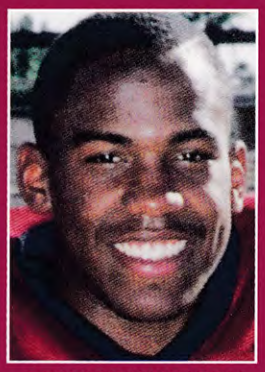
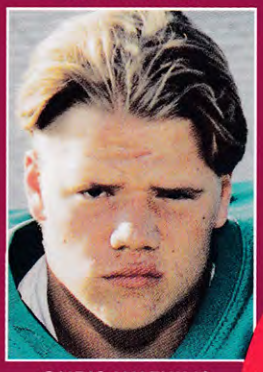
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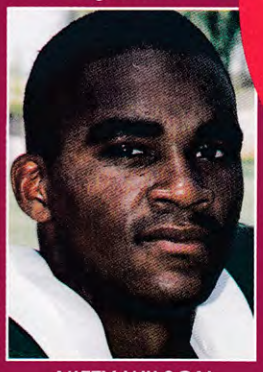
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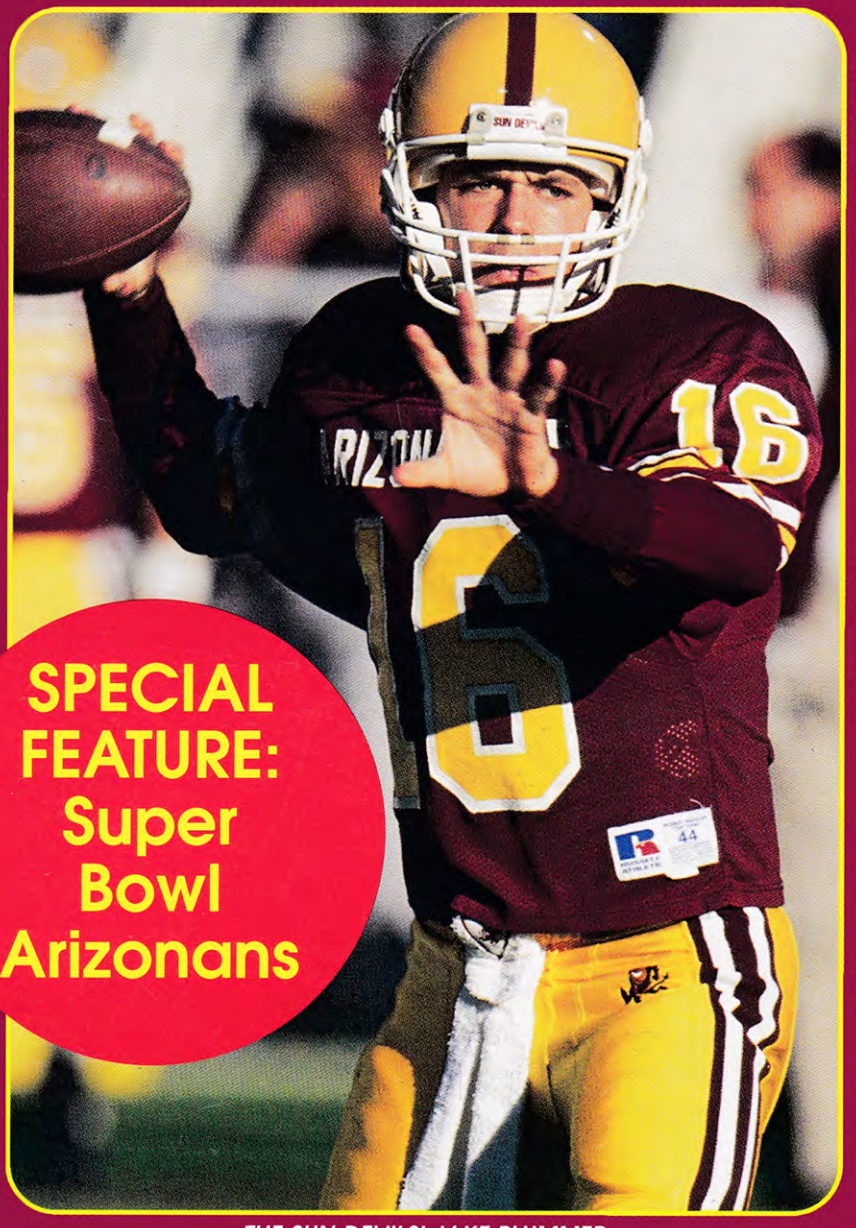
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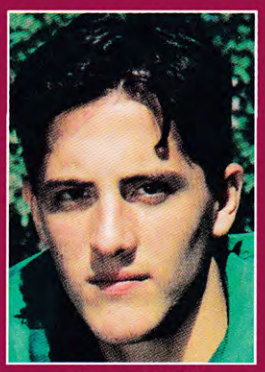


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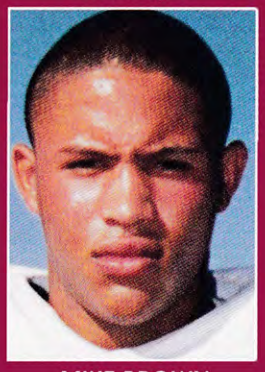


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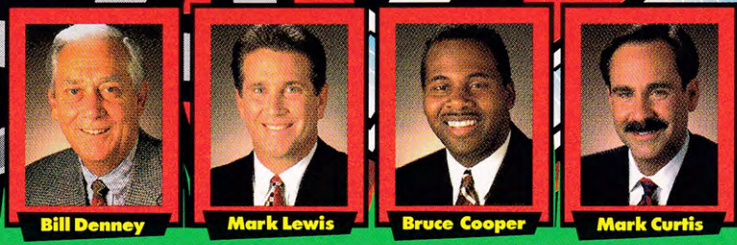
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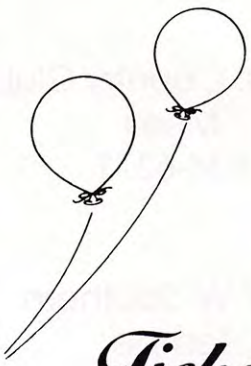
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ARIZONA'S WHITE A PROVEN LEADER



By Joseph Barry Sollenberger

It wasn't long ago when the Arizona football team considered an eight-win season and a bowl appearance a success.

From 1960 to 1990, the Wildcats won eight games in a season just eight times and saw action in six bowl games.

A year ago, Arizona was 8-4, good enough for a Freedom Bowl bid and a No. 20 ranking in both the AP and *USA Today*/CNN final polls.

But while in 1965 students might have danced on Speedway over a season like that, many in Tucson weren't impressed with the Cats' year, especially after Utah spoiled the bowl party, 16-13.

After all, Arizona was *Sports Illustrated's* preseason No. 1, thanks to a "Desert Swarm" defense that was hailed like the Pope.

But things are different this year as expectations are not as great. That hardly means that coach Dick Tomey is conceding the Pac-10 title to somebody in southern California.

"I believe we will have the personnel," Tomey said, "if some of our newcomers come through and play defense at the same level we've established over the last three years."

If the Wildcats are to play in Pasadena New Year's Day for the first time ever, they will need a mammoth-sized performance from their defense. Arizona returns just three starters on offense and Tomey must replace every '94 starter on the offensive line. In short, Arizona's front seven is more unsettled than Bosnia.

"Overall, our biggest job will be getting the offensive line to jell once we begin to play in the fall," continues Tomey. "It's going to take some work to develop a good line, but that's what coaching is about."

Look for Willie Walker (6-3, 293) and David Watson (6-5, 250) to push junior college transfers Ian McCutcheon (6-5, 280) and Ryan Turley (6-7, 260) for the tackle spots. At least seven players are fighting for two guard spots and the 'Cats are counting on former starter and injury plagued Mani Ott (6-3, 255) at center. At tight end, Damon Terrell, Tim Thomas and Mike Lucky will fight for time.

Fortunately for the 'Cats, they have a proven leader at quarterback in senior Dan White. He threw 14 TD passes last year and his .571 completion percentage set a school record. White came on down the stretch last season, throwing for 370 and 266 yards against USC and ASU, respectively, in Arizona's final two regular season games.

"Dan has shown he's a leader," Tomey adds. "He's helped us win 18 games the last two years."

When White takes to the air, he'll most likely be looking for Richard Dice (56 catches for 969 yards) or senior wideout Cary Taylor.

In the backfield, the 'Cats lose 1,000 yard rusher Ontiwaun Carter but return a solid nucleus. Fullback Charles Myles and tailbacks Kevin Schmidtke and Gary Taylor will get the majority of the carries.

While the Arizona offensive attack has improved in recent years, it's still the squad's defensive unit that causes opponents to have cold sweats.

Consensus All-American Tedy Bruschi (DE) and All-Pac-10 safety Brandon Sanders, both seniors, are the leaders.

Up front, Bruschi (6-1, 255) and tackles Chuck Osborne (6-2, 280) and Joe Salave'a (6-4, 270) are enough to make a tailback wish he missed the bus. They combined for 35 tackles for losses and 24 sacks.

"Tedy, Chuck and Joe give us a tremendous start on the defensive line," says Tomey. "They know what it takes and they know how to give that effort."

Bruschi (see photo) is particularly scary. He was a Lombardi Trophy finalist last season and has 37.5 sacks for his career. His signature game was the '94 Fiesta Bowl when he terrorized Miami in route to capturing the defensive MVP award for the contest.

"Tedy Bruschi has something special inside of him that makes him a great football player," says the head coach. "I didn't put it there. I'm damn glad it comes out every game; every snap. He has a motor that won't quit."

At linebacker, the 'Cats are solid with senior starter Charlie Camp, converted soph DE Mike Szlauko, redshirt sophomore Chester Burnett and junior two-year lettermen Armon Williams.

A year ago, Arizona was hurt too often by the big play. It should come as no surprise that Tomey is seeking improvement from his secondary.

"We were not at our best a year ago and we must improve in this area," concludes Tomey. "We think we have the people who can do that."

In addition to Sanders, the 'Cats return Kelly Malveaux, a sophomore who earned five starts as a corner a year ago. Soph Chuck Rich should replace the departed Tony Bouie at free safety and Derrick Stewart, Shawn Parnel and Skeeter Harrington will fight for the other corner.

WILDCAT NEWCOMERS

Player/Pos/Size	Hometown	Player/Pos/Size	Hometown
Dan Loyd, qb, 6-2, 200	San Gabriel, CA	James Lewis, l, 6-5, 240	Bell, CA
Marcus Bell, b, 6-2, 210	St. Johns, AZ	Cai McCray, l, 6-4, 260	Santa Maria, CA
Trung Canidate, b, 6-0, 173	Phoenix, AZ	Ian McCutcheon, l, 6-5, 280	Long Beach, CA
Leland Gayles, b, 5-9, 170	Renton, WA	Frank Middleton, l, 6-5, 305	Beaumont, TX
Daren Hooper, b, 6-1, 205	Woodside, CA	Ted Printy, l, 6-4, 270	San Diego, CA
Kelvin Hunter, b, 5-11, 170	Los Angeles, CA	Dolphin Tillman, l, 6-3, 220	Lynwood, CA
Rashee Johnson, b, 6-0, 180	S.F., CA	Van Tuinei, l, 6-4, 260	Westminster, CA
Rafell Jones, b, 5-10, 180	San Diego, CA	Ryan Turley, l, 6-7, 260	Mesa, AZ
DaShon Polk, b, 6-3, 210	Pacoima, CA	Chima Ugwu, l, 6-4, 290	Enugu, Nigeria
Mikal Smith, b, 5-10, 175	Knoxville, TN	Ega Usu, l, 6-3, 260	Lawndale, CA
Scooter Sprotte, b, 5-9, 190	Lakeside, AZ	Tevete Usu, l, 6-3, 300	Lawndale, CA
Rodney Williams, b, 6-1, 180	Palmdale, CA	Mark McDonald, pk, 6-1, 180	S. Monica, CA
Rusty James, l, 6-3, 260	Mesa, AZ		

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Sept. 7	GEORGIA TECH
Sept. 16	at Illinois
Sept. 23	USC
Sept. 30	CALIFORNIA
Oct. 14	at UCLA
Oct. 21	WASHINGTON
Oct. 28	at Washington State
Nov. 4	at Oregon State
Nov. 11	at Oregon
Nov. 24	at Arizona State

SUN DEVILS RIDING ON PLUMMER'S RIGHT ARM



By Joseph Barry Sollenberger

It hasn't been 50 years since an Arizona State football team last went to a bowl game.

It just seems that way.

In 1987, Ronald Reagan was President, no one knew of Garth Brooks and Yougoslavia was a country when the Devils last went bowling.

Coach Bruce Snyder intends to get ASU back in post season play this fall, but that won't be easy. The Devils return only 11 starters from a 3-8 squad of a year ago (their worst since 1946) and play a schedule tougher than raw meat.

Three of ASU's first five games are on the road, and those opponents – Washington, Nebraska and USC – are probably good enough to scare the Dallas Cowboys.

It won't be easy for Snyder to turn the program around this season, but he remains optimistic.

"We've got a lot of young guys who have come quite a ways," Snyder says. "But there are some players who have got to get better faster."

Fortunately for Snyder, he has a leader in quarterback Jake Plummer. The junior signal-caller completed 54 percent of his passes for 2,179 yards and 15 TDs a year ago.

"Jake has the entire package," Snyder says. "A lot of quarterbacks can throw the football deep, but Jake can pass the football deep to a spot and hit the spot. That is something you can't teach."

When Plummer goes to the air, he'll most likely be looking for WR Keith Poole and TE Steve Bush. Poole caught 31 passes for 669 yards and six TDs last season. Bush returns from knee and ankle injuries that caused him to miss most of last year.

"I'm really confident in Jake and Poole and Bush," adds Snyder. "Bush is up to 255 pounds, and I think he's quicker. The issue, I think, will come down to whether we'll hold on protection."

At times over the past seven seasons, it seemed that the Devils played with no offensive line. The quarterback would take the snap from center and immediately have four defensive linemen in his face.

For the safety of Plummer, the ASU coaching staff wants things to be different this fall and there is hope. The Devils return three offensive linemen - center Kirk Robertson (6-5, 294), RG Pat Thompson (6-1, 303) and LT Juan Roque (6-8, 313). Junior Roque is ASU's best lineman and is touted as one of the top tackles in the country.

"He has the talent to be one of the best linemen to ever play here," insists offensive coordinator Dan Cozzetto. "He also plays with the mentality of a defensive lineman."

Look for sophomores Glen Gable (6-5, 281) and Kyle Murphy (6-4, 262) to nab the other starting spots among the front seven.

The Devils also appear set at tailback, where senior Chris Hopkins (see photo) will be the starter. He rushed for 680 yards on 169 carries a year ago.

"Chris absolutely loves the game of football and he wears it on his sleeve," says Snyder. "He will be the perfect senior leader playing an important position on this football team."

Sophomores Terry Battle (see photo) and Marlon Farlow will compete for carries behind Hopkins.

Defensively, the Devils yielded 440.8 yards a game - the most in school history - and 31.6 points per contest. "We've got to shore up virtually everything we do defensively," Snyder said. "We need to get stouter and tougher inside."

Justin Dragoo (6-3, 231) leads a group of at least seven linebackers. Dragoo, a sixth-year senior, was granted a rare sixth year of elgibility from the NCAA because of a career stricken with knee injuries. Sam Santana, Chris Finn and Ty Wade are also expected to contribute.

At rover, senior Lee Cole (6-0, 191) is pencilled in as the starter. Cole started four games last season, including the final three (Oregon, UCLA and Arizona). Sophomore Pat Tillman and redshirt-freshman Larry Johnson are the backups.

Senior Harlen Rashada is the most experienced rover-gunner on the squad. The 6-2, 202-pounder from Oakland, Calif., has started 16 games in his career and was fifth on the team in tackles with 61. Among his career highlights is a 37-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown against Stanford.

"Harlen will be an important part of our defensive game plan," says defensive coordinator Phil Snow. "He's a very good athlete who knows our system."

At tackle, the Devils have only one senior in Mike Balian. His status for this season, however, is still unclear because he's still recovering from a torn knee suffered last fall. While ASU is not deep at this position, it returns a couple of starters – Brent Burnstein (6-8, 240) and Shawn Swayda (6-4, 273).

Opposing quarterbacks loved the Devils' secondary a year ago. They would look for the big play and ASU often obliged by giving up huge chunks of yardage through the air. Improvement from the cornerbacks is a priority of Snyder's and it won't be easy, considering that Craig Newsome is now in the NFL.

Snyder does have a number of skilled athletes to choose from in Marcus Soward, Traivon Johnson, Lamont Morgan and Jason Simmons. At free safety, the Devils are looking for someone to replace two-year starter Eddie Cade. Sophomore Thomas Simmons appears to be the man. He played in 10 games a year ago. But watch for newcomer Mitchell Freedman, a former Phoenix Maryvale star with loads of potential.

SUN DEVIL NEWCOMERS

Player/Pos/Size	Hometown
Chad Brown, qb, 6-1, 180	Monterey, CA
Jay Hinton, rb, 6-1, 180	Phoenix, AZ
J.R. Redmond, rb, 6-1, 190	Carson, CA
Joby Bratcher, wr, 6-2, 185	Clovis, CA
Derrick Charles, wr, 5-11, 165	Ft. Scott, KS
Lenzie Jackson, wr, 6-0, 180	Milipitas, CA
Kenny Mitchell, wr, 6-4, 190	Peoria, AZ
Isaiah Mustafa, wr, 6-4, 208	Oxnard, CA
Kendrick Bates, te, 6-5, 220	Ontario, CA
Devin Kendall, te, 6-3, 240	Fremont, CA
Jeff Johannesen, ol, 6-5, 305	Phoenix, AZ
Thomas Schmidt, ol, 6-6, 240	Ontario, CA
Al Simpson, ol, 6-6, 290	Riverside, CA
Sam Tagaloa, ol, 6-4, 300	Daly City, CA
Hamilton Mee, dl, 6-3, 245	Mingus, AZ
Ryan Reilly, dl, 6-4, 270	Yorba Linda, CA
Kurt Wallin, dl, 6-2, 240	Mesa, AZ
Ken Westerhaus, dl, 6-5, 250	Glendale, AZ
James Kelly, lb, 6-2, 225	Riverside, CA
Derek Smith, lb, 6-2, 225	American Fork, UT
Phillip Brown, db, 6-0, 180	Bakersfield, CA
Kareem Clark, db, 5-9, 170	Yorba Linda, CA
Courtney Jackson, db, 6-1, 190	DeSoto, TX
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NORTHERN ARIZONA'S GRAND CANNON



By Lonnie Collins

Entering the 1995 season, Northern Arizona head coach Steve Axman is concerned about replacing key players on both the offensive and defensive lines, and developing a backup at quarterback.

But after spring ball ended, the puzzle seemed to fall into place. At offensive tackle juniors Paul Yermin (6-5, 275) and Josh Housman (6-5, 260) looked sharp. The coaching staff moved big James Martin (6-4, 305), a native of Gallup, New Mexico, from defensive tackle to offensive guard and moved former Mesa Westwood star Dan Finn (6-4, 270) into the other guard slot. Young Ryan Lingenfelder (6-2, 280), a sophomore from Lake Havasu City, solidified himself as one of the league's best centers.

At quarterback, expect senior Jeff Lewis, a Walter Payton Award Candidate, to live up to expectation.

"Jeff is one of the finest quarterbacks in the country," says the Lumberjacks' head coach. "I believe that's true for any level. I think a strong indicator is we've had four to five pro scouts coming through who have already said he may be the top quarterback prospect for the NFL draft coming out next year west of the Mississippi."

Last year, Lewis completed 272 passes in 450 attempts (60%) for 3,355 yards and 26 TDs. In three seasons, the former Scottsdale Horizon star has made good on 576 passes in 1,003 attempts (57.4) for 7,229 yards and 45 touchdowns.

He broke the NAU single-game record for touchdowns when he tossed six scoring strikes in a 59-21 spanking of Southern Utah. Later, he passed for a career-high 409 yards in a 47-30 win over Montana State. He topped 300 yards passing in seven games. Ironically, as a schoolboy in Scottsdale, he was recruited by Arizona State to play baseball.

Battling for the backup role are Scott Partridge, a Scottsdale Chaparral product, Nathan Sanders from Peoria and Mike Good out of California.

The 'Jacks look solid at receiver, to say the least. Both Rod Marshall (5-10, 175) and junior Alex Calderwood (5-9, 170) are All-America candidates. Calderwood is a viable candidate as a punt returner, and one of the fastest players (4.4) on the team. At Denver Mullen High School, he was a member of a state championship 400-meter relay team.

Marshall, from Millikan High in Long Beach, returns after receiving a medical hardship. That's bad news for Big Sky opponents. He has great hands, exceptional leaping ability and goes over the middle. Marshall began the year as NAU's number-one receiver, but suffered a season-ending knee injury in the second game. He still managed nine catches for 168 yards. Soph wideout Jesus Reyes (5-7, 165), one of the most exciting players in the league, has some of the best moves this side of the Arthur Murray School of Dancing. He caught 50 passes last year and returned kicks.

Again, NAU has an All-American kicking candidate. Senior Kevin O'Leary should be one of the top punters in the nation. He has excellent hang time to go with a 42.0 average, with the longest 61 yards against Weber State. Last year he kicked a 50 yard field goal against Montana State.

A rare blend of power and speed make senior defensive back Rayna Stewart (5-11, 195) a hot commodity. Stewart is not only one of the best cover corners, but an excellent run supporter who could go in the 1996 NFL draft. He was picked by his teammates and coaches as the 'Jacks' most improved player. A good scholar-athlete at Chatsworth, California. Axman also returns several all-conference candidates, starting with linebacker Stacey Ellis (5-11, 210) one of the top inside backers in the Big Sky. The tough senior started 11 games last year and landed Big Sky post-season honors.

Junior tailback Brian Galbreath (5-10, 170) is just 194 yards shy of cracking into the top 10 NAU career rushing ranks. The former Phoenix Cortez standout (see photo) was the 'Jacks' second leading rusher with 490 yards, averaging 5.3 yards and scoring six rushing touchdowns. He caught two TD passes. Speed and quickness are his attributes. In a 1991 high school game against Scottsdale Arcadia, Galbreath rushed for 353 yards and scored four TDs.

At tight end, NAU has a pro type receiver in 6-5, 240-pound Mason Hess out of Phoenix Thunderbird. One of the best senior athletes on campus, Hess throws the shot put for the track team and has won the intramural slam dunk contest twice. Last fall he caught 28 passes for 295 yards, averaging 10.5 yards per catch.

Defensive end Kevin Kolkman (6-3, 230) is another post-season candidate. One of the most intense players on the field, Kolkman switched from linebacker to defensive end. The former Mesa Westwood star is also feared on special teams. He registered 10 tackles against Boise State. Former Flagstaff all-stater Ben Petrucci (6-2, 258) lines up next to Kolkman at defensive tackle. Both these quality players are juniors.

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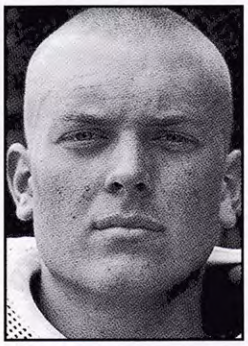
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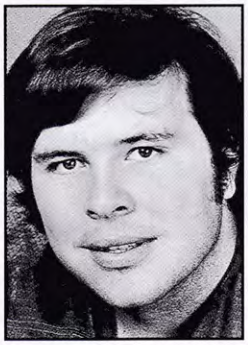
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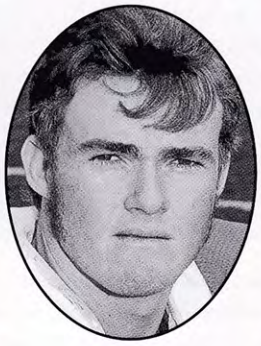
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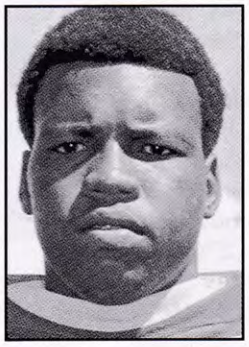
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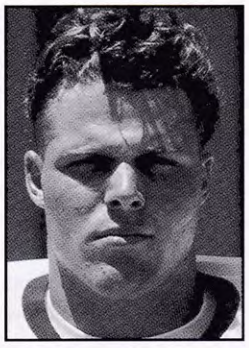
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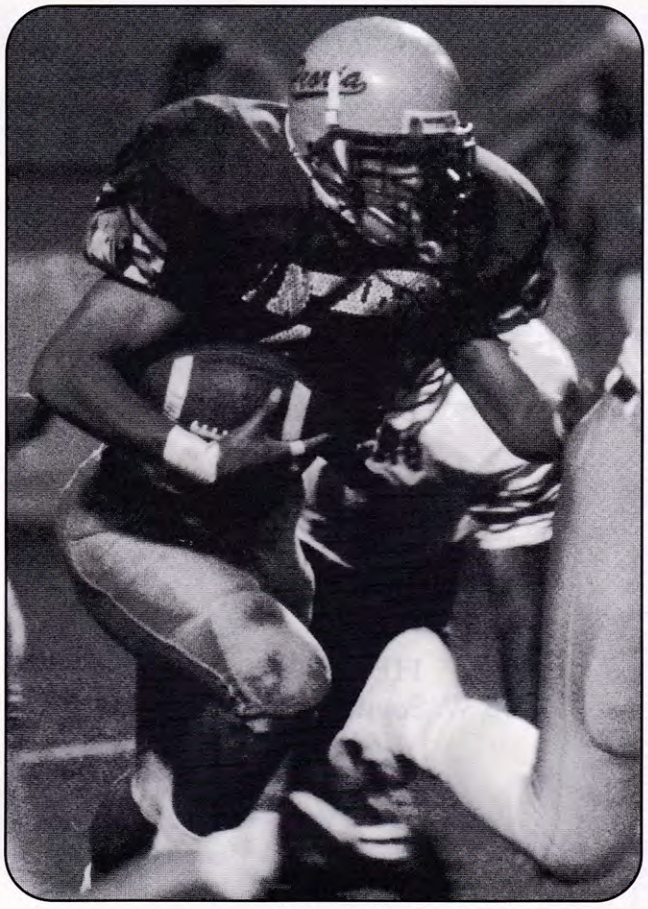
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1979 .. Todd Shell, Mountain View, LB
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1977 .. Mike Pagel, Washington, QB
1976 .. Greg Brady, Coronado, QB
1975 .. Brian Felix, Phoenix Union, RB/DB
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1969 .. Danny White, Westwood, QB
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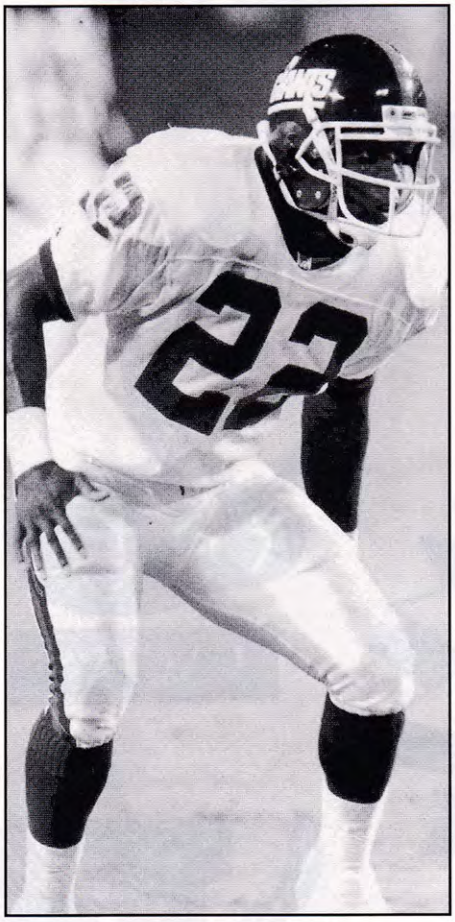
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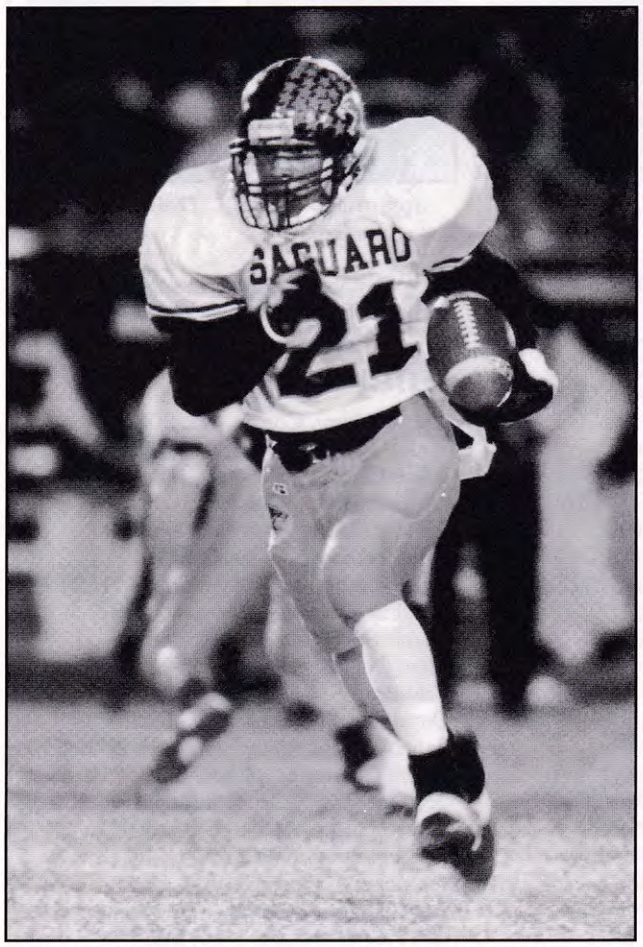
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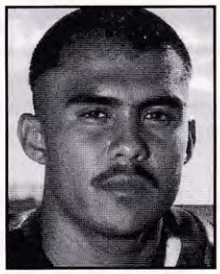
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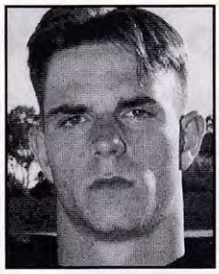
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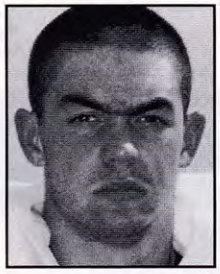
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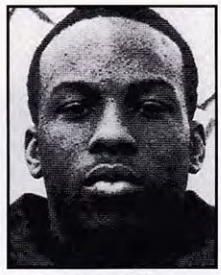
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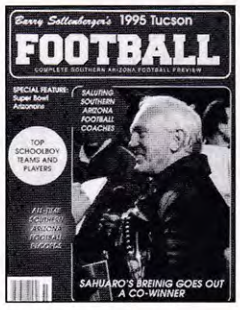
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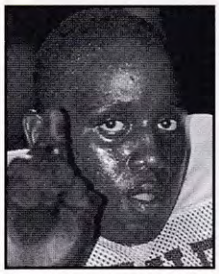
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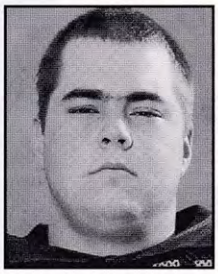
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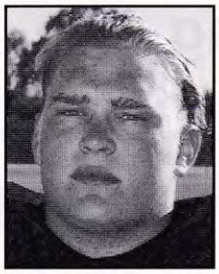
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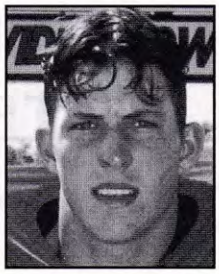
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Blake Longacre, Red Mountain, 5-10, 175
Dave Lembo, Mesa, 5-9, 200
Antoine Logan, Alhambra, 5-9, 165
Dan Lopez, Ironwood, 6-0, 205 (jr)
Tony Mallaro, Deer Valley, 6-1, 210
Paris Moore, North, 5-8, 178
Brent Passey, Westwood, 6-2, 200
Raymond Perryman, Central, 6-0, 181 (jr)
Jason Rainey, Camelback, 6-0, 185
Brad Rekuc, Mountain Pointe, 6-2, 195
Dan Sorenson, Deer Valley, 6-3, 215
Phillip Stafford, Trevor Browne, 6-3, 200
Zach Storrs, Chaparral, 6-1, 215
Stephen Trejo, Casa Grande, 6-3, 245
John Westra, Red Mountain, 6-5, 220 (jr)
Art Wiedoff, Glendale, 6-3, 180
Nifty Wilson, Boys Ranch, 6-3, 203

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Adam Archuleta, Chandler, 6-0, 180
Moses Carpio, Carl Hayden, 5-10, 155
Jason Carr, South Mountain, 5-9, 165
T.J. Cooley, Arcadia, 5-11, 175
Craig Daigle, Ironwood, 6-0, 185
Brian Gerlach, Marcos de Niza, 6-0, 170
Bo Gonzalez, Gila Bend, 5-10, 160
Eric Guyton, Mountain Pointe, 5-10, 190
Grif Hiatt, Mountain View, 6-0, 165
Scott Howard, Chandler, 6-4, 185
Bryan Johnson, Chaparral, 5-10, 170
Chinyelu Martin, Moon Valley, 5-11, 187
Matt McDermott, Brophy Prep, 5-11, 170
Myron McGruder, North, 6-2, 190
Jeremy Pennington, Indepen., 5-10, 165
Brent Slade, Highland, 6-1, 175
Casey Tornberg, Cactus, 5-10, 160
Tony Walker, Peoria, 5-10, 174
Derrick Wheaton, McClintock, 6-2, 175
James Wickes, North Canyon, 6-1, 157

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Tyler Breskin, Tempe, 5-10, 180
Don Gallardo, Cactus, 6-4, 190
Mike Gauthier, Dobson, 5-10, 165
Mike Lindsley, Saguaro, 6-2, 190
Jeremy Maggard, Trevor Browne, 6-0, 170
Aaron Moore, Westview, 6-1, 185 (jr)
Wesley Pentecost, Trevor Browne, 6-1, 160
Ryan Reed, Deer Valley, 5-11, 160
Nate Rojas, Alhambra, 5-7, 155
Jim Sanson, St. Mary's, 5-10, 175
Brian Sellier, Mountain Pointe, 6-1, 180
Cory Simmons, Dobson, 6-0, 160

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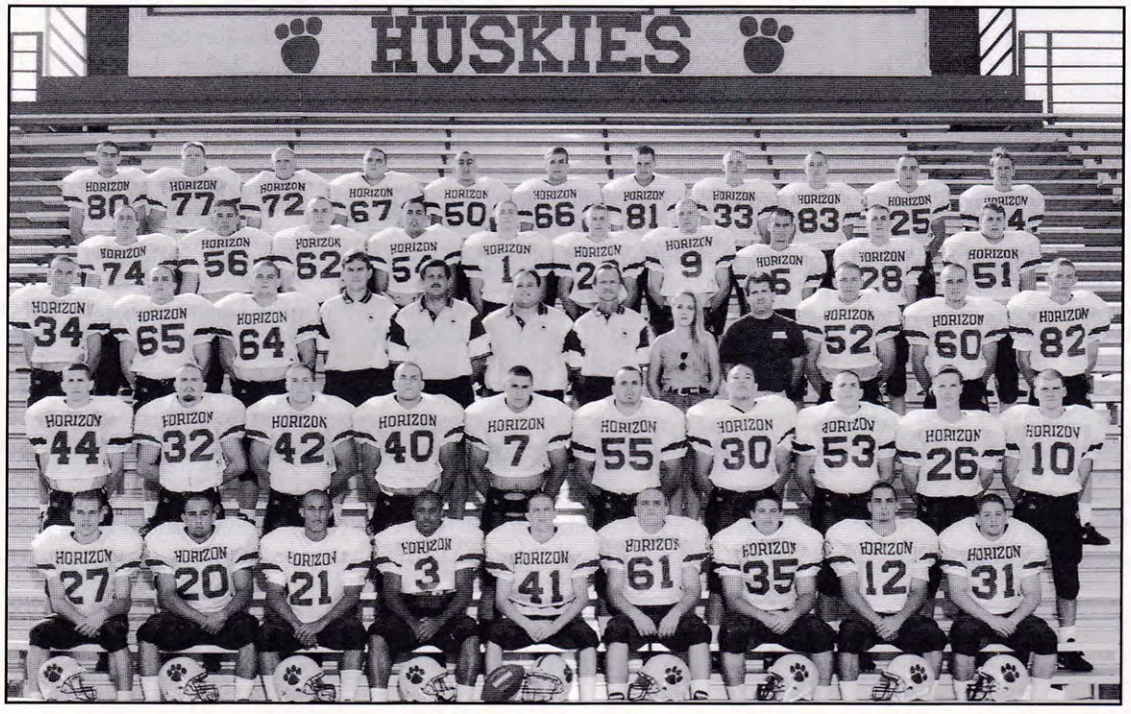
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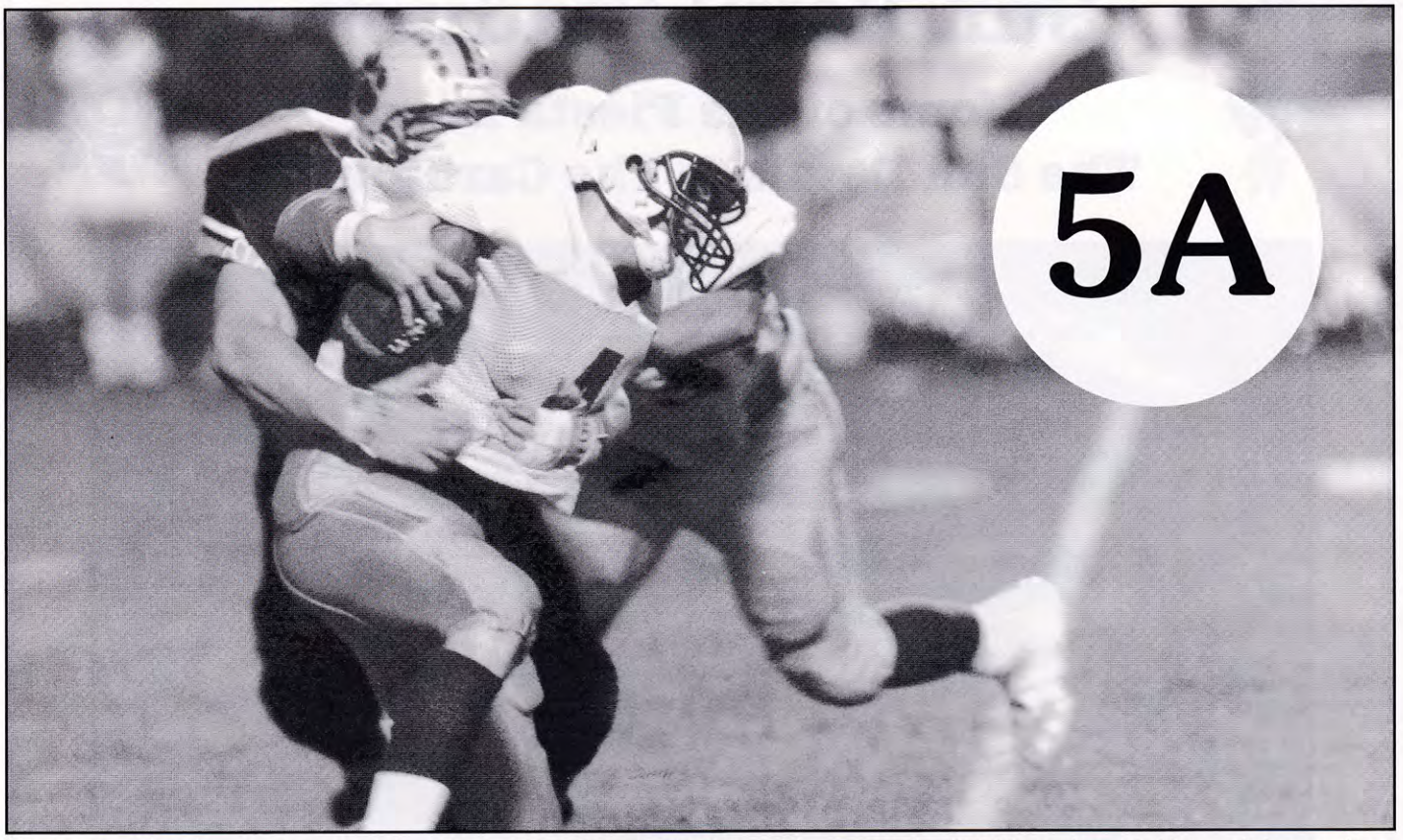
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So far, St. Mary's quarterback Ryan Kealy has completed 60% of his passes for 3,668 yards and 42 touchdowns. But not on this play (Amy Blodgett photo).

St. Mary's Easy Preseason Pick

It was the year of the running back in Arizona high school football. Five backs – a state record for a single season – rushed for 2,000-plus yards. Now the baton is passed to the quarterbacks. Arizona is loaded with quality signal callers, and many reside in Phoenix.

St. Mary's gets the top team billing, and strong-armed Ryan Kealy is the major reason. Last year he passed for 1,741 yards and 20 touchdowns for the state 5A runnerup.

Teammate Jim Sanson, rated the region's top kicker, booted 47 extra points and 12 field goals, the longest registering 58 yards.

Ironically, another strong position in the state this year is the secondary. At Tempe McClintock, the Chargers have what may be the region's top college prospect, safety Derrick Wheaton, considered the best ever defensive back from a school that has produced Ron Washington (K.C. Chiefs), Anthony Parker (Minnesota Vikings), Cleveland Colter (USC) and Kenny Wheaton (Oregon) – Derrick's older brother – to name a few.

5A DESERT VALLEY

1. Phoenix St. Mary's (12-2)
2. Phoenix Brophy Prep (7-4)
3. Deer Valley (3-8)
4. Scottsdale Horizon (11-3)
5. North Canyon (5-5)
6. Yuma Kofa (6-4)
7. Shadow Mountain (0-10)

Last year, **ST. MARY'S** won its fifth straight region crown, beat several outstanding teams in the playoffs, and pushed a very impressive Scottsdale Horizon club to the limit in the 5A title game. The Knights fell to the Huskies, 16-14, in the final seconds. "Short of being 30 seconds too long, it was a great season," said Pat Farrell after his team finished 12-2. "I was very proud of the progress our team made and the poise we played with."

Farrell would like to finish this season with a win. So would all-state QB Ryan Kealy (6-2, 195), who has completed 60% of his passes for 3,668 yards and 42 touchdowns as a Knight. He's been intercepted only 12 times, just three last year. Wide receiver Tariq McDonald (6-1, 175) caught 24 passes for 399 yards, four TDs. Kicker Jim Sanson (5-10, 175) has booted 88 PATs and 16 field goals, with long ones of 58, 51, 49 and 48 yards. He also plays wingback and starts in the secondary. Center Andrew Gonzales (6-0, 225), guard Jim Hill (5-10, 205) and tackle Andre Guerra (5-10, 210) are tested. Little Brian Belles (5-9, 175) is a hard-nosed linebacker. Backer Charlie O'Malley, halfback Frank Stubbs, tight end Greg Fahrendorf and receiver Ray Pacheco – all seniors – have played.

Predicting how **BROPHY PREP** will fare is not as easy. The Broncos lost four key starters in the off-season, for various reasons. Still, Tim Sanford returns six starters on defense and three on offense. Best player from that 7-4 club might be linebacker Dave Hageman (6-2, 220, 4.8), a good two-way player who can also play fullback. Defensive back Matt McDermott (5-10, 170, 4.9) is another good one. Dave Bonsall (5-10, 170) and Chris Park (6-0, 160) are returning skill players. Brophy's hopes reside in the trenches. Seniors Hank Gries (6-0, 230), Ed Clattenberg (5-10, 200) and Noah

Van Hook (6-2, 215), along with juniors Bryan Kula (6-3, 270) and Josh France (6-5, 220) have lettered. So have linebackers Carter Benton (5-10, 215) and Mike Derksen (5-10, 205), two more juniors. Upcoming players from a near-perfect JV squad include Tom Wurtz, Mike Vital, Ryan Dilandri, Bret Collins, Jay Chapman and Bob Koehler.

Although **DEER VALLEY** finished 3-8, they managed to back into the playoffs. Bad luck and injuries jumped on the Skyhawks' back at every turn. Potentially, the school's best group of linemen return, along with a quality quarterback and kicker, both juniors. The QB is Chris Pickering (6-1, 175), who completed 54% of his passes last year. Kicker Ryan Reed (5-11, 160), the backup QB, booted a 44 yard field goal. Up front, Chad Brun (6-0, 230), Dane Sorenson (6-3, 215), Duane Bell (6-2, 250) and Tony Mallaro (6-1, 210) could be all-region picks. Mallaro, with 4.8 speed, plays tight end and linebacker. Bill Paul (5-8, 160) and junior Travis Brun (6-1, 185) are good skill players.

It was a roller coaster season at **HORIZON**, to say the least. Lots of ups and down, but mostly ups. It ended with an 11-3 record and the state 5A championship, won by way of a last-second triumph over St. Mary's at Sun Devil Stadium. But what a difference a year makes. Graduation took 35 of the 45 players. Only one key player returns, but he's a good one. That's big Jason Moore (6-6, 225), the Huskies best bet for post-season honors. He caught only six passes, but averaged 23 yards per catch. In backup roles, Ryan Amanati (5-7, 185) and Sam Patterson (5-9, 175) scored two touchdowns each. Lance McCollum (5-10, 220) is a starting guard. Receivers Jay Sitzman (6-1, 160) and James Denning (6-0, 185) give Horizon a threat on the flanks. The Huskies open in early September at Mesa.

Progress is the name of the game at **NORTH CANYON**, which batted .500 in Tom Wheatley's second year. Six returning Rattlers earned all-region votes, with safety Jamas Wickes (6-1, 157) and linebacker John Geigley (6-2, 204) gaining the most. Aaron Rawls, Brian Baumener and Chaz Collins join Wickes to give Canyon a solid secondary. Tough Aaron Cline plays guard on offense, linebacker on defense.

Winless **SHADOW MOUNTAIN** played few seniors, and it showed. Last year they gave up 34.3 points per game. Still, the experience gained by underclassmen like P.J. Leon (5-11, 192) and Ryan Winn (6-0, 154), good two-way players, should help soon. Backs Tyler Daniel (6-1, 165) and Steve Olson (5-9, 183), along with tackles Ricky Borunda (5-11, 205) and David Gutierrez (6-1, 238) lettered as sophomores. Hal Piguish, a long-time assistant at Mesa Dobson, takes over for the Matadors. He was also head track coach for eight years. Dobson won the '91 state crown under Piguish.

5A Top 20

1. St. Mary's Knights
2. Dobson Mustangs
3. Mountain Pointe Pride
4. Chandler Wolves
5. Trevor Browne Bruins
6. Mesa Jackrabbits
7. Marcos de Niza Padres
8. McClintock Chargers
9. Westwood Warriors
10. Brophy Prep Broncos
11. Mountain View Toros
12. Casa Grande Cougars
13. Camelback Spartans
14. Red Mountain Mt. Lions
15. South Mountain Jaguars
16. Highland Hawks
17. Corona del Sol Aztecs
18. Maryvale Panthers
19. Deer Valley Skyhawks
20. Horizon Huskies

At **YUMA KOFA**, the Kings have two of the region's best players in junior linebacker Tyler Neinast (6-2, 220), and quarterback Ryan Dhu (6-2, 190), who passed for 1,273 yards and 12 TDs for a 6-4 club.

5A CENTRAL

1. Tempe Mountain Pointe (6-4)
2. Chandler (8-3)
3. Tempe Marcos de Niza (5-5)
4. Tempe McClintock (3-7)
5. Casa Grande (9-3)
6. Tempe Corona del Sol (4-6)
7. Yuma (1-9)

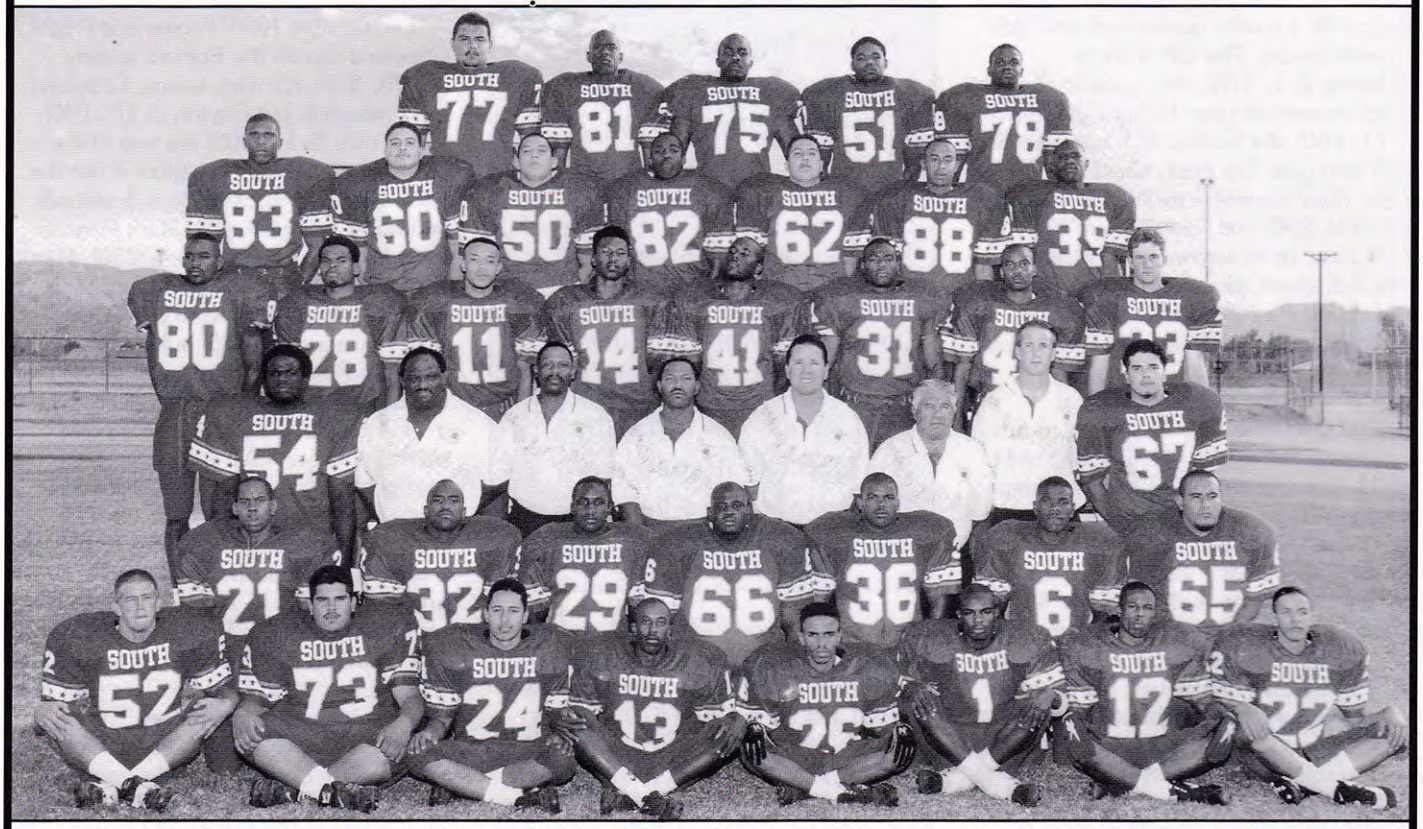
Karl Kiefer, who doubles as the boys track & field coach at **MOUNTAIN POINTE**, is the winningest prep football coach in Arizona history. In the Pride's third varsity year, his young tracksters blazed to the 5A state championship, thanks in part to a collection of speedy football players who helped form two state championship relay teams. "In football we were close but no cigar," says Kiefer, who is 237-86-3 in his high school coaching career. "This could be our best year yet," he adds. "The building of the tradition continues, and it started in track."

Eric Guyton, Keith Brown and Roger Copeland ran on the Pointe's speedy (42.23, 3:20.75) relay teams. Copeland has graduated, but Guyton (5-10, 190) and Brown (5-11, 205) are two of the best skill players in the region, if not the state. Both run 40 yards in 4.5 seconds and never leave the field. Mark Porcella (6-3, 220), Jason Clear (6-4, 250), Martin Redmond (6-0, 225), Jared Hayden (5-11, 220), Eric Figueroa (6-0, 260) and Matt Takacs (6-3, 215), a junior center, give The Pointe more size and speed than normal. Quarterback Brian Sellier (6-1, 180, 4.6) is also the club's kicker. He missed only one PAT and made three field goals. Brad Rekuc (6-2, 195) and Rashaad Williams (6-4, 180) are solid tight ends. Jacob Saucedo (5-11, 165) is a capable wideout. Brian Kelly (5-9, 180) and T.J. Hughes (5-10, 190) give the backfield depth.The Pride actually finished 7-3 on the field, but had to forfeit a 49-21 win over Mesa Dobson. This year they open at Mesa Mountain View.

Maybe **CHANDLER** turned the corner. In Jerry Loper's second season, the Wolves finished 8-3 (best since 1984); a playoff loss to Tucson Amphi ended it. "It was a good season," says Loper, 212-102-10 in 30 years. "We still have much to do." Loper thinks the Wolves are a darkhorse, and he has three of the better players in the region to back it up. All-region deep back Adam Archuleta (6-0, 180) can go and go. He's a real workhorse. Quarterback Scott Howard (6-4, 185) and center Eric Landwehr (6-0, 205) are key players in the wishbone. Tom Sherman (6-1, 220) and Justin Davis (6-0, 190) are the guards. Amondo Perez (5-10, 200) and Ty Edmondson (5-11, 220) are tackles. Casey Johnston (6-4, 205) is a capable tight end. If Howard goes down, Loper has Paul Cox and Blake Wood waiting in the wings. Cox and Jason Holmes also roam the secondary. Tough Alex Ashlin is a good defensive end. Junior linebacker Anthony

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The injury bug and a tough early season schedule could get **MARCOS DE NIZA** off to a slow start. But if talented signal caller Ryan Leyba (6-1, 195) gets healthy, the Padres could pull a surprise or two. Last year he passed for 1,700 yards and 14 touchdowns, his longest a 99-yarder to DeRonn Finley. Finley (5-8, 170, 4.4) caught 47 passes for 793 yards. Halfback Jacori Jacobs (5-7, 190, 4.6), one of the state's strongest players, rushed for 1,077 yards. Marcus Brunson (6-2, 172, 4.4), the other wide receiver, is the state's fastest player. Last year he won the 5A 200-meter dash in 21.48 seconds, and clocked 10.74 for the 100. Linebacker Matt Carreon (5-10, 195) was the Padres' leading tackler. He averaged 5.0 yards per carry as a fullback. Brendan Hines (6-1, 210) and John Hauptman (6-0, 205) are starting guards. Brian Gerlach (6-0, 170), the backup quarterback, is the starting safety. Phil Wilson (6-2, 246) and Pat Nelson (6-1, 230) are returning tackles. Josh Bolen (6-0, 184), one of several talented juniors up from the 7-2 junior varsity, could start at center or linebacker. Kicker Andy Meja is the lone sophomore on the team.

It was a frustrating year at **McCLINTOCK,** where close losses in several games finished off the Chargers. Coach Dennis Johnson and his staff plan to turn that around. "We're much stronger on the line, both sides of it," says Johnson, who just might have the state's best player, two-way back Derrick Wheaton (6-2, 175, 4.5). The younger brother of University of Oregon star Ken Wheaton, Derrick might be one of the state's best all-round athletes. He's also rated a top basketball prospect. Although roaming the secondary is his forte, watch for Wheaton to carry the ball more, with big fullback Mark Polchow (6-2, 215) leading the way. Derrick is also the team's punter. Center Nathan McClelland (6-2, 250) anchors the Chargers' line. Guard Simon Sheard (6-1, 235) is right next door. Junior Frank Linden (6-2, 175) is the club's quarterback. Junior Chris Hickson (6-2, 205) joins Polchow to give McClintock one of the region's top linebacking corps. Little Jeff Venegas (5-7, 150) is a sure-handed receiver.

CASA GRANDE lost a 40-37 quarterfinal game to Peoria in its last contest in the 4A ranks. This fall the Cougars move up. Two of the best players from that 9-3 unit are back, WR Aaron Jones and FB/LB Stephen Trejo. Jones, a 6-8 high jumper, caught 57 passes for 1,024 yards. He's also the team's punter. Defensively, Trejo helped with 80 tackles, eight sacks, two fumbles and two interceptions. From the backfield he caught 26 passes for 494 yards and four TDs. He also rushed for 606 yards and scored 10 more times. Speedy Kyle McEuen is a good receiver. Junior Richard Dill is a small (5-7, 160) but dangerous running back. Junior Scott Lenderman and senior Samuel Goodwin are 230-pound linemen. Goodwin is the Cougars' center. Sauguan Albertie joins Trejo at linebacker.

Improved speed and better depth make for a bright forecast at **CORONA DEL SOL**, if the pieces fall into place. Coach Gary Ventura has more than 20 lettermen to work with, starting with two-way guard Trent Brome (5-11, 210). Little Shawn Hochuli (5-9, 160) is the Aztecs' quarterback. Linemen like Oliver Hirsch (6-0, 200), Wes Latecki (6-2, 210), Bryan Weber (5-10, 190) and young Alex McCain (6-3, 210) should make his job easier. James Davis (6-0, 180) is a capable receiver and the team's kicker.

YUMA, last in the region, still has the fastest back around, not to mention one of the best. He's Dempsey Dees (5-11, 175), the top college prospect in town. With 4.5 speed he rushed for 1,200 yards, played in the secondary and led the team in return yardage.

5A EAST VALLEY
1. Mesa Dobson (7-5)
2. Mesa (11-1)
3. Mesa Westwood (7-4)
4. Mesa Mountain View (9-3)
5. Mesa Red Mountain (3-7)
6. Gilbert Highland (12-1)
7. Yuma Cibola (5-5)

Last year was typical **DOBSON.** Slow start, fast finish. Coach Mike Clark's Mustangs opened with a 49-21 loss to a team which didn't even make the playoffs. But nine weeks later the Mustangs were playoff-bound. It ended with a 21-9 loss to South Mountain in the quarterfinals. Twenty players return, with speed a premium. The kicking game is strong as always. Senior Mike Gauthier (5-10, 165, 8 FGs) will see to that. He's one of the city's best. Punter Cory Simmons (6-0,

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160) averaged 35.0 yards per boot. Big tight end Cauley Clark has size (6-2, 212) and speed (4.7) to play at a higher level. He averaged 12.0 yards per catch. Tailback Rashidi Johnson (6-0, 205, 4.6), who averaged 6.2 yards in a backup role, gets his chance to start. Senior Billy Harmon (5-10, 170) steps in at quarterback. Ryan Gray (6-2, 200) and Kyle Withers (6-0, 205) are starting guards. Big Ryan Dohrendorf (6-3, 240) is a good two-way tackle. Opponents will face the likes of Shegun Cummings-John (6-1, 180, 4.6), Cody Eslick (6-1, 190, 4.8) and junior Jabari Johnson (6-0, 190, 4.6) in the secondary. Still, Dobson needs to pick up the pace early. This year a slow start could spell doom.

The season ended sooner than **MESA** wanted, with a 24-14 loss to St. Mary's in the quarterfinals. That left the Jackrabbits with an 11-1 mark. The junior varsity finished 8-0, and that group will have to step up, since only nine players return to Bill McKane's varsity. Graduation cleaned out the locker room. Only one offensive starter, QB Tom Pace (5-11, 190, 4.6), returns. He completed 62% of his passes and rushed for 700 yards. He, along with linebackers Dave Lembo (5-9, 200) and Mike Pekrul (6-2, 190), started on defense. Pace played in the secondary. The coaches feel that center Nathan Blair (6-2, 230) and tackle James Moore (6-0, 265) are potential stars. The same goes for tackle Ryan Huber (6-0, 265). Since Pace runs so well he might see action at tailback. If so, Nate Cooley (5-10, 165) could fill in at quarterback. Linemen like Jesus Santana (6-1, 240) and David McKane (6-2, 205, jr) give the 'Rabbits depth. But like all Mesa teams, the skill players are top-notch. This year's edition includes Isaac Johnson, Star Aholelei, Mike Kelly, Blake Moody, Scott Glover, Jared Bacon and Phil Yanex, seniors all. Juniors waiting in the wings include Dawud Austin, Will Byrd, Nicky Gates and Mike Ross, to name a few.

Facing all four Mesa schools in a row will be a tough test for **WESTWOOD,** but Curt Palmer feels up to the task. "We need to stay away from injuries, have good team chemistry, and some luck," pleads the Warriors' coach, whose 7-4 club lost a playoff game to St. Mary's on a 58-yard field goal. If they stay healthy, look for running back John Harris (5-9, 170), linebacker Brent Passey (6-2, 200), and tackles Spencer Ray (6-4, 225) and Steve Sylvester (6-3, 220) to land post-season honors. Aaron Blanch, Josh Frazier, Greg Mendez, Paul Navarette, Kent Nielson, Brandon Radeff, Jason Ricedorff and James Sanders are potential all-league players.

It's still a Texas flavor at **MOUNTAIN VIEW,** where newcomer Bernie Busken replaces Jesse Parker, who left to coach in Texarkana, Texas. Last year Busken was the head coach at Brazoswood High in Clute, Texas. Parker leaves behind a 184-43-2 record and four state championships at the Mesa school. Busken comes in with a 70-72 mark in the profession, which also includes stints in Oklahoma and New Mexico. Last year, the Toros finished 9-3 after falling to Horizon in the playoffs. Fifteen lettermen return. They gave up only two second half TDs all season. But few starters, little size and average speed greet the new coach. The junior class might have the best player, two-way tackle Nick Bogle (6-2, 225), while senior defensive back Grif Hiatt (6-0, 165) is a potential starter at quarterback. Wideout Brian Brotemarkle (6-1, 170, 4.6) averaged 14.2 yards per catch. Brock Hendershott (6-0, 200), Michael Aguirre (6-0, 185) and Mark Mabry (5-11, 180) are three good linebackers. On offense, Hendershott is the Toros' fullback. Tackle Ryan Olsen (6-0, 205) is a good blocker.

Even though **RED MOUNTAIN** won only three games, the Lions' coaching staff is upbeat. "We lost several close games and nine starters along the way," says Jim Jones. "We expect to make the playoffs this time." Forced into action, junior fullback Jason Stevens (5-10, 200, 4.9) averaged 5.6 yards per carry. He also plays defensive tackle. With Blake Longacre (5-10, 175), Junior London (5-10, 185) and John Westra (6-5, 220) healthy, Jones and his staff have a good collection of linebackers. With his size and good hands, Westra is a big target as a tight end, also. Look for junior Eric Locke (5-10, 170) to start at quarterback. Little Danny Alexander (5-9, 175) is a capable receiver. Junior Eric Sanchez (6-0, 210) is a good two-way lineman.

The staff at **HIGHLAND** will miss the seniors who helped build a 19-4-0 foundation at the new Gilbert school. Coach Mike Epperson's 12-1 club dropped a 14-13 heartbreaker to co-champ Peoria in the 4A semis. "We had a great run at it," says Epperson, who takes his Hawks into the 5A wars. "We've gotten off to a good start out here. We feel like we have some quality players returning; they're just unproven. It will take us a couple of games in the new league to get started."

With senior Chris Watkins (6-4, 265, 4.9) in the lineup, Highland has one of the best linemen in the state. He's one of 22 returning players. Deep back Brent Slade (6-1, 175, 4.7) is another good one. Junior fullback James Creason (6-0, 212, 4.7) averaged 7.5 yards per carry. He also starts at linebacker. Frank Swencki (6-0, 192) is the Hawks' center. He and Jason Gomez (5-11, 215) give the team two good defensive ends. Jeff Dodgson (5-10, 195) and Steve Stone (5-11, 165) are two-way backs. Dodgson can play linebacker. Stone is just a junior.

YUMA CIBOLA returns two of that city's best in wide receiver Ben Olivas (5-8, 175), also a good punter who averaged 40.7 yards per kick, and back Matt Pierce (6-0, 195). Underclassmen Jarrod Haggard (6-2, 260) and Sam Jefferies (6-1, 250) are big ones.

5A METRO

1. Phoenix Trevor Browne (4-7)
2. Phoenix Camelback (3-7)
3. South Mountain (12-1)
4. Phoenix Maryvale (9-3)
5. Phoenix Carl Hayden (0-10)
6. Phoenix Alhambra (4-5-1)
7. Phoenix North (2-8)
8. Phoenix Central (2-8)

The young Bruins played well at **TREVOR BROWNE**, but youth and inexperience took its toll in the playoffs' first round. Defense, a sound kicking game and a key transfer brighten the Bruins' hopes. Place kicker Wesley Pentecost (6-1, 160) and punter Jeremy Maggard (6-0, 170) are good ones. Big Joe Perez (6-3, 270) is one of the best two-way linemen in the city. Newcomer Marcus Williams (5-8, 180, 4.6) rushed for 800-plus yards at Brophy Prep. Tackle Randy Gross (6-0, 220) and guard Ben Westover (6-0, 225) are new blocking buddies. Sam Clement (6-5, 220) is a big tight end. With 4.6 speed, Robert Gray (5-11, 175) makes a dangerous wingback, and gives Trevor Browne more speed. Phillip Stafford (6-3, 200) and Jamie Capilla (5-10, 185) anchor an improved defense. Senior QB Carvel Whitfield (6-3, 185) runs the Bruins' Wing-T. Since 1972, Mitton has won 161 games at the Phoenix school.

CAMELBACK was competitive in all 10 games last year, and, with a high number of returning lettermen (20), coach Jon Turoczy has a good nucleus to work with. Players like Jason Rainey (6-0, 185) and Kenneth Cotton (6-1, 205) are all-region material. Rainey as a linebacker, Cotton a running back. Senior James

Valdez (5-8, 180), juniors Gabriel Leadley (5-10, 225) and Jeffrey Welch (6-3, 180) start on the line. Eric Robison (6-2, 175) and junior Richard Aquayo (5-11, 180) are quarterback candidates. "We will change from the wishbone to a pro attack to allow the talents of these young athletes to become more apparent," says the Spartans' new mentor.

It looks like another young team with a lot of potential at **SOUTH MOUNTAIN**. Only 11 players from a near-perfect 12-1 club return. "We had a great season, but fell short of our goal to win a state championship," says Cleveland Dansby, whose team lost to Horizon in the semifinals, 28-15. In the past two years the Jaguars are 24-3-0, best in Arizona among 5A schools. Usually loaded at the skill positions, this edition features linebacker Gilbert Aldana (6-2, 252) and guard Sal Favala (6-1, 245). Marcus Sydnor (6-1, 245) is another good backer. Daniel Garcia (5-9, 240) returns at center. Ramon Lopez (6-2, 250) starts at guard. Speedy corner Jason Carr (5-9, 165, 4.6) moves over to quarterback. The other cornerback, senior Rashad White (5-11, 200, 4.5), is the quickest Jaguar in camp.

A solid line returns at **MARYVALE,** where the Panthers advanced to the playoffs' second round for the first time since 1989. Tucson Amphi ended Maryvale's run at 9-3 with a 17-6 beating. Ironically, skill players are missing at a school which has produced a ton. Today, two (Darren Woodson & Phillippi Sparks) start in the NFL. "Defensively, we will be better than last year's crew if we can stay injury free," says Tom Bruney, the Panthers' second-year coach. Those key defenders include the likes of end Joe Torres (6-0, 240), and linebackers Robert Lopez (5-11, 200) and Faraja Greathouse (6-1, 215), all-region picks. Linemen Anthony Guzman (5-11, 270), Marquiz Muldrow (6-1, 275) and Miloh McKinnon (5-10, 245) form a rugged forward wall. Now, if skill players like Cory Walker, Jovanne Kirkendoll, Kevin Gardner, Carlos Harris, Brian Grimes and Ismael Acosta come through, the Panthers could be in the hunt. Acosta might be the team's quarterback.

In one year, Stuart Goldstein added 55 players to the **CARL HAYDEN** program, and that still wasn't enough. The Falcons haven't had a winning season in 24 years. "We must keep working toward creating an interest in football on campus," says Goldstein, who will field a predominate junior team. "We have many obstacles to overcome before we win." Still, the Falcons have several top-flight players, starting with center Eric Salazar (6-0, 205), safety Moses Carpio (5-10, 155), linebacker Chris Blanton (5-10, 210) and junior tight end Eric Regalado (6-2, 205), four who could start for any team in the Metro Region. Tackle Rudy Guneia (5-9, 218) and guards Ulysses Sandoval (5-8, 230) and Miguel Perez (5-7, 195) can't do it alone. They need help on the line. Players like Stephan Pete and Clarence Ferguson, two-way backs, must step forward.

Another school with a new coach is **ALHAMBRA,** which last won more games than it lost in 1986. The Lions ended with three straight wins to finish 4-5-1. "This will be a very young team with a lot of juniors and sophomores," says first-year coach Frank Lautt. "But we expect to make the playoffs." Still, seniors are the key, and RB/LB Antoine Logan (5-9, 165) and PK Nate Rojas (5-7, 155) are the leaders of the class. Logan recorded four sacks, while Rojas has booted 40 consecutive PATs. Marvin Gulley (5-10, 165) is a two-way back. Lineman Billy Medina (5-10, 215) and back Tamar Johnson (5-8, 165) are juniors. As a backup quarterback, Johnson passed for 400 yards.

Improvement is the name of the game at **NORTH**, also. Second-year coach Gary Somo has three key players returning: DB Myron McGruder (6-2, 190), RB Simon Romero (5-9, 180), and LB Paris Moore (5-8, 178). Ironically, Moore was the team's leading rusher (416 yards). Romero averaged 6.1 yards per carry. Another linebacker, Albert Munsch (6-0, 190), is plenty capable. Two-way guard Ronnie Royce (5-11, 190) is tough, but needs a lot of help. Depth is the Mustangs' biggest weakness.

It's been more than a decade since **CENTRAL** had a winning season, and this year could be more of the same. Few bodies have resulted in too few wins. Fullback Johnny Smith (5-9, 197) and junior linebacker Raymond Perryman (6-0, 181) are also basketball players. Seniors Ted Venetis (6-1, 245), Sean LaGesse (5-9, 193) and junior Shane Murphy (6-3, 187) join a small collection of much needed linemen. Junior Jermaine Baisey (5-9, 152), a speedy wideout, also plays in the secondary.

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Ron Washington

McClintock came out of the blocks fast. From the very first day, the new kid on the block was a football power.

In 1965, the Chargers first varsity squad compiled a 7-2 record. Since that date, the Tempe school has won 72% of its games – one of the five best winning percentages in the state.

Coached first by Karl Kiefer, McClintock won three state football crowns before he left in 1991 to coach at the district's newest school, Mountain Pointe. Today the Chargers are coached by Dennis Johnson, a former assistant to Kiefer.

Twenty years ago this fall, the Chargers recorded their first undefeated regular season. A 28-7 win over Chandler assured them of a 10-0 record and the No. 1 ranking in the state. This Charger club featured two outstanding college prospects, free safety David Given (also the team's quarterback) and wide receiver Ronnie Washington, a high school All-American.

It was Given who helped beat Marcos de Niza, 19-14, with a 100-yard return of a pass interception. Washington returned three punts – two against Arcadia – for touchdowns, and returned a kickoff 95 yards against Scottsdale. Offensively, Given completed 53% of his passes for 1,533 yards.

In a major upset, Scottsdale Saguaro knocked off the Chargers in the playoff's first round, 15-14. Two weeks later, Tucson Amphi beat Maryvale in the finals. Both Given and Washington later played at Arizona State, with Washington having a short stint in the pros.

The Chargers regrouped and eventually won three 5A crowns under Kiefer. Today, entering the 1995 campaign, McClintock is considered a contender for league honors, this time under Johnson.

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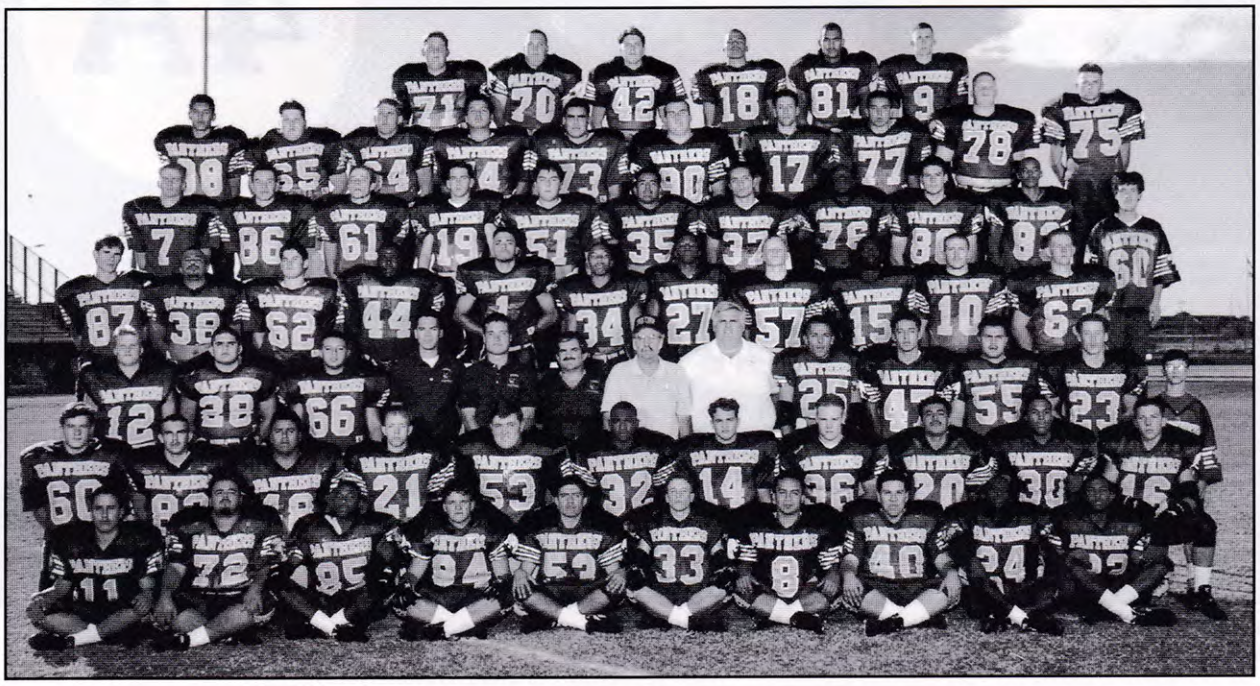
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Independence receiver Angel Chavez, who will be converted to quarterback this season, juggles a pass against archrival Glendale. The Patriots should be much improved in '95.

Saguaro's 'Cats Back on Track

As is the case with their counterparts in Class 5A, this year's crop of 4A players looks top-notch. Quality quarterbacks, runners and defensive backs are everywhere. That shouldn't be surprising. In the past decade, more football players from Arizona's 4A ranks have landed college football scholarships than those from larger 5A schools. And there's no question several of our state's top skill position players reside at the Valley of the Sun's 4A level.

At Cactus High, quarterback Jonathan Beasley – rated one of the nation's best – passed for 2,566 yards and 28 touchdowns last year.

New to the conference is Scottsdale Saguaro, which drops down in classification for the first time ever. Coach Tim Beck returns a wealth of talent, including two-way back Mike Brown, a 1,400-yard rusher who set a school record with a 321-yard game against Phoenix North.

The Sabercats entrance into the West Valley Region makes it possibly the toughest 4A league in Arizona. For the first time in history, no Scottsdale School District school is in the state's largest class. The opening of Desert Mountain High dipped into Saguaro's enrollment.

4A WEST VALLEY

1. Scottsdale Saguaro (8-3)
2. Peoria (12-1-1)
3. Peoria Centennial (5-5)
4. Agua Fria (3-6-1)
5. Tolleson (2-8)
6. Bullhead City Mohave (1-8-1)

Fortunes improved last year at **SCOTTSDALE SAGUARO**, where the Sabercats went from 2-8 to 8-3, capping the season with the school's first playoff berth since 1987. Quarterback Ryan Smith (6-3, 193), running back Mike Brown (5-10, 188) and linebacker Steve Hannant (6-1, 227) were three of only five juniors on the Scottsdale all-city team – a team dominated by Horizon players. Smith completed 86 of 172 passes (50%) for 1,416 yards and 12 touchdowns. His best game was against Trevor Browne, when he passed for 304 yards and three scores. Brown, who is also an excellent defensive back, raced for 1,431 yards and scored 15 touchdowns. In the secondary he made 98 tackles, recovered two fumbles, intercepted two passes (one for a TD) and ran down enemy runners for touchdown-saving tackles. Despite missing two games with injuries, Hannant had an outstanding season, also. He was second on the team in tackles (86), and added four sacks and three interceptions to his list of big plays. Receiver Mike Lindsey (6-2, 190), lineman Jon Troutman (6-4, 220) and linebacker Gavin Engle (6-3, 188) also earned postseason honors. Size, as well as speed, will be a strength. Linemen like Bob Horbaczewski (6-4, 260), Brad Streich (6-5, 260), Mike Winney (6-5, 239), Tom Alexander (6-2, 210), Matt Derr (6-0, 240), Darin Betts (6-5, 214) and sophomore Brad Selby (6-6, 275) mirror a college team. Juniors Joe Dimarco (5-10, 210) and Chancellor Barjona (5-11, 225) will see action in backup roles. Seniors Frank Vairo, Brian Berger and Spencer Brown, along with underclassmen Nathan Wize and Ryan Evans, add speed and talent to the skill positions. Still, for the 'Cats to prevail at playoff time, the defense must be more unyielding. Last year's three losses were

whoppers: 55-7 to South Mountain, 62-8 to Horizon, 38-31 to Maryvale.

It's time to reload at **PEORIA,** one of the state's premier football programs. The college scouts grabbed up the Panthers' three best prospects: tailback Tavon Cooper (Colorado), receiver Kenny Mitchell (Arizona State) and linebacker Jeff Johnson (Washington). However, more than 30 lettermen from a club that tied Tucson Sahuaro in the finals return. "We have a solid nucleus of defensive athletes," says Doug Clapp, who has won 80% of his games, "Several newcomers finally get their chance on offense. We are excited about our potential." Two all-state players are back: OG Deryck Miller (6-1, 271) and defensive back Tony Walker (5-10, 174, 4.6), who intercepted seven passes. Linebacker Dominic Brunetti (6-1, 208, 4.7) started last year at Brophy Prep. Running back Paul Xourafas (6-2, 205, 4.6), a backup to Cooper last year, finally gets his chance. Wide receiver Neil Walker (5-10, 169, 4.6) averaged 27.3 yards per catch. Receiver Chris Burrell (6-2, 178, 4.7) is a good high hurdler. Tackle Gabriel Napolean (6-1, 220) was an all-league defender. Manuel Stevens (6-0, 243) was third at the state wrestling championships in the heavyweight competition. Junior guard Joaquin Paramo (6-2, 218) switches to tight end. Junior Jess Shuck (6-2, 245) starts at center. Seniors Aaron Welch (5-11, 175) and Ralph Sanchez (6-1, 194) will battle for the starting quarterback job. Sophs Brian (5-11, 176) and Mike (5-11, 175) Wojtkowski are stars of the future. Both started on the varsity baseball team as freshmen.

"We should have the best team we've put on the field in our school's brief history," says Richard Taylor, head coach at **CENTENNIAL**. Over 20 players return from a 5-5 campaign, including do-everything back Ronnie Watkins (5-11, 172, 4.6), who rushed for 1,261 yards on 210 carries. Fullback Bryan Hill (5-9, 214) rushed for 465 yards. Quarterback Toby Rade (6-2, 172) completed 52% of his passes for 1,116 yards and 13 TD strikes. Center Mike Johnson (6-0, 255) is also the Coyotes' kicker. He booted three field goals. Big David Floyd (6-4, 240) is one of the best two-way tackles in the league. He joins defensive ends Richard Demarbiex (6-0, 185) and Arthur Kipp (6-0, 180) to give Centennial a solid front wall. Tyson Hintz, Chris Mondino, Drew Brown, Paul Miller, Lara Knipp, Ragelio Celaya, Jason Ayers, Steve Alger, Josh Colby and juniors Shayne Swingle and Luie Contreras add skill, size and depth to a potential playoff team.

4A TOP 20

1. Saguaro Sabercats
2. Cactus Cobras
3. Peoria Panthers
4. Ironwood Eagles
5. Coronado Dons
6. Centennial Coyotes
7. Tempe Buffaloes
8. Washington Rams
9. Apollo Hawks
10. Thunderbird Chiefs
11. Westview Knights
12. Independence Patriots
13. Moon Valley Rockets
14. Arcadia Titans
15. Greenway Demons
16. Agua Fria Owls
17. Chaparral Firebirds
18. Gilbert Tigers
19. Sunnyslope Vikings
20. Cortez Colts

Inexperience (zero returning starters) spelled 3-6-1 at **AGUA FRIA**, and it could be more of the same for Gary Cook and his staff. Only nine lettermen return, so lots of new players will step into the fire. Still, AFHS has depth at linebacker and a good corps of wide receivers. Among the linebackers are seniors Alex Aguirre (6-2, 215) and Ricthie Romo (5-9, 175). Juniors Bryan Schafer and Chris Limas are backups. P.J. DoVico (5-10, 150) and Jeff Snauley (6-1, 170) are the pass catchers. Juniors Chris White and Adam Hernandez wait in the wings. David Gonzalez (6-0, 210) is the team's center, Ramon Rodriguez (5-9, 155) a good two-way back and junior Mike Segovia (5-10, 205) is the punter. The Owls will move away from last year's option attack to a more balanced offense.

Twenty veteran players return at **TOLLESON,** where the Wolves made the best of a new staff and a killer schedule. A big win over Agua Fria made the season, but losses to playoff teams like Peoria, Casa Grande, Coronado and Westview resulted in a 2-8 finish. Now the outlook is bright, since the entire backfield returns, on both sides of the ball. Top prospect is Bud Norman (5-10, 180), a senior TB with 4.6 speed. Norman averaged 4.6 yards per carry with defenses keying on him. Ernie Casillas (6-0, 170, 4.8) is back at QB, and Jerome DeRouchey (6-3, 200) is a good target at TE. Promising sophomore DaRell Gilbert (5-7, 165, 4.7) doubles at wideout and cornerback. Dan Grier (6-3, 210) is the club's best two-way lineman, while junior Eric Guzman (6-0, 180) is a good blocking back and middle backer. Last year the junior varsity was winless, but 13 sophomores played on the varsity.

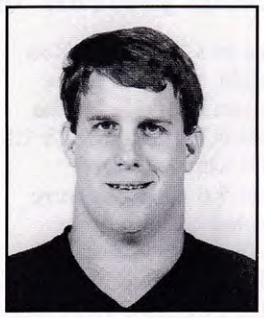
Both quarterback Josh Ledlow (6-0, 175) and halfback Jeff Castillo (5-10, 175) rushed for 900 yards at **MOHAVE**, but it wasn't enough to keep the Thunderbirds out of the cellar. Kevin Reid (6-3, 265) is a big target at tight end.

4A ARROWHEAD

1. Glendale Cactus (11-2)
2. Glendale Ironwood (7-4)
3. Tolleson Westview (10-2)
4. Lake Havasu (6-4)
5. Phoenix Goldwater (0-10)

Coach Larry Fetkenhier is two wins shy of 100 at **CACTUS,** where the Cobras return 23 players from an 11-2 club which missed playing at Sun Devil Stadium by one yard. "Our team played hard and was exciting to watch," says the head coach, 98-34-2 in 11 years. "We may lack size, but we will be fast this year. We return seven starters on defense." Still, the Cobras' season rides on the shoulders of all-state QB Jonathan Beasley (6-2, 205), one of the state's top prospects. With 4.6 speed and a strong arm, Beasley passed for 2,566 yards and 28 touchdowns. The results kept kicker Don Gallardo (6-4, 190, 4.5) busy. He booted a record 70 extra points, does the team's punting and starts in the secondary. Junior Chris Hann (6-3, 253) starts at center. Lonnie Chatman (5-10, 175) steps in at running back. Wide receivers D.J. Hollingsworth, Derek Thompson and Brad Kresge join transfer Matt Hinebaugh (6-5, 220) to form a typical Cactus aerial attack. But this Cobra club looks tough on defense, too. Aaron Mohamed (6-3, 190), Greg McMillan (6-1, 212) and junior Kyle Kosier (6-5, 210) form a stout linebacking crew. Andy Schmidlen (6-2, 222) and junior David Henson (6-6, 268) man the trenches. Casey Tornberg (5-10, 160, 4.5), Gene

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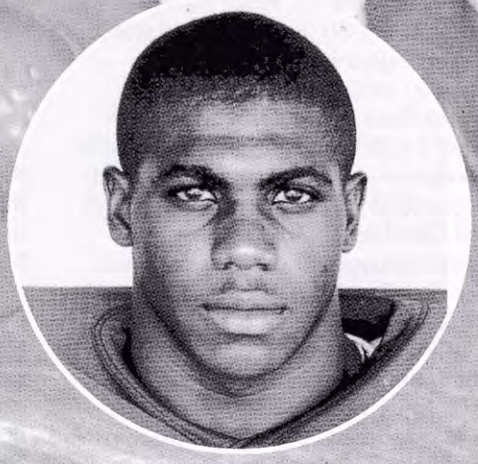
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Who would have guessed it?

It was billed as the "Year of the Chargers." The McClintock Chargers. Coach Karl Kiefer's nationally ranked club included several dandy prospects, like quarterback Kent Kiefer (Missouri), tailback Art Greathouse (Arizona) and wide receiver Cleveland Colter (USC), soon to be the state player of the year.

It had been more than a decade since a large school champ had repeated, and although St. Mary's returned 19 lettermen from its '84 championship club, few had been starters.

"All the pieces fell in the right place," said head coach Pat Farrell after his Knights blitzed Tucson Sahuaro 31-14 in the '84 finals. "We stayed healthy and got hot when we had to. I wouldn't mind doing it again, sometime."

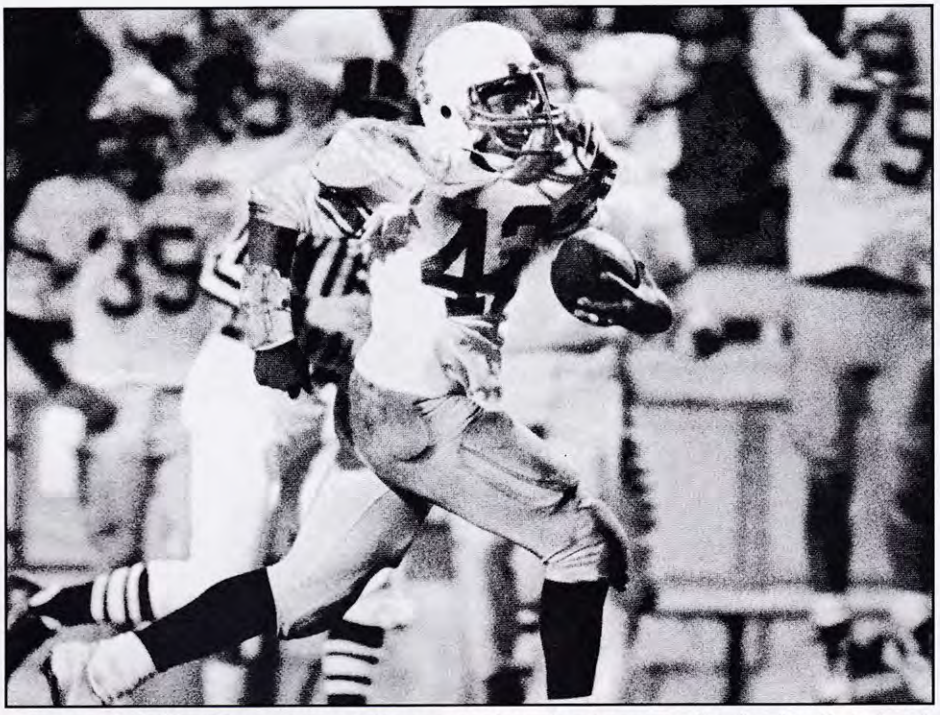
Sometime came soon.

All-state quarterback Steve Belles had picked up his diplomand headed to Notre Dame. But both young running backs, Reggie McGill and Derryl Harris, returned. And the kicking game looked solid with Mike Cortright back. Entering the '85 campaign, the reliable senior had 17 field goals under his belt.

First, Alhambra lost by one point, 13-12. Then Shadow Mountain lost by one touchdown, 10-3. Rival Brophy Prep lost by five points, 15-10. Moon Valley fell by four points, 24-20. Later in the playoffs, Tucson Sahuaro fell again, by - you guessed it - one point, 10-9.

In the finals at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, 14,221 cold fans - plus an ASPN-TV audience - braved near freezing weather and cold aluminum seats, as St. Mary's edged Glendale Apollo 11-7 in a real defensive struggle. "It was so cold in the upper deck," said ASPN sportscaster George Allen, "My teath almost froze." The winning score came on a 47 yard TD sprint in the final minutes by McGill.

The junior running back, who would later play for the University of Arizona, rushed for 1,448 yards and scored13 touchdowns on the season, the 47-yarder his most important.



Reggie McGill's 47-yard touchdown run late in the game broke Apollo's back (Phoenix Gazette photo).

Although half the teams on St. Mary's schedule played them tough, the results were the same. Fourteen opponents got beat. It was the third time in four years that the state's "large school" champ finished undefeated. It was the Knights' sixth state football title.

After the '85 campaign, St. Mary's owned a 23-game win streak, putting them within reach of Tucson's state "large school" record of 32. Those Badger teams, coached by Rollin T. Gridley, were nationally ranked and beat teams from California, Texas and Arizona.

These St. Mary's teams were coached by Farrell, a former all-state defensive back who was earlier selected Arizona Coach of the Year, picked by the Phoenix Press Box Association. The same award has gone to the likes of Frank Kush, Larry Smith, John MacLeod and Bobby Winkles, to name a few. Good company for the young St. Mary's coach, 69-25-2 at the time.

Biggest graduation loss was kicker Cortright, who took his All-American toe to Phoenix College after booting a national record 36 field goals during his career.

The win over Apollo gave St. Mary's its first undefeated season since 1967, and back-to-back state titles for the first time since 1967-68. Those clubs were coached by Ed Doherty.

It was Apollo, coached by Rudy Pacheco, which knocked out McClintock in a titanic upset in the semifinals.

"There is no way in the world I would have believed this would happen," Farrell said as he clutched the winner's trophy. "These kids were a second half ball club this year, which is unfortunate for a coach's health."

McGill's winning run came with 3:40 left on the clock. "It was the same play that beat Sahuaro last week," Farrell added. "We call it a 'toss' and it has been our gravy. It's a play that can be stopped five times in a row, but the sixth time it can go for 70 yards."

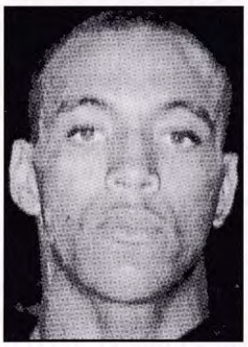
And the streak? It lasted four games into the '86 campaign. Moon Valley ended it 14-7 in front of 6,000 fans at Glendale Community College.

But the Knights regrouped and advanced all the way to the quarterfinals, where Maryvale ended their bid for a third straight crown. The Panthers' talented backfield of Kevin Galbreath (Arizona State), Phillippi Sparks (ASU/New York Giants) and Darren Woodson (ASU/Dallas Cowboys) ended St. Mary's near-perfect season, 29-21.

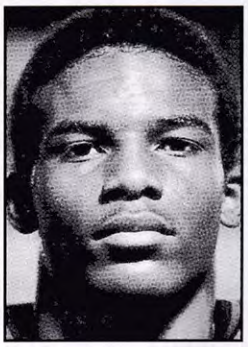
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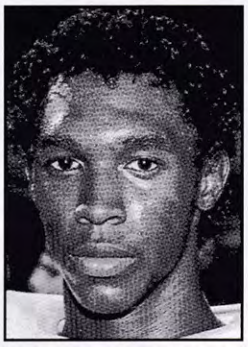
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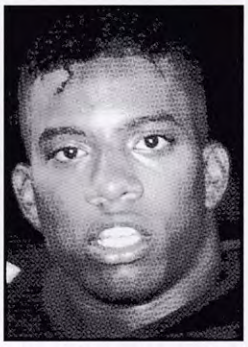
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1969..... Dick Harris, Mesa Westwood (jr)
1968..... Joe Petroshus, Tucson
1967..... Rudy Quihuis, Tucson Pueblo
1966..... Bill Dipley, Scottsdale Arcadia
1965..... Bill Dipley, Scottsdale Arcadia (jr)
1964..... LeRoy Peoples, Marana
1963..... Earliest Nelson, South Mountain
1962..... James Dugan, Flagstaff (jr)
1961..... Elby Bushong, Phoenix Washington
1960..... Luther Harper, Phoenix Union
1959..... Jim Sims, Tucson (jr)
1958..... Dornel Nelson, South Mountain
1957..... Steve Vaughn, Phoenix North
1956..... Warren Livingston, Mesa
1955..... Warren Livingston, Mesa (jr)
1954..... Eddie Mitchell, Phoenix North
1953..... Charles Christopher, Phoenix Carver
1952..... Joel Favara, Tucson
1951..... Hadley Hicks, Bisbee
1950..... Gene Mitcham, Phoenix North

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

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Flowing Wells Had the Hart



Sophomore quarterback Steve Torres gets plenty of protection from teammate Joe Carrasco during a 12-10 win over CDO (Arizona Daily Star photo).

The wishbone offense may not be in vogue among high school football teams today, but for Tucson Amphitheater in 1975, the triple-option was the name of the game.

The Panthers, coached by Jerry Loper, captured the schools first state crown, a heart-stopping come-from-behind 23-22 win over Phoenix Maryvale, played before 11,000 fans at the University of Arizona.

It took over three decades, but Amphi finally emerged on top of the Arizona AAA grid ranks.With senior quarterback Jim Krohn running the offense, Loper's Green Machine recorded a near-perfect 12-1 record. Prior to the finals, Maryvale had been undefeated.

While Loper and Amphi spent years trying to get into the state championship game, Flowing Wells head coach Larry Hart and his Caballeros had spent years trying to win it.

As the crow flys, Flowing Wells and Amphi are less than one minute apart. Since the Caballeros were a smaller Class AA school, they seldom met on the gridiron. But when the 1975 campaign ended, they both were on cloud nine.

Before Flowing Wells nailed Snowflake 14-13 in the Class AA finals, Hart had taken five different clubs to the finals. Every one came away with a runnerup trophy.

"Everyone is out to beat us," said Hart at the time. "We won six division titles in eight years and four teams were unbeaten in regular season play. It's a tribute to the kids that they went all the way. It was the most depth I've ever had. Whenever someone got hurt, we had someone fill in who could do the job."

Steve Torres was a perfect example. When starting signal caller Benny Jimenez went out with an injury, young Torres - just a sophomore - stepped in. Seldom passing in the Cabs' run-oriented offense, he managed to hit receivers15 times for 428 yards - a 28.5 yards per reception average!

But the big gun was little John Bray, one of seven FW first-team all-staters. The 5-11, 175 pound back rushed for 1,198 yards on 151 carries. He scored 24 touchdowns and 144 points.

The 'Cabs got off to a good start, beating larger Sunnyside High 20-0, when Bray carried 29 times for 200 yards. One week later, Coolidge's Blue Bears went home black & blue, after a 63-6 beating. Bray started the scoring with a 75 yard punt return. Sophomore Chuck Ragels kicked a school record nine extra points.

Bray scored five touchdowns - all in the second half - as the 'Cabs routed Globe. Safford, annually the Cabs' toughest foe, fell in Tucson 27-24, thanks to a 70 yard punt return by John Bryant. Canyon del Oro, the Cabs' biggest rival, fell 12-10 in the best defensive struggle of the season. Bray scored on a short run and Torres hit Damian Peace for a TD strike to seal the win.

During a 41-16 win over Nogales, the running and pass catching of Bry was too much for the Apaches. The Cabs' defense wasn't too kind either, as Flowing Wells took a 41-0 halftime lead.

"We almost stopped ourselves in the title game." said Hart after the Snowflake win. "We fumbled three times, but in a way it was justice that we played exceptional defense, beating them 14-13 and finally winning that darn trophy. We've enough of those runner-up statues. Five too many to be exact."

In 10 games, Flowing Wells scored 333 points and averaged 321 yards per contest. Joining Bray on the Class AA all-state squad were teammates Darrell Bossert (OT), Joe Carrasco (OG), Todd Wasson (DL), David Moore (LB), Richard O'Haver (LB) and Scott Sanderlin (B). Both Wasson and Sanderlin were juniors.

All-together, Hart won 103 games at FW, more than any coach at the school. His 103-45-4 record between 1968 and 1979 gave him a .696 winning percentage. Only two other coaches compiled better winning marks, but they coached just four years or less. In two seasons, Ted Sorich went 12-4-3 (.750), while Larry Gray went 31-11-1 (.738) in four. Sorich, a former all-state quarterback at Bisbee and star signal caller at Northern Arizona University, is the Caballeros' athletic director today. Hart is retired and living in Tucson. The University of Idaho graduate spent 34 years in education, coaching at both Ajo and Amphi before moving to Flowing Wells.

As for next-door-neighbor Amphi, the Panthers' championship season was just the beginning of more than two decades of excellent high school football. Today, some the the state's all-time best players, including NFL stars like Mike Bates (Seattle Seahawks) and brother Mario (New Orleans Saints), have worn the Amphi Black & Green.

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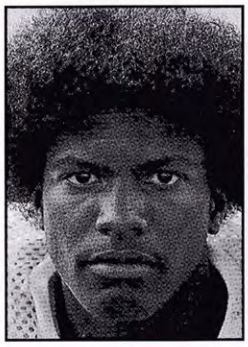
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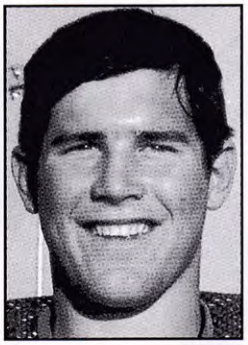
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1974 ..... Mark Whipple, Phoenix Camelback
1973 ..... Rob Wilson, Scottsdale Coronado
1972 ..... Greg Hubbell, Phoenix Central
1971 ..... Fred Mortensen, Tempe
1970 ..... Fred Mortensen, Tempe (jr)
1969 ..... Danny White, Mesa Westwood
1968 ..... Bill Mannion, Phoenix St. Mary's
1967 ..... Ken Johnson, Scottsdale Arcadia (jr)
1966 ..... John Svob, Tucson Catalina
1965 ..... George Mattingly, Scottsdale Arcadia
1964 ..... Dave Grangaard, Phoenix Camelback
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1955 ..... Jim Wolf, Yuma
1954 ..... Ralph Hunsaker, Mesa
1953 ..... Clyde Nielson, North Phoenix (jr)
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1951 ..... Vaughn Patterson, North Phoenix (jr)
1950 ..... James Black, Phoenix Union
1949 ..... Buster Madariaga, Round Valley
1948 ..... Don Ahee, Tucson
1947 ..... Dan Russell, Mesa
1946 ..... Gus Headington, Yuma
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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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thirty years ago

Big, Bad Badgers Best Yet?

Carl Rollins looked at the scoreboard, shook his head and said, "I don't know who can stop this Tucson High club. They ought to go right on to win the state championship."

Rollins, the 46-year-old coach at Phoenix Maryvale, had just seen his club trampled 26-7 in the state Class AA semi-finals, played at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

"This is the finest ball club we played this season." Rollins added. "No one was able to score that many points against us. Tucson has speed and agility. They're a fine ball club."

The Badgers' balance, depth, explosiveness, faking, speed and power carried them again. This time to the 1965 state football championship. One week later - on the same field - the Big Red Machine awed a crowd of 18,000 by coasting to a 27-7 win over talented Yuma High. It was the school's10th state football title.

The Badger's 12th win in as many starts was sweet for head coach John Mallamo, who had failed in three previous playoff attempts. Halfbacks Lewis Cook and David Jones completed their high school careers by scoring 18 points and gaining 233 yards between them.

In addition to posting a perfect season, the Badgers broke Tucson city records for points scored (404) and fewest allowed (94). Their closest game came on Texas soil, a 29-14 win over Irvin High in El Paso.

Crisp blocking, hard-nosed tackling and awesome running from the T-formation characterized Mallamo's club, labeled one of Arizona's all-time best.

In winning it all, the Badgers became the first local team to post a perfect record since Jason "Red" Greer's 1952 nationally ranked Tucson club went 10-0. Some local experts felt the '65 Badgers were the strongest prep team ever fielded in Arizona, sporting a horde of talented players.

One of the tributes paid to Mallamo's team came from long time University of Arizona stadium manager "Stub" Ashcraft. "I don't recall ever seeing a better high school football team in Arizona," said Ashcraft. "And I was attending Phoenix Union in the days when Union, Mesa, Yuma and Tucson were producing some great football teams."

The offense was highlighted by quarterback Rich Alday's ball-handling, faking and passing, the running of halfbacks Cook (170) and Jones (155), the blocking of fullback Frank Mendez (174), ends Rich Sainz (160) and Al Almazon (165), tackles Bill Dawson (210) and Ron Shaw (204), guards Oscar Escobar (192) and Mel Byrge (179), and center Ernie Gradillas (180).

Cook, a high school All-American, and Jones were premium backs, with the former being the offensive dandy. He toted the ball 178 times for 1,624 yards, a 9.1 average. Jones rambled for 1,118 yards on 105 carries, a 10.4 average per clip. Alday completed 43 of 77 passes (56%) for 762 yards and eight touchdowns in Tucson's run-oriented offense.

The line's blocking, highlited by future All-American Bill Dawson, was remarkable. Any pressure that goes with an unbeaten team wasn't noticed on the field. They opened the season by clobbering Phoenix Union 28-0 and El Paso Irvin 29-14, then mowed down Catalina 41-6, Douglas 39-13, Pueblo 34-7 and Salpointe 41-13. They won their last four regular season games easily, dumping Sunnyside 35-7, Amphi 26-0, Rincon 40-7 and Palo Verde 38-13.

Crowds, as usual, flocked to Badger games - home or away. Over 4,000 watched their home opener with Phoenix Union; 4,500 attended the Catalina game, 8,000 attended the Pueblo clash, and 9,500 packed Salpointe's stadium as Tucson steam rolled their Catholic rivals. Four different games were broadcasted live on Radio KOLD, with veteran sports caster Ray McNally doing play-by-play.

Before taking the Tucson High job in 1956, Mallamo served as an assistant for one year at Phoenix Camelback. The former University of Arizona end coached football and baseball for five years at Buckeye.

In 1959 and 1960, his Badgers failed to get past the semifinals, losing first to Yuma 19-14, then Mesa 31-6. His top-rated club reached the finals in 1962, but was routed by Scottsdale Arcadia, 40-7.

Mallamo made his way to Arizona after graduating from Westwood High School in New Jersey. As a prepster, he was a three-sport letterman, playing end in football, center in basketball and the outfield in baseball.

He spent four years in the Army Air Corps and later graduated from the University of Arizona in 1947.

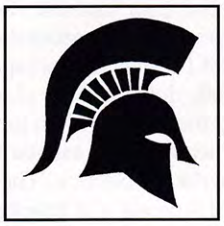
On January 22, 1987, John Mallamo died of a heart attack, at age 67.



Tucson's John Mallamo is carried off the field by Bill Dawson (right) and teammate Jerry Cota-Robles after win over Yuma.

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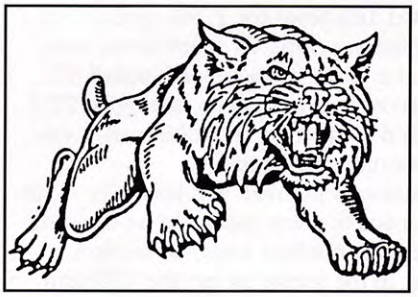
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Eloy's Rockets Blast Off!

On December 24, 1965, Christmas came early for Sun Devil football fans.

Art Malone and Paul Ray Powell, the football dandies of Santa Cruz Valley Union High School in Eloy, signed letters of intent to attend Arizona State University.

Sun Devil head coach Frank Kush signed the pair Wednesday night in Eloy, beating out schools like Nebraska and UCLA in the recruiting war.

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

They went far.

Malone and Powell co-captained an Eloy team that won all 12 games, beating Peoria 27-7 in the finals. During the playoffs, the Dust Devils averaged 41.5 points per game - an Arizona record for all classes. The two all-staters scored 300 of their team's 512 points and produced 3,176 offensive yards.

Malone, nicknamed "The Eloy Rocket," was the statistical giant of the season. He scored 37 touchdowns and 222 points, both single season state records. He scored six TDs in one game, a 64-14 win over Coolidge, and five TDs twice. First in a 67-0 shutout of Willcox, followed by a 53-13 rout of Hayden, where he rushed for a school record 299 yards.

The 6-0, 187-pound speedster, playing deep back in Lonnie Foster's I-formation, rushed 163 times for 1,746 yards, a 10.7 average per carry. Or a first down every time he touched the ball. He added 520 yards on pass receptions, averaging 27.4 yards per catch. Over 1,000 yards came on scoring plays alone.

Malone's hallmark was his ability to hit full speed in a few yards and an uncanny success at hurdling would-be tacklers. Later in the spring he ran the 120-yard high hurdles in 14.0 seconds, and broke the state record in the 180-low hurdles with an 18.8 clocking.

Powell, 5-11, 188 pounds, gained 910 yards on offense. He scored 13 touchdowns despite missing the middle month of the season because of a cracked collarbone. "He was our best defensive player," said Foster. Powell, like Malone, starred in other sports. He averaged over 20 points as a guard in basketball, and was rated a top college baseball prospect.



Against Coolidge, Malone scored six touchdowns and rushed for 239 yards (Casa Grande Dispatch).

Still, it takes more than two players to win a state championship, at any level. Joining Malone and Powell on the Class A all-state team was quarterback Harold Foote, end Les Rankin, guard Bill White and junior tackle Bruce Martan. Junior place kicker Albert Jackson booted a school record 48 extra points.

In the 1966 North-South All-Star game in Flagstaff, Malone blitzed a North defense made up mostly of players from larger schools for 212 yards. He later was an all-star fullback for Kush at Arizona State, and had a successful career in the NFL in Atlanta and Philadelphia. Teammate Powell started in A-State's secondary, and was a member of the Sun Devils' 1969 NCAA championship baseball team. He later played pro baseball for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Located south of Casa Grande, halfway between Phoenix and Tucson, Eloy is one of many small Arizona towns flanking Interstate 10.

Blink and you'll miss it.

But if you coached college football, especially between 1958 and 1990, you didn't bypass Eloy. It was a popular place to stop.

"The first coach we sent down there was 'Bake (former ASU assistant Don Baker)," said Kush in 1978. "He came back and said, "Hell, there's a back down there better than anything we've seen in Phoenix since we got here."

That back was Malone.

Eloy's win over Peoria was the school's first state championship, but it wasn't its last. Many have followed. Lots of Malones have worn the Silver & Red. And lots of Cades. And lots of Butlers.

Malones like Benny, Jimmy, James and Felton kept Santa Cruz football on the map. By the time Cade brothers Mike and Mossy graduated, the football fields in Pinal County were in shambles.

The 1978 Class A finals in Tucson, played at Amphitheater High School, was one of the most historic games in Arizona history. During a 40-36 Dust Devil win over Willcox - the lead changed hands 11 times - Mike Cade rushed for 299 yards and scored six touchdowns.

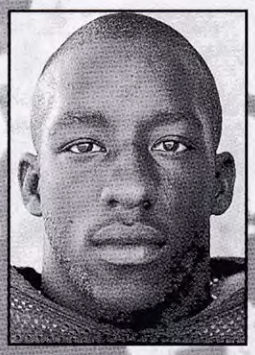
Still, some fans in Eloy label the Jay Denton-coached Devils of 1990 as the school's best backfield. Quarterback Ray Hornsby and running backs Kevin Butler, Eddie Cade and Joe Cade made up a wishbone backfield simply out of its league.

As a team, the Devils seventh state championship club posted six shutouts, averaged 34.5 points in 13 games, rushed for 4,446 yards and managed 5,292 yards total offense. In the playoffs, they averaged 40.0 points per game, and beat an undefeated Superior club 33-7 in the finals.

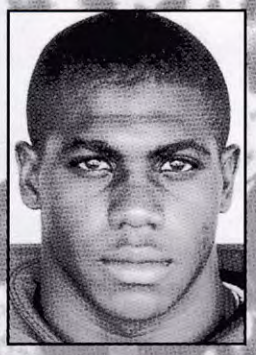
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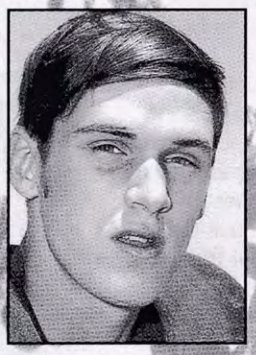
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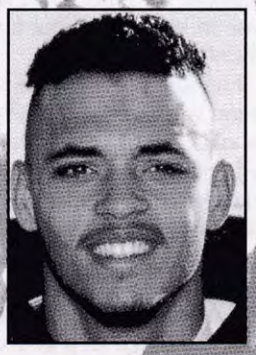
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1994.....Tavon Cooper, Peoria
1993.....Robert Holcombe, Mesa
1992.....Mike Mitchell, Phoenix Brophy Prep
1991.....Chris Hopkins, Tucson Salpointe
1990.....Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi
1989.....Brian Drew, Tempe McClintock
1988.....Michael Bates, Tucson Amphi
1987.....Kevin Galbreath, Phoenix Maryvale
1986.....Reggie McGill, Phoenix St. Mary's
1985.....Cleveland Colter, Jr., Tempe McClintock
1984.....David Winsley, Flagstaff (jr)
1983.....Paul Kasprzyk, Mesa Mountain View
1982.....Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria
1981.....Stan Gill, Flagstaff
1980.....Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside
1979.....Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside (jr)
1978.....Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz
1977.....Alvin Moore, Coolidge
1976.....Willard Reeves, Flagstaff Coconino
1975.....Brian Felix, Phoenix Union
1974.....David Mitchell, Phoenix St. Mary's (jr)
1973.....Ronnie Bonner, Mesa Westwood (jr)
1972.....Jesse Parker, Tucson Rincon
1971.....Manuel Jones, Phoenix Union
1970.....Don Washington, Agua Fria (jr)
1969.....Benny Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz
1968.....Joe Petroshus, Tucson
1967.....Tim Smith, Phoenix St. Mary's
1966.....Bob Soza, Mesa Westwood
1965.....Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz
1964.....LeRoy Peoples, Marana
1963.....James Dugan, Flagstaff
1962.....Everett "Moose" Rollins, Scottsdale Arcadia
1961.....Andy Livingston, Mesa
1960.....Jim Sims, Tucson
1959.....Bob Olson, South Mountain
1958.....Lewis Albright, Scottsdale
1957.....Clay Freney, Globe
1956.....Warren Livingston, Mesa
1955.....George Greathouse, Phoenix Union
1954.....George Greathouse, Phoenix Union (jr)
1953.....Kenny Aycock, North Phoenix
1952.....Joel Favara, Tucson
1951.....Hadley Hicks, Bisbee
1950.....Don Beasley, Mesa
1949.....Danny Seivert, Phoenix St. Mary's
1948.....Gib Dawson, Douglas
1947.....Marvin Wahlin, Casa Grande
1946.....Whizzer White, Mesa
1945.....Whizzer White, Mesa (jr)
1944.....Lowell McDonald, Glendale

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

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Last Cheer for the Coyotes

It would be the mighty Coyotes last state championship in football. Who would have guessed it? They were on the verge of winning No. 25, a national record at the time. They would come close in later years. But it was to be the school's last.

Entering the 1955 campaign, Phoenix Union was Arizona's top-ranked club in the old Class AA Conference. Coached by Sam Winningham, the defending state champs returned a treasure chest of talent, starting with all-state fullback George Greathouse, the state player of the year in '54.

But like all defending champs, the trip down championship lane was to be a rocky one. Going back-to-back was no picnic. Not even for this team.

First, an elgibility ruling by the Arizona Interscholastic Association took place in order for Greathouse to play. He got married in the off-season. Then the injury bug struck. Several key Coyotes missed a game or two.

But the season started with a bang. Over 9,000 showed up at Montgomery Stadium to watch Winningham's crew strut its stuff. In the form of a 33-6 rout of neighbor St. Mary's.Greathouse scored three times. Jack Wing and Dave Hibbert scored once. Jon Conner, later a basketball star at the University of Arizona, booted three extra points. The Coyotes were riding high.

Then disaster struck. In the form of the South Mountain Rebels, as they were called in those days. On September 30, this young club, coached by young Tom "Shanty" Hogan, stopped Greathouse in his tracks. Final score: South 14, Union 13.

The *Arizona Republic* called it "the most crushing high school upset in Arizona since last-running Glendale blackened North High's title hopes in 1951."

Like true champions, the Coyotes regrouped. Greathouse & Co. would not play in a losing game the rest of the season. Well, sort of.

Furious over their defeat the week before, the determined Coyotes waded into Yuma and clobbered the potentially strong Crimminals, 35-0. Yuma, which would finish second to the Coyotes in the AA Conference, was completely stymied. The Pack, headed by quarterback Dave Hibbert, revealed a new passing attack. Replacing the injured Robert Fields, Hibbert broke the game open with sharp passes to Darnel Haney and Delbert Hodge.Greathouse scored twice and threw a touchdown pass to Hodge. Syl Mabry ran 69 yards for a score. The Crimminals were simply outmatched.



George Greathouse starts a 94-yard touchdown run against West High (Phoenix Gazette photo).

Then San Diego Helix and Santa Barbara came to town. Both were glad to head back to the Golden State. The undefeated Highlanders fell 39-2 after an evening of demoralizing runs, kicks and hard knocks from the rugged Pack.

Then Santa Barbara, who had humbled previous Coyote teams more times than the local fans could remember, bit the dust, 14-0. "Greathouse is a great runner," said the Dons' head coach, Lou Tsoutsouvak.

Taming Tucson's Badgers 26-6, the Coyotes kept possession of the Siegel Memorial Trophy. Game highlight was 6-foot, 5-inch Sumner Smith snatching a Badger fumble and going 36 yards for a score.

Unpredictable Mesa was next. The 13-7 score was identical to the '54 contest. Greathouse performed superbly in the thriller, played before 5,000 fans at Jackrabbit Stadium in Mesa. Dick Borden was outstanding on defense.

A true team effort was credited with the 28-0 victory over the city's newest school, West High. The Coyotes struck early, with Greathouse going 94 yards from scrimmage and Hibbert hitting the 6-foot, 7-inch Haney with an important scoring strike.

Saturday afternoon, on the University of Arizona's turf, the Pack ground Amphitheater into the dust, 34-0. Greathouse scored three times, a four-yarder late in the game the last of his illustrious career.

Then, on Thanksgiving Day, the favored Pack fought to a 7-7 tie with North High. The Coyotes scored first on a 21 yard Hibbert-to-Hodge pass in the second quarter. Conner booted his 26th and last extra point. Late in the game, North defenders grabbed a Greathouse fumble to tie the score. Over 9,000 screaming fans stood to the end.

Mustang fans went wild. Throughout the game the Pack had trouble with Allen Sandell, to say the least. "Sandell is a great football player," said Mustang mentor Cecil Coleman. "He is one of the best linebackers in the state."

The Coyotes finished the '55 campaign 8-1-1 and on top of the AA Conference. There was no playoff system for Arizona's high schools then. In AA, none was needed yet.

Greathouse finished his career at both Phoenix Carver and Phoenix Union with 4,551 career rushing yards, 63 career touchdowns and 383 career points.

Ironically, both schools are closed today.

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Tucson High School's Record Run

By Skip Bryant

When they mauled the Yuma Criminals 41-13 in 1942 to wrap up a 7-2 season, the Tucson High Badgers could only think of what might have been.

After sweeping to six straight wins, they hit the skids, dropping seven-and six-point decisions to Phoenix Union and Santa Barbara, California. They settled for a one-third interest in the mythical "big school" football title with Union and Phoenix North.

Coaches are fond of saying that a season ending victory provides momentum going into the next campaign. As it turned out, "momentum" from that victory went further than just the next season.

What it really turned out to be was the start of what still remains "The Streak" in Tucson prep football history, an unbeaten, untied run that lasted over three seasons and encompassed 32 games.

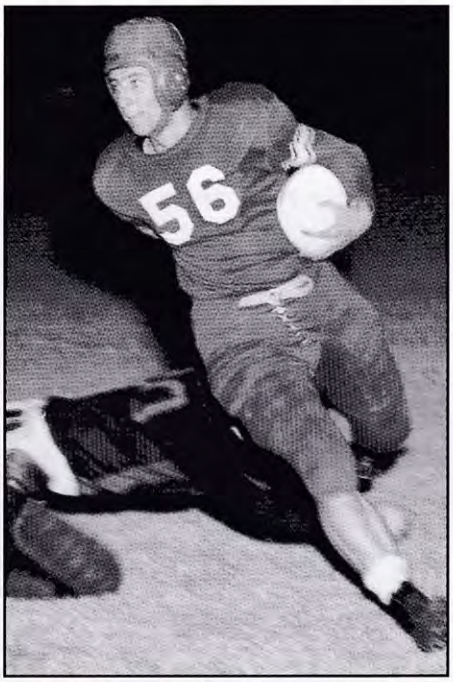
Perhaps anticipating the advent of "Doc" Blanchard and Glen Davis at West Point, the Badgers rolled through nine straight foes in 1943, with a "Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside" backfield of Wrenferd Tackett and Fred Batiste.

Generally rated as the best of the three teams, the 1944 squad was seldom tested, powering to 11 straight victories, winning by an average margin of 24 points, to up the streak tally at 21 in-a-row.

The question as the 1945 season opened was, "Could the Badgers keep the string going as it prepared to tackle another 11 game slate, one that featured El Paso Austin Texas?"

When Rollin T. Gridley looked out at his squad that first practice day, 50 years ago this fall, he found only one returning starter, left end Art Pacheco. And while the Badgers pushed the string to 22-straight with a 15-0 victory over Phoenix Union, it proved to be costly. Triple threat quarterback Lee "Legs" Carey injured his wrist, sidelining him for five weeks.

Gridley, who today still resides in Tucson and is 91-years young, needed to find someone to take over at quarterback in his "T" attack, an offensive formation he adopted in 1944.



Ironically, a broken hand sidelined junior Lee "Legs" Carey for five weeks.

His choice was Frank Borman, later renowned as one of the astronauts who made the 1968 Apollo-8 Christmas season moon fly around; forerunner to the first landing on the moon.

"Frank couldn't pass but he was a team leader," Gridley now says with a laugh. "I'd tell him to pass but throw it out of bounds."

"I think I only threw two or three passes the whole year and they all were incomplete," said Borman recently, also laughing. "But I never had one intercepted."

The key to the whole thing (winning streak) was Gridley," Borman says. "He maybe was the most important figure in all our lives. He was a very powerful man."

"We had two great players on that squad in Lee Carey and Oscar Carrillo," says Tom Fridena, the team's starting center. "I think both of them could play today. We also had two very good players in Art Pacheco and Joe Kelly. The rest of us were a bunch of oddballs.

"We played great defense. In fact it was the strongest defensive team of the three. It was a team that played with a lot of emotion. We were undersized and underweight, but we thought we could whip people. We were just a bunch of overachievers."

Seven teams, including the first five foes, were blanked. And Mesa, featuring the great Wilford "Whizzer" White, netted just 70 and 31 yards rushing in two games.

With Borman now at the helm, the Badgers rolled on, edging Austin 12-0, St. Mary's 20-0, Bisbee 32-0, and North 21-0, setting the stage for the first of two meetings with Mesa.

In a battle of unbeatens, before a Tucson city record high school crowd of 13,000 at the University of Arizona, Carrillo and Cay Morrison tallied first half touchdowns and the Badgers survived a Gail Pew to White touchdown pass for a 14-7 victory.

St. Mary's was thumped again, 17-0. Carey returned and Douglas was stopped, 28-6. In a rematch with Phoenix Union, Carey scored on a 90 yard kickoff return, a 51 yard punt return and a 52 yard sprint in a 35-7 Badger triumph.

Two tough games remained. The Badgers wore down Glendale 25-13, and then traveled to Mesa where an overflow crowd of 7,500 looked on.

Nils Johansson staked the Badgers to a 3-0 lead with a short field goal. Then, after the defense held Mesa twice deep in Badger territory, Carrillo got away on a 17 yard run to seal a 9-0 victory. Tucson sports writer Bill Nixon called it, "The toughest win for Tucson during its three year 32-victory span."

"That team had a very good line, both offensively and defensively," Gridley evaluated. "Because of that line we were able to run the ball successfully, even though people knew we couldn't throw."

One year later the streak came to a close on opening day. Austin High got an early touchdown and held Carey at its one yard line for a 7-0 victory in El Paso. After winning or sharing the mythical state crown for four years, the Badgers saw that go north to Mesa. To this day, the 32 consecutive wins still stands as a state record for Class 5A schools.

Fifty years later.

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ARIZONA'S BEST HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVER

1994.....KENNY MITCHELL
.....Peoria
1993.....KENNY CHEATHAM
.....South Mountain
1992.....FREDDIE DODSON
.....Chandler
1991.....STEVE BUSH
.....Paradise Valley
1990.....JASON BIRDSONG
.....Glendale Cactus
1989.....JASON BIRDSONG
.....Glendale Cactus (jr)
1988.....ERIC DRAGE
.....Tucson Santa Rita
1987.....ORLANDO MCKAY
.....Mesa
1986.....ERIC GULIFORD
.....Peoria (jr)
1985.....STEVE MARTIN
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1984.....TODD YOUNG
.....Tempe Marcos de Niza
1983.....VINCE MASTERS
.....Coolidge (jr)
1982.....RANDALL McDANIEL
.....Avondale Agua Fria
1981.....GLENN DENNARD
.....Tempe Corona del Sol
1980.....SKIP PEETE
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1979.....JAY DOBYNS
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1978.....JUNIOR SOLOMON
.....Coolidge
1977.....CHARLES COBBS
.....Florence
1976.....JOHN MISTLER
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1975.....RON WASHINGTON
.....Tempe McClintock
1974.....SPEEDY HART
.....Phoenix St. Mary's
1973.....PRESTON DENNARD
.....Tempe Marcos de Niza



Last year, former Peoria all-state receiver Eric Guliford (above) played with the NFL Minnesota Vikings.

1972.....DON WOODS
.....Mesa
1971.....WILLIE SCROGGINS
.....Safford
1970.....DARION GILBERT
.....Phoenix Union
1969.....LARRY SHORTY
.....Eloy Santa Cruz
1968.....ED WEATHERSPOON
.....Globe
1967.....CALVIN DEMORY
.....South Mountain
1966.....MIKE BOWLING
.....Avondale Agua Fria
1965.....BILL DIPLEY
.....Scottsdale Arcadia (jr)
1964.....BILL SORCINELLI
.....Phoenix Camelback
1963.....BOB WALLACE
.....South Mountain
1962.....FRED CARR
.....Phoenix Union (jr)
1961.....WILLIE NASH
.....McNary (6-man)
1960.....MORRISON WARREN
.....South Mountain
1959.....ANDY STOGLIN
.....Phoenix Union
1958.....GEORGE HEARD
.....South Mountain
1957.....STEVE VAUGHN
.....Phoenix North
1956.....GORDON SMITH
.....Phoenix West
1955.....WILLIE PEETE
.....Mesa
1954.....BEN ANDERSON
.....Phoenix North
1953.....CHARLES CHRISTOPHER
.....Phoenix Carver
1952.....JACK STOVALL
.....Phoenix St. Mary's
1951.....BOB BLACK
.....Phoenix Union

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Tracy (5-10, 173, 4.7) and Brian Garcia (5-9, 160, 4.7) join Gallardo in the secondary.

A 29-10 loss to Peoria in the playoffs' first round finished **IRONWOOD** at 7-4, resulting in loads of experience for lots of juniors. "This team could be one of the most talented to pass through our doors," says Mark Matheson. "If we play together, we'll be tough." High hopes start with Jamal Garland (5-10, 175), a 1,000-yard rusher who returns kicks and starts in the secondary. Safety Craig Daigle (6-0, 185) is a three-year starter who leads the Eagles in tackles and interceptions. Junior deep back Eric Bell (6-1, 185) is a great hitter. Corners Dominick Galluzo (5-7, 160) and Mark Erenster (5-11, 180) started. Quarterback David Rock (5-10, 175) returns as a three-year starter. Two-way ends Jeremy Brewer (6-5, 220) and Quincy Yancy (6-7, 225) started and should draw attention with their size and athletic ability. Wide receiver Jake Fritz (6-3, 190) has 4.6 speed and a terrific vertical jump. Returning starters Nghi Hua (5-10, 210) and Jason Rappold (5-11, 220) anchor the offensive line. Junior linebacker Dan Lopez (6-0, 205) was all-conference. Steve Gonzales (5-10, 200), another 'backer, anchored the Eagles' sprint relay team. Tackles Brian Heitkam (6-3, 250) and Sean Klippel (6-3, 240) started. The staff also expects big things from seniors Brian Biggs, Tom Clinkenbeard, Tom McAllister, Jason Sanchez, Carlos Wilson, Joe Cea and Micah Doede. Doede is a 6-6, 220-pound defensive lineman.

At **WESTVIEW,** Tom Bushong's Knights rode the passing arm of junior Gene Garcia through 1,894 yards, 23 TDs and a 10-2 record. State co-champ Tucson Sahuaro nipped the Knights, 14-13, in the quarterfinals. Westview's other loss was to co-champ Peoria. "But we need to rebuild," says Bushong. "Lots of starters graduated. We got lots of work ahead." Still, several big-play people return, starting with Garcia, who completed 54% of his passes. Speedy Nick Harris (6-4, 210, 4.6) is a two-way end. Junior Dave White (6-1, 170) is a classy wideout. Junior back Josh Peterson (6-0, 185) runs hard and starts in the secondary. Mich Rodemeyer (6-4, 290) and Manuel Lopez (6-0, 230) start on the offensive line. Junior Aaron Moore (6-1, 185) is a fine kicker. Seniors Chris Harris, Travis Priddy, Jess Miller, Aaron Bagwell and Dennis Garcia should start.

Junior running back Celan Curtis and linebacker Adam McClelland earned all-region honors at **GOLDWATER,** and hope to help first-year coach Anthony Cullen and the Bulldogs out of a winless cellar. Offensively, the 'Dogs scored 111 points, but gave up 319 in a 10-game schedule.

At **LAKE HAVASU**, the Knights might field the biggest player in the league, 6-4, 265-pound Matthew Jenkins, and the smallest, 5-6, 170-pound Ulysses Gonzalez, both back from a 6-4 club.

4A EAST SKY

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

Only state co-champ Tucson Sahuaro and Gilbert Highland beat **CORONADO**, giving Joe Corte's Dons a 9-2 record. "We have a solid group returning," says Corte, who with 122 wins is Scottsdale's all-time leader."Our quarterback returns so we should have a stronger pass attack." Strong linemen make for a good rushing game, also. Junior HB Mike Mantle (5-10, 185) averaged 6.7 yards per carry, rushing for 772 yards and scoring seven TDs. Mantle joined OC Troy Stimbert (6-2, 230) and OT/DT Gabe Montesano (6-2, 225) on Scottsdale's all-city team. Two-way tackle Brian Brighella (6-2, 230), guards Trevor Hinton (6-0, 205) and Bryan Rauch (6-0, 215), and TE Jeremy Benes (6-2, 185) make up that tough Don line. Hinton and Benes are juniors. Ron Sampley (6-1, 175) is the returning QB. Senior Rick Lucero (6-0, 185), junior Brian Allen (5-10, 180) and soph Joel Huerta (5-9, 170) help form a solid secondary. The Dons open play Sept. 1 at Agua Fria.

Seven sophomores started at **TEMPE UNION,** resulting in a not-so-bad 5-5 finish. But the Buffaloes haven't made the playoffs since 1990. Coach Tim McBurney hopes to change that. "We will make the playoffs this year," he warns. The kicking game is sound with Tyler Breskin (5-10, 180) in the lineup. He averaged 38.3 yards per boot, with the longest 51 yards. As a flanker he averaged 13.7 yards per catch. As a linebacker he made 54 unassisted tackles. Junior wideout Justin Taplin (6-0, 175, 4.7) earned all-state votes. He caught 29 passes for 362 yards and four scores. He picked off three passes in the secondary. Young QB Todd Mortensen (6-4, 200) completed 61 of 123 passes for 663 yards and five TDs. Only five were intercepted. Fullback Mike Washington (6-0, 195) doubles at fullback. Two-way tackle Aaron Dave (6-2, 240) helped with 70 tackles. Matt Weber, Rocky Harris, James Shaw, Steve Bohn, Tim Araiza and Lee Alfonsi are starters.

Only three starters on each side of the line return, so **ARCADIA** may face another 4-6 season. "But we will be competitive," says Ron Vick. "The kids have a great attitude." The Titans have two of the best players in the league in quarterback T.J. Cooley (5-11, 175), who doubles at safety, and FB/LB Shaun Edwards (5-10, 185). In a backup role, Cooley completed 24 of 52 passes for 399 yards. Seniors Monte Sturgeon (6-2, 290), Vasilios Speros (6-2, 235) and Gabe Reed (6-3, 245) are the bulk of the Titans' line. Junior OG/NG Ryan Delnoce (6-4, 245) is definitely a player to watch. Talented Chad Elsner (5-7, 165) joins Cooley in the secondary; he's also a force at running back.

Improvement is the name of the game at **CHAPARRAL.** Wins and a new coach top the list in the off-season. Last year's winless club gave up 415 points, most in 4A ball. Only 95 points were scored. Bryan Johnson (5-10, 170) may be switched to wingback. Last year he passed for 644 yards and five TDs. Defensively, he recovered three fumbles, two of which he returned for scores. Dan Kube (5-11, 160) joined him in the secondary and landed all-league votes. With 4.6 speed, Tyler Beauchat (5-10, 165) is the Firebirds' fastest back. Receiver Joe Kalmonovitz (6-2, 170) caught 14 passes for 149 yards. Linebacker Zach Storrs (6-1, 215) made 39 unassisted tackles, grabbed three fumbles and intercepted one pass. Ted Lyn (6-0, 225) and Jim Teeter (5-11, 210) are solid linemen. Mark Eliason (5-10, 170) and sophomore Jeremy Schwartzberg (5-11, 165) start at linebacker with Storrs. Junior Jeremy Kelley (5-8, 160) is a promising running back. Junior Rodd Miller (5-11, 180) led the JV team last year in tackles.

Coach "Doc" Holaday played 21 underclassmen at **GILBERT,** resulting in an 0-10 finish in a 5A league. The Tigers' hope the drop down to 4A helps, plus a year of experience and improved strength. One bright spot was the running of Gabe Rojas (5-10, 165, 4.6), who earned postseason honors as both a defensive back and return man. Rojas and receiver Brian Polec (5-9, 160, 4.6) are the fastest Tigers in camp. Tight end Laylon Hester (6-0, 200) is another quali-

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ty player. Steve Meyer (6-4, 190) and junior Matt Schilling (6-4, 190) will battle for the quarterback slot. Mike Riley (5-11, 165) and Don Williams (6-0, 190) join Rojas in the secondary. Players like Gabe Brewer (6-4, 210), Jim Gabriel (5-11, 205), Ben Lyman (6-2, 185) and Robert Powell (6-0, 240), to list a few, add size and strength to a much improved line. The defense certainly needs to improve. Last year the Tigers gave up 512 points. Gilbert's enrollment has declined since the opening of Highland High.

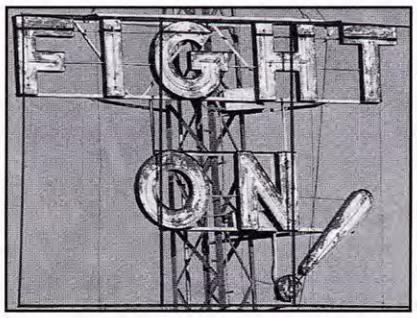
Gary Roebuck is the new head coach at **APACHE JUNCTION,** where the Prospectors have won only six games in the past five years. Only 76 points were scored last season. Cody Smith could be the club's quarterback, with little Eric Ceal a sure starter in the secondary. Roebuck has 27 years of coaching experience in North Dakota, Minnesota and Benson, Arizona, where he was 24-16-0 in six years. He has been a guidance counselor at AJHS since 1990.

4A SKYLINE
1. Glendale Apollo (7-3)
2. Prescott (6-5)
3. Phoenix Thunderbird (3-6-1)
4. Paradise Valley (4-6)
5. Sunnyslope (7-4)
6. Glendale (5-5)

The players responded well during Greg Parrish's first year at **APOLLO.** The Hawks' offense averaged 30 points per game. "Moving down to 4A should help us, but 4A is tough, too," says Parrish, who originally coached at Greenway. Brian Woiwod (5-8, 160, 4.7) led the Fiesta Region with 16 TDs and over 1,600 all-purpose yards. He scored seven times from over 50 yards. Troy Sheets (6-2, 192), an outstanding fullback, led the region in QB sacks with 11 as a defensive end. Although short, senior Craig Hansen (5-9, 230) is a good two-way tackle. So is big Jeff Blaich (6-3, 260). Little Bryan Fousel (5-8, 160) is the Hawks' signal caller. Derek Ruterman (6-0, 170) starts at wingback, John Ciurana (6-0, 180) at wideout. Ruterman is a tough linebacker. Apollo's defense will be tested early, opening Sept. 1 at Cactus.

It may have been the worst season in six years at **THUNDERBIRD,** but one bright spot was the running of TB John Sanders: 1,398 yards and 13 touchdowns. In two varsity seasons, Mike Brown's gifted back has rushed for 2,599 yards and scored 25 times. His 4.6 speed helped him lead the region in scoring.

ALL-TIME ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL VICTORIES



Wins	School	Years
539	Mesa	1920-94
483	Tucson	1912-94
441	Safford	1925-94
411	Winslow	1915-94
403	Phoenix St. Mary's	1938-94
398	Round Valley	1921-94
389	Gilbert	1923-94
387	Douglas	1906-94
373	Flagstaff	1923-94
366	Snowflake	1929-94
359	Miami	1923-93
353	Phoenix Union	1913-81
341	Tempe	1924-94
341	Tucson Amphi	1939-94
332	Peoria	1933-94
314	Globe	1924-94

Two good athletes, senior Tommy Petrozzollo (6-2, 170) and soph Chad Womack (5-10, 160), will compete for the QB position. If blockers like Dan Quigly (6-0, 200), Tony Hannigan (5-8, 180), Bill Ginos (5-11, 190) and Jason Hawkins (5-10, 185) stay healthy, Sanders could have a 2,000-yard season. Linemen Mike Liston (6-2, 240), Art Horozowski (6-1, 230), Sean Carney (6-1, 225) and B.J. Fetkether (6-1, 230) are also key players. Carney and Fetkether play center. The blocking by tight ends Damon Roark (6-3, 215) and Steve Bistricky (6-2, 180) is as important as their pass-catching skills. Both are also linebackers. Junior back Zeke Hodan (6-2, 190) should take pressure off Sanders.

PARADISE VALLEY head coach Bob Lambie is optimistic, despite only 16 returning players. The Trojans finished 4-6, their first losing season since '87. Linebacker Phil Buckley (6-0, 185, 4.9) is the club's big gun. He was first team all-region at two positions, including tight end. Still, the starting lineup will feature more juniors than normal, including OT/DT Troy Crawford (6-2, 200), OG/LB Jason Mattox (5-11, 170), FB/LB Ryan Olson (5-10, 180), WB/FS Todd Lowder (5-7, 150) and SE/DB Mike Bakunowski (5-11, 170). Two potentially outstanding sophomores could play a big role in Lambie's Wing-T offense, quarterback Steve Mullins (6-2, 180) and tackle Vince Mosca (6-2, 225). Seniors Nate Mattox (6-0, 180) and Todd Bruen (5-10, 170) are good receivers.

Dallas Hickman replaces Tim Evans at **SUNNYSLOPE,** and will be greeted by only seven players from last year's league champs. The Vikings went 7-3 during regular season, then were shocked, 43-12, by Flowing Wells in the playoffs. Graduation took away all-state QB Chris Snyder, who took his 3,009 passing yards and 30 TD strikes off to college. Justin Roach (6-0, 165), who managed to catch 20 passes for 357 yards, will move to quarterback. He also plays in the secondary, along with junior Landen Woodward (5-10, 150), who lettered as a sophomore. If the Vikings switch to a more balanced attack, watch for Roberto Cotta (5-11, 170) to carry the ball. Tackle Joel Preston (6-0, 260) is a good blocker. Both Jimmy Schouten (6-2, 150) and Dennis Landers (5-7, 145) are good kickers. Landers also plays quarterback.

It's a rebuilding year with a new coach at **GLENDALE,** where the Cardinals finished second in the league but missed a playoff invite. Kelley Moore greets only 12 letterwinners from a 5-5 club, and several newcomers from a winless JV unit. Still, with halfback Quinten Bunley (5-9, 180, 4.6) in the lineup, the running game looks sound. Last year he rushed for 1,135 yards on 150 carries (7.6) and scored 12 TDs. Art Wiedoff (6-3, 180) joins him in the backfield. Both players are good linebackers. Jason Mutum (6-3, 220) is a two-way lineman. Mike Smith (5-9, 150) is the Cards' quarterback.

PRESCOTT, coached by veteran Bill Gahn, returns all-region halfback Josh Steele, who rushed for 1,163 yards as a junior. The Badgers, as always, will be a contender.

4A DESERT SKY
1. Phoenix Washington (4-5-1)
2. Glendale Independence (3-7)
3. Moon Valley (4-6)
4. Kingman (6-4)
5. Phoenix Greenway (2-8)
6. Phoenix Cortez (3-7)

Don't bet on **WASHINGTON** going

4-5-1 again. That was Steve Chisman's worst record at the school. "We were disappointed with our record, but not with our kids," says the head coach. "We were riddled with injuries and were unable to get untracked." One good bit of news was the junior varsity, which finished 8-0. On the varsity, Santino Colosimo (6-1, 180) rushed for 208 yards on just 32 carries. Junior receiver A.J. Brown (6-1, 175) caught 10 passes for 338 yards. Bryce Berry (6-2, 225) and Ron Puchta (6-1, 210) return to the line. Puchta is the center. Sammy White (5-9, 210) and Dean Mitchell (5-9, 165) join Colosimo at linebacker. Seniors Kolby Chase, Brian Woolf and Chris Campbell are good two-way players. The junior class will supply the Rams' quarterback, James McKnight, the team's fastest player, Derek Pearson, and good runners like Jordan Jacobs and Manuel Golden.

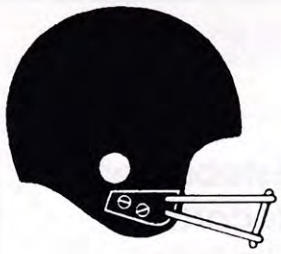
It's definitely been an uphill battle at **INDEPENDENCE**, but Pat Lavin can finally see the light. Although 3-7, the Patriots were a point or two away from the playoffs. They lost to league winner Sunnyslope, 28-27, and tough Mingus Union, 14-13. Terrific size and good skilled newcomers will help. The weight room is paying dividends. All-state center Richard Barker (6-1, 240) anchors an offensive line which could average 235 pounds. Junior tackle Drew McLain (6-1, 245) ups the average. Quarterback Angel Chavez (5-9, 160) is a converted receiver. He caught 16 passes for 236 yards, but this year will be throwing the ball. Jeremy Pennington (5-10, 165) was an all-league defensive back with five interceptions. Steve Cota (5-10, 185) tied a school record with five TD catches as a tight end. Speed comes in the form of out-of-state transfers Terrance Robinson (5-9, 165, 4.6) and Joe Gillespie (6-2, 180, 4.6). "These two will help," adds Lavin, who has won over 100 games in the prep ranks. "Skill people make the difference in winning and losing."

Only three starters (one on defense) return at **MOON VALLEY**, so the Rockets might be facing another 4-6 season. Coach Mel Harms (26-27-0) has little size, but a good collection of skill-position players to meet the challenge. Paul Weimann (5-11, 235) and Brad Gosnell (5-9, 210) supply the size. Quarterback Ronnie Holtorf (6-0, 170) has a supporting cast of Chinyelu Martin (5-11, 187) and Mark Aguire (5-8, 150) in his backfield. Bronson Wills (6-0, 195) and Ryan Lowry (5-11, 185) are starting guards.

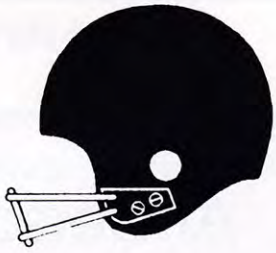
The passing attack at **GREENWAY** couldn't outweigh major weaknesses. Still, the Demons return their pitch-and-catch combo of Mark Brooks to Damian Segovia, so improvement is expected. Last year Brooks completed 110 of 247 passes (44%) for 1,917 yards and 19 TDs. Only six were intercepted. Segovia caught 30 for 670 yards and scored eight times. In two years, Brooks has completed 236 passes for 3,673 yards and 26 TD strikes. Segovia has caught 62 passes.

It's been seven years since **CORTEZ** had a winning season, but that could change soon. The Colts return three of the best players in the league and a good mixture of veterans. Halfback Shawn Watson (5-10, 180) rushed for 1,000 yards on 158 carries and earned all-region votes. He scored 10 touchdowns. Fullback Robert Espinoza (6-1, 205) is a starting linebacker. So is Jason Asbury (6-0, 200), who doubles at OG. Wingback Arthur Moreno (5-11, 175) is the fastest Colt in coach Rob Roberson's Wing-T attack. Junior QB Jeremy Perry (6-0, 190) doubles at safety. Guard Anthony Fears (5-11, 185) and tackle Joe Walker (6-3, 305) have two years to go.

KINGMAN, with a wealth of returning talent from a 6-4 club, could make a run for the playoffs. Last year the Bulldogs started five sophomores.



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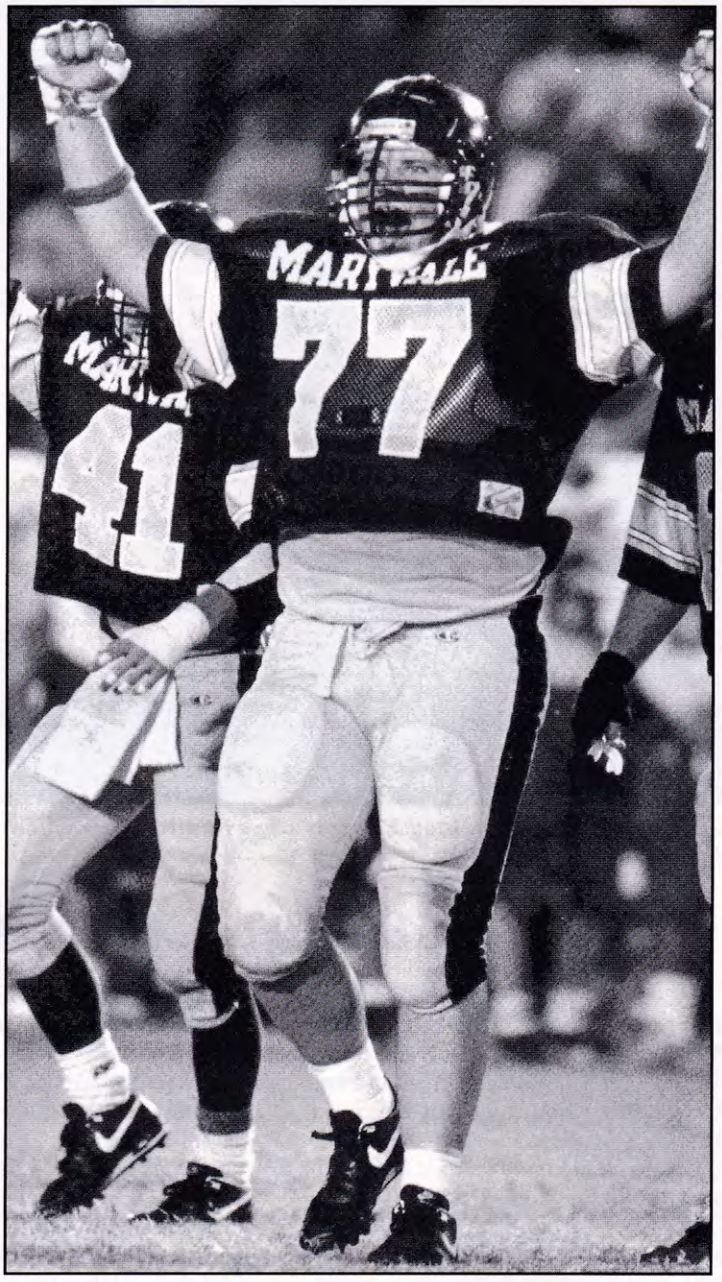
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1989.....Frank Garcia, Maryvale (OT)
1988.....Eric Ipock, Peoria (OT)
1987.....Mike Hooper, Apollo (OT)
1986.....Vince Pershing, Mesa (OL)
1985.....Gary Pay, Apollo (OL)
1984.....Ken Hakes, Arcadia (OT)
1983.....Steve Spurling, Horizon (C)
1982.....Richard Bear, Moon Valley (DT)
1981.....Brian Denton, Mesa (OT)
1980.....Tom Briehl, Gerard (DL)
1979.....Dave Wood, Washington (DL)
1978.....Laurel Leavitt, Westwood (DL)
1977.....Marty Van Gorder, Chandler (C)
1976.....Jack Housley, Maryvale (OG/DG)
1975.....Phil Hedrick, Maryvale (OT/DT)
1974.....Richard Vance, Marcos de Niza (OG)
1973.....Jon Abbott, Central (OT/NG)
1972.....Keith Sobraske, Coronado (OT/DT)
1971.....Travis Coleman, Phoenix Union (G)
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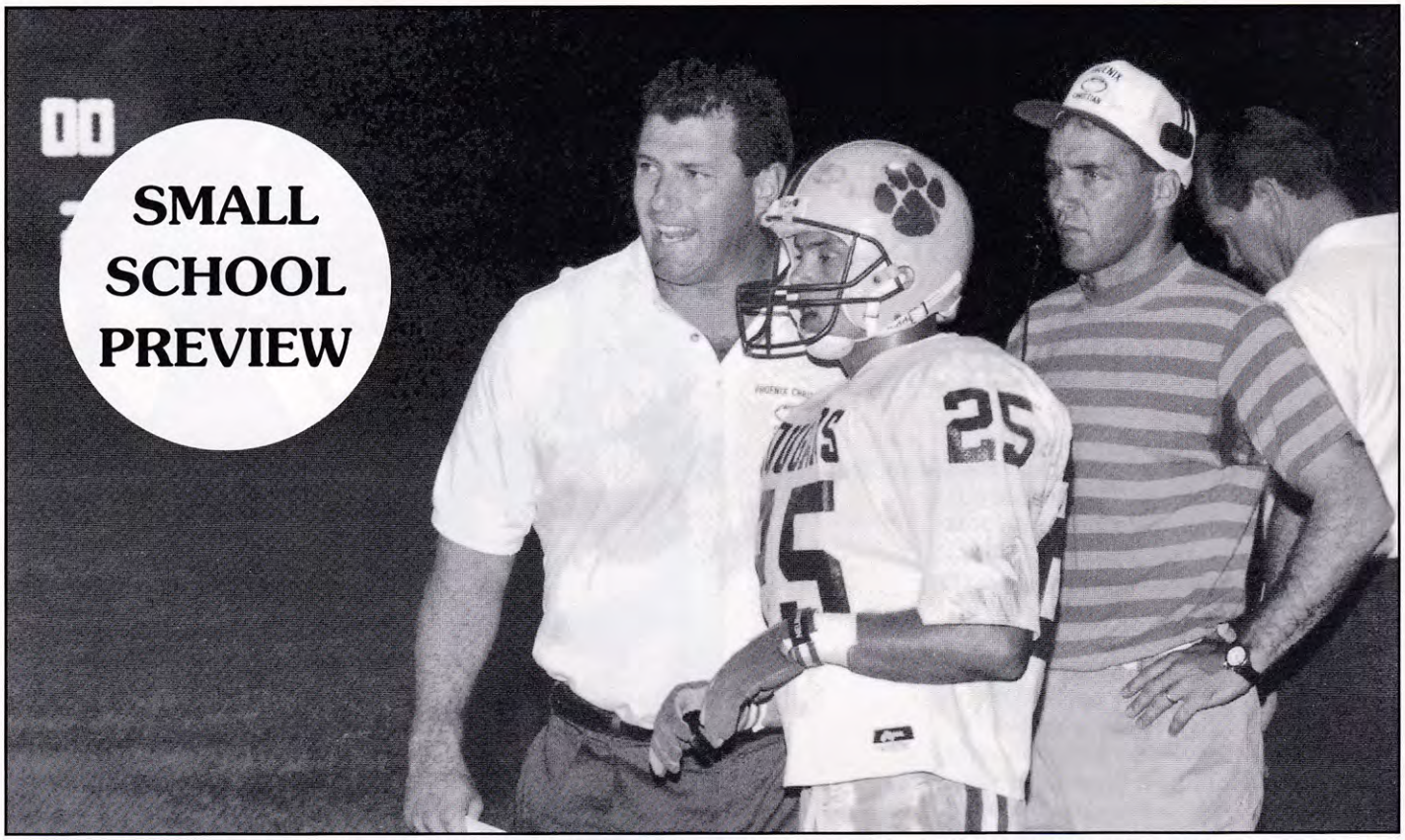
Frank Garcia, the 1989-90 Arizona High School Athlete of the Year, later played for the University of Washington, and today plays for the NFL Carolina Panthers (Republic photo).

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Coach Keith Brown guided Phoenix Christian to an excellent 10-1 record, as the Cougars snapped 13 school records during the '94 campaign.

Boys Ranch Opens Play in 3A East

Fifteen lettermen, including the heart of the offense, return to the **ARIZONA BOYS RANCH**, which moves into the 3A East. Richard Gray replaces interim Ray Perkins, who led the Spartans through a 4-5 season – its first ever. Quarterback Shaune McKissic (5-9, 160) played in every game. Tailback Cory Cabell (5-8, 175, 4.6) gained 1,000 yards. Speedster Rashid McNeal (5-9, 170, 4.6) is waiting in the wings. Backs Andre Hughes (5-8, 175) and Lloyd Peters (5-10, 175) also return. Tackle Obadiah Breer (5-10, 220) might be the school's best lineman. But the heart of the defense is linebacker Nifty Wilson (6-3, 203), a potential all-star candidate. He had 104 unassisted tackles and intercepted three passes. Tamar Armstrong (6-1, 210) and Mike Miller (6-0, 200) are good 'backers, too. Safety Juan Sparkman (5-8, 160) and corner Chris McGee (5-11, 160) are tested. Sophomore Cody Jeffries (6-0, 210) could start at center.

With only six seniors on the roster, **CACTUS SHADOWS** went 4-4, then dropped a first-round playoff game to Ganado, 30-24. With 12 starters back, this could be the Falcons' best club yet. "We have size, speed, experience and leadership," says head coach Gerry LaBelle. Quarterback Cory VanDevirt (6-1, 160) passed for 995 yards and eight TDs. However, 13 were intercepted and he completed only 41% of his passes. That needs to improve. Junior Mike Hurst (5-9, 170) managed 378 rushing yards and six TDs. Two-way tackle Brandon Hall (6-2, 210) is big and fast (4.9). Sean Dilman (6-2, 230) and Travis Swartzlander (6-0, 220) join him in the trenches. End Charlie Ulrich (6-1, 180) is a good target. Richard Cisman (6-0, 165) and Roy Taylor (6-1, 185) are starting linebackers.

Young **FOUNTAIN HILLS** compiled an 8-3 record after reaching the 3A quarterfinals. State champ Blue Ridge brought them back to earth, 50-6. Still, Jim Fairfield has the Falcons headed in the right direction. Linebacker Brian Gerrity (6-0, 210, 4.7) is top-notch – 60 solo tackles, 50 assists. As a fullback he rushed for 665 yards and eight TDs. Halfback Sean Moloney (5-11, 180, 4.7) totaled 1,018 yards. Also a linebacker, he helped in 76 tackles. Fountain's 'backers might be the best in the league. Two-way tackle Chris Comeau (6-0, 250) is the Falcons' best lineman. Juniors Jared Alexander (6-4, 265) and Pat Robinson (6-4, 200) add size. Senior wideout Frank Reid (5-10, 175) doubles in the secondary.

A senior-dominated starting lineup resulted in a 7-4 playoff team for **DYSART,** where the Demons dropped a 26-20 overtime thriller to Winslow in the quarters. Quality skill players picked up diplomas, but a beefy front line takes over, as players like Juan Espinoza (230), Joshua Carbajal (225), Brett Marty (225), Jose Salazar (240), Marcos Olivares (205), Art Aguilera (230), Luis Molina (235) and junior Jesse Murillo (300) form the biggest forward wall in the 3A West.

Last year's **WICKENBURG** club was beaten by Benson in the quarterfinals, ending the year at 8-3. "Our town is growing," says Jon Hill, whose school moves into the 3A West. "We're looking forward to the challenge." Unfortunately, the Wranglers don't seem as talented as in the past. Only three experienced seniors

return: TE/DE John Eberlein (6-3, 180), OC Jeremy Kubler (6-0, 200) and FB Mario Vigueria (5-9, 153). Linebacker Matt Greene (6-0, 200) was second-team all-state last year as a sophomore. Young Kenny Rose will start at quarterback.

Winless **BUCKEYE** lettered 15 underclassmen, including injured linebacker Lonny Carmichael (6-0, 190). Most of the skill players return. Trinity Cooper and Kevin Blixt both play QB, with Cooper also a defensive back. Jarrod Hahn (5-10, 240), Luis Mendoza (5-11, 205), Tim Brannan (6-0, 210), Tate Accomazzo (6-2, 205) and Lee Ruby (6-2, 245) are returning linemen.

CLASS 2A

It's been a good couple of years at **VALLEY CHRISTIAN**, where Bernie Benson's crew advanced to the 2A semis again. Their 9-3 campaign ended with a 35-22 loss to Benson. Ony 12 players return, but most saw action, starting with FB/LB Andy Pattison (5-8, 200). Defensively, he recorded 45 tackles, three fumble recoveries and two interceptions. In short-yardage situations, he carried the ball 76 times for 206 yards. "He'll carry the ball a lot more this time," says Benson, who has coached in 297 varsity games. Junior Josh Sinkey (6-0, 155), a safety on defense, takes over at quarterback. Dan Reynolds (5-10, 155), Andy Reiss (5-9, 145) and Chris Russell (5-9, 155) join Sinkey in the secondary, the Trojans' strongest position. Tackles Chris Vance (6-0, 180), Brad Yarbrough (6-3, 220, jr) and Josh Haisten (6-5, 220, jr) have size. Spud and Brandon Duffey, both 5-10, 180-pound juniors, form a good guard tandem. Juniors Brent West (5-10, 155) and Ryan Osheel (6-0, 175) are two-way ends. Soph Travis Schugg (5-10, 160) is the team's kicker. Big Ed Crouch (6-0, 310) could start at center.

At **PHOENIX CHRISTIAN**, football fans witnessed the school's best season since 1987, when the Cougars finished runnerup to Florence in the 2A finals. Coach Keith Brown's club broke 13 school records during a 10-1 run, including a state-record 40 touchdown passes. "We fell short of our goal, but still had a great season," says Brown, whose club scored 384 points and recorded five shutouts. "We could be stronger. Lots of good players but not as many star type players." But one star is David Tefteller (6-2, 190), a multi-position player who caught 29 passes for 741 yards and 13 TDs. That's an average of 25.5 yards per catch and a touchdown every other catch. In the secondary he scored twice, had 127 tackles, five interceptions and two fumble recoveries. With 4.7 speed, he might be switched to quarterback. If Tefteller becomes the QB, watch for junior Nathan Main (5-10, 170) to be the leading receiver; junior Adam Kerber (5-10, 170) the leading rusher. Up front the top dog in the trenches looks like 6-2, 270-pound senior Brian Bridgeman. Matt Grantham (6-2, 230) and Anthony Stannard (6-2, 230) almost match his size. Luis Bermudas (5-8, 205) is the Cougars' center. Young linebackers like Bryan Dodge (6-0, 200), Jayson Mills (6-3, 190) and Aaron Huisman (6-1, 180) are ready. Sophomore Josh Lane (5-11, 175) is the team's kicker.

At **QUEEN CREEK**, the Bulldogs are looking for more wins and a new coach. Only 16 players return, but three are up for postseason honors: FB Justin Hawley (6-0, 185) rushed for 1,017 yards and a 6.7 average per carry; QB John Bolton returns and should be able to connect with Dallas Ence (6-2, 180), the Dogs' big play receiver; junior Greg Leach (6-3, 275) is a promising two-way tackle. In fact, the junior class looks impressive, with OG/NG Frank Metzger, OG/DG Brian Hindmarch and TB/DB Tydon Pace. The junior varsity went unbeaten.

It should be a better start this year for Loren Dawson at **BOURGADE**. Dawson and the staff joined the race late. "The bottom line is we didn't get it done as coaches or players," he says "No excuses, just lessons learned." But a larger than usual senior class should spell more wins, hopefully. These five starters will have to carry the load: RB/LB Dominic Ramella (5-9, 185), OL/DL Pat Casey (5-11, 205), OL/DL John Brunsman (6-1, 180), RB/LB Joe Hester (5-10, 180) and RB/LB Ben Martin (5-8, 165). The Eagles have improved their weightlifting program and spring football drills.

A strong line, anchored by all-state center Mark Heinze (5-10, 180), gives **SETON CATHOLIC** reason to smile. Even though they finished 4-6, the Sentinels advanced to the playoffs, where Benson sent them packing early. Mark Haen (6-3, 230) is a good two-way tackle. Victor Murua (5-9, 205) is a starting guard. Fullback Mike Schweinberg (6-2, 205) and halfback Ramon Bernasconi (5-10, 160) make the running game click. With 4.6 speed, flanker Chris Gaeta (6-0, 165) is Seton's fastest player. In the offseason, Chad Young (5-11, 150) has worked hard to be the quarterback.

Twelve seniors who have played varsity ball since their freshmen year help make **GILA BEND** a contender. Coach Terry Nodlinski's club looks strong in the line, has fair speed and features a good two-way back in Bo Gonzalez (5-10, 160), the top returnee from a 4-5 squad. Fullback Humberto Fernandez (6-0, 210) joins him in the backfield. Marcianno Murillo (6-0, 245) is a strong two-way tackle.

At **MARICOPA,** two players, guards Eric Brower and Jarret Parson, lettered last year as freshmen. Only four seniors dotted the Rams' roster, and it showed in the first round of the playoffs, a 53-6 loss to St. Johns.

EIGHT-MAN

Size and strength top the charts at **ARIZONA LUTHERAN**, where 11 key players from a playoff club return. Coach Doug Lange likes the looks of his line – and it's easy to spot – starting with Chris Wright (6-0, 238), a linebacker on defense. Paul Klink (6-2, 210), Kurt Duff (6-1, 215), Angel Thompson (6-3, 240), Tim Sickles (6-1, 215), Adam Filas (6-4, 230) and stocky Camron Hulbert (5-6, 200) tip the scales the Coyotes' way. Nathan Plitzuweit (6-1, 160) returns at quarterback. Andy Swift, Nathan Berg, Nick Lawson and Dave Brandt are good defenders.

Too many early-season injuries hurt **SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN**, especially when the Eagles reached the playoffs. Fredonia ended their season at 4-4 with a 32-12 thumping. One person who wasn't slowed was all-state tailback Adrian Heath, a 5-10, 180-pound workhorse who carried the ball 222 times (in 8 games!) for 1,522 yards and 22 touchdowns. If junior Justin Graham (5-10, 170) becomes the quarterback, all he has to do is give the ball to Heath. Let Greg Sullivan (6-2, 220), Miles Ryerson (6-3, 240), Kyle Emert (6-3, 210) and fullback Adam Litt (5-10, 180) block. Wide receiver Jeff Beran (5-9, 165) can keep defenses honest. He averaged 24.6 yards per catch.

At **NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN**, only two seniors dotted the roster, and it showed in a losing season. With 90% of the varsity back – including two all-staters – fortunes could certainly turn this fall. All-state linemen J.R. Jasperson (6-2, 225) and Rob Hardesty (6-4, 230) are leaders of the class. With these two in the trenches, the Crusaders are formidable.

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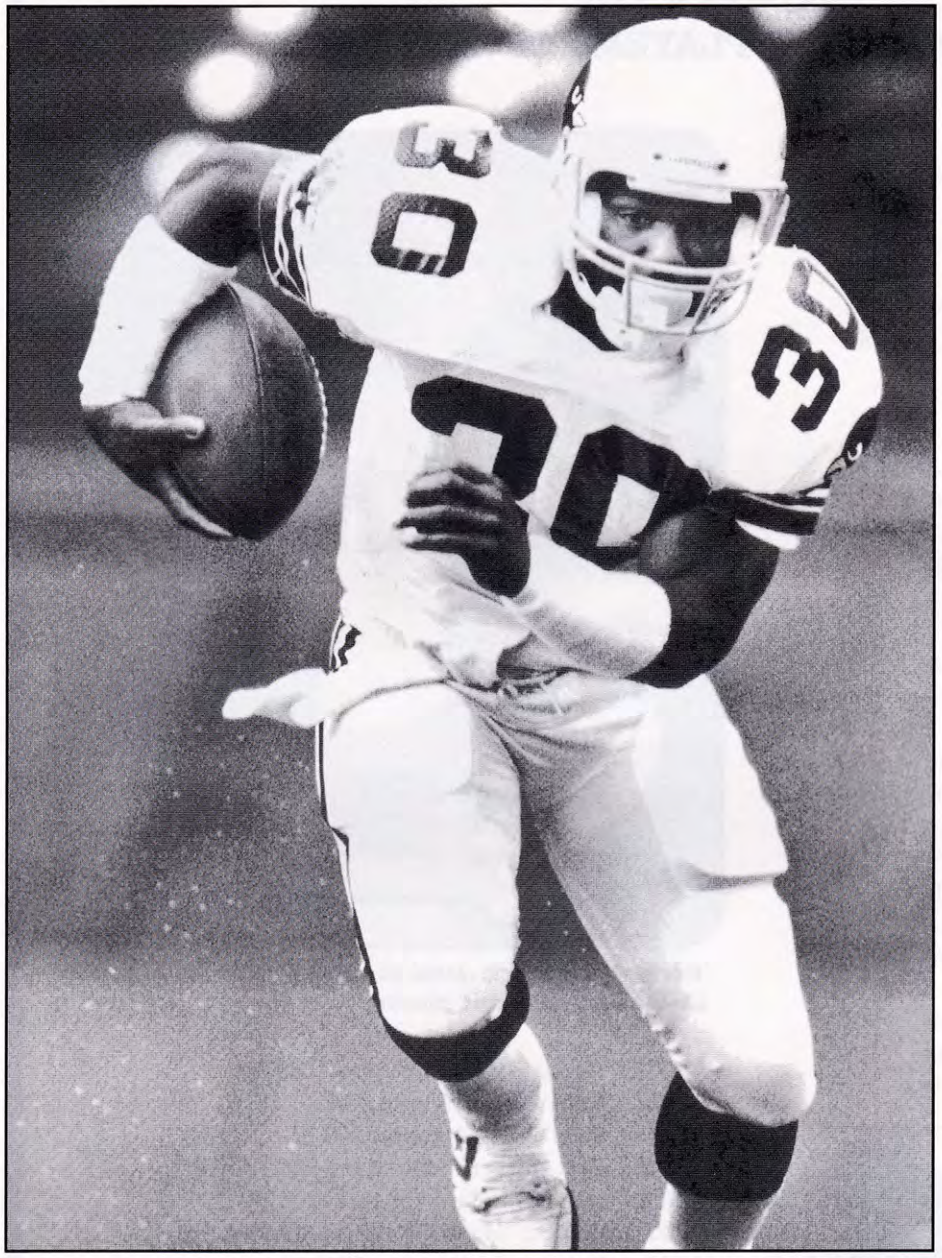
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82.....Elmer Angsman vs Detroit, 1949
80.....Paddy Driscoll vs Kansas City, 1925
79.....Ollie Matson vs Pittsburgh, 1956
79.....Ollie Matson vs Washington,. 1954
78.....Charles Belden vs Frankford, 1930
76.....Ottis Anderson vs Dallas, 1979

RUSHING YARDS
203...John David Crow vs Pittsburgh, 1960
193...Ottis Anderson vs Dallas, 1979
182...Wayne Morris vs Minnesota, 1977
179...Stump Mitchell vs Philadelphia, 1985
177...Ottis Anderson vs Buffalo, 1981
176...Bill Triplett vs New York Giants, 1965
168...Ottis Anderson vs NY Giants, 1980
164...Ottis Anderson vs Minnesota, 1979
163...Ollie Matson vs Washington, 1954
162...Willis Crenshaw vs NY Giants, 1968

PASSING YARDS
468...Neil Lomax vs Washington, 1984
457...Neil Lomax vs San Diego, 1987
428...Charley Johnson vs Pittsburgh, 1963
390...Neil Lomax vs Philadelphia, 1986
388...Neil Lomax vs Dallas, 1984
386...Charley Johnson vs Philadelphia, 1962
385...Neil Lomax vs Green Bay, 1983
384...Neil Lomax vs Philadelphia, 1988
383...Charley Johnson vs Philadelphia, 1965
383...Chris Chandler vs Dallas, 1992
381...Timm Rosenbach vs NY Giants, 1990
374...Charley Johnson vs New Orleans, 1969
371...Charley Johnson vs Philadelphia, 1964

LONGEST PUNT RETURN
95.....Frank Bernardi vs Washington, 1956
88.....Phil Sarboe vs New York Giants, 1935
86.....Chuck Latourette vs New Orleans, 1968
86.....Johnny Roland vs Philadelphia, 1966
84.....Kenny Hall vs Pittsburgh, 1959
82.....Don Paul vs Philadelphia, 1950
78.....Ollie Matson vs Cleveland, 1955
77.....Lee Nelson vs Chicago, 1979
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76.....Vai Sikahema vs NY Giants, 1987

RECEIVING YARDS
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189...Roy Green vs Dallas, 1984
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183...Dave Stief vs Atlanta, 1978

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69.....Jerry Stovall vs Cleveland, 1963
68.....Greg Carter vs San Francisco, 1987
67.....Carl Birdsong vs Tampa Bay, 1985
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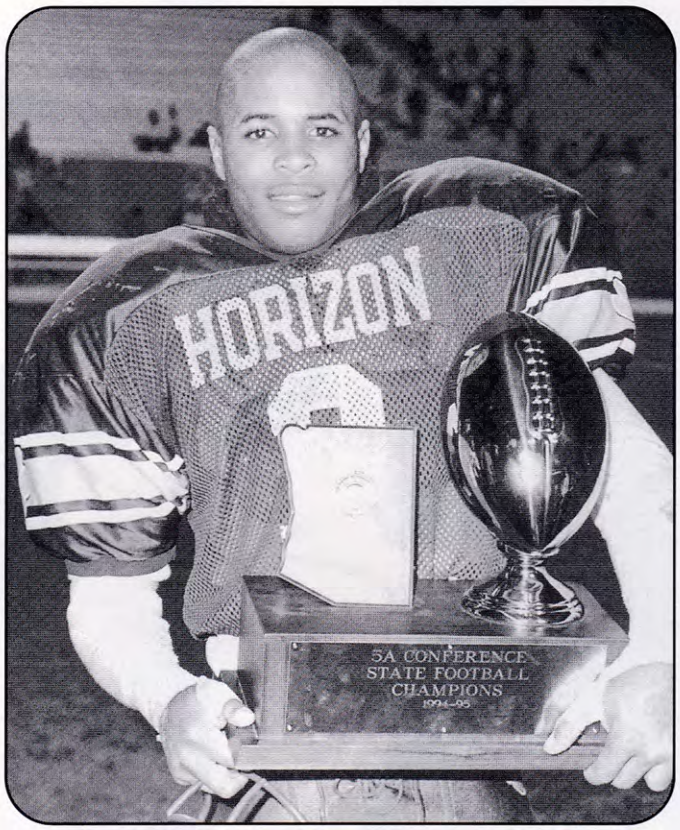
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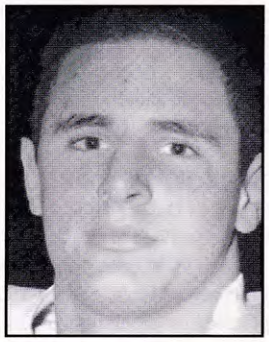
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1994 ... John Clayton, Horizon, RB
1993 ... Randy Hakes, Arcadia, TE/LB
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1990 ... Justin Olson, Horizon, RB
.. Paul Fichiera, Coronado, RB (jr)
1989 ... Kevin McLemore, Coronado, RB/LB
1988 ... Andy 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, DT
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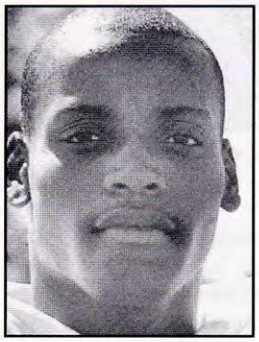


Horizon halfback John Clayton.
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1967 ... Marty Shuford, Saguaro, RB/P
1966 ... Bill Dipley, Arcadia, DB
1965 ... Bill Dipley, Arcadia, WR (jr)
1964 ... Don Burger, Scottsdale, HB
1963 ... Dana Woudenberg, Arcadia, FB/LB
1962 ... Everett "Moose" Rollins, Arcadia, HB
1961 ... Don Lewis, Arcadia, HB
1960 ... Gary Deak, Arcadia, QB



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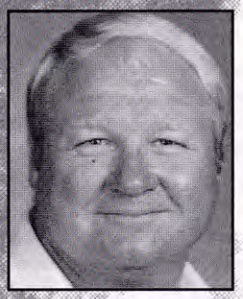
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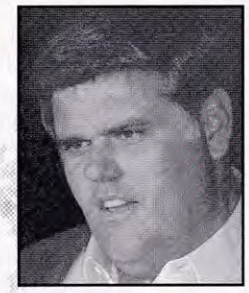
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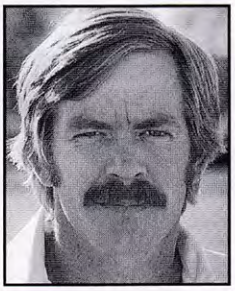
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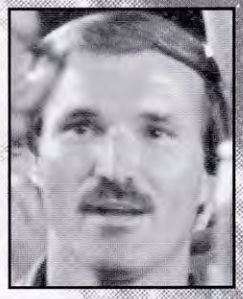
Doug Clapp
Peoria



Pat Farrell
St. Mary's



Jerry Loper
Chandler



Pat Lavin
Independence

Winning %/Coach/School/Record

.913 .. Bill McKane, Mesa (21-2-0)
.833 .. Tom Bushong, Westview (10-2-0)
.826 .. Mike Epperson, Highland (19-4-0)
.805 .. Doug Clapp, Peoria (91-22-3)
.774 .. Pat Farrell, St. Mary's (161-47-3)
.750 .. Tom Bruney, Maryvale (9-3-0)
.742 .. Larry Fetkenhier, Cactus (98-34-2)
.734 .. Karl Kiefer, Mountain Pointe (237-86-3)
.705 .. Steve Chisman, Washington (62-26-4)
.683 .. Tom Wheatley, North Canyon (125-58-3)
.675 .. Jerry Loper, Chandler (212-102-10)
.667 .. Keith Brown, Phoenix Christian (26-13-0)
.657 .. Doug Lange, Arizona Lutheran (44-23-0)
.651 .. Doug Shaffer, Horizon (71-38-2)
.624 .. Bill Mitton, Trevor Browne (161-97-2)
.621 .. Bob Lambie, Paradise Valley (54-33-0)
.609 .. Curt Palmer, Westwood (14-9-0)
.606 .. Pat Lavin, Independence (114-74-3)
.604 .. Mike Clark, Dobson (116-76-3)
.600 .. Charlie Hetzer, Scottsdale Christian (15-10)
.590 .. Greg Parrish, Apollo (79-55-4)
.587 .. Joe Corte, Coronado (122-86-3)
.582 .. Cleveland Dansby, South Mountain (39-28-0)
.577 .. Gerry LaBelle, Cactus Shadows (56-41-2)
.571 .. Tim Sanford, Brophy Prep (64-48-2)
.570 .. Bernon Benson, Valley Christian (166-125-6)
.545 .. Fred Haeger, Deer Valley (25-30-0)
.537 .. Dennis Johnson, McClintock (22-19-0)
.516 .. Mark Matheson, Ironwood (49-46-2)
.500 .. Bob McClintock, Dysart (41-41-0)

Winning %/Coach/School/Record

.494 .. Mike Brown, Thunderbird (41-42-2)
,491 .. Mel Harms, Moon Valley (26-27-0)
.478 .. Richard Gray, Boys Ranch (43-47-1)
.477 .. Jim Jones, Red Mountain (61-67-4)
.476 .. Tim Beck, Saguaro (10-11-0)
.457 .. Gary Venturo, Corona (80-95-2)
.450 .. Jim Fairfield, Fountain Hills (9-11-0)
.443 .. Tim Evans, Sunnyslope (27-34-1)
.442 .. Ron Vick, Arcadia (19-24-0)
.440 .. Tim McBurney, Tempe (22-28-1)

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The Hall Gets Another Legend



In 1970, the football season for Kush and his Sun Devils was peachy.

Finally, 16 years after coaching his last college game, Frank Kush is in "The Hall." Jon F. Hanson, Chairman of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, has announced the 13 newest members of the College Football Hall of Fame. The class includes 12 former All-Americans and one former head coach, Kush.

The newest members will be inducted at the 38th Annual Awards Dinner on December 12, 1995, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Sixteen years after his controversial firing in 1979, Kush still ranks 19th among the all-time winningest Division I coaches, and 7th among coaches with most victories at one school (176). He has a better record than Woody Hayes, Red Blaik, Darrell Royal, John McKay, Ara Parseghian or Pop Warner, to list just a few.

In 22 years, his Arizona State teams won 76% of their games, nine conference titles and six bowl games in seven appearances. He was named Coach of the Year in 1975 by the American Football Coaches Association. Kush coached 129 college players who went on to play professionally.

Pro stars like Charley Taylor, Henry Carr, Benny Hawkins, Curley Culp, Art Malone, J.D. Hill, Woody Green, Mike Haynes, John Jefferson and Reggie Jackson played football for Kush.

Upon leaving A-State, Kush coached the CFL Hamilton Tiger-Cats to an 11-4-1 record and a first place finish in the Eastern Conference. In 1982, the Baltimore Colts hired him as their head man. He coached that club for three seasons before returning to Tempe to coach the USFL Arizona Outlaws.

He currently is an Executive Administrator at the Arizona Boys Ranch near Queen Creek, located southeast of Phoenix. "The Ranch" serves over 400 youngsters, and is designed to meet the needs of behaviorally troubled boys.

Kush's last game at ASU was historic - to say the least. In October of 1979, his fired-up Sun Devils knocked off Rose Bowl bound Washington, 12-7. The players carried him off the Sun Devil Stadium turf and he never coached in the college ranks again. Although ASU won a Rose Bowl in 1987, many followers of A-State sports claim the football program hasn't been the same since.

Landmark wins were many, including a 25-22 win over favored North Carolina State and All-American quarterback Roman Gabriel in 1960; a 24-23 win over Rose Bowl bound Oregon State and Heisman Trophy quarterback Terry Baker in 1961; a 42-16 win over favored Wisconsin in 1967; a 30-7 win over Sun Bowl bound Arizona in Tucson in 1968 - the game which forced the birth of the Fiesta Bowl; a 48-26 win over North Carolina in the 1970 Peach Bowl; a 45-38 win over Florida State in 1971 in Fiesta Bowl I; a 17-14 win over favored Nebraska in Fiesta Bowl V, the game which put the Fiesta Bowl on the map; a 20-7 win over favored USC in 1978, the first-ever Pac-10 game played in Tempe, and the national champion Trojans' only loss.

"They are probably the best offensive team in the country," said New Mexico coach Rudy Feldman in 1972. "There is not a college or professional team in the U.S.A. that can match Arizona State's speed."

"Play for Kush and you can play for anybody," wrote *True Magazine* in 1971. "In all my years of being associated with football, I've never seen such speed on a football field," added Florida State coach Larry Jones the same year.

"All you seem to hear about is Arizona State's speed, and that's about all we did in the second half - hear it," said Brigham Young's LaVell Edwards in 1972.

"They have the greatest array of running backs in America," said Wisconsin coach John Cotta after the Devils blitzed his Badgers 55-7.

"There is no substitute for speed," said Bud Wilkenson of ABC Sports during a 33-28 A-State win over Houston. "They are truly the fastest collegiate team in America."

"There's no way you can stop speed like Arizona State's unless you have speed too," said Missouri coach Al Onofrio after a 49-35 loss in the Fiesta Bowl. "When you play Arizona State you don't play their schedule. You play the Sun Devils."

"They are everything we ever heard about, or read about," concluded Missouri defensive back Mike Fink after the same game.

Joining Kush at December's dinner in New York will be quarterback Jake Gibbs (Mississippi); running backs Jim Brown (Syracuse), James Grabowski (Illinois) and Billy Sims (Oklahoma); ends Chris Burford (Stanford) and Jim Martin (Notre Dame); linebackers Dennis Onkotz (Penn State), Rick Redman (Washington) and Mike Singletary (Baylor); defensive back Tommy Casanova (LSU), and guard Rich Glover (Nebraska). The late Paul Robeson (Rutgers) will also be honored.

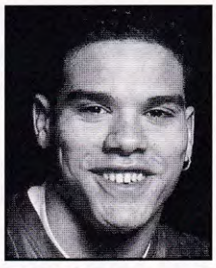
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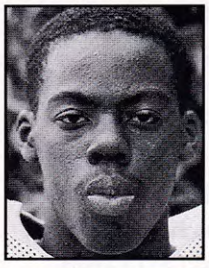
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1989 .....Brian Drew, McClintock, RB/RS
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1987 .....Bart James, McClintock, DB/K
1986 .....Willy Lira, Marcos de Niza, QB
1985 .....Cleveland Colter, McClintock, WR/DB
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1982 .....Shawn Patterson, McClintock, T
1981 .....Glenn Dennard, Corona del Sol, WR
1980 .....Jimmy Williams, Tempe, LB
1979 .....Arthur Reeves, Marcos de Niza, RB
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1976 .....Andy Arrendondo, McClintock, RB
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1974 .....Jimmy Moore, Marcos de Niza, TE
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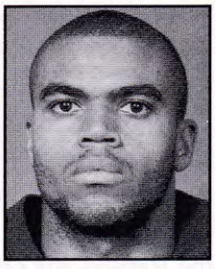
Mountain Pointe running back Skeeter Brown. (Todd Lillard photo)



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"Good luck Sun Devils, Cardinals, Rattlers and All local high schools in 1995!"



This year, with players like Arizona's Hunkie Cooper (14) still in the league, the Rattlers and Orlando are outdrawing five major league baseball teams (Rick D'Elia photo).

Arizona 72, Las Vegas 69

Rattlers Win A Record-Setter

More than just television ratings have soared in Arena Football this summer. Ratings for the season premiere of Arena Football on ESPN were 21% higher than last year, according to figures released by A.C. Nielsen Company.

Then, in late May, the St. Louis Stampede beat the Milwaukee Mustangs, 67-65, for a two-team total of 132 points, the highest scoring indoor football game in history.

The record stood for 24 hours.

On May 27, the Arizona Rattlers and Las Vegas Sting recorded the most prolific scoring and yardage display in Arenaball history – which is really saying something – as Arizona held on for a 72-69 win.

"Arena Football television ratings are rocketing upward while baseball's ratings are flat and dropping," said AFL Commissioner Jim Drucker in July. "Arena football is a great television sport. I know that because more and more people are watching Arena Football on national television."

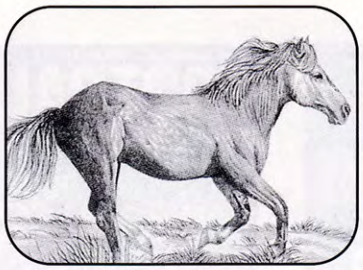
A few are showing up in person, also. Especially in Orlando and Phoenix, where the Rattler-Sting shootout took place. Quarterback Aaron Garcia threw for a club-record 392 yards and six touchdowns, but the Rattlers still needed a 17-yard field goal by Luis Zendejas with 56 seconds left to secure the win. The announced crowd of 15,435 got their monies worth.

During the 141-point display, Garcia and Las Vegas quarterback Scooter Molander, a former Corona del Sol High School graduate, took turns picking apart the opposing defense.

Again, one of the key performers on the field was Rattlers receiver/kick returner Hunkie Cooper – possibly the most exciting football player in the state, at any level. But Garcia's passing yardage demolished the club record of 339 set last year by Sherdrick Bonner, the MVP of last year's Arena Bowl game, won by Arizona. He came within one of tying Paul Justin's record of seven touchdown passes in a single game.

"This season for the first time, two Arena Football League teams, Orlando and Arizona, are outdrawing five major league baseball teams," adds Drucker. "Arena football has the pace American sports fans want – fast and faster."

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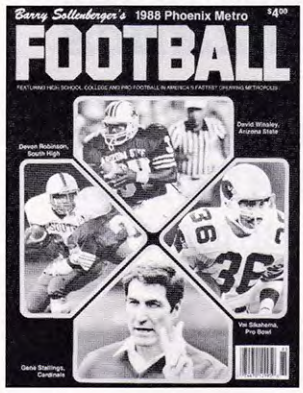
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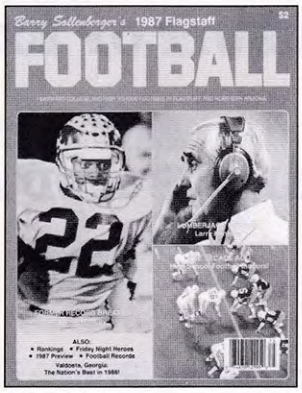
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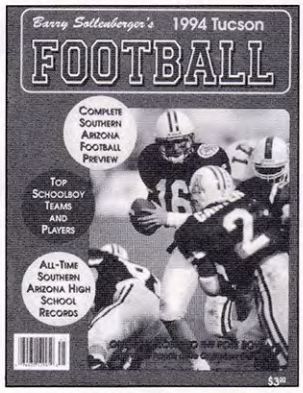
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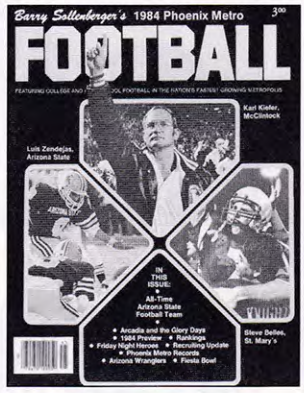
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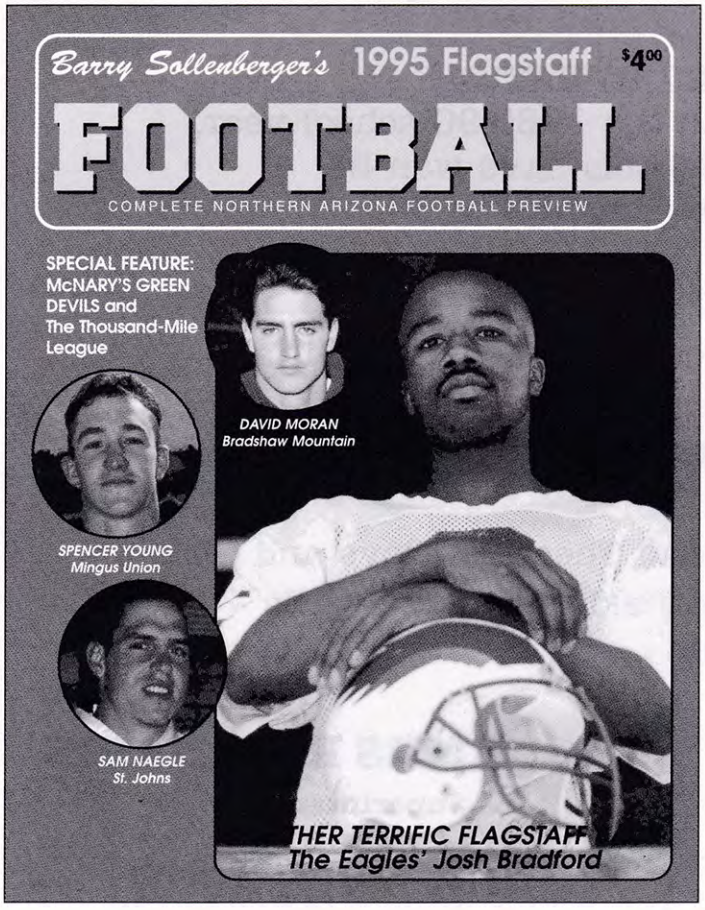
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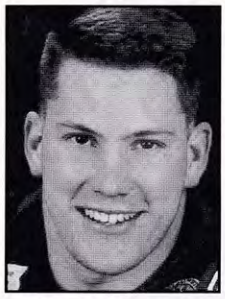
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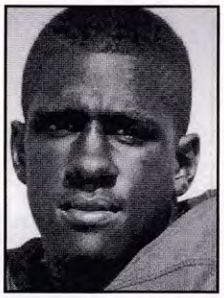
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6 .....Tim Vining, Cactus, 1994

TOUCHDOWNS (SEASON)
38 .....Brian Drew, McClintock, 1989
37 .....Tavon Cooper, Peoria, 1994
34 .....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1988
34 .....Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, 1993
33 .....Coury Hankins, South Mountain, 1994
31 .....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1987 (jr)
31 .....Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1989
30 .....Marvin Johnson, Peoria, 1987
29 .....Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
29 .....Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
29 .....Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1989
29 .....Tim Vining, Cactus, 1994

TOUCHDOWNS (CAREER)
76 .....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88
76 .....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990-92
71 .....Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, 1991-93
63 .....George Greathouse, Carver/
.....Phoenix Union, 1952-55
63 .....Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1985-88
61 .....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
60 .....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1964-67
54 .....Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1981-83
52 .....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
52 .....Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1984-89

POINTS (GAME)
42 .....Coury Hankins, South Mountain, 1994
36 .....Cotton Rieman, Phoenix Union, 1928
36 .....Art Halbrook, Glendale, 1936 (jr)
36 .....Bill Crabtree, Agua Fria, 1952 (so)
36 .....Phil Smith, Cortez, 1967
36 .....Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
36 .....Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
36 .....Art Greathouse, McClintock, 1984 (jr)
36 .....Darren Woodson, Maryvale, 1986
36 .....Andrew McCormick, McClintock,'90
36 .....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990 (so)
36 .....Skeeter Brown, Mt. Pointe, 1994
36 .....Tim Vining, Cactus, 1994

POINTS (SEASON)
228 .....Brian Drew, McClintock, 1989
222 .....Tavon Cooper, Peoria, 1994
216 .....Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, 1993
213 .....Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985
204 .....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1988
200 .....Coury Hankins, South Mountain, 1994
190 .....Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1989
188 .....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1987 (jr)
181 .....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
180 .....Marvin Johnson, Peoria, 1987

POINTS (CAREER)
460 .....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88
456 .....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990-92
440 .....Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, 1991-93
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
368 .....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1964-67
353 .....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
344 .....Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1981-83

RUSHING YARDS (GAME)
358 .....Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
353 .....Brian Galbreath, Cortez, 1991
344 .....Brian Pringle, Sunnyslope, 1970
339 .....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972 (so)
334 .....Paul Fichiera, Coronado, 1990 (jr)
331 .....Darnell Autry, Tempe, 1993
329 .....Tim Vining, Cactus, 1994
328 .....Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1989
327 .....Jim McQuinn, Central, 1976
321 .....Mike Brown, Saguaro, 1994 (jr)
318 .....Trung Canidate, Central, 1993 (jr)
315 .....Ryan Christopherson, Cactus, 1989
315 .....Mike Mitchell, Brophy, 1991 (jr)

RUSHING YARDS (SEASON)
2,230 ...Tim Vining, Cactus, 1994
2,201 ...Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1992
2,030 ...Tavon Cooper, Peoria, 1994
2,027 ...Coury Hankins, South Mountain, 1994
2,003 ...Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1989
1,995 ...Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1991 (jr)
1,991 ...Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
1,985 ...John Clayton, Horizon, 1994
1,952 ...Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1981
1,927 ...Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
1,913 ...David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)
1,912 ...Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
1,905 ...Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1988

RUSHING YARDS (CAREER)
5,669 ...Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990-92
5,204 ...Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1985-88
4,551 ...George Greathouse, Carver/
.....Phoenix Union, 1952-55
4,417 ...Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
4,307 ...Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
4,128 ...Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88
4,050 ...Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
4,005 ...Kenny Mantle, Coronado, 1992-94

CARRIES (GAME)
45 .....Jose Valenzuela, Apache Jct., 1989
44 .....Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1975
44 .....Carlos Cochrane, Ironwood, 1991 (jr)
43 .....Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1975
40 .....Craig Amack, Tempe, 1974
40 .....Ryan Christopherson, Cactus, 1989

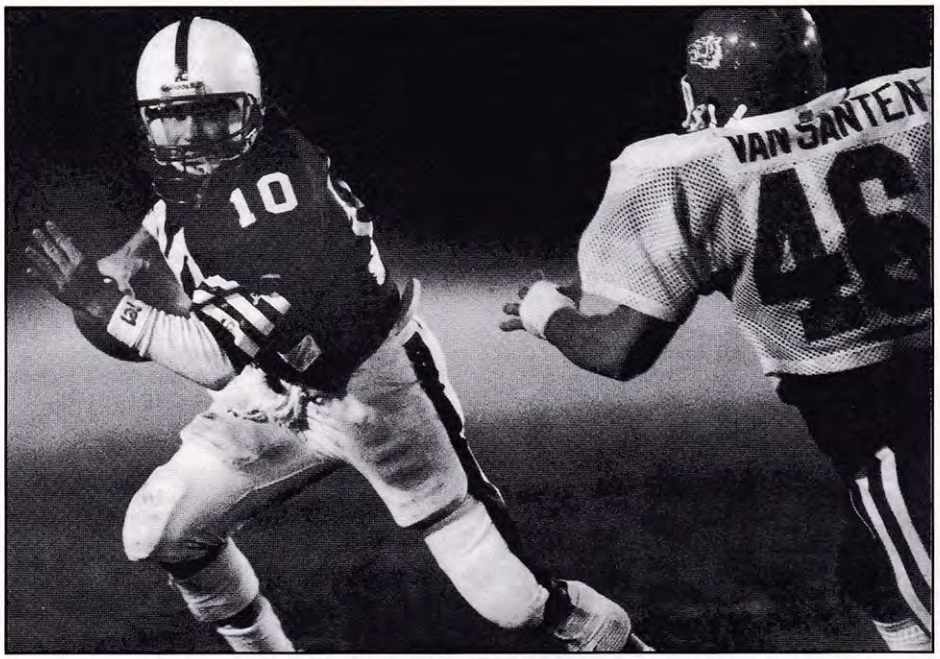
AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (SEASON)
12.6 .....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955 (fr)
12.5 .....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1957 (jr)
12.3 .....Rick Kelton, Gilbert, 1974
12.0 .....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1956 (so)
11.9 .....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1958
11.9 .....Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1987 (jr)
11.8 .....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990 (so)
10.8 .....Jerry Lamb, Chandler, 1955 (jr)
10.7 .....Everett Rollins, Arcadia, 1962
10.7 .....Coury Hankins, South Mountain, 1994
10.1 .....Gerald Brown, Buckeye, 1975 (jr)
10.1 .....Ryan Christopherson, Cactus, '88 (jr)

AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (CAREER)
12.3 .....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN
99 .....Sammy Johnson, Mesa, 1952

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In three varsity seasons, McClintock's Kent Kiefer passed for 6,346 yards and 51 touchdowns (Mesa Tribune photo).

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 Arrendondo, Tempe, 1952
98 .....Paul Fichiera, Coronado, 1990 (jr)
98 .....Craig Brown, Westview, 1994

PASSING YARDS (GAME)
479 .....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
404 .....Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971
403 .....Rick Johnson, Paradise Valley, 1983
396 .....Jonathan Beasley, Cactus, 1994 (jr)
385 .....Rick Savale, Arcadia, 1966
380 .....Bob Pitre, Arcadia, 1975
375 .....Tim Rattay, Phoenix Christian, 1994
374 .....Jason McCullough, Arcadia, 1992
374 .....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
366 .....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
365 .....Todd Sheridan, Arcadia, 1982
360 .....Chris Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1994
358 .....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993

PASSING YARDS (SEASON)
3,462 ...Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
3,009 ...Chris Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1994
2,646 ...Tim Rattay, Phoenix Christian, 1994
2,566 ...Jonathan Beasley, Cactus, 1994 (jr)
2,539 ...Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1985
2,507 ...Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1991
2,352 ...Brian Judd, Cactus, 1989
2,233 ...Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1984
2,226 ...John Bonds, St. Mary's, 1987
2,170 ...Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983 (so)
2,081 ...Joe Germaine, Mountain View, 1993
2,037 ...Cleveland Dansby, South, 1993 (jr)
2,033 ...William Babb, Peoria, 1987
2,011 ...Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1974

PASSING YARDS (CAREER)
6,346 ...Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-85
6,064 ...Marty Rincon, Westview, 1991-93
4,916 ...Chris Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1992-94
4,712 ...Scott Molander, CDS, 1982-84
4,596 ...Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1982-84
4,394 ...Cleveland Dansby, South, 1992-94
4,373 ...Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1990-91
4,174 ...Justin Diede, Glendale, 1989-91
4,135 ...William Babb, Peoria, 1985-87
4,007 ...Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1969-71

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
5 .....Gilbert Martinez, Chandler, 1958
5 .....Ted Blake, Sunnyslope, 1965
5 .....Pete Harter, Chandler, 1965
5 .....Randy Holmes, Peoria, 1968
5 .....Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971
5 .....Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1971
5 .....Shawn Gilbert, Agua Fria, 1982
5 .....Scooter Molander, CDS, 1982
5 .....Jeff Zygmunt, Deer Valley, 1984
5 .....Chuck Levinus, Cactus, 1984
5 .....Lee Schrack, Tempe, 1988
5 .....Cory Giles, Westwood, 1991
5 .....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
5 .....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
5 .....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
5 .....Steve O'Hare, Brophy Prep, 1993
5 .....Tim Rattay, Phoenix Christian, 1994
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TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)
40 .....Tim Rattay, Phoenix Christian, 1994
37 .....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
30 .....Chris Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1994
28 ..... Jonathan Beasley, Cactus, 1994 (jr)
27 .....Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1991

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (CAREER)
58 .....Marty Rincon, Westview, 1991-93
51 .....Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-85
51 .....Cleveland Dansby, South, 1992-94
48 .....Chris Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1994
47 .....Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1990-91
45 .....Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969-71

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS
99 .....Frank Zellner to Gloyes Lemons,
.....Buckeye, 1955
99 .....Doug Stitler to Curt Reiman,
.....Brophy Prep, 1978
98 .....Ken Butler to Ralph Flores,
.....Sunnyslope, 1960
98 .....Matt Saxe to Colin Fuel,
.....Washington, 1993
98 .....Ryan Leyba to DeRonn Finley,
.....Marcos de Niza, 1994

RECEPTIONS (GAME)
16 .....Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
13 .....Jason Birdsong, 1989 (jr)
13 .....David Stephens, Glendale, '90 (jr)
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

RECEPTIONS (SEASON)
76 .....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989 (jr)
68 .....Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985
66 .....Brant Williams, Independence, 1986
66 .....Tony Vining, Cactus, 1991
65 .....Tim Kohner, Phoenix Christian, 1994
64 .....Scott McLouth, Gilbert, 1985
64 .....Mike Allen, Cactus, 1994
61 .....Bryan Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1983 (jr)
60 .....Bill Sorcineli, Camelback, 1964
60 .....Jake Greene, Westview, 1993

RECEPTIONS (CAREER)
148 .....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-90
120 .....Roger Aguilar, St. Mary's, 1992-94
119 .....Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
117 .....Cleveland Colter, McClintock, '83-85
117 .....Don Yantis, Paradise Valley, 1986-88

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RECEPTIONS (CAREER) (cont.)
111.....Carlos Artis, Washington, 1988-90

RECEIVING YARDS (GAME)
302.....Pete Klaass, Paradise Valley, 1983 (jr)
296.....Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
260.....Keith Rawls, CDS, 1982
240.....Shelby Hill, Central, 1988
234.....Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
226.....Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
225.....Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962
225.....Craig Brown, Westview, 1993 (jr)
224.....David Donahue, McClintock, 1982
220.....Danny Starr, Maricopa, 1987
220.....Todd Young, MDN, 1983 (jr)

RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON)
1,226...Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
1,201...Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989
1,188...Tony Vining, Cactus, 1991
1,180...Tim Kohner, Phoenix Christian, 1994
1,090...Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
1,090...Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985
1,084...Mike Allen, Cactus, 1994
1,039...Jake Greene, Westview, 1993
1,038...Rick Molina, Tempe, 1971
1,014...Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984

RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER)
2,508...Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-90
2,172...Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
2,165...Carlos Artis, Washington, 1988-90
2,011...Roger Aguilar, St. Mary's, 1992-94

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (GAME)
5.....Dwight Bennett, Glendale, 1966
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

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (SEASON)
17.....Tim Kohner, Phoenix Christian, 1994
15.....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989 (jr)
14.....Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)
14.....Dewey Horton, Gilbert, 1977
14.....Craig Brown, Westview, 1993 (jr)
14.....Mike Allen, Cactus, 1994
13.....Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
13.....Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
13.....Rick Molina, Tempe, 1971
13.....Mike Baker, Gerard, 1974
13.....James Sosinski, McClintock, 1980
13.....David Tefteller, Phx. Christian, 1994

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (CAREER)
29.....Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
26.....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-90

INTERCEPTIONS (GAME)
5.....Dick Gwinn, Judson, 1964
4.....Ned Newell, Mesa, 1921
4.....Albert Guthrie, Mesa, 1921
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
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

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

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
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)

FIELD GOALS (GAME)
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)

FIELD GOALS (SEASON)
19.....Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1985
16.....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
13.....Phil Insalaco, Phoenix Christian, 1984
13.....Cameron Mark, Arcadia, 1993 (jr)
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
26.....Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, 1984-86

LONGEST FIELD GOAL
62.....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
58.....Jim Sanson, St. Mary's, 1994 (jr)
55.....Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
55.....Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
54.....Bob Facio, Gerard, 1977
54.....Chuck Hunzinger, Deer Valley, 1984
54.....Matt Belden, Glendale, 1992 (jr)

PATS (GAME)
11.....Ed Brooks, Phoenix Union, 1914
10.....Danny White, Westwood, 1969
10.....Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985
10.....Darin Madrigal, Mesa, 1993

PATS (SEASON)
70.....Don Gallardo, Cactus, 1994 (jr)
69.....Tony Camino, Peoria, 1987
66.....Kyle Bell, McClintock, 1989
63.....Frank Coen, McClintock, 1980
60.....Steve Rausch, Dobson, 1987
60.....Derek Lay, Maryvale, 1992 (jr)
58.....Barry Duncan, Moon Valley, 1982

PATS (CAREER)
142.....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1987-89
135.....Derek Lay, Maryvale, 1991-93
134.....Rich Groppenbacher, McC., 1982-84
115.....Frank Coen, McClintock, 1979-80
115.....Tony Camino, Peoria, 1985-87

LONGEST PUNT
99.....Walter Williams, Mesa, 1925
84.....John Durso, Arcadia, 1976
81.....Jerry Hammond, Red Mountain, 1994
80.....Justus Goebel, Phoenix Union, 1910
77.....Doug Pasanella, Paradise Valley,'78
77.....Matt Belden, Glendale, 1993
76.....Randy Hakes, Arcadia, 1993
75.....Oscar Reynolds, St. Mary's, 1939
75.....John Parker, Buckeye, 1939
75.....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1945 (jr)
75.....Dennis Goettl, Central, 1973

PUNTING AVERAGE (SEASON)
47.6.....Matt Belden, Glendale, 1992 (jr)
47.5.....Jess Skousen, Mesa, 1922
47.0.....Jim McCann, North, 1965
46.0.....Pat Hawbaker, St. Mary's, 1971
45.9.....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1945 (jr)

LONGEST PUNT RETURN (TD)
102.....Brackston Whitaker, Glendale, 1939
100.....Larry Royse, Tempe, 1956
100.....Tom Ribaudo, East, 1967

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN (TD)
102.....Roger Rice, Alhambra, 1989
102.....Carl Mason, Independence, 1989
102.....Armando Castro, Peoria, 1990
100.....Seth Carr, St. Mary's, 1988
100.....Donnell Thompson, North, 1988

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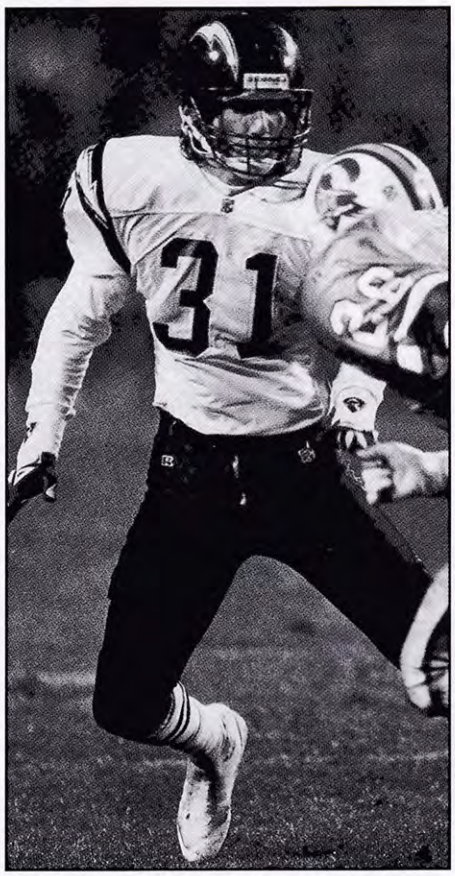
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1993 .. Randy Hakes, Scottsdale Arcadia
1992 .. Jim Sprotte, Lakeside Blue Ridge
1991 .. Jon McGee, Tucson Sahuaro
1990 ..Aaron Franklin, Peoria
1989 .. Daniel Taplin, Tempe
1988 .. Luke Davis, Mesa Dobson
1987 .. Jeramiah Clark, Mesa
1986 .. Odel Stewart, Sierra Vista Buena
1985 .. Bob Davis, Mesa Mountain View
1984 .. Charles Matthews, Eloy Santa Cruz
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 Peterson, Ajo
1971 .. Larry Gordon, Phoenix Union
1970 .. Bob Breunig, Phoenix Alhambra
1969 .. Bill Crowe, Tempe McClintock (jr)
1968 .. Larry Delbridge, Coolidge
1967 .. Jeff Quinn, 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)

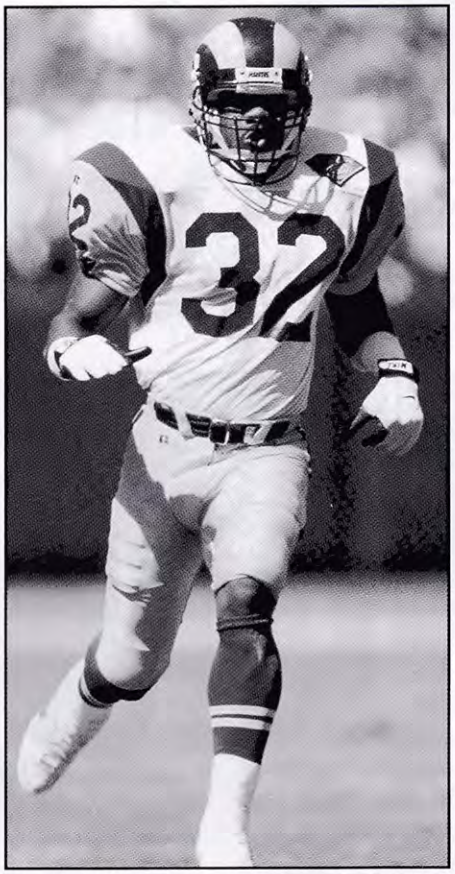
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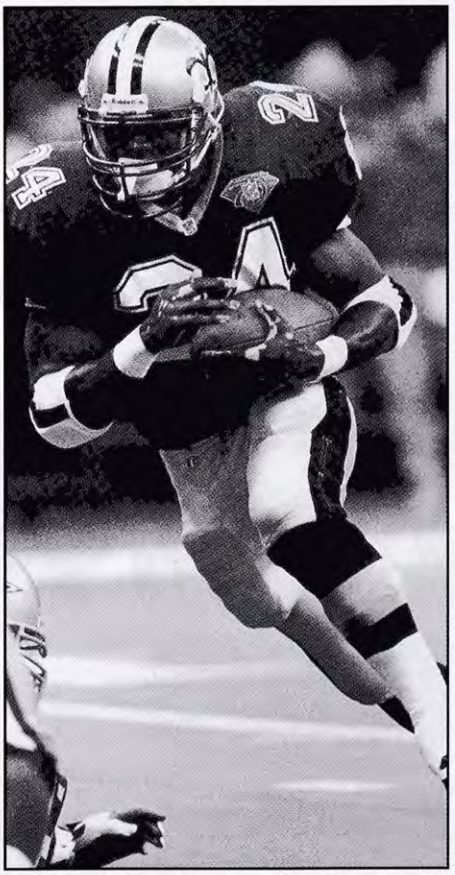
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While San Diego defensive back Brian Davis (31) switched to Minnesota, Toby Wright (32) of the Los Angeles Rams and Mario Bates (24) of the New Orleans Saints shined as rookies where they started. Last year, 26 former Arizona high schoolers dotted NFL rosters.

Still Soaring at a High Level

If you're new to the Grand Canyon State, here's a short history lesson about schoolboy football that surprises most newcomers.

Arizona continues to lay claim as the third best high school sports state west of the Mississippi. Two years ago, excluding super-populated powers California and Texas, no state in the West had more former schoolboy products on NFL rosters (31) than Arizona.

Next in line came Washington (20), followed by Colorado (15), Oklahoma (14) and Kansas (14). Arizona's total was a single-season record for the Cactus State, surpassing the 28 which dotted NFL rosters in 1992. Last fall, 26 former Arizona products received NFL paychecks (see chart), including injured receiver Anthony Edwards of the Phoenix Cardinals, lineman Rob Waldrop of Kansas City and nicked up defensive back Kevin Scott of the Detroit Lions.

Seven former players from the Arizona high school ranks went in April's NFL draft, and with key free agents like former San Manuel tackle Warner Smith (Colts) and Tempe Marcos de Niza linebacker Bryan Hooks (Cardinals) given a good chance to make clubs, the record (31) could fall.

Between 1916 and 1969, high schools from the Phoenix area played 219 games against teams from outside the state. Schools like Phoenix Union (now closed), St. Mary's, Mesa and North locked horns against teams from Nebraska, Texas, California, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada.

The Capitol City boys did themselves proud, winning 130 games, losing 73 and tying 16. Schools from as far away as Port Arthur, Texas, and Boys Town, Nebraska fought it out on Arizona turf.

Brown University, an Ivy League school, could start three former Arizona all-staters this fall.

The most amazing record was the surprising success Mesa High had against teams from Southern California. Edgar "Mutt" Ford-coached clubs never lost to a California school. They were 10-0-0 against West Coast clubs, including a surprising 40-13 win over 1954 CIF champ Compton Centennial.

"This was the best team we faced all year," said Centennial coach Aaron Wade after the debacle. "We passed more than usual because we didn't want to get any of our backs hurt for the playoffs next week. But Mesa really trounced us."

Two key changes have taken place in the past 40 years, including a tremendous population growth in Phoenix and Tucson. Less out-of-state games have been played with California schools. It's simply not necessary; teams no longer need to travel to Texas or the West Coast to fill schedules.

One other change has been the increase in Arizona products reaching the pro ranks. It comes with the population growth. However, several states in the West have more people than Arizona, but

less players in both the college and pro football ranks.

"The odds against a high school senior playing football in the NFL are roughly 1,000 to one," said Fred Mares of the National Federation of High School Sports, located in Kansas City.

To be exact, one out of every 1,233 high school players land in the NFL, although that will increase with the addition of the Carolina Panthers and the Jacksonville Jaguars to the league.

Based on the fact that 13,000 Arizona youngsters played football at 165 schools last fall, having 26 on NFL rosters is above the norm.

"That really surprises me," added Mares, editor of the Federation's annual record book. "To have less than 200 high schools produce that many pro players is unique."

But so is Arizona lately, which has seen many of its high profile blue-chip football products leave the state to play college ball. In the past decade alone, more and more top-notch players are enrolling at schools like Nebraska, Washington, UCLA and USC, to name a few. Brown University, an Ivy League school, could start three former Arizona all-staters this fall.

This is a far cry from not too long ago, when Arizona State and Arizona grabbed up 95% of the state's top prospects. How much has college football changed in Tempe? Two years ago, Northern Arizona University had more receivers (3) in the NFL than Arizona State (2).

The cream of the crop is the NFL, and Arizona products show up everywhere. When Super Bowl champion San Francisco walked off the Miami turf last January with another ring, offensive tackle Frank Pollack had his first. The former NAU Lumberjack, a Phoenix Greenway graduate, became the most recent in a growing list of Arizona products to play in the Super Bowl.

In fact, it was a banner streak for Greenway High alum. Earlier, former Demon Tim Salmon, an outfielder with the California Angels, landed American League Rookie of the Year honors.

Several different Arizona high schools have multiple players in the league. South Mountain, the state's all-time leader (10) has two: Steve Jordan and Byron Evans. So does Scottsdale Horizon, Arizona's 5A champions of 1994, with Cincinnati lineman Ty Parten and Kansas City's Waldrop, the '93 Outland Trophy winner.

Phoenix Maryvale has three grads in the NFL today: Dallas strong safety Darren Woodson, New York Giant defensive back Phillippi Sparks, and rookie center Frank Garcia, a fourth-round pick of the Carolina Panthers. Woodson and Sparks starred at Arizona State. Barring injury, watch for current Sun Devil safety Mitchell Freedman to someday reach this level.

Tucson Sahuaro has two: Dallas Cowboy backup quarterback Rodney Peete, the state Player of the Year as a junior, and rookie Steve McLaughlin of the St. Louis Rams, one of the nation's premier kickers.

It looks like Tempe McClintock might land two, with defensive back Anthony Parker switching from Minnesota to St. Louis and ASU linebacker Jason Kyle going in the fourth round to Seattle. Last year, Parker, a member of A-State's '87 Rose Bowl champions, became the first defensive player in NFL history to score touchdowns in three straight games.

The former high school Player of the Year returned an interception 41 yards for a TD against Tampa Bay, a fumble 23 yards against Green Bay and an interception 44 yards against the Giants.

Parker played in the same secondary as Eric Allen, Philadelphia's standout cornerback, when they were in college. Many scouts believed Parker was better than Allen entering their senior years. But a knee injury cost Parker most of that season and lots of early playing time in the National Football League.

PRO PARADE

The 26 Arizona schoolboy products in the NFL in 1994.

QB	Rodney Peete, Dallas Cowboys (Tucson Sahuaro)	USC
RB	Mario Bates, New Orleans Saints (Tucson Amphitheater)	ASU
WR	Michael Bates, Seattle Seahawks (Tucson Amphitheater)	Arizona
WR	*Anthony Edwards, Arizona Cardinals (Casa Grande)	N.M. Highlands
WR	Eric Guliford, Minnesota Vikings (Peoria)	ASU
TE	Steve Jordan, Minnesota Vikings (South Mountain)	Brown
TE	Kurt Haws, Washington Redskins (Mesa Mountain View)	Utah
OL	Randall McDaniel, Minnesota Vikings (Agua Fria)	ASU
OL	John Fina, Buffalo Bills (Tucson Salpointe)	Arizona
OL	Danny Villa, Kansas City Chiefs (Nogales)	ASU
OL	Todd Kalis, Pittsburgh Steelers (Phoenix Thunderbird)	ASU
OL	Frank Pollack, San Francisco 49ers (Phoenix Greenway)	NAU
OL	Dale Hellestrae, Dallas Cowboys (Scottsdale Saguaro)	SMU
OL	Mike Keim, Seattle Seahawks (Round Valley)	BYU
P	Jeff Feagles, Arizona Cardinals (Phoenix Gerard)	Miami (Fla.)
LB	*Byron Evans, Philadelphia Eagles (South Mountain)	Arizona
DB	Darren Woodson, Dallas Cowboys (Phoenix Maryvale)	ASU
DB	Anthony Parker, Minnesota Vikings (Tempe McClintock)	ASU
DB	Brian Davis, Minnesota Vikings (Phoenix Cortez)	Nebraska
DB	*Kevin Scott, Detroit Lions (Phoenix St. Mary's)	Stanford
DB	Phillippi Sparks, New York Giants (Phoenix Maryvale)	ASU
DB	Muhammad Oliver, Miami Dolphins (Phoenix North)	Oregon
DB	Kevin Miniefield, Chicago Bears (Phoenix Camelback)	ASU
DB	Toby Wright, Los Angeles Rams (Mesa Dobson)	Nebraska
DL	Ty Parten, Cincinnati Bengals (Scottsdale Horizon)	Arizona
DL	*Rob Waldrop, Kansas City Chiefs (Scottsdale Horizon)	Arizona

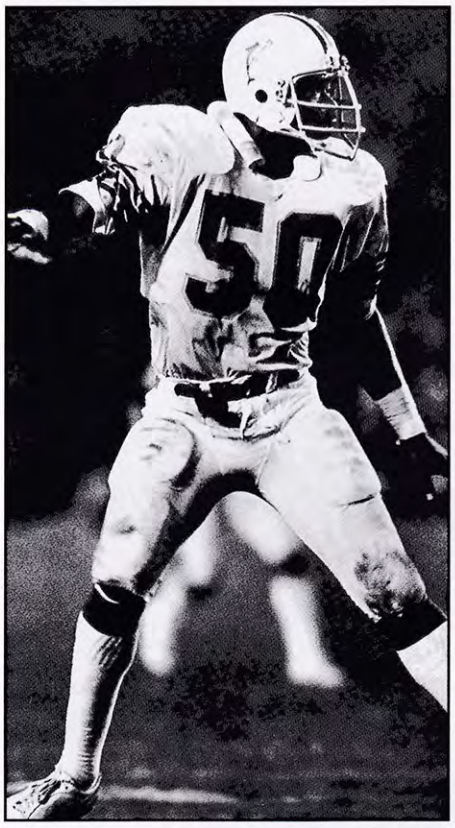
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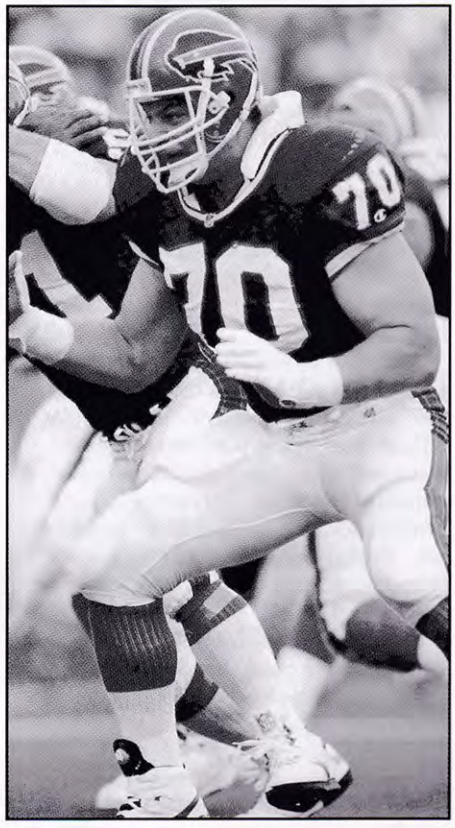
RB	Ryan Christopherson, Jacksonville Jaguars (Cactus)	Wyoming
OL	Frank Garcia, Carolina Panthers (Phoenix Maryvale)	Washington
PK	Cole Ford, Pittsburgh Steelers (Tucson Sabino)	USC
PK	Steve McLaughlin, St. Louis Rams (Tucson Sahuaro)	Arizona
LB	Sean Harris, Chicago Bears (Tucson High)	Arizona
LB	Jason Kyle, Seattle Seahawks (Tempe McClintock)	ASU
DB	Mike Skurlock, St. Louis Rams (Tucson Cholla)	Arizona

**injured reserve*

Super Bowl Arizonans

Since statehood, hundreds of Arizona high school products have played professional football in the United States and Canada. But only a few – 17 to be exact – have played in the Super Bowl





The late Larry Gordon (50), one of Phoenix Union's all-time greats, Mountain View linebacker Todd Shell (90) and Tucson Salpointe tackle John Fina (70) have played in the "big one."

By Barry Sollenberger

Last January, with millions tuned in to TV and 74,107 watching from $200-and-up seats in Miami's Joe Robbie Stadium, the San Francisco 49ers smashed records, rolled up points and sprinted away from the San Diego Chargers, 49-26, in Super Bowl XXIX.

The next day, Monday morning's front page edition of *The Arizona Republic* featured 49er tackle Frank Pollack saluting the crowd. The same Frank Pollack who attended Greenway High in Phoenix and Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

Another former Arizona high school athlete had played in a Super Bowl.

Since statehood, several hundred Arizona schoolboy products have played professional football, in the United States and Canada. But only an elite group – 17 to be exact – have played in the Super Bowl.

Since 1964, it is doubtful that Arizona has produced a better defensive lineman than Yuma's Curley Culp (see opposite page photo). Why 1964? That's when Culp played his last prep football game. It was the North-South All-Star contest, played in Flagstaff at Northern Arizona University's old Lumberjack Stadium.

It may have been the best all-star game in Arizona history, a 28-20 win by the North. Four players from that game later joined Culp in the National Football League: South Mountain end Bob Wallace (Chicago Bears), Agua Fria guard Bill Lueck (Green Bay Packers), Agua Fria quarterback-linebacker Rusty Tillman (Washington Redskins) and Chandler defensive back Gordon Rule (Green Bay Packers). Culp and Tillman both played in Super Bowls.

But Culp was first. The former NCAA heavyweight wrestling champion from Arizona State joined Buck Buchanan, Jerry Mays and Aaron Brown to form Kansas City's forward wall which stuffed Minnesota in Super Bowl IV, 23-7.

As a schoolboy in Yuma, Culp was not only a state heavyweight wrestling champ, but a participant in two historic football games: the '64 all-star classic, and an incredible upset of state champion Scottsdale Arcadia in 1962, a team ranked No. 8 in the U.S.A.

During Culp's senior year at Yuma, a teammate was sophomore Ron Jessie, later a track and football star at the

University of Kansas. In 1980, when Pittsburgh beat Los Angeles, 31-19, in Super Bowl XIV, half the Rams' receiving corps – Jesse and Tempe Marcos de Niza's Preston Dennard – were former Arizona high school stars.

Danny White started at quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys for seven seasons, but in Super Bowls XII and XIII, he was a backup to Hall of Famer Roger Staubach. Still, White has a Super Bowl ring. So does teammate Bob Breunig, the Cowboys' starting linebacker, and like White a former Arizona State star. Both played college ball for Frank Kush. Breunig played high school ball at Phoenix Alhambra.

The late Larry Gordon, one of Phoenix Union's all-time greats, started at linebacker for Miami in Super Bowl XVII, a 27-17 loss to Washington. Gordon, possibly Arizona State's all-time best linebacker, died of a heart attack in 1983, his eighth year in the league. Today, an award given to the state's best high school linebacker is named in his honor.

Riki Gray was an all-state linebacker at Tucson Amphi and a Pac-10 terror at USC. In San Francisco he changed his last name to Ellison, but kept his football ability intact. In 1985, the 49ers beat Miami in Super Bowl XIX, and in 1989 beat Cincinnati. Riki wears two Super Bowl rings.

So does teammate Todd Shell, another terrific Arizona linebacker. The former Mesa Mountain View all-stater and BYU star was the No. 1 pick (24th overall) of the 49ers in 1984, and played five seasons before retiring from the league due to a spinal injury. Today he is the head coach of the San Jose SaberCats of the Arena Football League.

Joining Ellison and Shell on San Francisco's '89 Super Bowl club was defensive back Tory Nixon, a former Shadow Mountain High and San Diego State star.

Much traveled Brian Davis, a Phoenix Cortez product who made it big at Nebraska, finished the '94 campaign with the Minnesota Vikings. Earlier, he roamed the secondary for the San Diego Chargers. In January of 1988, Davis was in the secondary of the World Champion Washington Redskins as they skinned the Denver Broncos, 42-10.

Speaking of Denver, two former Arizona



stars, wide receiver Vance Johnson (Tucson Cholla) and defensive back Randy Robbins (Casa Grande), played in three Super Bowls. Johnson, both a state and NCAA long jump champ, and Robbins, a basketball star, were terrific schoolboy athletes. In high school, Johnson long jumped 25-feet, 8-inches at the Golden West Invitational; 26-feet, 11-inches at the NCAA finals.

The Buffalo Bills recently lost three straight Super Bowls, but don't blame tackle John Fina (Tucson Salpointe), an offensive starter who holds his own. John played in back-to-back games in 1993 and 1994, when the Bills lost both classics to the Dallas Cowboys, 52-17 and 30-13.

On the winning team was starting snapper Dale Hellestrae (Scottsdale Saguaro) and safety Darren Woodson (Phoenix Maryvale). These two Cowboys wear four Super Bowl rings between them. Hellestrae was a former teammate of Eric Dickerson's at SMU, while Woodson, before playing at Arizona State, was a member of one of the all-time talented backfields at Maryvale High. In 1986, the Panthers' three running backs were Woodson, Phillippi Sparks (ASU/New York Giants) and Kevin Galbreath, MVP of the 1992 Arizona State-Arizona football game in Tucson.

Super Bowl Arizonans

Player/Pro Team/High School	Bowl Year
Curley Culp, Kansas City Chiefs (Yuma)	1970
Rusty Tillman, Washington Redskins (Agua Fria)	1973
Danny White, Dallas Cowboys (Mesa Westwood)	1978, '79
Bob Breunig, Dallas Cowboys (Phoenix Alhambra)	1978, '79
Preston Dennard, Los Angeles Rams (Tempe Marcos de Niza)	1980
Ron Jessie, Los Angeles Rams (Yuma)	1980
Larry Gordon, Miami Dolphins (Phoenix Union)	1983
Riki Gray, San Francisco 49ers (Tucson Amphi)	1985, 1989
Todd Shell, San Francisco 49ers (Mesa Mountain View)	1985, 1989
Vance Johnson, Denver Broncos (Tucson Cholla)	1987, '88, '90
Randy Robbins, Denver Broncos (Casa Grande)	1987, '88, '89
Brian Davis, San Francisco 49ers (Phoenix Cortez)	1988
Tory Nixon, San Francisco 49ers (Shadow Mountain)	1989
Dale Hellestrae, Dallas Cowboys (Scottsdale Saguaro)	1993, '94
Darren Woodson, Dallas Cowboys (Phoenix Maryvale)	1993, '94
John Fina, Buffalo Bills (Tucson Salpointe)	1993, '94
Frank Pollack, San Francisco 49ers (Phoenix Greenway)	1995



Back in the football business, Eastern Arizona College landed an early recruiting coups in Mesa High School tailback Gerald Green (Mesa Tribune photo by David Cruz).

Eastern Arizona Resurrected from the Dead

By Bart Conley

Football is back at Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher. A fall team has been put on the fast track.

The matter was decided in January during the Graham County Community College District Governing Board's meeting, with a 3-2 split vote.

It reversed a 14-month-old decision which eliminated the program one year earlier. But since the 1993 decision was made, the make-up of the board has changed. One major change was the seating of Ladd Mullenaux, the former athletic director and Dean of Students at the time of the decision. He retired from EAC the following June.

Dropping football affected more than just EAC. It affected scheduling in the Arizona Community College ranks. Member football schools like Arizona Western, Phoenix, Glendale, Scottsdale and Mesa had to look elsewhere to fill their schedules.

The Graham County board set the maximum budget at $350,000, with 75 football scholarships of varying degrees for the '95 season. The board did not approve a new bus, but indicated they would probably charter for trips outside the state, and use the existing transportation instate.

The board also authorized three full-time and three part-time assistant coaches in addition to a head coach. That position was filled by Paul Tidwell, a former coach at Snow College in Utah.

The resurrection of football at Eastern is about the only news in the league. Everything else looks the same. Mesa, the defending Valley of the Sun Bowl champion, looks like the team to beat. Glendale looks almost as good. Scottsdale, with another top-flight recruiting class, is on the rise. Phoenix has another head coach.

Obviously, winning the conference title and the Valley of the Sun bowl made for a good year at **MESA.** Key wins over Antelope Valley, Dixie and Hutchinson highlighted a 6-4 campaign. "Beating three nationally ranked teams, and Glendale so decisively, made it memorable," says David Rice, a former assistant at Glendale.

The Thunderbirds' defense is solid, with five starters back. Linebacker Adam Hayden (6-1, 238) picked off four passes, recorded six sacks, 87 tackles and earned all-league. Down lineman Mac Smith (6-3, 270), a good student who is being heavily recruited, made 44 unassisted tackles and four sacks. Speedy Dorian Bow (5-9, 170), one of the team's quickest players with 4.4 speed, intercepted four passes on the corner. Sophomore Shane James (6-3, 270), a transfer from Louisiana Tech, can really run.

"With Chris Estes on the roster, we have the best kicker in the nation," claims Rice, who returns 36 lettermen. Last year Estes kicked five field goals in a single game, 16 on the season while eading the nation in that category. Offensively, wide-out Daniel Jones (6-0, 180, 4.4), another all-league pick, caught 50 passes for 676 yards. Big John Larsen (6-3, 290) helps form a solid front.

Mesa landed its usual crop of talented newcomers from the high school ranks,

including two key figures in Peoria's trip to the 4A finals: fullback Shannon Coulter (5-10, 245) and tackle Mike Kalin (6-4, 295). Jeff Voigt (5-11, 195), the star quarterback from state 5A champ Scottsdale Horizon, may switch to safety. Giant tackle Brian Brooks (6-7, 330), an all-stater from Missouri, could start.

It was a disappointing season at **GLENDALE**, at least by its standards. "We're looking to rebound and play to our potential," says Joe Kersting, whose Gauchos dipped to 4-4-1."We have a lot of experience in the front seven and skill positions, but our kicking game is a question."

Each play starts with the center snap, and Glendale has a good one in center Justin Moss (6-3, 270), one of seven key sophomores. At 6-7, 300-pounds, tackle Sebastian Craynon is the biggest Gaucho on the offensive line. With 4.5 speed, Troy Campbell is the quickest in the offensive backfield. Derek Drumtra (6-0, 185) is a speedy wide receiver.

But in past years, Glendale has ruled the roost with defense. That will be the determining factor again – if end Kane Dale (6-2, 235), linebacker Jason Daigle (6-2, 235) and defensive back Alex Hollowell (6-2, 178) play to their potential.

Here's a prediction: When the new Pima Freeway connects Mesa with Scottsdale next year, the Artichokes program will take off. **SCOTTSDALE** is headed in the right direction anyway. Land Jacobsen's 3-5-1 club lost four games by 11 points. Biggest loss is quarterback Joe Germaine, who passed for 10 miles then left for Ohio State.

Watch for Phoenix Christian grad Tim Rattay (6-2, 185) to pick up the slack. Last year the all-state signal caller passed for 2,646 yards and a state-record 40 touchdowns. Redshirt freshman Gabe Lindstrom (6-4, 220), a high profile player at Bisbee two years ago, is now in the program. Quarterback looks solid.

Little Pascal Volz (5-10, 175) is back. He caught 37 passes for 514 yards and five TDs last year. So is safety Paul Shields (6-2, 215) and injured nose guard Tony Griswold (6-4, 240), two of the better JC players in Arizona. Lance Lohrenz (6-0, 220) and Brandon Tyree (5-11, 225) are tough linebackers. Shawn Wright (6-3, 220) will start at defense end and Tony Millanes (5-11, 195) will join Shields in the secondary.

If teams double up on Volz, speedy (4.5) Hud Romero (5-10, 165) should be open. Or Nikko Cooper (6-4, 185),

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RB	Troy Campbell	6-0, 180, So. — Glendale CC
RB	Gerald Green	5-9, 170, Fr. — Eastern Arizona
WR	Daniel Jones	6-0, 180, So. — Mesa CC
WR	Nikko Cooper	6-4, 185, So. — Scottsdale CC
WR	Pascal Volz	5-10, 175, So. — Scottsdale CC
TE	Roderick Robinson	6-5, 245, So. — Arizona Western
OL	Justin Moss	6-3, 270, So. — Glendale CC
PK	Chris Estes	6-2, 175, So. — Mesa CC
DL	Tony Griswold	6-4, 240, So. — Scottsdale CC
DL	Mac Smith	6-3, 270, So. — Mesa CC
DL	Kane Dale	6-2, 235, So. — Glendale CC
LB	Adam Hayden	6-1, 238, So. — Mesa CC
LB	Jason Daigle	6-2, 235, So. — Glendale CC
DB	Paul Shields	6-2, 215, So. — Scottsdale CC
DB	Koszhee McGriff	6-1, 185, So. — Phoenix College
DB	Harold Barnes	5-11, 180, So. — Eastern Arizona

another talented newcomer. Sam Koch (6-1, 260), J.R. Directo (6-3, 280) and Jesse Hart (6-5, 280) are down linemen. Koch is the Artichokes' center.

The successful SCC recruiting arm reached into the East Valley and plucked Matt Griffith (6-3, 235), winner of the Brian Murray Award as the state's best interior lineman, and Tim Croff (6-3, 265), the national high school heavyweight wrestling champion from Mesa Dobson.

"We might not be as talented, but we should be better overall," insists Jacobsen, whose club opens Sept. 2 at Eastern Arizona.

Last year the **ARIZONA WESTERN** offense averaged 32 points per game. But the defense, which started eight freshmen, had problems. "We have some good returnees back," says Walt Criner, whose Matadors finished 3-7. "We are excited about our recruits."

Of the 25 returning lettermen, 6-5, 245-pound tight end Roderick Robinson is the most visible. The gifted sophomore runs 40 yards in 4.8 seconds and has everybody's praise. That's everybody in the league. In Brian McKenzie (5-10, 180, 4.5) and Illy Allen (5-5, 155, 4.4) Western may have the smallest – but quickest – backfield in the state. At any level. Chris Gilbert (6-4, 285) and a beefy collection of down linemen will block for them. Speedy Marcellus Meredith (5-11, 185, 4.5) and big Victor Twatagaloa (6-4, 290) are solid defensive players.

John Allen, a former Arizona State assistant, takes over the struggling **PHOENIX COLLEGE** program. The Bears, 1-8 in 1994, were once the pride of the Arizona JC ranks. Over two dozen letter winners return, but a lack of linemen and depth could take its toll by midseason.

Both the receiving and secondary corps looks solid. Talented Koszhee McGriff (6-1, 185, 4.5) and teammates Daniel Keys (6-0, 195) and Joe Semien (6-2, 215) make up three-fourths of the Bears' secondary. Wideouts Creg Spann (6-1, 175) and Reggie Hill (6-4, 200) are dangerous receivers.

On the defensive side of the ball, Allen and his staff hope linebacker Zabatka Colbert (6-1, 225) and down linemen like Matt Rojas (6-2, 240) and Greg Brainson (6-2, 235) come through, and stay healthy.

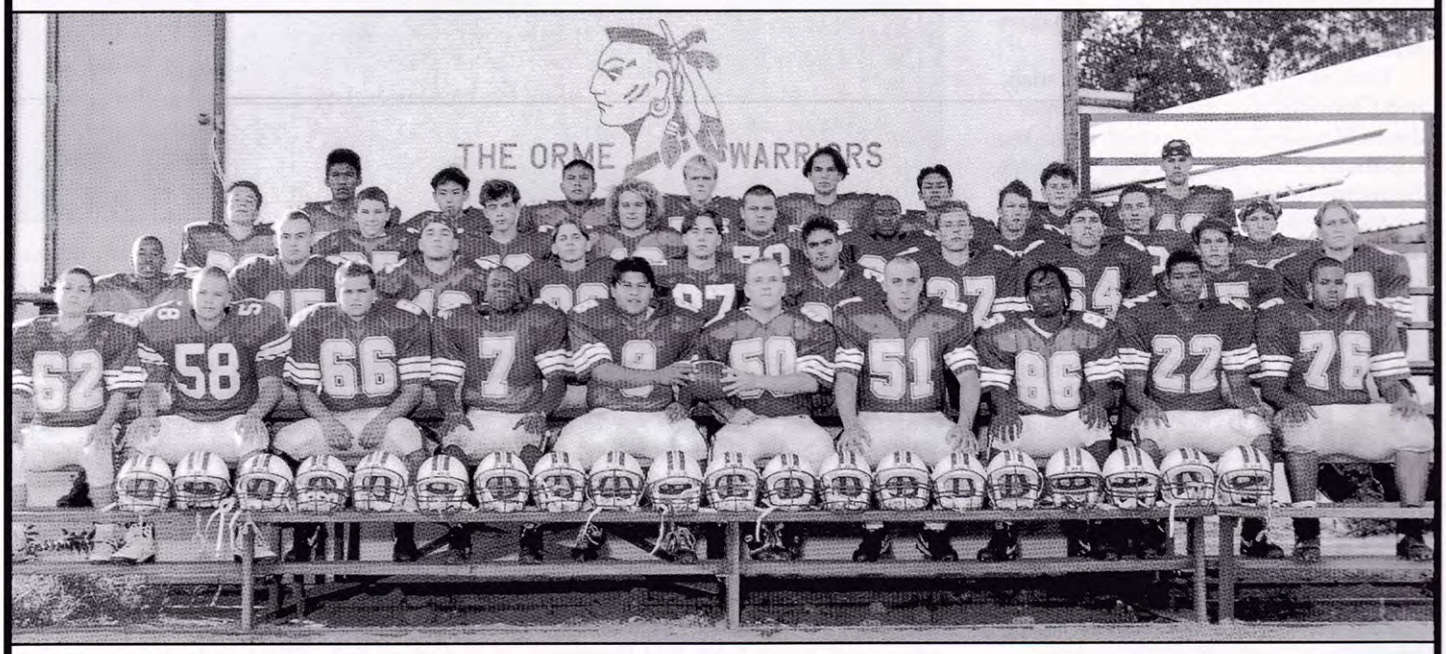
The name of the game at **EASTERN** is numbers. Can the Gila Monsters fill a full roster after dropping the sport for a year?

"We will have only four weeks to get the team ready," says first-year coach Paul Tidwell. "We did have a good recruiting year considering the late start."

One good example of that is halfback Gerald Green (5-9, 170), a talented back from Mesa. Last fall the former Jackrabbit rushed for 1,294 yards for the Purple Gang – 3,707 during his career. When defenses key on Green, speedy (4.4) Julius Davenport (6-0, 175) is a go to receiver. Big Lance Washburn (6-7, 320) will anchor the Monsters' line.

Defensively, Josh DeSpain (6-0, 225) and Mike Ulichny (6-3, 235) make up a young but good linebacker corps. Tim Dorsey (6-5, 255) has one end covered. Sophomore transfer Harold Barnes (5-11, 180) will start at safety. He's a good one.

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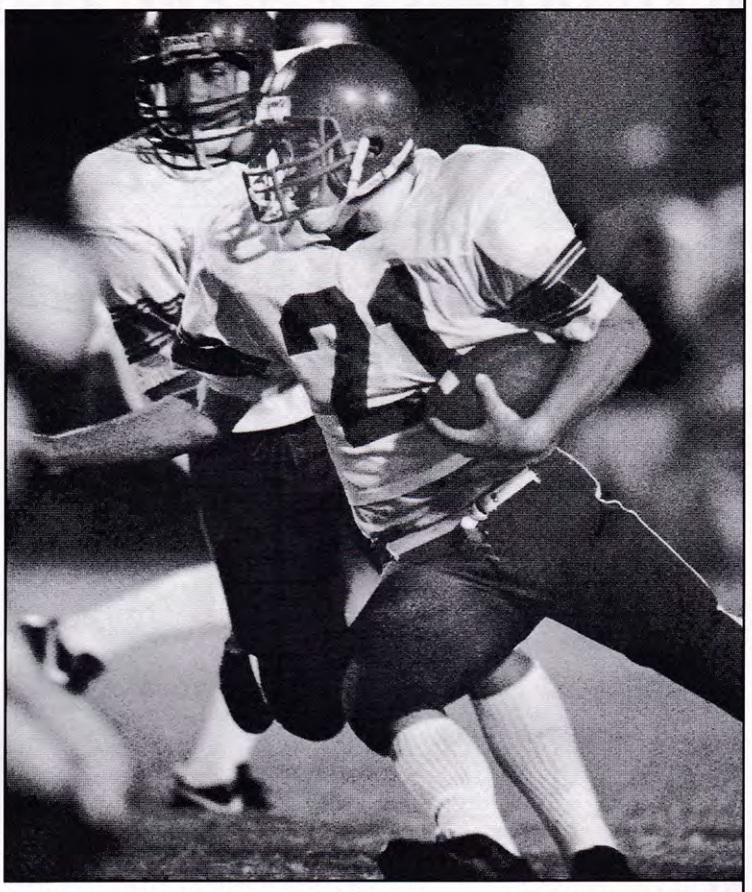
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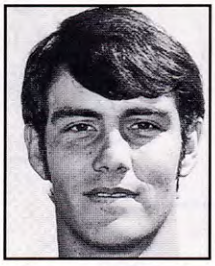
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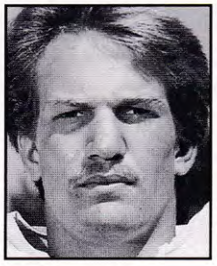
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1989.....Mark Jorgensen, Westwood, DB
1988.....Lance Smith, Mountain View, RB
1987.....Josh Arnold, Dobson, RB/DB
1986.....Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, PK
1985.....Bob Davis, Mountain View, LB
1984.....Pat Schabel, Westwood, WR
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1975.....Darrel LeSuer, Mesa, LB
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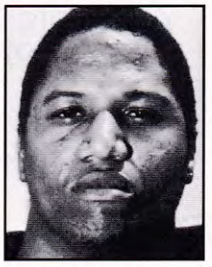
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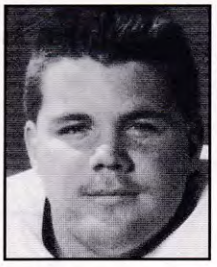
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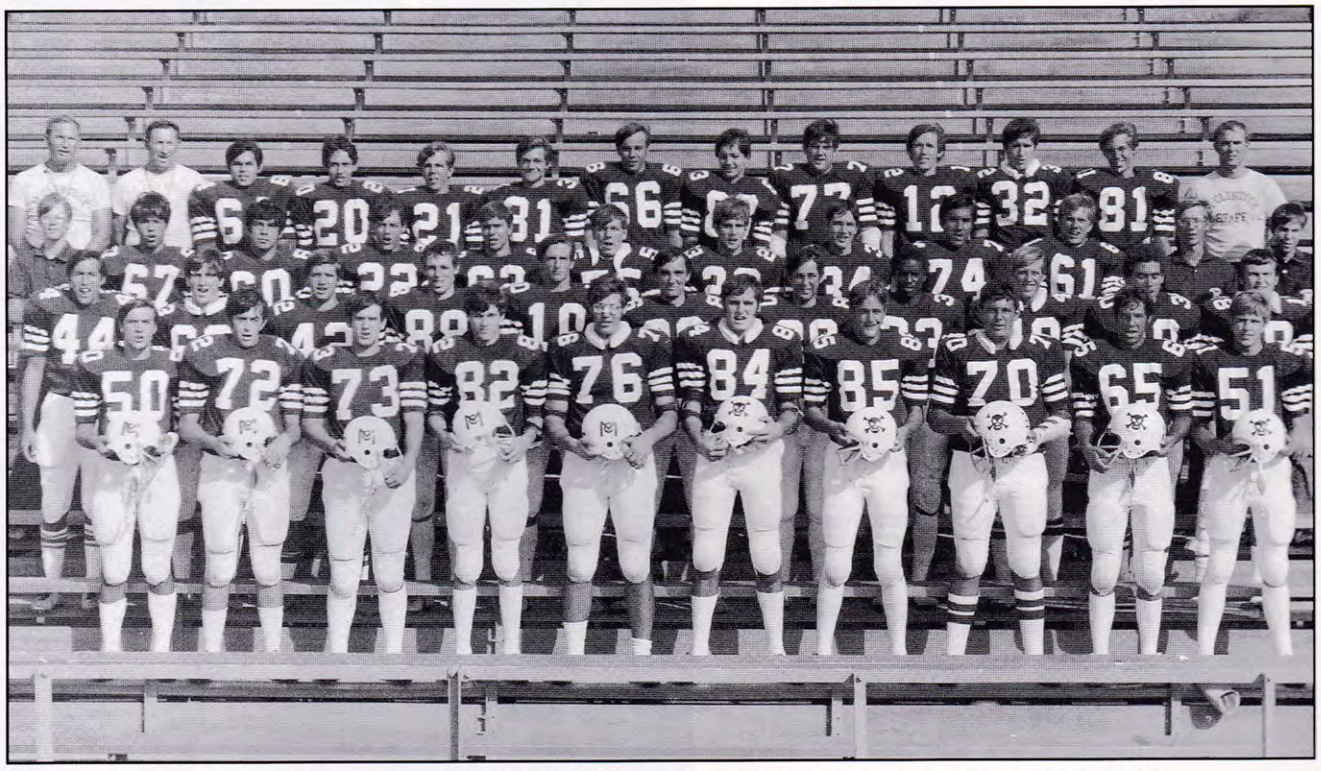
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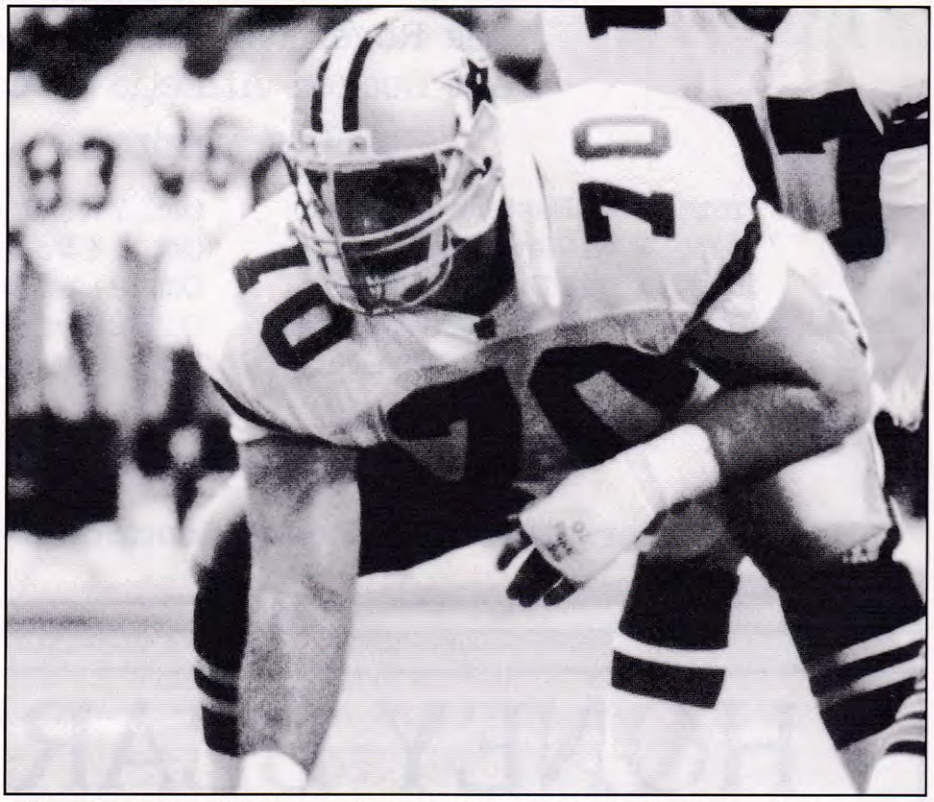
SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW FOOTBALL ...

1. Today, this Dallas Cowboy lineman (photo at right), a former Phoenix metro high school player, wears two Super Bowl rings. Who is he? What high school did he attend?

2. Since Green Bay beat Kansas City in January of 1967, this many former Arizona high school players have played in the Super Bowl:
   a) 5
   b) 7
   c) 17
   d) 27

3. Last year 26 former Arizona high school products dotted NFL rosters. What is the most in a single year?
   a) 26
   b) 31
   c) 36
   d) 41
   e) 46

4. Excluding California and Texas, which other western state has been the top supplier of NFL talent in the past decade?
   a) Arizona
   b) Washington
   c) Colorado
   d) Oklahoma
   e) Kansas



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5. This Arizona high school produced the 1994 Lou Groza Award winner, saluting college football's best kicker:
   a) Mesa Mountain View
   b) Phoenix St. Mary's
   c) Glendale Cactus
   d) Tucson Sahuaro

6. True or false? The crowd (13,172) at the 1995 Arizona 5A basketball title game between Mountain View and Shadow Mountain outdrew the crowd at the 5A football finals between St. Mary's and Horizon?

7. Hunkie Cooper, the Arizona Rattlers' star player, played high school football in this state:
   a) Arizona
   b) California
   c) Nevada
   d) Texas

ANSWERS
1. Dale Hellestrae from Scottsdale Saguaro; 2. 17; 3. 31; 4. Arizona; 5. Tucson Sahuaro's Steve McLaughlin; 6. False; 7. Texas.

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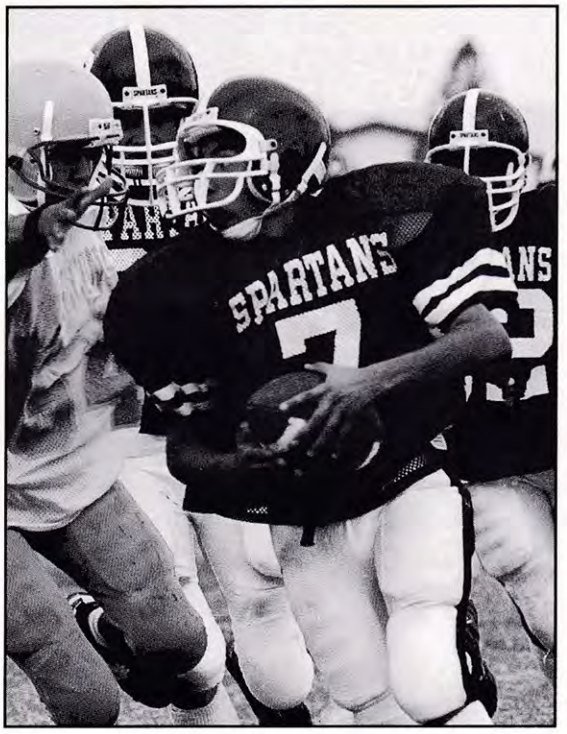
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