and last January returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown in the Rose Bowl 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); **Dobson** - Toby Wright (St. Louis); **Red Mountain** - Brian Jennings (San Francisco).

Big schools

Enrollment figures for the Valley of the Sun's largest 5A high schools during the past 2002 football season:

Students	High School
3,741	*Mesa Mountain View
3,701	*Mesa
3,267	*Mesa Dobson
3,251	Chandler Hamilton
3,216	*Mesa Red Mountain
3,117	*Mesa Westwood
3,016	Gilbert
2,918	Gilbert Mesquite
2,814	Mountain Ridge
2,771	Tempe Corona del Sol
2,757	Tempe Desert Vista
2,644	Peoria
2,603	Casa Grande
2,573	Phoenix Trevor Browne
2,548	Phoenix Alhambra
2,543	Chandler
2,480	Tolleson Westview
2,396	Gilbert Highland
2,393	Scottsdale Horizon
2,390	Phoenix North
2,381	Desert Mountain

** Includes 9th grade junior high feeder schools.*
SOURCE: AIA

in the previous four years combined. Second-year coach Brandon McNutt greets eight returning starters on both sides of the ball. The best player appears to be cornerback Marquice Williams (5-8, 170), a burner (4.5) who also plays wideout and returns kicks. Williams, linebacker Daniel Preciado and guard Dan Boneo are the Falcons' best bets for post season honors. For the first time in years, CHHS has a good mixture of size and speed. Gilbert O'Laughlin, Jose Flores, Jose Lopez, James Rollins, Andre Anderson and Jerome Smythe are the skill players. Daniel Cayetano, Eric Smith and Juan Lucio form the line. If the injury bug stays away (depth is a weakness), don't be surprised if the Falcons make the playoffs, a feat last accomplished in 1961.

South Mountain, hit hard by the opening of nearby Cesar Chavez, dropped their final game to the new school and finished 3-7. But the talent pool isn't completely gone, especially at the skill positions. Opposing coaches feel two-way end James Stanfield (6-2, 210) is one of the best around. He was a first team all-region pick on both sides of the ball. Defensive backs Curtis Arthur and John Brown, guards James Pena and Jose Luna, tackle James Hylen, along with defensive end Pat Lee all started. Last year three sophomores, linemen Dane Riley, Chris Lopez and Johndale Cheatham, saw action.

Central, winless in Kevin Belcher's first year at the helm, has nowhere to go but up. "We think we're developing a unified and competitive team," says the second-year coach. The Bobcats graduated only two seniors, so most of the starters return. Defensive back Guadalupe Morin (5-11, 160), tackle Kevin LePert (6-2, 235), linebacker Antoine Jordan (6-0, 190) and center Andres Bueno (5-11, 205) are four key veteran players. Guard Peter Li and defensive end Chris Rodgers are quality players.

The big news at **North** resides in the coaching ranks, where the school hired successful Scottsdale Saguaro mentor Stuart Goldstein. The new coach has a reputation of rebuilding programs, playing good defense, and moving players to the next level. He'll have two good players to work with, starting with fullback/linebacker William Horace (6-1, 200) and two-way guard Josh Young (6-0, 260). Horace is a three-year letter winner. Defensive tackle Brandon Wright (5-8, 275) looks best among the junior class, although junior Eric Purry (6-4, 170) might start at quarterback. Mohamed Awad (6-2, 200) is a good target at tight end. Ryan Flannery (6-0, 230) joins Young and Wright in the trenches. Ray Gonzalez and junior Jamond Erby-Bell are good two-way backs. Injuries and inexperience played a major factor in a one-win season. The Mustangs' lone victory was a 48-6 win over Central.

5A METRO NORTHWEST

1. Glendale Mountain Ridge (12-1)
2. Phoenix Maryvale (7-4)
3. Phoenix Trevor Browne (4-6)
4. Phoenix Alhambra (5-5)
5. Glendale Deer Valley (3-7)
6. Phoenix Goldwater (2-8)
7. Glendale Sandra Day O'Connor

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Mountain Ridge, coached by Steve Belles, played 13 games and lost only once, to Ironwood in the 5A semifinals. Nineteen lettermen, plus players from another winning JV season, paint a pretty picture. "With half our players back and no key injuries, I think we might have another great year," claims Belles. Biggest slot to fill is at quarterback, where senior Cody Rohlwing (5-11, 180), an all-region defensive back, takes over for departed Brad Western, who passed for over 1,600 yards. Senior David Will will also get a look. Two excellent linemen, guard Garrett Ellis (6-1, 233) and tackle Jon Weeks (6-0, 275), return. In a short time the Mountain Lions have built a reputation for having tough, strong linemen. Besides Ellis and Weeks, Tom Flinn (6-4, 225), Bruce Bale (6-2, 295) and junior Nick Covey (6-3, 210) should start. Covey is a two-way end. Fullback Dustin Graham (6-2, 230) averaged 7.5 yards and scored five touchdowns on only 25 carries. Juniors Tim Ham, Nick Bell and Austin Martin are good skill position players.

Maryvale looks to continue its playoff run with 27 returning players, including good speed (as always) at the skill positions. Coach Tom Bruney has three excellent players in his arsenal in junior wide receiver Jose Guiterrez (6-0, 200), junior defensive end Alonzo Akins (6-1, 210), and sophomore lineman/fullback Jermaine Williams (6-3, 230), all-region picks. Junior Phillip Benney is another speedy wideout. The senior class has several good players of note, including quarterback Erik Prasad, safety Richard Rivera, tackle Barrington O'Neal, linebacker Morris Wooten, corner Rodrick James and center Alex Borja. Little Richard Navarro handles the kicking. "The kids have developed a great work ethic," adds Bruney. "Tradition and attitude never graduate."

Injuries and a tough no-region schedule kept **Trevor Browne** out of the playoffs, although the Bruins missed the region title by a whisker. Coach Phillip Wooley has several good team leaders, with linebackers Sean Dahley and Ed Games, wideout Ray Greene, and quarterback Benny Banta, all seniors. Dahley had 72 tackles, while Games recorded 117. Greene, with 4.5 speed, totaled 646 all-purpose yards and scored eight touchdowns. Banta, a second team all-region pick, passed for 1,091 yards and ran for 275. But the real gem is in the junior class, where tailback Keegan Herring rushed for 1,024 yards and scored 11 TDs. Last spring the 5-10, 180-pounder became the first sophomore to win the 200-meter dash at the 5A state track meet since 1987. He clocked 21.71, an excellent time for an underclassman. His best 100-meter time is 10.80 seconds. The last sophomore to accomplish what Herring did was Tucson Amphi's Michael Bates. Tight end Josh Manche (6-2, 215), guard Cesar Jovel (6-0, 185), and tackles Robert Pittman (6-2, 290) and Chris Razo (6-2, 250) give the Bruins beef on the line. Ramon Ganzalez handles the kicking game.

Losing season-ending games to Trevor Browne and Westview kept **Alhambra** out of the playoffs. With 17 returning players, the Lions could be in the hunt again. "We have good senior leadership and good skill position players," claims Frank Lautt. "But we need numbers on the line." Halfback/defensive back Rodney Overton (5-10, 170) is one of the region's best two-way players. Two years ago he rushed for 1,200 yards. Last year he earned all-region acclaim in the secondary. In the spring he ran 400-meters in 48.69 seconds at the state track meet. Fullback Josh James (6-1, 215) might be a college prospect at linebacker. He plays that position just as well. Overton, James and little two-way back Gary Metcalf (5-4, 140) started on the varsity as sophomores. Tackle David Ross (6-2, 295) was all-region both ways. He and teammate Eric Branch (6-3, 25) give the Lions two solid linemen. D.J. Walker was the region's best punter. Andre Dean, Robin "Coco" Kane, Jesse Bracamontes, Ernie Gongora and Orlando Suarez have played. Suarez, the smallest player on the line, is a two-year starter.

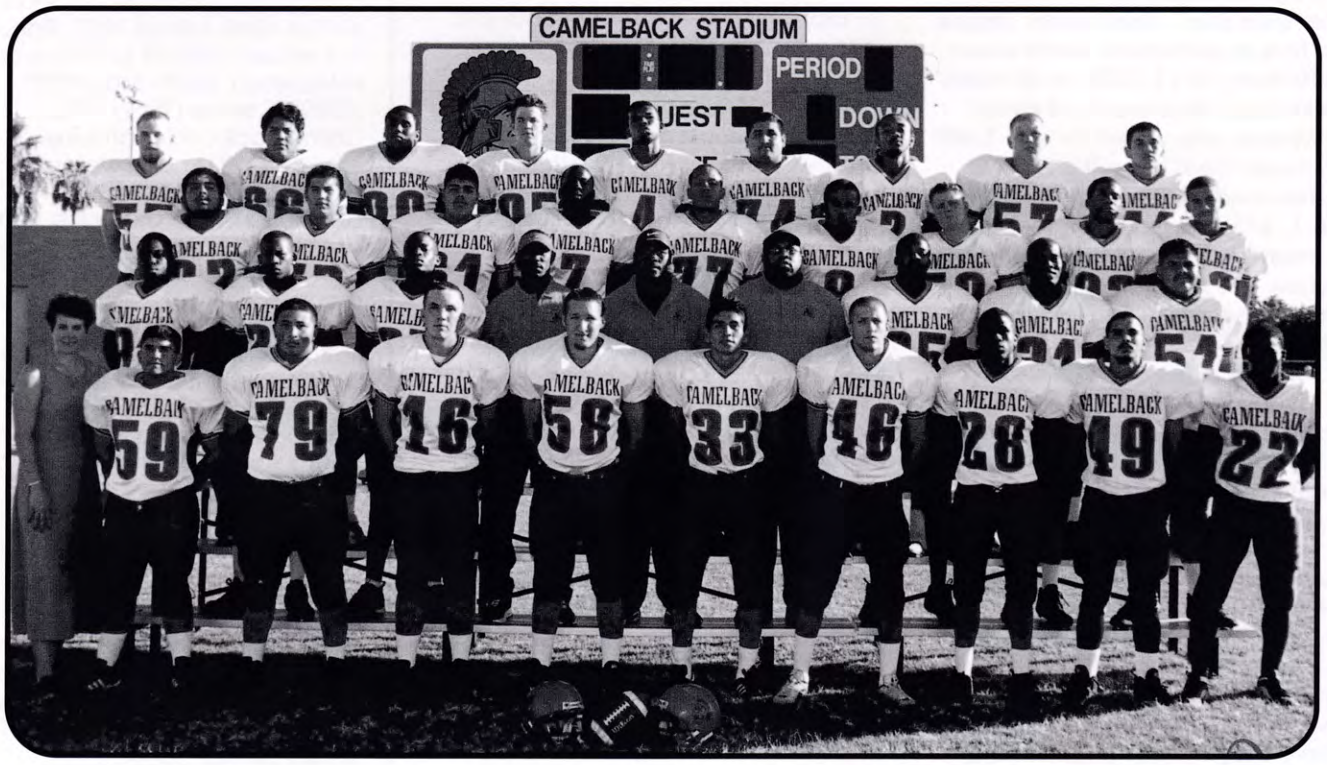
Two dozen juniors from a near-perfect JV unit (8-1) might push **Deer Valley** over the hump. The Skyhawks, coached by Sven Christianson, won only three games, but could double that output with strong play form the senior class. Two players, quarterback Travis Comer (6-2, 205) and kicker Nathan Derry (6-1, 180) earned all-region votes. Except for junior guard Edward Craft (6-0, 210), almost all the key players come from the senior class, including halfback Glenn Noel, defensive back Cameron Enriquez, tackle Brandon Fairbrother, safety Sean Egger, receiver Greg Brass and miniback Sean Wehrsig. "We've had a good offseason," claims Christianson. "The players have worked hard and are focused."

Goldwater finished strong, winning their last two games over Kingman and Deer Valley. The Bulldogs return 26 players, the most in the league. Wingback Mike Sawtelle (6-1, 185), a second team all-region selection, is one of three key seniors who have lettered three years. Quarterback Nick Jones (5-10, 175) and tight end Max Mahoney (6-0, 185) are the others. Mix in guard Greg Meyer (5-11, 180) and fullback/safety Paul Dye (5-11, 180), and the 'Dogs have a veteran club. Overall, 16 starters return.

METRO REGION NOTEBOOK

No region in Arizona has sent more players into the college and professional ranks than the Phoenix Union School District, with now defunct Phoenix Union leading the way. But the state championship throne has eluded the district since 1981. Since the present playoff format was established, South Mountain (1959), Central (1969/1972), Camelback (1974) and Trevor Browne (1981) have won titles. **COACHING:** No coach in the district has more than nine years as the head man. The leader is Tom Bruney at Maryvale. The record for wins belongs to former Trevor Browne mentor Bill Mitton, who won 206 games in 29 years with the Bruins. **TRIVIA:** Between 1913 and 1955, Phoenix Union won 25 state championships, a national record at the time. In Sept. of 1963, the school's enrollment reached its peak, with 6,320 students. Located at 7th Street & Van Buren, it closed in 1982. **COLLEGE STARS:** A-State junior safety Jason Shivers (cover), a former state sprint champ at South Mountain, was a first-team *Sporting News Freshman All-American* two years ago. **RECENT PROS:** Too many to list, but in recent years: **South Mountain** - Terry Fair (Lions), Raymond Perryman (Raiders), Rashad Bauman (Redskins), Manny Hendrix (Cowboys), Steve Jordan (Vikings), Byron Evans (Eagles). **Maryvale** - Frank Garcia (Rams), Darren Woodson (Cowboys), Phillipi Sparks (Giants). **Camelback** - Kevin Miniefield (Bears), Darryl Morrison (Redskins), Warren Wheat (Seahawks). **North** - Muhammad Oliver (Redskins). **Alhambra** - Eric Johnson (Raiders). **Central** - Damon Mayes (Redskins) and Trung Canidate (Rams). **Westview** - Nick Harris (Bengals).

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Spartans 25	Carl Hayden 0
Spartans 21	Goldwater 15
Spartans 31	Mesa 26
Spartans 47	Kingman 20
Spartans 7	Marcos de Niza 47
Spartans 27	Maryvale 0
Spartans 14	Yuma Union 13
Spartans 25	South Mountain 18
Spartans 64	North 0
Spartans 24	Cesar Chavez 0

Several juniors started as sophomores, including giant tackle Robert Irwin (6-8, 320), wideout Cole Roler, tackle Brandon Ford, defensive back Ken Easter and center Jim Chesnik, to list a few. "With so many starters back we should have more production in the win column," insists head coach Dan Friedman.

Sandra Day O'Connor, coached by Rick Mey, will play an independent schedule with no seniors. Approximately 15 juniors and 20 sophomores will compete at the varsity level. "Despite such a young group, we hope to be competitive," says Mey, who recently coached at Deer Valley. Several key juniors look good early, including two-way tackle Mike Gallett (6-5, 240), and receivers Tyron Higgins and Dennis Medlock. Quarterback Ian Michels, running back Iain Michael and linebacker Mike Larrauri are promising sophomores. The young Eagles will play a limited five-game schedule.

5A SOUTHWEST REGION

1. Peoria (8-3)
2. Glendale Ironwood (11-3)
3. Tolleson Westview (10-2)
4. Tolleson (12-2)
5. Sunrise Mountain (3-7)
6. Kingman (2-8)

An early exit from last year's playoffs shouldn't slow down **Peoria**, one of the state's winningest 5A programs. Since joining the "large school" ranks in 1999, the Panthers have averaged nine wins per season. Again, look for veteran coach Doug Clapp to suit up his usual number of 60-plus varsity players, including several of the best in the league. Top of the list this year is first team all-region linebacker Gregg Hernandez (6-1, 230), defensive back Brandon Hibbert (5-10, 170), and junior tailback Marcus Turner (5-8, 170), a burner with 4.5 speed. As usual, Peoria has a good collection of giants on the line, including tackles Michael Griffin (6-3, 285), Jowanza Adonis (6-2, 310), Michael Pipen (6-1, 305), and Erick Welch (6-3, 305), who is just a junior. Junior quarterback Carlos Miranda has a good target in tight end Josh Berry, a 220-pound senior. Kellen Atcity could get the call at center. Guards James Paramo and Julio Posso add beef to the offensive line. Defensively, Jake Robinson, Terrell Landrum, Sean Oser, Alan Awdisho, Alex Harrod and Justin Mercer could all start. Half the starting lineup are newcomers. "We'll have lots of new faces which have an opportunity to make plays and names for themselves," says Clapp, who has won 155 games and two state championships as the school.

Eight returning defensive starters and a solid offensive line makes for another playoff contender at **Ironwood**. But with quarterback Jason Murietta and halfback Aaron Lafitte off to the college ranks, the Eagles have lost 5,000-plus yards of offense. Also, head coach Chuck Esquivel stepped down due to health problems. He was replaced by Larry Allen, who coached last year at Evergreen, Colorado. Offensively, tackle Dillion Suber (6-0, 270) and guard Terry Hairston (6-2, 235) started in the finals. Defensively, so did two-way end Beaux Babinchak (6-1, 185), defensive back Brian Gronewold (6-1, 170), and linebackers Brett Hanten (6-0, 180) and Gaston Villegas (6-2, 225). Suber and Babinchak are juniors. Close to 30 players return who suited up in the state finals at Sun Devil Stadium.

Jeff Bowen takes over for George Martinez at **Westview**, where the Knights return 23 lettermen from a 5A state quarterfinalist club. "We should be one of the better teams in the region again if the players adjust to the new system," says the new coach. Several all-region picks return, including linebacker Adrian Conway (6-0, 210), wideout Austen Davis (5-7, 155), and defensive back Jared Schmiege (5-8, 160), who handles the kicking, along with Steve Hastings. Junior Nick Fontana (5-7, 160), a wide receiver last year, may be called upon to run the Knights' Wing-T offense. He was a second team all-region defensive back. Like most westside schools, Westview has good size on the line. Jose Flores (6-0, 290), Charles Contreras (5-11, 220), Josh Kandydowicz (5-11, 215) and Melvin Williams (5-11, 240) have all played. Junior Jesse Olson (6-4, 270) might start. Jeremiah McDermott (6-2, 205) is a solid linebacker. Juniors Robert Hernandez and D'Andre Covington are speedy defensive backs.

For the first time in over 15 years, **Tolleson** moves back to the 5A ranks. Too bad Arizona Player of the Year Marcus Thomas took his 46 touchdowns and 3,573 rushing yards to the University of Arizona. Wolverine fans would like to see him in a maroon & gold uniform again. But as usual, Tolleson has good skill players to fill in for departed seniors. Donte Gilmore (5-10, 180) returns to take over for Thomas. He rushed for 679 yards on 86 carries, and caught 10 passes for 335 yards. Fullback Jermaine Turner (6-3, 250) gained 359 yards in a limited role, and earned all-region recognition as a defensive end. He placed second at the 4A state meet in the shot put at 55-feet. In fact, with Turner and Addison Brazil (6-5, 225) in the lineup, THS has two impressive defensive ends. Jorge Villela (6-0, 225) moves from guard to middle linebacker. He's a good one. Aubrey St. Clair (5-10, 215), a two-year starter in the secondary, takes over at quarterback. Little place kicker Kyle Sparks adds to the mix with 125 extra points in his varsity career. He booted 56 last year, a school record. Coach Dan Widmaier has had three four-year lettermen at THS, and Sparks is one of them. This revamped league sets up a classic contest between Tolleson and Westview on November 7.

Will Babb, a former standout quarterback at Peoria, takes over the **Sunrise Mountain** program as it moves into 5A waters. The timing looks good. Although the Mustangs won only three games in the 4A Wells Fargo, 20 lettermen return and the junior varsity lost only once. Defense sets the tone and two of the team's best players are defenders: linebacker Casey Raptis (6-1, 215) and lineman Sean Heck (6-1, 260). Heck was a first team all-region selection. In fact, most of the squad's veteran players reside on the defensive side of the ball, including guard Sean Rossen (6-0, 225), defensive back David Konieczka (6-0, 170), linebacker Jason Rickey (5-11, 190) and safety Tommy McDonald (6-2, 180), who doubles at quarterback. Offensively, junior Daunte Beltramo will compete at QB with McDonald. Eric Sobey and John Martinez are good receivers. Junior Ryan Potter (6-2, 226) played on the line as a sophomore, and has two more years to improve his skills..

Kingman was again overmatched, facing seven Top 10 teams during the season. The result was a 2-8 season. This year the schedule looks better. More experienced players return; 24 altogether. Coach Rich Grosh has two all-region picks in his lineup, tackle Ricky Johnson (6-0, 270) and junior receiver Herb Askew (5-9, 160). Justin Walsh (6-0, 170) doubles at quarterback/safety. David Kinion (5-7, 170) starts in the secondary, with Pat McCoy (6-0, 185) at linebacker. Sophomore linebacker/tight end John Hicks (6-2, 195) started as a freshman. Linebacker Adam Hershman moves in from California and could start. Kingman is the only league member not in Maricopa County, and has to travel to Phoenix for all away games.



Chaparral quarterback Darren Mougey leads the Firebirds in quest of a fourth state championship in the past five years, the best streak by a 4A school in 20 seasons (Ralph Freso photo).

Firebirds King of The 4A Hill

When you're hot you're hot. And right now the hottest brand of 4A football is played at Scottsdale Chaparral. Not since 1981-84, when Flagstaff won four-straight state championships, has a 4A school accomplished what the Firebirds have. Coach Ron Estabrook, in his ninth year at the school, has another powerhouse. At least on paper. In the last four years, the 'Birds haven't been too bad on the field either, winning three state championships. In the past six seasons the north Scottsdale school has gone 12-1, 10-2, 14-0, 14-0, 7-4, 13-1.

Last year their only loss was to rival Saguaro, which lost in the playoffs to Phoenix Greenway, the school Chaparral beat (barely) in the state finals. Estabrook and his staff have done a tremendous job at the school, sending more players into the college ranks than 90% of the state's larger 5A schools. Winning breeds winning. It also builds and produces bigger and better players. This year will be no exception. With the return of quarterback Darren Mougey, the Firebirds have the key player at the key position for another season. Throw in flanker Kam Kranz, possibly the team's best player, and another playoff ticket is possible. Last year Kranz never reached the playoffs. He suffered a serious arm injury in an off-the-field accident. In six games he rushed 33 times for 295 yards, and caught a team-high 25 passes for 368 yards.

Ironically, a newcomer to the 4A race, potential rival Shadow Mountain, opens with Chaparral. The Matadors don't have far to go for the matchup. Basically, both schools are located on Shea Blvd., with Shadow Mountain down the road in nearby Phoenix.

In fact, there are lots of new faces in Class 4A, as school's adjust every two years after enrollment changes. Shadow Mountain, which has struggled in football for years, won't find the going much easier in 4A. Especially with Chaparral on its schedule.

In north Phoenix, Moon Valley's players must eat different food than most Valley squads. The Rockets, with several 300-pounders on its roster, have size, strength and speed to match up with anybody. Including 5A schools, of which they once were. Tackle Thomas Gagilardi (6-6, 315) heads a whole roster full of "big bodies."

Cactus, located in northwest Glendale, has its share of big, fast athletes again. They also have one of the top all-round players in the Wells Fargo Region, quarterback/kicker Bubba Bradley. In the past 20 years, Cactus has the best record (.760) among any 4A school in Arizona which has not won a state championship.

As always, the season concludes in Sun Devil Stadium, where the 4A/5A finals are showcased as a double-header on live TV. It looks like the rest of the field will be chasing Chaparral.

4A EAST SKY REGION

1. Scottsdale Chaparral (13-1)
2. Scottsdale Saguaro (9-3)
3. Tempe Union (3-7)
4. Scottsdale Coronado (7-4)
5. Gilbert Desert Ridge (4-3)
6. Scottsdale Arcadia (5-5)
7. Apache Junction (3-8)
8. Chandler Basha (JV)

It won't be a cakewalk. Defending state champ **Chaparral** has to replace four interior linemen on both sides of the ball. Here's betting they find good replacements before league play starts. There's no drought at the skill positions. The Firebirds are as good here as any 5A school. In quarterback Darren Mougey (6-4, 210), head coach Ron Estabrook has one of the best leaders in the state. Last year Mougey passed for 2,129 yards and 23 touchdowns. He was 15 of 24 for 205 yards in the state finals. Injured wideout/running back Kam Kranz (6-1, 195) missed eight games, so receiver John Peel (6-1, 190) picked up the slack. In the finals, a 21-14 win over Greenway, Peel hauled in a 4A title game record 10 passes for 111 yards and a touchdown. On the season he collected 59 passes for 937 yards and 14 scores. Tackle Eric Singh (6-2, 255) is the lone returner on the line. Defensively, the Firebirds look solid, no matter who starts in the trenches. All-league linebacker Dustin Kleven (6-3, 210) recorded 90 tackles and five sacks. When the Firebirds beat Sunnyslope 40-0, Kleven made nine unassisted tackles, including two sacks. Both safety positions are covered by seniors Zach Hons (5-11, 180) and Scott Rierson (5-11, 190). Hons is the son of former A-State quarterback Todd Hons. Junior Ekom Udofia (6-3, 250), a potential college prospect, returns to the defensive line. "We have a lot of new starters on both lines," says Estabrook, who has won 84% of his games. "But this is our best collection of skill position players, and one of the fastest teams I've coached."

Former Highland High coach Mike Reardon takes over the program at **Saguaro**, where the Sabercats return 20 players from a solid 9-3 club. Reardon replaces Stuart Goldstein, who moves over to Phoenix North. The Sabercats, backed up by an 8-0 JV squad, will build the season around three key players: cornerback/receiver/kicker Darren Mitchell (5-11, 165), safety/wideout Nolan Ticer (6-0, 160) and tight end/deep back Erik Hubl (5-11, 175), good all-round players. Saguaro, usually tough on defense, adds linebacker Bevan Howard (6-0, 220), safety Aaron Adams (6-0, 180) and nose guard Toure Barksdale (6-0, 220) to the mix. All the above are seniors.

Tempe looks to bounce back after a difficult season. The Bufaloes, coached by Mark Rhiner, have good team speed, and will focus on the running game. Big Darius Davis (6-1, 235) steps in at quarterback. Last year he managed 28 completions for 469 yards and six touchdowns. He also plays defensive end. Both running backs, Tony Cuevas and Mike Glenn, double at linebacker. Richard Alvarez was a second team all-region tackle. Speedy C.J. Owens doubles at wideout/defensive back. Daniel Baum as a good two-way guard. Help should come from a JV team which won six games. Last year the Buffs won two of their last three varsity contests.

Graduation cleaned out most of **Coronado's** lineup. Only nine letter winners return. Still, B.J. Pasquel has one of the best quarterbacks in the Valley, and that's a plus. Last year, senior Louis Marson (6-1, 190) passed for 1,846 yards and 22 touchdowns, leading the Dons to the playoffs. The season ended in a wild 57-27 loss to Flagstaff Sinagua. Marson caught fire in last year's season opener, a 19-15 win over Flagstaff, when he completed 16 of 27 passes for 249 yards and three touchdowns in a come-from-behind win. For the Dons to stay in contention, skill position players like Zach Berft, Jack Cunningham, Chris Jenner, Rudy Bencomo and Dom Volpe must step up. Volpe is the lone junior. "We are young and inexperienced, but plan on making the playoffs for the third year in a row," warns Pasquel. He has the quarterback to do it. Marson, Berft and Cunningham have been on the varsity for three years.

When **Desert Ridge** fills in its coaching vacancy, a good collection of experienced players await the new boss. In junior quarterback John Sanders (6-0, 175), the Jaguars have a young, quality signal caller to build around. Last year he threw 22 touchdown passes. Senior tailback Adam James (5-10, 160), with 4.5 speed, is the ground threat. He doubles in the secondary. Big Andrew Cunningham (6-3, 215) plays fullback and linebacker. Two juniors, tackle George Barnes (6-1, 250) and tight end Jeff Sesemman (6-2, 205), are quality players. Sophomore wide receiver Brandon Roberts could start. He and James are the two fastest

METRO 4A TOP 20 POLL

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

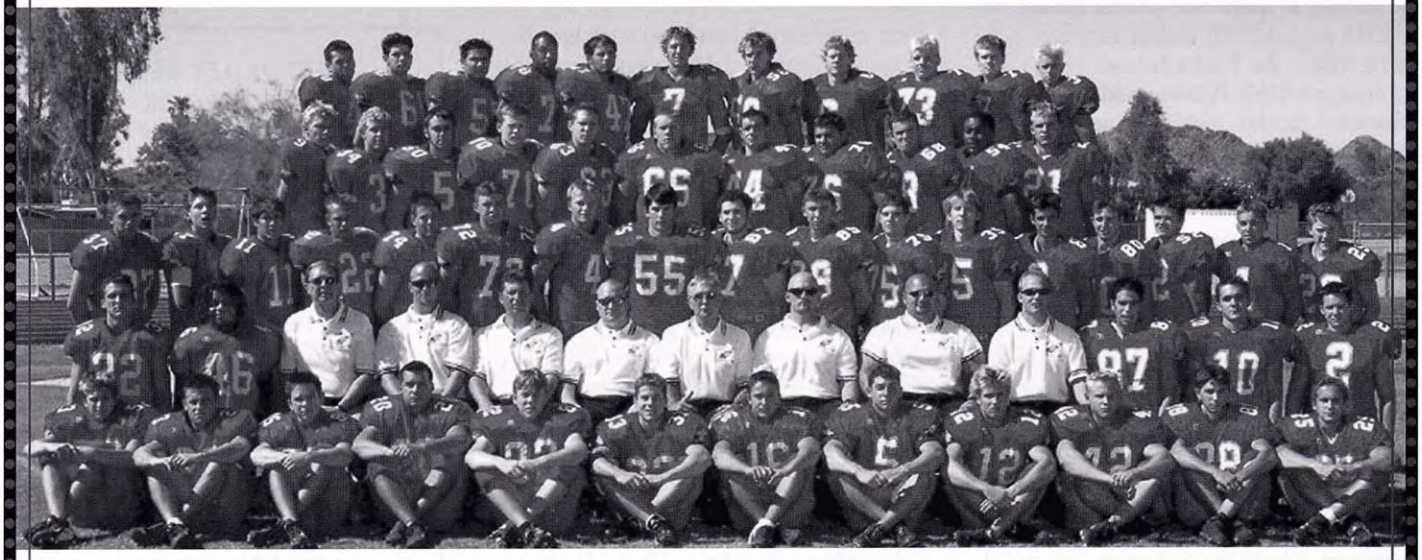
WEST VALLEY REGION NOTEBOOK

Historically, the premier program in this region belongs to Agua Fria, which originally played 6-man football under the name Litchfield High. Only Agua Fria and Buckeye have won state championships. **COACHING:** The veteran here, long-time mentor Rudy Pacheco, retired at Buckeye last year. He had coached in the Arizona prep 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 Wildcats. **RECENT PROS:** Agua Fria alum Randall McDaniel (Minnesota/Tampa Bay) is the most recent NFL alum from this school. Other great Owls include former Green Bay guard Bill Lueck, and Washington Redskin linebacker Rusty Tillman.



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Jaguars in the Gilbert school's camp.

Arcadia will again build its offense around the arm of Jimmy Bevel, who completed 97 of 193 passes for 1,420 yards and 14 touchdowns, and the legs of Terrell Toliver, who gained 772 yards on 117 carries and scored six times. In track last spring, Toliver ran 100-meters in 10.90 seconds, and 200-meters in 21.81, good for a second place finish at state in both events.

It looks rough at **Apache Junction**, where first-year coach Max Ragsdale welcomes only two players with varsity experience. Ragsdale, a former AJ player, was promoted from within the staff. Top returning players appear to be quarterback Chris Martinez (5-11, 175), who doubles in the secondary, and speedy junior receiver Ryan Allan (6-0, 170, 4.5), a 49-second quarter-miler in track. Tackle Lenny Dehart (6-5, 270) and halfback Jerod Hood are two of a short list of senior starters. Halfback/linebacker David Caruana and guard Jacob Anderson have two years of varsity ball left to play.

EAST SKY REGION NOTEBOOK

Excluding Chaparral and AJ, these schools have taken enrollment hits in recent years. Coronado, with 1,236 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, produced two nationally-ranked teams in the 1960s. **COACHING:** Chaparral's Ron Estabrook has won 83% of his games, best winning percentage ever in Scottsdale. District athletic director Joe Corte won over 100 games (142) at Scottsdale and Coronado, most ever in the city. **TRIVIA:** Tempe's 42-35 win over Cactus in the 2001 quarterfinals was the Buffaloes' 400th win. THS is 403-311-29 since 1924. Second-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. **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.

Tolleson back is in the books

*Last year Tolleson running back **Marcus Thomas**, the Arizona Player of the Year, gained 3,573 yards in 14 games, the 8th best single season rushing mark in USA history. The nation's all-time single season leaders:*

Yards / Player / School /State	Year
4,484 - Tyler Ebell, Ventura, California	2000
4,087 - Travis Henry, Frostproff, Florida	1996
4,045 - Kenny Hall, Sugar Land, Texas	1953
3,853 - Austin Scott, Allentown Parkland, Pennsylvania	2002
3,701 - Rodney Thomas, Groventon, Texas	1990
3,690 - Dixie Roberts, McMinnville, Texas	1928
3,586 - Jermaine Marshall, Malibu Camp Kilpatrick, California	1999
3,573 - Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, Arizona	**2002**
3,569 - Wes Danhar, Corpus Christi Calallen, Texas	1995
3,526 - Cedric Benson, Midland, Texas	1999
3,523 - David Dotson, Moreno Valley View, California	1991
3,515 - Robert Strait, Cuero, Texas	1987
3,458 - Kenny Hall, Sugar Land, Texas	1952
3,456 - Montrell Coley, Goldsboro, North Carolina	1996
3,416 - John Bordenkircher, Dixon, California	1997
3,411 - Noah Ingram, Ruleville Central, Mississippi	1999
3,398 - DeShaun Foster, Tustin, California	1997
3,387 - Jason Stout, Lafayette Centaurus, Colorado	1996
3,383 - Steve Tate, Luther, Oklahoma	1975
3,380 - Vince Neclos, Hendersonville, North Carolina	1992

SOURCE: StudentSports.com

Basha, newest kid on the high school block, has one more year of underclassmen play before jumping into the varsity mix. The Bears, coached by former Tempe mentor Tim McBurney, posted a near-perfect 7-1 record as freshman last fall. This time they will field two teams, frosh and junior varsity.

4A DESERT SKY REGION

1. Glendale Independence (6-4)
2. Phoenix Greenway (12-2)
3. Glendale Apollo (7-4)
4. Cactus Shadows (3-7)
5. Phoenix Cortez (0-10)
6. Lake Havasu (3-7)
7. Scottsdale Notre Dame (JV)

Independence, which has played in only one postseason game in its 25-year history, has crept into the playoff picture overnight. Last year the Patriots, coached by Kelley Moore, won six games for the first time since 1982, and missed the playoffs by an eyelash. "It was close but no cigar," says Moore, the 2001 Arizona 2A Coach of the Year at Morenci. "We've bumped our schedule up hoping to help us make the playoffs." They have the tools to do it, starting with honorable mention all-state linebacker Brent Hodges. Hodges, a 6-3, 215-pound senior (cover), runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds and led the team in tackles. He also plays on the offensive line. All-league linebacker Xavier Newbill (5-11, 210), along with senior Devin McPeak (5-11, 198), gives IHS the best collection of 'backers in the Desert Sky. McPeak also plays fullback. C.J. Newbill, Justin Lopez, Sterling Williams and Kriss Ross are good skill position players who go both ways. All four are seniors. Dan Ontiveros (5-10, 240) and Raymond Olivas (5-11, 242) look like the best senior linemen. Craig Burkhart (5-10, 195) is an undersized but good center. Throw in underclassmen Cameron Douglas, Michael Reyna, Ryan Malone and Juan Lozano, to list a few, and the Patriots have more depth than usual. "Our team speed, strength and work ethic has improved tremendously," adds Moore, whose team opens Aug. 29 at Gilbert Desert Ridge.

Back-to-back appearances in the state finals put **Greenway** in an elite group. The Demons, coached by Mike Brown, dropped a heartbreaker last year to Scottsdale Chaparral, 21-14. In fact, both losses were at the hands of the Firebirds. Only one dozen varsity players return. Still, tradition doesn't graduate, so look for the Demons to compete for a playoff berth. With speedy senior Brett Martin (5-

Statewide poll picks:

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

5A - Mesa Mountain View

Nationally-ranked Toros, with quarterback Max Hall and linebacker Bryce Hardy, have a chance to repeat.

4A - Scottsdale Chaparral

Talent-deep Firebirds, with quarterback Darren Mougey and flanker/runningback Kam Kranz, have a chance to repeat.

3A - Chandler Seton Catholic

Sentinels, with good, solid backs and all-state tackle Barry Charters, could find the 3A South a playoff-friendly region.

2A - Phoenix Christian

Balanced offense and stout defense, plus better than normal skill position players, paint another playoff picture for last year's semifinalist.

1A - St. David

The most dominating 8-man program in recent years looks to rebound from semifinal loss to state champ Joseph City.

11, 175) in the lineup, Greenway has one of the best receivers in the league. He also plays in the secondary. Defensive back Steve Hofmann (5-10, 165), who has speed of his own, was a second team all-region choice. Dustyn Contreras (6-0, 175) gets the call at quarterback, replacing the veteran David Henry, who graduated. Contreras also plays in the secondary. Tight end/linebacker Rich Brockel (6-3, 210) and defensive end Albert Lara (6-1, 220) are two juniors of note. "We will be rebuilding big time," warns Brown, who won his 100th game last year and enters his 8th season at the school.

Apollo won seven games and was eliminated by Tucson Sunnyside in the first round of the playoffs, 24-17. Injuries to key players hurt Ed Barnes' club late in the season. This year experience and size are strong points. The offensive line could be one of the biggest in the state, averaging 6-4, 285-pounds. Several linemen have playoff experience, including center Ty Escobedo (5-9, 270), and teammates Jayson Johnson (6-6, 275), Juston Elzy (6-6, 360) and Mike Gashwytewaa (6-4, 280). Junior Dan Poffinbarger (6-2, 260) should start. Junior Derek Wespieser and senior Hunter Bennett could rotate at quarterback. Bennett handles the punting. With 4.5 speed, little Larry Bennett is the fastest of the Hawks. Junior Eric Lilley was an all-region cornerback. Nick Suppon, Kenny Melroy and Shawn Marsh are capable two-way players. "Following a strong spring, we may have several sophomores on the varsity this year," adds Barnes. "We have a tougher non-league schedule, and our region looks stronger."

Dale Nicol officially takes over at **Cactus Shadows**, were he replaced Gerry LaBelle at midseason. The Falcons, with six starters back on defense, feel positive about the season. Still, the big gun is on offense, with first team all-region wideout/kicker Max Besong (6-2, 180) the key player. Defensive back Craig Ciliberti (5-10, 175) earned post season acclaim as well. Zach Mees (6-0, 185), who doubles at tight end, is a good linebacker. Tim Cohee (6-0, 200) is a two-way guard. Before coming to Cave Creek in 2000, Nicol coached in Idaho and Texas. "I missed coaching and the contact with the kids," says the school's athletic director. "Friday nights are a blast."

At **Cortez**, Brian Galbreath's squad has nowhere to go but up. The Colts, winless in 2002, should improve in the win column, with two key all-region selections in the lineup. The most talented appears to be tight end/linebacker/punter Jared Golden, a 6-3, 210-pound senior. He picked up post season votes at two positions. Junior linebacker Joe Butler (5-9, 180), who also starts at fullback, was a second team all-region pick on defense. Nick Lopez (6-0, 200) is a solid two-way tackle. Jarie Heikkila and Adrian Yazzie are speedy receivers who can play in the secondary. With only 11 lettermen returning, depth is a weakness. Last year's varsity scored only 17 points, and gave up 465.The junior varsity was winless.

Brett Bending replaces David White as head coach at **Lake Havasu**. Bending was the school's defensive coordinator last year when the Knights won three of 10 games in White's only season. Scott Beamis heads up the program at young **Notre Dame Prep**, as the new Scottsdale school moves into the 4A Desert Sky. Beamis was a former defensive coordinator at Tempe McClintock and Phoenix St. Mary's.

4A SKYLINE REGION

1. Phoenix Moon Valley (6-5)
2. Phoenix Washington (8-3)
3. Phoenix Thunderbird (4-6)
4. Tempe McClintock (5-6)
5. Glendale (7-4)
6. Sunnyslope (1-9)

If big is better, **Moon Valley** is set. The Rockets, who reached the playoffs with 38 underclassmen on its roster, return the biggest collection of experienced linemen on the westside. Overall, five all-region players return. Head of the class is all-stater Thomas Gagliardi, a 6-6, 315-pound offensive tackle. The rest of the forward wall includes Joey Montoya (6-3, 322), Thomas Liaiga (6-3, 346), Todd Jensen (6-3, 242), Pete Wahlstrom (6-1, 264), and junior Sam Chung (6-1, 234). Big Andrew Pettas (6-6, 246) is a highly regarded tight end. Speedy Joe Strayhand (5-10, 185) is a two-year starter at tailback. Chuck McGaha and junior Brian Wriston are vying for the starting quarterback job. Defensively, junior Matt Hain (5-10, 190) was a second team all-region pick at linebacker. Mike Devicenzo was the region's best kicker. He also plays linebacker. It's the defense which needs shoring up. In one game last year, a 55-28 loss to Tolleson, opposing back Marcus Thomas rushed for 424 yards and scored seven touchdowns. It was closer in the playoffs. The Rockets were eliminated by Tolleson in the first round, 28-25.

Defending league champ **Washington**, eliminated in the playoff's first round, looks to advanced farther with nine starters back on offense, and six on

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defense. With Andrew Eghbali (6-0, 180) in the lineup, the Rams have one of the best two-way players around. Last year against Tempe McClintock, the quarterback/safety completed 12 of 22 passes for 244 yards and three touchdowns in a 31-14 win. On defense he intercepted three passes. Kyle Petrovich (6-3, 200), a first team all-region pick, leads a strong linebacking crew, which includes Garyion Turner and Mike Diamond. Luis Montes heads a list of experienced, senior linemen, including Amir Bolic, Dave Carleton, Brian Bower, Chris McCombs, Matt Williams, Daryl Little and Fred Randall. Adam Beyer and junior Delton Prescott are quality skill position players. "The outlook is very promising," claims veteran Steve Chisman, the latest in a growing list of Valley coaches to win 100 games. "We were very young last year."

Thunderbird looks to rebound from a disappointing season, with a strong senior class and good skill players. First team all-region linebacker T.J. O'Connor (5-11, 180) returns, and will also play linebacker. All-region defensive back Bryan Wagner (5-9, 160) started six games at quarterback. Senior Taylor Groves (6-3, 170) will challenge Wagner. Whoever starts will have a good target in senior Blake Boyer (6-4, 200), a tight end with 4.7 speed. The overall kicking game looks sound. Scott Jones, an all-region kicker, will play wide receiver and defensive back. Sean Morris, an all-region kick returner, also returns. He's a good two-way back. Tackle Dexter Davis was a two-way sophomore starter. He's a 6-3, 215-pound junior. David Ghiz (6-0, 265) is a solid defensive lineman. Coach Gary Mauldin is looking at several good years possibly, with an incoming 8-0 JV, followed by a 7-1 freshman class.

McClintock, like league rival Thunderbird, finished 4-6 and hopes to rebound with several returning all-region players. The Chargers also have a new head coach, former Arizona State quarterback Steve Campbell. Number one priority is finding a quarterback to get the ball to all-state receiver Rudy Fleming, who caught a state leading 79 passes for 1,382 yards and 12 touchdowns. Against Moon Valley, Fleming caught 10 passes for 262 yards and three touchdowns. The job might go to big Aaron Amos, a 6-2, 230-pound all-region defensive end. Two-way tackle Colin Williams (6-2, 235) anchors the Chargers' line. Cornerback Tavis Miner (5-9, 165), with 4.5 speed, is the team's quickest player. Tailback Jason Henry gained 408 yards on 112 carries and scored three times. "We turned the ball over too much," says Campbell, who last year was an assistant to Dick Baniszewski. "Our strength this year should be our defense."

Coach Mark Smith appears to have **Glendale** headed in the right direction. Although the Cardinals posted a

DESERT SKY REGION NOTEBOOK

Coaching changes have wrecked havoc in this once stable region. In the past seven years, the six-member schools have had 17 different head coaches. Greenway and Apollo reached the playoffs last year. **COACHING:** Greenway's Mike Brown won his 100th game last year. **TRIVIA:** Last year Greenway became the sixth school from the Glendale Union School District to play in the state 4A/5A finals. Sunnyslope (1970), Washington (1977), Moon Valley (1982/1986), Apollo (1985) and the Demons (2001/2002) have reached title games. **RECENT PROS:** 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.

Two More for the Super Bowl



Oakland tight end Jerermy Brigham.

Two Oakland Raiders, tight end Jeremy Brigham and safety Eric Johnson, added their name to the growing list of former Arizona schoolboy products who have played in a Super Bowl.

Brigham, out of the University of Washington, played high school football at Scottsdale Saguaro. Johnson, a star defender at Nebraska, won the Tyrone Byrd Award in 1994 at Phoenix Alhambra, recognizing the state's best defensive back. Another Arizonan, defensive back Raymond Perryman (South Mountain/NAU), was on Oakland's taxi squad and didn't play in the game. Although Raider tailback Charlie Garner played at Scottsdale Community College before attending Tennessee, he played high school football in Virginia.

Today, close to 30 former Arizonans have played in Super Bowls, which is almost as many games played. In 1970, when Kansas City beat Minnesota 23-7 in Super Bowl V, former Yuma High great Curley Culp started the trend. The NCAA wrestling champion at Arizona State was a starting defensive tackle for Kansas City in that game.

Unlike Culp, Brigham and Johnson came out on the losing side in Super Bowl XXXVII, played before 67,603 fans in San Diego. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers blitzed the AFC champs, 48-21. However, during the loss, Johnson joined a short list of Arizonans who have scored in the game. Early in the fourth quarter he scooped up a blocked punt and returned it for a 13-yard touchdown.

Brigham, the Raiders' fifth round pick in 1998, recorded 20 catches for 370 yards and five scores during his senior year at Saguaro. He lettered three years in basketball and led the Valley in rebounding at 12.5 boards per game. In track he ran the sprints and won the city 100 meter dash title. He lettered three years at Washington and played in every game as a senior.

Johnson was a two-year starting tailback who played safety and linebacker at Alhambra. He rushed for 1,900 yards and scored 24 touchdowns in his last two years. At Nebraska, he was once a teammate with another Phoenix prep star, safety Mike Brown (Scottsdale Saguaro), who today is the starting safety for the Chicago Bears.

SKYLINE REGION NOTEBOOK
A vastly improved Glendale team makes this region - from top to bottom - more solid. Moon Valley will suit up the biggest senior class in the city, with three 300-pounders. **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 last year. **TRIVIA:** In 74 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. **RECENT PROS:** McClintock leads the charge with Anthony Parker (Minnesota), Shaun Patterson (Green Bay), Jason Kyle (Seattle), Kenny Wheaton (Dallas) and John Tait (Kansas City); followed by Thunderbird guard Todd Kalis (Minnesota), Washington quarterback Mike Pagel (Cleveland), and Moon Valley quarterback Travis Brown (Buffalo).

7-4 record, they missed a playoff spot by a game. This year's team looks young, but talented at the skill positions. Big play receiver Rickey Jamerson (5-11, 164) is back. His 20.3 yards per catch on 35 grabs for 711 yards caused all sorts of problems. And he's just a junior. So is young Chris Vaughn (5-9, 170), who caught 21 passes for 236 yards. All-region defensive back Durrel Board returns to the secondary. The offensive line looks solid with Chris Martin (5-11, 275) and Cain Llamas (6-2, 212) returning. Both are seniors. Two defensive ends, Corey Jones (6-0, 209) and Daniel Reese (6-2, 189), look good. Transfers Kevin Orr and Sean Jones, both skill position players, fit right in. The big question: Who will play quarterback?

Sunnyslope, with a senior dominated lineup, looks to be better. Last year's rebuilding job was disappointing, in more ways than one. Coach Dallas Hickman sees a more competitive squad, with stronger play on defense. Seniors Zach Henderson (6-1, 215), Jeff Rose (6-1, 190), Pat Harris (5-9, 190), Roy Miller (5-9, 210), Brett Allen (6-5, 220) and Michael Nokes (5-10, 200) make for an improved forward wall. Junior receiver Jon Stalcup (6-1, 180) is the lone all-region pick who returns. Dan Coffinger



John Peel
Chaparral WR



John Sanders
Desert Ridge QB

returns at quarterback, along with skill players Tyler Petersen, Josh Cunningham, Jorge Pino and Jared Stuart.

4A WELLS FARGO REGION
1. Glendale Cactus (8-3)
2. Peoria Centennial (8-3)
3. Bradshaw Mountain (6-4)
4. Prescott (2-8)
5. Phoenix Pinnacle (2-8)
6. Shadow Mountain (2-8)

Look for **Cactus** to continue its long run of playoff contending teams and wide-open offensive shows. The Cobras, 8-3 after a 40-25 loss to Tolleson in the quarterfinals, return 35 players, most in the region. Senior Bubba Bradley, an all-region quarterback/kicker, is the key figure. The 5-10, 178-pound signal caller passed for 1,133 yards, including a record-tying 99-yard scoring strike to Patrick Urias against Prescott. Bradley booted 22 extra points and 14 field goals. Urias averaged 15.2 yards per reception on just 15 catches, as the Cobras stuck to a ground game more than usual. Look for sophomore Jonathan Tobin (6-4, 183) to take some snaps. He lettered at quarterback as a freshman. Both backs, Junior Kevin Marin and senior Nigel Ricks, return. Ricks gained 1,285 yards on 186 carries and scored 11 touchdowns. Marin rushed for 660 yards and scored seven times. Defensively, the Cobras look to linebacker Tyler Schmitt (6-2, 188) and lineman David Moreno (6-1, 212), all-region selections.

Centennial made a good run at the playoffs, posting an 8-3 record and battling Greenway tough in the first round. Coach Richard Taylor, with 21 lettermen, has the tools to match that, with good size and speedy backs and receivers. Keeping the ball in the hands of junior tailback Terry Longbons (5-11, 190, 4.5) is a must. Last year he averaged 9.2 yards per carry, gained 1,322 yards and scored 12 TDs. Not bad for a sophomore. Overall, five all-region players return, including safety Troy Osborne (5-11, 180), cornerback Adam Mendez (5-10, 170), and defensive linemen Tanner Highlen (6-2, 267, jr.) and Bill Edelman (6-1, 230). Young Jordon Lowe (6-5, 315) started on the offensive line as a sophomore. Wide receiver/defensive back Bryan Haynes (5-10, 150) is the team's speed burner. Last spring he won the 100 (10.73) and 200 (21.37) at the 4A state meet. Joe Caskey (6-1, 150) returns at quarterback, where he completed 46% of his passes for 461 yards and five TDs as a sophomore. In fact, the junior class looks solid. Tackle Bobby Torres (6-3, 267), defensive end Kellen Orta (6-0, 205) and wideout Matt Keith (6-0, 170) should all start. Keith handles the punting. Senior back Marcus House (5-9, 170, 4.4) is another speedy Coyote. Big Chris Griffin (5-11, 265) starts on the line.

Bradshaw Mountain almost made it. The surprise Bears played for the region championship in the final game of the season, but fell short. If coach Mike McMahon and his staff find a quarterback, it could be another exciting season. They have a good mixture of speed and size, starting with halfback Reno

2002 4A PLAYOFF RESULTS:
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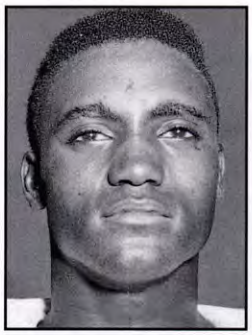
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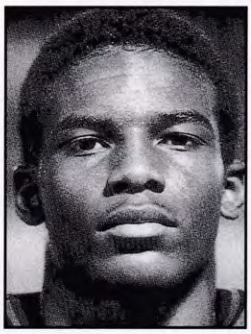
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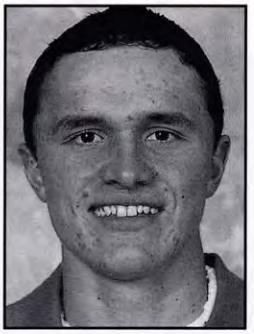
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Paccioni, flanker Tom Stivason, linebacker Nick Fessler, guard Chris Eller tackle Andy Busk, a 6-4, 280-pound junior. Paccioni, Stivason and Fessler are three-year letter winners. "We should have an exciting, fast team," claims McMahon. "The play at quarterback will determine our success."

A young, inexperienced varsity lineup resulted in a two-win season for **Prescott**. With two-dozen letter winners back, Lou Beneitone looks for a stronger finish. The Badgers are relying on quarterback Chris Parker (6-1, 175) and lineman Andrew Jonovich (6-0, 205) for senior leadership. Parker returns for his third year as the starting signal caller. Halfback/linebacker Carl Stoeckel (6-0, 180) and running back Michael Vicente (5-8, 165) are key underclassmen. Sound play from linemen Taylor Sutherland (6-5, 250) and Cody Hancock (6-2, 210) will help. Two-way back Albert Guzman returns with experience on both sides of the ball. Sophomore wideout Todd Citron could crack the starting lineup.

Pinnacle, another two-win club with promise, returns its share of experienced players. First-year coach Dana Zupke welcomes 15 lettermen, including two all-region picks: linebacker Ryan Pullinsi (6-0, 200) and fullback Sean Spellman (6-0, 230). Both have 4.6 speed. Quarterback/safety Trent Walker (6-3, 200) will run the Pioneers' Wing-T offense. Ben Muth (6-6, 280) is one of the biggest two-way tackles in the league. All four players are three-year varsity performers. Two-way skill position players Ayrius Justin and Charles Zeep add to the mix.

Shadow Mountain drops down a class, but might find the going just as rough in the 4A ranks. Several key players return, including three former 5A Desert Valley all-region picks. Wide receiver/cornerback Mitch Murphy (5-9, 175) won post season acclaim at both positions. Defensive tackle Matt Miller (6-1, 210) also starts at fullback, while junior Derrick Hannifin (5-10, 200) picked up votes at linebacker. Miller is the lone three-year lettermen among them. Kyle Nyhart returns at quarterback, Gabe Jaminillo at center. With 4.6 speed, two-way back Jason Johnwell looks like the quickest Matador in the lineup. Linemen like Bryan Scott and Garrett Stafford could see action on both sides of the ball.

4A WEST VALLEY REGION

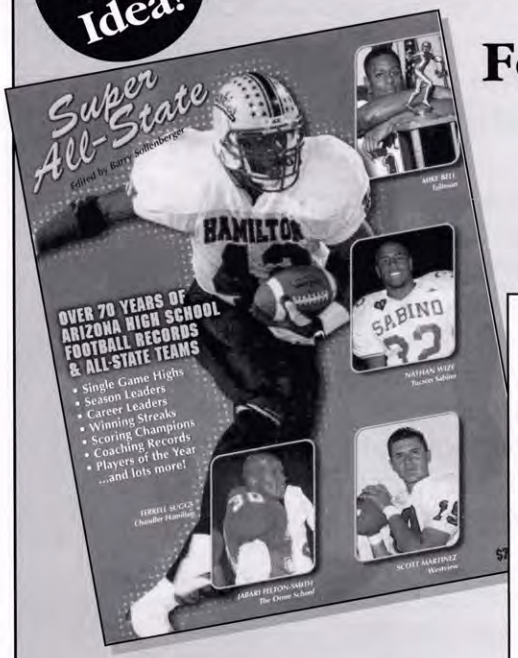
1. Goodyear Millennium (8-3)
2. Buckeye (4-6)
3. Dysart (2-8)
4. Agua Fria (4-6)
5. Bullhead City Mohave (2-9)
6. Avondale LaJoya (JV)
7. Goodyear Desert Edge (JV)

Millennium, preseason No. 1 last fall, saw hits title hopes hit hard by injuries. But the Tigers still managed an 8-3 finish, second-best in the school's short history. At one time or another, the Tigers lost their entire backfield to injuries. Second-year coach Chuck Horn welcomes 22 lettermen, including several all-region selections. Best bet for post season honors goes to strong safety Tate Ford (5-10, 185), a three-year starter who moves into the quarterback slot. In a backup role he completed 18 of 28 passes for 210 yards and one score. Defensively, he recorded 65 solo tackles, best on the team. Linebacker Chris Hunter (6-2, 210), with 26 solo tackles, was a second team all-region pick. He could see lots of action at fullback. Tight end Mike Kennedy (6-4, 195) averaged 15.4 yards per catch on 14 receptions and scored twice. Christian Ouintana (6-1, 245) looks like the best returning lineman. Sean Patterson and Josh Head start in the secondary. Phillip Mellinger will again handle the kicking. Brian Hoskins could

WELLS FARGO NOTEBOOK

Prescott, the grandaddy 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 25 years ago, the Cobras have won 70% of their games. **TRIVIA**: Prescott all-state safety Jason Pride, the '02 state baseball player of the year, was a third round draft pick by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. **RECENT PROS:** Cactus holds the edge in this young league, with graduates Ryan Christopherson, a former fullback with the Carolina Panthers, and recent ASU lineman Kyle Kosier, a 7th round pick of the San Francisco 49ers.

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double at running back/linebacker. Speedy junior Mekal Taylor (5-10, 165, 4.5) will start at tailback. He's a good one. As a sophomore he managed 571 yards on 89 carries (6.4) and scored seven touchdowns. "Last year's seniors were a special group," says Horn. "They were the first class we started the program with. We had a great season, but we just couldn't overcome some key injuries."

Buckeye could have a promising future, with great growth and a solid, consistent football program. First-year coach Bobby Barnes takes over for veteran Rudy Pacheco, who retired after three decades in the business. Only 10 regulars return, but several are key players. The Hawks might have one of the the best backs on the westside, 5-10, 175-pound senior Franke Wilson. With 4.5 speed he ripped off 1,760 yards and scored eight rushing touchdowns. Free safety Billy Ray Weatherford (6-2, 190) moves in a quarterback and could be a surprise. Wideout/defensive back Kory Haws (5-10, 175) might be the Hawks' best two-way performer. A good baseball player, his engine never stops. Several juniors could be impact players, including full-back/linebacker Dylan Maki, defensive end Todd Gladden, tight end Casey Fought, and promising quarterback Brett Lackey. Maki and Gladden started as sophomores. Lackey could challenge Weatherford at quarterback.

Rich Metcalf, an assistant at **Dysart** for the past two years, takes over the program. With a two-year letter winner back at quarterback, Metcalf sees the Demons throwing the ball more. Signal caller Paul Martinez (6-0, 185) will again run the show. He can also play linebacker. Two first team all-region selections, tight end Adrian Ward (6-2, 190) and free safety Steve Garza (5-7, 160), look good. Two-way lineman Rick Lopez (6-1, 240) picked up several postseason votes of his own. "Big bodies" Donnie Ornelas (6-2, 330, jr.) and Joe Cooper (6-4, 260) anchor the line. Running backs David Williams and Dontay Williams are solid two-way players. "We are looking to get the ball in the air, creating more scoring opportunities," warns Metcalf. "But our ability on defense to stop the run will be the tale of the 2003 season. We need to improve there."

Agua Fria dropped off to 4-6 and missed the playoffs for the first time in five years. Fans are hoping it's not a trend. With 18 lettermen back, including two all-region picks, the Owls' train might get back on track. The key regulars are linemen, including Ernie Perez (6-3, 200), Emmanuel Guerra (5-10, 215) and Luke Teel (6-0, 240). Little Brad Goss returns at quarterback. Speedy Drew Goodwin can play cornerback and wide receiver. Perez and Goodwin are three-year lettermen. Like several schools on the westside, the population explosion has cut into the system. New schools pop up and cut into older school's enrollment boundaries. Agua Fria is in this boat.

Mohave has a new coach, a new offense, and an old problem of winning football games. Al Melo plans to run a Pro-Set, and with gifted receiver Robert Muse back, he might have the "big play" man to go to. The problem with the 6-2, 185-pound senior is what position to play him at. Last year he was an all-region wideout, but could be switched to quarterback. Fullback/nose guard J.J. Ambrose and kicker Fernando Romero earned postseason acclaim as well. Trevor Hicks, Austin Harvey and Jose Castillo are good two-way skill position players. Dallas Anderson, Ashton Riley and Matt Guyer need to take charge on the line. Guyer is a 6-3, 250-pound sophomore. "We have several good skill players, and a young, athletic offensive line," claims Melo.

LaJoya, newest school in Avondale, played a freshman schedule with 47 players and went 6-1-1. That's a good start for any new program. Coach Mike Waters and the Lobos will field two teams, frosh and junior varsity. Over 600 incoming freshmen are expected. The Lobos plan on playing a complete varsity schedule in 2005. That will be here soon.

Another booming area is Goodyear, home of **Desert Edge**. Coach Ryan Felker's freshmen played a 4A schedule with only 130 students. But with transfers and growth, the Scorpions look to improve in a hurry. Felker's wishbone offense will be run by sophomores, who with another year of experience might cause a few problems in the region once varsity play begins. **Willow Canyon**, located in Surprise, is the newest 4A school on the westside, making the 4A West Valley an eight-team region. Varsity play begins in two years.

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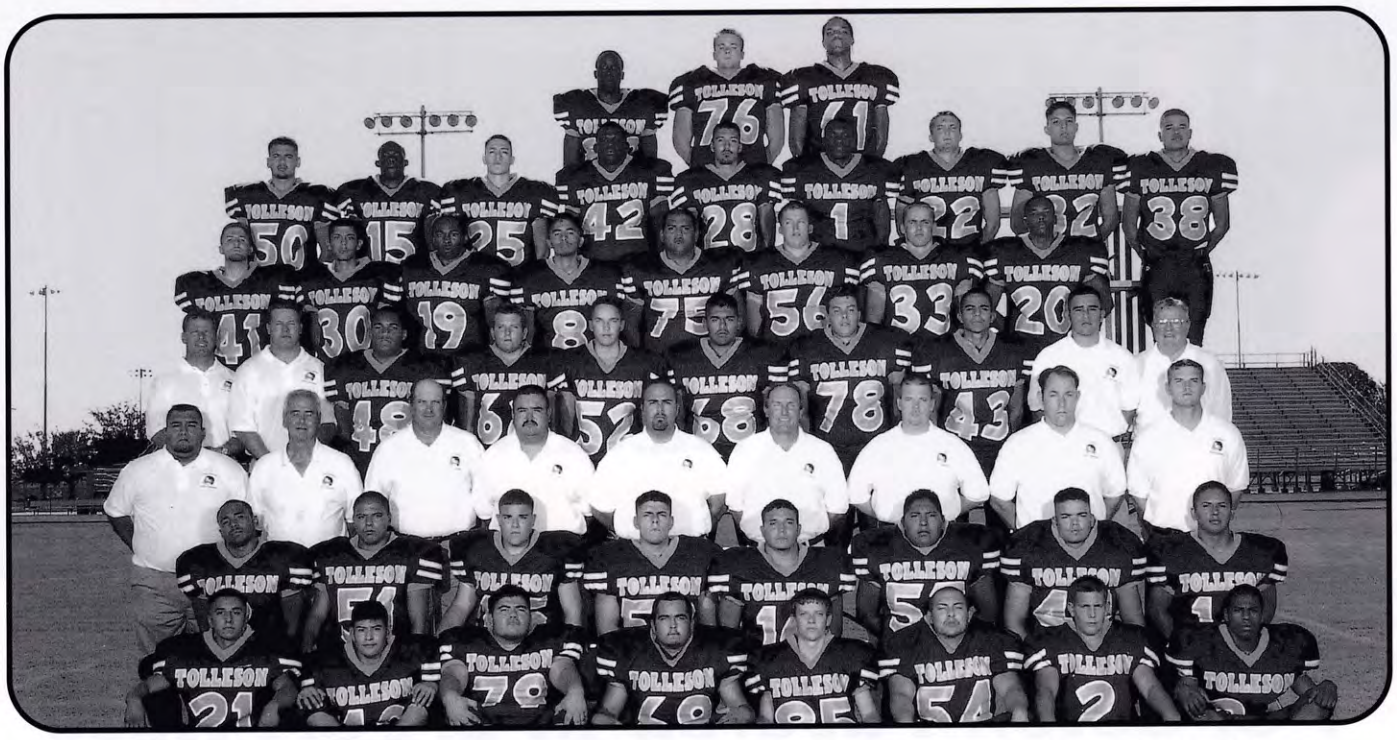
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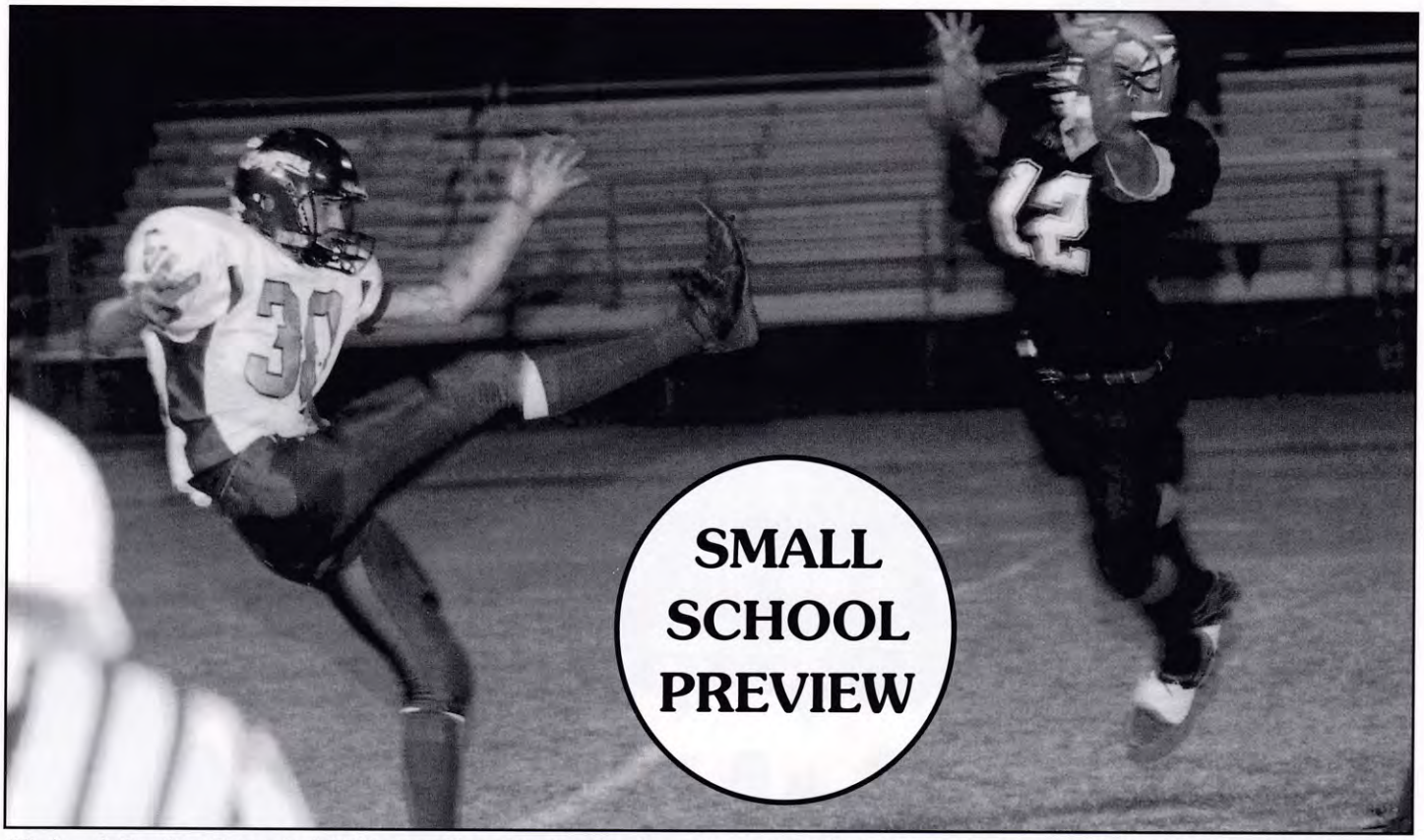
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Wolverines 14.....Millennium 13
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*Wolverines 40.....Glendale Cactus 25
*Wolverines 26...Phoenix Greenway 35



Higley defender Kerry Ard (12), an all-region linebacker, almost blocked this punt against Chino Valley. Knights reached 3A playoffs in their second year of varsity play.

PC, Seton Favored in 2A/3A Race

A coaching change at Phoenix Christian resulted in few changes on the playing field. The Cougars, a long-time power in 2A football, lost veteran coach Keith Brown when he took over the 5A job at Scottsdale Horizon last year. In moved Jim Rattay, who earlier won 5A titles at Mesa and Desert Vista. By late November the Cougars were in the semifinals, where they bowed to eventual state champ St. Johns 22-19. Two-dozen players from that playoff squad return, helping make PC the pre-season favorite in the 2A race. Bourgade Catholic, which went most of the past century without seeing a playoff map, has a solid, well coached program under veteran Pat Lavin, who took over the program in 1998. The Eagles are no longer on every team's homecoming schedule. But this year they might have to switch their game plan from a ground attack to a passing attack. The Class 2A Player of the Year, running back Quinton Bellamy, has taken his 2,912 career rushing yards to Pima Community College.

2A METRO REGION

1. Phoenix Christian (9-4)
2. Bourgade Catholic (7-3)
3. NW Community Christian (11-2)
4. Arizona Lutheran (3-6)
5. Valley Christian (9-3)
6. Scottsdale Christian (4-5)
7. Valley Lutheran (0-9)

No team in the region returns as many varsity players as **Phoenix Christian**. (In fact, few 2A regions in the state return as many quality players as the Metro.) Among the 24 letter winners who suited up for the playoffs, three all-region selections dot the roster. Running back Kyle Gingg (6-0, 210) is a big weapon. He gained 1,242 yards on 178 carries and scored 23 touchdowns, two by passes. As a middle linebacker he was involved in 115 assisted tackles. All-region defensive back Geoff Burns (5-11, 175, 4.5) intercepted three passes, and caught 31 on offense, good for 664 yards and 10 scores. Teammate Kellen Cottrell (5-11, 180), like Burns, averaged over 20 yards per catch. He gained 539 yards on 26 grabs. Junior Josh Schlueter enters his second season as the starting quarterback. Last fall he completed 108 of 199 passes (54%) for 2,044 yards and 26 touchdowns, impressive stats for a sophomore. Nate Huss, who booted 48 extra points, is back. So are several key linemen, including Jake Van Hovel (6-1, 240), Max Gregory (6-4, 210), Drew Unger (6-0, 220) and junior Andrew Thompson (6-2, 240). Eric Perez, Jesse Laizure, Chris Chirico and junior Ladarius Howard are two-way skill position players.

Up-and-coming **Bourgade** saw their season end early in the playoffs, when they were forced into action without 2A Player of the Year Quinton Bellamy, who was hurt in the regular season finale with Valley Christian. With Bellamy's recent graduation, the Eagles will take to the airways. They have a good pass-and-catch combo in quarterback Chase Finney (5-10, 175) and receiver Steven Ramirez (5-8, 160). In fact, it might be the best in the school's history. Look for these two to keep opposing secondaries busy for weeks. But the Eagles best bet for post-

season honors resides in the line, with all-region tackle Joe Pappas (6-0, 205). Tackle Carlos Guzman (6-2, 255), along with Pappas, give the Eagles two linemen who are as good as any in the 2A Metro. Throw in center Matt Wilda (5-10, 230) and Bourgade's running game might come around, if they can find a runner. Only one dozen regulars return, but all 12 saw playing time. "If we stay healthy and a few more linemen come through, we think we'll be in the running for a playoff spot again," claims Lavin.

At **Northwest Community Christian**, the Crusaders' string of eight consecutive playoff appearances should continue. Nineteen players who suited up in the state finals with St. Johns return, including three second team all-region picks. Junior running back Kyle Young (5-11, 189), defensive back Steve Harper (5-8, 157), and linebacker Josh Brader (6-0, 187) will carry the mail. All three are good two-way players, and will probably be called upon to do so. Last year's roster featured several sophomores and juniors, including 6-1, 264-pound tackle Josh Meader, who saw action as a freshman.

Arizona Lutheran might make a run at the playoffs. With Andy Schroeder in the lineup, Doug Meyer might have the best all-round player in the region. Last year the 6-0, 170-pound back earned first team all-region acclaim as a defensive back, and second team as a running back. In only nine games, he gained 1,256 yards from scrimmage, and scored 19 touchdowns. Defensively he made 65 solo tackles and intercepted three passes. Three other seniors, center Jacob Gallegos (5-9, 260), tight end Nathan Caulk (6-1, 180), and guard Jared Krohn (5-7, 150) will have to carry the load. The senior class is thin. Underclassmen Nick Schroeder, Andy Fennema, Phillip Class, Ryan Press, Leslie Jimmie, Shayne Ferren and Tyler Yazzie should all start. Sophomore Justin Salzwedel might get the call at quarterback. "We aren't deep, but we have a good junior class," says Meyer, who coached the Coyotes when they played 8-man ball. "We just need to stay healthy."

At **Valley Christian**, the Trojans have recorded back-to-back nine-win seasons, with last year's ending in the semifinals. It may be tough to follow that. Only six regulars return. However, one is quarterback Brian Langhoff, who broke every school passing record in the book. Last year the 6-foot, 4-inch signal caller hit on 116 passes in 245 attempts for 2,019 yards and 18 touchdowns. He threw only nine interceptions. All his receivers graduated, so the Trojans might go to a ground game. Four players who received votes on the all-region squad return: linebacker Cliff Weston (6-0, 190), guard Lance Schugg (6-0, 205), defensive back Tommy Prestinario (5-11, 180), and Langhoff. Fullback Matt Theodosis (5-11, 210) averaged 4.5 yards on only 43 carries. He also starts at linebacker. Tackle Tyler Clare (6-2, 255) starts on the offensive line. The Trojans are rebuilding.

Jeff Fox takes over at **Scottsdale Christian**, which this year celebrates the 20th anniversary of its only state championship football team. The Eagles haven't been that fortunate recently, with only one winning season since 1996. The best player looks like senior Jon Matney (5-11, 225), a three-year starter at center. Tackle Anthony Schelstate (6-4, 250) is another three-year letter winner. Two juniors, tight end Ben Wooster (6-5, 210) and quarterback Will Munsil (6-0, 180), could make an impact. Munsil has been on the varsity since his freshman year. Overall, only nine regulars return.

Valley Lutheran started nine freshmen last year and the results were predictable. Coach Josh Mitchel is hoping to break into the win column with 18 returning players, including the team's quarterback, senior Jon Fontes. A good all-round athlete, Fontes starts at cornerback and handles the Flames' punting. He and tackle Brandon Billaber are the key senior starters. The rest of the lineup is underclassmen, including backs D.J. Lillarad and Robert Vaught, wideout Jacob Lilluik, and linemen Jeremy Gilmore and Rod Callis. "We are a year older and lost only three seniors," says Mitchell, in his second year. "We look to be much more competitive."

2A COPPER REGION

First-year coach George Medrano, defensive coordinator at Queen Creek last year, takes over at **Miami**. The Vandals return 19 players from a surprise team which posted a 7-4 record and made the playoffs. Tombstone sent them home packing after the first round, 48-21. Junior quarterback Raun Mawson (5-9, 150) will run the team's Pro-I offense. He also plays in the secondary. Twin brother Rue Mawson (5-9, 150) is an athletic, utility player, who can play several positions. Fullback Lawrence Russell (6-0, 215) and halfback D.C. Hernandez (5-8, 170) give the Vandals a stout running game. Joe Velarde (6-3, 220) was an all-region defensive end. Jason Gellar and Justin Guidana start on the line. Only seven seniors played last year. "It's promising," says Medrano. "The kids have worked hard. But we need to stay healthy."

Florence fell one game short of making the playoffs but might turn the trick this year. Coach Shawn Cluff has seen the Gophers get steadily better, so a playoff berth is possible. Twelve regulars return, including key players like quarterback Gabe Ramirez (5-11, 160), tackle Jake Carrasco (6-4, 245) and center Ruben Gutierrez (6-2, 240). Backs Jason Calhoun and Robert Mitchel, along with receiver Adrian Manzanedo, are good skill position players. "We should be a competitive ball club this year," says Cluff. "We're getting better."

2A DESERT REGION

Second-year coach Kelvin Liermann hopes to get **Maricopa** out of its 1-8 funk, which the Rams have been stuck in for two years. "Although our record does-

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.



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n't reflect it, we made progress in many ways," claims the head coach. "We want to continue to build on that." The offense will be built around center Jake Heun (6-0, 210), a three-year varsity player. He also starts at linebacker. Junior Ed Baugus (6-4, 230) looks like the best interior lineman. David Pratt, a safety on defense, is a capable quarterback. Doug Pratt and Brandon Reese are good receivers. They both start on defense. Look for sophomore Carlos Villa to start at tailback.

3A SOUTH REGION (#1)
1. Chandler Seton Catholic (7-4)
2. Coolidge (11-2)
3. Queen Creek (6-3)
4. Higley (5-5)
5. Fountain Hills (3-6)
6. Estrella Foothills

It was a roller coaster playoff ride for **Seton Catholic**, which upset 3A West champ Wickenburg 32-14 in the first round, then bowed to Coolidge 47-8 in the quarterfinals. Coach Pete Wahlheim returns more players (23) than any school in the region, including defending champ Coolidge. In quarterback Matt Refner (6-5, 185), the Sentinels have a good, solid player to run the offense. Big fullback Chad Banecki (6-2, 205) may move to tailback. Linebacker Danny Koestner (6-1, 185) can also be used in the backfield. The forward wall looks solid with all-state tackle Barry Charters (6-1, 290) and classmate Quinn Meyers (6-1, 220). Neal Kerkhof, Mike Sobezyk, Adam Baker, Erik Barkyoumb, Jordan Wolfe, Bobby Rzonke and Ryan McCarthy are skill position players good enough to go both ways. Three of Seton's four losses were to state finalist Coolidge and Globe. The junior varsity was undefeated.

Coolidge will build its 2003 edition around all-state halfback Elijah White, plus several returning all-region picks. White, a 6-0, 190-pound senior, scored 19 touchdowns from the line of scrimmage, gaining 1,400 yards on 164 attempts (8.5). He caught 16 passes for 440 yards and an additional eight touchdowns. His 162 points was 7th best among all backs in the state. Guard/linebacker Cameron Bechtel (5-11, 200) earned all-region acclaim at both positions. So did wideout/defensive back Oscar Palacios (6-0, 180), whose only a junior. Junior receiver Angel Felix caught 21 passes for 355 yards and five scores. He averaged 9.5 yards per carry as a part-time back. The Bears have won 23 games in the past two years.

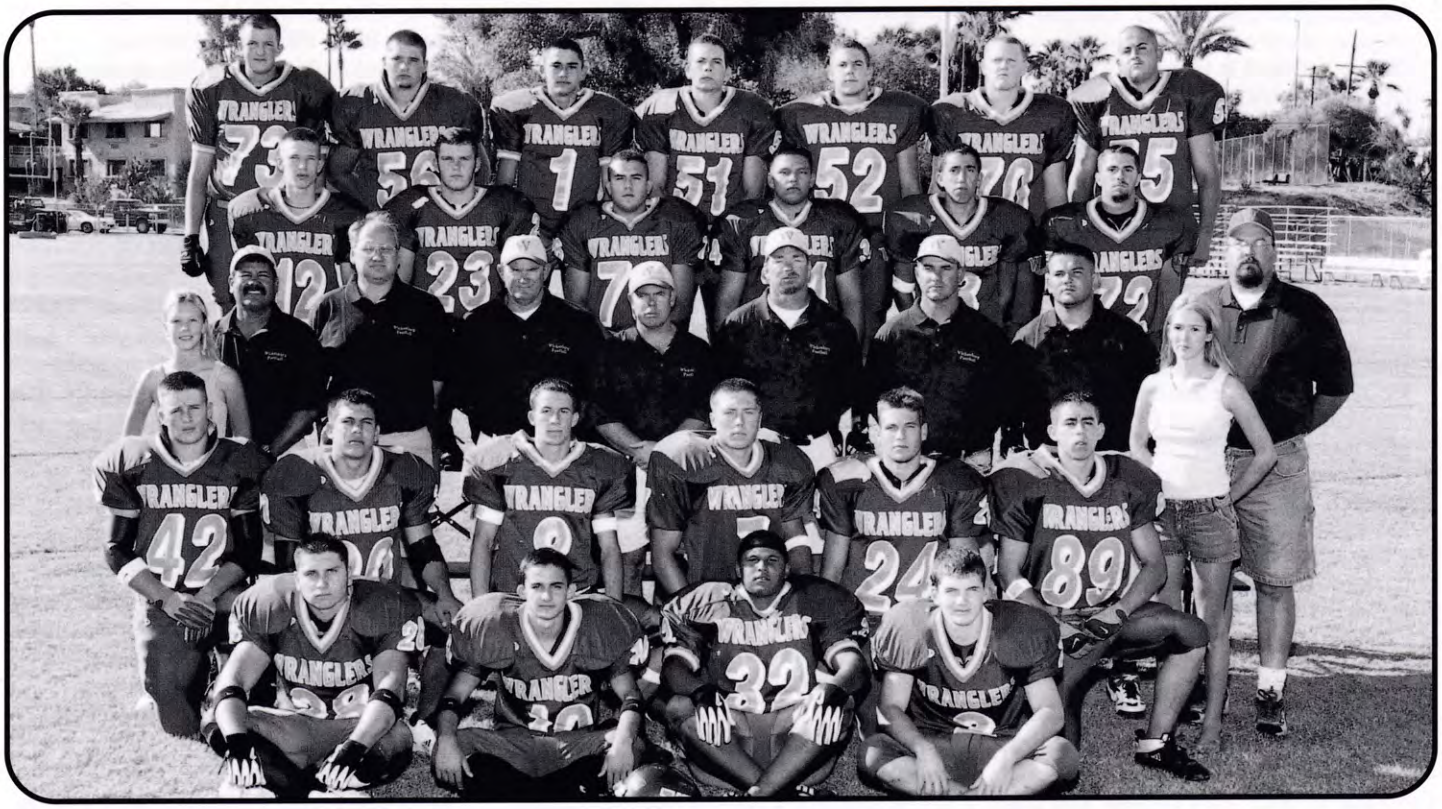
Queen Creek lost three games by a combined 11 points. That kept a good team out of the playoffs. In fact, on Sept. 20, the Bulldogs handed state champ Globe its only loss, 29-28. Third-year coach Curt LeBlanc returns 18 lettermen, including one of the region's best quarterbacks, senior Hayden Moss. With 4.6 speed, Moss is one of the team's fastest players. Tackle Miles Payne (6-2, 285) might be of the best in the 3A ranks. Brenton White (6-0, 170) was an honorable mention all-region wide receiver. He also plays in the secondary, along with speedy Chad McRae. Thomas Sanfilippo starts at guard and linebacker. "It was disappointing missing the playoffs," says LeBlanc. "Our future looks bright. The junior varsity and frosh teams lost only one game each."

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 115 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. **RECENT PROS:** Eloy leads the pack by a long shot, with recent players Eddie Cade (New England) and offensive tackle Levi Jones, last year a rookie with the Cincinnati Bengals. Houston Texan rookie Keith Wright, a defensive tackle from Missouri, became the first player from the Arizona Boys Ranch to make it to the NFL. He played two years earlier at Arizona Western.

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*One All-Arizona Selection

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 last year, 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 this fall, Camp Verde won its second of two-straight 6-man crowns. **RECENT PROS:** Last year's Seattle Seahawk 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 two years of growing pains, **Higley** is ready to compete. They didn't do too bad last year, winning five games and reaching the 3A playoffs. Globe sent them home early. With 16 returning players, and a junior class which went 8-1 as sophomores, the Knights could be a force to be reckoned with. The interior line looks solid, with Jaye Deal (6-1, 205) and Garrett Riffey (5-10, 230) in the lineup. Juniors Tyler Deramos and Walker Scheurn look promising. Linebacker Kerry Ard (5-11, 170) is a good two-way player. In fact, head coach Jim Beall has a whole bunch of 'backers to chose from, including Jeff Zornes, Michael Lee and Justin Bighorn. But it's up to backs like Jefferson Clark, Mat Hamberg and Michael Cain to get the ball into the end zone. Last year's 28-20 win over Sedona Red Rock was Beall's 100th win in the profession.

Good junior varsity records have given **Fountain Hills** a positive look. Fourteen regulars, including several key players, could make the Falcons a playoff threat. Fullback/linebacker Brandon Hilgemann (5-11, 205), wideout/safety Cory Stockman (6-3, 180), and junior quarterback Brandon Fairfield (6-4, 180) lead the way. In the trenches, Jim Fairfield's group looks strong, with Brian Provost (6-0, 235), David Debruin (6-4, 285), Tyler Tahan (5-11, 215) and John Hunker (6-1, 255) sure starters. Chris Nielson, Jon Moyse, Josh Bonde, Casey Albanese, Matt Pruett and Brad Guthrie are penciled in at the skill positions.

At **Estrella Foothills**, Mike Welch and his staff are just hoping to be competitive. It will be the Wolves' first varsity season. They'll march into the 3A South with 26 juniors and a several sophomores on its roster. Last year's JV squad won seven games.

3A SOUTH REGION (#2)

In Eloy, Jay Denton's **Santa Cruz** club might get a playoff ticket, if experience and numbers are important. Nineteen Dust Devils from a 4-6 season are back, including several long-time varsity starters. Top of the list is the coach's son, J.D. Denton, an all-region fufllback/linebacker. The 5-11, 200-pound senior started as a sophomore. Richie Williams and Chase Price give the coach two quarterbacks to choose from. There's room on the field somewhere for both. Tony Espinoza is a good two-way back. The rest of the key players are linemen, including Andrew Trevino, Josh Rivas, Javier Villarreal, Stephen Rodriquez, Martrail Harris, Rowdy Crumbaker, Clint White and Josh Tidwell. This could be the best Eloy team in several years.

State champ **Globe** won't give up the crown without a fight. It was a dream season (12-1) for the Tigers, the best winning percentage since 1960, and its first state championship in over 40 years. But the state champs lost 15 starters, plus Arizona Coach of the Year Roger Schenks, who moved on to the junior college ranks. Junior varsity coach Mike O'Neal takes over. The cupboard isn't completely bare, with tight end Bobby Walsh (6-4, 210), tackle Chet Huelskamp (6-4, 285), defensive back Vernon Davis (6-0, 175), defensive lineman Gabe Garcia (6-0, 195), tackle Nathan Lockarad (6-0, 235), and linebacker Lucas Rodriguez (6-2, 190), who assisted on 116 tackles and four interceptions. The Tigers will find stiff competition from several 3A schools along the way.



Sedona quarterback Jeff Miner.

3A WEST REGION

It's been a good run at **Wickenburg**. The Wranglers have won or shared four-straight 3A West crowns. Last year's 8-2 season ended too soon, with an upset loss to Seton Catholic in the playoffs' first round. Coach Tom McGoldrick's top four players, including the league's offensive player of the year, return. Quarterback Jerid Lewis (5-10, 185) completed 64% of his passes; 59 of 92 for 1,045 yards and 16 touchdowns. He threw only nine interceptions. Wideout Colin Morse (5-11, 175) caught 25 passes for 601 yards and 10 scores. His average yards per catch (24.0) was among the state leaders. Bruising running back Brian Herrington (6-0, 230), the region's best player, averaged 6.8 yards per carry, gained 1,415 yards and scored 18 touchdowns, one on a kickoff return. Fullback Channing Macias (5-9, 190) managed 140 yards on only 21 carries. He also starts at linebacker. Center Jack Canary (5-10, 200) anchors the line, which features all-region tackle Kyle Harris (6-2, 265). "It looks good," says McGoldrick, who has won 75% of his games in five years at the school. "We have more top-notch skill players returning than normal."

It was a turn-around year at **Sedona Red Rock**, where the Scorpions went from 1-8 to 7-3 in their second year of 3A competition. To add to the fun they reached the state playoffs. Show Low sent them home early, but a good foundation may have been set. "We're looking forward to the challenge of building on that," says veteran coach Jim Cromartie. "We won five games in a row for the first time, and beat Orme, Camp Verde, Parker and Fountain Hills, also for the first time." Four key seniors return: quarterback Jeff Miner, fullback/linebacker Mark Gaulden, wideout Jeremy Woodson and tight end Chris Burns. All four can

play on both sides of the ball. The junior class looks top-heavy with linemen, which can be a good sign. Center Adam Eaton lines up next to Jason Kamas, Natae Waggoner and Adam Wolin, a 6-8, 295-pounder. Sophomore Eric West could start. Underclassmen Adam Senger, Matt Urvanejo, John Reynolds and Tommy Wyatt are skill position players.

Another 3A West team to reach the playoffs was **Camp Verde**, whose 6-4 campaign ended with a 20-14 loss to Winslow. Coach Luke Steege returns several all-region picks of his own. Tackle James Stalcup (5-11, 250) and junior linebacker Demitri Baca (6-0, 200) head the list. Big fullback Joey Jasman (6-1, 230), wideout Travis Dixon, halfback Charles Baca and tackle Donnie Newton picked up some votes as well. Nick Fowler, Payton Lienhart, Mike Cleveland and Kevin Getman are two-way skill position players. Junior Robbie McLain could get the nod at quarterback. Newcomer Jesse Reay, a 240-pound tackle, should contribute. This season marks the 40th anniversary of Camp Verde's back-to-back state championship teams in the now defunct 6-man football league.

4A GRAND CANYON REGION

Jerry Rhoades, defensive coordinator at Mingus Union last year, takes over at **Payson**, where the Longhorns jump into 4A competition for the first time. Under Steve Saban the 'Horns went 7-3 last year in the 3A East. Graduation almost cleaned out the lineup, and only eight players return. Who will run the Wing-T offense is the big question. Three seniors sure to start include two-way end Mike Barr (6-5, 230), one of the top 3A players in the region, defensive end J.R. Szabo (6-3, 200), and wide receiver Mark McRae (6-2, 160). With Barr and Szabo in the lineup, Payson has the best set of defenders on the flanks in the 4A Grand Canyon. The Longhorns' mini-backfield includes junior fullback Ty Williams (5-7, 180) and sophomore tailback Luke Apfel (5-8, 160). It could be a rough road to hoe for several years in the new league.

2A NORTH REGION

Mayer, an 8-man football school for years, made its first 11-man playoff appearance last fall. The Wildcats, coached by Greg Davis, dropped a first round game to Northwest Community Christian to finish the season 6-4, its best mark since 1995. Several good players return, including versatile senior quarterback/safety Kevin Passmore (5-11, 165), two-way lineman Jacob Holbrook (6-2, 180), and defensive end Gene Hood (5-11, 180). The junior class supplies two-way skill players J.R. Jones and Alex Barrios, along with 230-pound tackle Danny Banhart. Unfortunately for Mayer fans, the Wildcats play in the same region with 2A power St. Johns, the defending state champions.

1A WEST REGION

It's back to 8-man football for **The Orme School**, which broke even (5-5) in the 2A North last year. "We had a good season considering our lack of experience, and so few players," says veteran coach Bob Miller, 191-117-8 in Ohio and Arizona. Flanker Jeremiah Watts (6-3, 180) looks like the Warriors' big play man. He caught 29 passes for 496 yards and six touchdowns. Tight end Brooks McCormick (6-0, 195) averaged 11.3 yards per catch in a limited role. Tailback Michael Brooks, along with tight ends Richard Mulder and Aaron Davenport, are skill position players. The rest of the key figures reside on the line; Adi Jarovic, Claudeny Obas, Chance Spannagel and Jason Acosta, to list a few. It looks like sophomore Namory Doumbia will get the call at quarterback. Entering the season, Miller is just nine wins shy of 200.

2002 2A PLAYOFF RESULTS:

FIRST ROUND - Phoenix Christian 61, Orme School 27; Yuma Catholic 14, Morenci 13; St. Johns 42, Phoenix Bourgade Catholic 12; Thatcher 45, Tucson Pusch Ridge 12; Tombstone 45, Miami 21; Northwest Community Christian 48, Mayer 3; San Manuel 32, Wellton Antelope 12; Chandler Valley Christian 26, Heber Mogollon 20; **QUARTERFINALS** - Phoenix Christian 52, Yuma Catholic 10; St. Johns 37, Thatcher 12; Northwest Community Christian 54, Tombstone 26; Chandler Valley Christian 35, San Manuel 14; **SEMIFINALS** - St. Johns 22, Phoenix Christian 19; Northwest Community Christian 41, Chandler Valley Christian 14; **FINALS** - St. Johns 28, Northwest Community Christian 7.



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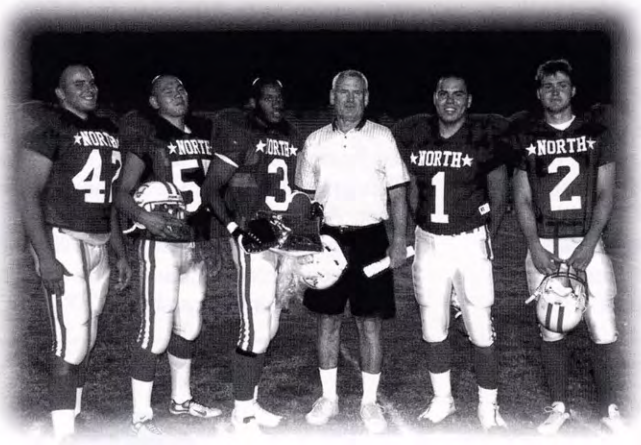
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Dean of Boys, Head Coach

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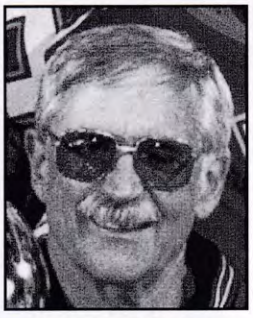
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.839 .. Ron Estabrook, Chaparral (131-25-0)
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.818 .. David Hinds, Desert Vista (9-2-0)
.811 .. John Wrenn, Hamilton (184-43-0)
.798 .. Keith Brown, Horizon (99-25-0)
.787 .. Jim Rattay, Phoenix Christian (211-57-4)
.771 .. Doug Clapp, Peoria (155-46-6)
.760 .. Larry Fetkenhier, Cactus (171-54-4)
.756 .. Sean Loomer, Valley Christian (31-10-0)
.754 .. Tom McGoldrick, Wickenburg (43-14-0)
.727 .. Mike Maluski, Marcos de Niza (8-3-0)
.727 .. Chuck Horn, Millennium (8-3-0)
.705 .. Jesse Parker, Gilbert (268-112-4)
.701 .. Karl Kiefer, Mountain Pointe (291-124-3)
.690 .. P.J. Pasquel, Coronado (29-13-0)
.685 .. Bill McKane, Mesa (76-35-0)
.675 .. Tom Joseph, Mountain View (81-39-0)
.667 .. Tom Bruney, Maryvale (66-33-0)
.654 .. Kelley Moore, Independence (89-47-0)

Winning Pct./Coach/School/Record

.615 .. Pat Lavin, Bourgade Catholic (152-95-3)
.614 .. Tim McBurney, Basha (81-51-2)
.613 .. Steve Belles, Mountain Ridge (46-29-0)
.610 .. Steve Chisman, Washington (105-67-4)
.601 .. Jim Beall, Higley (101-67-1)
.596 .. Jim Ewan, Chandler (56-38-0)
.591 .. Mike Brown, Greenway (104-72-3)
.571 .. Roger Suchomel, Westwood (20-15-0)
.571 .. Ed Barnes, Apollo (12-9-0)
.569 .. Jimmy Jones, Red Mountain (91-69-3)
.564 .. Dan Widmaier, Tolleson (53-46-1)
.560 .. Gary Mauldin, Thunderbird (117-86-1)
.548 .. Don Yantis, Paradise Valley (17-14-0)
.524 .. Doug Meyer, Arizona Lutheran (33-30-1)
.524 .. Kelly Epley, Agua Fria (11-10-0)
.516 .. Derek Wahlstrom, NWCC (16-15-0)
.515 .. Gary Venturo, Corona del Sol (135-127-2)
.506 .. Dallas Hickman, Sunnyslope (44-43-1)
.506 .. Stuart Goldstein, North (40-39-0)

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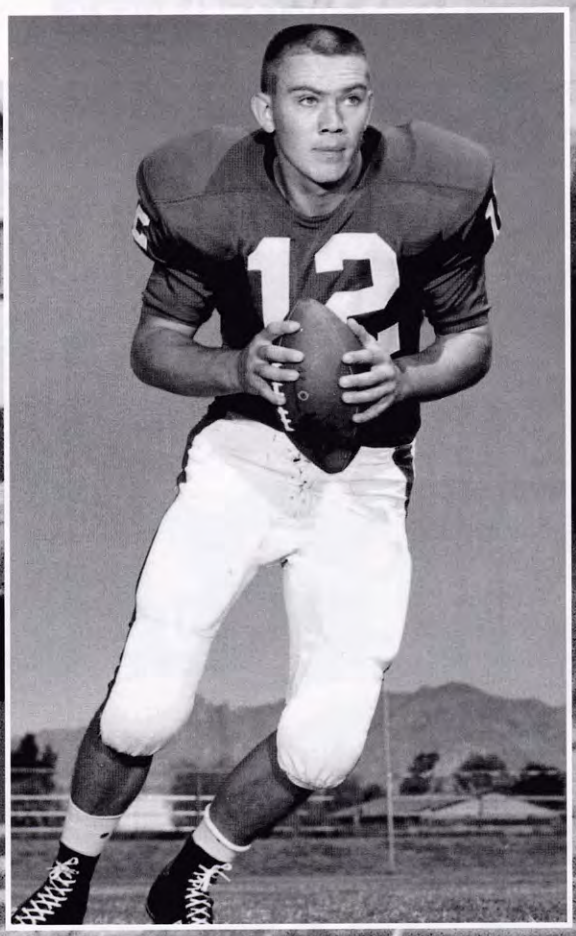
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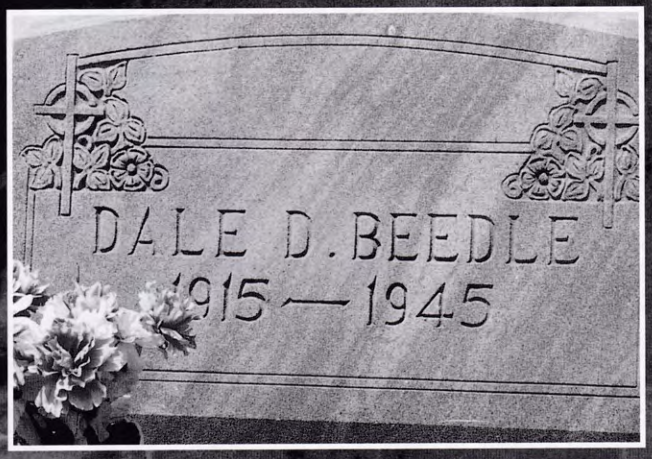
This Town's too Tough to Die

Globe, state champions recently in baseball, basketball and football, has fared a lot better than bitter-rival and next-door-neighbor Miami, down on its luck since the mines closed.

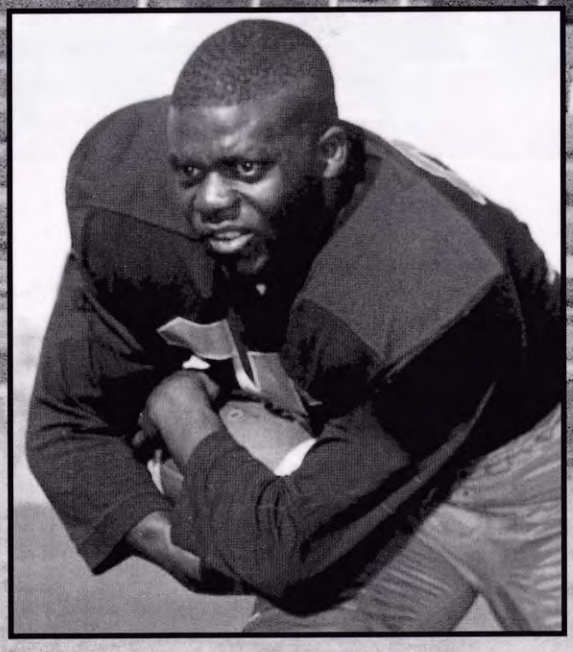
By BARRY SOLLENBERGER






DALE D. BEEDLE
1915 — 1945





Talmage Hansen and his teammates had a fight on their hands. For about one half. But when the dust had cleared, the outcome was predictable: Globe 42, Miami 6. The rivalry continues, but the fanfare has declined.

Globe dominated their outmanned rivals for the 10th consecutive year. The game was played at Ragus Athletic Complex in Miami, about four miles west of Globe, and was the opening game of the 2002 campaign.

Hansen, who would later become the state's 3A Player of the Year, completed 10 of 12 passes for 256 yards and two touchdowns, leading the Tigers to another lopsided win in the 88th playing of the game. Sam Cunningham caught five passes for 128 yards, including touchdowns strikes covering 60 and 25 yards.

"It's a good way to start the season and build up our confidence," said Hansen after the game, when approached by the media. "Keeping the Copper Kettle means a lot to everyone."

Since the first contest in 1923, Globe leads the historic series 50-34-4. The Tigers have won 24 of the past 31 games over the smaller 2A Vandals, many by lopsided scores. Overall, four games have ended in ties. Ironically, three of the ties were consecutive, during the 1948-49-50 seasons, and the scores were identical. The kettle is kept each year by the winning school.

Last year, Miami played well in the first half, trailing 8-6 at intermission. But the Tigers rolled up 22 third quarter points and the rout was on. Globe assistant Marco Franco has been on both sides of the fence in this tussle. He attended Miami High in the mid-1990s, and played in the game twice. Both were losses. "To this day I still hear about losing all four years I was there," said Franco. "It still gets to me."

But it didn't used to be that way.



Athletically and financially, the beginning of the end for copper mining towns came on December 14, 1974, when Phelps Dodge Corporation closed the Lavender Pit Mine and Concentrator in Bisbee, located in southeastern Arizona. The decision was forced by exhausted ore reserves, lowering copper prices, plus increased costs of production, especially labor. That cut affected over 300 employees. Most were offered jobs at other company operations, or in other towns. It started to snowball and never stopped.

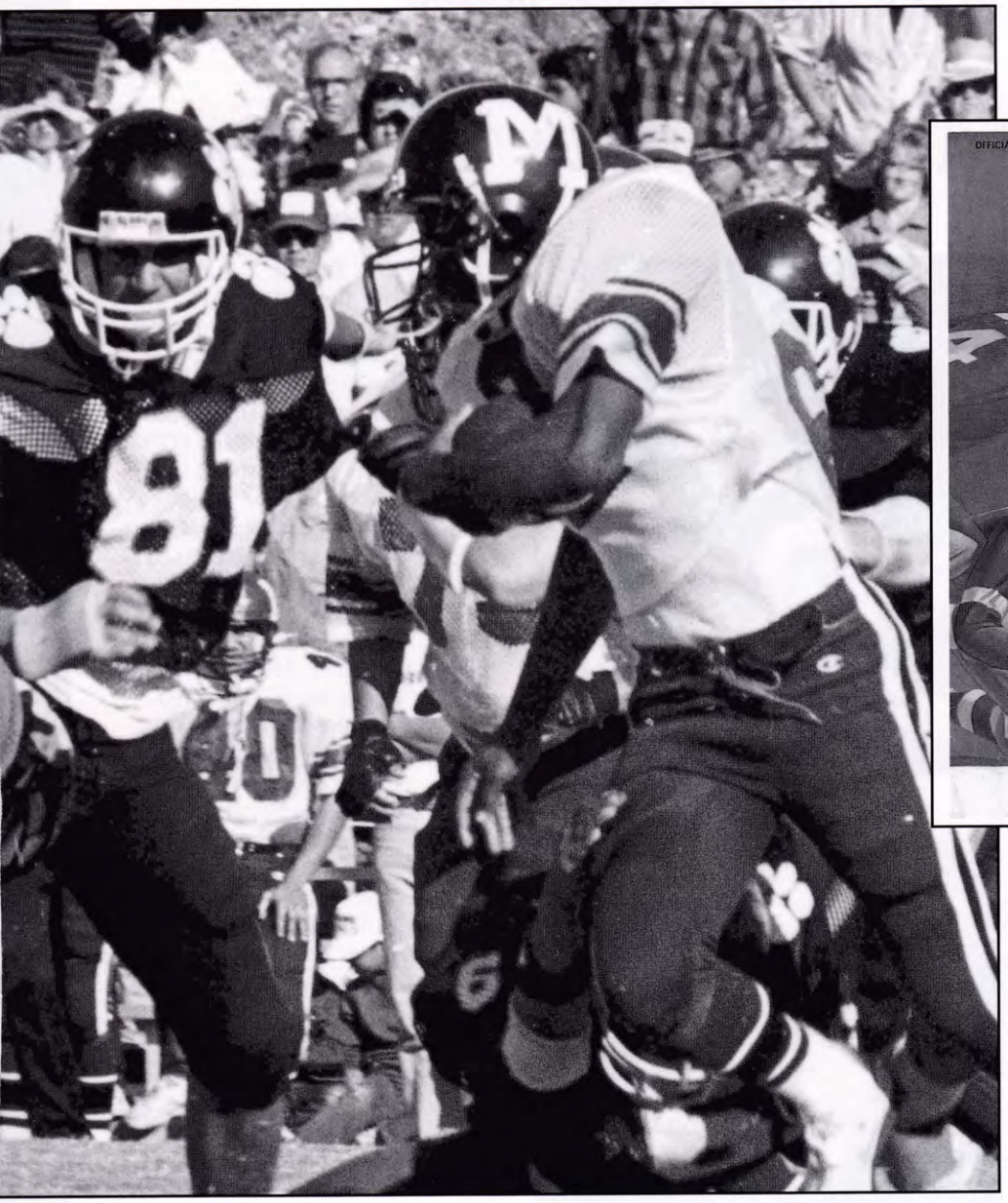
Then in 1998, slumping copper prices made over 400 residents of Globe-Miami the victims of the worst economic news in years. Hundreds of workers at the Pinto Valley Mine were laid off by BHP Copper, one of four major producers in the area. Officials feared the layoffs were just the beginning. They were correct.

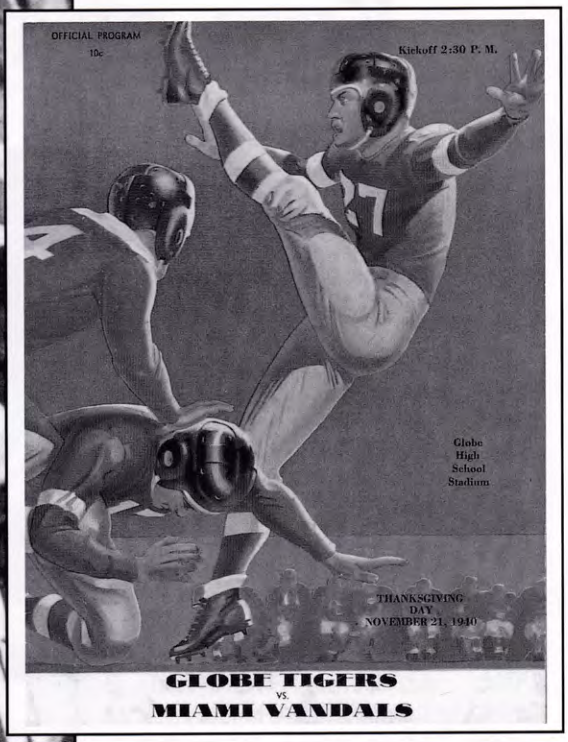
Within three years Phelps Dodge laid off 1,400 employees in Arizona and New Mexico, and closed the mine and refinery in Miami. The closings were to last until higher copper prices justified reopening operations.

Today, most Arizona mining towns are a small reflection of their glorious past. Except for Globe, schools in Miami, Bisbee, Douglas, Ajo, Superior and Morenci, not to mention Jerome, which

2002 3A PLAYOFF RESULTS:

FIRST ROUND - Globe 40, Higley 7; Snowflake 71, Window Rock 0; Show Low 35, Sedona Red Rock 14; Chandler Seton Catholic 32, Wickenburg 14; Coolidge 63, Holbrook 0; Willcox 44, Hopi 6; Lakeside Blue Ridge 21, Payson 0; Winslow 20, Camp Verde 14; **QUARTERFINALS** - Globe 35, Willcox 0; Snowflake 53, Show Low 23; Coolidge 47, Chandler Seton Catholic 8; Winslow 7, Lakeside Blue Ridge 6; **SEMIFINALS** - Globe 34, Winslow 8; Coolidge 40, Snowflake 38; **FINALS** - Globe 34, Coolidge 19.





ABOVE: Souvenir program from the 1940 Turkey Day contest, won by Globe. LEFT: Globe defenders Steve Petty (87) and Gordy Slack (81) close in on Miami running back Lonnie Graham in 1986 contest won by Miami.

closed in 1951, are no longer the athletic powers they used to be. Prior to the early 1950s, almost every major college in the four-corner states, especially those in Tucson, Tempe and Flagstaff, had football rosters dotted with players from Arizona's mining towns. And great players at that.

"When the mines started to close, or cut back work around the state, it changed the whole make-up of those towns. The strength of high school football shifted from the small towns to the big cities."

By 1952, Arizona produced 45 percent of all copper mined in the United States, more than any other state. Arizona's output of the five principal metals (copper, gold, silver, lead and zinc) broke a 35-year record. And it was reflected in the school systems of each town.

LIVING LEGENDS

In Globe, players like Walter Armer, Claude House, George Vukcevich, Norman Johnson, Lawrence "Larry" Kentera, Charlie Hall, Mark "Marko" Markichevich, Cruz Salas, Clay Freney, Bob Bracy, Ed Westherspoon, Melvin Westherspoon, Tim Kinnamon and Mike Culpepper, to list just a few, became living legends.

So did coaches like John "Bat" Allen, Sturgeon Cromer, Norm Clements, Walter Knox, Max Spilsbury, John Pavlich, and recently Roger Schenks, the 2002 Arizona Coach of the Year.

In Miami, the likes of Ford Knowles, Ernest Lincoln, Dale Beedle, Frank Renteria, Johnny Vucichevich, Pete "Hoot" Gibson, Eddie Bricker, Lee Nelms, Chris Lorenzen, Larry Baeza, A.J. Castaneda, Ted Spradling, Lonnie Graham and Robert Johnson stole the headlines.

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1967 .....Larry Vargas, Miami (QB)
1966 .....Jerel Cline, Globe (QB)
1965 .....Joe Lopez, Miami (QB)
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1962 .....Jim Harmon, Globe (B)
1961 .....John Flores, Miami (T)
1960 .....Rudy Dominguez, Globe (B)



Four-time winner Charles Hall of the Globe Tigers. (U. of Arizona Archives)

1959 .....Eddie Bricker, Miami (QB)
1958 .....Coye Cole, Miami (T)
1957 .....Frank Baroldy, Miami (B)
.....Chic Nader, Miami (DE)
1956 .....Clay Freney, Globe (B)
*1955 .....Eddie Muns, Miami (QB)
*1955 .....Bobby Olivas, Miami (FB)
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*1952 .....Dave Vargas, Miami (T)
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*1951 .....Bill Bailey, Miami (E)
1950 .....Tommy Faras, Globe (B)
1949 .....Andy Rumic, Miami (HB)
1948 .....Bill Fulton, Globe (G)
1947 .....Flash Rodriguez, Miami (T)
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*1946 .....George Martin, Globe (E)
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1936 .....Claude House, Globe (FB)
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1934 .....Arnold Ambros, Miami (HB)
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1929 .....Virgil Shute, Globe (QB)
1928 .....Dick Hales, Miami (QB)
1927 .....Spiro Angius, Miami (E)
*1923 .....Ford Knowles, Miami (B)
*1923 .....Raymond Carlson, Miami (QB)

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BAD NEWS

In 1976, a University of Arizona report predicted a "drastic population decline" in the towns of Bisbee, Ajo, Superior and Miami. According to the report, within 20 years the populations would drop more than 50%. The drop would be accompanied by falling housing values, declining tax revenues, and budget cuts for schools.

"When the mines started to close, or cut back work around the state, it changed the whole makeup of those towns," said Paul Petty, at one time the head coach at both Miami and Globe. "The strength of high school football shifted from the towns to the big cities. Families couldn't afford to stay there. They had to find better work. It affected everything. Especially the schools. But at one time those were the best places to coach. The support and enthusiasm for the high school was the greatest."

Although college recruiters noted a talent drop, enthusiasm for high school sports in Arizona's mining towns has taken very few hits. There has been exceptions, however. With the changing landscape of high school football, brought about by the Arizona Interscholastic Association's playoff format in 1959, annual Thanksgiving Day matchups became only a memory. For better or worse, when the "Turkey Day" games stopped, a flame went out.

Former Douglas athletic director Ike Sharp, once the Bulldogs' head coach, observed after the Douglas-Bisbee contest was changed: "Moving the game from Thanksgiving Day took a lot of tradition out of it. We all had to do it because of the state playoffs."

"Rocks have been thrown by the participants, in efforts to get the upper hand over their rivals. We will break off athletic relationships betwen the two schools if it becomes necessary to put a stop to property damage and dangerous fights."

Legends Die Hard



Miami's Dale Beedle.

He was arguably the best athlete ever produced in the 80-year sports history of the Miami-Globe region. To this day, 58 years after his tragic death, Dale Beedle is a living legend in Miami. He was the local schoolboy great who went off to college and made family and fans proud.

Beedle was a coach's dream. In the early 1930s, with the country hit hard by the Great Depression, Miami's copper mines continued to blossom. So did young Beedle, a 6-foot, 200-pound sophomore for the Vandals' football, basketball and track & field teams.

Coached by the legendary B.C. "Buddy" Doolen, Beedle burst upon the sports scene as a dominating lineman in the fall, an all-state center in basketball, and a strong, talented performer in both the shot put and discus in the spring. Before his high school career ended, he won All-America honors in all three sports, including track, where he was a two-time state shot put champion. His best throw of 50-feet lasted as a state record for five years. In basketball, he was the Arizona Player of the Year as a junior, when he led the Vandals to the state tournament in Tucson.

His college choice was Stanford, where he was elected captain of the freshman football team. In his sophomore year, the pride of Miami started on the Indians' Rose Bowl squad which lost 29-13 to Alabama in the January classic. But his fame was short-lived. The night after the Rose Bowl, he reportedly suffered a nervous breakdown and returned to Miami. It was his last game in a Stanford uniform. He entered private business with his father, but suffered near-nervous breakdowns in later years.

In 1944, Beedle was hired as Miami's head coach, but the Vandals' 2-6-1 season was one its worst ever. Three months later, at age 29, the county's most popular and best respected athlete died from a self-inflected gunshot wound at his home. A suicide note was found, but the contents were never made public. He was survived by his wife, both parents, three sisters and a brother, Kenneth, who was a teammate of Dale's on the Vandals' 1931 Eastern Conference championship football team.

"Dale Beedle was the best high school athlete I ever coached or saw," said Doolen after the funeral. "In Nebraska or Arizona."

BAD BLOOD

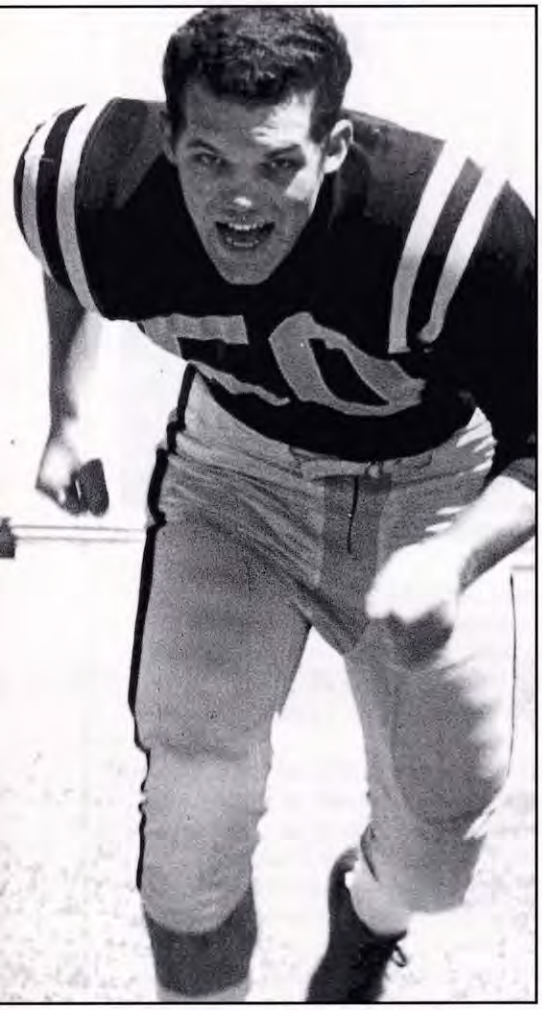
A step back in time shows a different picture, especially in the Globe-Miami area, with its close proximity to Phoenix, and the closeness of the schools. Prior to World War II, so popular was the Globe-Miami Turkey Day encounter, fans drove in from Phoenix to watch the Tigers and Vandals play.

In 1936, a dozen Globe students, charged with the partial destruction of the Miami letter "M" on the mountain, were put on probation by Miami principal E.E. McClain, and placed under supervision by Justice of the Peace Harry Hynson.

"It's all right to have innocent fights between the students," said Globe superintendent Hollice Stevenson. "But there must be no property damage. The fights have endangered the lives of students at both schools. Rocks have been thrown by the participants, in efforts to get the upper hand over their rivals. We will break off athletic relationships between the two schools if it becomes necessary to put a stop to property damage, and dangerous fights."

"It was quite a rivalry," recalled Gila County attorney Joe Albo, a 1965 Globe High graduate. "Sometimes there was more hitting in the stands than on the playing field. You had fathers of players who worked all year side by side in the mines, suddenly hating each other in November."

Today, Larry Kentera lives in the Ahwatukee area of Phoenix,



All-state center John Vucichevich, Miami Vandals.

retired after coaching stops in Blythe (Ca.), Stockton, Arizona State University and Northern Arizona. For the former Globe alum, memories of Globe-Miami football games are hard to forget.

"It seems like only yesterday," says Kentera, the Tigers' team captain in 1942. "People were everywhere. School officials couldn't keep fans out of the stadium, or off the field. They stood right next to the sidelines, or up on top of the hill. Everybody partied before the game.

"You never knew what to except," he adds. "Somebody shot a hole in our bus window once. A 22-caliber I think. Went right through the bus. For a while they didn't have Turkey Day games in Phoenix, so everybody came to our games. Hundreds of them."

"You never showed your school colors when you went to Globe," recalls Manny Reyes, a Miami alum and long-time administrator in the Tempe School District. "You didn't want to drive into town with green and white streamers tied to your car, because when the game was over you wouldn't recognize your car. Or you couldn't find it. It was crazy."

A RECORD START

In 1923, Miami drew first blood in what would become one of Arizona's greatest sports rivals. In the first-ever football contest between the schools, Miami fullback Ford Knowles set a state scoring record with six touchdowns as the Vandals drubbed the Tigers, 46-0. Frank Henderson was the only other Tiger who scored. One month later the results were similar, only the score was different: Miami 31, Globe 0. So embarrassed by their performance, Globe severed football relations with their rivals for four years. Parents objected strongly to fights and other misconduct, common in the early games. The fear of injuries promoted both school boards to cancel the contest for several years.

With 88 games played in the past century, here is a list of 20 of the most historic battles between the schools. Games and individual performances which historically stand taller than the rest. A rivalry that parents were reported to have refused to allow their sons to eat Thanksgiving dinner after a loss:

1929: GLOBE 31, MIAMI 0

After four straight defeats, Globe got its first win under soon to be famous coach "Buddy" Doolen. The winners Virgil Shute scored twice on punt returns of 60 and 80-yards to break the Vandals' back. Doolen would later win over 700 basketball games at Miami and Tucson High at the JV and varsity levels.

1932: MIAMI 12, GLOBE 0

In the last game played by Vandal legend Dale Beedle, the all-state tackle/end scored on a 15-yard blocked punt return, and teammate Bennett "Peanut" Davis, a 205-pound fullback, tacked on an insurance score. Two years later Beedle started for Stanford in the Rose Bowl. Doolen is again the winning coach.

1933: GLOBE 20, MIAMI 0

The roudy crowd, estimated at close to 3,000, stole the thunder in this one. Junior Walter "Fat" Armer, who scored twice, was the star. Horace Johnson, an outstanding black athlete, scored on a pass reception from Chuck Sawyer. John "Bat" Allen, a former high school star from Gilbert, was the winning coach.

1934: MIAMI 13, GLOBE 6

Played in Globe, "Buddy" Doolen's last game was a classic. His Vandals won



NICK RAGUS
Miami



EMIL NASSER
Miami

without recording a first down. The losers had 15. Before a crowd of 3,000, Miami scored on an 80-yard punt return and a 40-yard pass interception, and claimed the Eastern Conference crown.

1938: MIAMI 7, GLOBE 7

This tie, regarded as the "upset of the year," might be one of Arizona's all-time greatest performance by an underdog. A record-breaking crowd of 5,000 at School Hill Park came to see the state champion Tigers polish off Miami, which entered the game with one win. But Sturgeon Cromer's squad couldn't get going, as Miami's defense, led by tackle Emil Nasser, made one big play after another. Jimmie Trujillo, who tragically died several months later, scored Miami's lone TD on a 12-yard return of a blocked punt. Nasser then kicked the vital extra point. For Globe, fullback George Vukcevich scored on a short run. It was the first season for Vandals head coach Nick Ragus.

1940: GLOBE 14, MIAMI 0

Globe turned the upset tables this year, snapping a 15-game winning steak by the Vandals. Before 3,000 fans in Globe, the home team's Norman Johnson scored on a short run, kicked both extra points, and tossed a scoring pass to Ed Tewksbury. One week later Norm Clements' Tigers defeated Thatcher 38-6 in the conference championship game.

1944: GLOBE 32, MIAMI 7

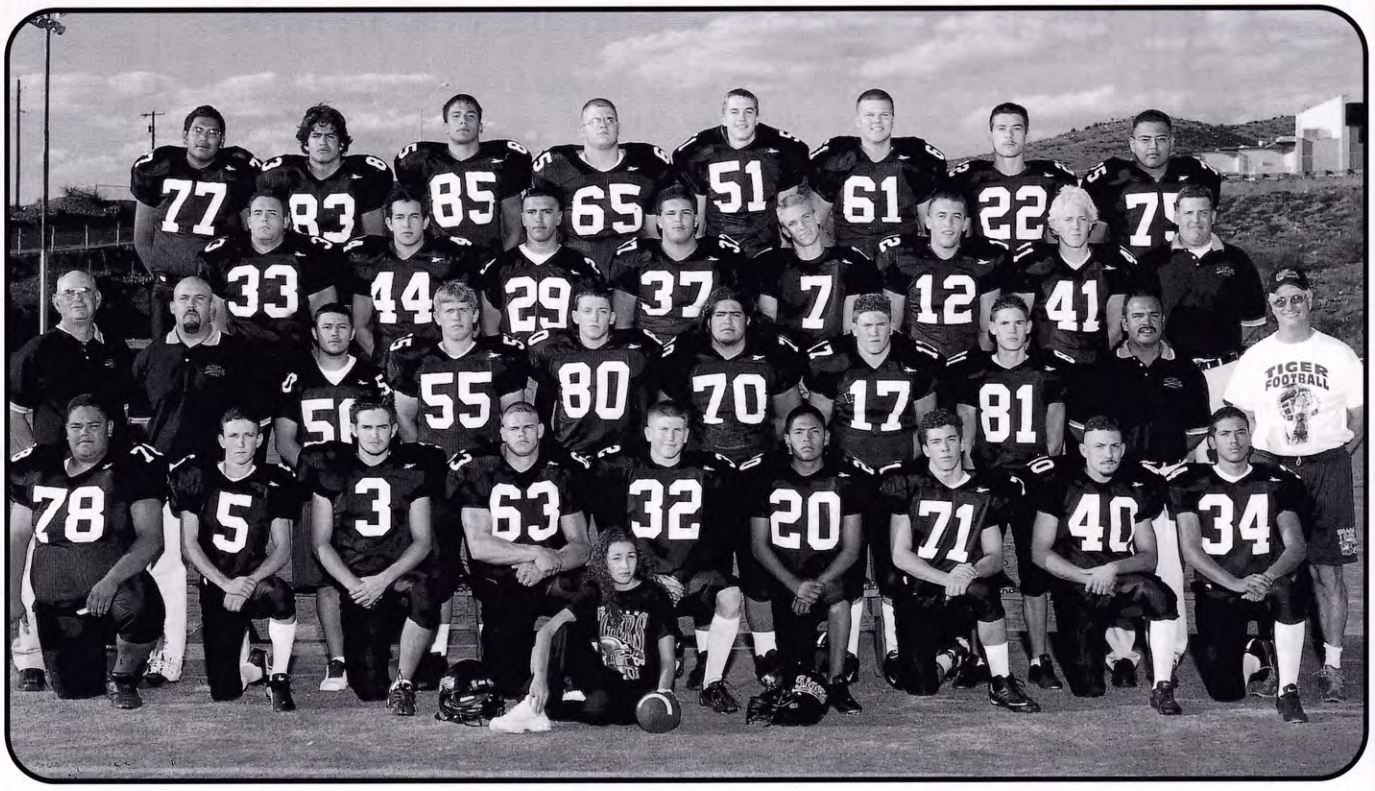
This Thanksgiving Day clash ended the career of the best individual star in the history of the series, Globe's Charles Hall. Because of war rationing, the teams played four times during his two-year varsity career, and the University of Arizona-bound Hall scored eight times. In the first 1944 contest he scored three TDs and rushed for 245 yards in a 45-0 win. Miami was glad to see him graduate.

1947: MIAMI 7, GLOBE 0

This contest was the first played for the Copper Kettle, which still goes to the winning school. The Eastern Conference champions, coached by Ben Cole and

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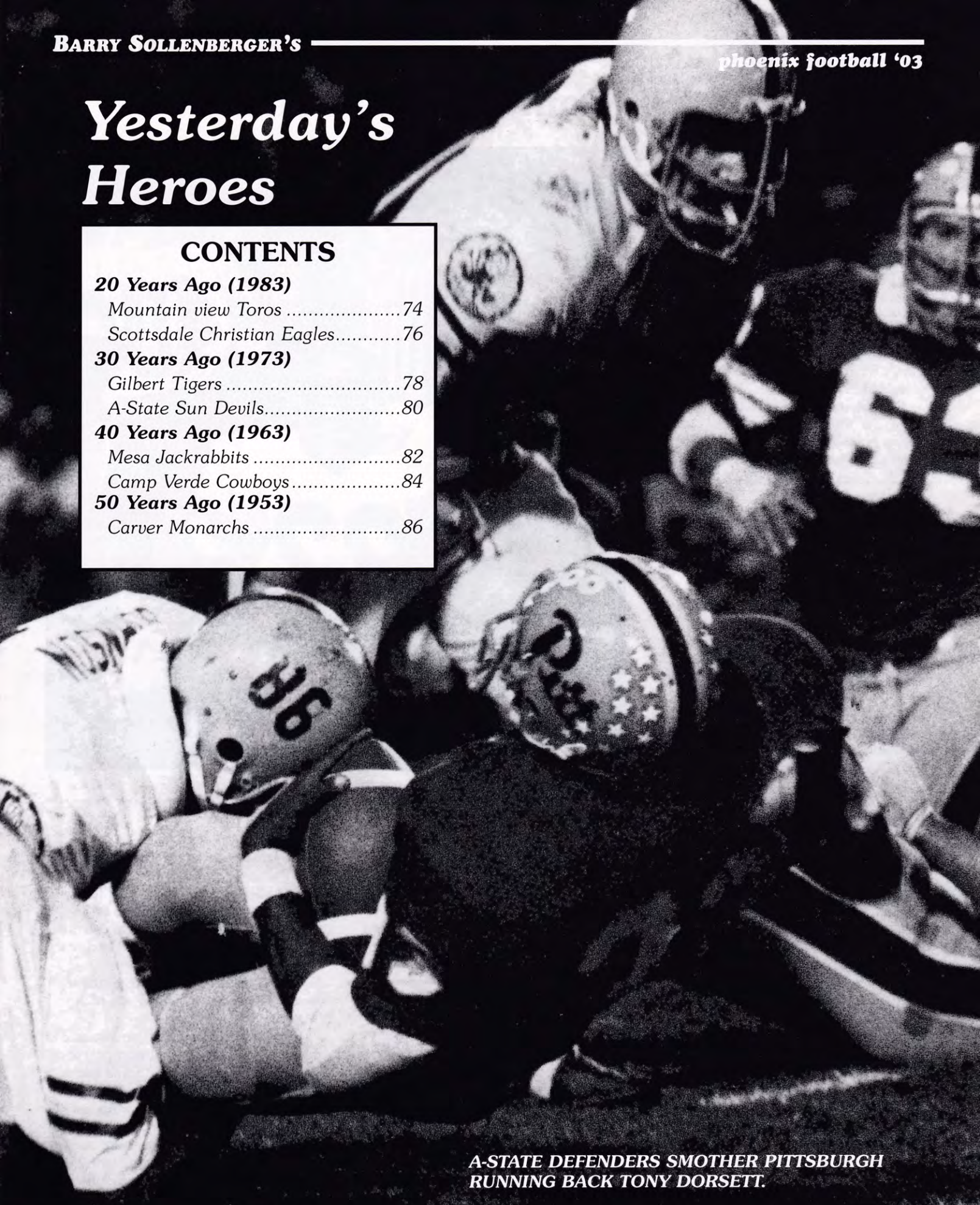
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A-STATE DEFENDERS SMOTHER PITTSBURGH RUNNING BACK TONY DORSETT.

20 years ago (1983)

Toros From Start to Finish

Except for a few tense moments against Chandler, the outcome was never in doubt. The 1983 Class AAA championship trophy was headed back to Mountain View.

In the finals at Sun Devil Stadium, played before a chilled crowd of 19,000-plus fans, Tempe McClintock played the Toros tough for a half. McClintock, with a junior-dominated lineup, was leading 14-13 midway through the third stanza before the roof caved in. Mountain View's Ric Rader sprinted 60 yards for a score and the rout was on.

Both Mountain View, which had never lost to the Tempe power, and the Chargers played in the same league 20 years ago. They met earlier in October and the Toros prevailed, 21-13. That game was played on live TV in Tempe. Although both schools won two state championships between 1977-83, McClintock went 0-7 against Jesse Parker's Toros. The Chargers were coached by Karl Kiefer.

But in 1983, nobody played Mountain View close in the playoffs (see chart). Tempe fell 35-17, Moon Valley 28-0, Sierra Vista Buena 36-0, and McClintock 34-14. Parker, a Texas native who today has won close to 300 games, notched his third state championship. In 1974, at Phoenix Camelback, his Spartans beat favored Phoenix St. Mary's in the AAA finals, 22-20.

Not surprisingly, only two of his '83 Toros earned football scholarships to major colleges, the smallest number (excluding Parker-coached teams) by a state champion since Tucson Pueblo in 1961.

But the name of the game is "high school football." Mountain View prides itself on beating teams which wear white shoes and produce lots of "college prospects." The Toros were the hottest brand going. Since the school opened, Parker's team had won 86% of their games. Earlier in the spring, he produced his first NFL draft pick, linebacker Todd Shell, a BYU signee who went to the San Francisco 49ers.

In '83, tailback Paul Kasprzyk, a University of Arizona signee, ran for 1,631 yards and scored 25 touchdowns. "Kas" excelled in every sport he tried. He was the state decathlon champion, a state wrestling champ, and with a best mark of 15-feet, the state's top pole vaulter. He was picked state MVP by *The Arizona Republic*, while McClintock two-way back Anthony Parker, a future NFL star, was *The Phoenix Gazette's* pick.



Mountain View tailback Paul Kasprzyk, a University of Arizona singee, scores a first half touchdowns against Mesa. Teammate Will Crum (40) heads for the bench (Phoenix Gazette photo).

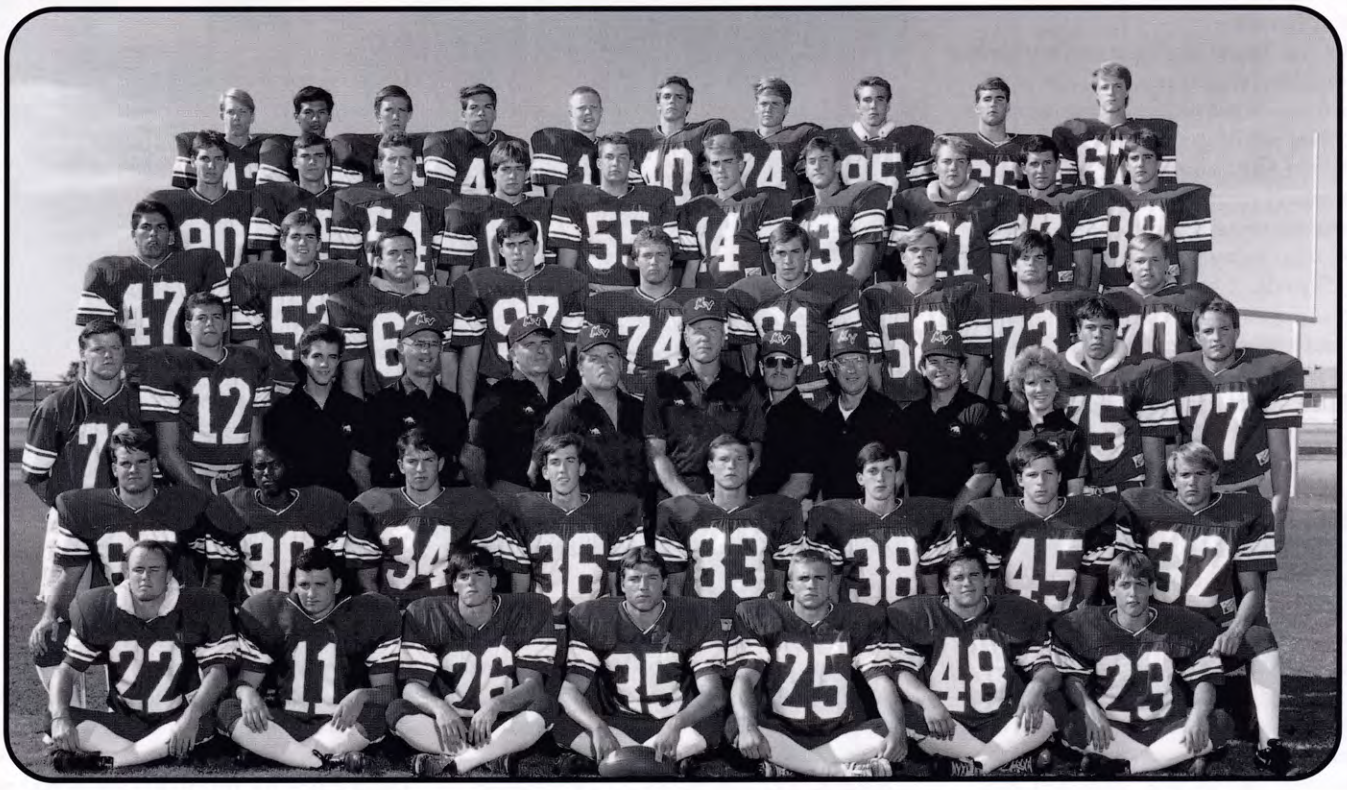
For Mountain View, guard Stuart Frost, defensive backs Scott Hutson and Jamie Jamieson, tackles Steve Frost and Brian Tennison, along with linebacker Dan Palmer and punter Mike Shuh earned all-state recognition. The Toros scored 438 points, rushed for 3,603 yards and passed for 1,608. On defense they intercepted a city record 34 passes. Seven years later *Phoenix Metro Football* picked this Toro club as the top Arizona team during the Decade of the '80s (see 1990 edition).

"That was probably our best team ... There was never any doubt with that bunch. They were real talented and came to play every night. From the start of the season to the end, they were the best around."

"I've said on more than one occasion, that was probably our best team," added Parker several years later. "Some teams have off days and play poorly, or get upset along the way, but still win a state championship. There was never any doubt with that bunch. They were real talented and came to play every night. From the start of the season to the end, they were the best around."

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20 years ago (1983)

Scottsdale King of 8-Man Ball

Scottsdale Christian Academy had been playing 8-man football for only six years when the 1982 season cam to an end. It was Jim Dean's first year as coach, having replaced the popular Bernon Benson.

But the Eagles had sounded a warning bell, finishing that campaign with eight wins. It was a preview of things to come. Only they would get better.

"When I first came there, the kids were asking what kind of offense and defense we were going to run," recalls Dean, who today is the principal at Mayer High School. "I had just come from (Scottsdale) Arcadia, coaching 11-man ball. But instead of trying to get 35 people to learn a new system, I thought it would be easier for one coach to learn the old."

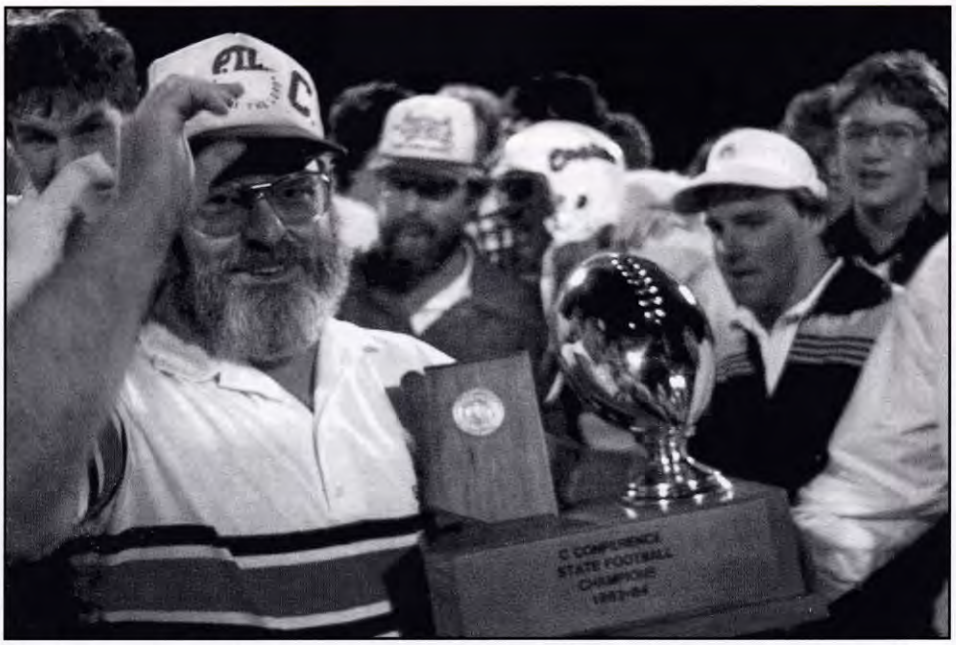
The team and the coach learned quickly, and although they didn't make the playoffs, SCA finished the '82 season at 8-2, with several key juniors in the lineup.

"At the beginning of the next season, I told our kids I didn't see how any team in the state playing 8-man ball had the talent we did," says Dean.

However, during the '83 season, the team on the "hot seat" was Pima. The long-time 8-man power raced through September and October unbeaten, and basically untested. Coach Tom Davis, in his first year at the helm, watched the Roughriders average over 50 points per game (best in the state) on way to a perfect regular season finish. In the first round of the playoffs, the eastern Arizona power crushed Seton Catholic from Chandler, 32-12.

In Paradise Valley, Jim Dean and his SCA forces were making waves of their own. Led by quarterback Jim Dean, the coach's son, the Eagles got off to a good start, edging Mayer 19-8 in their opener, then steamrolled young Bradshaw Mountain 48-6. Then came a forfeit win over once powerful Fredonia, which canceled the remainder of its season due to a shortage of players.

"You never like to see a forfeit," says Dean, "But each year the longest trips were to Fredonia or Grand Canyon. Grand Canyon played football back then. I remember one trip up north, during my first year at Scottsdale, some of our fans had their own planes. They were parents of some of our players. So they got in their private planes and flew to the game."



Jim Dean, who coached only two years of 8-man ball, wears a smile and carries off the 1983 state championship trophy.

In an ironic twist in October, the Eagles were matched with Shadow Mountain's junior varsity, which replaced Grand Canyon, who was having scheduling problems of their own. Dean and Mark Adair each scored twice as SCA defeated their neighbors 35-14, improving to 4-0 on the season. Defensive back Kerry Jones intercepted three Matador passes. Stellar receiver Mark Hocking caught five and intercepted two.

Scottsdale's offensive machine rolled up its highest numbers during an 80-25 rout of Seligman. The Eagles led 59-19 at the half. Reserve fullback Scott Harris rushed for 218 yards and scored seven touchdowns. Harris had never scored before. Unlike today, no mercy rule was in affect.

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Then boys Harris boys, Scott and Tim, ran for 125 yards and two touchdowns as SCA defeated Western Christian 56-13 in a midseason contest. Next, quarterback Dean threw for two touchdowns and ran for two as the Eagles blasted the Salome Frogs 47-0 in a key North League contest. Shutouts in 8-man football are rare. It would be one of three on the season.

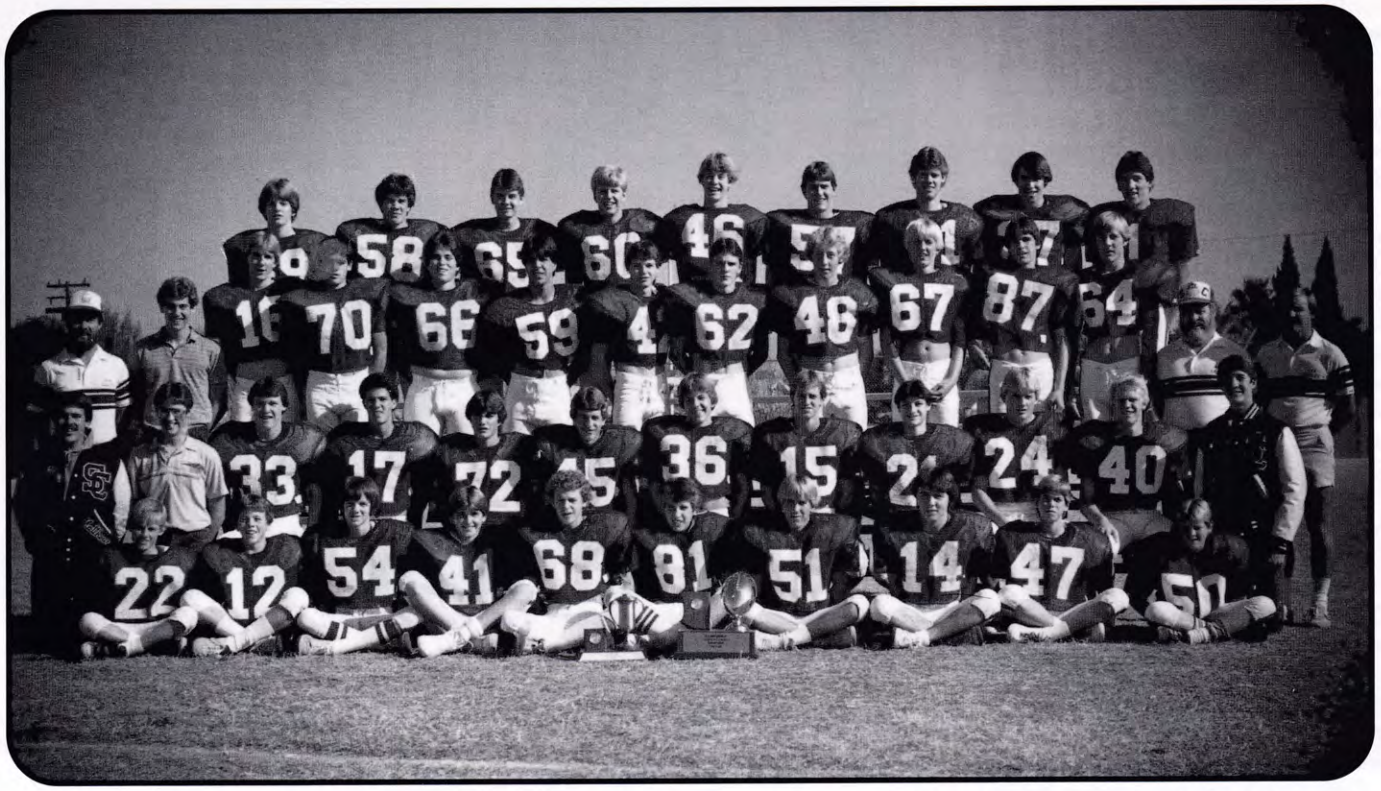
In mid-November, the Eagles built a 24-0 halftime lead and went on to score a 37-20 playoff victory over Valley Union, setting the stage for a matchup with high scoring Pima in the finals.

But defense wins championships. This year was no different, even in the high-scoring world of 8-man football. The Eagles used a seven-man front and shut out Pima 19-0, winning the school's first state championship and finishing 11-0 in the process. Scottsdale took a 7-0 first quarter lead on a 41-yard pass from Dean to Hocking and the Eagles never looked back. Christian's defense limited Pima to 13 yards total offense in the first half, twice stopping the Roughriders on goal-line stands.

"Assistant coach George Carlson ran that defense to perfection," adds Dean. "I didn't think it would work, since Pima was so big. But he insisted we stick with it and we shut them out."

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SCA 20	Chandler Seton Catholic 0

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SCA 37	Valley Union 20
SCA 19	Pima 0

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30 years ago (1973)

Gilbert's Dunn Had the Touch

During the 1973 football season, the potential state champs stepped to the plate early. Before September was gone, eventual winners like Tucson Palo Verde, Flagstaff Coconino, Bullhead City Mohave and Pima had started to roll.

But that wasn't the case in Class A (now 3A), although preseason favorites Morenci and Eloy Santa Cruz got off to good starts. Nobody was paying much attention to Gilbert.

The Tigers, coached by Dan Dunn, were winning by scores like 11-0, 10-0, 6-0, with a 44-0 pasting of Kearny Ray in between. In the season opener with Phoenix Christian, things got off to a bad start when Gilbert lost senior quarterback David Terry with a broken collarbone. It wasn't until they defeated Phoenix Gerard and Santa Cruz back-to-back that the pollsters first realized the Tigers were for real.

Meanwhile, in eastern Arizona, Morenci didn't surprise anybody with their 10-2 record prior to the state finals. With 23 regulars returning, Vern Friedli's Wildcats were the A-South preseason favorite. Morenci rolled into the playoffs with one of the best backfields in the state; Tony Lizarraga, Guy Hudson and Jimmy Martin zipped through 3,445 yards in Morenci's wishbone offense.

Gilbert's offense was inferior, but its defense was simply the best. The Tigers overwhelmed seven teams so soundly they were held scoreless. Four teams scored only once (see chart). In the rout of Ray, the defense scored on a 30-yard fumble return, a 25-yard fumble return, a 48-yard punt return, not to mention a 24-yard field goal.

In the state semifinals, a hard-fought 7-6 win over Holbrook, the game was salvaged by two field goals in regulation by Dwayne Arrington. Gilbert then won on penetrations in overtime.

In the finals, the offense kept their mistakes at a minimum, took advantage of turnovers, and crushed Morenci's vaunted ground game 27-6.

"The thing that made the season so enjoyable for us, was we didn't expect this from these kids until next year," said Dunn, whose team finished 11-0, after the game. "But you never know about high school football. We're a year early. We're expecting a super team again next season."

But what a defense in '73! It picked off 17 enemy passes, recovered 43 enemy fumbles, blocked 13 punts, and tossed opposing quarterbacks for losses 77 different times, resulting in 390 negative yards. The important kicking game, especially in the playoffs, was strong all season. Their return yardage totaled 1,251 yards, or 113.7 per game. Holding 10 teams to one touchdown or less, it was obvious opponents weren't kicking off too often. They spent half the game punting - or trying to.



Dunn, shown here with receiver Rudy Madril (right), won three state championships and 79% of his games at Gilbert.

Gilbert landed three players on various newspapers all-state teams, including 6-3, 230-pound Super All-State nose guard Chris Laursen, linebacker Fred Clare and defensive back Ray Mendoza. As small as the Tigers were, their power running and the bruising tackling of Laursen (who ground out 700 yards rushing during the campaign as a fullback) was too much for Morenci in the finals, and 10 other foes earlier.

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The state championship was the schools fourth at the time, the second under Dunn. In 10 seasons at the school, Dunn-coached teams went 88-23-1, won three state crowns and finished runnerup three times. He would later leave to coach at Mesa Community College. In 1985, the Tigers' 4A state championship club was coached by his brother Rick.

The fast-growing eastside community has quite a tradition in football, with coaches like Owen Allen, Bill Savage, Seth Morgan, Jim Wall, the Dunn brothers, and recently Jesse Parker roaming the sidelines. In fact, the Tigers have won a state championship in every 11-man class except 5A.

And how about that Gilbert team the next year; that promising 1974 season?

The Tigers dropped two regular season games and never made the playoffs. Just like the coach said, "You never know about high school football."

By THOMAS MOORE

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TIGERS 24, Eloy Santa Cruz 13
TIGERS 47, Phoenix Indian School 0
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TIGERS 26, Buckeye 0

PLAYOFFS:

TIGERS 7, Holbrook 6 (OT)
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30 years ago (1973)

Fiesta Bowl III Ends an Era

It was no surprise. Thirty years ago the record books showed Arizona State had another banner football season. That was the norm under Frank Kush. The final record was 11-1, another Western Athletic Conference title and a win over Pittsburgh in the Fiesta Bowl. It marked ASU's fourth consecutive bowl win, all under Kush.

But a win every bit as big came in the final regular season contest. It offered ASU and rival Arizona the right to represent the WAC in the Fiesta bowl, which awaited the winner.

The Sun Devils amassed a staggering 701 yards total offense en route to a 55-19 victory. Quarterback Danny White led the way by completing 22 of 38 passes for 331 yards and four touchdowns. A Tempe sellout crowd of 51,383 looked on.

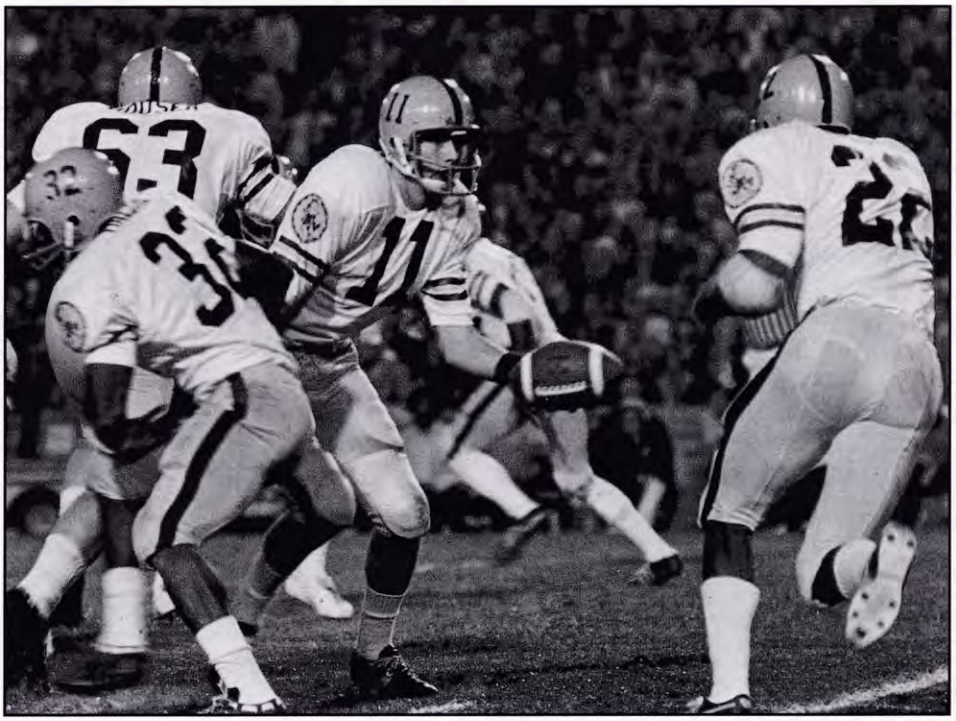
White, who would later play for the Dallas Cowboys, concluded his career with possession of seven individual NCAA records. All-American halfback Woody Green, a first-round pick of the Kansas City Chiefs, ended his career ranked fourth on the NCAA career rushing list. He gained 1,313 yards in 1973. Fullback Ben Malone, a Miami Dolphin draftee, dashed for 1,186 yards, marking only the third time in NCAA history that a team had two 1,000-yard backs in the same backfield.

But there was another first. With Green and Malone rushing for 1,000-plus yards, flanker Morris Owens pitched in with 52 catches for 1,144 yards, another NCAA best. Match all that with White's 3,000-plus yards total offense (second in the nation) and you have a team that accounted for over 6,000 yards in 11 games, averaging 565.5 yards per outing, the second best ever.

As a result of its showing against Arizona, all ASU players at scoring positions (White, Green, Malone, Owens and split end Greg Hudson) were named "Offensive Players of the Week" by the Western Athletic Conference.

The Sun Devils' lone loss came at the hands of Utah in Salt Lake City, 36-31. That loss kept ASU from winning the conference title outright, a feat they had accomplished four times in a row entering the season.

The conference wins came over Colorado State (67-14), New Mexico (67-24), Brigham Young (52-12), Wyoming (47-0), Texas El Paso (54-13) and Arizona. Non-conference wins were recorded at the expense of Oregon (26-20), Washington State (20-9), San Jose State (28-3), Oregon State (44-14) and Pittsburgh.



The third Fiesta Bowl (above) ended the college careers of Ben Malone (33), Danny White (11) and Woody Green (22). All played in the National Football League (Chuck Conley photo).

In the win over Pitt in Fiesta Bowl III, the visitor's young tailback, Tony Dorsett, set a major bowl record with 30 carries. He managed 100 yards. Pitt scored a gift touchdown in the first minute of play, but only A-State scored during the remainder of the game. The Panthers recovered a fumbled center snap on the ASU 12 yard line to start the game. Dorsett then scored from the three. After that it was all Sun Devils as Green scored three times in his last game in an ASU uniform. Danny Kush, the coach's son, kicked a 30-yard field goal and Hudson scored a a 38 yard pass from White.

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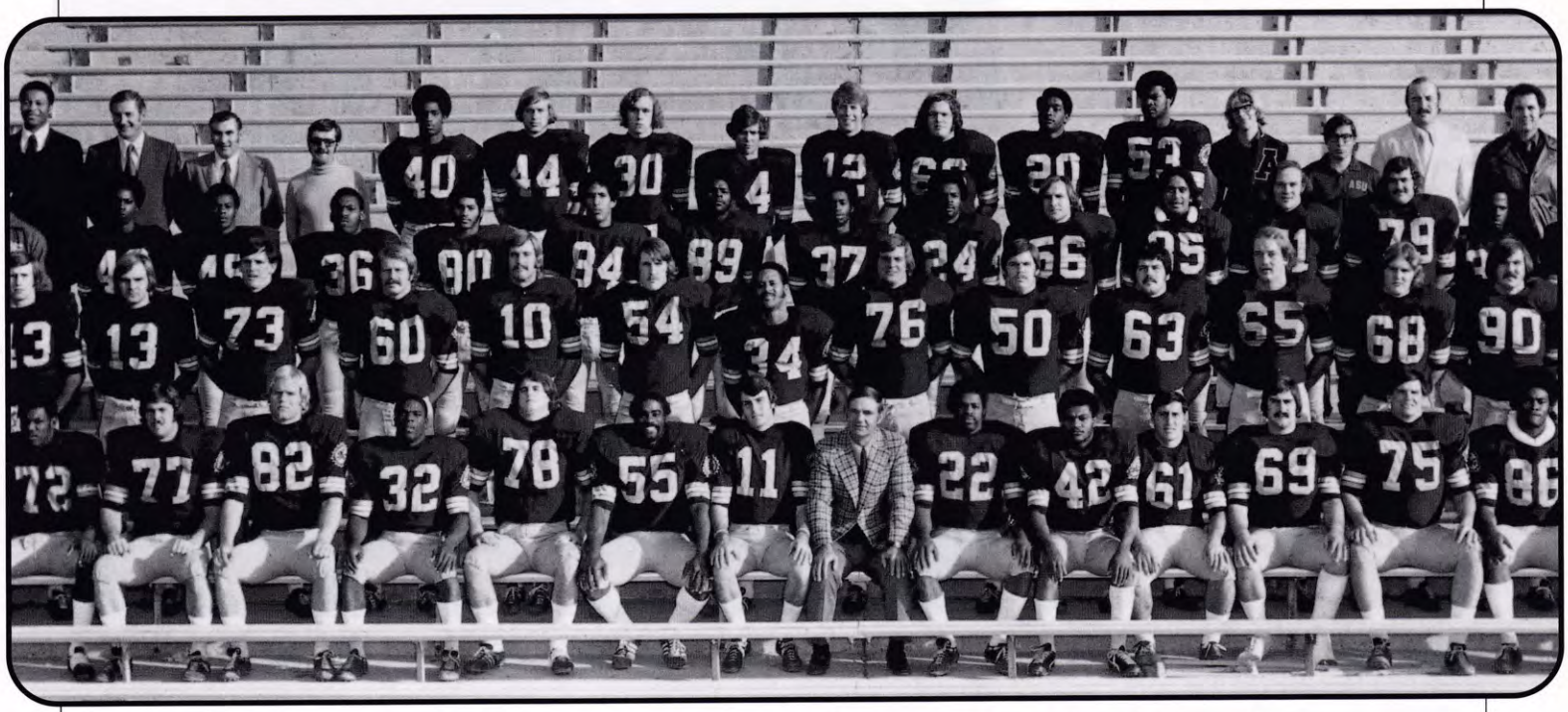
"I'm happy for our fans, and most important our players," said Kush after the game. "Especially our seniors. They've played extremely well during their years here, and have helped put Sun Devil football on the map. Our fans have been great. Their support was fantastic. But we're going to miss those seniors. Woody, Danny, Benny and all the rest."

The "Green-White-Malone Era" may have been the best in A-State history. Ironically it followed on the coattails of the undefeated 1970 Peach Bowl team, quarterbacked by Joe Spagnola.

Soon after the 1973 campaign was finished, the National Football League cleaned up in Tempe. Besides Green, White and Malone, the NFL draft picked halfback Monroe Eley (Atlanta), tight end Dave Grannell (New York Giants), defensive end Sam Johnson (Miami), tackle Neal Skarin (San Diego) and halfback Alonzo Emery (St. Louis). Several additional Devils had short-lived careers in the World Football League.

By DICK MULLINS

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Devils 26	Oregon 20
Devils 20	Washington State 9
Devils 67	Colorado State 14
Devils 67	New Mexico 24
Devils 28	San Jose State 3
Devils 52	BYU 12
Devils 44	Oregon State 14
Devils 31	Utah 36 (L)
Devils 47	Wyoming 0
Devils 54	Texas-El Paso 13
Devils 55	Arizona 19

FIESTA BOWL

Devils 28	Pittsburgh 7

40 years ago (1963)

Defense Wins for the 'Rabbits

Defending state champ Arcadia looked into a mirror and didn't like what it saw. Everything was in reverse. The first thing backward was the score. The top- ranked Titans, ranked No. 8 in the USA one year earlier, lost 13-12 to Mesa.

The outcome switched the state's sentiment for the year's top team to the Jackrabbits. Unfortunately for Arcadia at the time, only one team from each division went to the playoffs. Arcadia and Mesa played in the best division in the state, bar none.

It was almost a duplicate of the previous year's contest between the two state powers, only the score was different. Arcadia won that tilt 21-13.

Although the record books show Mesa defeating Tucson Rincon for the 1963 state crown in November, the Jackrabbits, for all purposes, won the title in September.

"We knew going over there that Arcadia would be tough," said second-year head coach Royal Price. "There 1962 club was awesome. One of the best in the country maybe. But we got after them on defense. The lightweight decisioned the heavyweight that night."

Indeed they did. The two rivals traded everything but thank-yous, and the big hand of little guard Larry Matsumoto, and a little point from a big kick by Alan Cummard made the difference.

Matsumoto, a 5-foot, 5-inch, 135-pound all-state linebacker, blocked two Arcadia extra points, and stopped Arcadia's great quarterback, James "Nicky" Nichols, when the Titan signal caller tried to run for an extra point after a penalty. The tilt was played before 5,500 fans at the Scottsdale school.

The game, and the season, belonged to Mesa, and its rock-solid defense. One week later, Cummard again kicked the game's only conversion as the 'Rabbits fought from behind to score with 4:40 left, beating Yuma 13-`12 on the road. The winning touchdown came on a 74-yard pass-and-run play from Norman Mendoza to Wally Hawkins. Curley Culp, later an all-pro guard with the Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs, and Ron Jessie, a future Los Angeles Ram receiver, were on that Yuma club.

Later in October, quarterback Mike Elliott scored the game's only points during a 6-0 struggle with Scottsdale High. But Mesa's machine picked up the pace in November, when 11,000 fans watched the first-ever Westwood-Mesa encounter, a 28-7 'Rabbit win at historic Jackrabbit Stadium on Broadway. The victory put Mesa at 8-0 and clinched the Division I championship.



It's the end of the line for Arcadia, as Mesa defensers, including tackle Dave Keating (right), close in on Titan quarterback James Nichols (Scottsdale Progress photo).

Mesa's defense, keyed around Matsumoto and tackle Elmer Hill, stymied every threat young Westwood could muster. The Warriors, in their first varsity season, were coached by former Mesa mentor Edgar "Mutt" Ford.

One week later, a 19-7 win over Scottsdale Coronado gave Mesa its first undefeated, untied regular season in its glorious history. This was made possible by the cancelation of a season-ending contest with Phoenix North.

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In the state semifinals, played at Arizona State but delayed one week due to the assassination of President John Kennedy, Mesa held favored South Mountain to 49 yards rushing and 28 passing in a 20-14 win. South got its first first-down in the fourth quarter. Fullback Gerald Kearns carried 28 times for 134 yards and a touchdown for the winners. Mike Elliott scored on a short run and tossed a scoring strike to Steve Peterson.

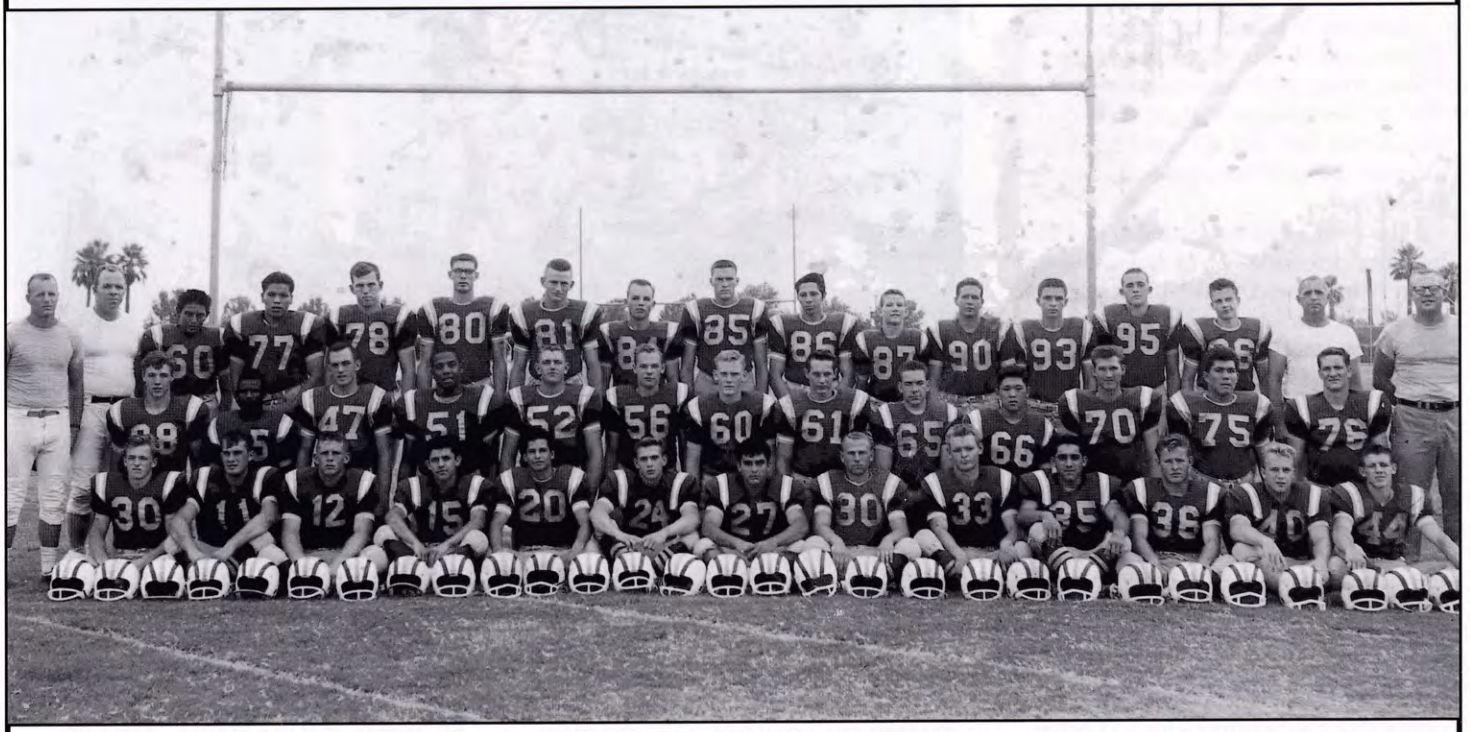
With seconds to go, Mesa's defense nailed all-state halfback Earliest Nelson for a loss to preserve the win. Bobby Wallace, later a star with the Chicago Bears, was an end on that talented South club which finished 9-1. The Rebels were coached by Earl Clupper.

On Dec. 6 in Tucson, 12,000 fans braved 50-degree weather to watch Kearn's 27 carries, 127 yards and two TDs pave the way to a 28-0 win over Rincon for the school's ninth state championship since 1928.

Carry On!

By THOMAS MOORE

Saluting The
1963 MESA JACKRABBITS
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Forty years ago the Mesa Jackrabbits, coached by Royal "Sharkey" Price, posted an undefeated season and defeated Tucson Rincon 28-0 in the state finals in Tucson.

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40 years ago (1963)

Camp Verde Back-to-Back

Camp Verde, located halfway up the historic General Crook trail, has more history etched into its past than most Arizona towns. Surprisingly, one lost page from its historical past involves high school football. Six-man ball to be exact.

Between 1962-63, the Cowboys were the scrooge of Arizona 6-man football. Today, those small Arizona towns, with 200 or less students in their local school, play 8-man ball. But 40 years ago it was a 6-man game, dominated by Camp Verde.

The 6-man contest, founded in 1934 by a high school coach in Nebraska, had been part of the Arizona sports scene since 1938. In fact, playoff games to determine state champions were sometimes stagged by competing school officials long before the Arizona Interscholastic Association organized its playoff format in 1959.

Ironically, in both championship seasons, the Cowboys dropped their opening games. In 1962, Camp Verde fell to a bigger, more physical Orme Ranch squad 19-6. The Cowboys only score came on a fumble recovery in the end zone by Wayne Hodges. The offense was ineffective. But one week later CVHS served notice that future opponents had better be prepared.

In the first game ever played under the lights in the Verde Valley, the Cowboys ground up Ash Fork's Spartans to the tune of 53-7. Prescott referee Jack Gillis called off the game with five minutes remaining.

"I told everybody we were pretty green last week, and that we would be much improved for this game," said first-year coach Jess Batina, who was assisted by Don Parsons. The scoring started with junior quarterback Cliff Bird hitting Mike Savage on a short touchdown pass and the Cowboys never looked back.

Two months later CVHS was in the C-North title game in the White Mountains, where they skunked Lakeside High (today Blue Ridge) 27-0. In the finals against Patagonia, the Cowboys came from behind to overtake a big, powerful Patagonia squad, 32-31. The difference in the game was a point-after-touchdown boot by Joe Reedy. In 6-man football, kicking the PAT earns two points.

Reedy, a 145-pound senior, was a bundle of dynamite for the winners. He carried the ball 21 times for 119 yards, and added a 70-yard runback of a Patagonia kick to ignite a fourth quarter Camp Verde rally. When the game ended and fans mobbed the field, players had to forego the traditional ceremony of parading their head coach on their shoulders. Earlier in the season Batina had surgery for a ruptured appendix.



Camp Verde's Cowboys and the spoils of victory. Top row, L-R, Clifford Bird, Robert Parker and John Gray. Bottom, L-R, Mike Savage, Wayne Hodges and Bruce Spaulding.

One year later Camp Verde fans looked into a mirror and liked what they saw. The Cowboys' season, including its record, was identical. The only difference was the offense, which was more explosive. In eight games, including a 26-20 season-opening loss to McNary, the Cowboys averaged 44.8 points per game, best in Class C.

Just like the previous year, Camp Verde rebounded from an opening game loss, headed to Seligman, and blistered the Antelopes 60-13. "We have to improve our blocking and tackling, and when we do watch out," warned Batina.

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From that point on the Cowboys steamrolled through C-North foes, beating St. Joseph of Prescott 48-0, Ash Fork 52-12, Salome 52-14 and Grand Canyon 48-14. Offensively, CVHS spread the scoring around between Bird, end Wayne Hodges and halfback Ralph Cornwall.

Hodges, a four-year letterman, scored eight touchdowns on pass receptions and averaged 10 unassisted tackles a game. Cornwall, a triple-threat back, scored 16 touchdowns and averaged over 100 yards per game. Bird, the scrappy 5-8, 150-pound all-state quarterback, passed for 1,500 yards and 21 touchdowns.

"Jess Batina was just a great coach, a players coach," says Bird today of his high school mentor, who died in 1983 at age 57 of cancer. "He could walk on water as far as I was concerned. He got the most out of his players."

In early November, a 34-31 win over Fredonia, the best six-man game played in Arizona, clinched the C-North crown and sent Camp Verde to Patagonia for a rematch with the Lobos for the 1963 state championship.

But this championship game wasn't as close. The Cowboys ran and passed their way to a 44-18 win and back-to-back state crowns.

By BARRY SOLLENBERGE

Camp Verde Cowboys

"Saluting Our 1962 & 1963 State 6-Man Champions 40 Years Later!"

1962 STATE CHAMPS
(7-1-0)
Head Coach Jess Batina
Assistant Don Parsons

Cowboys 6 . . . .Orme Ranch 19 (L)
Cowboys 53 . . . . . .Ash Fork 7
Cowboys 30 . . . .Grand Canyon 29
Cowboys 62 . . . . . .St. Joseph 13
Cowboys 20 . . . . . .Seligman 19
Cowboys 31 . . . . . .Fredonia 0

C-NORTH FINALS

Cowboys 27 . . . . . .Lakeside 0

STATE FINALS

Cowboys 32 . . . . . .Patagonia 31

1963 STATE CHAMPS
(7-1-0)
Head Coach Jess Batina
Assistant Hal Woodring

Cowboys 20 .....McNary 26 (L)
Cowboys 60.....Seligman 13
Cowboys 48 .....St. Joseph 0
Cowboys 52 .....Ash Fork 12
Cowboys 52.....Salome 14
Cowboys 48 .....Grand Canyon 14

C-NORTH FINALS

Cowboys 34 .....Fredonia 31

STATE FINALS

Cowboys 44 .....Patagonia 18

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50 years ago (1953)

Carver's Monarchs are Kings Again

Long before the adoption of the Bowl Championship Series (BCS), the system used today to determine college football's national championship game, coaches and media personal decided the mythical champion by voting for the best in the country. The team collecting the most votes after the "bowl season" was deemed national champion.

The same was true in the Arizona high school ranks, before the Arizona Interscholastic Association instituted a state playoff system in 1959. That similar system is used today in all five Arizona classifications, 5A thru 1A. Before 1959, state champs in each class were basically crowned by newspaper polls. Such was the case in most of the country.

One of those schools which garnered enough votes to win a mythical Class B (now 3A) state championship was George Washington Carver High, in 1951. In fact, the Monarchs were so talented that they repeated as state champions in 1952, and three-peated one year later.

Since there were no playoff games, the AIA never presented Carver, or any other school prior to 1959, with a state championship trophy. For the Monarchs, that all changed last November with the introduction of three gold trophies.

"It's long overdue," said *Phoenix Metro Football* editor Barry Sollenberger, who has purchased more than one dozen trophies for high schools in Maricopa County. Schools which were declared mythical state champs but had no trophy to show for it. "The AIA never presented schools with trophies, because they had no organized playoff system for football at the time. Now, after all these years, schools will have something to display in their trophy cases, saluting these great teams."

On hand for the trophy bestowal last fall were three former Monarchs, end Charles Lucky, lineman J.C. Walker and quarterback Fred Warren. The presentation took place at the Carver Museum and Cultural Center, overseen by President Calvin C. Goode, who had the keys to the door.

"I was surprised and pleased to hear we were receiving state championship trophies," said Dr. Warren. "A lot of guys contributed to our success, not just the three of us here today. This helps let young kids know about Carver High and its history.

"At the time, I didn't think it was a great accomplishment," said Walker. "After a moment of reflection, we accomplished something special. It's an honor to be recognized today. It's a real plus."



Three members of Carver High's championship teams pose with trophies; from left, Charles Lucky, J.C. Walker and Fred Warren. Monarchs were mythical Class B champs in 1951-52-53, then the school closed.

It's been half-a-century since Carver tore up the competition in Arizona's small school gridiron ranks. During their three-year title run, the Monarchs, coached by the late Gus Shaw, were 26-3-0. Carver finished 9-1, 10-0 and 7-2 respectively, between 1951-53. In 1953, their losses were to Class A Phoenix St. Mary's and Palo Verde High in Blythe, California. The 24-14 loss in Blythe snapped a 25-game winning streak, longest in the state.

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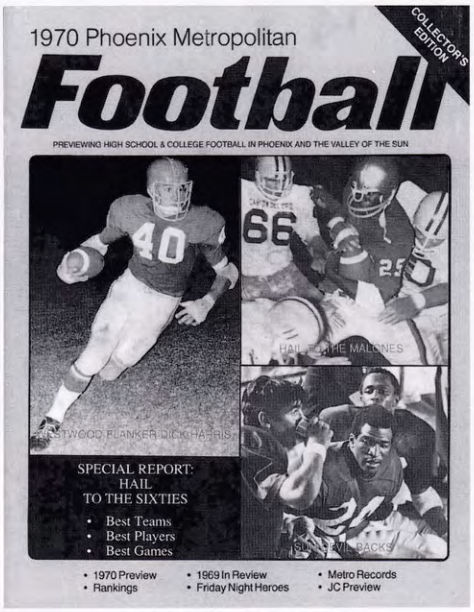
"It's been fifty years since we won the state title," said Lucky. "Where did the time go? We made a difference back then and it doesn't seem that long ago. Time has gone by so fast."

Classmates Robert Green, Lafayette Winrow, Charles Christopher and George Greathouse were first team all-state picks before the Phoenix Union School District closed its doors. Green, who is deceased, was an All-American tackle. Greathouse later became an All-American at Union.

The 1953 football season was the school's last, as Carver closed in May of 1954. Students were then sent to nearby Phoenix Union, which ironically is also closed today. Carver High, including half the football stadium, still stands at 415 E. Grant Street in Phoenix, south of America West Arena.

Phoenix Metro Football Magazine plans to purchase championship trophies within the next two years for every Arizona high school that was declared mythical state champions - in all classes - back to statehood. With 25 state football championships, Phoenix Union is the all-time leader.

By VINCE CRAWFORD



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In the storied history of Arizona high school football, no player had a season like Tolleson's Marcus Thomas: 46 touchdowns, 3,573 rushing yards, including three 400-yard games (Steve Paynter photo).

Tolleson's Thomas Head of the Class

By BARRY SOLLENBERGER

No running back in the 98-year history of Arizona schoolboy football had a season like Marcus Thomas. In fact, no back in the four-corner states ever accomplished what Thomas did last year. While leading Tolleson (12-2) to the state 4A semifinals, the *Parade Magazine* All-American rushed for a state record 3,573 yards and scored 46 touchdowns. Along the playoff path he set state standards for 300-yard-plus games (5), and 400-yard games (3).

His single season rushing mark was the 8th best in U.S.A. history. The University of Arizona-bound Thomas, along with his head coach, Dan Widmaier, were presented with the Vic Housholder Trophy by the **Scottsdale Quarterback Club** on Super Bowl Friday, January 24th, at the Scottsdale Elks Club. The traveling trophy, saluting the state's player of the year, is the most prestigious award presented to an Arizona high school athlete and his school in any sport. It is named after the late Vic Housholder, the former *Arizona Republic* sports columnist regarded as the "Father of the All-State Teams."

Joining Thomas at the Quarterback Club's Super All-State luncheon (see pages 2-3) were Desert Vista brothers **Brent** and **Zach Miller**, Mountain View center **Hunter Brady**, Peoria Centennial tackle **Mikal Brewer**, Corona del Sol guard **Mike Pollak**, and Saguaro defensive lineman **Kyle Caldwell**. Brent Miller is bound for Arizona State, Brady a church mission, Brewer Stanford, Pollak and Caldwell Arizona State.

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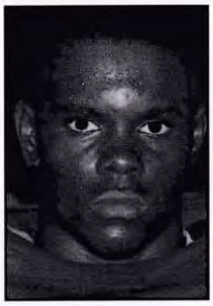
As always, it was another talent-loaded fall in the Grand Canyon State, including the small school ranks. Safety **Adam Patterson** of 2A state champ St. Johns intercepted 15 passes, the second most ever in Class 2A, and the third highest in state history. In 1993, Adam's older brother Ryan (a BYU signee) was the 2A Player of the Year, and a running back for the Redskins' state championship team of that year. Both were coached by Mike Morgan. Ironically, in the last two years, more players from St. Johns (2) have received Division-I football scholarships than 5A state champ Mountain View.

But 2A Player of the Year honors went to Bourgade Catholic tailback **Quinton Bellamy**, who took his 2,912 career rushing yards to Pima Community College in Tucson. During his hard-luck varsity career with the Eagles, Bellamy missed every playoff game with injuries.

ALL-AROUND SPARTAN

The most versatile player in 5A competition was Phoenix Camelback's **Thomas Huff**, arguably the state's best wide receiver, best basketball player, and the 2002 state high hurdle champion. A leg injury last spring kept him from repeating. Last fall, Huff averaged 20.4 yards per catch on 38 receptions for the two-time Metro Region champions. Today he's a prize University of Utah catch.

Three juniors dotted the Super All-State roster: two-way end **Zach Miller** of Desert Vista, offensive tackle **John Kadous** at Tucson Salpointe, and two-



Aaron Lafitte
Ironwood



Mikal Brewer
Centennial

time all-state pick **Aaron Fernandez** from Red Mountain, a defensive lineman.

STATE CHAMPIONS

Team-wise, no 5A school in recent years had a season like **Mountain View**. The Toros, led by first-year coach Tom Joseph, laced Glendale Ironwood 50-8 in the state finals, scored 602 points in 14 games, and yielded just 34. It was the Toros' 8th state championship since 1978, moving them into a 4th place tie among "large school" winners with Phoenix St. Mary's. Phoenix Union (25), Tucson (13) and Mesa (11) are the 5A leaders. Phoenix Union's 25 state championships between 1912-55 was a national record at the time; broken by Sioux Falls Washington, South Dakota.

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4A Player of the Year
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Globe

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Quinton Bellamy
Bourgade Catholic

1A Player of the Year
Straton Solomon
Joseph City

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OFFENSE

Pos.	Player / High School / Size	Head Coach
QB	Jason Murrietta, Glendale Ironwood, 6-2, 204	Chuck Esquivel
RB	Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 6-0, 185	Dan Widmaier
RB	Phillip Pickett, Tucson Catalina, 6-1, 240	Shawn Wasson
RB	Aaron Lafitte, Glendale Ironwood, 5-8, 188	Chuck Esquivel
TE	Zach Miller, Tempe Desert Vista, 6-4, 230 (jr)	Dan Hinds
WR	Thomas Huff, Phoenix Camelback, 6-3, 215	Daryl Phillips
WR	Tim Toone, Peoria, 5-11, 165	Doug Clapp
OL	Hunter Brady, Mesa Mountain View, 6-3, 285	Tom Joseph
OL	Justin Tyler, Glendale Ironwood, 6-8, 318	Chuck Esquivel
OL	Mikal Brewer, Peoria Centennial, 6-4, 274	Richard Taylor
OL	Mike Pollak, Tempe Corona del Sol, 6-4, 280	Gary Venturo
OL	John Kadous, Tucson Salpointe, 6-6, 316 (jr)	Dennis Bene
K	Esteban Bayona, Tempe Marcos de Niza, 5-11, 175	Mike Maluski

DEFENSE

DB	Adam Patterson, St. Johns, 6-4, 177	Mike Morgan
DB	Ronnie Phillips, Phoenix Camelback, 5-11, 185	Daryl Phillips
DB	Jake Stoltz, Gilbert Mesquite, 6-0, 175	Rich Iverson
DB	Robert Dahlk, Mesa Mountain View, 6-0, 190	Tom Joseph
LB	Brent Miller, Tempe Desert Vista, 6-4, 220	Dan Hinds
LB	Jarrett Stradling, Mesa, 5-11, 225	Bill McKane
LB	Chris Serena, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-1, 230	Stuart Goldstein
DL	Kyle Caldwell, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-4, 260	Stuart Goldstein
DL	Sam Sotelo, Tucson Sunnyside, 6-1, 225	Richard Sanchez
DL	Aaron Fernandez, Mesa Red Mountain, 6-2, 260 (jr)	Jim Jones
DL	Kellen Mills, Mesa Mountain View, 6-2, 215	Tom Joseph
RS	Cody Malone, Mesa Mountain View, 5-11, 180	Tom Joseph

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MILESTONES

In Class 3A, **Globe** became the first mining school from the once powerful Globe-Miami/Douglas-Bisbee regions to land a state crown since Douglas turned the trick in 1959. Between 1950 and the mid-70s, the majority of all Arizona copper mining operations closed.

Mesa finished 6-5 on the season, pushing the Jackrabbits six games closer to the magic 600-win column. Since 1920, the Purple & Gold have won 594 football games, the most ever reported by a school in the four-corner states. Tucson High is second on the all-time Arizona list with 516. At Tempe Mountain Pointe, **Karl Kiefer's** Pride finished 3-7, his lowest output since the school opened in 1991. The state's all-time winningest coach enters the 2003 season with a 291-124-3 record, nine games shy of the magic 300-win mark. Kiefer won three 5A state championships at Tempe McClintock, and has coached in the district for over 30 years.

TITLE GAME MVPs

Outstanding individual performances in the state finals, first selected in 1959, went to Mountain View quarterback **Max Hall** (5A), Scottsdale Chaparral wide receiver **John Peel** (4A), Globe receiver/safety/punter **Sam Cunningham** (3A), St. Johns quarterback/punter **Michael Lindsey** (2A), and Joseph City defender/kick returner **Straton Solomon** (1A). The selections are made each year by *Phoenix Metro Football Magazine*.

Hall saved his best game for the finals, completing 12 of 22 passes for 235 yards and two touchdowns. He also scored twice. Peel, a junior, set a 4A title game record with 10 pass receptions, good for 111 yards and a touchdown.

*2002 All-State Teams

CLASS 5A

Offense:

QB Jason Murrietta, Glendale Ironwood, 6-2, 205
RB Aaron Lafitte, Glendale Ironwood, 5-8, 185
RB Keegan Toci, Tucson Salpointe, 6-1, 190
RB Tramell McGill, Chandler Hamilton, 6-0, 185 (jr)
TE Zach Miller, Tempe Desert Vista, 6-4, 230 (jr)
WR Thomas Huff, Phoenix Camelback, 6-4, 215
WR Tim Toone, Peoria, 5-11, 165
OL Hunter Brady, Mesa Mountain View, 6-3, 285
OL Justin Tyler, Glendale Ironwood, 6-8, 318
OL Dustin Forshee, Chandler Hamilton, 6-6, 300
OL Mike Pollack, Tempe Corona del Sol, 6-4, 280
OL John Kadous, Tucson Salpointe, 6-6, 316 (jr)
PK Esteban Bayona, Tempe Marcos de Niza, 5-11, 175

Defense:

DB Ronnie Phillips, Phoenix camelback, 5-11, 185
DB Jake Stoltz, Gilbert Mesquite, 6-0, 170
DB Brandon Allen, Tempe Desert Vista, 6-2, 180
DB Robert Dalk, Mesa Mountain View, 6-0, 190
LB Brent Miller, Tempe Desert Vista, 6-4, 220
LB Jarrett Stradling, Mesa, 5-11, 225
LB Mike Mcdonald, Chandler Hamilton, 6-0, 205
DL Zach Miller, Tempe Desert Vista, 6-4, 230 (jr)
DL Aaron Fernandez, Mesa Red Mountain, 6-2, 260 (jr)
DL David Smith, Chandler Hamilton, 6-3, 245 (jr)
DL Kellen Mills, Mesa Mountain View, 6-2, 215
DL Cody Malone, Mesa Mountain View, 5-11, 180

Player of the Year: Aaron Lafitte, Ironwood
Coach of the Year: Tom Joseph, Mountain View



Ironwood's Jason Murietta, a Northern Arizona signee, passed for 2,586 yards for the 5A state finalist (Steve Paynter photo).

CLASS 4A

Offense

QB Darren Mougey, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-4, 205 (jr)
RB Taryll Galloway, Goodyear Millennium, 6-0, 204
RB Phillip Pickett, Tucson Catalina, 6-1, 240
RB Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 6-0, 185
TE Clayton Spedding, Bradshaw Mountain, 6-4, 220
WR Rudy Fleming, Tempe McClintock, 5-9, 165 (jr)
WR John Peel, Scottsdale Chaparral, 6-1, 180 (jr)
OL Mikal Brewer, Peoria Centennial, 6-4, 274
OL Jake Sanders, Buckeye, 6-4, 285
OL Ryan Vroom, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-2, 240
OL Scott Christensen, Tolleson, 6-3, 275
OL Thomas Gagliardi, Moon Valley, 6-6, 315 (jr)
PK Kyle Sparks, Tolleson, 5-8, 165 (jr)

Defense

DB Mark Spradlin, Tolleson, 6-2, 200
DB Joey Warren, Tucson Sunnyside, 6-0, 170
DB Nathan Bolden, Buckeye, 5-10, 170
DB Sean Laidlaw, Phoenix Greenway, 5-10, 170
LB Robert Joyce, Flagstaff Coconino, 6-2, 215
LB Christian Serena, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-1, 230
LB Chris Peralta, Tucson Sunnyside, 5-10, 205
DL Kyle Caldwell, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-4, 260
DL Sam Sotelo, Tucson Sunnyside, 6-1, 225
DL Mike Ferguson, Cottonwood Mingus Union, 6-3, 275
DL Ryan Anderson, Phoenix Greenway, 6-4, 235
KR Eddie Porto, Peoria Centennial, 5-9, 165

Player of the Year: Marcus Thomas, Tolleson
Coach of the Year: Ron Estabrook, Scottsdale Chaparral

CLASS 3A

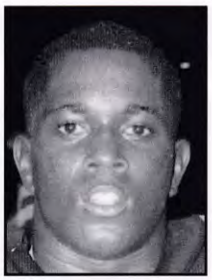
Offense

QB Talmage Hansen, Globe, 6-0, 170
RB Ryan Golden, Globe, 6-3, 235
RB Elijah White, Coolidge, 5-11, 190 (jr)
RB Brian Herrington, Wickenburg, 6-1, 208 (jr)
TE Mike Barr, Payson, 6-7, 230 (jr)
WR Sam Cunningham, Globe, 6-0, 190
WR Bryant Elkins, Snowflake, 6-1, 180
OL Brandon Mitchell, Winslow, 6-1, 250
OL Mikes Payne, Queen Creek, 6-2, 262
OL Devon Rodriquez, Globe, 5-10, 260
OL Chet Huelskamp, Globe, 6-0, 280 (jr)
OL Barry Charters, Chandler Seton Catholic, 6-1, 290 (jr)
PK Drey Brown, Willcox, 5-11, 270

Defense

DB Justin Lupe, Whiteriver Alchesay, 5-11, 180
DB Talmage Hansen, Globe, 6-0, 170
DB Bret Campbell, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 6-0, 166
DB David McDonald, Camp Verde, 6-0, 175
LB Dan Rawlings, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 5-11, 165
LB Robert Kieran, Globe, 5-10, 210
LB Bradley Knippa, Willcox, 5-11, 210
DL Quentin Frazier, Higley, 6-1, 240
DL Devin Rutledge, Coolidge, 6-5, 215
DL Joe Brochu, Globe, 5-10, 220
DL Cory Stingley, Holbrook, 6-5, 180
KR James Jeffries, Coolidge, 5-10, 180

Player of the Year: Talmage Hansen, Globe
Coach of the Year: Roger Schenks, Globe



Quinton Bellamy
Bourgade



Tim Toone
Peoria



Mike Pollak
Corona del Sol

CLASS 2A

Offense

QB Ryan Hoffner, Northwest Christian, 6-2, 172
RB Quinton Bellamy, Phoenix Bourgade, 5-11, 195
RB Hans Lambson, St. Johns, 6-0, 186
RB Aaron Morton, Orme School, 5-10, 205
TE Joseph Herrod, Scottsdale Christian, 6-2, 202
WR Drew Bohannan, NW Community Christian, 5-10,170
WR Paul Hardiman, Chandler Valley Christian, 6-0, 165
OL Vincent Canez, Phoenix Bourgade, 6-4, 285
OL Brandon Winter, Phoenix Christian, 6-3, 275
OL John Poe, St. Johns, 6-4, 304 (jr)
OL Corey Garcia, St. Johns, 5-10, 190
OL Josh Johnson, Phoenix Bourgade, 6-0, 240
K Ryan Hoffner, N.W. Community Christian, 6-2, 172

Defense

DB Adam Patterson, St. Johns, 6-4, 177
DB Andrew Majesty, Tempe Valley Christian, 6-4, 185
DB Eddie Canedo, San Manuel, 5-10, 160
DB Quinton Bellamy, Phoenix Bourgade, 5-11, 195
LB Hans Lambson, St. Johns, 6-0, 186
LB Waldo Gutierrez, Morenci, 5-10, 190
LB Brigham Stevens, Thatcher, 6-0, 175
DL Hunter DeWitt, Heber Mogollon, 6-2, 210



Millennium tailback Taryll Galloway galloped for 969 yards and scored 18 TDs in less than 10 games (Steve Paynter photo).

DL Luke Bevans, Phoenix Christian, 6-3, 205
DL Cameron Butler, N.W. Community Christian, 6-3, 250
DL Mike Nielson, St. Johns, 6-3, 180
KR Dane Householder, Thatcher, 6-3, 180
Player of the Year: Quinton Bellamy, Phoenix Bourgade
Coach of the Year: Mike Morgan, St. Johns

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St, Mary's

ALL-TIME PHOENIX METRO FOOTBALL RECORDS

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Kellen Bradley
Saguaro

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

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
69.....Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, 1997-98
63.....George Greathouse, Carver/
.....Phoenix Union, 1952-55
63.....Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1985-88

POINTS (GAME)
50.....C.R. Davis, Moon Valley, 2000
42.....Coury Hankins, South Mountain, 1994
42.....Mike Brown, Saguaro, 1995
42.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1996 (jr)

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

POINTS (CAREER)
517.....Josh Griffin, Chaparral, 1997-99
474.....Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, 2000-02
460.....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88
456.....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990-92
440.....Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, 1991-93
434.....Kyran Jones, Peoria, 1995-97
415.....Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, 1997-98
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)
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)
2,036...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)

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In 2001, Tempe running back Maruice Smith rushed for 409 yards in a single game, 2,321 on the season (Ralph Freso/The Tribune).

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN
99.....Sammy Johnson, Mesa, 1952
99.....Craig Ponciak, Gerard, 1964
99.....Wayne Jones, Dysart, 1972
99.....Jerry Harper, Chaparral, 1980
99.....Tom Collins, Apollo, 1985
99.....Randy Carr, Central, 1986
99.....Phil Hayward, Deer Valley, 1993 (jr)
99.....Trung Canidate, Central, 1994
99.....Phil Hayward, Deer Valley, 1994
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

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

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
34.....Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope, 2001
33.....Justin Echols, Greenway. 1998
32.....Todd Mortensen, Tempe, 1996
32.....Ryan Hoffner, NWCC, 2002

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
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
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
247.....Ryan Jones, Saguaro, 1999 (jr)
243.....Drew Bohannan, NWCC, 2002
240.....Shelby Hill, Central, 1988

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
2,508...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.....Will Munsil, SCA, 2002 (so)
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
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)
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

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)
100.....Benny Garcia, Agua Fria, 1962
100.....Mike Smith, Phoenix Christian, 1962
100.....David Given, McClintock, 1975
100.....Scott Lubow, Shadow Mt., 1984
100.....Brian Fair, South Mountain, 1988 (so)
100.....Jerry Ingram, Independence, 1988
100.....Al Sparks, Maryvale, 1990 (jr)
100..... TyJuan Swasey, Carl Hayden, 1996
100.....Matt Pacheco, St. Mary's, 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

FIELD GOALS (SEASON)
19.....Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1985
16.....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
15.....Jeremy Kelley, Mt. View, 1995 (jr)
15.....Jeremy Kelley, Mountain View, 1996
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)
57.....Mike Johnson, Centennial, 1995
57.....Todd Purdin, Saguaro, 1995
56.....Lucas Coelho, Dobson, 1996
56.....Esteban Bayona, Marcos de Niza, 2002
55.....Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
55.....Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
55.....Don Gallardo, Cactus, 1995
55.....Nagui Sabbagh, Saguaro, 1999 (jr)
55.....Erik Contos, Red Mountain, 2001

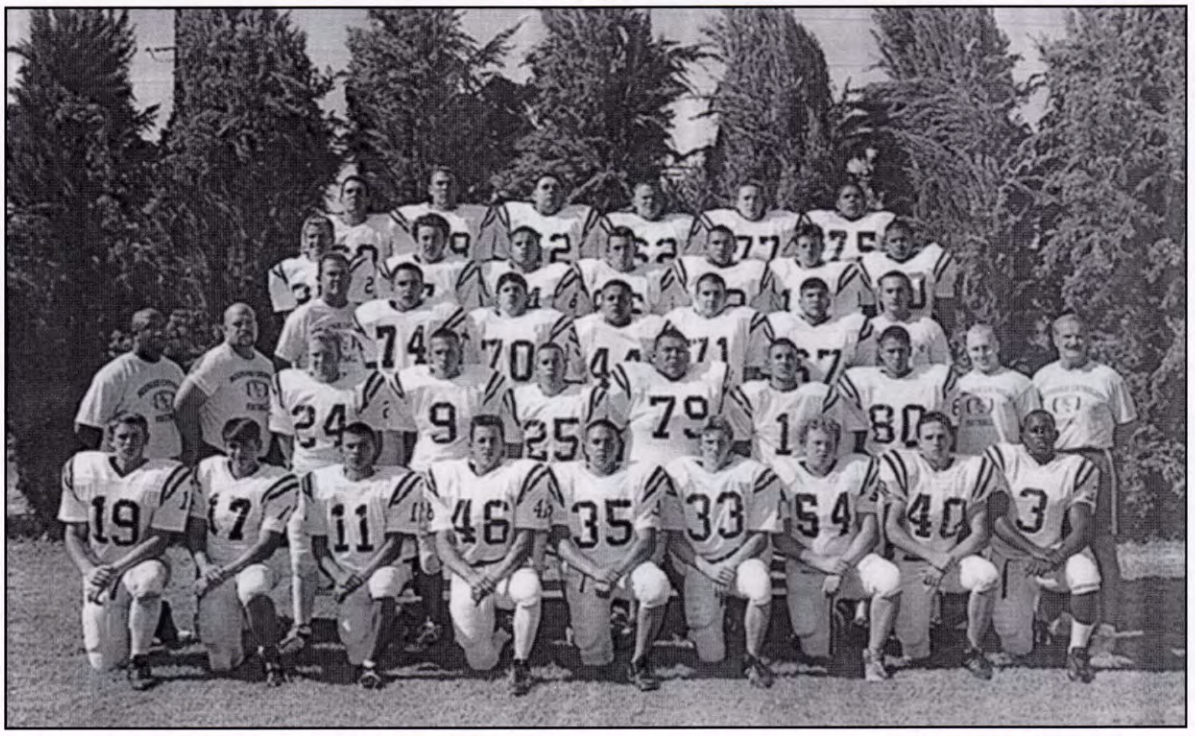
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70.....Don Gallardo, Cactus, 1994 (jr)
70.....Bronson, Mountain View, 2002
69.....Tony Camino, Peoria, 1987
66.....Kyle Bell, McClintock, 1989
63.....Frank Coen, McClintock, 1980
63.....Brian Golladay, Mountain View, 1999
63.....Scott Lane, Chaparral, 1999

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

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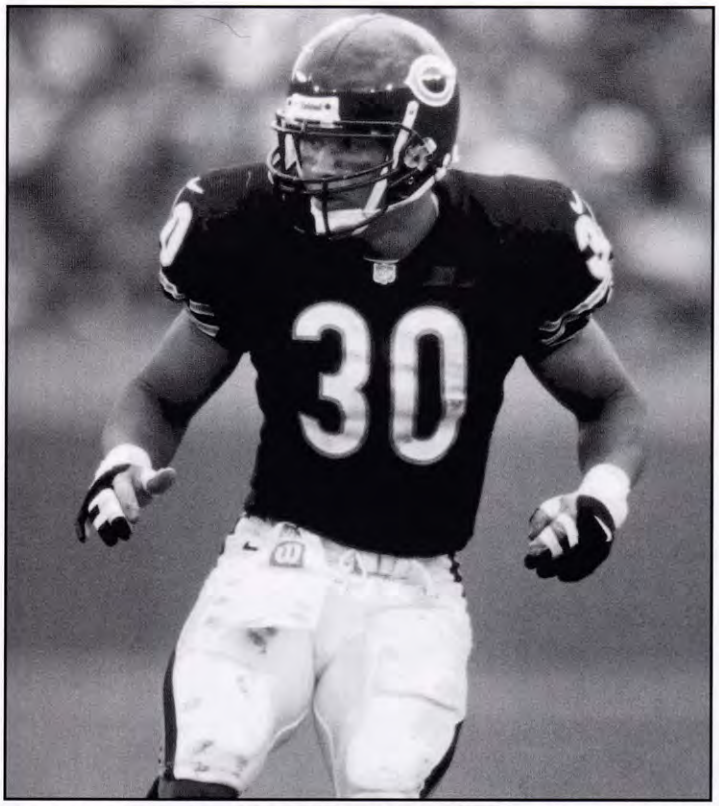
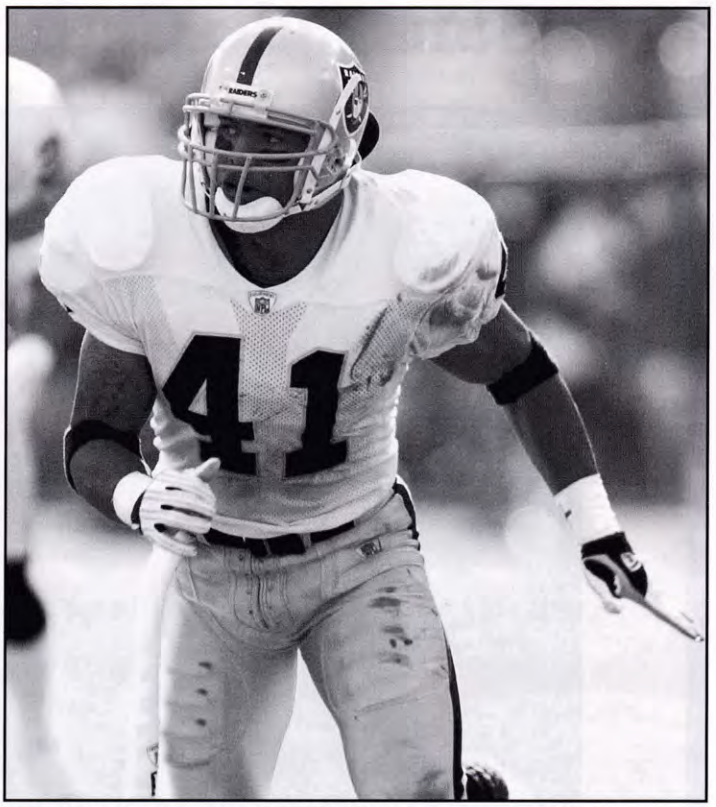
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From the Phoenix metropolitan high school ranks, to the University of Nebraska, to the NFL, Chicago Bears safety Mike Brown (left) and Oakland Raider defensive back Eric Johnson have made the grade.

Brown Hall of Fame Bound?

By SAMMY WRIGHT

Some people seem to always be in the right place at the right time. Playing safety in the National Football League requires such a trait. In the case of former Scottsdale standout **Mike Brown**, the Chicago Bears have such a guy.

Following a game saving pass interception by Brown against the Minnesota Vikings last year, Bears quarterback Jim Miller told the Chicago media, "I think Brown is destined to go to Canton," Miller proclaimed. "He's like a Ronnie Lott. You can put him in that class. The guy's unbelievable."

Canton, Ohio, as most NFL fans know, is home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Brown's late interceptions of deflected passes on back-to-back weeks last fall also beat San Francisco and Cleveland.

"You're not talking about a guy who just won two games," Bears coach Dick Jauron added. "Every game we won last year, Mike Brown was a huge factor. Lots of people think he's good. I think he's a lot better than that."

For those who follow high school football in the Phoenix area, Bown's heroics are no surprise. Before attending the University of Nebraska, the former Arizona Player of the Year led Saguaro High through a 13-1 campaign, and the 1995 Class 4A state championship. In the only game the Sabercats lost, Brown didn't play. Unfortunately for Glendale Ironwood fans, he played in the state finals.

On a cold December night in Sun Devil Stadium, Brown was a man among boys. At halftime, Saguaro led Ironwood by only 14-7. In the second half they proved they were one of the best teams around, regardless of class. Led by Brown, the 'Cats amassed over 400 yards and wiped out the Eagles, 42-7.

Brown's performance, which included 189 rushing yards and three touchdowns, was one of the best single game performances in a title game in decades. His first score, an 83- yard sprint with a screen pass, and his last, a 56-yard dash, resembled a Sunday afternoon performance. He eve threw a scoring pass, five yards to quarterback Ryan Smith.

Winner of both the Whizzer White (best running back) and Tyronne Byrd (best defensive back) awards, Brown rushed for 2,023 yards and scored 35 touchdowns. He picked up is diploma and headed for Nebraska. Four years later Nebraska secondary coach George Darlington said, "Mike Brown is a sure tackler who packs a lot of punch. If he misses a tackle, it is a shock. He covers well, tackles well and is extremely bright. He's the whole package. He's what a student-athlete should be. He's a tremendous leader.

At Nebraska, Brown played in almost every major bowl game, capped with a defensive MVP trophy in the Fiesta bowl, played before many of his former teammates and fans. Along the way he set Nebraska school records for career tackles for defensive backs, was a three-time academic All-Big 12 pick, and only the third Husker of all-time to lead NU in tackles three straight years.

SUPER BOWL BLUES

For Nebraska alum Eric Johnson, a former teammate of Mike Brown's, a



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MIKE BROWN
Saguaro

promising season ended with a thud in the Super Bowl. Johnson, a former prep star at Phoenix Alhambra, was one of the few bright spots for the Oakland Raiders last January, when the AFC champs were steamrolled 48-21 by Tampa Bay. Oakland's first of two fourth quarter scores was Johnson's 13-yard return of a blocked punt.

TRAVELING MAN

With the retirement last year of Minnesota Viking Hall of Fame-bound guard **Randall McDaniel** (Agua Fria), and Dallas Cowboys center **Dale Hallestra** (Scottsdale Saguaro), it leaves much traveled quarterback **Rodney Peete** (Tucson Sahuaro) and punter **Jeff Feagles** (Phoenix Gerard Catholic) as the state leaders in longevity.

Peete, *Phoenix Metro Football Magazine's* 1982 Arizona Player of the Year as a junior, broke a lot of Sahuaro hearts when he moved to Kansas for his senior year of high school. After that he enrolled at USC, where he led the Trojans to back-to-back Rose Bowls, then finished runnerup in the Heisman Trophy balloting. Starting with the Detroit Lions in 1989, Peete has called signals - as a backup or a starter - for Dallas, Philadelphia, Oakland and Carolina. If he hooks on with an 2003 NFL club, it will be his 15th year in the league.

The same goes for Feagles, the former University of Miami kicker who has played 14 seasons with New England, Philadelphia, Arizona and last year Seattle. In March, the veteran punter signed a five-year, $4.3 million contract with the New York Giants. As a prepster, he attended Gerard Catholic, a school which closed soon after his graduation.

DANGEROUS SHAUN

Although he didn't use his kick returning skills to the same level in college he did in high school, former Shadow Mountain star **Shaun McDonald** has that as a backup. The NFL rookie, drafted in the fourth round by the St. Louis Rams, scored 17 touchdowns as a junior receiver in high school, but only three on passes. He had nine rushing scores. During a 59-16 loss to North Canyon, he returned kickoffs 95 and 99 yards for touchdowns. Overall, he returned four kickoffs for scores. As a sophomore, he helped the Matadors to the state finals in soccer. Last year, as a junior at Arizona State, he caught 87 passes for 1,405 yards and 13 touchdowns.

STUCK ON FOUR

For the second consecutive year, only four former Arizona schoolboy products were picked in the NFL draft. The record is eight in 1968. During the Decade of the '90s, at least six new faces from the Arizona prep ranks showed up on NFL rosters each season. Highly touted defensive end Terrell Suggs, the state player of the year as a running back at Chandler Hamilton in 1999, led the way this year, going in the first round to the Baltimore Ravens.

But the most unique pick by far was that of defensive tackle Keith Wright (6th round) by the Houston Texans. Wright, who played college football at Arizona Western and Missouri, became the first player from the infamous Arizona Boys Ranch (now Canyon State Academy) to land in the National Football League. He was an all-state lineman at The Ranch.

2002 Pro Parade

The 28 former Arizona schoolboy products on NFL rosters last year, the high schools they came from, colleges they attended, and 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)	St. Louis Rams
RB	Robert Holcombe, Mesa (Illinois)	Tennessee Titans
RB	Stephen Trejo, Casa Grande (Arizona State)	Detroit Lions
TE	Jeremy Brigham, Scottsdale Saguaro (Washington)	Oakland Raiders
TE	Steve Bush, Paradise Valley (Arizona State)	Arizona Cardinals
TE	Todd Heap, Mountain View (Arizona State)	Baltimore Ravens
OL	John Tait, Tempe McClintock (BYU)	Kansas City Chiefs
OL	Frank Garcia, Phoenix Maryvale (Washington)	St. Louis Rams
OL	John Fina, Tucson Salpointe (Arizona)	Arizona Cardinals
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
OL	Travis Scott, Mesa Westwood (Arizona State)	St. Louis Rams
P	Jeff Feagles, Phoenix Gerard (Miami, Fla.)	Seattle Seahawks
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	Raymond Perryman, South Mountain (NAU)	Oakland Raiders
DB	Rashad Bauman, South Mountain (Oregon)	Washington Redskins
LB	Sean Harris, Tucson (Arizona)	Indianapolis Colts
LB	Marcus Bell, St. Johns (Arizona)	Seattle Seahawks
LB	Adam Archuleta, Chandler (Arizona State)	St. Louis Rams
LB	Jason Kyle, Tempe McClintock (Arizona State)	Carolina Panthers
KR	Michael Bates, Tucson Amphitheater (Arizona)	Washington Redskins

DRAFTED NEWCOMERS:

DE	Terrell Suggs, Chandler Hamilton (Arizona State)	Baltimore Ravens
WR	Shaun McDonald, Shadow Mountain (Arizona State)	St. Louis Rams
WR	Bobby Wade, Desert Vista (Arizona)	Chicago Bears
DT	Keith Wright, Arizona Boys Ranch (Missouri)	Houston Texans



At Scottsdale, between 1990-91, Charlie Garner (30) was the most electrifying player in the Arizona Community College football ranks (Scottsdale Progress photo).

Gardner: From an Artichoke to a Raider

By JOE B. ALLAN

He came out Fairfax, Virginia as one of the most highly touted high school backs in the South. In spite of his size. He landed at Scottsdale Community College, via way of the University of Miami. The flight of Charlie Garner is unique, to say the least.

In 1989, as a senior at Jeb Stuart High, the 5-8, 165-pound Garner was the Virginia Player of the Year. He gained 1,512 yards on 175 carries and scoring 31 touchdowns, a Virginia AAA record. He verbally committed to Miami, but couldn't qualify because of grades. Then the fun started.

"I was the head coach at Scottsdale Community back then, when Charlie Garner showed up," recalls Shane Bates from his Phoenix home. "Art Kehoe, a friend of mine who coached the offensive line at Miami, contacted me about Charlie. Miami was familiar with our school. They used our field to practice when they played in one of the Fiesta Bowls. Art asked me if we needed a good running back. I told him we could always use a good back."

Unlike Arizona, few states in the East or the South play junior college football, including Florida. Miami's plan was to convince Garner (and his mother) to head out west, play JC ball in Arizona for two years, get his grades in order, then play for the Hurricanes. It almost worked out.

"It was hot, really hot," Garner told *The Tribune* last January, recalling his first days in Arizona. "I couldn't believe the school's mascot either. The Artichokes. At first I thought they were kidding me. But I remember a game with 47 carries. I was dehydrated and cramped up. But I had a great time out there. It helped me get to where I am today."

In two years he had rewrote the state JC record book. As a freshman in 1990, Garner set JC records for rushing yards in a game (430) and rushing yards in two consecutive games (765). His 430-yard night came with six touchdowns against Snow College of Utah, a 58-28 Artichoke win. Against Arizona Western he ran for 394 yards and scored five touchdowns in three quarters. He spent the rest of the game on the bench, telling Bates he was just six yards short of 400. Other high games that first season included 319 yards and five TDs against Phoenix College, and 243 yards and four scores vs Eastern. In nine games he set 11 school records, and tied O.J. Simpson's national JC freshman record of 22 touchdowns. All this during a 4-5 campaign.

By his sophomore year, he had grown to 5-foot, 10-inches, and weighed 180-pounds. He majored in business and scoring touchdowns. Scottsdale started 3-0, but dropped six games in a row. Still, the terrific little player from Fairfax earned All-American honors for the second year in a row.

"Our last game that year was against Ricks (Idaho) College, up at their place," recalls Bates. "Charlie needed something like 60 yards to break the all-time JC rushing record. They outmanned up as usual, and we blocked so poorly he didn't

"They used our field to practice ... He asked me if we needed a good running back. I told him we could always use a good back."

get the record."

And Miami didn't get Garner. By the time he completed his degree at Scottsdale, the Hurricanes were stocked-piled with backs. They no longer recruited him. "They didn't need a running back by then," adds Bates. "I recall he took visits to Alabama, Auburn and Tennessee. The Pac-10 schools recruited him, but he wanted to go back home. That's how he ended up at Tennessee."

Garner led the Vols in rushing in each of his two seasons in Knoxville. He ran for 1,161 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior. His career-high was 186 yards against Kentucky. He finished his career with 2,223 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns, with an additional 17 receptions for 106 yards.

Within months, the former Artichoke was a second-round pick of the Philadelphia Eagles. In his rookie campaign he saw action in 10 games, with eight starts. He became the seventh player in NFL history to rush for over 100 yards in his first two games, 111 at San Francisco and 122 against Washington. But he suffered a season-ending knee injury against the New York Giants in December.

One year later, in 1995, Garner saw action in 15 games, and finished the regular season ranked second on the club in every rushing category. He ran the ball 108 times for 588 yards and scored six touchdowns. His 5.4 average yards per carry led all NFL backs with over 100 attempts. He etched his name into the Eagles' record book by tying a club record with three rushing TDs in a single game against Washington. He also returned 29 kickoffs for a career high 590 yards.

Although he started only once in 15 games in 1996, he led the Eagles with 5.2 yards per carry, and returned six kickoffs for 117 yards. In 1997, he played in all 16 games for the first time, and posted then-career highs in carries (116), receptions (24), receiving yards (225) and total yards from scrimmage (772). He ran for a season-high 115 yards on 18 carries and two scores against Washington.

Two years later he signed with San Francisco as a free agent and played in all 16 league games. He finished seventh in the league in rushing, carrying the ball 241 times for a career-high 1,229 yards. He also pulled in a career-high 56 passes for 535 yards. With Garner now a 49er, his team ranked first in the NFL in rushing yards.

His career with this Bay Area team lasted only two seasons. In 2000, he upped his status, totting the ball 258 times for a team-high 1,142 yards. He also set career highs in receptions with 68, receiving yards with 647, and receiving scores with three. He had a stellar day in Dallas, running the ball 36 times for 201 yards, both single-game best.

By 2001, the elusive, speedy, sure-handed back was on the other side of The Bay, signing with the Oakland Raiders as a free agent. within two seasons, he and his teammates were in the Super Bowl, although the outcome last January was disappointing.

Prior to Super Bowl XXXVII, won 48-21 by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Garner led the Raiders in rushing with 962 yards on 182 carries. His 91 receptions and 941 receiving yards led all NFL backs, and his 5.3 average per carry was second to Denver's Clinton Portis (5.5) among backs with at least 100 carries.

"He does it all," said Raider head coach Bill Callahan prior to the Super Bowl. "He can run the slant. He can run the go. We're putting him on the line of scrimmage. We're bringing him across the formation. We're sending him outside of the boundaries."

Not bad for a 31-year-old who made a name for himself in the high school ranks of Virginia, the junior college fields of Arizona, and the mad-house college plains of Tennessee.

Charlie Garner has done it all.

The wild, wild world of junior college football is alive and well in the Grand Canyon State. Last December, in the Valley of the Sun Bowl, **Glendale** receiver Ben Tanner put an exclamation mark on a spectacular game, scoring on a 68-yard catch-and-run play with 41 seconds left, giving the Gauchos a 46-42 win over Garden City (Kansas). The win finished the season at 9-2 for the Arizona champions. Their two losses came to Utah clubs Snow (14-11) and Dixie (38-28). The bowl win shot them to No. 6 in the final NJCAA poll, and marked another banner year for the westside school.

"We will be experienced on offense, with several key players back," says Glendale head coach Joe Kersting. "It's the defense we need to work with. We're very young there, and on our special teams."

Still, look for the usual influx from the westside high school talent pool, plus help from transfers. At least seven key Gauchos should have scholarships waiting from four-year schools if improved play continues: Tight end A.J. Cooper (6-3, 225), linebacker Ponch Drew (5-11, 230), safety Robert Harrison (6-0, 190), tackle Klint Hirschi (6-3, 282), guard Paul Kitchen (6-3, 320), center Cameron McDade (6-1, 290) and wideout Riley Weber (6-1, 192).

The athletic Cooper has the best hands on the team. Drew, the team's best defender, was the Gauchos' leading tackler. Wideout Brian Crimp, cornerback DeMarcus Green, guard E.J. Hurley, tackle Shane Sandau, and backs Ramel McIntosh and Brian Wayas are expected to start and contribute significantly.

The news at **Mesa** involves not new players, but a new coach. Dan Dunn, a former head and assistant at the school, has been hired to rebuild the once proud program. The 57-year-old Dunn, who guided nearby Gilbert High to three state 4A championships during the '70s, has been an assistant the past seven years at Mesa Red Mountain. But he's no stranger to the Thunderbird program.

"I'd like to see this program get back to where it was when I once was involved," said Dunn, who won the job over several out-of-state applicants. "Mesa, in my opinion, should always be one of the premiere programs. With the talent base in Mesa, we should be in the hunt each year."

The Thunderbirds have had two losing seasons in the past three years. They've played in only one Valley of the Sun Bowl in the past 10 years, and have won only one Arizona Community College championship in that span.

Dunn, who hired high school coach of the year Roger Schenks out of Globe as one of his assistants, likes the looks of linebacker Yimin Bauman (6-0, 225), cornerback Andre Bailey (6-3, 190), tackle Sam Pettersen (6-9, 350), wideout Mike Allen (6-0, 170), tight end Eric Duchaj (6-2, 225), center Chris Donnay (6-1, 270), and flanker Chris Brown (6-0, 200), to list a few.

But with only seven returning lettermen, the road looks rocky for now.

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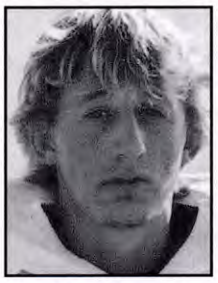
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Sept. 5 .....Peoria Centennial
Sept. 12.....at Phoenix Washington
Sept. 19.....Glendale Apollo
Sept. 26.....at Flagstaff
Oct. 3 .....at Shadow Mountain
Oct. 10 .....Phoenix Thunderbird
Oct. 17 .....Dysart
Oct. 24 .....at Bullhead City Mohave
Oct. 31 .....Buckeye
Nov. 7 .....at Goodyear Millennium

ALHAMBRA LIONS
Sept. 5.....at Phoenix St. Mary's
Sept. 12 .....Kingman
Sept. 19 .....Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Sept. 25 (Thur.) ....at Tempe Corona del Sol
Oct. 3 .....Tolleson
Oct. 10 .....at Deer Valley
Oct. 17 .....at Phoenix Goldwater
Oct. 24.....Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 31 .....at Phoenix Maryvale
Nov. 7 .....Phoenix Trevor Browne

APACHE JCT. PROSPECTORS
Sept. 5 .....at Sunnyslope
Sept. 12 .....Payson
Sept. 19.....at Glendale Independence
Sept. 25 (Thur.) .....Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 3 .....Scottsdale Chaparral
Oct. 10 .....at Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 17 .....at Gilbert Desert Ridge
Oct. 24 .....Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 31 .....at Tempe
Nov. 7 .....Glendale

APOLLO HAWKS
Sept. 5.....Dysart
Sept. 12.....Scottsdale Saguaro
Sept. 19 .....at Agua Fria
Sept. 26 .....Mingus Union
Oct. 3.....at Glendale Cactus
Oct. 10 .....at Lake Havasu
Oct. 17 .....Cactus Shadows
Oct. 24 .....at Glendale Independence
Oct. 31 .....Phoenix Cortez
Nov. 7 .....at Phoenix Greenway

ARCADIA TITANS
Sept. 5 .....at Phoenix Thunderbird
Sept. 12.....at Prescott
Sept. 19.....Dysart
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at Apache Junction



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Oct. 3 .....Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 10 .....Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 17 .....at Tempe
Oct. 24 .....Gilbert Desert Ridge
Oct. 31 .....San Luis (Yuma)
Nov. 7 .....at Scottsdale Chaparral

ARIZONA LUTHERAN COYOTES
Sept. 5.....Maricopa
Sept. 13.....Tempe Life School
Sept. 19.....at Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Sept. 26 .....Chandler Valley Christian
Oct. 3 .....at Valley Lutheran
Oct. 10 .....at Northwest Christian
Oct. 18 .....Scottsdale Christian
Oct. 24 .....Chinle
Oct. 31 .....Phoenix Christian

ARIZONA STATE SUN DEVILS
Sept. 6 .....Northern Arizona University
Sept. 13.....Utah State
Sept. 20 .....at Iowa
Sept. 27 .....at Oregon State
Oct. 4.....USC
Oct. 11.....Oregon
Oct. 18 .....at North Carolina
Oct. 25.....at UCLA
Nov. 1 .....California
Nov. 8 .....at Stanford
Nov. 15 .....at Washington State
Nov. 28 .....Arizona

BOURGADE GOLDEN EAGLES
Sept. 5.....at Chandler Seton Catholic
Sept. 12 .....at Miami
Sept. 19.....Arizona Lutheran
Sept. 26.....at Phoenix Christian
Oct. 3.....Mayer
Oct. 10 .....at Scottsdale Christian
Oct. 17.....Northwest Christian
Oct. 24 .....Valley Lutheran
Oct. 31.....Chandler Valley Christian

BROPHY PREP BRONCOS
Sept. 5 .....at Glendale Mountain Ridge
Sept. 12 .....Phoenix Camelback
Sept. 19 .....at Glendale Ironwood
Sept. 25 (Thur.) .....at Yuma Kofa
Oct. 3 .....Phoenix St. Mary's
Oct. 10.....at Scottsdale Horizon
Oct. 17 .....Paradise Valley
Oct. 24 .....at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Oct. 31 .....Mountain Pointe
Nov. 7 .....North Canyon

BUCKEYE HAWKS
Aug. 29 .....Bradshaw Mountain
Sept. 5 .....at Glendale
Sept. 12.....at Tempe
Sept. 19 .....at Tucson Catalina Foothills
Sept. 26.....Glendale Cactus
Oct. 3.....at Tempe McClintock
Oct. 10 .....Bullhead City Mohave
Oct. 24.....Goodyear Millennium
Oct. 31 .....at Agua Fria
Nov. 7 .....at Dysart

CACTUS COBRAS
Sept. 5.....Scottsdale Saguaro
Sept. 12.....Tempe McClintock
Sept. 19 .....at Tucson Amphitheater
Sept. 26 .....at Buckeye
Oct. 3 .....Glendale Apollo
Oct. 10 .....at Prescott
Oct. 17.....at Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Oct. 24.....Bradshaw Mountain
Oct. 31 .....Pinnacle
Nov. 7 .....at Peoria Centennial

CACTUS SHADOWS FALCONS
Sept 5.....at Flagstaff Sinagua
Sept. 12 .....Sunnyslope
Sept. 19 .....at Scottsdale Coronado
Sept. 26 .....Pinnacle
Oct. 3.....at Flagstaff Coconino
Oct. 10 .....Glendale Independence
Oct. 17.....at Glendale Apollo
Oct. 24 .....at Phoenix Cortez
Oct. 31 .....Phoenix Greenway
Nov. 7 .....Lake Havasu

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Sept. 5 .....Deer Valley
Sept. 12 .....at Phoenix Brophy Prep
Sept. 19 .....at Tempe Marcos de Niza
Sept. 25 (Thur.) .....Mountain Pointe
Oct. 3 .....at Gilbert
Oct. 10 .....at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 17 .....Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Oct. 24 .....at South Mountain
Oct. 31 .....Phoenix Central
Nov. 7 .....Phoenix North

CANYON STATE SPARTANS
Sept. 5 .....at Ajo
Sept. 12 .....Duncan
Sept. 19 .....at Joseph City
Sept. 26 .....Heber Mogollon
Oct. 3 .....Salome
Oct. 10 .....at Phoenix Deaf School
Oct. 17 .....at Orme School
Oct. 24 .....Bagdad

CARL HAYDEN FALCONS
Sept. 5 .....Tempe Marcos de Niza
Sept. 12 .....at Tucson Sahuaro
Sept. 19 .....at Sunrise Mountain
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Gilbert Highland
Oct. 3 .....at Phoenix Trevor Browne
Oct. 10 .....Phoenix Camelback
Oct. 17 .....at Phoenix Central
Oct. 24 .....Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Oct. 31 .....at Phoenix North
Nov. 7 .....South Mountain

CASA GRANDE COUGARS
Sept. 5 .....Phoenix Central
Sept. 12 .....at Marana Mountain View
Sept. 19 .....Phoenix Goldwater
Sept. 25 (Thur.) .....Phoenix Trevor Browne
Oct. 3 .....at Phoenix Maryvale
Oct. 10 .....at Chandler Hamilton
Oct. 17 .....Chandler
Oct. 24 .....Gilbert
Oct. 31 .....at Gilbert Mesquite
Nov. 7 .....at Gilbert Highland

CENTENNIAL COYOTES
Sept. 5 .....at Agua Fria
Sept. 12 .....Scottsdale Chaparral
Sept. 19 .....at Phoenix Washington
Sept. 26 .....Glendale Independence
Oct. 3 .....Flagstaff Sinagua
Oct. 10 .....at Pinnacle
Oct. 17 .....Prescott
Oct. 24 .....at Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Oct. 31 .....at Bradshaw Mountain
Nov. 7 .....Glendale Cactus

CENTRAL BOBCATS
Sept. 5 .....at Casa Grande
Sept. 12 .....at Tolleson
Sept. 19 .....Mesa Skyline
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at Desert Mountain
Oct. 3 .....Yuma
Oct. 10 .....at South Mountain
Oct. 17 .....Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 24 .....Phoenix North
Oct. 31 .....at Phoenix Camelback
Nov. 7 .....Phoenix Cesar Chavez

CESAR CHAVEZ PEGASUS
Sept. 5 .....Paradise Valley
Sept. 12 .....Mesa
Sept. 19 .....at Phoenix Alhambra
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 3 .....at Gilbert Highland
Oct. 10 .....Phoenix North
Oct. 17 .....at Phoenix Camelback
Oct. 24 .....at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 31 .....South Mountain
Nov. 7 .....at Phoenix Central

CHANDLER WOLVES
Sept. 5 ..... Glendale Ironwood
Sept. 12 .....at Yuma Kofa
Sept. 19 .....Glendale Mountain Ridge
Sept. 25 .....at South Mountain
Oct. 3 .....at Mountain Pointe
Oct. 10 .....Gilbert
Oct. 17 .....at Casa Grande
Oct. 24 .....at Gilbert Mesquite
Oct. 31 .....Gilbert Highland
Nov. 7 .....Chandler Hamilton

CHAPARRAL FIREBIRDS
Aug. 29 .....Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Sept. 5 .....Tucson Sunnyside
Sept. 12 .....at Peoria Centennial
Sept. 19 .....at Phoenix Greenway
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 3 .....at Apache Junction
Oct. 10 .....Tempe
Oct. 17 .....at Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 31 .....at Gilbert Desert Ridge
Nov. 7 .....Scottsdale Arcadia

CORONA DEL SOL AZTECS
Sept. 5 .....Mesa Dobson
Sept. 12 .....at Chandler Hamilton
Sept. 19 .....at Phoenix Maryvale
Sept. 25 (Thur.) .....Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 3 .....at Gilbert Mesquite
Oct. 10 .....Yuma
Oct. 17 .....at Mountain Pointe
Oct. 24 .....Tucson Flowing Wells
Oct. 31 .....at Tempe Marcos de Niza
Nov. 7 .....Tempe Desert Vista

CORONADO DONS
Sept. 5 .....Pinnacle
Sept. 12 .....at Bradshaw Mountain
Sept. 19 .....Cactus Shadows
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at Scottsdale Chaparral
Oct. 3 .....at Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 10 .....Apache Junction
Oct. 17 .....at Phoenix Moon Valley
Oct. 24 .....Tempe
Oct. 31 .....at Scottsdale Saguaro
Nov. 7 .....Gilbert Desert Ridge

CORTEZ COLTS
Aug. 29 .....at Payson
Sept. 5 .....Gilbert Desert Ridge
Sept. 12 .....Tucson Santa Rita
Sept. 19 .....at Page
Sept. 26 .....at Dysart
Oct. 10 .....Phoenix Greenway
Oct. 17 .....at Lake Havasu
Oct. 24 .....Cactus Shadows
Oct. 31 .....at Glendale Apollo
Nov. 7 .....Glendale Independence

DEER VALLEY SKYHAWKS
Sept. 5 .....at Phoenix Camelback
Sept. 12 .....North Canyon
Sept. 19 .....at Tucson
Sept. 25 .....at Glendale Ironwood
Oct. 3 .....Kingman
Oct. 10 .....Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 17 .....at Phoenix Maryvale
Oct. 24 .....Phoenix Trevor Browne
Oct. 31 .....Glendale Mountain Ridge
Nov. 7 .....at Phoenix Goldwater

DESERT EDGE SCORPIONS (JV)
Sept. 11 .....at Willow Canyon
Sept. 18 ..... Tolleson La Joya
Sept. 25 .....at Chandler Basha
Oct. 2 .....Glendale
Oct. 9 .....Phoenix Moon Valley
Oct. 16 .....at Scottsdale Notre Dame
Oct. 23 .....Buckeye
Oct. 30 .....at Phoenix Thunderbird

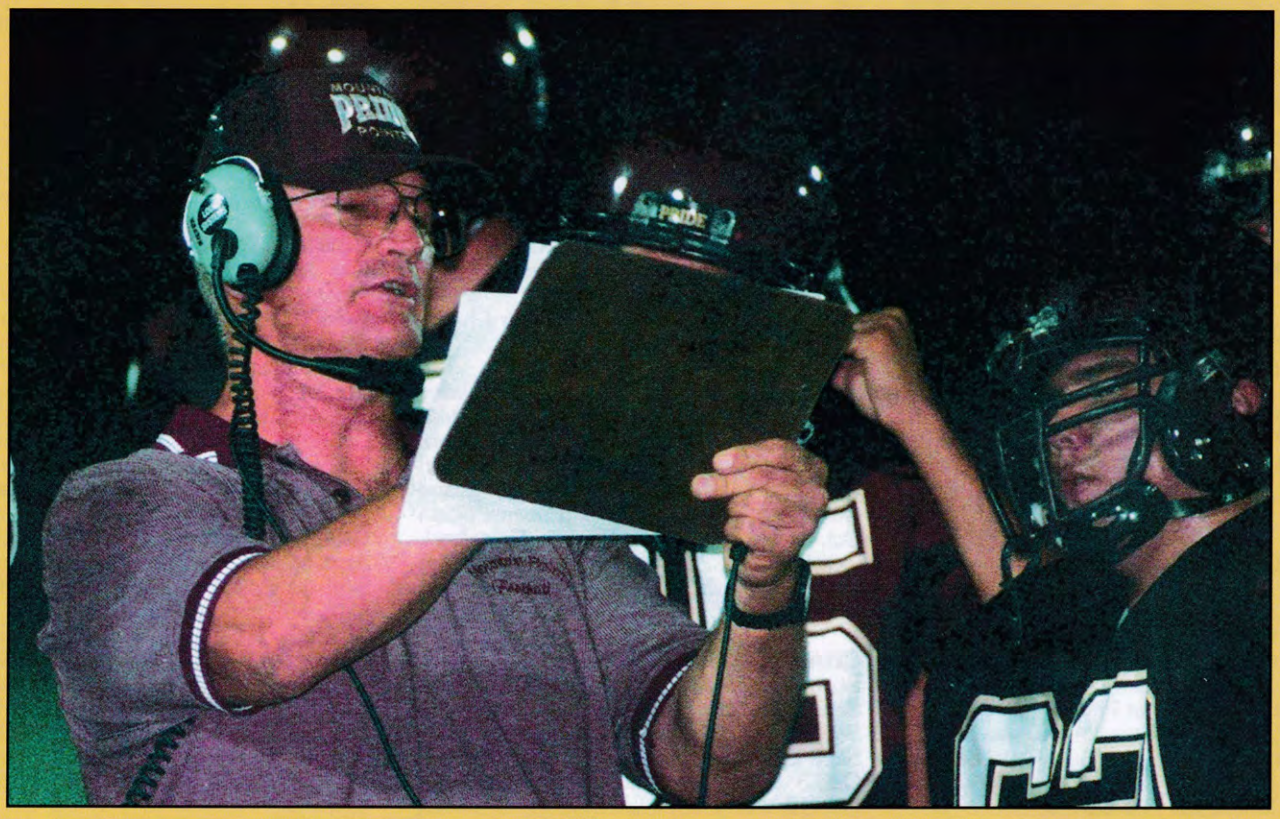
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Sept. 5 .....at Phoenix Trevor Browne
Sept. 12 .....Gilbert Mesquite
Sept. 19 .....at Phoenix North
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Phoenix Central
Oct. 3 .....at Yuma Kofa
Oct. 10 .....at Paradise Valley
Oct. 17 .....North Canyon
Oct. 24 .....Phoenix Brophy Prep
Oct. 31 .....at Scottsdale Horizon
Nov. 7 .....Phoenix St. Mary's

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Aug. 29 .....Glendale Independence
Sept. 5 .....at Phoenix Cortez

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Sept. 19 .....at Payson
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 3 .....at Tempe
Oct. 17 .....Apache Junction
Oct. 24 .....at Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 31 .....Scottsdale Chaparral
Nov. 7 .....at Scottsdale Coronado

DESERT VISTA THUNDER
Sept. 5.....Mesa Westwood
Sept. 12 .....Glendale Mountain Ridge
Sept. 19.....at Gilbert
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at Peoria
Oct. 3 .....Glendale Ironwood
Oct. 10 .....Mountain Pointe
Oct. 17 .....at Mesa Mountain View
Oct. 24.....at Tempe Marcos de Niza
Oct. 31 .....Yuma
Nov. 7 .....at Tempe Corona del Sol

DOBSON MUSTANGS
Sept. 5 .....at Tempe Corona del sol
Sept. 12 .....Phoenix Maryvale
Sept. 19 .....at South Mountain
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at Mesa Mountain View
Oct. 3.....Mesa Skyline
Oct. 10.....Mesa Red Mountain
Oct. 17 .....Mesa Westwood
Oct. 24 .....at Mesa
Oct. 31 .....Tucson Sahuaro
Nov. 7.....at Yuma Cibola

DYSART DEMONS
Sept. 5 .....at Glendale Apollo
Sept. 12.....Tucson Rincon
Sept. 19 .....at Scottsdale Arcadia
Sept. 26 .....Phoenix Cortez
Oct. 3 .....at Lake Havasu
Oct. 10.....Goodyear Millennium
Oct. 17 .....at Agua Fria
Oct. 24 .....Sunnyslope
Oct. 31 .....at Bullhead City Mohave
Nov. 7.....Buckeye

ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS WOLVES
Aug. 29 .....Valley Lutheran
Sept. 6 (Sat.) .....*Shiprock N.M.
Sept. 12 .....Safford
Sept. 19 .....at River Valley
Sept. 26.....Parker
Oct. 3 .....Queen Creek
Oct. 10 .....at Chandler Seton Catholic
Oct. 17.....at Higley
Oct. 24 .....Fountain Hills
Oct. 31 .....at Coolidge
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FLORENCE GOPHERS
Aug. 29 .....at Eloy Santa Cruz
Sept. 5 .....at San Manuel
Sept. 12 .....Thatcher
Sept. 19.....at Tombstone
Sept. 26.....at San Carlos
Oct. 3.....Kearny Ray



Mesa has one of the best option quarterbacks in senior Garrett Stapley (East Valley Tribune photo).

Oct. 10 .....at Superior
Oct. 17.....Miami
Oct. 24 .....at Winkleman Hayden
Oct. 31 .....Morenci

FOUNTAIN HILLS FALCONS
Aug. 29.....at Rio Rico
Sept. 5 .....at Camp Verde
Sept. 12 .....Wickenburg
Sept. 19.....at Sedona Red Rock
Sept. 26 .....Chino Valley
Oct. 3.....Coolidge
Oct. 10.....at Queen Creek
Oct. 17 .....Chandler Seton Catholic
Oct. 24 .....at Estrella Foothills
Oct. 31.....Higley

GILBERT TIGERS
Sept. 5 .....at Sunrise Mountain
Sept. 12 .....Mesa Mountain View
Sept. 19 .....Tempe Desert Vista
Sept. 25 .....at Tucson Salpointe
Oct. 3.....Phoenix Camelback
Oct. 10.....at Chandler
Oct. 17 .....Gilbert Highland
Oct. 24 .....at Casa Grande
Oct. 31 .....at Chandler Hamilton
Nov. 7 .....Gilbert Mesquite

GLENDALE CARDINALS
Aug. 29.....at Lake Havasu
Sept. 5 .....Buckeye
Sept. 12 .....Flagstaff Coconino



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Sept. 19 .....at Pinnacle
Sept. 26.....San Luis (Yuma)
Oct. 3 .....at Sunnyslope
Oct. 10.....Phoenix Moon Valley
Oct. 17 .....at Phoenix Thunderbird
Oct. 24 .....Tempe McClintock
Oct. 31 .....at Phoenix Washington
Nov. 7.....at Apache Junction

GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Sept. 13 .....at NMMI
Sept. 19 .....Air Force Academy
Sept. 27.....at Phoenix College
Oct. 4 .....Snow College
Oct. 11 .....Scottsdale
Oct. 18.....at Pima
Oct. 25 .....Arizona Western
Nov. 1 .....Eastern Arizona
Nov. 8 .....at Dixie College
Nov. 15 .....Mesa

GOLDWATER BULLDOGS
Sept. 5 .....at Mesa Skyline
Sept. 12.....Phoenix North
Sept. 19 .....at Casa Grande
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at Kingman
Oct. 3 .....South Mountain
Oct. 10 .....at Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 17.....Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 24 .....Phoenix Maryvale
Oct. 31 .....at Phoenix Trevor Browne
Nov. 7 .....Deer Valley

GREENWAY DEMONS
Sept. 5 ..... Moon Valley
Sept. 12 .....at Shadow Mountain
Sept. 19 .....Scottsdale Chaparral
Sept. 26 .....at Goodyear Millennium
Oct. 3 .....Flagstaff
Oct. 10 .....at Phoenix Cortez
Oct. 17 .....at Glendale Independence
Oct. 24.....Lake Havasu
Oct. 31 .....at Cactus Shadows
Nov. 7 .....Glendale Apollo

HAMILTON HUSKIES
Sept. 5 .....Mesa Mountain View
Sept. 12 .....Tempe Corona del Sol
Sept. 19 .....at Kingman
Sept. 25 (Thur.) .....at Phoenix Maryvale
Oct. 3.....at Peoria
Oct. 10.....Casa Grande
Oct. 17 .....Gilbert Mesquite
Oct. 24 .....at Gilbert Highland
Oct. 31 .....Gilbert
Nov. 7 .....at Chandler

HIGHLAND HAWKS
Sept. 5 .....at Tucson Salpointe
Sept. 12.....Phoenix St. Mary's
Sept. 19.....at Tolleson
Sept. 25 (Thur.).....at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 3.....Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Oct. 10 .....Gilbert Mesquite
Oct. 17 .....at Gilbert
Oct. 24 .....Chandler Hamilton
Oct. 31.....at Chandler
Nov. 7 .....Casa Grande

HIGLEY KNIGHTS
Aug. 29.....Safford
Sept. 5.....Tucson Pusch Ridge
Sept. 12 .....at Eloy Santa Cruz
Sept. 19 .....at Chino Valley
Sept. 26 .....Sedona Red Rock
Oct. 3 .....Chandler Seton Catholic
Oct. 10 .....at Coolidge
Oct. 17 .....Estrella Foothills
Oct. 24 .....Queen Creek
Oct. 31 .....at Fountain Hills

HORIZON HUSKIES
Sept. 5 .....at South Mountain
Sept. 12 .....Peoria
Sept. 19.....at Mountain Pointe
Sept. 25 (Thur.).....at Phoenix St. Mary's
Oct. 3.....North Canyon
Oct. 10 .....Phoenix Brophy Prep
Oct. 17 .....at Tucson Canyon del Oro
Oct. 24 .....Yuma Kofa
Oct. 31 .....Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Nov. 7 .....at Paradise Valley

INDEPENDENCE PATRIOTS
Aug. 29 .....at Gilbert Desert Ridge
Sept. 5 .....Phoenix Washington
Sept. 12 .....Flagstaff
Sept. 19 .....Apache Junction
Sept. 26.....at Peoria Centennial
Oct. 3.....at Bradshaw Mountain
Oct. 10 .....at Cactus Shadows
Oct. 17 .....Phoenix Greenway
Oct. 24 .....Glendale Apollo
Oct. 31 .....at Lake Havasu
Nov. 7.....at Phoenix Cortez

IRONWOOD EAGLES
Sept. 5 .....at Chandler
Sept. 12.....Tempe Marcos de Niza
Sept. 19.....Phoenix Brophy Prep
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Deer Valley
Oct. 3 .....at Tempe Desert Vista
Oct. 10.....at Kingman
Oct. 17 .....Tolleson Westview
Oct. 24.....at Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 31 .....at Tolleson
Nov. 7 .....Peoria

MARCOS DE NIZA PADRES
Sept. 5 .....at Phoenix Carl Hayden
Sept. 12 .....at Glendale Ironwood
Sept. 19 .....Phoenix Camelback
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at Gilbert Mesquite
Oct. 3 .....Tolleson Westview
Oct. 10 .....Tucson
Oct. 17 .....at Yuma
Oct. 24 .....Tempe Desert Vista
Oct. 31.....Tempe Corona del Sol
Nov. 7 .....at Mountain Pointe

MARYVALE PANTHERS
Sept. 5 .....at Tucson Canyon del Oro
Sept. 12.....at Mesa Dobson
Sept. 19 .....Tempe Corona del Sol
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Chandler Hamilton
Oct. 3.....Casa Grande
Oct. 10 .....at Phoenix Trevor Browne
Oct. 17.....Deer Valley
Oct. 24 .....at Phoenix Goldwater
Oct. 31.....Phoenix Alhambra
Nov. 7.....at Glendale Mountain Ridge

McCLINTOCK CHARGERS
Sept. 5 .....Tempe
Sept. 12 .....at Glendale Cactus
Sept. 19.....at Flagstaff
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at Phoenix Thunderbird
Oct. 3 .....Buckeye
Oct. 10 .....San Luis (Yuma)
Oct. 17 .....at Sunnyslope
Oct. 24 .....at Glendale
Oct. 31.....Phoenix Moon Valley
Nov. 7 .....Phoenix Washington

MESA JACKRABBITS
Sept. 5 .....at Peoria
Sept. 12 .....at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Sept. 19.....Gilbert Mesquite
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at Mesa Westwood
Oct. 3 .....Yuma Cibola
Oct. 10 .....at Phoenix St. Mary's
Oct. 17.....at Mesa Red Mountain
Oct. 24 .....Mesa Dobson
Oct. 31 .....at Mesa Skyline
Nov. 7 .....Mesa Mountain View

MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Sept. 5 .....at Air Force Academy
Sept. 13 .....at Dixie College
Sept. 20 .....OPEN
Sept. 27 .....at Eastern Arizona
Oct. 4 .....New Mexico Military
Oct. 11 .....at Arizona Western
Oct. 18 .....Phoenix College
Oct. 25 .....Pima
Nov. 1 .....Snow College
Nov. 8.....at Scottsdale
Nov. 15.....at Glendale



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MESQUITE WILDCATS
Sept. 5 .....Mesa Red Mountain
Sept. 12.....at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Sept. 19.....at Mesa
Sept. 25 (Thur.).....Tempe Marcos de Niza
Oct. 3.....Tempe Corona del Sol
Oct. 10 .....at Gilbert Highland
Oct. 17 .....at Chandler Hamilton
Oct. 24.....Chandler
Oct. 31.....Casa Grande
Nov. 7 .....at Gilbert

MILLENNIUM TIGERS
Aug. 29 .....Flagstaff Sinagua
Sept. 5 .....Mingus Union
Sept. 12.....at Tucson Sunnyside
Sept. 19 .....at Phoenix Thunderbird
Sept. 26.....Phoenix Greenway
Oct. 3 .....at Scottsdale Saguaro
Oct. 10.....at Dysart
Oct. 17 .....Bullhead City Mohave
Oct. 24 .....at Buckeye
Nov. 7.....Agua Fria

MOON VALLEY ROCKETS
Sept 5..... at Phoenix Greenway
Sept. 12.....Tucson Palo Verde
Sept. 19 .....at Mingus Union
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Sunnyslope
Oct. 3 .....at San Luis (Yuma)
Oct. 10 .....at Glendale
Oct. 17 .....Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 24 .....Phoenix Washington
Oct. 31.....at Tempe McClintock
Nov. 7 .....Phoenix Thunderbird

MOUNTAIN POINTE PRIDE
Sept 5..... Tolleson
Sept. 12 .....at Mesa Red Mountain
Sept. 19.....Scottsdale Horizon
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at Phoenix Camelback
Oct. 3.....Chandler
Oct. 10.....Tempe Desert Vista
Oct. 17.....Tempe Corona del Sol
Oct. 24 .....at Yuma
Oct. 31 .....at Phoenix Brophy Prep
Nov. 7 .....Tempe Marcos de Niza

MOUNTAIN RIDGE MTN. LIONS
Sept. 5.....Phoenix Brophy Prep
Sept. 12 .....at Tempe Desert Vista
Sept. 19 .....at Chandler
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Tolleson Westview
Oct. 3 .....at Paradise Valley
Oct. 10 .....Phoenix Goldwater
Oct. 17.....Phoenix Trevor Browne
Oct. 24.....at Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 31 .....at Deer Valley
Nov. 7 .....Phoenix Maryvale

MOUNTAIN VIEW TOROS
Sept. 5.....at Chandler Hamilton
Sept. 12.....at Gilbert
Sept. 19 .....Tucson Salpointe
Sept. 25 (Thur).....Mesa Dobson
Oct. 3.....Mesa Red Mountain
Oct. 10.....Mesa Skyline
Oct. 17 .....Tempe Desert Vista
Oct. 24 .....at Yuma Cibola
Oct. 31 .....Mesa Westwood
Nov. 7 .....at Mesa

NORTH PHOENIX MUSTANGS
Sept. 5 .....Sierra Vista Buena
Sept. 12.....at Phoenix Goldwater
Sept. 19.....Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Sept. 25.....at Tolleson
Oct. 3 .....Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 10 .....at Phoenix Cesar chavez
Oct. 17 .....South Mountain
Oct. 24.....at Phoenix Central
Oct. 31.....Phoenix Carl Hayden
Nov. 7.....at Phoenix Camelback

NORTH CANYON RATTLERS
Sept. 5 .....at Tolleson Westview
Sept. 12 .....at Deer Valley
Sept. 19 .....Peoria
Sept. 25 (Thur).....Paradise Valley
Oct. 3.....at Scottsdale Horizon
Oct. 10 .....Yuma Kofa
Oct. 17 .....at Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Oct. 24.....Mesa Red Mountain
Oct. 31 .....Phoenix St. Mary's
Nov. 7 .....at Phoenix Brophy Prep

NORTHWEST CC CRUSADERS
Sept. 5 .....at Tuba City
Sept. 12 .....Snowflake
Sept. 19 .....at Scottsdale Christian
Sept. 26 .....Valley Lutheran
Oct. 3 .....at Phoenix Christian
Oct. 10 .....Arizona Lutheran
Oct. 17 .....at Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Oct. 24.....Chandler Valley Christian
Oct. 31 .....Tucson Pusch Ridge

ORME SCHOOL WARRIORS
Sept. 5.....at Scottsdale Desert Eagle
Sept. 12 .....Fredonia
Sept. 19 .....Bagdad
Sept. 26 .....at Joseph City
Oct. 3.....Phoenix Deaf School
Oct. 10 .....at Heber Mogollon
Oct. 17 .....Canyon State Academy
Oct. 24 .....at Salome

PARADISE VALLEY TROJANS
Sept. 5 .....at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Sept. 12.....Sunrise Mountain
Sept. 19 .....at Tolleson Westview
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at North Canyon
Oct. 3.....Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 10 .....Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Oct. 17 .....at Phoenix Brophy Prep
Oct. 24 .....at Phoenix St. Mary's
Oct. 31 .....Yuma Kofa
Nov. 7 .....Scottsdale Horizon



Bourgade receiver Steven Ramirez.

PEORIA PANTHERS
Sept. 5.....Mesa
Sept. 12 .....at Scottsdale Horizon
Sept. 19 .....at North Canyon
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Tempe Desert Vista
Oct. 3 .....Chandler Hamilton
Oct. 10 .....at Tolleson Westview
Oct. 17 .....Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 24 .....at Tolleson
Oct. 31.....Kingman
Nov. 7 .....at Glendale Ironwood

PHOENIX CHRISTIAN COUGARS
Aug. 29 .....at Chandler Seton Catholic
Sept. 5 .....Rick Hansen (Canada)
Sept. 19 .....at Chandler Valley Christian
Sept. 26.....Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Oct. 3 .....NWCC
Oct. 10 .....Valley Lutheran
Oct. 17 .....Chinle
Oct. 24 .....at Scottsdale Christian
Oct. 31.....at Arizona Lutheran

PHOENIX DEAF SCHOOL 'RUNNERS
Sept. 5 .....at Fredonia
Sept. 12.....St. David
Sept. 19 .....at Salome
Sept. 26 .....St. Michael
Oct. 3.....at Orme School
Oct. 10 .....Canyon State Academy
Oct. 17 .....at Bagdad
Oct. 24 .....at Tucson ASDB

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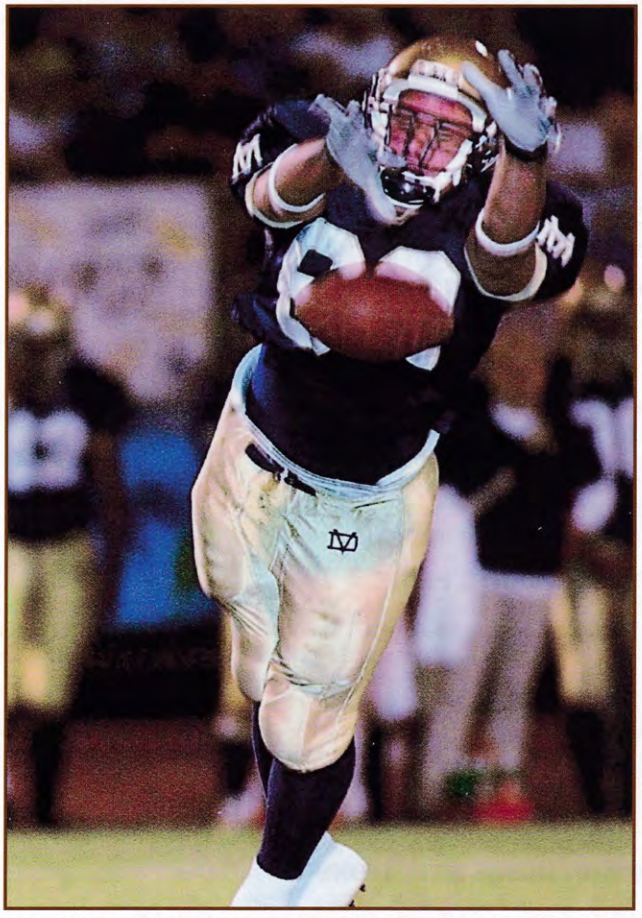
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2000 ..... Lynzell Jackson, Tempe, WR
1999 ..... John Rattay, Desert Vista, QB
1998 ..... Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, RB/DB
1997 ..... Marcus Jones, Mountain Pointe, RB/LB
1996 ..... Justin Taplin, Tempe, WR
1995 ..... Keith Brown, Mountain Pointe, RB
1994 ..... Skeeter Brown, Mountain Pointe, RB
1993 ..... Darnell Autry, Tempe, RB/DB
1992 ..... Kenny Wheaton, McClintock, DB
1991 ..... Armon Williams, Valley Christian, QB/DB
1990 ..... Andrew McCormick, McClintock, RB/DB
1989 ..... Brian Drew, McClintock, RB/RS
1988 ..... Dan-iel Taplin, Tempe, TE/DE (jr.)
1987 ..... Bart James, McClintock, DB/K
1986 ..... Willy Lira, Marcos de Niza, QB
1985 ..... Cleveland Colter, McClintock, WR/DB
1984 ..... Rich Groppenbacher, McClintock, WR
1983 ..... John Walker, Marcos de Niza, QB
1982 ..... Shawn Patterson, McClintock, T
1981 ..... Glenn Dennard, Corona del Sol, WR
1980 ..... Jimmy Williams, Tempe, LB
1979 ..... Arthur Reeves, Marcos de Niza, RB
1978 ..... Matt Palacio, McClintock, LB
1977 ..... David Hinds, McClintock, RB
1976 ..... Andy Arrendondo, McClintock, RB
1975 ..... Ronnie Washington, McClintock, WR
1974 ..... Jimmy Moore, Marcos de Niza, TE



Desert Vista junior Zach Miller, one of the state's best two-way players (U. Frank Williams).

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Saguaro defender Kyle Caldwell, a two-time Super All-State selection, is bound for Arizona State. (Jennifer Grimes/The Tribune)

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, Sagaro, 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
1968 ... Marty Stajduhar, Coronado, WR
1967 ... Marty Shuford, Saguaro, RB/P
1966 ... Bill Dipley, Arcadia, DB

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Sept. 26.....at Cactus Shadows
Oct. 3 .....at Payson
Oct. 10 .....Peoria Centennial
Oct. 17 .....at Bradshaw Mountain
Oct. 24 .....Prescott
Oct. 31.....at Glendale Cactus
Nov. 7 .....Phoenix Shadow Mountain

PRESCOTT BADGERS
Sept. 5 .....at Flagstaff Coconino
Sept. 12 .....Scottsdale Arcadia
Sept. 19 .....at Sunnyslope
Sept. 26 .....Payson
Oct. 3 .....at Mingus Union
Oct. 10 .....Glendale Cactus
Oct. 17 .....at Peoria Centennial
Oct. 24 .....at Pinnacle
Oct. 31.....Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Nov. 7 .....Bradshaw Mountain

QUEEN CREEK BULLDOGS
Aug. 29 ..... Willcox
Sept. 5.....at Sahuarita
Sept. 12 .....Mesa Red Mountain Juniors
Sept. 19 .....at Camp Verde
Sept. 26 .....Wickenburg
Oct. 3 .....at Estrella Foothills
Oct. 10 .....Fountain Hills
Oct. 17 .....at Coolidge
Oct. 24.....at Higley
Oct. 31 .....Chandler Seton Catholic

RED MOUNTAIN MOUNTAIN LIONS
Sept. 5.....at Gilbert Mesquite
Sept. 12 .....Mountain Pointe
Sept. 19 .....Marana Mountain View
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at Mesa Skyline
Oct. 3 .....Mesa Mountain View
Oct. 10 .....at Mesa Dobson
Oct. 17 .....Mesa
Oct. 24 .....at North Canyon
Oct. 31 .....Yuma Cibola
Nov. .....at Mesa Westwood

SAGUARO SABERCATS
Sept. 5 .....at Glendale Cactus
Sept. 12 .....at Glendale Apollo
Sept. 19 .....Phoenix Shadow Mountain
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at Gilbert Desert Ridge
Oct. 3.....Goodyear Millennium
Oct. 10 .....at Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 17 .....Scottsdale Chaparral
Oct. 24 .....at Apache Junction
Oct. 31 .....Scottsdale Coronado
Nov. 7 .....Tempe

SAINT MARY'S KNIGHTS
Sept. 5 .....Phoenix Alhambra
Sept. 12.....at Gilbert Highland
Sept. 19.....Mesa Westwood
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Scottsdale Horizon
Oct. 3 .....at Phoenix Brophy Prep
Oct. 10 .....Mesa
Oct. 17 .....at Yuma Kofa
Oct. 24 .....Paradise Valley
Oct. 31 .....at North Canyon
Nov. 7 .....at Scottsdale Desert Mountain

SANTA CRUZ DUST DEVILS
Aug. 29.....Florence
Sept. 5 .....at Coolidge
Sept. 12 .....Higley
Sept. 19.....at Springerville Round Valley
Sept. 26 .....Lakeside Blue Ridge
Oct. 3 .....at Rio Rico
Oct. 10 .....Safford
Oct. 17 .....at Globe
Oct. 24 .....at Sahuarita
Oct. 31 .....Willcox

SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN EAGLES
Sept. 5 .....Gila Bend
Sept. 12 .....Tombstone
Sept. 19 ....Northwest Community Christian
Oct. 3 .....at Chandler Valley Christian
Oct. 10 .....Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Oct. 17.....at Arizona Lutheran
Oct. 24 .....at Phoenix Christian
Oct. 31 .....Valley Lutheran

SETON CATHOLIC SENTINELS
Aug. 29 .....Phoenix Christian
Sept. 5.....Phoenix Bourgade Catholic
Sept. 12.....Sahuarita
Sept. 19 .....at Parker
Sept. 26 .....River Valley
Oct. 3.....at Higley
Oct. 10 .....Estrella Foothills
Oct. 17 .....at Fountain Hills
Oct. 24.....Coolidge
Oct. 31.....at Queen Creek

SHADOW MOUNTAIN MATADORS
Aug. 29 .....at Scottsdale Chaparral
Sept. 12.....Phoenix Greenway
Sept. 19 .....at Scottsdale Saguaro
Sept. 26 .....at Flagstaff Coconino
Oct. 3 .....Agua Fria
Oct. 10.....Bradshaw Mountain
Oct. 17 .....Glendale Cactus
Oct. 24 .....Peoria Centennial
Oct. 31 .....at Prescott
Nov. 7 .....at Pinnacle

SKYLINE COYOTES
Sept. 5.....Phoenix Goldwater
Sept. 12 .....South Mountain
Sept. 19 .....at Phoenix Central
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Mesa Red Mountain
Oct. 3 .....at Mesa Dobson
Oct. 10 .....at Mesa Mountain View
Oct. 17 .....Yuma Cibola
Oct. 24 .....at Mesa Westwood
Oct. 31 .....Mesa
Nov. 7 .....at Sierra Vista Buena

SOUTH MOUNTAIN JAGUARS
Sept. 5.....Scottsdale Horizon
Sept. 12 .....at Mesa Skyline
Sept. 19.....Mesa Dobson
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Chandler
Oct. 3 .....at Phoenix Goldwater
Oct. 10 .....Phoenix Central
Oct. 17.....at Phoenix North
Oct. 24.....Phoenix Camelback
Oct. 31 .....at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Nov. 7 .....at Phoenix Carl Hayden

SUNNYSLOPE VIKINGS
Sept. 5 .....Apache Junction
Sept. 12.....at Cactus Shadows
Sept. 19.....Prescott
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at Phoenix Moon Valley
Oct. 3 .....Glendale
Oct. 10 .....at Phoenix Washington
Oct. 17 .....Tempe McClintock
Oct. 24.....at Dysart
Oct. 31 .....Phoenix Thunderbird
Nov. 7 .....at San Luis (Yuma)

SUNRISE MOUNTAIN MUSTANGS
Sept. 5.....Gilbert
Sept. 12.....at Paradise Valley
Sept. 19 .....Phoenix Carl Hayden
Sept. 25 (Thur.) ....at Phoenix Cesar Chavez
Oct. 3.....at Phoenix North
Oct. 10 .....Tolleson
Oct. 17.....at Peoria
Oct. 24 .....Glendale Ironwood
Oct. 31 .....Tolleson Westview
Nov. 7 .....at Kingman

TEMPE UNION BUFFALOES
Sept. 5 .....at Tempe McClintock
Sept. 12 .....Buckeye
Sept. 19 .....at Bradshaw Mountain
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Phoenix Washington
Oct. 3 .....Gilbert Desert Ridge
Oct. 10 .....at Scottsdale Chaparral
Oct. 17 .....Scottsdale Arcadia
Oct. 24 .....at Scottsdale Coronado
Oct. 31 .....Apache Junction
Nov. 7 .....at Scottsdale Saguaro

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Sept. 19 .....Goodyear Millennium
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Tempe McClintock
Oct. 3 .....at Phoenix Washington
Oct. 10 .....at Agua Fria
Oct. 17 .....Glendale
Oct. 24 .....San Luis (Yuma)
Oct. 31 .....at Sunnyslope
Nov. 7 .....at Phoenix Moon Valley

TOLLESON WOLVERINES
Sept. 5.....at Mountain Pointe
Sept. 12.....Phoenix Central
Sept. 19 .....Gilbert Highland
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....Phoenix North
Oct. 3.....at Phoenix Alhambra
Oct. 10.....at Sunrise Mountain
Oct. 17.....at Kingman
Oct. 24 .....Peoria
Oct. 31 .....Glendale Ironwood
Nov. 7.....at Tolleson Westview

TREVOR BROWNE BRUINS
Sept. 5.....Scottsdale Desert Mountain
Sept. 12.....at Mesa Westwood
Sept. 19 .....Tucson Canyon del Oro
Sept. 25 (Thur) .....at Casa Grande
Oct. 3.....Phoenix Carl Hayden
Oct. 10 .....Phoenix Maryvale
Oct. 17 .....at Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 24 .....at Deer Valley
Oct. 31 .....Phoenix Goldwater
Nov. 7 .....at Phoenix Alhambra

VALLEY CHRISTIAN TROJANS
Sept 5 .....Sedona Red Rock
Sept. 12 .....at Tucson Pusch Ridge
Sept. 19 .....Phoenix Christian
Sept. 26 .....at Arizona Lutheran
Oct. 3 .....Scottsdale Christian
Oct. 10 .....at Tombstone
Oct. 17 .....Valley Lutheran
Oct. 24 .....at NWCC
Oct. 31 .....Phoenix Bourgade Catholic

VALLEY LUTHERAN FLAMES
Aug. 29 .....at Estrella Foothills
Sept. 6 (Round Valley Classic).....Mayer
Sept. 12 .....at Maricopa
Sept. 19.....at Williams
Sept. 26 .....NWCC
Oct. 3 .....Arizona Lutheran
Oct. 10 .....Phoenix Christian
Oct. 17 .....at Chandler Valley Christian
Oct. 24.....Phoenix Bourgade
Oct. 31 .....at Scottsdale Christian

WASHINGTON RAMS
Sept. 5.....at Glendale Independence
Sept. 12 .....Agua Fria
Sept. 19 .....Peoria Centennial
Sept. 25 (Thur).....Tempe
Oct. 3 .....Phoenix Thunderbird
Oct. 10 .....Sunnyslope
Oct. 17 .....at San Luis (Yuma)
Oct. 24.....at Phoenix Moon Valley
Oct. 31 .....Glendale
Nov. 7 .....at Tempe McClintock

WESTVIEW KNIGHTS
Sept. 5 .....North Canyon
Sept. 12 .....at Tucson Flowing Wells
Sept. 19.....Paradise Valley
Sept. 25 (Thur) at Glendale Mountain Ridge
Oct. 3.....at Tempe Marcos de Niza
Oct. 10 .....Peoria
Oct. 17.....at Glendale Ironwood
Oct. 24.....Kingman
Oct. 31.....at Sunrise Mountain
Nov. 7 .....Tolleson

WESTWOOD WARRIORS
Sept. 5 .....at Tempe Desert Vista
Sept. 12 .....Phoenix Trevor Browne
Sept. 19.....at Phoenix St. Mary's
Sept. 25 (Thur.) .....Mesa
Oct. 3 .....Marana Mountain View
Oct. 10 .....at Yuma Cibola
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BENNETT DAVIS
Miami



KEN BEEDLE
Miami

assisted by Ernie Kivisto, finished the season with a hard-fought 7-0 win over Walter Knox's club, which won only one game. Tackle "Flash" Rodriguez was the star. "He's an outstanding tackler," said Cole after the game. "One of the best in the state."

1949: MIAMI 6, GLOBE 6

Globe was favored in this game, played in Miami before 4,000 fans. But the Vandals' Andy Rumic, later a halfback at Arizona, spoiled the holidays for Globe with an 80-yard kickoff return. He was only a sophomore. Salvador Salas scored Globe's lone touchdown. Ironically, this was the second of three consecutive ties in the series, all at 6-6. Miami was coached by Ben Cole.

1955: MIAMI 55, GLOBE 14

Coached by Paul Petty, this Miami squad made a statement as the school's all-time best in this Turkey Day rout, played before 7,000 fans in Miami. Fullback Bob Olivas was all over the field. He scored two touchdowns, kicked seven extra points, and intercepted three of his team's seven pass interceptions on defense. Center John Vucichevich joined Olivas on the all-state team. In 10 games the Class A state champs scored 378 points and never trailed in a game.

1956: GLOBE 15, MIAMI 7

A minor upset. After this contest Globe finished 9-0-1, Miami 9-1, best-ever for both schools in the same year. Globe's defense put the clamps on Miami back Pete Gibson, who finished with 126 points on the season. Globe's big gun was junior Clay Freney, later a star halfback at Arizona State. The game, witnessed by 4,500 in Globe, ended Maimi's 24-game winning streak, best by either school. After the season pollsters voted John Pavlich's Tigers tops among Class A schools.

1957: MIAMI 12, GLOBE 8

The Vandals ruined Turkey Day for state's top-ranked Class A club in this mild upset. The loss ended the career for Globe's Clay Freney, who finished the season with 965 yards and 14 touchdowns. Approxamately 5,000 spectators watched Miami's Frank Baroldy gain 120 yards on just 10 carries. But the star was defensive end Chic Nader, who recorded 34 unassisted tackles, most-ever in the series. Paul Petty was the winning coach, John Pavlich the runnerup.

1959: MIAMI 19, GLOBE 12

This close game, played in Miami, ended the fabulous career for Prep All-American Eddie Bricker, the home team's star quarterback. The slick signal caller, who would later play at Arizona, tossed scoring strikes to Ruben Reyes and Dennis Hughes as a crowd of close to 4,000 looked on. During the season, Bricker scored 14 touchdowns, threw for 14, and completed 55% of his passes. Hughes, a 6-4, 185-pound senior, caught 49 passes and averaged 37.5 yards as the team's punter. Paul Petty's club averaged 33.1 points per game. The Vandals' lone loss was to Class B state champ Phoenix Christian, 32-25.

1972: MIAMI 21, GLOBE 6

At School Hill Park in Globe, 3,500 fans watched Miami stamp itself as a state contender with stellar performances by Leonard Lopez and Larry Baeza. After dropping its opener to Eloy Santa Cruz 34-6, the Vandals roared through 11-straight opponets, including Eloy in a stunning state championship game rematch, 22-21. After the finals, Mayor Katie Weimer proclaimed "Miami Vandal Week" in the town. The state champs were coached by Harvey Keeney.

1981: GLOBE 15, MIAMI 6

In the 80-year history of the game, this was the only contest in which the "unofficial" MVP went to a player on the losing team. Globe upset the playoff-bound Vandals in spite of a gutsy performance by running back Ted Spradling, who gained 102 yards in a loss. Gary Weamer and Don Gonzales scored for the winners. Globe was coached by Dan Southard. Miami, which finished the season at 8-3, dropped a two-point decision to Eloy in the first round of the state playoffs. Spradling finished his career with 2,091 rushing yards, the most ever by a Vandal running back at the time.



LARRY KENTERA
Globe



EDDIE BRICKER
Miami



CLAY FRENEY
Globe



CHRIS LORENZEN
Miami

1985: MIAMI 42, GLOBE 0

This was a rout, but it was the last game for Miami's sensational running back Robert Johnson, a 5-8, 180-pound junior. While leading the Vandals through an 8-4 campaign, and a berth in the state playoffs, Johnson rushed for 1,640 yards and scored 29 touchdowns, most ever by a Miami-Globe player. He played hurt in the win over Globe, but still scored three touchdowns. One year later a preseason injury shelved him for the year. Former Miami head coach Paul Petty returned to the region, but this time he wore an orange & black uniform. His son, Steve, was an end on Globe's team.

1990: GLOBE 35, MIAMI 28

This classic shootout, played on a Saturday, featured two playoff teams, a rarity in the series. Globe's Gabe Aguilar stole the headlines, scoring three times, including an 85-yard kickoff return. It was this Globe team which featured the region's all-time best place kicker, Mike Culpepper. Paul Petty's Tigers finished 7-4 on the season after bowing to Snowflake in the state quarterfinals. Miami, coached by Bill Johnson, also won seven games, but went all the way to the 3A finals, where they lost to Lakeside Blue Ridge.

1993: GLOBE 29, MIAMI 28 (OVERTIME)

In spite of their records, this was a thriller from start to finish. In the end, Globe pulled it out in dramatic fashion, as Arizona playoff rules went into effect. The Tigers tied the game in regulation when they battled back from an 8-point deficit in less than three minutes. Quarterback Joel Dillion, the big play maker all night, was unstoppable in this Saturday evening



LARRY BAEZA
Miami



STEVE PETTY
Globe

tilt. "I knew it was going to be my last game in football pads, so I wanted to make it my best," said Dillion after the game. Globe finished at 2-7, Miami 3-7.

1994: GLOBE 28, MIAMI 25

Globe captured the 3A-South crown, kept the Copper Kettle, and completed a worst-to-first cycle in the same night. One year earlier the Tigers won only two games. This one featured a spectacular touchdown catch by Globe's Tommy Bryant, who helped lead his team to consecutive wins in the rivalry. With his help, Globe won the year before in overtime. Another key play was a 75-yard return of a fumble recovery by Jesse Marley.

After the 1996 game, won 33-0 by Globe, the Tigers finished 8-3 and advanced two rounds into the state playoffs. Miami went in the opposite direction. They finished 2-8, and unknown at the time, started a 23-game losing streak.

Two Globe players played in four Globe-Miami games, winning the Copper Kettle each time. One was Chris Gonzales. "It means a lot to me that we've won the kettle all four years," said Gonzales. "The Globe-Miami game is one of the oldest in the state. The kettle is in our trophy case where we can see it every day."

The difference in the teams is mirrored in the communities. The Globe Unified School District had experienced a 12 percent growth rate during the year in its school system. Superintendent Michael Martinez, a Globe High graduate, said the district had experienced student growth each week. In the high school, close to 800 students were enrolled.

"We are at facility capacity as we talk," Martinez told *The Arizona Silver Belt*. 'We need to build a new school. We are still using a building that was built in 1917."

In Miami, more than 50 percent of the businesses in the town had closed. By the end of the decade, Miami High's student enrollment dipped below 400, and the school would eventually drop down to Class 2A. During the 1966-67 school year, Miami's enrollment reached an all-time high of 801 students. Today they report 375.

The on-again off-again movement to consolidate the Globe and Miami school systems failed. Proponents, mostly from Globe, claim their interest is a better education for the students. Tax dollars would be better utilized in financing one system, rather than two. Opponents, usually from Miami, fear that Globe, with a larger population, would control the new system.

For Globe, the 2002 campaign was as good as it gets. With second-year coach Roger Schenks at the controls, the Tigers marched through three months of near-perfect football all the way to the state finals. They stubbed their toes only once, falling 29-28 to Queen Creek in early October.

But in the playoffs they were unstoppable, marching through Higley 40-7, Willcox 35-0, Winslow 34-19, and Coolidge 34-19 in the finals, played at Tempe McClintock High School on live TV, another school first.

Stars were plenty. Hansen completed 60% of his passes, hitting 128 of 212 for 2,153 yards and 16 touchdowns. All were school records. On the ground he gained 1,378 yards on 139 carries (9.3) and scored 14 TDs. That performance earned him player of the year honors. Cunningham set records of his own, catching 53 passes for 1,117 yards and nine touchdowns. He averaged 21.1 yards per reception. Running back Ryan Golden managed 1,690 yards on 143 attempts (11.7) and scored 29 touchdowns, also school records. As a team, the Tigers were the best ever, compiling a 13-1 record, scoring 591 points (42.2 ppg.), rushing for 4,772 yards and totaling 7,059 overall.

But Schenks, who was selected the state's coach of the year, stepped down after his second season to accept a coaching position at Mesa Community College. He reflects on his short stint in Tiger Country:

"We had great community support, something you don't often get in the city," he claims. "The school did a great job of emphasizing multa-sports kids. We had football players playing basketball, track and so forth.

"But the administration was the key," he added. "They were sports-oriented. Our principal, Randy Hunt (page 4), was great. He was our waterboy during the last half of the season. The kids loved it. During a timeout, here came the principal, running out with water."

But in Globe, this should be no surprise. During homecoming week in 1993, the parade of football players down Broad Street was marshalled by former Governor Rose Moffard.

A Globe High School alum

Big days

The highest scoring mismatches in the Globe-Miami football rivalry, dating back to the original clash in 1923, and winning coaches:

Year	Winner	Score	Winning Coach
1955	Miami	55-14	Paul Petty
1999	Globe	52-12	Peter Jonovich
1991	Miami	51-6	Billy Johnson
1953	Globe	47-12	John Pavlich
1975	Globe	47-8	Alvin Rex
1998	Globe	47-0	Peter Jonovich
1923	Miami	46-0	L.H. Purdy
1944	Globe	45-0	Walter Knox
1970	Miami	42-7	Ken Guzik
1980	Miami	42-13	Dan Ritter
1985	Miami	42-0	Jeff Priestley
2002	Globe	42-6	Roger Schenks
1967	Miami	40-6	Paul Waddell
1997	Globe	37-0	Peter Jonovich
1977	Globe	35-15	Peter Jonovich
1990	Globe	35-28	Peter Jonovich
2000	Globe	34-14	Peter Jonovich

SPORTS QUIZ

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW FOOTBALL ...

1) During the early 1970s, Wayne Clark (photo at right) was a backup quarterback for the San Diego Chargers. Which Arizona high school did he attend?

a) Bisbee
b) Buckeye
c) Bourgade Catholic
d) Benson
e) Mesa

2) By winning the 2002 Class 3A state championship, Globe became the first school from an Arizona mining town to win a state crown since this school in 1995:

a) Miami
b) Morenci
c) Douglas
d) Superior
e) Kearny Ray

3) Of the four former Arizona high school products picked in the 2003 NFL draft, who was selected first?

a) Shaun McDonald, Shadow Mtn.
b) Bobby Wade, Desert Vista
c) Terrell Suggs, Hamilton
d) Keith Wright, Arizona Boys Ranch

4) With 594 wins in football, this Arizona high school is closing in on the magic 600-win column:

a) Tucson High
b) Globe
c) Phoenix St. Mary's
d) Mesa
e) Safford

5) Which Arizona high school won four consecutive state championships between 1981-84, a Class 4A record to this day:

a) Scottsdale Chaparral
b) Tucson Sunnyside
c) Agua Fria
d) Tucson Flowing Wells
e) Flagstaff

6) TRUE OR FALSE: The Arizona high school ranks have produced NFL draft picks and players every year since the Decade of the 1920s.



Former San Diego Chargers QB Wayne Clark (13) attended what Arizona high school?

ANSWERS:
1) Buckeye
2) Kearny Ray
3) Terrell Suggs
4) Mesa
5) Flagstaff
6) True

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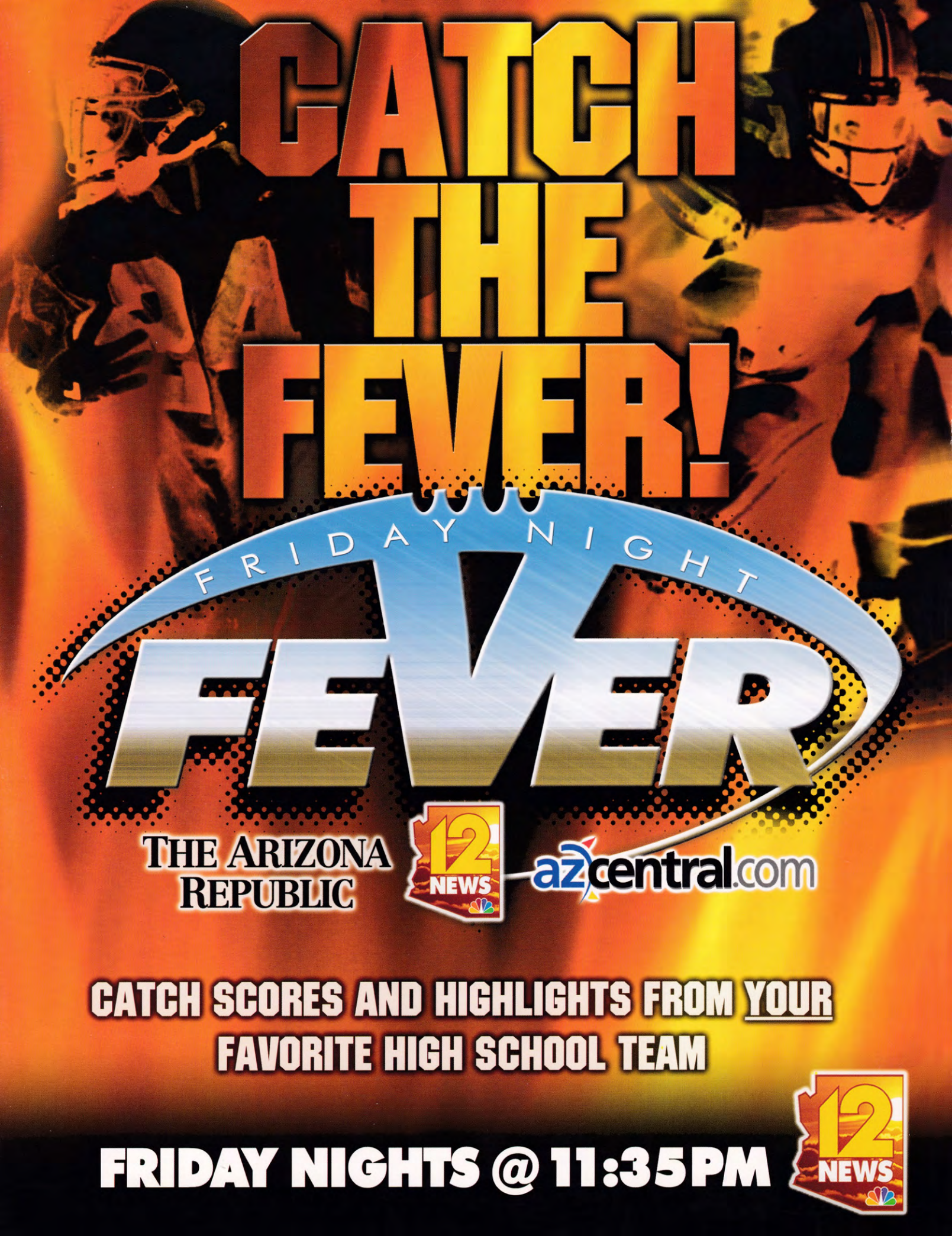
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