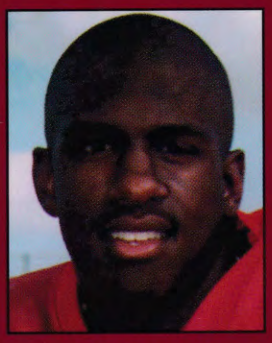
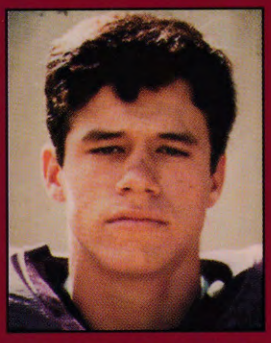
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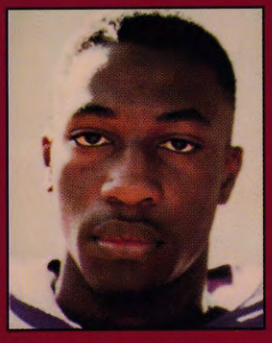
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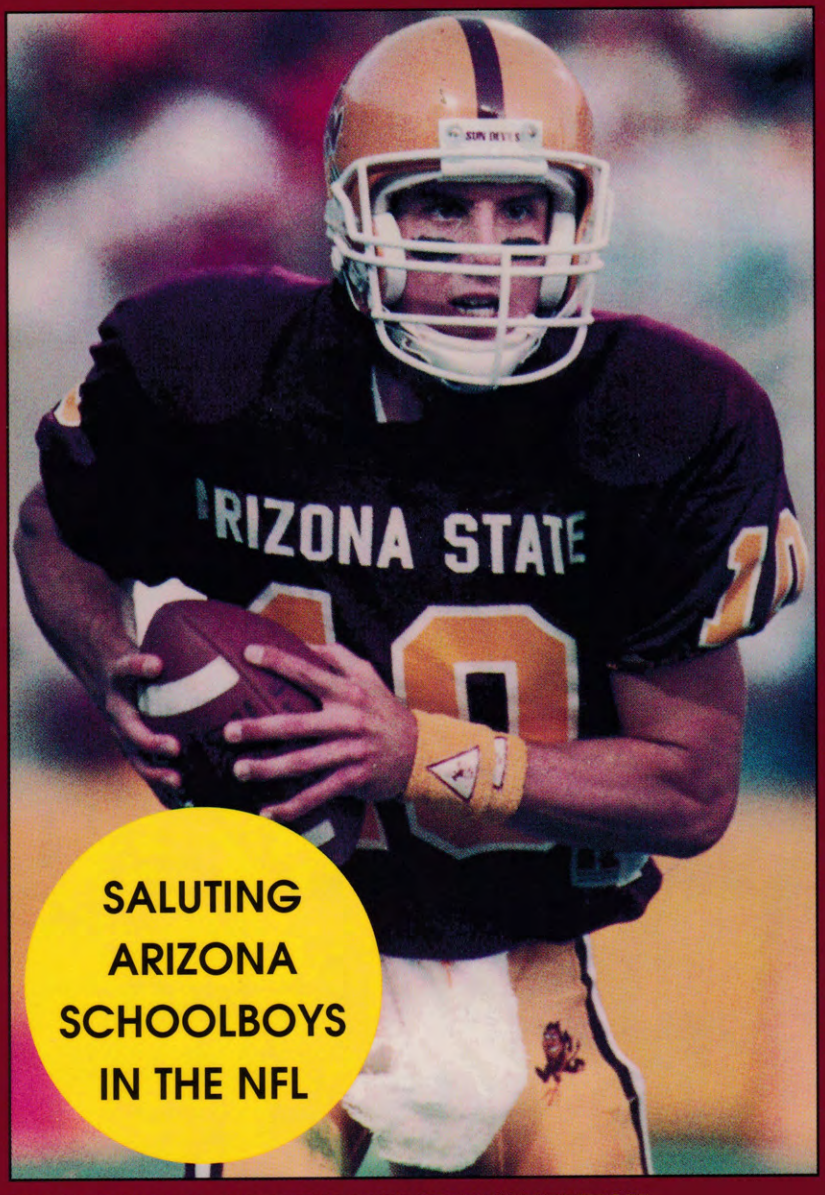
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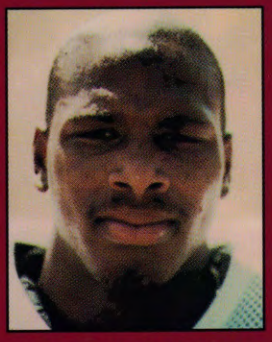


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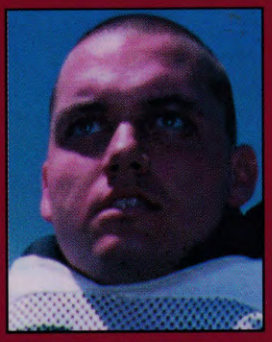


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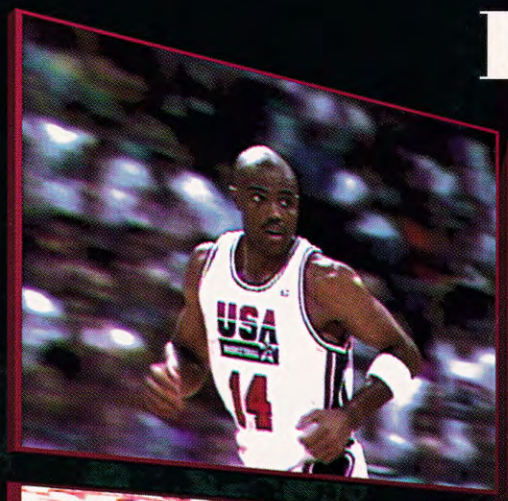


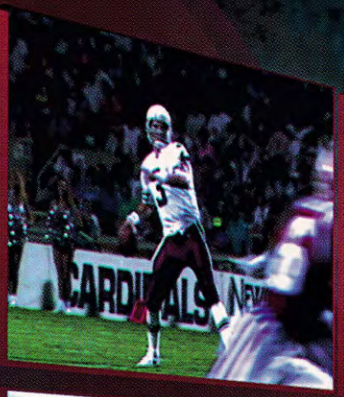
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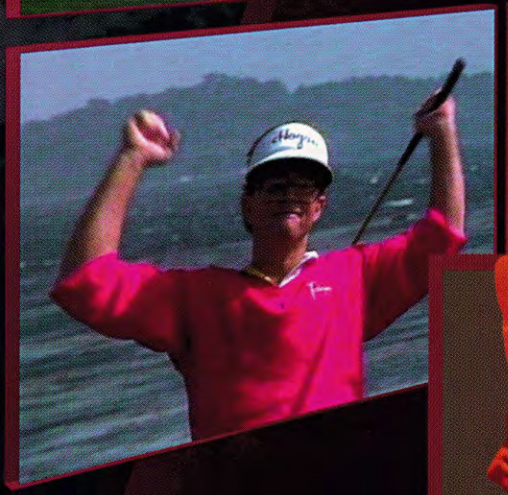
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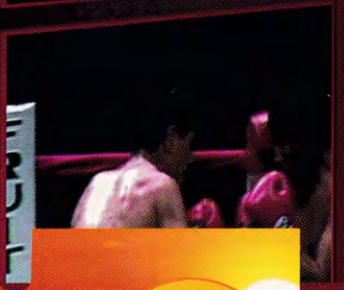












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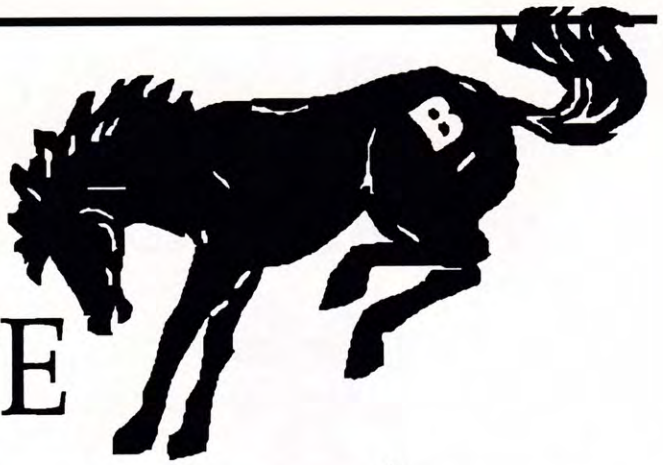
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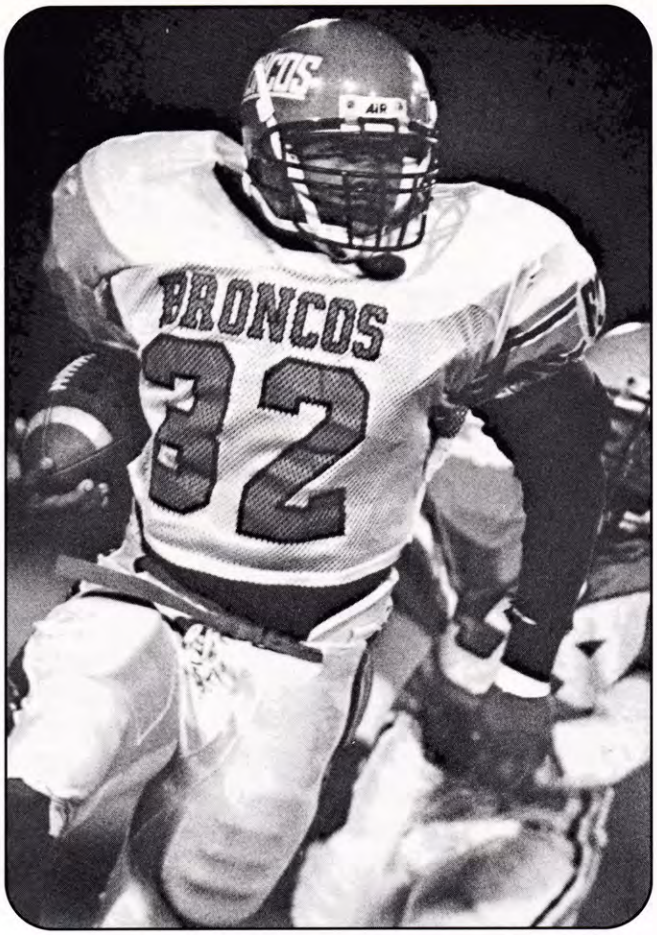
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1982 ... Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, RB
1981 ... Frank Rudolph, Coronado, DE
1980 ... Jimmy Williams, Tempe, LB
1979 ... Todd Shell, Mountain View, LB
1978 ... Rory Barnett, Trevor Browne, RB (jr)
1977 ... Mike Pagel, Washington, QB
1976 ... Greg Brady, Coronado, QB
1975 ... Brian Felix, Phoenix Union, RB/DB
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1971 ... Fred Mortensen, Tempe, QB
1970 ... Bob Breunig, Alhambra, FB/LB
1969 ... Danny White, Westwood, QB
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1966 ... Bob Soza, Westwood, TB
1965 ... Bill Dunning, Mesa, RB
1964 ... Richard Griffin, Westwood, T
1963 ... Earliest Nelson, South Mountain, RB
1962 ... Everett Rollins, Arcadia, RB
1961 ... Andy Livingston, Mesa, RB
1960 ... Ted Lawrence, South Mountain, G



Brophy Prep All-American Mike Mitchell (Gazette photo by Scott Troyands)

1959 ... Bob Olson, South Mountain, RB
1958 ... Lewis Albright, Scottsdale, RB
1957 ... Eddie Wilson, Chandler, QB
1956 ... Warren Livingston, Mesa, RB
1955 ... George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, RB
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1953 ... Kenny Aycock, North, RB
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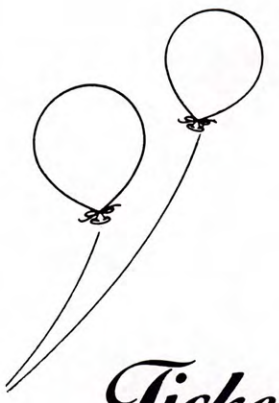
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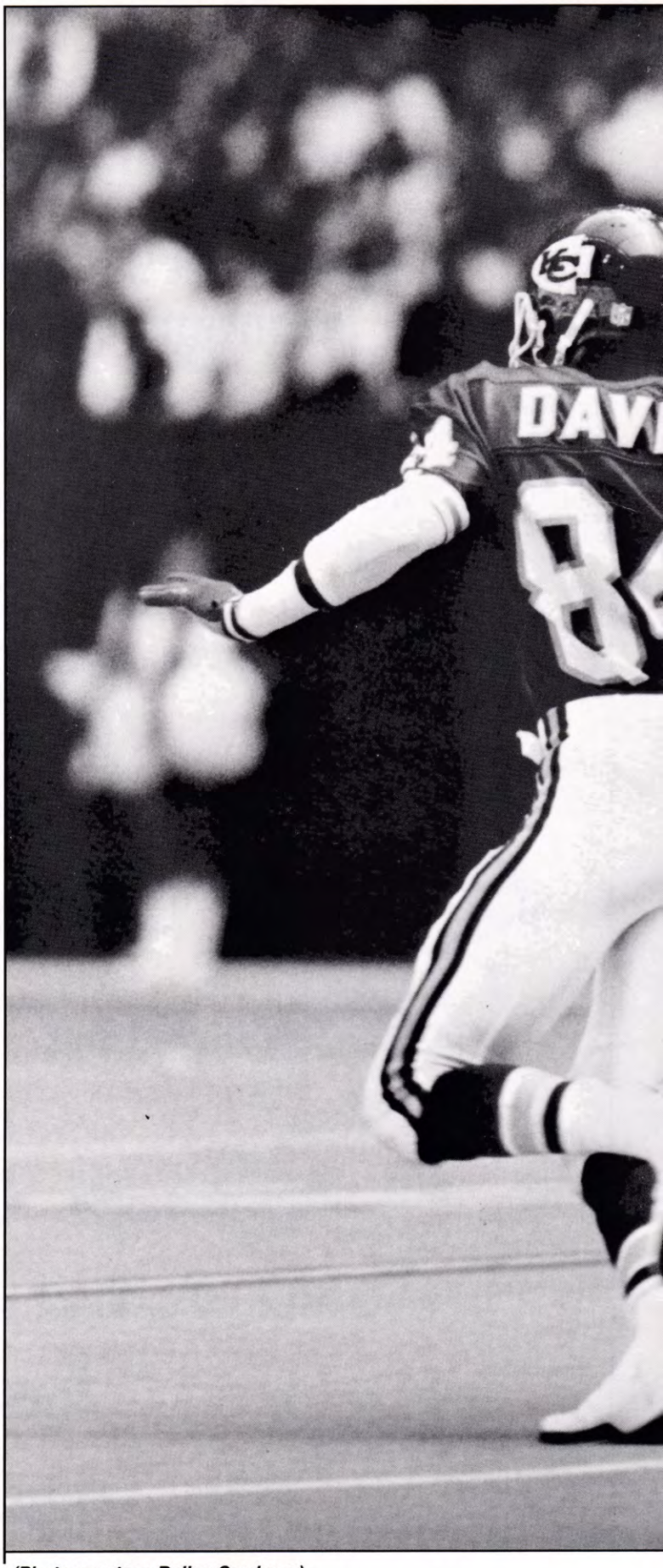
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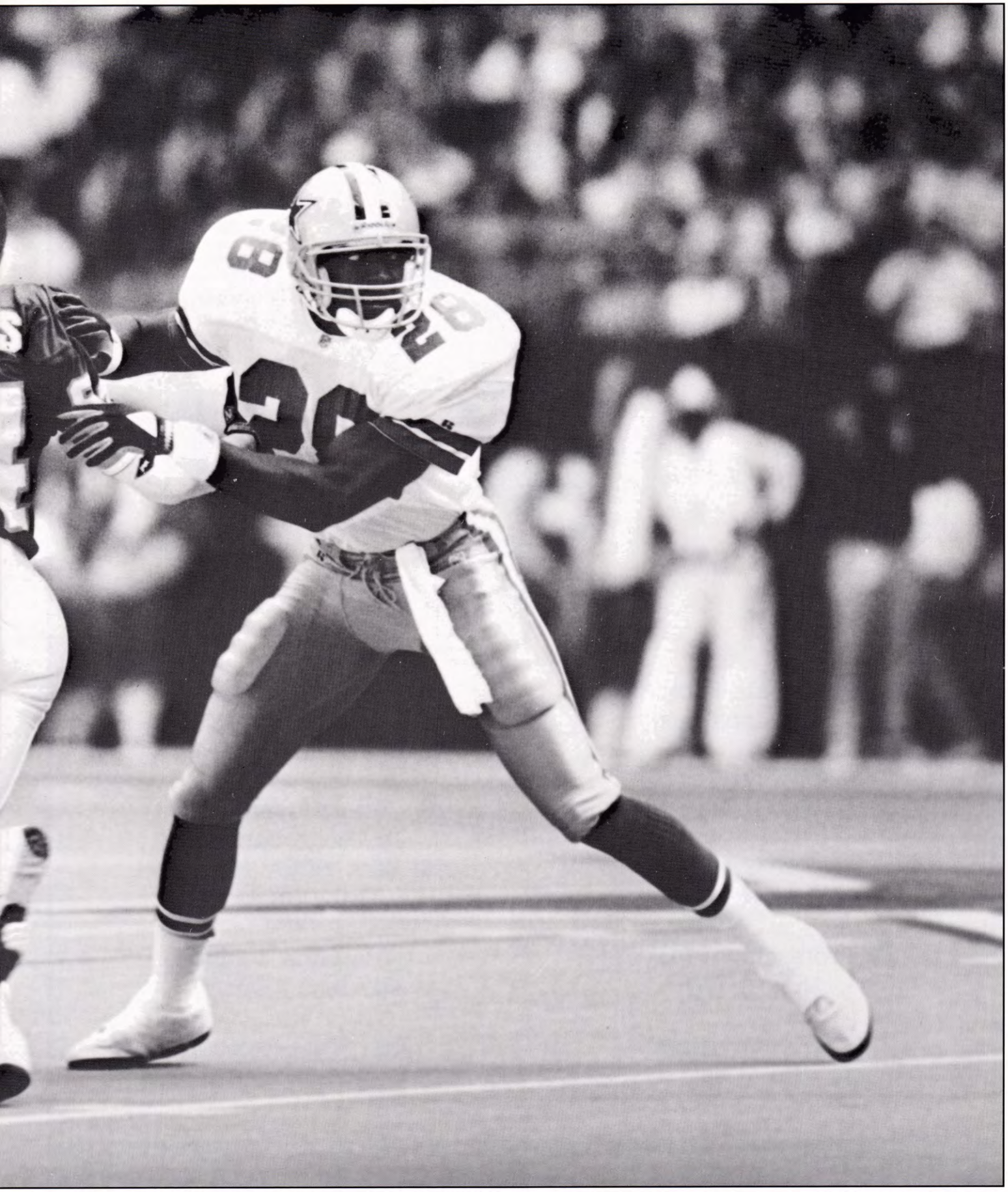
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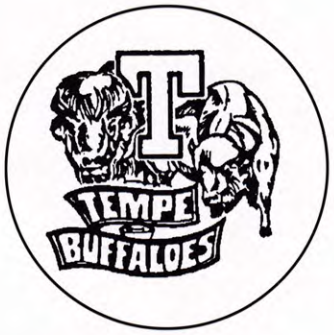
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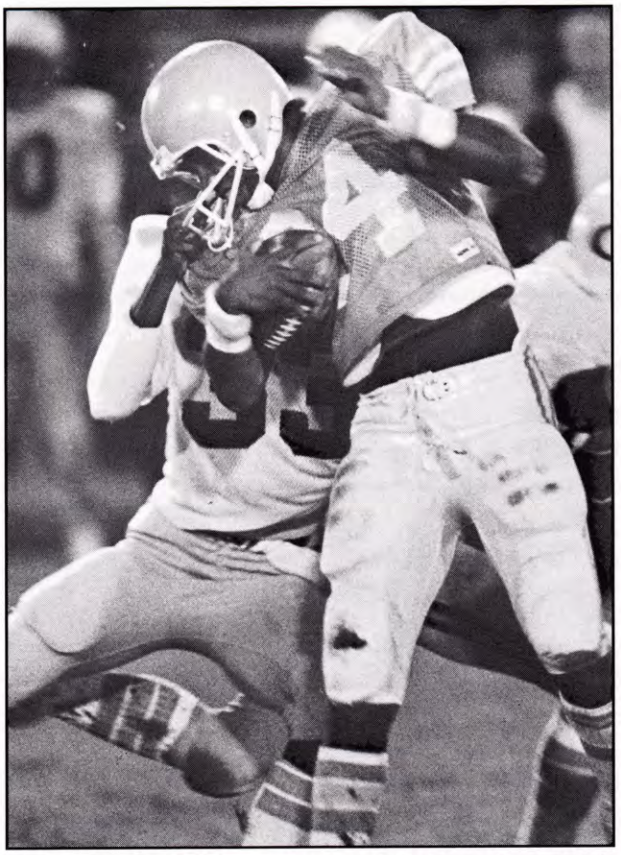
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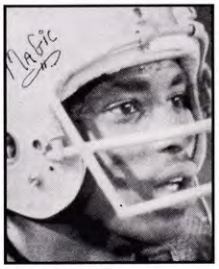
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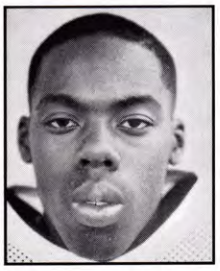
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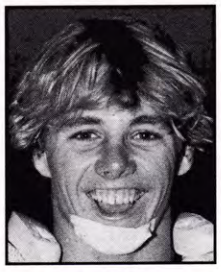
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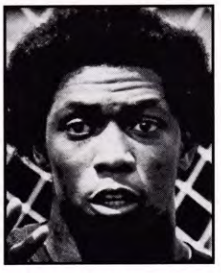
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letters ...



HAWAIIAN FOOTBALL

I just received a copy of your 1992 edition, which featured the story on Hawaiian high school football. Somebody in your office really did some homework. I have lived in Honolulu for 12 years, and have not missed a Prep Bowl. But there were many aspects of the game in your story

"Hawaii has the biggest crowds for football? Who in Arizona cares about high school football in Hawaii?"

which many of us didn't know. Where did you come up with all the information?

Also, I understand that two schools from Arizona will be playing in the Shawn Akina Classic. We are looking forward to see how they stack up against some of our better teams.

Richard Everett
Honolulu

Enclosed find a check for an additional copy of your recent *Phoenix Metro Football* magazine. I have never seen a football game in Arizona or Hawaii, but am amazed to read where Hawaii leads the nation in attendance at its state football playoffs. I guess there are states beside Texas which go wild over high school football.

Your magazine is great.

Scott Gilbert
Houston, Texas

Just received this year's copy of your great magazine. The article on Hawaiian high school football was well done. I know. I used to live and coach there.

Hopefully my recruiting will get me out to Arizona this year. Please give my best to the good ones.

Tom Freeman
Offensive Line Coach
Purdue University
West Lafayette, Indiana

Enclosed find a check for a copy of your 1984 *Phoenix Metro Football*, the issue which saluted the all-time Arizona State football team, both offense and defense.

Why ASU can't get players like those to play for the Devils today is a puzzle. They claim the entrance requirements are too high, but somebody is getting the great ones. Just watch TV each Saturday!

Your magazine is terrific. One of the best articles each year is the stories on great teams, schools, etc., from other states. Your two best have been Little Rock Central and Hawaii.

Adam Thompson
Gilbert

I think I have every issue of your football magazine back to 1982. As much as I enjoy every issue, I find two things hard to believe about this year's book:

1) That Hawaii has the biggest crowds for football, and

2) Who in Arizona cares about high school football in Hawaii?

Hector Mendez
Glendale

FRIDAY NIGHT HEROES

I have read your magazine for more than 10 years, and am always interested in the list of top high school players in Phoenix. I have a question. Each year, you pick a group called "Friday Night Heroes." I notice that only one junior, Paul Shields of Paradise Valley, is listed. Down through the years, have many juniors made that top list?

A.K. Grant
Chandler

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Since 1982, only nine juniors have been listed: Marcos de Niza quarterback John Walker and Sunnyslope linebacker Tim Hicks in 1982; St. Mary's quarterback Steve Belles in 1983; South Mountain defensive back Brian Fair in 1989; Brophy Prep halfback Mike Mitchell and McClintock defensive back Kenny Wheaton in 1991; Shields in 1992; and North High's Byron Wilkerson and Mesa's Matt Griffith this year.)

PRO PARADE

I am not writing to complain about your magazine, or about some of the coaching over here on the west side of town. But you do feature the Mesa schools more than many others. Even though they win a lot, especially when they play schools from our neighborhood, it seems to me that a lot of players from the Phoenix city make it to the pros.

Have you ever thought of doing a story about these players? I bet your readers would enjoy knowing how many kids from Arizona played pro ball.

During a Philadelphia game recently, it seemed that a ton of Arizona kids were on the field.

Jerry Albright
Maryvale

I just received your 1992 edition of *Phoenix Metro Football*, and as always, you did another fine job. Have you ever thought of doing a story about the Arizona high school kids who later became stars in the NFL? I think that would be of interest to your readers. When I attended Phoenix College, I recall players like Curley Culp and Ron Jessie from Yuma, Bob Wallace from South, and Fred Carr from Phoenix Union, all local players who were great in the pros. I am sure there have been many more. But I have lost touch.

James Madison
Lawrence, Kansas

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See "Soaring at a Higher Level" on page 62.)

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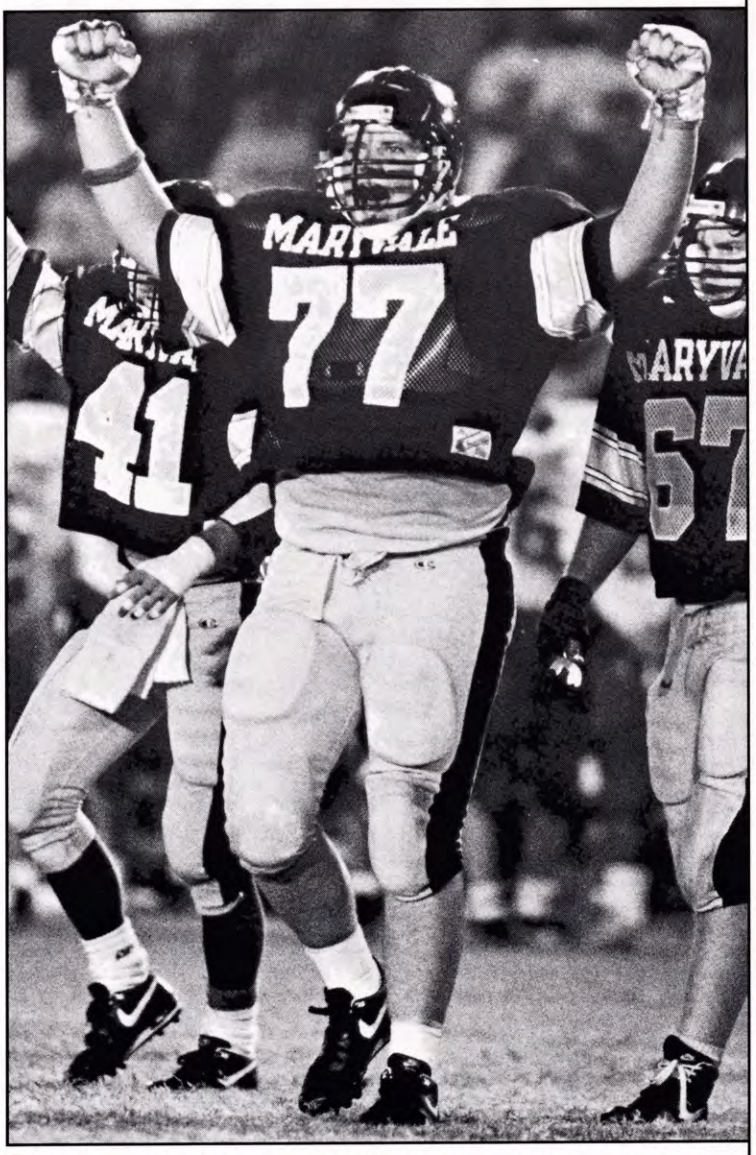
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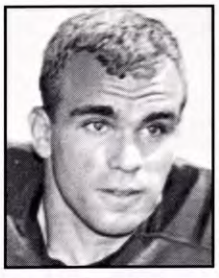
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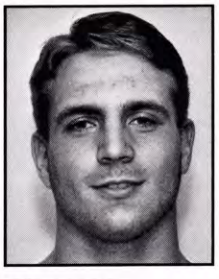
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1971.....Travis Coleman, Phoenix Union (G)
1970.....Glen Gresham, Phoenix Union (OT)
1969.....Roger Kronberg, Tempe (OT)
1968.....Steve Combs, Washington (OT)
1967.....Ken Hatcher, Mesa (C)
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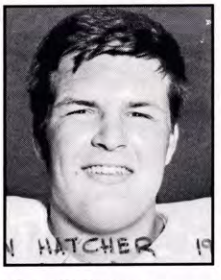
Talented Frank Garcia, the 1989-90 Arizona High School Athlete of the Year, was a two-time all-state lineman in 1988-89 at Phoenix Maryvale High School (Arizona Republic photo)



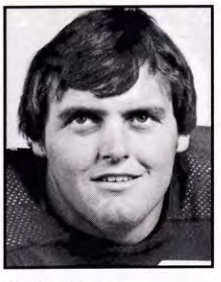
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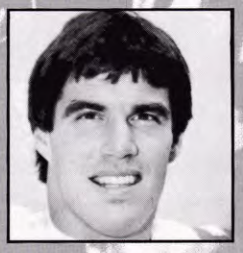
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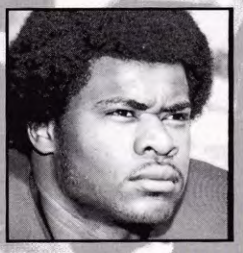
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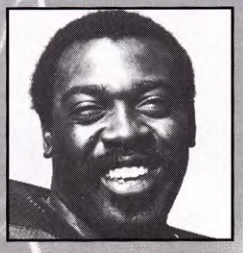
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1991 .. Jon McGee, Tucson Sahuaro
1990 .. Aaron Franklin, Peoria
1989 .. Daniel Taplin, Tempe
1988 .. Luke Davis, Mesa Dobson
1987 .. Jeramiah Clark, Mesa
1986 .. Odel Stewart, Sierra Vista Buena
1985 .. Bob Davis, Mesa Mountain View
1984 .. Charles 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, Westwood
1965 .. Bill Owsley, North
1964 .. Ron Hendrix, Camelback
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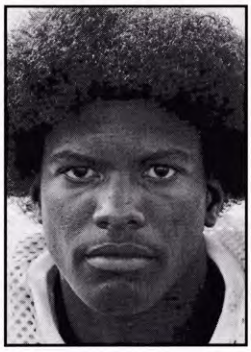
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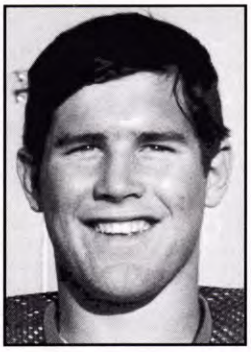
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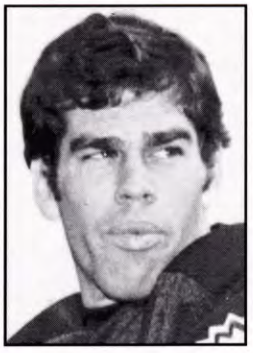
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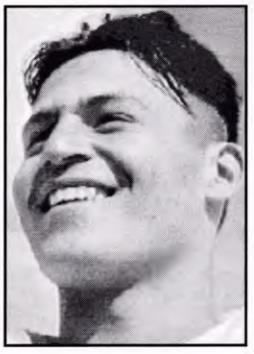
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Tempe



Jason Verdugo
Canyon del Oro

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1992 ..... Jason Verdugo, Tucson Canyon del Oro
1991 ..... Anthony Sanders, Tucson Santa Rita
1990 ..... Grady Benton, Mesa
1989 ..... Aaron Santini, Tucson Santa Rita
1988 ..... Bret Powers, Glendale Cactus
1987 ..... John Bonds, Phoenix St. Mary's
1986 ..... Bobby Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside
1985 ..... Kent Kiefer, Tempe McClintock
1984 ..... Steve Belles, Phoenix St. Mary's
1983 ..... John Walker, Tempe Marcos de Niza
1982 ..... Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro (jr)
1981 ..... Steve Stallworth, Yuma
1980 ..... Trent Hutchinson, South Mountain
1979 ..... Lloyd Coker, Phoenix Central
1978 ..... Kevin Smith, Scottsdale Saguaro (jr)
1977 ..... Mike Pagel, Phoenix Washington
1976 ..... Greg Brady, Scottsdale Coronado
1975 ..... Jim Krohn, Tucson Amphi
1974 ..... 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
1963 ..... Rusty Tillman, Agua Fria
1962 ..... Timmy Flood, Phoenix Brophy Prep
1961 ..... Elby Bushong, Phoenix Washington
1960 ..... Gary Deak, Scottsdale Arcadia
1959 ..... Eddie Bricker, Miami
1958 ..... John Power, Phoenix Camelback
1957 ..... Eddie Wilson, Chandler
1956 ..... Carlos Rodriguez, Morenci
1955 ..... Jim Wolf, Yuma
1954 ..... Ralph Hunsaker, Mesa
1953 ..... Clyde Nielson, North Phoenix (jr)
1952 ..... Pat Flood, Tucson
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
1945 ..... Manuel Aja, Glendale
1944 ..... Charles Beall, Mesa
1943 ..... Charles Beall, Mesa (jr)
1942 ..... Fred Enke, Jr., Tucson

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

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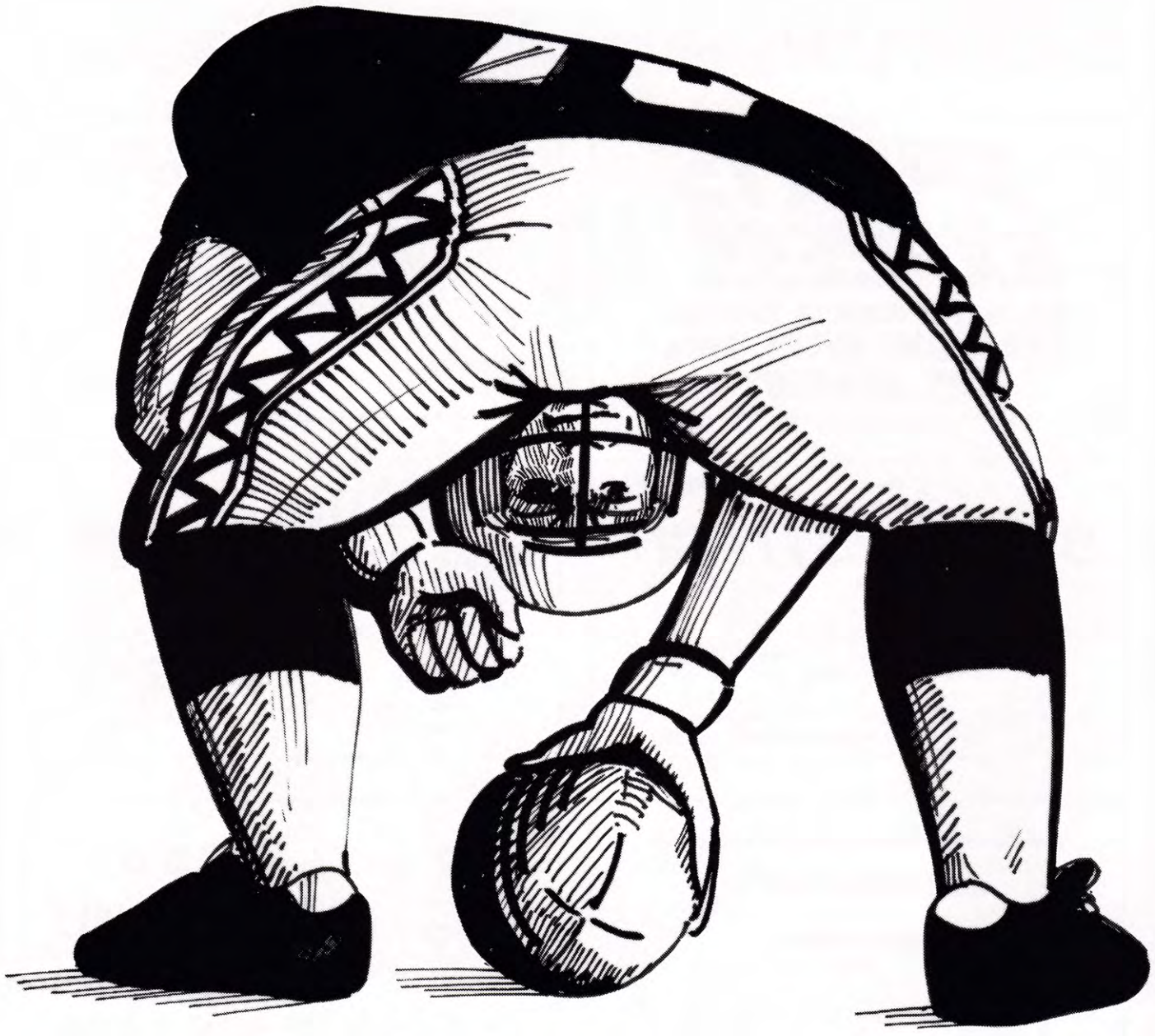
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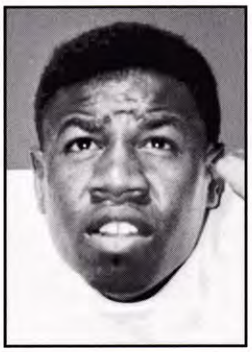
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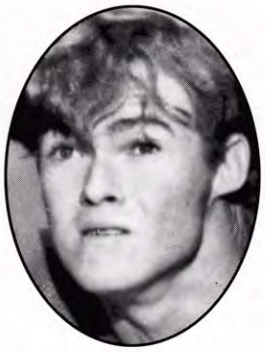
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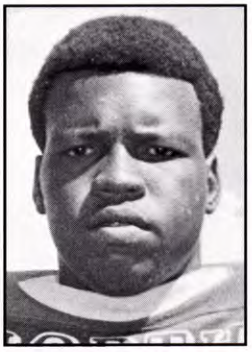
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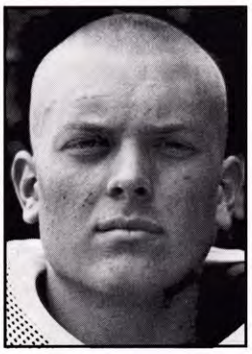
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1991 ..... Willie Walker, Tucson Desert View (DL)
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1989 ..... Mike Ciasca, Tucson Sahuaro (OT)
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1960 ..... Ted Lawrence, South Mountain (G)
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1957 ..... Wayne Magnusson, Phoenix West (G)
1956 ..... John Vucichevich, Miami (C)
1955 ..... Sumner Smith, Phoenix Union (T)
1954 ..... Al Carr, Phoenix Union (G)
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1952 ..... Guy Barrickman, Tucson (T)
1951 ..... Robert Green, Phoenix Carver (T) jr.
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1948 ..... Roy Alba, Phoenix Union (G)
1947 ..... Bill Workman, Mesa (C)
1946 ..... Bill Penny, Yuma (T)
1945 ..... Joe Kelley, Tucson (T)
1944 ..... Bill Yeoman, Glendale (C)
1943 ..... Bill Yeoman, Glendale (C) jr.

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

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Blast From The Past?

Those maroon road pants need to be trashed, and instate recruiting needs to improve, but other than that, Arizona State's football program, under second year coach Bruce Snyder, looks headed in the right direction...where it flourished for over 30 years.

By Barry C. Sollenberger

As the season progressed, they started to look like the Devils of old. They won five of their last seven games. The two losses were competitive: 23-13 to USC, in Sun Devil Stadium; 20-18 to Washington State, in Pullman

Highlight was the season finale, a last minute 7-6 win over rival Arizona, played before 58,095 disappointed fans in Tucson. The low point? Easily a 45-24 loss to Nebraska, in Lincoln, when the Devils lost star running back Mario Bates in the games final seconds. Yes, that was lower than the 31-7 thumping handed down by Rose Bowl champ Washington, in the season opener.

"A lot of fences need to be mended. The alumni weekend is a step in the right direction. It was a lot of fun."

In his first year at the helm, Bruce Snyder did at least two things he promised: a) Try and win back support from hundreds of former players who felt they'd been slighted, and; b) Beat rival Arizona.

In an effort to rally the old guard around the program he's trying to build, Snyder last spring organized an alumni weekend around the annual Maroon-Gold game. The alumni actually suited up and knocked heads with the varsity.

Well, some did. When asked if he was going to suit up, former player Wally Caywood, a Bulldog in 1927-28-29, replied "I wouldn't make it to the coin flip."

But the father-son combo of Whizzer White and Danny White did, and both had fun in the sun.

"A lot of fences need to be mended," said the elder White to *Tribune* sports writer Bob Moran. "The alumni weekend is a step in the right direction. It was a lot of fun."

Even legendary Frank Kush, at the time of his firing in 1979 one of the winningest coaches in the land, was on hand. "You'd be surprised at the people who are not aware of who has played for Arizona State," said Kush. "I think this is what the school should be concerned about in contrast to money, money all the time. It's a people business."

"There have been a lot of great players that have been through here," added former QB Danny White. "That's something they've never benefitted from. They've never tried to build a tradition on that."

Defensive end Shante Carver, an Outland and Lombardi candidate for 1993, added, "I don't think a lot of guys on this team know the tradition ASU has. I don't think people understand that we've won some bowl games. I'm going to stress it to the guys below me, so they can stress to the guys below them. We need to rebuild the tradition we once had."

For season ticket holders, and the athletic department's pocket book, it couldn't start soon enough. Arizona State hasn't fielded a bowl team since 1987. However, there is one advantage to not bowling annually:

While most good programs are preparing for holiday games, Arizona State's staff is out beating the recruiting trail. "I'd rather be bowling," says Snyder.

Speaking of recruiting, ASU loaded up on speed, receivers and defensive players. Only item lacking was a much-needed base of local signees, especially with the talent today in the Arizona schoolboy ranks. So many local kids signed with Division One schools, it's hard to keep track. But only four local products (see chart) joined the Devils. Running back Taylor Hedrik is a walk-on.

And the state's two biggest plums, running back Mike Mitchell, the state player of the year from Brophy Prep, and McClintock tackle John Tait, got away. Mitchell signed with Stanford. Tait, winner of the Brian Murray Award as the state's best interior lineman, is off to BYU.

No local high school coach has produced more college prospects in the past 20 years than Karl Kiefer, now at Tempe Mountain Pointe. Kiefer, who has won over 200 games in the prep ranks, makes an interesting observation: "Phoenix has grown such, that every year there are 10 kids, no less, who can play at Arizona State's level. Some colleges have that figured out. Some haven't."

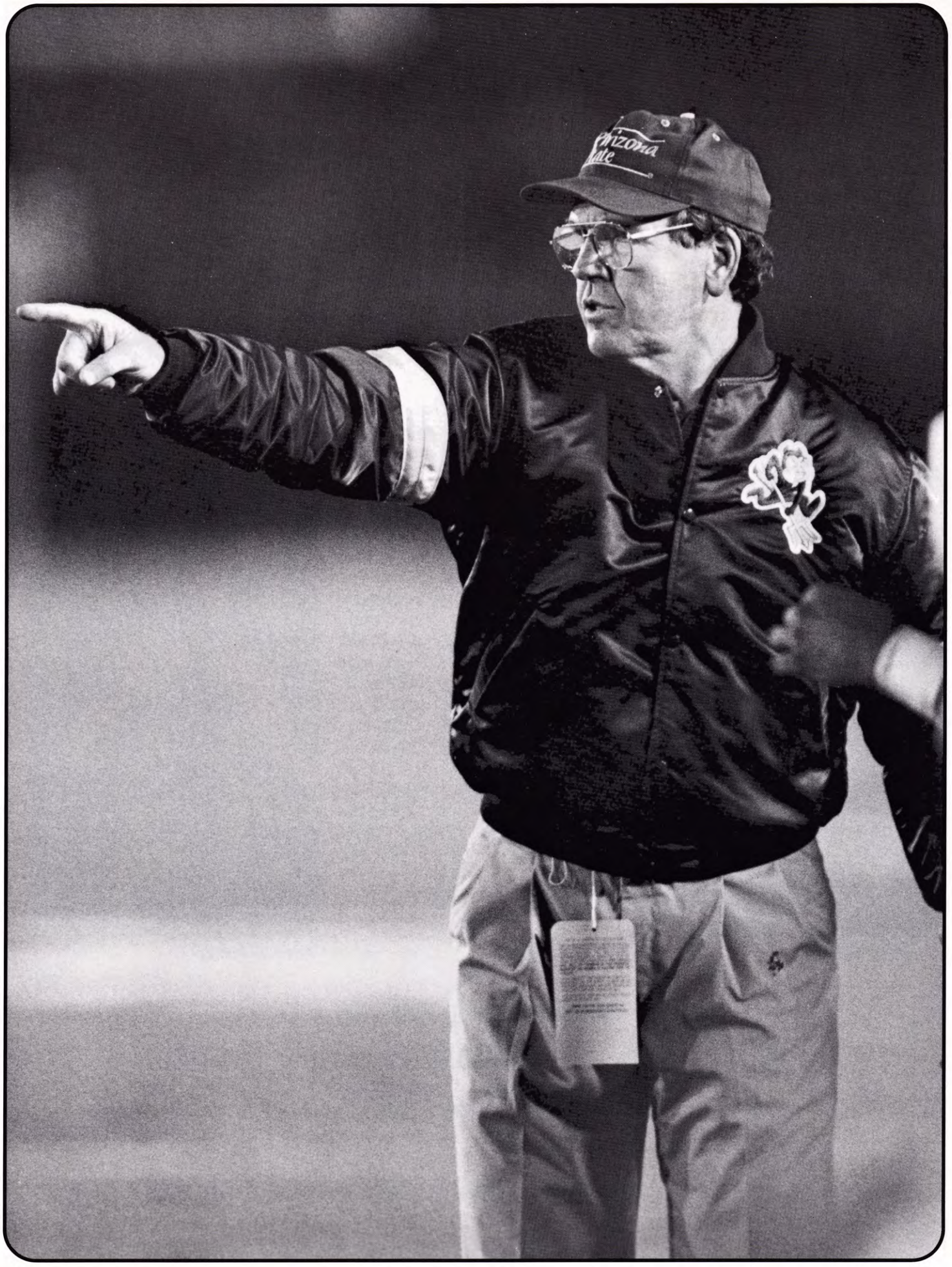
So much for the past. How about the future? For Sun Devil fans, it's heating up. A September opener with Utah is right around the corner. Camp Tontozona is right down the road.

"You'd be surprised at the people who are not aware of who has played for Arizona State. The school should be concerned about this ..."

Snyder's concept "One At A Time" was so contagious the Sun Angel Foundation, one of two major ASU support groups, adopted the slogan for the fall season ticket drive: "One Seat At A Time."

Pulling the offensive trigger will be sophomore QB Grady Benton (see cover), the 6-2, 185-pound signal caller from Mesa High. Last year, all Benton did was bust the NCAA frosh record for highest completion percentage (66%), hitting 149 of 225 passes for 1,707 yards and eight touchdowns. He bettered Miami's Bernie Kosar's mark of 62%. Benton missed the season opener with Washington.

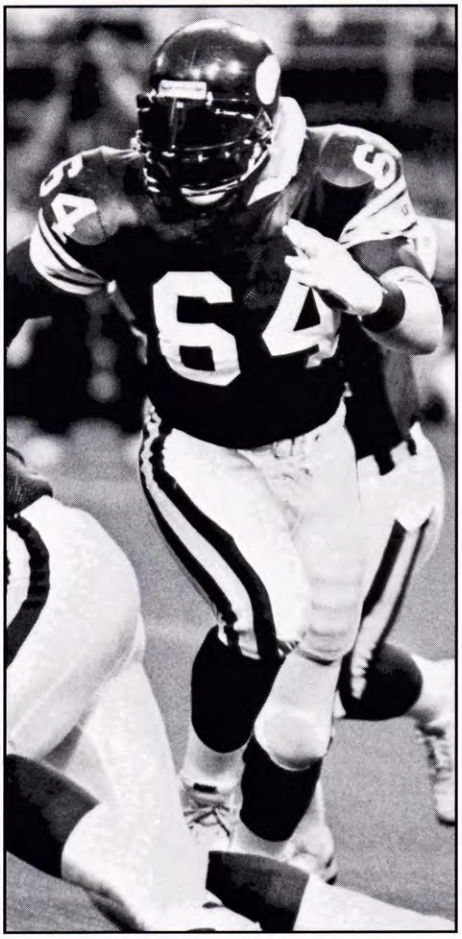
"Grady Benton made as much progress last season as any player on our football team," says Snyder. "He handled the job with the poise and attitude of a four or five-year player. His best days are ahead of him."


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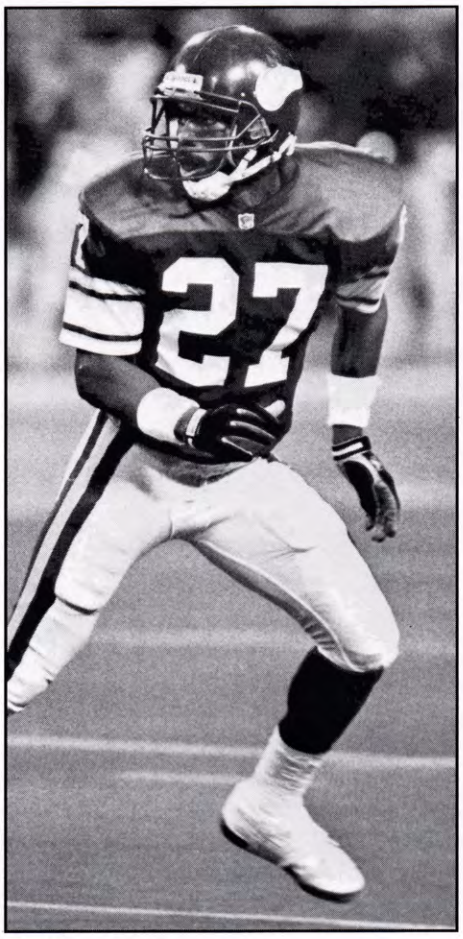
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To make the offense click, A-State returns two of the better backs in the west, if they stay healthy: Mario Bates and George Montgomery.

Bates (6-2, 206), a sophomore from Tucson, was the 1990 Arizona player of the year, playing at Amphitheater High. In fact, Bates and his teammates were beaten by a Benton-led Mesa High team in the state 5A title game, played in Sun Devil Stadium. One of the nation's premier runners, he suffered an anterior cruciate tear of his right knee in the third game of the season, against Nebraska. But in three games he rushed for 441 yards and four TDs, with a high of 214 against Washington.

"Mario Bates is one of the nation's premier runners," claims Snyder. "So far, his rehabilitation has progressed nicely and we expect to have him at full strength in the fall."

Senior Montgomery (6-2, 208) is rehabilitating from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in a knee, suffered in the Pacific game. Before the injury he had gained 138 yards and scored twice. "George is as versatile a runner as I have had in college," adds Snyder. "He can do everything so well. We have two very good running backs in George and Mario."

If both are healthy, ASU will have one of the best one-two punches at tailback in the Pac-10. Backing them up will be junior Derrick Land (5-9, 167), a former state sprint champion from Mesa Red Mountain, and sophomore Chris Hopkins (6-0, 175), a former Tucson Salpointe star. Walk-on Darryl Gideon (5-11, 190) adds depth. Freshmen Michael Martin (6-1, 215) and Corey McCoy (5-9, 170) arrive in the fall.

"Their defensive front seven annihilated our front seven. I really haven't seen anything quite like that in a long time ... if ever."

A good recruiting class gives A-State much-improved depth at wide receiver. High praise has been given JC transfers John Livingston (6-0, 175) and Johnny Thomas (6-1, 175). Livingston runs 40 yards in 4.4 seconds. Thomas has run 100 meters in 10.4. "I'm really satisfied with our improved speed at wideout," says Snyder. "Both Livingston and Thomas were highly recruited players and both have the skills to return punts or kickoffs."

The kicking game, an A-State weakness for years, is improved, to say the least. High profile place-kicker Marcus Williams (6-1, 212), a freshman from Tempe McClintock, has the potential to be one of the school's all-time best.

The interior line is anchored by senior center Toby Mills (6-2, 271), a Texas native who has started since his freshman year. At left guard, senior "Taco" Togiai (6-0, 329) should start, with senior Greg Thurston (6-4, 260) returning at left tackle. Senior Chuck Underwood (6-2, 279) mans the right guard, with junior Jeff Kysar (6-7, 326) starting at tackle.

Defensively, Snyder and his staff will be hard-pressed to duplicate last season. Only four starters return: DE Shante Carver (6-5, 228), CB Lenny McGill (6-3, 190), RB Jean Boyd (6-0, 195) and ILB Justin Dragoo (6-3, 231).

The Devils finished the season ranked seventh nationally, allowing 268.8 yards per game. After A-State stuffed Louisville 19-0 in September, Cardinals head coach Howard Schnellenberger was thankful it wasn't worse.

"Their defensive front seven annihilated our front seven." he said. "I really haven't seen anything quite like that in a long time ... if ever."

1993 SCHEDULE

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Sept. 11	Open Date
Sept. 18	@ Louisville
Sept. 25	OKLAHOMA STATE
Oct. 2	@ Oregon State
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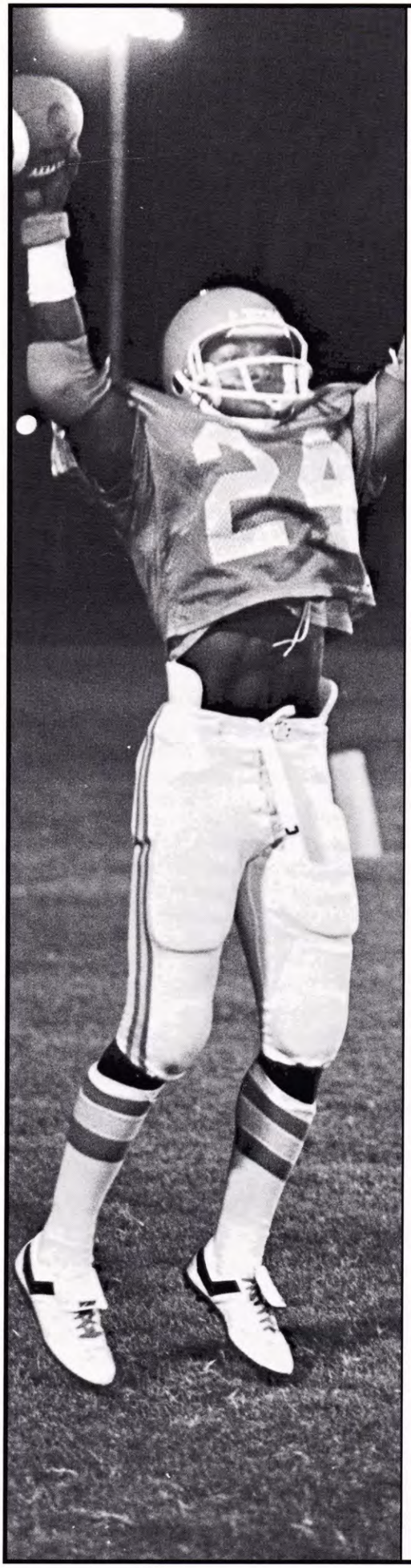
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RB	Michael Martin, 6-1, 215	Dallas (White), TX
RB	Corey McCoy, 5-9, 170	Hawthorne (Hawthorne), CA
RB	Taylor Hedrick, 6-1, 175	Phoenix (Lutheran Academy), AZ
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WR	Joe Robertson, 6-2, 185	Portland (Jefferson), OR
WR	Bryant Thomas, 6-2, 170	San Pedro (San Pedro), CA
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OL	Kyle Murphy, 6-5, 250	Huntington Beach (Edison), CA
PK	Marcus Williams, 6-1, 212	Tempe (McClintock), AZ
LB	Zack Romero, 6-5, 225	Salinas (Salinas), CA
LB	Sammy Young, 6-2, 225	Riverside (La Sierra), CA
LB	Ty Wade, 6-3, 215	Moreno Valley (Canyon), CA
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DB	Darrell LeBlanc, 6-0, 180	Los Angeles (Locke), CA

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WR	John Livingston, 6-0, 175	Palamar (Palamar College), CA
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DE	Kenny Talanoa, 6-5, 260	El Camino (El Camino College), CA
DB	Craig Newsome, 6-0, 188	San Bernardino (Valley College), CA
P	Noel Prefontaine, 6-0, 190	Cal-State Fullerton, CA



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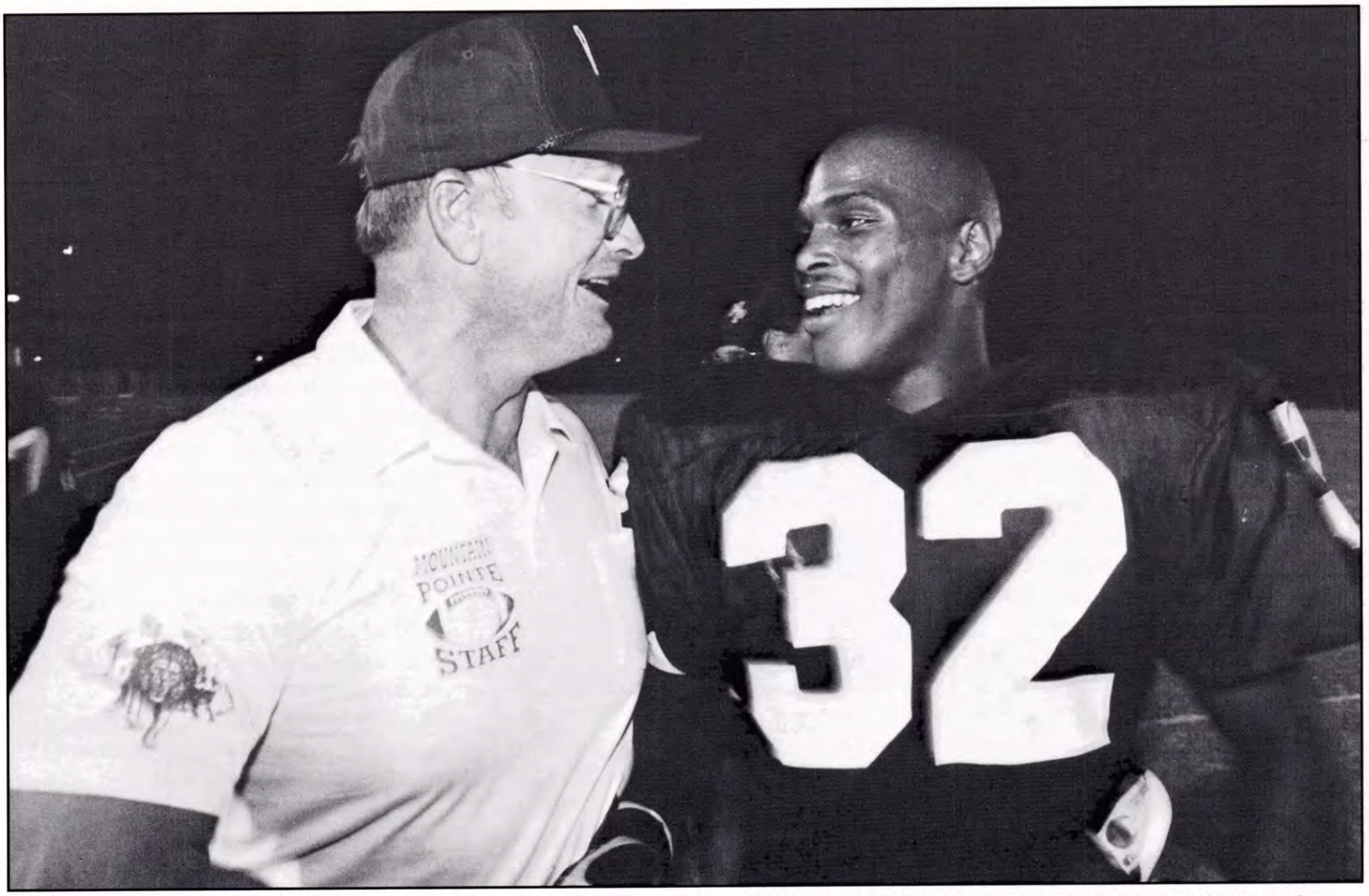
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Mountain Pointe Coach Karl Kiefer, who has won 226 games in his illustrious career, and running back Mickey Gates enjoy their first win with the Pride, a 33-32 thriller over Yuma. (David McIntyre/Phoenix Gazette)

Fast Start For The Pointe

The takeoff was terrific. The landing was a dud. But in between, Tempe's newest high school, Mountain Pointe, packed more thrills into 12 weeks of varsity football than a new school should be entitled to.

Playing their first - and last - 4A schedule, Karl Kiefer's young squad won eight of 12 games before running into a Sabino buzzsaw in Tucson.

From a wild 33-32 opener with Yuma, to a surprising 56-20 playoff win over Marana Mountain View, The Pointe overnight established itself as Arizona's newest gridiron power.

And they did it with no seniors on campus. But with Kiefer at the helm, this was no surprise.

After 26 years at Tempe McClintock, it was time for a change. The state's winningest active coach packed his bags and moved to Tempe's newest campus, located west of the I-10 Freeway, in Ahwatukee.

"Even though we're part of the Tempe School District, it's like a town by itself out here," claims Kiefer. "It's like coaching in a 5A school in a town with one high school. Texas has a lot of schools like that. Arizona has only two or three."

Two years ago, with only frosh and sophs on campus, The Pride's JV unit, coached by Kiefer and assistants Dick Baniszewski and Phil Abbadessa, averaged 45.8 points and finished 9-0. "It was a great start but it was only junior varsity," adds the head coach.

Last year was different and this fall could be better. Competing in one of the two toughest 5A regions in Arizona won't bother Kiefer's staff. But the staff doesn't play the game. The kids do.

"You can bet Mountain Pointe will be tough right out of the blocks," says Mesa line coach Curt Cicotte. "You can bet Kiefer will have them ready. I know all the coaches on this side of town are looking forward to playing him."

And a lot of coaches have. Twenty-seven years of varsity football have come and gone. So have a lot of coaches. Most have lost to Kiefer, who enters his 28th varsity campaign with a 226-77-3 record; two wins shy of becoming the state's all-time winningest coach.

The former Arizona State end and team captain is about to overtake a legend, the late great Edgar "Mutt" Ford, who won 227 games between 1934-1966, mostly at Mesa High.

"I never think about records like that until people bring it up," said the coach who has won three 5A titles. "I just like coaching. I have no plans to quit. This is a great situation. We work hard over here. But so do a lot of

other people."

One person lives four hours northeast - as the crow flys - in the town of Springerville, at Round Valley High. Hot on Kiefer's heals is Tot Workman, the Elks' feisty little coach who has won 225 games, three state titles, and once engineered a state-record 34-game winning streak.

Like Kiefer, for his level of competition, Workman's league is tough. The 3A East Region is considered the state's best. In the past five years, this region has produced as many college prospects as half the state's 4A regions.

"Lucky us," says Workman, whose Elks play all home games in the historic ensphere. "We are still one of the smallest 3A schools around."

Last year, both Kiefer and Workman passed Emil Nasser, the retired Winslow coach whose 224 wins is a state record for most victories at the same school. Kiefer won 198 games at McClintock. Workman has coached at schools in Nevada and Utah, as well as Antelope, Snowflake and Round Valley.

Of the five remaining coaches with 200-plus wins, three are still active: Mesa Mountain View's Jesse Parker (210), Chandler's Jerry Loper (202) and Tucson Amphi's Vern Friedli (202). Both Boone Jackson (204) and Ralph Moran (200) are deceased.

Parker, with another dynamite team in the making, should move up quick. Loper, who just left Westwood for the Chandler post, also coached at Antelope and Tucson Amphi. Friedli is one of Tucson's most successful coaches. Twice in the past five years he has produced the state's player of the year, and both were brothers: Mike (now with the Seattle Seahawks) and Mario (now at ASU) Bates. Current Los Angeles Raider linebacker Riki Ellison played for Friedli.

As time marches on and more coaches surpass Ford's record, one thing can never be taken away from him: His incredible record against Texas and California schools.

A Kiefer-coached team has never played an out-of-state foe. Friedli is 1-1 vs. California; Parker 0-1 against Hawaii. Ford was 10-0 against California powerhouses, including a surprising 40-13 win over Southern CIF champion Compton Centennial, in 1954. Between 1945-49, his teams were 6-3-1 against Texas schools, all from El Paso.

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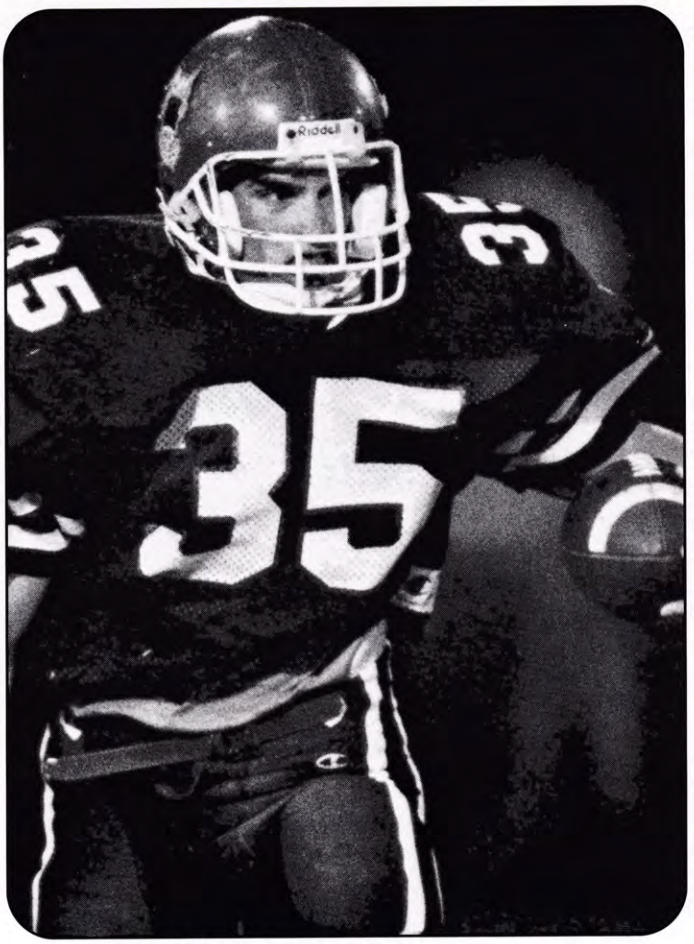
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Coronado fullback Rod Bair.
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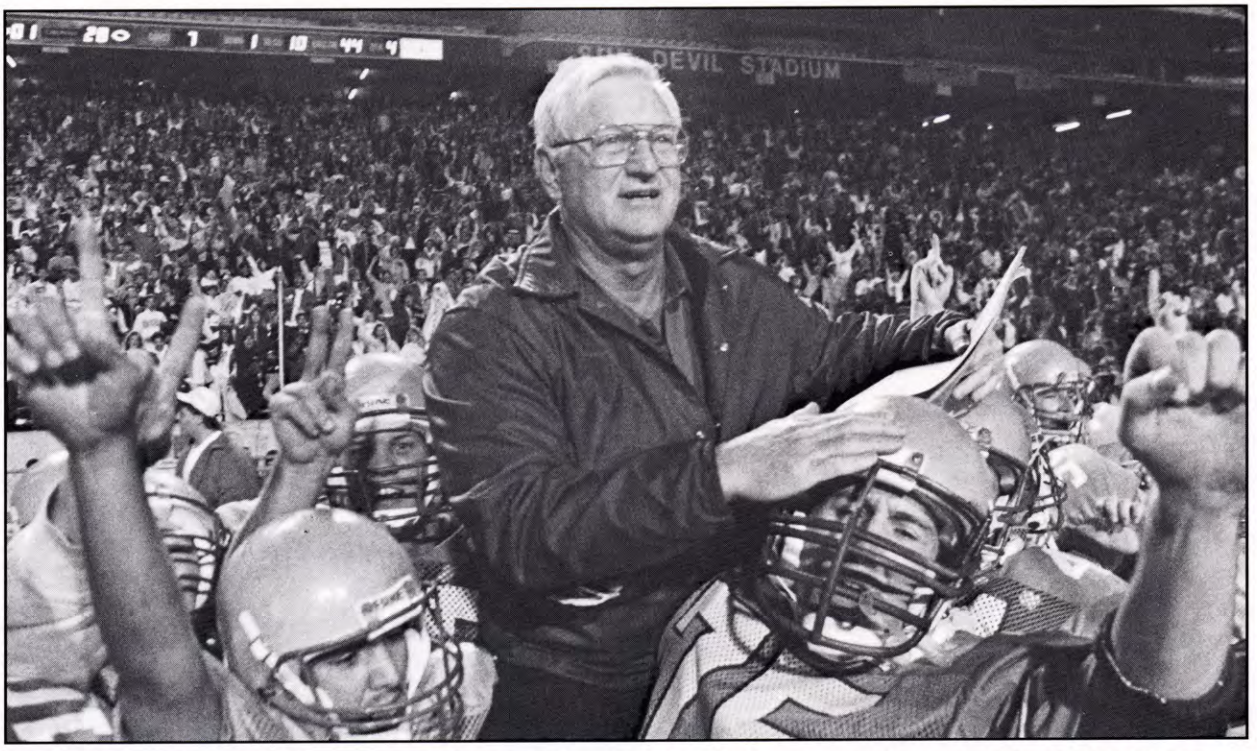
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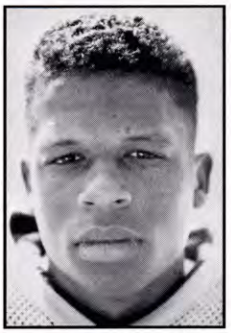
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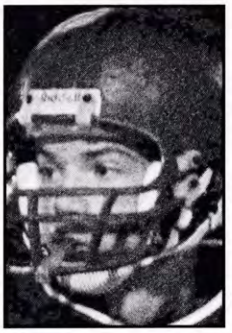
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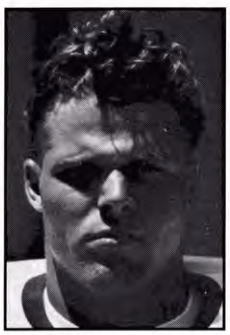
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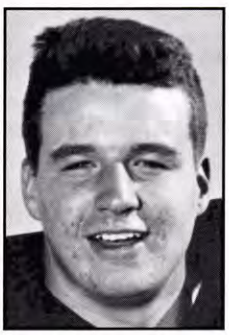
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Brandon Weins, Shadow Mtn., 6-2, 250

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Clint Basham, Paradise Valley, 5-9, 190
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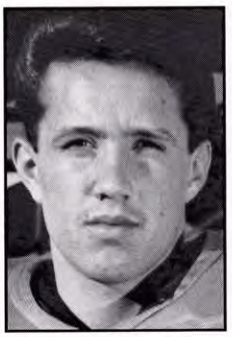


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Seth Darst, Mountain View, 6-0, 195
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Randy Hakes, Arcadia, 6-3, 220
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Jay R. Hiller, Westview, 6-0, 200
Spencer Inman, Trevor Browne, 6-1, 190



Jay R. Hiller, Westview



Wyatt Welch, Buckeye

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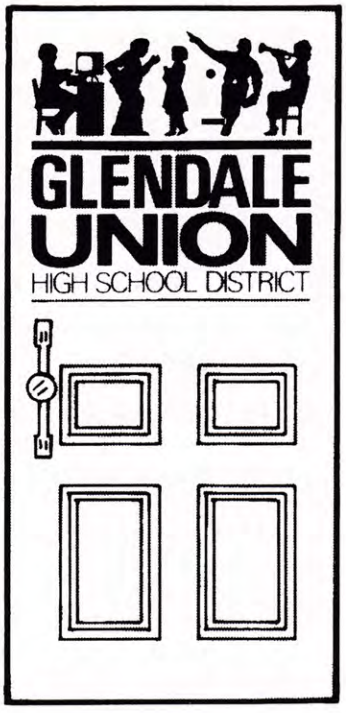
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Matt Belden, Glendale, 5-10, 180
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Mesa players touch a sign of inspiration at the door of the locker room before taking the field against Scottsdale Horizon in the second round of the 1992 state 5A playoffs. The Jackrabbits won the game, 28-0. (Phoenix Gazette photo/David Mcintyre)

Mesa's Football Legions March On

Wearing its second state crown in three years, **Mesa** enters the 1993 campaign as the team to shoot at, until proven otherwise. The Jackrabbits, winners of 11 state titles and more games (see chart) than any school in Arizona, return 14 key lettermen, including a flock of backs which helped the state champs gain 4,997 yards.

Key returnee is quarterback Mikel Moreno (5-8, 185), a tough two-way player with big play savvy. Last fall, Moreno carried the ball 107 times for 939 yards and 10 scores. He averaged 8.8 yards per clip. Passing, the little 'Rabbit signal caller completed 66 of 129 (51%) for 1,145 yards and 11 touchdowns.

But he's not alone. Texas transfer Robert Holcombe (6-0, 190), with 4.6 speed, might be the best back in the league. He rushed for 1,509 yards (8.6) and scored 18 touchdowns. You can't key on him, either. Not with Abraham Saiz (6-0, 160) in the same backfield. As a junior, he managed 81 carries for 600 yards and 11 scores

But like all championship clubs, including last years Mesa squad, the big games are won up front, in the trenches, and with defense. That's were the holes need to be filled. With center Mike Richardson (6-2, 215), the 'Rabbits should have a good replacement for all-stater Steve McKane, whose father, Bill, filled in for Jim Rattay when the head coach became ill.

5A CENTRAL REGION

1. Mesa
2. Mesa Dobson
3. Tempe Corona del Sol
4. Tempe McClintock
5. Chandler
6. Yuma

But the top prospect might be a junior, two-way tackle Matt Griffith (6-3, 225), the next in a long line of tough Mesa linemen Some of his bigger teammates include tackles Mike Manguia (6-3, 245), Clay Stapley (6-2, 200) and Bobby Howell (6-1, 240). All are seniors

Moving targets for QB Moreno come in all sizes, like WR Troy Tyler (5-11, 180) or TE Cabe Ellis (6-3, 190), who doubles at linebacker. And the kicking game looks sound, as young Darin Madrigal, who booted a school record 53 extra points and five field goals, returns.

Last fall, the 'Rabbits finished 13-1, beating rival Mountain View in the 5A finals, 14-8. They averaged 30.3 points, scored a total of 426, and won a school record 13 games. Their only loss came early, a 19-7 setback to top-ranked Tempe McClintock. But the Chargers bowed out of the playoffs early, and a rematch never materialized.

Dobson, lately the mystery club in the league, might reach its potential this fall, with 15 players back, including its usual number of giant linemen, and one of the fastest backs in the West.

That back is Akil Davis (6-0, 180), the Class 5A 100-meter champ at 10.51 seconds. That's the fastest 100 meters run by an Arizona schoolboy since Tucson Amphi's Mike Bates, now with the Seattle Seahawks, ran 10.39 in 1988. With 4.4 speed, Davis is most dangerous on kickoff returns, and roams the defensive secondary. The Mustangs finished 7-4 last fall, and departed tailback LaVale Woods (USC) added his name to a long list of good Dobson running backs.

1993 Phoenix Metro 5A Top 20

1. Mesa Jackrabbits
2. Mountain View Toros
3. Westwood Warriors
4. Dobson Mustangs
5. Mountain Pointe Pride
6. Maryvale Panthers
7. Red Mountain Lions
8. Trevor Browne Bruins
9. Deer Valley Skyhawks
10. Moon Valley Rockets
11. Corona del Sol Aztecs
12. Apollo Hawks
13. McClintock Chargers
14. St. Mary's Knights
15. South Mountain Jaguars
16. Gilbert Tigers
17. Brophy Prep Broncos
18. Shadow Mtn. Matadors
19. Horizon Huskies
20. Chandler Wolves

The next might be Davis, or junior Tim Croff (6-4, 240), one of the biggest fullbacks in the state. And speaking of big, mentor Mike Clark might field his biggest club ever, starting with OT/DE Brian Cracraft (6-4, 235), with 5.0 forty speed, one of the better linemen in the 5A Central. Teammate Jesse Hart (6-6, 265) looks impressive. Chris Buscagillo (6-0, 180) is the Mustangs' other DE. The linebacking corps includes Jim Farley (6-2, 210), Matt Marquez (6-2, 210) and Chad Rowland (5-10, 180). Seniors Jeremy Jones (6-0, 190) and Seth Frost (5-9, 175) will compete at quarterback.

"We will be young in key positions, like QB, tackle, linebacker and running back," says Clark, 78-52-0 at the Mesa school. "But the kids are good athletes. And our kicking game will be back to form with a healthy Ryan Nickolson." Dobson opens at home on Sept. 10 against Tempe Mountain Pointe.

Corona del Sol, coached by Gary Venturo, fell victim to the injury bug and finished 5-6. "W have a lot of experience coming back," says the head coach, who welcomes 23 lettermen. "If we stay away from injuries we should have a good year"

One thing for sure, the Aztecs have four of the better players in the league in WR/DB Jeremy McClimans, two-way tackle Ken Reeves, RB/LB Jeff Paulk and OT/LB Greg Liu. McClimans (6-1, 175) caught 36 passes for 530 yards and three TDs; Reeves (6-3, 240) is a hard hitter and runs a 5.0; Paulk (6-1, 215) carried 97 times for 432 tough yards, four scores; Liu (5-11, 211) was one of the leading tacklers in the area with 45 solos, 110 assists.

Senior Tim Vasquez (5-11, 165) will probably start at QB. The rest of the senior class should include WR/DB Mike Geogvich, WR/DB Chris Marker, and interior linemen Royce Gildersleeve, Dave Anguis, Rico Marquez and Craig Hayden, to name a few. Corona should get depth help from a 5-3 junior varsity. The Aztecs open at home against Gilbert.

For 10 weeks last fall, no Arizona school had a better ride than **McClintock**. Coach Dennis Johnson' Chargers were rated No. 1 for three months. An excellent defensive club, the Tempe school included among its 10 victims state champ Mesa.

But in the first round of the playoffs, Westwood knocked the Chargers' lights out, 39-3. Seven weeks earlier, McClintock had beaten Westwood 46-7, on the same field.

"We had a good regular season, but it was a disaster in the playoffs," insists Johnson. "We had outstanding individual players, but should have been better as a team."

How talented was McClintock? The Chargers produced five Division I signees and 10 junior college picks; Texas state champ Temple produced five major college, five JC.

"We will be a much smaller, inexperienced team," adds Johnson. "But we have a very enthusiastic group committed to winning."

Not so small or inexperienced is linebacker Joe Jackson (6-3, 200), who doubles at tight end. Teammate Brent Taysom (5-11, 210) is a good two-way lineman. The kicking game is strong again, with Chris Estes (6-2, 178) back in the lineup. Considered one of the two best place kickers in the Valley, Estes filled in for injured all-state kicker Marcus Williams.He was a perfect 16/16 on extra points (7 vs Chandler), and booted three field goals, with a longest of 39 yards.

Of the 16 returning players from one of McClintock's all-time best clubs, DB/WR Pascal Volz (6-0, 195), CB/RB Jamie Palmer (5-9, 170) and LB Tim Kile (6-1, 175) are three additional Chargers to watch in '93. McClintock opens Sept. 10 at Tempe.

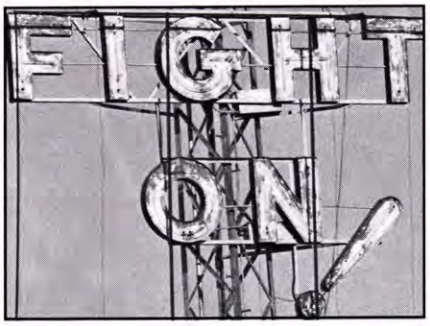
The biggest news in **Chandler** is the arrival of the school's new coach. A sign in the athletic director's office reads "Jerry Loper: Welcome to CHS football. From a Warrior to a Wolf."

Loper, who coached at Mesa Westwood for the past 17 years, is a proven winner. The Wolves, 2-8 last year, haven't had much of that going for them lately. Overall, coaching at Antelope, Tucson Amphi and Westwood, Loper has a 202-92-9 record, making him the ninth coach in Arizona history to reach the 200-win level. Twice, once at Amphi and later at Westwood, his teams won state titles.

The Wolves have their share of good players, especially all-region linebacker Jason Watson (5-10, 198), also the team's fullback. Quality linemen include center Jamie Thompson (6-2, 225), and two-way tackles David Rose (6-3, 230) and Jose Rosete (6-0, 210). Running backs John Jones (5-6, 155) and junior Tyrice Brooks (5-8, 165) are small, but tough two-way players, doubling in the secondary.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm in the town, the school, the administration, with the kids and the parents," says the Wolves' head coach. "Everyone is more than willing to cooperate."

ALL-TIME ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL VICTORIES



Wins	School	Years
517	Mesa	1920-92
471	Tucson	1912-92
429	Safford	1925-92
395	Winslow	1915-92
394	Round Valley	1921-92
386	Douglas	1906-92
385	Gilbert	1923-92
361	Flagstaff	1923-92
355	Miami	1923-92
353	Phoenix Union	1913-81
348	Snowflake	1929-92
331	Tempe	1924-92
304	Globe	1924-92

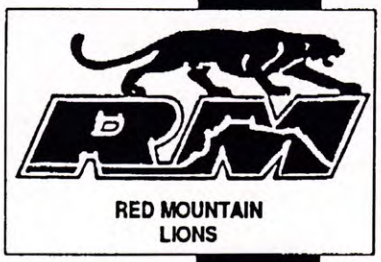
5A EAST VALLEY REGION

1. Mesa Mountain View
2. Mesa Westwood
3. Tempe Mountain Pointe
4. Mesa Red Mountain
5. Gilbert
6. Tempe Marcos de Niza

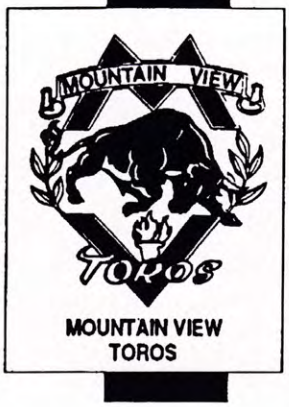
For Toro fans, it was quite a roller coaster ride. Last fall, **Mountain View**











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opened the season in Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, and finished in Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe. A 14-8 loss to Mesa in the Class 5A championship game closed out a 9-5 campaign.

"You have to credit the character of the kids," claims head coach Jesse Parker, 210-60-3 during his career. "We lost four of our first five games and ended up in the finals. We should have another outstanding year, with one of the state's best quarterbacks, and good skilled kids."

Parker's talented signal caller is Joe Germaine, a 6-1, 180-pound senior with good speed (4.8) and football savvy. He excels in the secondary, returning an interception 98 yards against Westwood. In 14 games, Germaine completed 101 of 185 passes (55%) for 1,701 yards and 16 scoring strikes. He was intercepted only five times.

Another all-state candidate is senior Josh Lowe, a tough 6-3, 215-pound fullback-linebacker with 4.8 speed, and good athletic ability. Last spring, Lowe was the Class 5A discus champ with a throw of 176-11. Receiver Brandon Berkley (5-9, 180), TE/LB Seth Darst (6-0, 195) and junior lineman Tyler Wheeler (5-9, 180) are high profile Toros with all-league potential.

Besides Berkley, Germaine has a flock of good receivers to work with, including Scott Woffinden (6-0, 160) and Nathan Barber (6-0, 165). Backup QB Griffin Goodman (6-1, 185) plays tight end and linebacker. At 6-2, 250-pounds, tackle Travis Schureman is the Toros' biggest lineman. One transfer who could make a big impact is running back Shay Johnson, a junior who last year rushed for 750 yards at Tempe Corona del Sol.

This fall, Mountain View opens at home against Scottsdale Horizon. A Sept. 24 game at Tucson Canyon del Oro is the farthest trip they take. That's a lot closer than Hawaii. This year's schedule favors the Toros. They do not meet city rival Mesa during the regular season.

At **Westwood**, the Warriors have two big holes to fill. Biggest is departed head coach Jerry Loper, who has taken his 202 wins to Chandler, to revive the Wolves struggling program. One of his biggest wins came last season, when the Warriors shocked top-rated, and nationally ranked Tempe McClintock, 39-3, in the first round of the state playoffs. Earlier, McClintock had embarrassed Loper's club, 46-7

Another big loss is wide receiver Brandon Thomas, a two-time all-stater who led the Phoenix metro region with 47 catches for 842 yards. The Mesa city player picked up his diploma and headed for Mesa CC.

"You don't replace a coach like Jerry, or a great player like Thomas," says new mentor Curt Palmer, a long time Warrior assistant. "It was a shock when Jerry said he was leaving. But I'm really excited. I've been a head coach before (Minnesota). It's great to be doing that here."

Unlike Warrior teams of the past, this year's best players are linemen, starting with giant OT Dan Finn (6-5, 260), center Matt Porter (6-1, 210) and OT/DT Jeff Blanch (6-4, 240). If Westwood keeps its wishbone offense, these three will make it go, along with OT Brent Lizakowsky (6-2, 210) and OG John Arnett (6-2, 200).

Senior QB Dave Mendez (5-11, 160) replaces departed Ted Gonzales. David Solinic (6-1, 160) is a promising receiver, but might be a better defensive back. Adam Hammond (6-0, 175) is a tough middle linebacker.

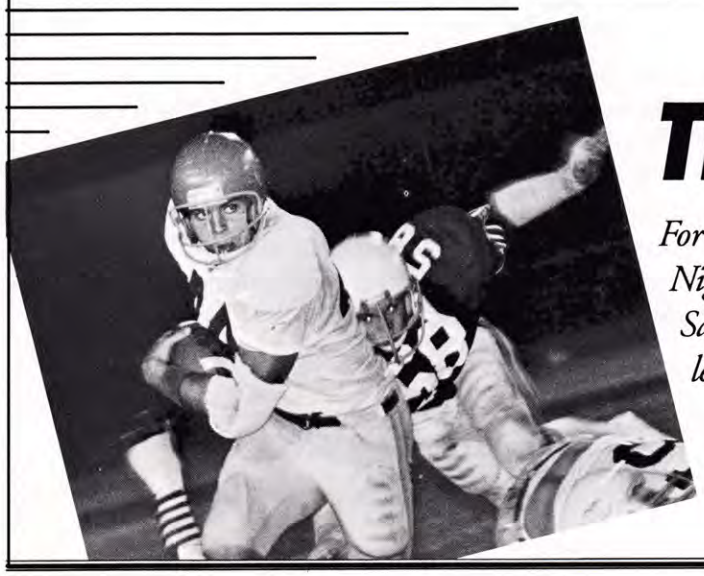
Westwood opens the '93 campaign at home with Phoenix St. Mary's, then travels to Tucson Amphi before meeting rival Dobson, at Dobson. Then state champ Mesa comes to visit.

Just when the East Valley and Central regions had enough competition to deal with, Tempe goes and builds another school, names it **Mountain Pointe**, and hires Karl Kiefer, one of the winningest coaches in the state. Last fall in Class 4A competition, with no seniors on campus, Kiefer's young club went 8-4 and reached the state quarterfinals.

Every player on the squad, plus two dozen juniors up from a near perfect JV club, return. Two of the best are backs, tailback Jay Carter (5-9, 175) and wingback Mickey Gates (6-0, 195). Carter runs 40 yards in 4.5 seconds, and was the state 4A sprint champ at 10.79. Last fall he averaged 6.8 yards per clip, rushing for 1,486 yards on 218 carries His biggest game was a 28-27 win over Phoenix Thunderbird: 23 carries, 254 yards, four touchdowns. During a 56-20 playoff win over Marana Mountain View, Carter carried the ball 37 times. Overall, he scored 21 times, good for 126 points.

Runningmate Gates rushed for 739 yards on 99 carries (7.5) and five scores, with a longest of 78 yards. During a wild 33-32 game with Yuma, Gates rushed for 207 yards on 13 carries. He averaged 28.1 yards per catch during the season, and scored on an 86 yard kickoff against Alhambra.

Quarterback Doug Szanto (6-2, 190) runs the show. An excellent student, he hit 68 targets for 951 yards in the Prides' run oriented offense, with the longest an 86-yarder, to Gates. Szanto's prime target was little Mike Collins (5-7, 145), with 34 catches for 436 yards Speedy (4.6) little Skeeter Brown (5-8, 160) has good hands and moves. Fullback Tyler Wallin (6-0, 200) averaged 6.7 yards per carry, but his strength is at linebacker, where he joins Gates, Wade Sipple (5-10, 200) and Adam Hayden (6-1, 200) to give The Pointe a



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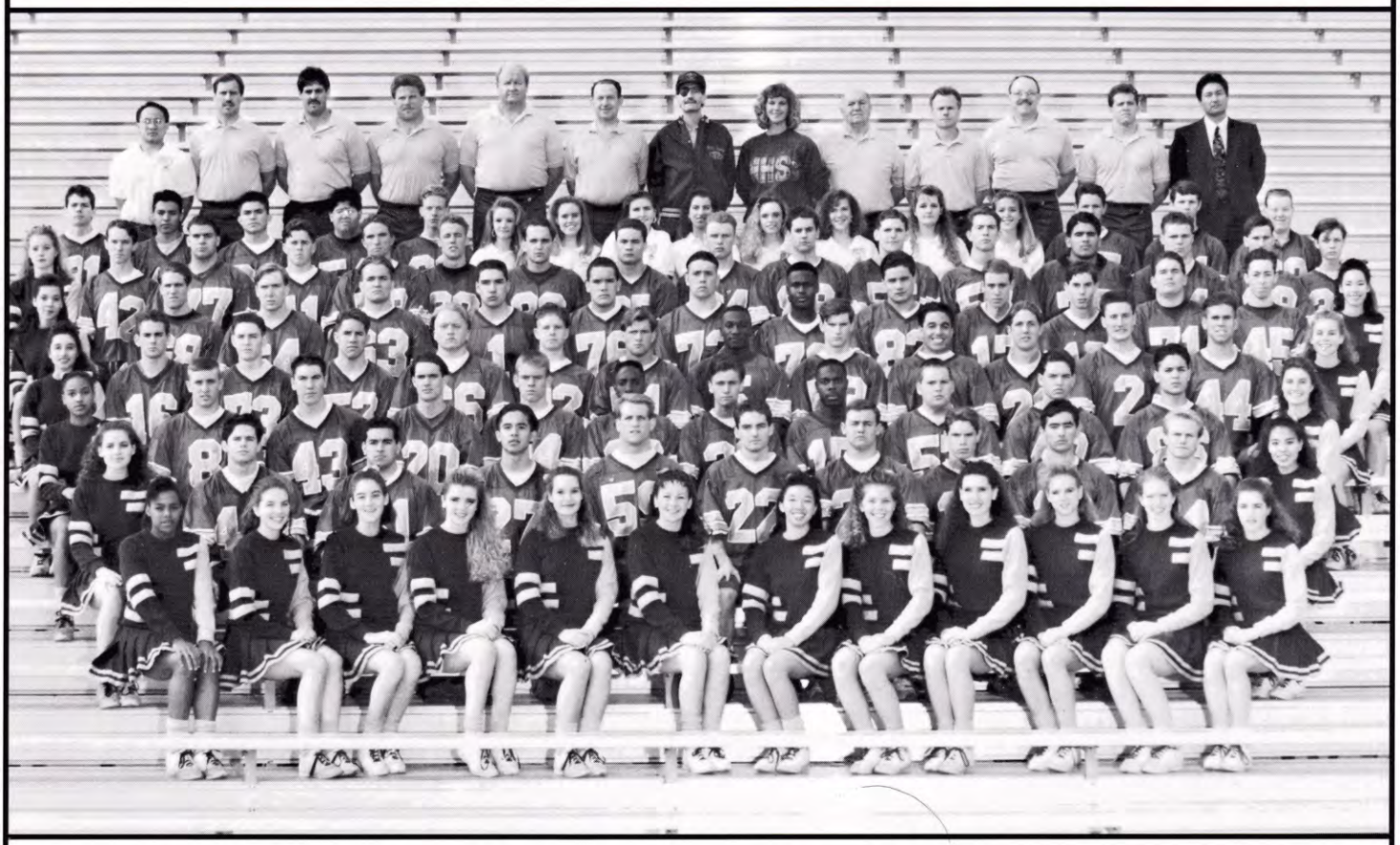
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strong defensive front.

But if Mountain Pointe is to compete in this tough 5A region, the men in the trenches are the key. With all-region tackle Beau Bossert (6-3, 240) back, the line looks solid. This two-way starter joins the likes of T.J. Rodriquez (6-1, 200), Ian Rodgers (5-11, 185), Ronnie Hernandez (5-11, 190), Denny Jones (6-2, 220), Jon Larsen (6-3, 230), Lincoln Olsen (6-0, 180), Billy Robinson (6-1, 190), Jeff Sears (6-0, 185), Sean Steimel (5-11, 200) and junior Jason Prue (5-9, 180) to open holes for The Pointe's speedy running corps, or plug up the opponents.'

The Pointe gets tested early, with an opener at Mesa Dobson, followed by a TV game at home with defending state champion Mesa.

Finally, **Red Mountain** is in the hunt. The Mountain Lions, in their fifth year, reached the playoffs. A 42-3 shellacking by Mesa in the playoffs first round ended the season at 5-6. Fifteen lettermen and solid players from good JV teams will help.

"We should be as good, maybe better, than last year because of more returning starters," says Jones, a former state decathlon champion. "But we need to find a quarterback."

With junior Gerald Green (5-9, 170) in the lineup, they don't need to find a running back. The speedy (4.6) Lion gained 1,076 yards as a soph, 211 against Westwood, and scored 11 touchdowns. He rushed for better than 100 yards in the final game of the season two years ago, after getting moved up from the freshman team.

Senior Al Sterling (6-0, 225), one of the best players in the region, started at fullback and linebacker as a sophomore. He has been switched to tackle on offense, but defensively, joins Jorge Borboa (6-1, 210) and Mick Pageler (6-3, 210) to give the Lions a veteran crop of linebackers. Offensively, Borboa, along with senior Mike Bono (5-9, 220), are tackles. Pageler doubles at TE, while Jeremy Cross (5-11, 175) joins the speedy Green in the backfield, and doubles at safety. Mike Mendez (5-9, 170) and Mike Luketich (5-9, 170) look like bookends, double at WR/DE, and both run 40 yards in 4.9 seconds.

Gilbert, coached by Richard Gray, should have a solid club, even with new Highland High opening down the road. The Tigers look set at the skill positions, but the new school might hurt its depth. "We became more competitive in a tough region," says Gray, whose club finished 4-6. "But we need to win the close games."

Without a doubt, Gilbert's strength is at linebacker, where starters Tony Hernandez (5-10, 190) and Keith Russell (6-0, 185) return. Brian Blevins (6-0, 175) is a proven defensive back, along with Aaron Clare (6-0, 170). Josh Rutledge (6-1, 185) is an emerging punter.

Jason check (6-1, 190), a junior, and Geoffrey White (6-0, 170) will battle for the QB slot. Fullback Travis McKinzie (5-10, 190 and TB Trent Waller (6-1, 180) are the runners. Tackles James Langston (6-0, 195) and Jeremy Chapman (6-4, 235) man the trenches.

At **Marcos de Niza**, head coach Mike Clupper's strength stands in the trenches, where the Padres return five senior lettermen: Tony Marshall (6-2, 275), Bill Price (6-3, 250), Brent Walden (6-3, 215), Tevis West (5-11, 180) and Steve Williams (6-1, 190). Juniors Hans Anderson (6-1, 190), Joe Hauptman (6-0, 180) and Jeff Nelson (6-1, 205), all good wrestlers, will add quickness and depth.

At least 10 backs with speed and savvy will compete for positions. Last year's JV quarterback, Randy Downing, and frosh starter, Ryan Leyba, will take snaps for the varsity. Running backs include powerfull senior Casey Berry (5-9, 185), along with sophomores Perry Wilson and Clark Fisher. The receiving corps includes Don Bolen (6-2, 190), a two-way starter, returner Brian Willingham, and junior Steve Culbertson, who will handle the kicking duties with Bolen and Mario Flores. Defensively, it will be Bolen again who is the key. The three sport letterman is the Padres' best chance for post season honors.

5A FIESTA REGION

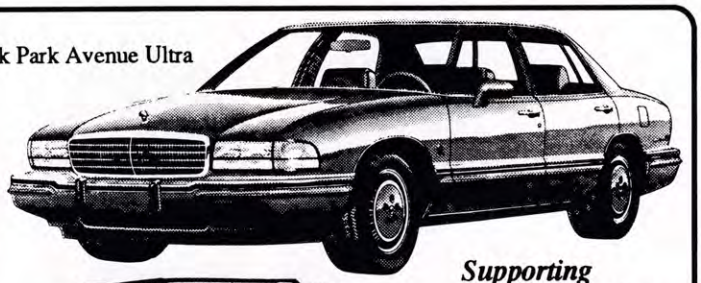
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Life after Earl Putman, the popular **Moon Valley** coach who retired in 1989, hasn't been all roses, but this year the Rockets might be the team to beat in the Fiesta Region. Coach Mel Harms' crew returns 19 squad members, but most important, good players from a 7-1 JV unit are on the way.

Still, the key players are seniors, starting with talented two-way star Rick Cordova (6-0, 180), the Rockets' quarterback/defensive back. He'll have a flock of good backs to work with, too, including Lee Cherry (5-11, 200), Nick Hoskins (5-7, 150), Jake Weaver (5-7, 155) and J.D. Hartsfield (5-10, 155), the team's kicker. Big Frank

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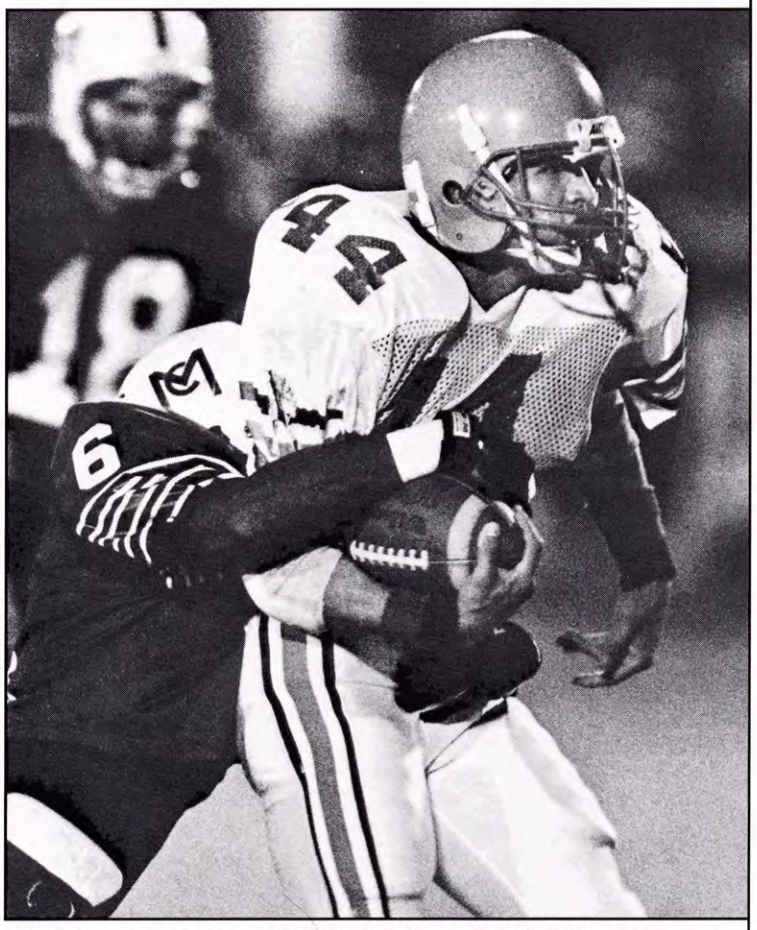
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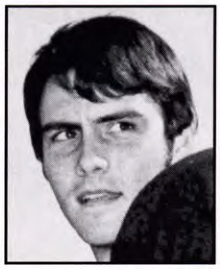
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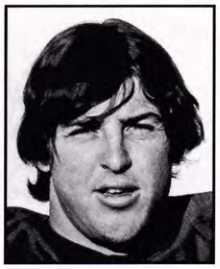
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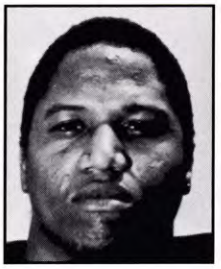
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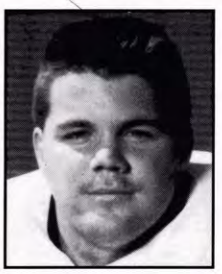
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Espinoza (6-1, 235) is the Rockets' top lineman.

"We need a great effort from all to improve last year's record," says Harms, whose club finished 4-6. "Juniors from the JV team need to fill into the open positions."

It was a disappointing year for the Hawks, where Rudy Pacheco's club finished 2-8. But with 16 lettermen, plus one of the best backs in the city, returning, **Apollo** could make a run for the playoffs. "We are optimistic about the 1993 season," says the head coach.

And for good reason, with running back Roy Evans (6-0, 205) back. With 4.7 speed, the gifted Hawk did a lot of the work last year: 169 carries for 917 yards (5.4 ypc) and 11 touchdowns; 11 catches for 153 yards (13.9 ypc), 20 kickoff returns for 519 yards (25.4 ypr); four punt returns for 84 yards (21.0 ypr); 1,673 all-purpose yards in nine games - for a team which won only twice!

But Evans can't do it alone. Starting with junior QB Roman Gonzales (5-9, 145), the Hawks need a team effort to reach the playoffs. Fullback Josh Garrison (5-10, 180), OG Mike Patrick (5-7, 160), OT Chris Frisby (6-1, 230), and a flock of receivers, including Julio Navarette (6-1, 180), Charles Norbury (6-2, 190), Robert Andrade (5-10, 160), and junior Jon Hatch (6-0, 170), give Apollo much needed scoring punch.

And the defense looks solid, especially the secondary, with Scott Ulm (6-1, 175), Randy Cajthaml (6-0, 170) and Kirk Eaton (6-1, 160) in the lineup. Linebackers Quincey Ray and Chris Perkins, plus down linemen David Kline, Bubba Scelzo and Coy Johns are not big, but give the Hawks a tough, quick forward wall.

After dropping three games in four weeks, **St. Mary's** responded with six straight wins and a third straight region crown. It was the Knights' 13th consecutive trip to the playoffs.

"We face a tough non-league schedule, with Westwood, Salpointe, Horizon, Maryvale and Mountain Pointe," says Pat Farrell, 139-42-2 as a head coach. "We look for a better than average club that will have to mature quickly to deal with our schedule. We have a good upcoming sophomore group, but will have to live thru more leaner times than normal."

As always, a sound kicking game, plus a good collection of receivers who can catch the ball, are strengths. Tony DiLoretto (6-1, 155) was an all-region kicker as a junior. He was perfect on 24 PAT tries, and hit nine of 14 field goal attempts; the longest a school record 52-yarder against Brophy.

All-region end Todd Williams (5-11, 180) caught 36 passes, good for 506 yards and two scores. Junior wingback Roger Aguilar (5-10, 170), with 4.7 speed, is another good pass catcher. But who will throw the ball? Whoever it is, along with tough little running back Brett Haywood (5-9, 175), should get good protection from returning lettermen like center Mark Nordstrom (6-0, 210) and tackle Matt Rojas (6-1, 225). Depth, always a problem at St. Mary's, appears to be a bigger problem this year.

For the first time in three years, **Brophy Prep** will find out what life without Mike Mitchell is like. The state player of the year, who rushed for 5,669 yards and scored 76 career touchdowns, picked up his diploma and headed for Stanford. All three Bronco teams reached the playoffs.

"This season we look to improve defensively," says head coach Tim Sanford. "We return four starters, two at linebacker and two in the secondary. Our main concern is the line. We return no starters on the line."

Seniors Garett DiLandri (6-2, 205), with 4.9 speed, and Ryan Burke (5-10, 185) are the returning linebackers. Chris Hanhila (5-10, 165) and junior Donya Mitchell (6-1, 185) are veteran deep backs. Sure handed Eric Vandertoorn (6-2, 170) started at split end.

Quarterback Steve O'Hare (6-3, 190) is one of five more seniors who should perform well. The rest include linemen Brad Donavan (6-1, 220) and Jack Mosca (5-11, 210), LB Clay Moiza (6-0, 190) and WR Jeff Leathers (5-9, 160). Juniors who should start include tackle John Lindquist (5-11, 215), LB Heath Lipson (5-11, 190), DB Tyler Chester (6-1, 165) and RB Steve Caniglia (5-8, 160). Keep an eye on Dominic Brunetti, a promising 6-foot, 185-pound sophomore linebacker.

Being hired four hours before the first game was not the best position to be in as a new coach. But Jim Ford's Bobcats made great strides at **Phoenix Central**, becoming competitive and upsetting Moon Valley during a 2-8 campaign.

"That was a sign we were heading in the right direction," says Ford. "We have great team speed. But being competitive is not acceptable anymore. We should contend for the playoffs."

Most of the speed is in the junior class, starting with RB Trung Canidate (5-10, 165), a 4.5 burner who burned Moon Valley with a 98 yard kickoff return during that 30-20 upset. Running mates Willie Ponds (5-9, 175) and Darren Williams (5-7, 185) both run 4.6. All three play defense, along with the school's top lineman, senior Charles Winston (6-1, 212), who doubles at LB. Guards Kahkuyan Brewer (5-9, 180) and Charles LeJander (5-9, 195) are two way players. Chris Normandin (5-9, 170) is the 'Cats' quarterback.

5A DESERT VALLEY REGION

1. Deer Valley
2. Shadow Mountain
3. Scottsdale Horizon
4. Scottsdale Saguaro
5. Yuma Kofa
6. North Canyon

If quarterback is a position that could make or break a team, then **Deer Valley** is set. The Skyhawks, coached by Fred Haeger, have one of the top signal callers in the Desert Region in Brandon Seare, a 6-2, 180-pound senior with 4.7 speed. Each play, Seare will be the second 'Hawk to touch the ball. First is center Tony Marcotte (5-10, 200), who, along with OG Dan Seek (6-4, 230) played on the school's 5A runnerup baseball team last spring.

Two-way tackle Doug Morrison (6-3, 250) and junior tackle Scott Dyke (6-3, 220) join the above three to give Deer Valley the biggest forward wall in the region.

"This could be our best team to date," says Haeger, whose club went 5-6 and reached the playoffs. "We've had two good JV teams back-to-back. We return five starters on offense, four on defense. And we return our kicker and punter."

The junior class should supply plenty of spark with tailback Tavon Cooper (5-11, 185), a blazer with 4.6 speed who averaged 9.9 yards as a soph on the varsity; and RB/LB Phil Hayward (5-10, 195), another speedy 'Hawk with 4.6 speed.

Another Desert Region club with plenty of beef is **Shadow Mountain**, where Mark Stanley returns nine starters from a 3-7 team. The QB, leading scorer and entire line is almost intact. Quarterback Todd Klopfenstein (6-0, 160) returns for one more season. He runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds. Halfback Clay Bringhurst (5-11, 170) is the most dangerous back in the Matadors' option. Center Brandon Weins (6-1, 250) is the leader on the line.

His teammates are big: OG Mark Maynard (6-0, 210), OT James Hawks (6-2, 240), OT Matt Allen (6-2, 225) and TE J.R. Ewing (6-3, 240), a transfer student. Maynard and TE Andrew Taylor (6-2, 205) are juniors. Speedy Richard Moore (5-11, 150) is a good receiver. He, and all his teammates listed above, start on defense.

Horizon, coached by Doug Shaffer, got beat in the quarterfinals by state champ Mesa, ending a 10-2 ride. "We had great senior leadership, with a lot of skilled athletes," says Shaffer. "But we lost 34 seniors to graduation."

A tough non-league schedule could make or break the Husky's back: Mesa Mountain View, Brophy Prep, St. Mary's,

Trevor Browne and Westwood. To help, the coaching staff looks for senior leadership from QB/DB Rand Wagner (5-11, 165), SE/DB Chad Lanese (5-11, 170), OG/DT Steve McDonald (5-9, 190), SE/DB John Schweikert (5-10, 160), OT/DT Reagan Rogers (5-10, 210), and TE/LB Kolby Sparks (6-1, 180), to name a few. Karim Harris, a promising LB/TE, moved to Philadelphia.

Heading the junior class is OG/DT Mike Malano (6-2, 210), RB/DB John Clayton (5-8, 160), FB/LB Brooks Tyree (5-9, 205), and all-city kicker Lance Williams (5-11, 170), who could be a good one. Since everybody listed must go both ways, the Husky grid machine can't afford too many injuries.

After opening the season with a victory, **Saguaro** struggled and dropped nine straight games. Only six lettermen return, but all is not gloomy. The Sabercats appear optimistic, with the hiring of Tim Beck from Kansas State University.

If QB Brett Berger (6-0, 180) stays healthy, that's a big plus. The talented senior has good speed (4.7) and a good arm. On the defensive side of the ball, LB Steve Lenz (5-11, 190) is the 'Cats' best bet. And looking down the road, Saguaro might have the best young back in Scottsdale, sophomore Mike Brown (6-0, 180), a tailback-safety with 4.5 speed.

But even the fastest of backs can't run without blocking. Last fall, Saguaro scored only 88 points; gave up 343. But the line looks impressive, with tackles Travis Volf (6-5, 245) and junior Mike Wilhelm (6-7, 275) in the lineup. Quarterbacks Berger and young soph Ryan Smith (6-2, 180) will have four senior receivers to work with: Jason Wize (5-11, 180), Ed Bailey (5-11, 160), Jeff Fassett (6-2, 180) and junior Shiloh McClain (5-9, 160). All three can scoot, with McClain the quickest with 4.5 speed.

Defensively, the 'Cats were the worst in the city last fall. But Lenz, Nathan Babb (6-0, 195) and junior Chris Dunlevy (5-10, 185) give Saguaro three quick linebackers. Senior Pat Brathwaite (5-10, 200) and junior Nate McBride (5-11, 205) will probably start at defensive ends. The 'Cats open the season Sept. 10 at home, against Tucson Canyon del Oro.

Newest school on the block is **North Canyon**, which opens in Sept. and jumps right into 5A warfare. The Rattlers, which had no head coach by mid-June, split off from the established Paradise Valley High, which will drop down to 4A for at least two years. Although NCHS will have a senior class from the start, they will probably find the going rough in the Desert Valley this year.

5A METRO REGION

1. Phoenix Maryvale
2. Phoenix Trevor Browne
3. South Mountain
4. Phoenix North
5. Phoenix Camelback
6. Phoenix Carl Hayden

The 1992 season lasted one play too long for **Maryvale**. In the first round of the playoffs, with one second left, Canyon del Oro hit Maryvale with a bomb. The unranked Dorados upset the second-ranked Panthers 41-34, finishing Maryvale's season at 10-1.

Head coach Buck Hall hopes the upcoming season, his 13th at the Phoenix school, will be a lucky one. He's just two wins shy of 100. Seven of his last eight teams have won nine or more games. "We're optimistic," he adds. "We have a good senior class, backed up by a good junior class."

Maryvale has it usual collection of backs who can run, good solid linemen, and a quick defense, featuring deep backs Brian (6-0, 160) and Greg Fierros (5-10, 150). Offensively, Brian is the Panthers' quarterback, Greg a starting receiver.

The senior class also features tackles Mike Madril (6-1, 240) and Jeff Jaramillo (5-10, 230), TE Derek Lay (6-2, 195) and speedy little back Deli Hayes (5-8, 150), who also plays in the secondary. Lay is the team's kicker. Last fall, he was 60/65 on PATS, 30-straight once, and has 92 during his career.

Running backs Jay Hinton (6-0, 185) and Aaron Childress (5-10, 170) head an impressive junior class, which finished 8-0 last year. Like most Maryvale teams, speed is the name of the game at this westside school, which sent two grads into the NFL last fall: LB Darren Woodson (Dallas Cowboys) and DB Phillippi Sparks (New York Giants). Last year's once beaten club averaged 42 points per game.

Trevor Browne also bowed out in the first round to a Tucson school. Bill Mitton's Bruins finished 8-3 after falling to Amphitheater, 30-7. "We had a good season," says Mitton, 152-85-1 in the prep ranks. "But we fumbled too much. We can't do that and win."

Again, Trevor Browne is loaded at the skill positions, but the marque player is a nose guard, senior Martez Branston (6-1, 190), with 4.7 speed maybe the best at his position in the state. "He's a dominating player," claims his coach.

Watch for all-league honors to come to guard Robert Wallace (6-2, 230), LB Spencer Inham (6-1, 190) and junior TB Howard Hubbard (6-3, 220), the biggest at that position in Phoenix. Young Hubbard runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds. So does deep backs Karrus Waits (5-10, 160) and Ralph Jones (6-2, 165). Jason Essig (5-10, 195) and Tim Castle (5-11, 240) add size to the line.

Another city school with speed and talent is **South Mountain**, which last fall had three grads in the NFL. If school officials can convince Kenny Cheatham (6-4, 177) to stick with football, South will have the fastest receiver this side of Texas.

Cheatham won first team all-region honors in the fall, started on the Jaguars' basketball team in the winter, then opened everybody's eyes in the spring. He ran 100 meters in 10.59 seconds at the state 5A track meet, good enough for second place, then won the 200 in 21.48. Both times earned All-America honors.

Another burner is halfback Terry Fair (5-10, 175), like Cheatham a member of the school's talented basketball team. Fair, with 4.5 speed, rushed for 1,066 yards, averaging 7.9 yards per clip. "What I hope Cheatham and Fair do this year, is drop football and concentrate on basketball" said Trevor Browne's Bill Mitton.

Three other Jaguars earned all-region honors: WR/CB Jackie Muhammad (5-7, 160), junior RB/SS Corey Hankins (5-9, 165), and junior QB/FS Cleveland Dansby (6-0, 170), the coach's son. Senior OG/LB Amado Gonzales (6-0, 200) and several juniors round out a good South crop: OG/NG Branden Tucker (6-1, 235), RB/LB Levar Patterson (5-9, 170), and giant two-way tackles Steve Pena (6-4, 270) and Shaheem Purity (6-3, 260).

North, 3-7 last fall, started nine sophomores at different times. With 17 returning lettermen, Lloyd Willis' club should be improved. "Since we have one of the best receivers in the state, we'll throw more," warns Willis.

That receiver is junior Byron Wilkerson (6-1, 170), who caught 22 passes for 530 yards, a 20-yard average. Also a DB, he runs 40 yards in 4.6 seconds. Teammate Brandon Sims (5-9, 155) give the Mustangs two quick receivers. QB Derek Martin (6-0, 170) will do the throwing. Junior Tom Fierros (6-1, 250) is a tough lineman. George Campbell (6-0, 165) is a quick back. Chris Monk (5-9, 200) a small but tough guard.

Camelback, 5-5 last year, hopes to improve with five all-region players: LB John Martin (6-2, 202), WR Andre Harris (5-9, 160), RB John Street (5-8, 165), DB Steve McKeever (5-9, 150) and punter Chris Jordan (5-9, 145) The key player is Martin. **Carl Hayden**, winless last year, counts on junior quarterback Mike Regaldo, a 6-foot, 165-pound field general.

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Panthers Back in the Title Hunt

Watch out for the Panthers! Thirty-two returning lettermen, an explosive offense, a staff itching to get back in the playoffs, and two key transfers help tag **Peoria** as the club to beat in 4A football.

A championship contender for eight straight years, Doug Clapp's team finished 6-4 and out of the hunt. "We were a young team offensively," says Clapp, winner of 77% of his games at the westside school. "We return nine starters. Our offense should give our defense time to mature."

Peoria's big offensive line will be anchored by all-state tackle David Tellez (6-4, 235) and all-region tight end Larry Swisher (6-5, 230) Junior OT Mike Kalin (6-3, 254) and senior guards Shane Burdick (5-9, 210) and Kevin Gerster (6-2, 215) line up next to them.

Quarterback Nathan Sanders (6-3, 181) calls the shots. Halfback Dennis Wolfley (6-0, 196) and junior FB Shannon Coulter (5-10, 227) round out the best backfield in the 4A-West. With 4.8 speed Coulter is a load. Swisher and wideouts Jim Wotjkowski (5-9, 173) and Kenny Mitchell (6-3, 183) give Peoria more firepower.

4A WEST VALLEY REGION

1. Peoria
2. Agua Fria
3. Tolleson Westview
4. Peoria Centennial
5. Tolleson
6. Lake Havasu

The defense got two shots in the arm when linebackers Jeff Johnson (6-2, 205), a junior from Deer Valley, and Mantel Thomas (5-9, 160), a senior from Maryvale, joined the club. Both were all-region selections. Line them up with LB Saieed Hasan (6-2, 215), DT Shay Moran (6-3, 251), DE Jason Root (6-3, 240) and DB Brandon Figg (6-0, 195), and Peoria's problems at defense might get solved earlier.

With almost as many returning lettermen (25) and one more all-region selection (8), **Agua Fria** will give Peoria all they can handle in the West Valley race. In fact, they beat the Panthers last year, 14-3. The Owls, coached by Tom Wheatley, fought a season of injuries, dropped a semifinal battle with Tucson Sabino, 35-25, and finished 11-2. Agua Fria has won 10 or more games seven of the last eight years.

Solid returners include all-star TE/LB Adrian Celestino (6-4, 220), with 4.7 speed one of the best players in the region. On defense he intercepted three passes. On offense he caught 13 for 265 yards, averaging 20.4 yards per grab. Two-way tackle Bret McLeod (6-0, 254), like Celestino an all-region pick and three-year varsity player, anchors the Owls' line. Daryl Schafer (6-0, 176), Jayson Johnson (5-11, 167), Aaron Albrand (5-7, 153) and Roman Celaya (5-

1993 PHOENIX METRO 4A TOP 20

1. Peoria Panthers
2. Agua Fria Owls
3. Paradise Valley Trojans
4. Washington Rams
5. Westview Knights
6. Arcadia Titans
7. Ironwood Eagles
8. Cactus Cobras
9. Chaparral Firebirds
10. Alhambra Lions
11. Coronado Dons
12. Greenway Demons
13. Independence Patriots
14. Tempe Buffaloes
15. Goldwater Bulldogs
16. Sunnyslope Vikings
17. Glendale Cardinals
18. Thunderbird Chiefs
19. Centennial Coyotes
20. Cortez Colts

11, 163) roam the secondary; backing up a linebacking corps consisting of Santos Vasquez (5-11, 180), Chris Rogers (6-2, 200) and Cliff Amator (6-3, 190). Their trademark is speed.

Schafer should do a good job at QB, as well as safety. Celaya also plays fullback, where he rushed for 487 yards before breaking his wrist. Johnson also starts at wingback, where he caught 37 passes. Vasquez will start at tailback.

Up front, tackle Jay Hill (5-11, 222) and guards Brian Larson (6-1, 184) and Damien Morrison (6-1, 195) are outstanding two-way players.

In its second year of varsity play, **Westview** made the playoffs. Coach Tom Goodwin's club, playing in the toughest 4A region of the state, finished 6-5. "We have made giant strides in a very young program," says the Knights' head coach. "We have the makings of a good club if we fill the vacancies in our offensive line."

The key to Westview's Run-and-Shoot is three-year starter Marty Rincon (5-8, 140), the smallest QB in 4A football. Last fall he hit on 54% of his passes (113/209) for 1,592 yards and 13 touchdowns. Of those 113 receptions, 69 hit three different receivers who return: Justin Greene (24 catches), Bob Hoak (24 catches) and Jake Green (21 catches). Top blocker up front is tackle Chad Lewis (6-0, 215).

Defensively, the man in the middle is three-year starter Jay R. Hiller (6-0, 200), the Knights' gifted linebacker. With 4.9 speed he also plays running back. Down linemen Richard Miranda (5-11, 240) and Joe Martinez (5-11, 205), plus safety Alex Hollowell (6-1, 160) help give Westview its first solid senior class.

"Our first varsity season was a real learning experience," admits Richard Taylor at **Centennial**, whose club finished 2-8. "We are very positive about the upcoming season."

Tackle Dan Johnson (6-1, 244) and linebacker Brian Rademacher (6-2, 218) are two big reasons for optimism. Both earned all-region recognition. With 401 yards rushing, FB Derek Thulstrup (6-1, 212) was the top ground gainer. With 4.7 speed, WR Ronnie Kelley (5-10, 160) led the Coyotes with 26 catches, good for 410 yards, two scores. Junior tackle Jim Krumpos (6-0, 205) and big Lance Washburn (6-6, 287), a transfer, add beef.

Nose guard Mike Selby (6-0, 215) is backed by linebackers Rademacher, Ozzie Ledesma (5-10, 191) and Ben Hilgart (6-2, 203), forming a promising defensive unit. Hilgart is a junior.

Not as talented as last year's group, **Tolleson** still hopes to improve a 4-6 finish, with 14 squad members back. "We had a better team than our record showed," claims second year coach Roy Moreno. "The kids had to learn our system."

Defense will be the Wolverines strength. Senior DB Gary Chavez (5-10, 170) is the unit's leader. Junior David Leever (5-7, 160) and soph Bud Norman (5-10, 170) join him in the secondary. Junior Chris Ledesma (6-2, 240) is a two-way tackle.

4A EAST VALLEY REGION

1. Scottsdale Arcadia
2. Scottsdale Chaparral
3. Scottsdale Coronado
4. Tempe Union
5. Casa Grande
6. Apache Junction
7. Gilbert Highland

The 4A East Valley Region consists of four members of the "old" East Sky Region, one former 5A club that has moved down, one former 3A team that has moved up and a new school altogether. It should be interesting. Arcadia, Coronado, Tempe and Casa Grande are holdovers from the East Sky. Chaparral has moved down and Apache Junction has moved up in classification, while Highland is about to undertake its initial varsity campaign.

Question: When was the last time **Arcadia** was picked to win the region in football? Answer: A long time ago.

Although the Titans won only three games, and only 13 lettermen return, it's the ability of those 13 that counts. In TE/LB Matt Bair (6-2, 225), Coach Ron Vick has one of the best players in the league. The big Titan caught 22 passes for 327 yards.

Playing for a team which passed for 2,000 yards, TB Kane Dale (6-2, 202) rushed for 604. A safety on defense, Dale should top the 1,000-yard barrier, if he stays healthy. And speaking of defense, Arcadia has one of the league's best linebackers in senior Randy Hakes (6-3, 220), a tackle on offense.

Talented juniors Joe Young (6-2, 240), Seth Staples (6-2, 220) and Sean Cowdrey (5-10, 185), along with seniors Matt Hyde (5-10, 195) and Ryan Johnson (6-0, 190), the club's center, form one of the best lines anywhere. Defensively, Tim Kerrigan (6-1, 190), Art Etter (6-1, 180), Rich Beaton (5-11, 190), Scott Douglas (5-10, 160) and Cameron Mark (6-3, 180), the Titans' kicker, stand out. Kerrigan will probably start at quarterback.

Over at **Chaparral**, the Firebirds move down from 5A competition, and face a new schedule with a similar strength as Arcadia - tough lineman. "We have good depth in the line," says Jim Bevell, whose squad finished 5-5. "We're excited about playing in the new league."

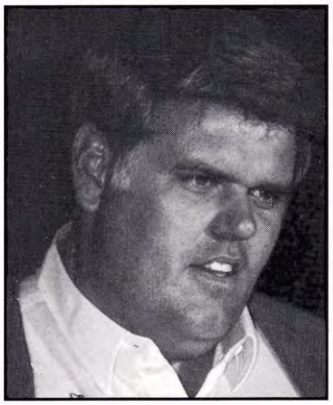
With an opener at Peoria, they better be. Cream of the crop appears to be junior center Donnie Forbes (6-3, 250), along with teammates Randy Williams (6-4, 230), a two-way tackle, and guard Brian Wolfe (6-2, 220), who doubles at linebacker. Both are seniors.

Stocky Sean Shapiro (5-11, 230) is a two-way guard. Key defensive players include DB Mark McCarty (5-8, 155), DE Corbin Muschinski (6-2, 210) and the linebacking crew of Randy Clemson (6-2, 185), David Duffied (6-1, 205) and Jason Burman (6-2, 200).

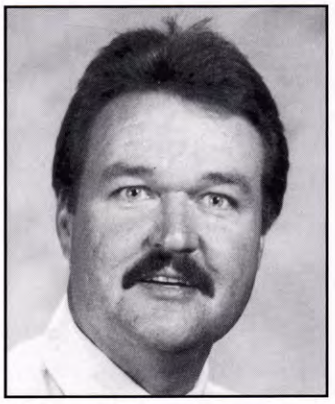
Over at **Coronado**, Joe Corte keeps cranking out tough, hard-nosed running backs. Latest in line is junior Kenny Mantle (5-10, 170), who rushed for 868 yards as a sophomore. He has 4.7 speed and averaged 6.8 yards per clip. Again, the Dons

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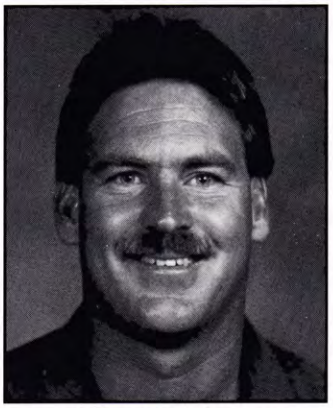
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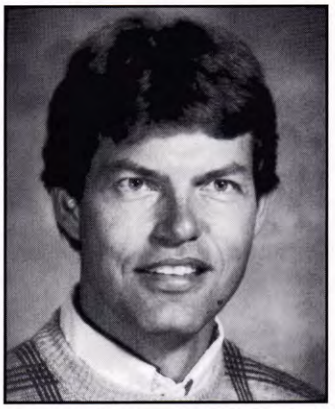
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will have a strong rushing game and a tough defense, with six starters returning. "Our team speed will be much better," claims Corte, whose club finished 6-5.

On defense, DB Gavin Skaggs (6-2, 185) earned all-city recognition. He will be the team's QB. Senior Rich Osborn (5-10, 175) and junior Jason Wilson (6-0, 165) join him in the secondary. Seniors Sam Koch (6-2, 240) and Dustin Lyons (6-2, 200) man the tackles. Butch Montefour (6-0, 180) and junior Chet Snider (5-10, 185) are experienced linebackers.

For **Tempe** the last minute was murder. Tim McBurney's Buffalo Herd lost four games in the last 60 seconds. Agua Fria with 32 left; Mountain Pointe with 28 left; Arcadia with 17 left; Yuma with 55. They finished 2-8 on the season.

Still, Tempe returns 14 squad members with a good work ethic, and improvement is the name of the game. Top of the list is talented back Darnell Autry (6-0, 190), one of the best two-way players in the region. With this Buffalo roaming the secondary, no receiver is safe. In fact, Tempe might have another stellar defense, with the likes of Nathan Mejia (5-8, 210) and Nathan Fullmer (5-10, 190) at tackle, Marvin Wright (6-4, 260) at DE, Tom Morales (5-10, 160) at LB, and J.J. Jefferson (5-6, 140), Alvie Luckey (5-10, 160) and Warren Alford (6-0, 170) roaming the secondary with Autry. Alford will probably be the Buffs' quarterback.

Casa Grande batted .500 in the league, but finished 3-7 overall, so improvement is the name of the game. The Cougars, coached by former pro "Stump" Mitchell, return 17 lettermen, but these four are the key: Junior QB Jason Lenderman (6-1, 195) threw five TD strikes; junior RB Russell Trejo (5-11, 190) rushed for 818 yards, seven TDs; WR John Francois (5-8, 150) and TE Jeremy Alderson. Depth comes from a winning JV club which finished 5-3-0.

Up from the 3A ranks comes **Apache Junction**, where an 0-9 campaign lasted too long. With 19 players back, Jim Burton's squad looks improved, and they better be, moving into 4A.

Seven starters return, headed by two-way star Lucky Johnson (6-1, 210), a fullback-defensive lineman; QB/DB Scott Nine, SE Brian Stalkfleet, RB/DB Brad Penner, RB/DB Joey Przybyszewski, OG/LB Don Imus, OT Ben Bunney, DL Michael Schmitz and SE/DB Tom Reichwald started every game. Centers David Medley and Robert Kesterson, LB Reny Sabas, OG Andrew Harmon and SE Robert Toner saw action.

Over at **Highland**, the new kid on the block in Gilbert, Mike Epperson and his young staff will rely on enthusiasm and execution. "The potential is there for a competitive season," says Epperson. "I have no other promises."

The Hawks will fight for a playoff spot with the youngest club in the league. Junior QB Jason Check (6-0, 185) is the guy in the spotlight. Junior TB Seth Stoltz (5-10, 170) will carry most of the load. He doubles at safety, along with CB Brian Klein (5-9, 160), a starting wideout. Junior Cory Wiltbank (5-11, 180) is the fullback. He also plays linebacker. Sophomore guards Chris Watkins (6-0, 215) and Todd Atwood (6-1, 210) are big, but inexperienced.

4A NORTH VALLEY REGION

1. Paradise Valley
2. Glendale Ironwood
3. Glendale Cactus
4. Phoenix Greenway
5. Phoenix Goldwater
6. Prescott

On paper, **Paradise Valley** looks like the team to beat. The Trojans, coached by Bob Lambie, look solid on the offensive line, mobile at quarterback, and gifted at tailback, where Paul Shields (6-2, 192) returns for his third varsity campaign.

"We move back to the old school building at 40th Street and Bell Road," says Lambie, whose 7-4 club was knocked out in the first round by Brophy. "With the new school (North Canyon) our numbers will be down, and we have zero depth."

Moving down to 4A shouldn't change the performance of junior QB Derek Sawyer (5-9, 160), or interior linemen like Clint Basham (5-9, 190), Shane Hendricks (5-11, 185) or Jack Park (6-0, 205), all three-year lettermen. But the man of the hour should be Shields, who rushed for 1,134 yards on 179 carries, scored 19 touchdowns and 116 points.

But his best game may be defense, where he roams the Trojans' secondary. Along with LB Ken Simonis (5-11, 180), and Basham at NG, Lambie has three of the better defenders in the North Valley. Danny Owens (5-11, 180) is another good backer. Senior Reid Carr (5-9, 165) joins Shields and Sawyer in the secondary. Juniors Ron Sherron (5-10, 175) and Chris

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Gallatin (5-11, 170) are solid two-way players.

Sophomores who could make a significant contribution include QB/LB Don Gonzales (5-11, 170), WB/DB Chaz Collins (5-9, 150) and TE/DE Tom Sherman (6-1, 190). All three run 40 yards in 4.9 seconds.

For **Ironwood**, it was a thrill for Eagle fans to be part of the best team in the school's short history. A Top 10 team all season, Mark Matheson's club was mauled by Tucson Sahuaro, 35-14, in the playoffs' first round, finishing 7-4.

"Our schedule included six of the nine best teams in the state," says Matheson. "All our losses were to playoff teams. Now, we have to replace 11 offense and eight defensive starters."

But the Eagles claim to have a top college prospect in linebacker Jason Daigle (6-2, 235), who doubles at fullback. Two-way tackle Jason Galindo (6-2, 265) is a talented player; big Phil Nielsen (6-4, 255) started last year; so did TE/DE Kevin Wyrick (6-2, 220); RB/DB Victor Vogel (5-10, 165) has good speed; OT Jeff Williams (5-11, 195) is a quick lineman; WR/FS Jimmy Younger (6-0, 185) is game tested; RB/DB Ralph Overland (5-6, 165), like teammate Vogel, is an A-student.

Out of character, **Cactus** went 2-7-1, worst ever in Cobraland. "It was a disaster," says Larry Fetkenhier, who, before last fall, had won 79% of his games. "It was a very un-Cactus year. But we will be better."

And they will be bigger! Cactus moves from the West Valley to the new North Valley region, and brings a ton of beef: OT John Ballard (6-6, 296), OG Nate Williamson (6-3, 270) and DL Justin Moss (6-3, 250) top the scales. They have good size; average speed.

With down lineman Jason Smith (6-1, 200) in the lineup, along with linebackers Jason Calhoun (6-2, 200) and Ben Moore (6-1, 205), the Cobras' defense looks improved. Now for the missing offense. With 4.6 speed, running back Jason Haehn (5-10, 160) is a home run threat. He rushed for 171 yards on 35 carries in a backup role.

New coach Kelly Epley takes over at **Greenway**, where a near-perfect season ended at 12-1. Graduation wiped out the best Demon class ever. Well, almost. All-state nose guard Tony Griswald (6-5, 235), with 4.8 speed a tight end on offense, hasn't picked up *his* diploma yet. That's bad news for opposing centers.

"This will be a rebuilding year," says Epley, an '81 Greenway grad. "The key will be how well we gel under the new system. We have good senior leadership and a great work ethic."

With only 10 players returning, depth will be a problem, so these two-way players could be busy: FB/LB K.J. Anthony (5-9, 175); OC/LB Rob Hurt (5-10, 195); FB/DE Jeremy Akins (6-0, 185); QB/FS Matt Forbes (5-10, 165); and TE/DE Chris Parish (6-3, 210).

But the player to watch will be Griswald, the latest in a growing list of outstanding Greenway athletes, who someday may play in the "big leagues." Running back Finis Ross (6-0, 170), a transfer, could surprise people. "He's a real good athlete and leader," adds Epley, who has been an assistant at Glendale CC for the past three years.

At **Goldwater**, the coaches faced a serious rebuilding year, so they brought up seven sophomores and played them. The result was a 1-9 finish. Improvement is the name of the game. The Bulldogs have moved down to 4A, facing schools more their enrollment size.

Tough little linebacker John Flores (5-8, 175) is the lone senior in a young list of top players to watch. The rest are juniors, starting with two-way tackle Ken Westerhau (6-5, 230) and all-purpose 'Dog Cory Buchberger (6-1, 175), the club's QB, safety and kicker. Both these players could start on any team in the region.

Down linemen Tony Novey (6-1, 185), Bryan Acuna (6-2, 195) and Mike Estes (6-1, 185) can all run and hit, and help give Goldwater a much improved defensive front.

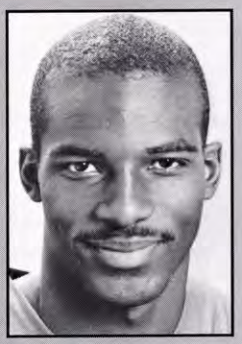
Much-traveled **Prescott** returns 26 players from a 2-7-1 team, so improvement is in store for the Badgers, also. Coach Bill Gahn suited up only seven seniors. Halfback Steve Shipp (5-11, 176) rushed for 1,103 yards behind an adaquet line. Other Badgers to watch include center Doug Crawford (5-11, 205), LB Chris Gilliam (6-3, 225), WR Greg Gologosh (6-3, 190), and junior cornerback Rich Tenney (5-9, 170), to name a few.

Pro parade

According to Gary Wrightof the NFL Seattle Seahawks, 66 different Arizona high schools have alumni who played professional football, in the USA or Canada. Phoenix South Mountain, with 10 players (three active), tops the list.

The Leaders:

Phoenix South Mountain	10
Mesa	8
Phoenix Union	7
Tucson Sunnyside	6
Tempe McClintock	6
Tucson Amphitheater	5
Phoenix Alhambra	5
Tempe	5
Eloy Santa Cruz	4
Avondale Agua Fria	4
Scottsdale Saguaro	4
Tucson	4



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4A CENTRAL VALLEY

1. Phoenix Washington
2. Phoenix Alhambra
3. Glendale Independence
4. Sunnyslope
5. Glendale
6. Phoenix Thunderbird
7. Phoenix Cortez

At **Washington**, the incoming group of seniors have experienced three good years on the gridiron, to say the least. Steve Chisman's crew finished 12-2 after falling to Tucson Sabino in the 4A finals, 28-3. "Last years undefeated JV squad will give us a good young group to rebuild with," says Chisman.

So will 24 returning lettermen, starting with QB Matt Saxe (6-2, 180), who passed for 1,134 yards, five touchdowns. He was picked off 11 times, a stat Chisman hopes to improve. Hard running Ben Sanchez (5-10, 165) had the second most carries (127), rushing for 692 yards, seven TDs.

Two-way back Troy Campbell (5-11, 175), OG/LB Alvin Kitson (6-1, 195), and tackles Chris Wright (6-2, 205) and Tim Hiday (5-10, 195) are four more members from one of the school's all-time best clubs. Hiday also starts at center.

With only 14 lettermen back, **Alhambra** will have little depth, but the offensive line and overall team speed are strong points. "Our kids are competitive and play hard against everybody," says Paul Hoffland, whose teams are 130-118-4 in 26 years. "But we have lost a lot of close games. We need to correct that. If we do, we have a chance to get back in the playoffs."

Key players returning include tackle Frank Sciara (6-3, 235), the leader on the line; center Jon Krenkel (6-2, 220); and junior Eric Johnson (6-0, 170), who could be one of the best offensive backs at Alhambra in years. He started every game at cornerback. Guard David Johnson, tackle Ricky Oliver, and linebackers Doug Schaefer, J.J. Mueller and Mike Elton play key rolls in the Lions' defensive schemes. Schaefer is the teams fullback, Elton starts at quarterback.

The game plan at **Independence** is improvement. Under Pat Lavin it's working. The Patriots won five games, beating Prescott 21-3 in the season final. Nine sophomores started. As freshmen they were 8-0. "Our goal is to win at least seven games and get to the playoffs," says Lavin, 111-57-3 at four Phoenix area schools.

Still, seniors must lead the way. Best bet comes from WR Gilbert Gutierrez (5-8, 150), RB Jevon Mason (5-7, 175) and guard Efran Chavez (5-9, 190). All three play defense. That gifted junior class has a solid two-way tackle with Mike Fanning (6-0, 220) in the lineup. Young Tommy Miller (6-3, 190) is the Patriots' field general. Wesley Holumes (6-0, 170) is a good receiver with 4.7 speed. Little Jeremiah Johnson (5-7, 170) joins Mason in the backfield, and Miller, Holumes and Gutierrez in the secondary.

The sun is shinning bright on **Sunnyslope**, where the Vikings, under Tim Evans, went 7-4, best record since 1985. "We have a great junior class to work with," says Evans, whose team lost to the state's top three clubs: Tucson Sabino, Washington and Greenway.

Head of the class is junior QB Chris Snyder (6-1, 175), a converted receiver who, with 4.7 speed, can also play cornerback. Little Mike Mannix (5-8, 150) plays the other corner on defense, wingback on offense. Junior Mark Simm (5-9, 160) doubles at wideout and safety. The senior class has its share of players - big ones - starting with FB Brad Johnson (6-2, 205), OT Justin Wilkens (6-2, 210), OT Mike Parry (6-2, 285), OT Jim Flynn (5-10, 300) and OG Jake White (6-1, 190).

Moving up from Class 3A, **Glendale** brings 20 lettermen, plus the premier kicker in the region, Matt Belden. The 5-10, 180-pounder averaged 47.6 yards punting, best ever in the city, and booted six field goals - 54 yards the longest. On kickoffs, 33 of 39 sailed out or through the end zone.

The senior class looks solid with RB Dan Wiedoff (5-10, 190), OT Luis Virgil (6-3, 230), LB Cliff Pringle (6-0, 200), NG Randy Standridge (5-9, 240), RB John Davidson (5-10, 170), DE Fred Lopez (5-6, 160) and OG Tom Thompson (5-10, 185) returning. The junior class adds depth and beef with Rich Denny (6-3, 245), Dave Vento (6-1, 245), Ralph Karstens (6-2, 240) and Jon Diede (6-3, 200) on the roster.

Coach Mike Brown's club at **Thunderbird** lost four games, all to teams which reached the quarterfinals. Only nine squadmen return, with big holes to fill in the line and at QB. Quickest Chief in camp is wideout Jason Camilli (6-0, 175), a real burner with 4.5 speed. Tight end Dan Starkins (6-0, 200) caught 23 passes. Cornerback Brian Slaughter (5-10, 165) intercepted five. Big Jon McLure (6-3, 205) joins Al Tisdale (5-11, 170), Angelo Iozzo (5-10, 185) and Starkins to give T'bird a good linebacking corps.

Cortez won only one game, so Colt fans hope seniors like FB Heath Whetsel (5-11, 180), TE/LB Ted Pearson (6-2, 200), QB Gilbert Eschevirria (5-9, 150) and OT Bryan Cast (6-0, 250) improve their game. Junior Lee Martin (6-2, 180), with 4.9 speed, is a promising strong safety.



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Wickenburg defensive back Scott Drescher (32) intercepted nine passes last fall, and here's one of them, run back against Camp Verde. On offense, the talented two-way player scored 18 touchdowns in 1992, and averaged 6.4 yards per carry (Kevin Cole/Wickenburg Sun).

Maricopa's Rams On a Mission

CLASS 3A

Last fall, **Buckeye** lost several key games, all close, at midseason and finished 3-6. Hopefully, the experience they gained will pay off, as Coach Jerry Nunez' club looks improved with a good collection of skill players.

Head of the class is senior Wyatt Welch, a 6-3, 205-pound linebacker who uses 4.8 speed to double at tight end. Classmates Jason Gladden (6-0, 170), the Hawks' key offensive player at QB, and SE/FS Jason Heximer (6-1, 160) must stay healthy. Big Jarod Saylor (6-5, 200) is a solid two-way tackle. One of the top players in the junior class is fullback Chuck Armstrong (6-0, 225), who plays tackle on defense. In fact, with Armstrong, Welch, Heximer and Saylor in the lineup, Buckeye might have the best defensive unit in the 3A-West.

The **Cactus Shadows** Falcons, located in Cave Creek, moves up to 3A warfare with 18 lettermen from a 4-6 club. Coach Gerry LaBelle's squad was tough, losing 22-14 to Bourgade, 12-6 to Camp Verde and 7-0 to top-ranked Wickenburg. "We hope to be in the top four in our league," says LaBelle. Quarterback will be a problem. But untested transfer Eric Resch, from Arlington, Texas, will probably win the job.

Also looking to start at QB is senior Jay Arnold (6-4, 180), who started at safety last year, and junior Brian Smith (5-7, 150), the JV starter. But the key for the Falcons' rides on the shoulders of five seniors: two-way tackle Steven Johnson, a starter since his frosh year, who at 6-2, 240 is one of the best in the 3A-West; RB/DB Joey Hage (5-10, 160), RB/LB Logan Sparks (5-9, 155), RB/LB Devin Verhulst (5-11, 170) and RB/DB Luwin Lazo (5-10, 165).

Guard Vince Champa (5-10, 160), guard Chris Nelson (5-8, 155) and center Matt Fiddler (5-7, 150) were sometime starters. Tight end Craig Yeager (6-1, 170), TE Wade Brakefield (6-2, 165) and OG Josh Ewin (5-8, 165) could lend stability to the line. Junior Rhett Schubert (5-11, 160) is a promising young running back

With only three home games, the Cave Creek school's schedule is murder. Away games at Bradshaw Mountain and Round Valley, in the dome in Springerville, make the going rough.

Seven of the nine teams **Dysart** played reached the state playoffs. Coach Bob McClintock started 10 sophomores and the result was a 2-7 finish. But the JV unit went 6-0, and the varsity has increased its strength, speed and quickness. "We expect to be competitive again," says McClintock.

Leadership needs to come from four seniors: RB/DB Jason Sobarzo (5-6, 160), WR/DB Junior Smith (6-3, 195), RB/FS Lonnie Niesen (6-0, 185) and center Adam Armstrong (5-8, 200). Sobarzo, Smith and Niesen run 40 yards in 4.7 seconds. But a key position is quarterback, and that slot will be filled by a junior, Eric Ganados (6-1, 185).

This will be the first varsity season for **Fountain Hills**, which posted a 6-2 JV record. Coach Jim Fairfield has his entire unit back, including junior QB Dru Martinson (6-2, 175), who passed for 1,302 yards, 15 TDs with the soph crew. Junior Mike Amdahl (6-2, 215) led the team in tackles. Wide receiver Griffin Wyman (5-10, 155) is one senior who will contribute. Junior Sean Maloney (5-10, 150) is Martinson's other wideout. Young Chris Comeau (5-11, 220) will start at center. He's just a sophomore. Casey Huish (5-10, 185) is a defensive leader at linebacker. Linebacker Douglas Ahnne (5-11, 185) and giant tackle Russ Muhle (6-4, 285) are key transfers. The Falcons play in the 3A-West, and are located in one of the fastest growing communities in the state.

CLASS 2A

For much traveled Jake Rowden, one of Arizona's oldest schoolboy coaches, **Maricopa** was a happy place to be. Last fall the Rams reached the playoffs for the first time in over 10 years. His feisty club finished 8-4 after falling to eventual state champ St. Johns, 14-3 in the semifinals.

"Our returning players are experienced and good enough to put us in the championship picture," says Rowden, who was Morenci's head coach in 1953. "But we can't get hurt."

With FB/LB Joey Ambrosius (6-2, 210) on the roster, Maricopa has one of the best all-round players in 2A football. With 4.8 speed, he goes 100% all game, and earned honorable mention all-state last year. "He's a good runner, a hard hitter, has a great attitude and good grades," says his head coach.

Wide receiver Mike Gardner (5-10, 160), with 4.6 forty speed, was the state 2A 100 meter champ. Just a junior, he should be one of the best in the league. Senior QB Kelly Richards (6-1, 180) will do the throwing. Tight end Chris Clayton (6-5, 190) is a big target. Tackles Paul Shaffer (6-2, 240) and Chris Gilbert (6-1, 240) are big linemen.

Another happy playoff camper was **Wickenburg**, where Jon Hill's crew finished 9-2, best at the westside school since 1977. Like Maricopa, WHS lost in the semifinals, 14-7 to eventual runnerup Morenci. "Last year was great," says Hill. "We were full of motivated seniors. This year, I'm concerned about our lack of experience on the offensive line, and our entire defense."

But there's no problem in the backfield. Not with HB Scott Drescher (5-8, 170) and FB Brian Mills (5-10, 185) in the lineup. Last fall, Drescher managed 99 carries, good for 638 yards (6.4) and scored 18 touchdowns. He also averaged 16 yards per catch. But he's best position might be defense, where he intercepted nine passes at a corner. And the same goes for Mills, who might be one of the best linebackers in the 2A-North.

With senior OG/DT Pete Tolar (6-0, 185) and senior WR/DB Lance Hancock (6-0, 150) going both ways, Wickenburg needs a full season of production from juniors like RB/DB Sam Laurella (5-8, 165), WR/DB Issac Snyder (6-0, 155) and TE/DE Kevin McComb (6-2, 195), to name a few, to reach the playoffs. Junior QB Josh Magden (6-2, 180) must play well, too.

Last year the Wranglers scored 330 points; gave up only 69. If the line develops in the off-season, backs like Drescher, Mills and Laurella might light it up again.

It was a banner year at **Bourgade Catholic**, also, where the Golden Eagles reached the 2A quarterfinals. Bill Cerjak's squad dropped a hard fought game to Maricopa, 28-13. "It was a great season," adds Cerjak. "We have another good group of athletes returning. It looks positive."

At Bourgade, the game starts at quarterback, where senior Mike Bonds is back. The 6-1, 180-pound field general passed for 1,106 yards and seven touchdowns. The brother of former St. Mary's all-state QB John Bonds, this youngster also catches on the baseball team, and has a rocket-arm to second. "He's a good athlete," says his head coach.

Bonds has a flock of receivers back. One target is HB Joe Laguna (5-10, 170). With 4.7 speed he caught 19 passes for 306 yards. Taking handoffs, he ran for 979 yards and scored 18 touchdowns - one an 85 yard kickoff return. Wingback Chris Paz (5-11, 165), junior TE Ed Garcia (6-1, 185) and soph WR Sam Hockless (5-11, 160; 4.6) can give defensive backs headaches.

Senior tackles Chris Spencer (6-0, 185) and Shawn Gatson (5-11, 185) are mobile blockers. Mobile enough to play linebacker. Junior guard Alfred Vasquez (5-10, 170) is a tough two-way player. Last year the Eagles finished 8-3; best record at the school in 20 years. They didn't win a game in 1992.

Last year, **Phoenix Christian** went 5-4; first winning season in five years. Coach Keith Brown returns 17 Cougars, more than half the team, so a better record is possible. "We matured and learned how to win," says the second year coach. "But we still need depth."

The best and quickest Cougar looks like QB Cameron Conder (6-0, 180), a senior with 4.6 speed who doubles at safety. He's all-league material. So is OG/LB Jeff Smith (6-6, 250), another two-way starter. With 5.0 speed he might develop into a college prospect. Senior WR Shawn Vander Nalt (6-0, 160) and junior RB Josh Barton (5-10, 195) make the Run & Shoot go So does center Adam Fisher (5-9, 220) and TE Joe Barton (5-11, 190). Mark Tomb, Dan Skirvin, Dan Boschma, Jon Woolston and Dwayne Gardin also start.

Gila Bend, coached by Terry Nodlinski, returns 15 players from an 4-5-1 club. Inexperience showed in key games, but key players at key positions, like QB/FS Lucio Villegas (6-1, 165) and LB/OG Gabriel Alvarez (5-11, 185) return. Villegas ran for 204 yards and passed for 955. On defense he intercepted a school record 11 passes. Alvarez had three QB sacks and was in on 80 tackles. So was DB Mike Hipp (5-11, 170), who, like Villegas and Alvarez, runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds. Two junior linebackers, Roberto Valdez and Danny Clouse, and speedy receiver Bo Gonzalez, deserve mention.

In the 2A Central, **Tempe Valley Christian** looks strongest in the North League. Coach Bernie Benson returns eight offensive starters, including QB Brandon Doom (6-4, 180) and pass catcher Carson Doom (6-4, 185). These roommates are good athletes. Both run the high hurdles in 15.5 seconds. Last fall, Brandon passed for 613 yards; rushed for 281. Carson caught 19 passes for 262 yards (13.8), rushed for 750 yards, and returned kicks.

Little RB/DB Tim Bock (5-8, 150) picked off two passes. So did DB Jeremy Osheel (6-0, 185). Big Chuck Martin (6-4, 290) was in on 74 tackles. Guards Ryan Ellis (6-1, 220) and Andy Reinbold (6-4, 200) flank giant center Ryan Vermilion (6-1, 300).

Junior Bryce Barnes (6-1, 150) appears to be the backup quarterback. He also plays linebacker. Ends Jeff Bokamper (6-4, 190) and David Green (6-2, 160) add depth to the Trojans' receiving corps.

Coach Dan Kennedy hopes 18 returning lettermen give **Queen Creek** much needed depth and experience. "We have good skill players but lack physical size and speed," says the Bulldogs' mentor.

Quarterback Jim Ferguson (5-10, 150), junior halfback Eddie Campos (5-9, 175) and two-way guard Manuel Trujillo (5-8, 190) are again listed by the coaching staff as top players. More senior leadership is needed from RB Frank Escalera (5-9, 165), center Sonny Chavez (5-8, 160), and tackles Robert Herrara (6-0, 200) and Matt Perkins (6-4, 200). Junior starters include TE Rick Burkmeier (6-2, 190), DT Rene Chavez (6-0, 180), DB Jeff Farmer (5-7, 150) and DB Monte Ketcherside (5-9, 150). Sophomore Justin Hawley (5-9, 160) is a promising running back.

Jim Timpani, a former assistant at Corona del Sol in Tempe, has been named head coach at **Seton Catholic**. The Sentinels had a 3-7 record last year. "Our goal is to be in the playoffs this year, and I believe with the talent we have and some hard work, we can make it," predicts the new coach. Senior Miguel Ruiz has added speed to the running game. Junior Dan Walker (5-10, 195) looks good at fullback. Luis Olivas and Jeff Dominquez start.

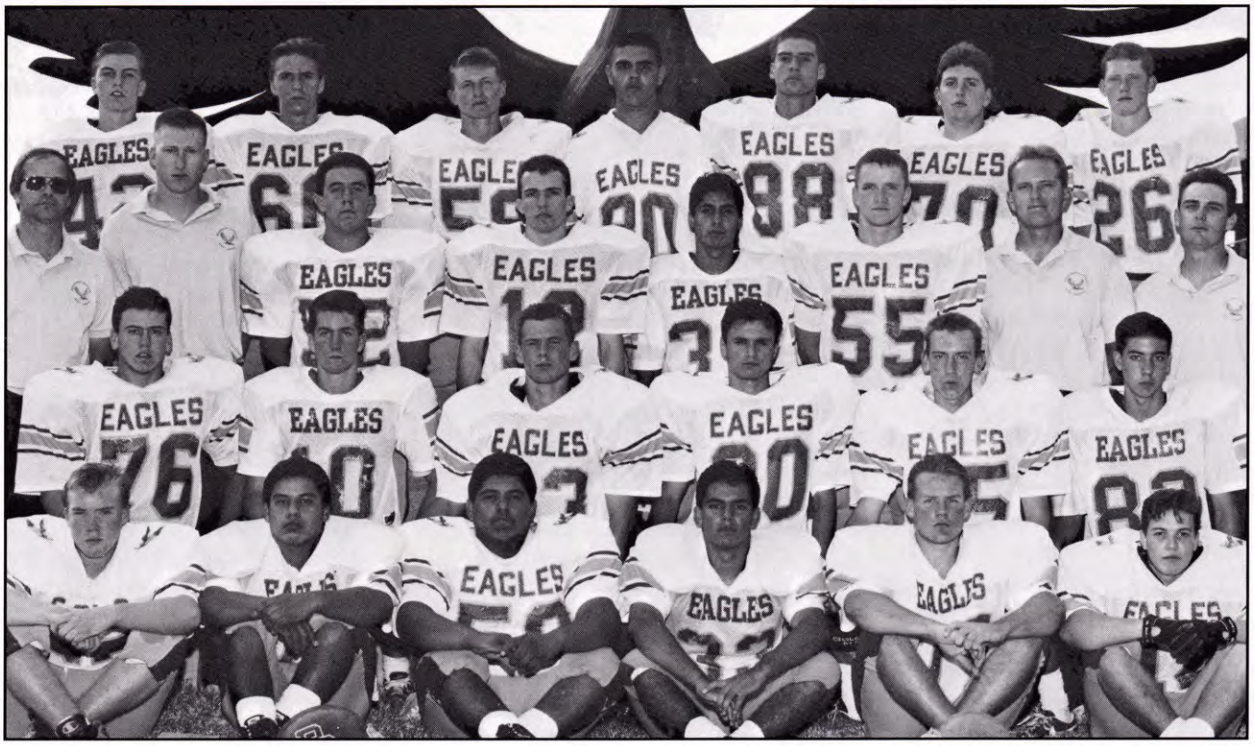
8-MAN

In the Valley 8-man wars, **Scottsdale Christian Academy** could be the team to beat, with 24 players back from a 25-man club. "We will have more players, a bigger, faster, stronger team, and good depth," warns second year coach Charlie Hetzer, whose team finished 4-4. "We played only one senior last year."

The junior class will be the key, and QB

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Greg Davis (5-10, 170) the key player. With 4.8 speed, he also starts in the secondary. But his prime target will be a senior, WR Brandon Latart (5-10, 170), another two-way player who starts in the secondary. Juniors Mike Apostol (6-1, 190) and soph Andian Heath (5-8, 165) are the Eagles' running backs. Junior Jason Hetzer (6-3, 200) and soph Josh Bryant (6-5, 250) start on the line.

With so many underclassmen in the lineup, the Eagles might appear one year away. Don't bet on it. If they stay healthy, SCA will be in the playoff hunt this year.

Still, until proven otherwise, the team to beat is **Arizona Lutheran**. The defending state champs (11-0) lost only to graduation, where almost everybody picked up a diploma, including all-state TB Taylor Hedrick, an Arizona State walk-on.

Only one game last year was not decided by the 42-point mercy rule, including the state championship win over Patagonia, 56-14. The defense didn't allow a rushing TD all year. Every starter made first team all-conference, eight were chosen first team all-state, one was picked second team, and two others were honorable mention.

"We graduated a lot of good players," says Doug Lange, 35-14-0 in five years at ALA. "But we also return two first team all-state selections, and one honorable mention all-conference pick. So the cupboard is not dry. We should be a strong contender again."

Those two all-state picks are linebacker Matt Sonntag (5-11, 185), who doubles at FB, and OG/DT Jason Jaehnig (5-9, 192), maybe the best lineman ever at the school. Robert Tierney (5-7, 180) is an outstanding running back, but may be switched to QB this fall. He's played behind Hedrick for two years. However, senior Brian Brooks (5-9, 160) will also vie for the QB job.

Other Coyotes to keep an eye on include RB/DB David Pinchoff (5-8, 155), WR/DB Brad Percy (5-10, 160), both seniors; center Mike Wendt (5-10, 190), a junior who doubles at NG; FB/DE Kurt Duff (5-10, 190) and OG/DG Chris Wright (5-10, 200), both sophomores.

Over at **Northwest Community Christian**, the Crusaders will find out what life without Dave Wahlstrom will be like. The talented three-sport star (a QB in football) has accepted a basketball-baseball scholarship to Chapman College in California. Another loss is head coach Barry Silvers, so NWCC has to regroup.

They do return four key players from a 6-2 club which lost to Heber Mogollon in the playoff's first round: all-state center Matt Kimmerle (6-2, 215), a three-year starter; OL/DL Kevin Mestowski (6-1, 265), another three-year starter; WR/DB John McMahan (5-10, 170), also a three-year starter who was second in tackles; and WR Zack Hope (5-11, 160), one of the fastest players in the 1A ranks.

Senior Vince DeAmbrose (6-2, 190) might start at QB. Teammate Drew Loper (5-11, 165) is a small but quick LB. Juniors Justin Masters (5-11, 180) and Jason Laous (5-9, 165) will line-up at fullback, tailback respectively.

Over at **Salome**, 12 major injuries almost decimated the program. Still, the Frogs managed to win three games. Coach Dan Wolfe returns 10 healthy bodies, so the outlook seems brighter.

"We will be very tough on both sides of our line," warns Wolfe. "It's the backfield that is a concern. We will be counting on newcomers to the program."

Two brothers, Marshall and Jeff Clark, anchor the line. Marshall, a junior guard, is 5-10, 204-pounds. Jeff, a senior center, is 5-10, 180. Both play defense, Marshall at end, Jeff at nose guard.

Junior quarterback Ruben Beltran (5-9, 145) doubles in the secondary. Sophomore guard Shawn Leach (5-10, 185) is a good linebacker.

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Marcus Williams

TOUCHDOWNS (GAME)
6 .....Cotton Reiman, Phoenix Union, 1928
6 .....Art Halbrook, Glendale, 1936
6 .....Bill Crabtree, Agua Fria, 1952 (so)
6 .....Phil Smith, Cortez, 1967
6 .....Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
6 .....Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
6 ... .Art Greathouse, McClintock, 1984 (jr)
6 .....Darren Woodson, Maryvale, 1986
6 .....Andrew McCormick, McClintock, '90
6 .....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990 (so)

TOUCHDOWNS (SEASON)
38 .....Brian Drew, McClintock, 1989
34 .....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1988
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
28 .....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1992
27 .....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1956 (so)
26 .....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
26 .....Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1988
25 .....Quentin Gregory, Arcadia, 1960
25 .....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1967
25 .....Paul Kasprzyk, Mountain View, 1983
25 .....Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985
25 .....T. Ford, Peoria, 1990 (jr)

TOUCHDOWNS (CAREER)
76 .....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88 (3)
76 .....Mike Mitchell, Beophy Prep, 1990-92
63 .....George Greathouse, Carver/
.....Phoenix Union, 1952-55 (4)
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
48 .....Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1988-89
48 .....T. Ford, Peoria, 1989-91
47 .....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
47 .....Robert Glanton, Agua Fria, 1990-92

POINTS (GAME)
36 .....Cotton Rieman, Phoenix Union, 1928
36 .....Art Halbrook, Glendale, 1936
36 .....Bill Crabtree, Arcadia, 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)

POINTS (SEASON)
228 .....Brian Drew, McClintock, 1989
213 .....Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985
204 .....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1988
190 .....Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1989
188 .....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1987 (jr)
181 .....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
180 .....Marvin Johnson, Peoria, 1987
174 .....Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
174 .....Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
174 .....Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1989

POINTS (CAREER)
460 .....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88 (3)
456 .....Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1990-92
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
320 .....Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1987-89

RUSHING YARDS (GAME)
358 .....Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
344 .....Brian Pringle, Sunnyslope, 1970
339 .....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972 (so)
334 .....Paul Fichiera, Coronado, 1990 (jr)
328 .....Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1989
327 .....Jim McQuinn, Central, 1976
315 .....Ryan Christopherson, Cactus, 1989
315 .....Mike Mitchell, Brophy, 1991 (jr)
314 .....Vai Sikahema, Mesa, 1978

RUSHING YARDS (SEASON)
2,201 ..Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1992
2,003 ..Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1989
1,995 ..Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1991 (jr)
1,991 ..Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
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
1,854 ..Kevin Galbreath, Maryvale, 1986 (jr)
1,821 ..Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1989
1,812 ..Marvin Johnson, Peoria, 1987
1,775 ..Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1987 (jr)

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 (3)
4,128 ..Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88
4,050 ..Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
3,828 ..Reggie McGill, St. Mary's, 1984-86
3,650 ..Kevin Galbreath, Maryvale, 1985-87
3,632 ..David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1973-75
3,570 ..Paul Fichiera, Coronado, 1989-91
3,532 ..Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1978-81

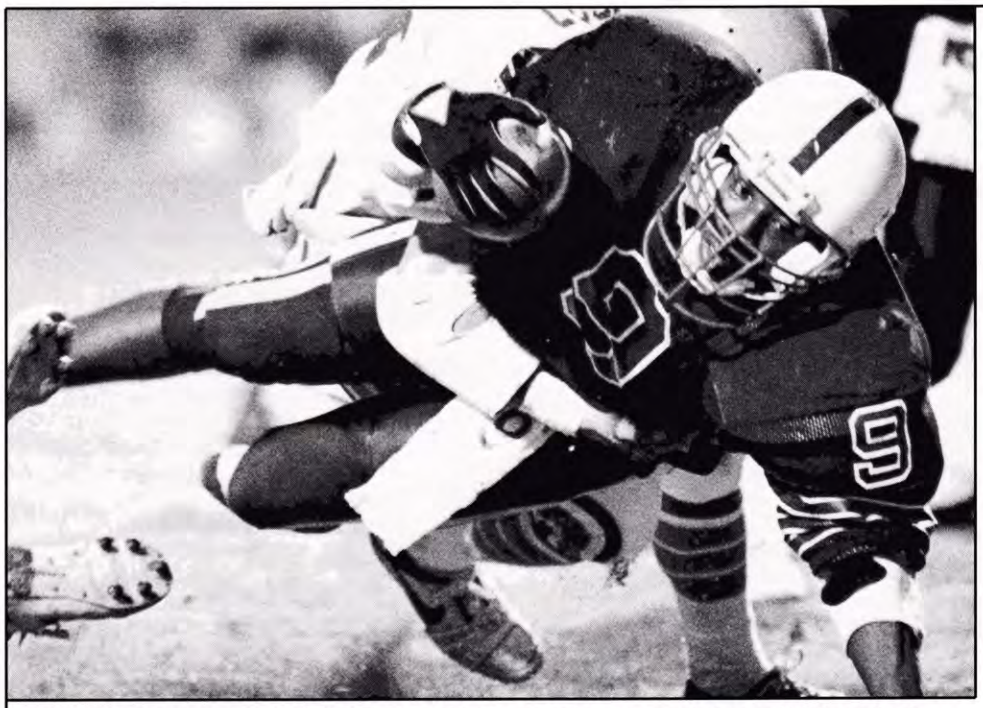
CARRIES (GAME)
45 .....Jose Valenzuela, Apache Jct., 1989
44 .....Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1975
44 .....Carlos Cochrane, Ironwood, 1991 (jr)
43 .....Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1975
40 .....Craig Amack, Tempe, 1974
40 .....Ryan Christopherson, Cactus, 1989
39 .....Gus Armstrong, St. Mary's, 1976
38 .....Irby Cain, North, 1961

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
10.1 ....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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99 .....Craig Ponciziak, Gerard, 1964
99 .....Jerry Harper, Chaparral, 1980
99 .....Tom Collins, Apollo, 1985
99 .....Randy Carr, Central, 1986
98 .....Marvin Davis, Tempe, 1950
98 .....Jim Rawlins, Tempe, 1950
98 .....Danny Arrendondo, Tempe, 1952
98 .....Paul Fichiera, Coronado, 1990 (jr)

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME (SEASON)
183.4 ..Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1992
181.0 ..Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
173.8 ..Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
173.2 ..Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1988
166.9 ..Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1989
162.1 ..Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1981
160.6 ..Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966

PASSING YARDS (GAME)
404 .....Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971
403 .....Rick Johnson, Paradise Valley, 1983
385 .....Rick Savale, Arcadia, 1966
380 .....Bob Pitre, Arcadia, 1975
374 .....Jason McCullough, Arcadia, 1992
365 .....Todd Sheridan, Arcadia, 1982
351 .....Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1971
351 .....Kerry Kersting, Alhambra, 1978
347 .....Brian Judd, Cactus, 1989

PASSING YARDS (SEASON)
2,529 ..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)
2,033 ..William Babb, Peoria, 1987
2,011 ..Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1974

PASSING YARDS (CAREER)
6,346 ..Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-85 (3)
4,712 ..Scott Molander, CDS, 1982-84
4,596 ..Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1982-84
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
3.995 ..Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1973-74 (2)
3,616 ..Jason McCullough, Arcadia, 1990-92
3,597 ..Tom Baker, St Mary's, 1969-71

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (GAME)
7 .....Tommy Scott, Gilbert, 1926
6 .....Duncan Brown, Mesa, 1924
6 .....Charlie Beal, Mesa, 1943
6 .....Gary Carpenter, North, 1968
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

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)
27 .....Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1991
24 .....Chris Calgano, Gerard, 1974
23 .....Greg Hubbell, Central, 1972
23 .....Chris Stanfield, Mesa, 1981
23 .....William Babb, Peoria, 1987
22 .....Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, 1967 (jr)
22 .....Chris Skelly, St. Mary's, 1974
22 .....Brian Judd, Cactus, 1989
22 .....Steve Connolly, Washington, 1989
22 .....Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969 (so)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (CAREER)
51 .....Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-85 (3)
47 .....Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1990-91 (2)
45 .....Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969-71
40 .....Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, 1966-68
40 .....Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1982-84

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS
99 .....Frank Zellner to Gloyes Lemons,
.....Buckeye, 1955
99 .....Doug Stitler to Curt Reimann,
.....Brophy Prep, 1978
98 .....Ken Butler to Ralph Flores,
.....Sunnyslope, 1960
97 .....Al Eliserio to Al Dossie,
.....Phoenix Union, 1976
97 .....Steve Belles to Chris Buford,
.....St. Mary's, 1982

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
64 .....Scott McLouth, Gilbert, 1985
61 .....Bryan Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1983 (jr)
60 .....Bill Sorcineli, Camelback, 1964
59 .....Travis Ligons, Cactus, 1984
58 .....Ed Flores, Arcadia, 1976
58 .....Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
58 .....Ernie Salazar, Paradise Valley, '86 (jr)

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

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224 .....David Donahue, McClintock, 1982
220 .....Todd Young, MDN, 1983 (jr)

RECIEIVING YARDS (SEASON)
1,226 ..Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
1,201 ..Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989
1,188 ..Tony Vining, Cactus, 1991
1,090 ..Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
1,090 ..Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985
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
1,733 ..Cleveland Colter, Mclintock, 1983-85
1,661 ..Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-present
1,585 ..Rich Groppenbacher, McC., 1982-84
1,539 ..Glenn Dennard, CDS, 1979-81

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

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (SEASON)
15 .....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989 (jr)
14 .....Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)
14 .....Dewey Horton, Gilbert, 1977
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

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (CAREER)
29 .....Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
26 .....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-90
21 .....Carlos Artis, Washington, 1988-90
20 .....Charles Christopher, Carver, 1950-53
19 .....Dick Harris, Tempe/Westwood, '68-70
18 .....Jesus Tirado, MDN, 1972-74
18 .....Glenn Dennard, CDS, 1979-81

AVERAGE YARDS PER RECEPTION (SEASON)
37.7 ....Tom White, Saguaro, 1975
35.9 ....Pete Weidner, Tempe, 1984
34.5 ....Craig Radke, Horizon, 1989
29.1 ....Craig Spann, South, 1992
28.3 ....Randall McDaniel, Agua Fria, 1982
27.8 ....Robert Hailey, Trevor Browne, 1983

INTERCEPTIONS (GAME)
5 .....Dick Gwinn, Judson, 1964
4 .....Ned Newell, Mesa, 1921
4 .....Albert Guthrie, Mesa, 1921
4 .....Seth Williams, Glendale, 1958
4 .....Craig Cardon, Mesa, 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

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)
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24 .....Carlos Artis, Washington, 1988-90
20 .....Rhon McKinney, North, 1985-86 (2)
19 .....Bill Dipley, Arcadia, 1965-66 (2)
18 .....Phillippi Sparks, Maryvale, 1985-86

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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 Mtn., 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

FIELD GOALS (SEASON)
19 .....Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1985
16 .....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
13 .....Phil Insalaco, Phoenix Christian, 1984
12 .....Randy Weiskittle, Brophy Prep, 1987
12 .....Kyle Bell, McClintock, 1989
12 .....Mario Silva, St. Mary's, 1990
12 .....Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
11 .....Matt McKinney, Saguaro, 1978
11 .....Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1984 (jr)
11 .....Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, 1985 (jr)

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36 .....Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1983-85
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LONGEST FIELD GOAL
62 .....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
55 .....Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
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54 .....Bob Facio, Gerard, 1977
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54 .....Matt Belden, Glendale, 1992 (jr)
52 .....Lee Pistor, Central, 1973
52 .....Benny Moreno, North, 1977
52 .....David Ohton, Alhambra, 1977
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52 .....Steve Rausch, Dobson, 1987
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15 .....Danny White, Westwood, 1969
11 .....Ed Brooks, Phoenix Union, 1914
10 .....Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985

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69 .....Tony Camino, Peoria, 1987
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55 .....Lee Toone, Cactus Shadows, 1988
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84 .....John Durso, Arcadia, 1976
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77 .....Doug Pasanella, Paradise Valley,'78
75 .....Oscar Reynolds, St. Mary's, 1939
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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
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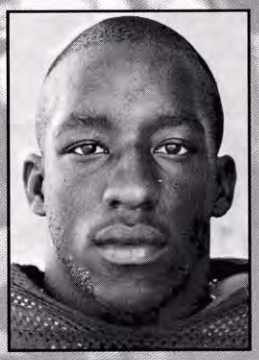
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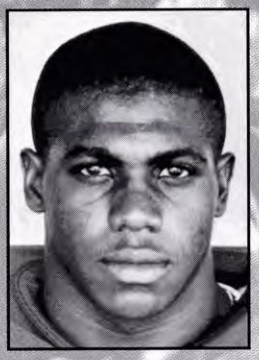
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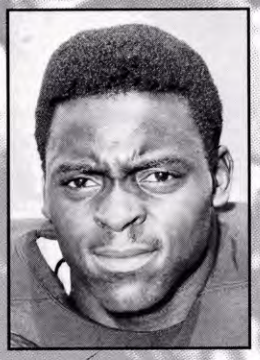
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1975 .....Brian Felix, Phoenix Union
1974 .....David Mitchell, Phoenix St. Mary's (jr)
1973 .....Ronnie Bonner, Mesa Westwood (jr)
1972 .....Jesse Parker, Tucson Rincon
1971 .....Manuel Jones, Phoenix Union
1970 .....Don Washington, Agua Fria (jr)
1969 .....Benny Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz
1968 .....Joe Petroshus, Tucson
1967 .....Tim Smith, Phoenix St. Mary's
1966 .....Bob Soza, Mesa Westwood
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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
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1951 .....Hadley Hicks, Bisbee
1950 .....Don Beasley, Mesa
1949 .....Danny Seivert, Phoenix St. Mary's
1948 .....Gib Dawson, Douglas
1947 .....Marvin Wahlin, Casa Grande
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1944 .....Lowell McDonald, Glendale
1943 .....Fred Batiste, Tucson
1942 .....Jim Nafiger, North Phoenix

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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10 Years Ago (1983)

Mountain View All The Way

Except for a few tense moments against Chandler, the outcome was never in doubt. The outcome was the 1983 Class AAA championship, won by Mesa Mountain View over Tempe McClintock, 34-14.

Nobody played the Toros tough.

The title game, played before 19,000-plus fans at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, was close for a half. McClintock, with more than 20 underclassmen on its roster, was leading 14-13 midway through the third period. But the Toros' Ric Rader sprinted 60 yards for a score and the rout was on.

Both Mountain View, which had never lost to McClintock, and the Chargers play in the same league. They met earlier in October and the Toros prevailed, 21-13, in a live TV game in Tempe. McClintock is now 0-7 against MVHS, although both schools won two state championships between 1977-83.

Nobody played Jesse Parker's crew close in the playoffs. Tempe fell 35-17, Moon Valley 28-0, Sierra Vista Buena 36-0, and McClintock 34-14. Parker, a Texas native who today has won over 200 games, notched his third state championship in the Grand Canyon State. In 1974, while at Phoenix Camelback, his Spartans beat Phoenix St. Mary's in the AAA finals.

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

But the name of the game is "high school" football, not college. Mountain View prides itself on beating teams which wear white shoes and produce lots of "college prospects." The Toros were the hottest brand going. Since the school opened, Parker's teams had won 86% of their games. Earlier in the spring, he produced his first NFL draft pick, when former Toro linebacker Todd Shell signed with the San Francisco 49ers, out of BYU.

Tailback Paul Kasprzyk, a University of Arizona signee, ran for 1,631 yards and scored 25 touchdowns in '83. He excelled in every sport he tried. He was the state decathlon champion, a state wrestling champion and, arguably, with a best mark of 15 feet, the state's top pole vaulter. He was picked state MVP by *The Arizona Republic*. Anthony Parker, McClintock's do-everything back, was *The Phoenix Gazette* Player of the Year. Today, Parker plays for the Minnesota Vikings.

For Mountain View, guard Stuart Frost, deep backs Scott Hutson and Jamie Jamieson, tackles Steve Frost and Brian Tennison, linebacker Dan Palmer and punter Mike Schuh earned all-state recognition.



Paul Kasprzyk scores one of three first-half touchdowns against rival Mesa. Teammate Will Crum (40) heads for the bench (Mesa Tribune photo).

Good football has always been played in the Mesa Public School System. The granddaddy of them all, Mesa High, later became the first school in state history to win 500 games. The Jackrabbits, for example, are 10-0 against California schools. But the 'Rabbits, like most schools, have a hard time beating Mountain View. The '83 Toros beat city rivals Westwood 31-0, Dobson 24-8, and Mesa 45-0.

This Toro club scored 438 points, rushed for 3,603 yards, and passed for 1,608. On defense, they intercepted a city record 34 enemy passes. Seven years later, *Phoenix Metro Football* magazine picked this Toro club as the top Arizona squad during the Decade of the '80s.

Last fall, at the start of the 1992 high school campaign, Mountain View became the first Mesa school since 1961 to play an out-of-state club, when they went way out-of-state, to Hawaii, and clashed with Honolulu St. Louis.

Although the Toros dropped a 21-7 contest, played at Aloha Stadium, they looked impressive at times, with four interceptions and a blocked punt.

"We wanted to say something about Arizona football, and I guess we didn't," said Parker. "But they're (St. Louis) no big deal. They're no better than the people we play at home. Football is a game where you can't let people have big plays, and we let them have three big plays."

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20 Years Ago (1973)

The Jaws of the Tiger

Gilbert's mighty defense, which had seven shutouts during the regular season, was the difference in the 1973 Class A finals, a 27-6 Tiger win over high scoring Morenci.

Coach Dan Dunn's forces stopped the mining town's ground game, which had averaged over 300 yards per game. Forced to go to the air, Morenci saw six of its passes intercepted by the tenacious Tiger defense.

Then there was Chris Laursen, a bruising 6-3, 230-pound middle guard who also played fullback. Laursen, who wasn't supposed to play much on offense, came up with the game-breaker three minutes into the second half. He went off right guard, straight-armed one defender, then outran the others en route to a 57-yard touchdown. Dwayne Arrington booted three of four conversions.

While nobody took Gilbert seriously until they clobbered Phoenix Gerard (see chart) at midseason, everybody in eastern Arizona was high on Morenci. Halfway through the season, the only scar on the Phelps Dodge team was inflicted by Safford, a Class AA school which beat the Wildcats, 7-6. Against similar foes, Morenci's wishbone offense averaged 35 points per game.

Meanwhile, Gilbert was winning with scores like 11-0, 10-0, 6-0, with a 44-0 pasting of Ray thrown in. It wasn't until the Tigers beat Gerard and Eloy Santa Cruz back-to-back, that the pollsters realized that Dunn's crew was for real. They entered the playoffs rated No. 3 in the state.

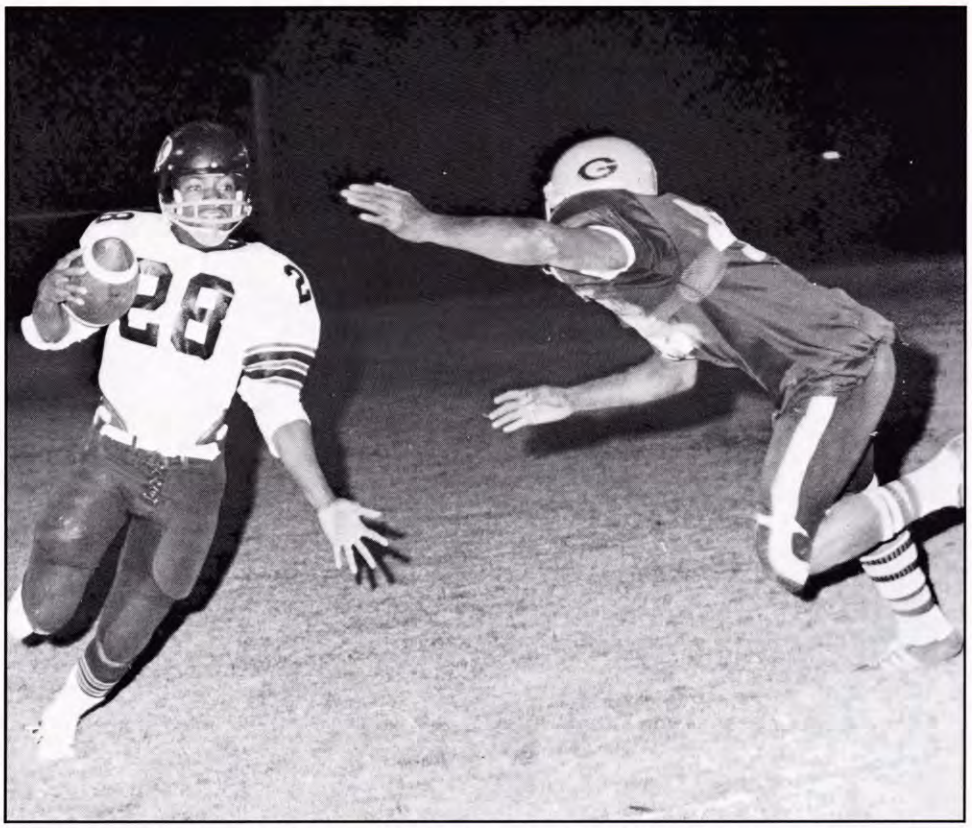
"The thing that made the season so enjoyable, was that we didn't expect this from the kids until next year," said Dunn. "We're a year early. We're expecting a super team next season."

In the state semifinals, Morenci's Tony Lizarraga killed Phoenix Bourgade with an 81-yard touchdown run and a crazy 76-yard kickoff return. Lizarraga, Jimmy Martin and fullback Guy Hudson made Vern Friedli's offense go.

But in the finals, Gilbert's defense was overwhelming. After surviving a 7-6 overtime thriller with Holbrook in the semis, the Tigers were on their way. They kept seven teams from crossing the goal line, four crossed just once, and only Santa Cruz scored twice.

What a defense!

It picked off 17 enemy aerials, recovered 43 enemy fumbles, blocked 13 punts and tossed quarterbacks 77 times for losses, totaling 390 negative yards. In the playoffs the kicking game is important. Throughout the campaign, Gilbert was near perfect. The Tigers totaled 1,251 return yardage, 113.7 per game.



Morenci halfback Jimmy Martin is about to run into a dead end, in the form of junior linebacker Donnie Seamster. Tigers stone wall defense stuffed the Wildcats, 27-6, in the Class A finals.

Three Tigers earned first team all-state recognition: Laursen, as a middle guard, linebacker Fred Clare, and defensive back Ray Mendoza. Laursen, an Arizona State signee, was the leading vote getter on the squad. Three juniors, halfback Rick Kelton, linebacker Donnie Seamster, tackle Steve Granado and defensive back Arnold Valenzuela earned first-time honors in 1974.

But that club finished just 7-2, and out of the playoff race. Still, Dunn's '73 club was his first of three state championships. His Tigers won it again two years later, a 17-0 skunking of Page. Then, when Gilbert moved up to Class AA, his once-beaten Tigers won it all in 1978; another shutout, 14-0 over Tolleson.

In 1979 and 1981, Dunn's last year with the Tigers, his teams finished runnerup to Phoenix Gerard and Flagstaff, respectively. When he left the Gilbert school, he had compiled an 88-23-1 record, a .793 winning percentage. He later coached at Mesa Community College, and today is the head coach at Payson High School.

Dunn was replaced by his brother Rick, a Tiger assistant. As the head coach, he guided the Tiger program for eight years, winning the Class AA crown in 1985, a 27-0 blanking (what else!) of Glendale Cactus.

But it was during Rick's tenure that the growth of Gilbert forced the Tigers into the large school ranks, a classification they have struggled with. In six years, the Tigers have fielded only two winning seasons in 5A football, one under Dunn and one under Richard Gray. So fast is the growth in Gilbert, the city's second high school, Highland, opens this fall. The new school will cut into Gilbert High's enrollment and athletic depth.

But the Tigers have been playing football since 1923. Ironically, that first club, coached by Owen Allen, finished 8-0 and won the Class B state championship. Historically, they have won 385 games, seventh best in state history.

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30 Years Ago (1963)

Mesa Now "Fairest Of All"

Defending state champ Arcadia looked into a mirror and didn't like what it saw. Everything was in reverse.

The first thing backward was the score. The top-ranked Titans lost 13-12 to Mesa. The outcome switched the state's sentiment for this year's top prep team to the Jackrabbits.

It was almost a duplicate of last year's tilt between the Division I powerhouses. Only the score was different.

Although the record books indicate that Mesa defeated Tucson Rincon for the 1963 Class AA crown in November, the Rabbits for all purposes won the title in September.

"We knew going over there (Scottsdale) that Arcadia would be a tough, tough opponent," said head coach Royal Price years later. "Their 1962 club was awesome. One of the best in the country, maybe. But we got after them. The lightweight decisioned the heavyweight, that night."

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

Matsumoto, a 5-foot, 5-inch, 135-pound all-state linebacker, blocked two Arcadia extra points, and stopped Arcadia's great quarterback, Nicky Nichols, when the Titans' signal caller tried to run for an additional extra-point after a penalty.

Arcadia was fired up but was hampered by an injury to all-state fullback Dana Woudenberg (a USC signee), which kept the big workhorse from going full speed. Arcadia's Nichols, an all-state baseball player, state decathlon champion, and later MVP in the North-South all-star football game in Flagstaff, fooled Mesa on two great runs, then wowed the 5,500 fans at Arcadia's field with a 65-yard kick.

But the game, and the season, belonged to Mesa. For the 'Rabbits, the defense rested its case.

Often.

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

Later in October, quarterback Mike Elliott scored the game's only points during a 6-0 struggle with Scottsdale. But Mesa's football machine started to crank it up in November, as 11,000 fans watched the first-ever Mesa-Westwood battle, a 28-7 'Rabbit triumph.



End of the line for Arcadia! With tackle Dave Keating (78) in pursuit, Mesa defenders move in to stop Arcadia quarterback Nicky Nichols in last seconds of 13-12 opening win in Scottsdale. No. 31 on the ground is Titan fullback Dana Woudenberg.

The victory, before a capacity crowd at historic Jackrabbit Stadium on Broadway, elevated "Sharkey" Price's crew to 8-0 and clinched the division championship.

Mesa's defense, keyed around Elmer Hill and Matsumoto, stymied every offensive thrust young Westwood - playing with no seniors on campus - could muster. The Warriors, in their first varsity season, were coached by Mesa's legendary Edgar "Mutt" Ford, who 30 years later would still be Arizona's all-time winningest coach with 227 triumphs.

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

In the semis at Arizona State, delayed a week due to President Kennedy's assasination in Dallas, Mesa's Purple Gang held South Mountain's talented offense to 49 yards rushing and 28 passing in a 20-14 classic, played before 10,000 fans. South got its first first-down in the fourth quarter. Fullback Gerald Kearns carried 28 times for 134 yards and one score; Elliott scored on a short run and tossed a TD strike to Steve Peterson.

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

On Dec. 6, a cold Friday night in Tucson, 12,000 fans braved 50-degree weather to watch Gerald Kearns' 27 carries, 127 yards and two TDs pave the way to a 28-0 win over Rincon. It was Mesa's 9th state crown since 1928, but the school's first unbeaten, untied team ever.

All year long, Mesa's line of Travis Miller, Lance Willis, J.R. Brubaker, Cornelio Romero and Hill didn't fail once to open holes for those slippery Mesa backs.

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Thirty years ago this Jackrabbit team made history that is still in the record books. This fall the Mesa City Sports Hall of Fame will pay tribute to the team, its members and accomplishments. In addition to the tribute to the '63 team, many Mesa athletes will be inducted in the Hall of Fame. The banquet is open to the public, if you'd like information about attendance, please call for details, 898-5665, ext. 1140.

40 Years Ago (1953)

North's Thundering Herd

Wild Horses. Thundering Herd. Mustangs. Has any Arizona high school had more nicknames than North Phoenix High?

In 1939, the district's new school opened "north of Phoenix," out near the Phoenix Country Club, at 12th Street and Thomas Road. The campus was surrounded by vacant lots.

The "Wild Horses," as they were first called by the media, produced national and Olympic champions, state record-breaking teams and athletes, and nationally renowned coaches.

From 1940 to 1966, North football teams were 17-15-1 against schools from California, Texas and New Mexico. In November of 1947, North beat undefeated Alququerque High, 27-20, in what *Arizona Republic* sports writer Art Duncan called "the most thrilling prep game of the season." In 1950, the Mustangs beat Southern California champion Compton, 26-14. It was the Tarbabes only loss.

The Phoenix school's first game in Texas was a loss, 7-0 to El Paso High in 1940. In 1966, the Wild Horses played their last game on Texas soil, a 42-26 triumph over El Paso Irvin. North's victory was set in motion by a 21-point second period on three scoring runs by MIke Clark, today the head coach at Mesa Dobson.

North has sent its share of football players into both the college and professional ranks. Young players named Howard Moore, Gene Mitcham, Kemper Marley, Jr., Kenny Aycock, Ed Mitchell and George Flint became superstars. The late Cecil Coleman, NHS football coach between 1951-55, compiled a .721 winning percentage and later became athletic director at the University of Illinois.

Coleman's 1953 club, led by All-American halfback Kenny Aycock, won the Arizona state crown with a 9-0-1 record. The Horses shutout eight opponents and gave up only 12 points. They beat a good Compton High club 21-0. During a 41-0 win over Glendale, Aycock scored five touchdowns, averaging 11.6 yards per carry.

North was built because Phoenix Union, with 5,000 students, had become the largest high school west of the Mississippi River. After North opened, the rival Coyotes felt the crunch. Between 1941-56, the annual Turkey Day Game, between the city's two largest schools, attracted crowds as high as 17,000. Played at historic Montgomery Stadium, on the campus at PUHS, North won the first five games.



All-state back Lavern Prock dives for the ankles of a Mesa runner as he tries to stop a possible long gain. The Mustangs beat the 'Rabbits 20-0, then tied them later in the season, 6-6.

In 1949 and 1950, John Black coached at PUHS and brother Tom coached at North. Their mother, Alice, would sit for a half on one side of the stadium and switch sides for the second half. She was as neutral as the teams were equal. They tied 7-7 in 1949, and 20-20 in 1950.

That '50 club, sparked by the Four M's: (Gene) Mitcham, (Kemper) Marley, (Bob) Melton and (Ray) Mariani,. was one of the school's most talented A 21-13 loss to state champ Mesa, and the tie with Union were the only drawbacks on a great season, highlighted by a 48-28 win over Santa Barbara In that game, the Horses blitzed their California foe, playing without future ASU star Mitcham, who was hurt.

When Black left the coaching ranks, assistant Cecil Coleman stepped in It was his '53 squad which is still considered the school's best.

Quarterback Clyde Nielson had a herd of fast backs to work with, starting with Aycock, a gifted athlete who was later a professional baseball signee. Hard running Lavern Prock would have stared on any team. And when North took to the airways, Nielson had his choice between ends Jack Denton or Benny Anderson. Denton, in addition to catching passes, was probably the best punter in the loop. His coffin-corner boots were back-breakers.

But it was the defense that made this Mustang club special. In Arizona prep history, no large school champ had yielded only 12 points. Guard Bill Brashears, tackles Robin Moore and Perry Tsantillas, center Bob Swan and linebacker John Harper formed a stone wall Reserve guard George Flint later started with the Buffalo Bills.

They skunked West Phoenix 27-0, Mesa 20-0, Tucson High 14-0, Compton 20-0, Glendale 41-0, St. Mary's 26-0, Phoenix Tech 50-0, and Union 14-0, played before 10,000 at Montgomery. Only Yuma, a 49-6 victim, and a 6-6 rematch with Mesa prevented a 10 game shutout.

Saluting the North High Mustangs

1953 Arizona State Champions!





Front row, L-R: *Ron Speedling, George Flint, Will James, Don Dugan, Perry Tsantillas, John Harper, Robin Moore, Frank Armstrong, George Dukes, Les Tanno, Jim Merritt;* ***Middle:*** *Mgr. Bob Morris, Gordon Grover, Ed Mitchell, Ken Patterson, Jack Wagner, Ernie Stone, Fred Fiore, Clyde Neilson, Bob Swan, Ron Jacobson, Elwin Blackwater, Bill Brashears, Mgr. Dave Ganci;* ***Back:*** *Coach Stangeland, Randy Anderson, Jerry Robinson, Lavern Prock, Dick Kerr, Duane Kummer, Al Tome, Ben Anderson, Jack Denton, Ken Aycock, Jerry Molumby, Emmett Davidson, Roger Wright & Coach Coleman.*

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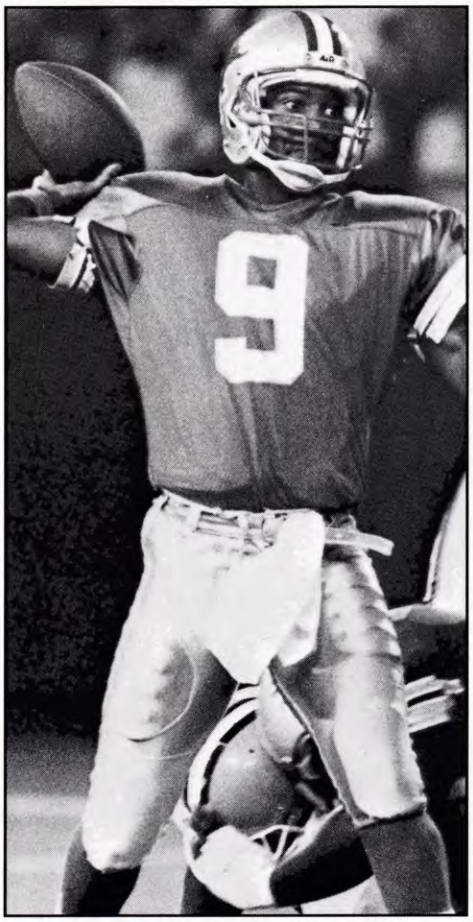
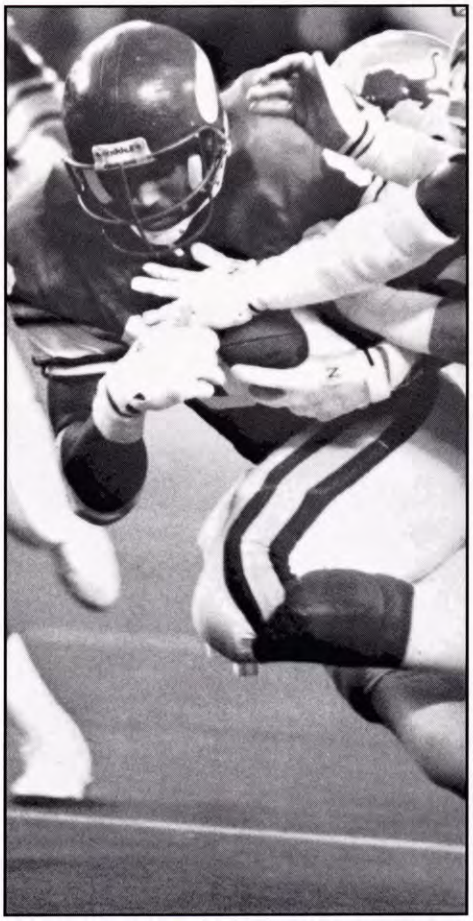
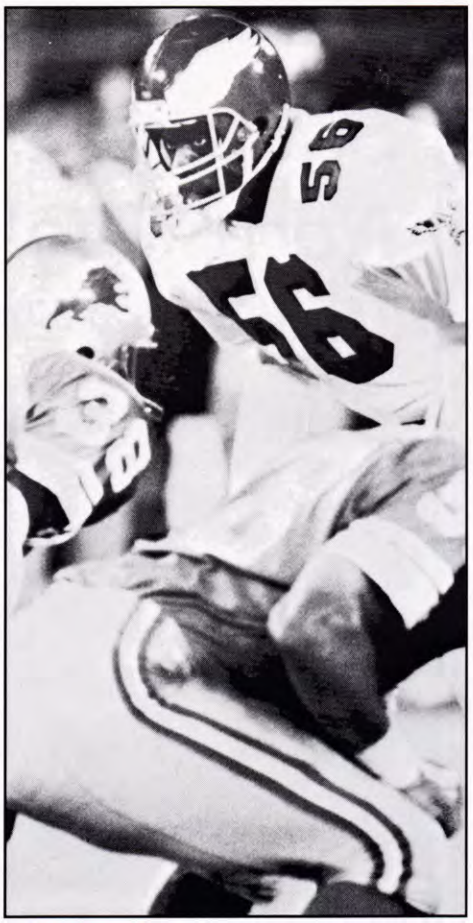
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Detroit Lion quarterback Rodney Peete, Minnesota Viking tight end Steve Jordan, and Philadelphia Eagle linebacker Byron Evans were three of a record twenty-eight Arizona schoolboy products in the National Football League last year.

Soaring at a Higher Level

By Barry C. Sollenberger

The odds are stacked against you. According to the National Federation of High School Sports, close to one million teenagers play high school football each year. Just over 40,000 make college varsity teams.

But only 150 of those college players make NFL rosters. In other words, just to be safe, get a college education. Just in case the pros overlook your outstanding, hidden talent.

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

To be exact, one out of every 1,233 schoolboy players land in the NFL.

But something is wrong in Arizona.

According to the Arizona Interscholastic Association, the state's governing body, exactly 12,593 youngsters - at all levels - played 11-man football in 144 schools. Exactly 505 played 8-man ball at 20 different schools. That's 13,098 players in 1992.

But 28 former Arizona high school products played in the NFL last fall (see chart), a single season record for the Grand Canyon State. If no more than two drop out in 1993, and newcomers Michael Bates (Seattle Seahawks), Richard Griffith (New England Patriots), Kevin Miniefield (Detroit Lions) and Ty Parten (Cincinnati Bengals) hook on - not to mention free agents - Arizona could have 30-plus schoolboys in the NFL for the first time ever.

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

All 28 players didn't graduate in the same year, and all 13,000 high school participants aren't varsity players. More than half were junior varsity and freshmen, making Arizona's mark more amazing. In other words, based on participation, Arizona should have no more than one dozen kids in the NFL in any given season.

But they had 28 in 1992!

"I was really surprised at football in the Phoenix and Tucson areas," says Tom Holmoe, a Stanford assistant who recruits Arizona. "They play great ball in Phoenix. One of the best football

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cities in the country. Top to bottom the leagues are tough. It's just a great football state; a real fruitful area. But it's no secret."

To recruiters like Holmoe, size and population are no barriers. Last spring, Stanford signed the Arizona player of the year, Brophy Prep running back Mike Mitchell, and Glendale receiver Alistair White, a player the Cardinal think is a real steal.

"But every school looks for players to fit their system," adds Holmoe. "Because of our academic requirements, we are forced to recruit nationally. Phoenix is a hot spot. In more ways that one."

One local mentor who has coached more than his share of college material is Mountain Pointe's Karl Kiefer, winner of more than 200 games in the high school ranks. "Phoenix has grown such, that every year there are 10 kids, no less, who can play at Arizona State's level," insists Kiefer. "Some colleges have that figured out. Some haven't."

According to Gary Wright of the Seattle Seahawks, since the New York

"Phoenix has grown such, that every year there are 10 kids, no less, who can play at Arizona State's level. Some colleges have that figured out. Some havn't."

Giants signed Phoenix Union's Cecil "Brute" Mulleneaux in 1932, close to 200 Arizona high school products have played professional football in Canada or the United States.

Here are interesting facts regarding the current crop:

Of last year's crop of 28, only nine played college football at ASU; but that's two more than played for those Cats down the road...

More Arizona kids (28) dotted NFL rosters than did Sun Devils (20); remembering that nine played at ASU...

The Minnesota Vikings had the most with four, including Pro Bowl players Steve Jordan (South Mountain) and Randall McDaniel (Agua Fria)...

South Mountain, which leads the all-time Arizona list at 10, had the most last year with three: Jordan, Byron Evans and Manny Hendrix. Several schools had two...

Although schools from the Mesa-Tempe region dominate the Class 5A playoffs, they don't dominate the talent. The Phoenix Metro Region had more grads (9) in the NFL than both East Valley leagues combined (7).

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The 28 Arizona schoolboy products in the NFL in 1992:

QUARTERBACKS

Rodney Peete, Detroit Lions (Tucson Sahuaro).....USC
Mike Pagel, Los Angeles Rams (Phoenix Washington).....ASU

WIDE RECEIVERS

Vance Johnson, Denver Broncos (Tucson Cholla).....Arizona
Anthony Edwards, Phoenix Cardinals (Casa Grande)...N.M. Highlands
Sanjau Beach, Green Bay Packers (Chandler).....Colorado St.
Damon Mays, Houston Oilers (Phoenix Central).....Missouri
*Orlando McKay, Green Bay Packers (Mesa).....Washington

TIGHT ENDS

Steve Jordan, Minnesota Vikings (South Mountain).....Brown

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Randall McDaniel, Minnesota Vikings (Agua Fria).....ASU
John Fina, Buffalo Bills (Tucson Salpointe).....Arizona
Danny Villa, Phoenix Cardinals (Nogales).....ASU
Warren Wheat, Seattle Seahawks (Phoenix Camelback).....BYU
Todd Kalis, Minnesota Vikings (Phoenix Thunderbird).....ASU
*Frank Pollack, San Francisco 49ers (Phoenix Greenway).....NAU

CENTERS

Dale Hellestrae, Dallas Cowboys (Scottsdale Saguaro).....SMU

KICKERS

Jeff Feagles, Philadelphia Eagles (Phoenix Gerard).....Miami (Fla.)

LINEBACKERS

Byron Evans, Philadelphia Eagles (South Mountain).....Arizona
Riki (Gray) Ellison, Los Angeles Raiders (Tucson Amphi).....USC
Darren Woodson, Dallas Cowboys (Phoenix Maryvale).....ASU

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Shawn Patterson, Green Bay Packers (Tempe McClintock).....ASU

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Randy Robbins, Denver Broncos (Casa Grande).....Arizona
Brian Davis, Seattle Seahawks (Phoenix Cortez).....Nebraska
Manny Hendrix, San Francisco 49ers (South Mountain).....Utah
Kevin Scott, Detroit Lions (Phoenix St. Mary's).....Stanford
Anthony Parker, Minnesota Vikings (Tempe McClintock).....ASU
Phillippi Sparks, New York Giants (Phoenix Maryvale).....ASU
Muhammad Oliver, Denver Broncos (Phoenix North).....Oregon

KICK RETURNER

Vai Sikahema, Philadelphia Eagles (Mesa).....BYU

DRAFTED NEWCOMERS

Richard Griffith, New England Patriots (Tucson Catalina).....Arizona
Kevin Miniefield, Detroit Lions (Phoenix Camelback).....ASU
Ty Parten, Cincinnati Bengals (Scottsdale Horizon).....Arizona
Michael Bates, Seattle Seahawks (Tucson Amphi).....Arizona

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The Pioneers



As an NFL record-crowd of 90,218 watch, Philadelphia Eagles' halfback Sonny Karnofsky (40), a former Phoenix Union High School All-American, skirts around end against the Green Bay Packers. The Eagles won the historic 1945 matchup, 28-21.

In the early years prior to World War II, the Baby State produced more than its share of professional football players. Players who got their start in the Arizona schoolboy ranks.

To no surprise, Phoenix Union High School was the leader. What the heck, the massive structure had 3,800 students in 1930. That year Art Johlfs of the National Sports News Service in Minneapolis rated the "Robby" Robinson-coached Coyotes the No. 1 high school team in the land.

When it came to the pro ranks, the name Mulleneaux was the state's early pioneer family. Two of four brothers, all who played football, started in the NFL. Cecil, a fullback nicknamed "Brute", graduated from Northern Arizona and played with New York, Pittsburgh and Green Bay. Later, brother Carl, nicknamed "Moose", a Utah State All-American, was the Packers' "other end" opposite Hall-of-Famer Don Hutson. Brother Ned, nicknamed "Nasty", did not reach the pro ranks. Except for older brother Robert, a Flagstaff High grad, they all attended Phoenix Union.

In 1923, big James Oldham was a highly touted all-state fullback for the powerful Coyotes. Three years later he was an end and blocking back in the NFL, for the soon-to-be defunct Racine (Ohio) club. Tom Greenfield, who played for legendary coach Edgar "Mutt" Ford at Peoria High, was a Green Bay Packer center and linebacker from 1939-41.

Mesa halfback Norris Steverson made a name for himself at Arizona State, then became the Sun Devils' (then Bulldogs) first pro signee, joining the Chicago Bears in 1933, then signing with the NFL Cincinnati Reds.

Tucson High tackle Earle Nolan, a state shot put and discus champion, and all-state guard in 1931, played in both Chicago and St. Louis with the Cardinals. (Years later, another Badger great, Mike Dawson, spent seven seasons in a Cardinal uniform; 1976-82.)

The Mulleneaux's, Oldham, Greenfield, Steverson and Nolan are believed to be the only Arizonans to play in the NFL during the Great Depression Years.

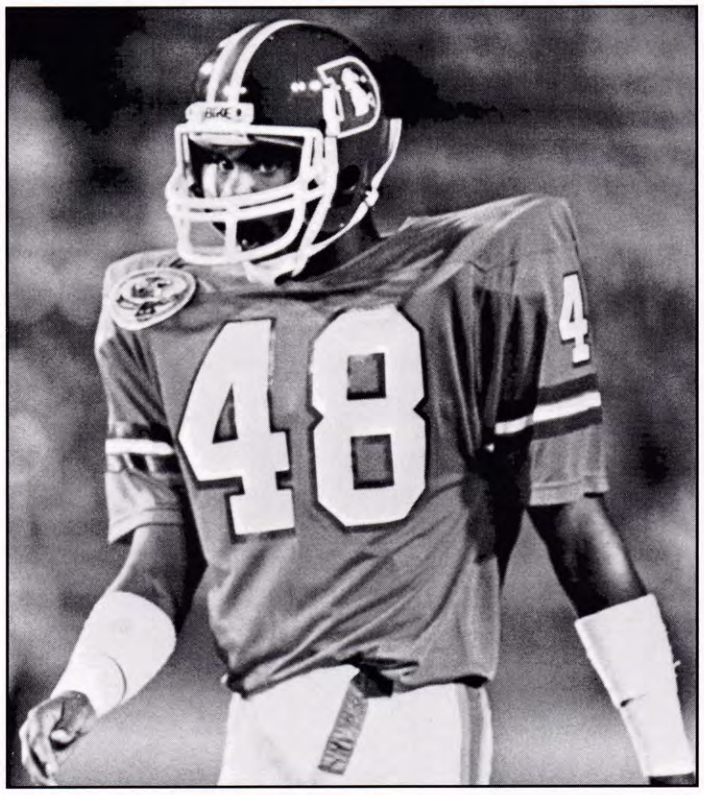
It wasn't until after the war, that both the sport, and Arizona's involvement in it, took off. Still, social problems, like war and race, prevented many great youngsters from playing at all.

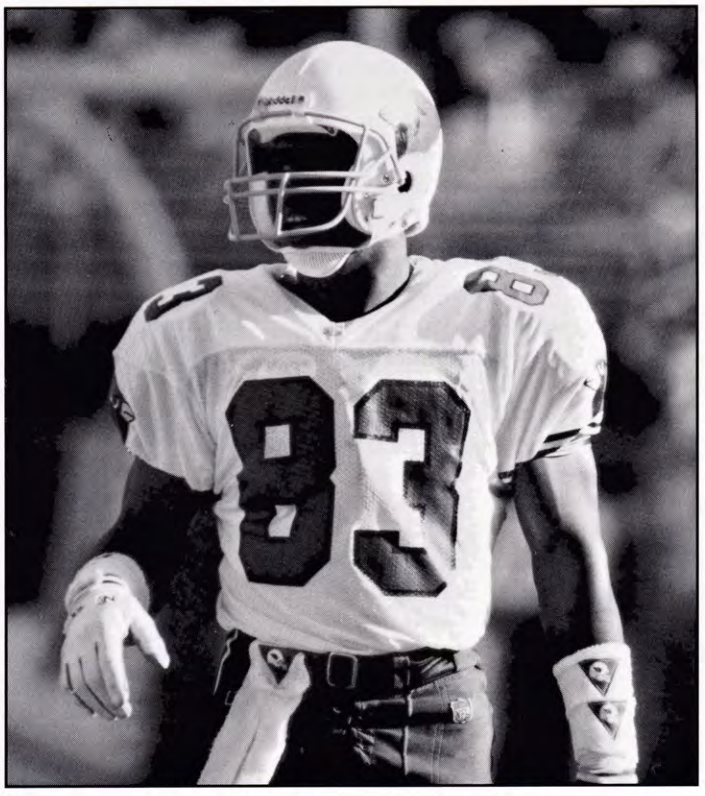
Outstanding players like Tucson High halfback Ted Bland, a one-time state player of the year, was killed in the Battle of the Bulge. Then there was Joe and Fred Batiste, sensational black athletes from Tucson High; All-America track & field stars who could have started for any college football team - and possibly NFL club. But the black barrier hadn't been broken yet.

When the war ended professional football boomed. On Sept. 16, 1945, in Philadelphia, Abraham "Sonny" Karnofsky of Phoenix Union fame, a rookie from Arizona, scored two TDs in the Eagles 28-21 upset of the Packers, played before a then-record pro crowd of 90,218.

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Also, ESPN, the nation's premier sports programing channel, joined the club. In addition to a 60-game regular season schedule, an extra week was added to the playoffs, and eight teams qualified for post-season play.

Locally, attendance at all games continued to rise. The league average reached an all-time high of 12,270 fans per game in 1992, with Arizona selling out the entire regular season, averaging 15,505 per game. The Tampa Bay Storm continued to break AFL records, drawing 100,460, an average of 20,092 per game.

Last August, the Detroit Drive captured their fourth Arena Bowl title, beating the Orlando Predators 56-38 before 13,680 fans at the Orlando Arena.

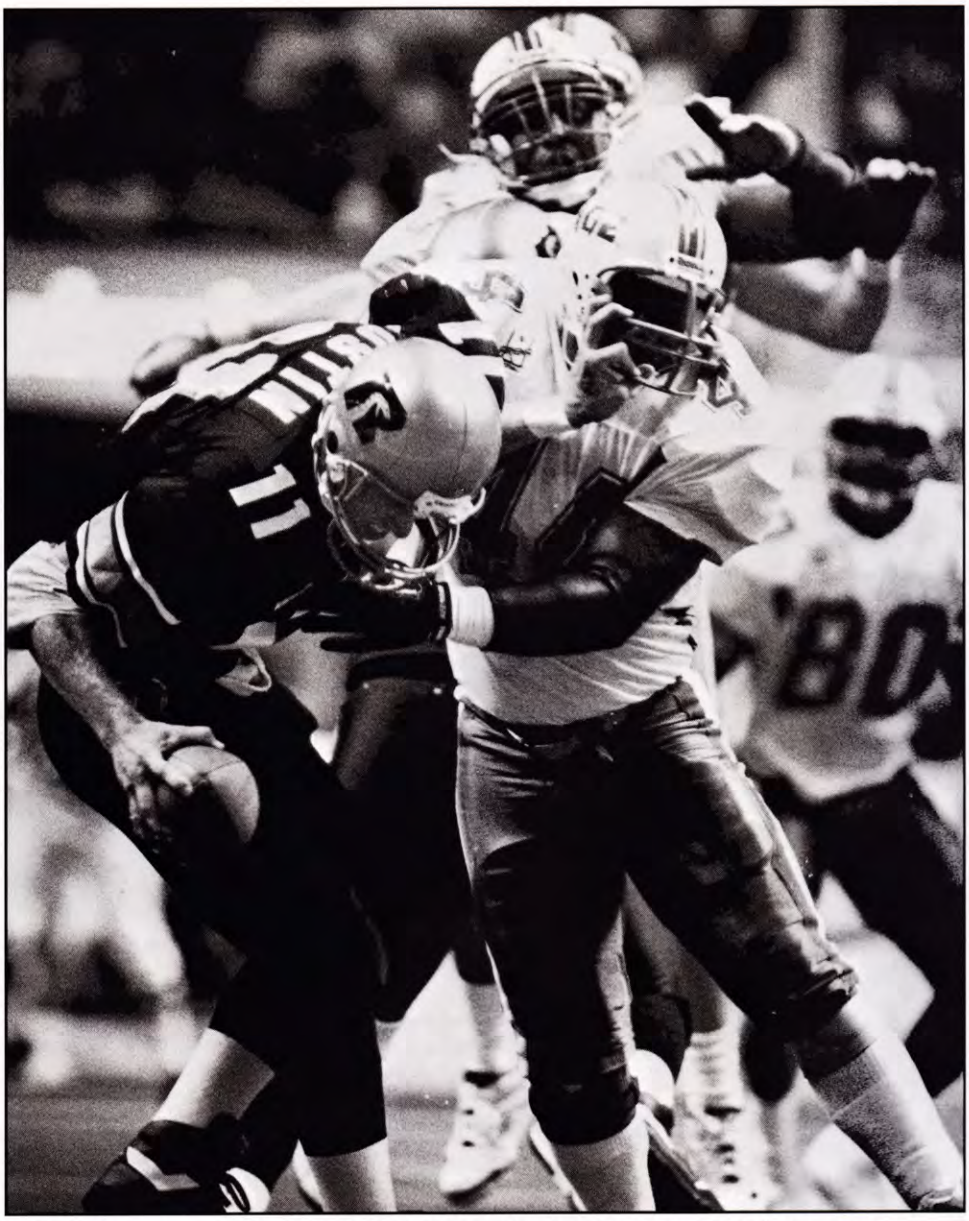
Surprisingly, only two other professional football legues in the United States have been in existence longer - the National Football League and the American Football League, which merged in 1970.

"One reason is the sport itself," claims Joseph O'Hara, Commissioner and President of the league. "Arena Football gives sports fans another option. It has hard hitting action and excitement within the confines of an air-conditioned arena. Also, rather than try and compete with the NFL, we enjoy a favorable relationship with the outdoor game."

In 1985, Jim Foster, a professional football marketing management veteran, created the unique new game that is quite distinct from the established outdoor game. "If they can play soccer indoors, why not football?" reasoned Foster.

Realizing there was no room for competition with the NFL, he decided, instead, to create a summertime game. In doing so, he applied the best of the gridiron game, with new and interesting twists: 50-yard field, eight men against eight, single platoon, drop kicks and rebound nets.

In 1985, after the rise and fall of the USFL, Foster decided to move forward. Four teams were fielded for the league's inaugural season in 1987: the Chicago Bruisers, Denver Dynamite, Pittsburgh Gladiators and Washington (D.C.) Commandos.



Arizona Rattlers quarterback Paul Justin tries to fend off the rush of Charlotte's Junior Jackson during last May's AFL game at America West Arena. The Rage nipped the Rattlers 49-46. (Scottsdale Progress photo by Michael Mertz)

Four regular season games and the Arena Bowl were broadcast live on ESPN. Denver defeated Pittsburgh 45-16 for the first league championship, played before 13,232 fans in Pittsburgh.

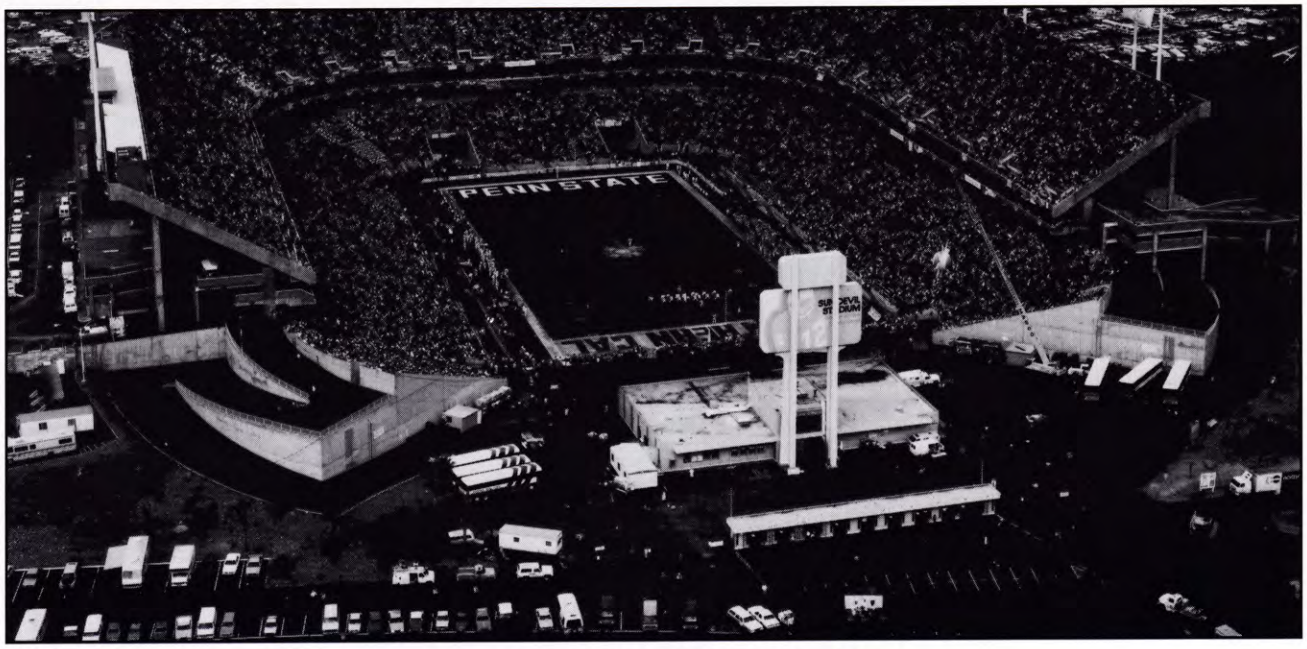
That first season was more successful than league official expected. The average attendance was over 11,500 per game. Nationally, TV viewership was higher than the average rating for ESPN summer sports - and twice the average rating for the National Hockey League on ESPN.

In Phoenix, former Dallas Cowboy and Arizona State quarterback Danny White was named as the Rattlers' first-ever head coach. The Mesa Westwood product is a local favorite. Nathan LaDuke became the club's first official player. The former Phoenix Alhambra and Arizona State star was drafted earlier by the Phoenix Cardinals.

Todd Shell, who won two Super Bowl rings with the San Francisco 49ers, was named defensive coordinator. The former Mesa Mountain View linebacker was a collegiate star at BYU.

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Junior College Race: Mesa vs Glendale

By Bart Conley

Some things change. Some stay the same. Like superiority in the Phoenix Community College football wars each year.

Like death and taxes, you can count on Glendale and Mesa, year-after-year. These two state powers are the team to beat, again.

Although a look at *Phoenix Metro Football's* preseason Dandy Dozen (see chart) shows the top talent spread evenly, it's not that way from a team standpoint. Glendale and Mesa stand tall above the field.

Last fall, **Glendale** managed a victory after two consecutive losses in the Valley of the Sun Bowl, as the Gauchos edged Fort Scott (Kan.) 29-23. The game was played on Thanksgiving Night in Glendale.

Halfback Mickey Murray, a freshman from Maryvale, finished with 23 carries, 264 yards and three touchdowns. He scored on runs of 19, 66 and 50 yards. His effort broke the bowl record of 200 yards set by Terrell Washington of Nassau (N.Y.) in 1987.

"Mickey Murray is a slick player," Fort Scott Coach Jack Welch told the *Arizona Republic*. "He really played well. It was the missed tackles that really hurt us."

"Murray is our big-play guy," Glendale Coach Joe Kersting said. "He played great the second half of the season and our offensive line opened some nice holes for him. When he gets into the secondary, he's dangerous."

Only 5-8, 170-pounds, Murray runs 40 yards in 4.5 seconds, and was one of the leading vote getters on the state's all-star team. He averaged 6.2 yards per carry, rushing for 1,154 yards on 185 carries and scoring 13 times.The Gauchos also return the likes of signal caller Kris Heddings (5-10, 185) and linebacker Steve Haynes (6-3, 230), plus 27 other lettermen from that 7-3 club. Heddings, in just six starts, completed 52% of his passes for 847 yards and six scores.

Arizona State transfer Jason Birdsong (6-1, 190), a former Cactus High all-state receiver, could make an instant impact. He caught a metro record 148 passes in high school. Center Jamie Ramos (6-1, 270) and tackles Jayson Blaine (6-5, 265) and J.J. Teichman (6-5, 265) give GCC a solid offensive front.



With the return of halfback Kevin Butler, after a year's absence, GCC could have the best backfield in the state. Two years ago, the former Eloy Santa Cruz star averaged 11 yards per carry (Casa Grande Dispatch).

But the Gauchos win championships on defense. This year's crop looks no different, with down linemen Jason Guerra (6-0, 240) and Travis Thompson (6-2, 265), and linebackers Charles Colbert (6-0, 230) and Haynes forming a solid front. Speedy Ray Stukes (5-10, 170) is a feisty cornerback.

It's not like the rest of the league has tossed in the towel. Over at **Mesa**, the Thunderbirds have championship dreams of their own. In fact, David Rice's talented crew won the state crown, but a loss to Glendale kept them out of a bowl.

"We had a great year," says the former Glendale assistant. "Our only frustration was not being in a bowl game."

The T'birds return 37 lettermen, including 12 starters, but need a QB to come through and a secondary to toughen up.

Wideout Gilbert Grantlin (6-1, 190), a transfer with 4.2 speed, caught 38 passes; 11 touchdowns. Mini receivers Kearney Adams (25 cat.), Sam Salts (26 cat.) and Pete Taylor (9 cat.) take heat off Grantlin, one of the best in the JC ranks. Tackle Nick Griego (6-5, 275) and tailback Phil Atkerson (5-9, 190) started. All-league pick Jim Trischan (6-1, 275) may transfer to a four-year school back east. But all-league kicker Rodger Schenks (6-0, 190) is back for sure. The Mountain View product was 22/24 on extra points; 12/22 on field goals (a school record), with the longest 49 yards.

On defense, Mesa looks toughest at end and linebacker. Big Maurice Lawrence (6-6,

240) and Jeff Paffumi (6-2, 240) take care of the flanks. Chris Franks (6-0, 227), Jason Ney (6-0, 227) and Brett Gastineau (6-2, 240), a promising freshman from Round Valley, could form the linebacking unit. Jason Calzadillas (6-0, 190) starts in the secondary.

Besides Gastineau, younger brother of former New York Jet all-pro Mark, another incoming frosh who might start is Brandshaw Mountain's James Richardson (6-2, 190), the Northern Arizona Player of the Year as a junior. Hurt much of last year, Richardson could start at three different positions: QB. WR. DB.

Mesa, by no means, holds a monopoly on talented receivers. Over at **Phoenix College**, sophomore Rudolph James (6-0, 175), with 4.4 speed, can play with the best of them. Coach John Avianantos hopes his newest edition can pass block, so the Bears receiving crew, which also includes speedy (4.6) Eddie Hester (5-11, 175), can perform.

"I feel our hard work is about to pay off," says Avianantos, whose club finished 2-7. "We have a good group of young men with a great attitude."

Dion Dixon (6-2, 295), Eric Winkelmann (6-5, 265), Brian Vanderlin (6-3, 250) and Ken Rice (6-4, 296) are key interior linemen. Linebacker Eric Lichter (6-0, 238), nose guard Jim Wade (6-1, 255) and strong safety Jeremy Hathcock (5-10, 205) have all-star potential. So does incoming freshman Hamilton Mee (6-3, 235), an all-Arizona lineman from Cottonwood.

Land Jacobsen, defensive coordinator at **Scottsdale** last year, is the school's new head coach. "We should be improved in all aspects," claims Jacobsen, whose club finished 1-8. "Depth is a concern. But we could surprise some people."

Two all-league performers who are no surprise are nose guard Seth Cole (6-0, 260) and offensive guard Pat Ludlow (6-1, 265). Sophomore QB Scott Partridge (6-2, 185) has small but capable pass catchers in Brian DeAngelo (5-9, 185) and Terrance Brown (5-11, 175). Tackles Nels Nelson (6-2, 270) and Greg Asken (6-4, 255) have size and strength.

1993 PRE-SEASON DANDY DOZEN

Pos.	Player	Size	School
QB	Kris Heddings	5-10, 185	Glendale
RB	Mickey Murray	5-8, 170	Glendale
WR	Gilbert Grantlin	6-1, 190	Mesa
WR	Rudolph James	6-0, 175	Phoenix
WR	Jason Birdsong	6-1, 190	Glendale
OL	Pat Ludlow	6-1, 265	Scottsdale
OL	Jim Trischan	6-1, 275	Mesa
NG	Seth Cole	6-0, 260	Scottsdale
NG	Jim Wade	6-1, 255	Phoenix
LB	Steve Haynes	6-3, 230	Glendale
SS	Jeremy Hathcock	5-10, 205	Phoenix
PK	Rodger Schenks	6-0, 190	Mesa

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Let's Get a Grip On It



Cardinals' receiver Ernie Jones (82) can't seem to handle this pass in third quarter of 27-21 loss to San Diego. Since their arrival in Phoenix, mistakes have taken a big toll on the 'Cards. But last spring's draft was an A-plus (Dave Cruz photo).

By Gary Rausch
Tribune Sports

No National Football League team ever experienced a bad draft - just ask them.

However, outsiders haven't always been kind to Phoenix following the league's annual talent roundup. But critics were crowing a new song last spring.

"Their best draft in over a decade," said Joel Buchsbaum, draft analyst for *Pro Football Weekly*. "It was night and day between what used to go on. They made all the right moves."

What impressed Buchsbaum most was the manner in which they traded up with the New York Jets to get running back Garrison Hearst, and traded down with San Francisco to acquire offensive tackle Ernest Dye.

"They got the guys they wanted without overpaying," Buchsbaum said. "There was talk they'd give up (first-round picks) and panic because they had to have Hearst. They saw through the smokescreens and made the swaps at a very reasonable cost to them."

"With receiver Gary Clark, strong safety Chuck Cecil and quarterback Steve Beuerlein signed as free agents, Phoenix can celebrate," added *USA Today*.

The *Sporting News* labeled the Cardinals "the star of the draft. Phoenix has taken magnificent strides toward curing its offensive woes."

The *Dallas Morning News* awarded the Cardinals the highest grade in this year's draft, an A-plus. There were numerous congratulatory telephone calls to the Cardinals complex from NFL head coaches, general managers and personnel directors.

"Of course you feel good about it," said Phoenix general manager Larry Wilson. "The key to any draft is getting that first selection. I'm sure that was a big factor. When you get the top player in the whole draft, it ought to be a pretty good draft."

Hearst provides an uncommon threat, but his efforts in future seasons likely would be minimized without the presence of Dye and Ben Coleman, the club's other offensive tackle acquisition. And club officials can't contain themselves over getting running back Ron Moore in the fourth round.

"When you can get four of the top 32 (rated picks), that's a pretty good strike," said head coach Joe Bugel.

The game plan was to come away with one great runner, an offensive tackle and a defensive lineman, or a great running back and two offensive linemen with the first three picks.

The selection of Moore, a vaunted back from tiny Pittsburg State in Kansas, could be mildly faulted. At the juncture, a pass rushing specialist was the call. But the grades between Moore and the best available defensive linemen were too great, according to Wilson.

"I think the ones we felt that really could help us were gone and Moore was so head and shoulders above everything else at that time, you just couldn't make that reach," he said.

With Johnny Johnson traded away, the Cardinals believed they needed another workhorse back in case Hearst goes lame. They pointed to Moore's production, lack of intimidation by big-time players in post-season all-star games, and kick-returning skills.

Through the draft and free agency, Phoenix improved its passing game, running game and offensive line. "I think we improved our offensive situation pretty dramatically," Wilson said.

The defense lost safety Tim McDonald to free agency, but gained defensive backs Cecil and John Booty.

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2. This NFL team had more Arizona schoolboy products (4) on its roster in 1992 than any pro club
- **a) Denver Broncos**
- **b) Minnesota Vikings**
- **c) Dallas Cowboys**
- **d) Philadelphia Eagles**

3. The first Arizona high school football coach to win 200 games was
- **a) Tot Workman, Round Valley**
- **b) Karl Kiefer, McClintock**
- **c) Edgar "Mutt" Ford, Mesa**
- **d) Ralph Moran, Wickenburg**

4. The largest crowd (23,487) to ever watch an Arizona state championship game, matched these two schools:
- **a) St. Mary's vs Brophy**
- **b) St. Mary's vs Apollo**
- **c) Mesa vs Mountain View**
- **d) Westwood vs Mountain View**

5. This Phoenix area high school never lost a football game to a California school in 10 meetings:
- **a) Mesa**
- **b) Phoenix Carver**
- **c) Phoenix Union**
- **d) St. Mary's**

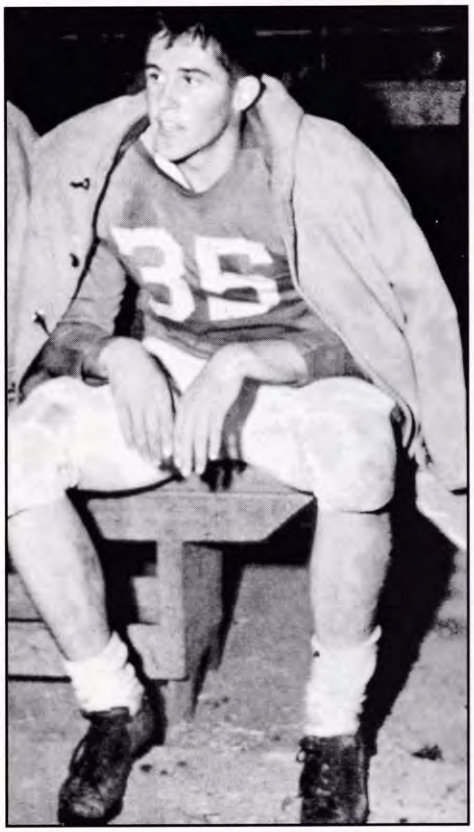
6. Last August, Mesa Mountain View lost their opener to Honolulu St. Louis in Hawaii. One week later, this Arizona school traveled to Hawaii and beat Waianae High, in Aloha Stadium
- **a) Mesa Westwood**
- **b) Tucson Amphi**
- **c) Tucson Sabino**
- **d) Phoenix Brophy Prep**

7. Who is the athlete in the photo at right, the state player of the year in both football and baseball?

8. If the farthest west an Arizona high school has traveled to play football is to Hawaii, what is the farthest road trip east for an Arizona school?
- **a) Albuquerque**
- **b) Chicago**
- **c) Port Arthur, Texas**
- **d) St. Louis**

9. One of Arizona's newest high schools, Highland High in Gilbert, has the same name as an historic high school in this Southwestern city:
- **a) Denver**
- **b) El Paso**
- **c) Las Vegas**
- **d) Albuquerque**

10. True or false? Tempe McClintock's 1992 club had more major division (5) and junior college (10) football signees than Texas 5A champ Temple.



This former great Arizona schoolboy star was the state player of the year in two sports.

11. The first official pro football player was
- **a) Jim Thorpe, Carlisle**
- **b) "Red" Grange, Illinois**
- **c) "Pudge" Heffelfinger, Yale**
- **d) George Gipp, Notre Dame**

ANSWERS:

1) Tucson Sahuaro QB Rodney Peete; 2) Vikings; 3) Mutt Ford; 4) Westwood vs Mtn. View in 1988; 5) Mesa; 6) Tucson Sabino; 7) 1954 North Phoenix grad Kenny Aycock; 8) Mesa High has played twice in Port Arthur, Texas; 9) Albuquerque Highland Hornets; 10) True, Texas champ signed 5 college, 5 JC; 11) Heffelfinger in 1892.

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