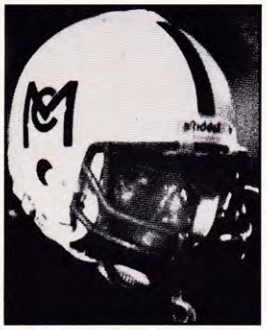
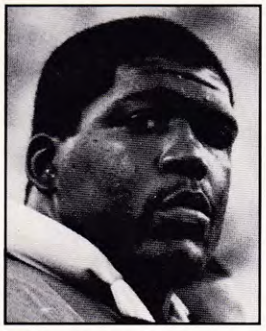
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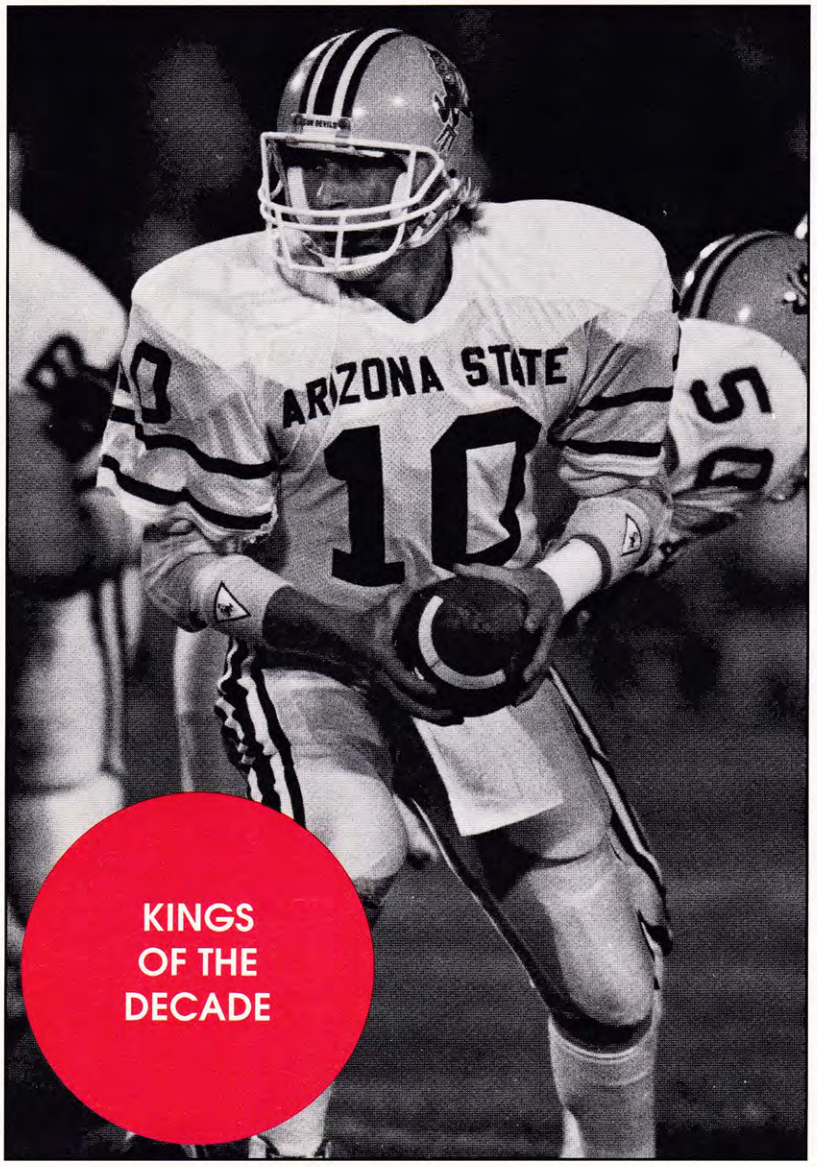
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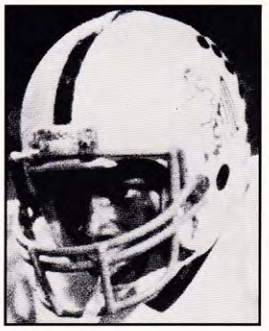
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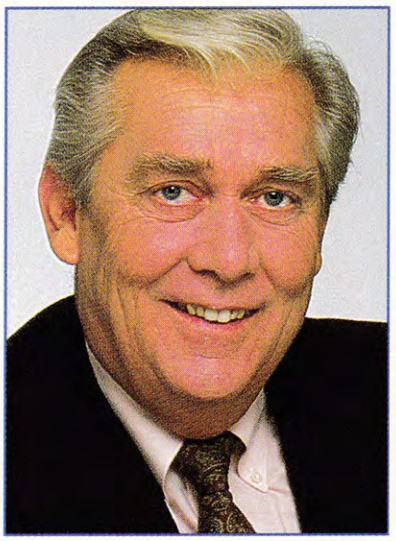
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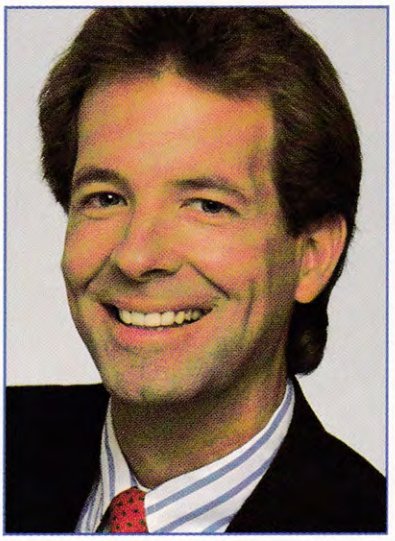
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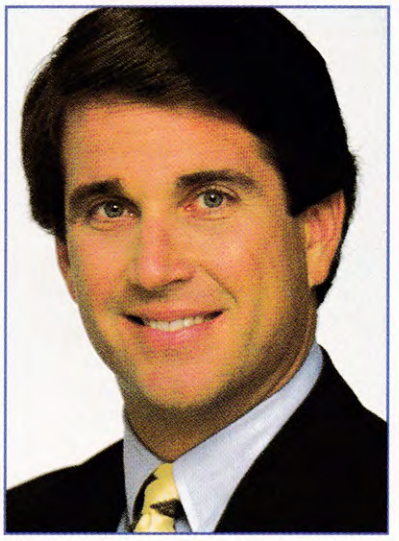
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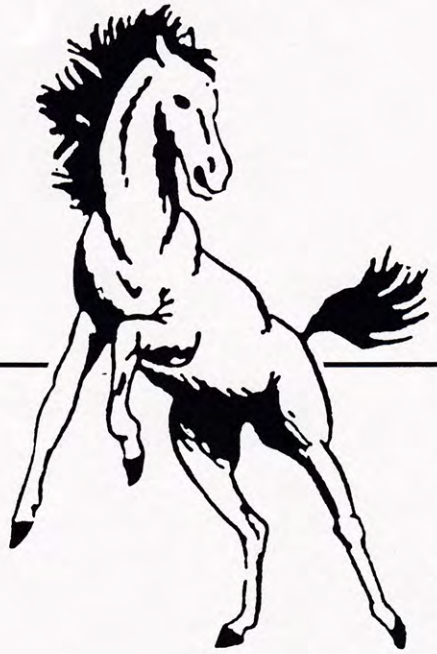
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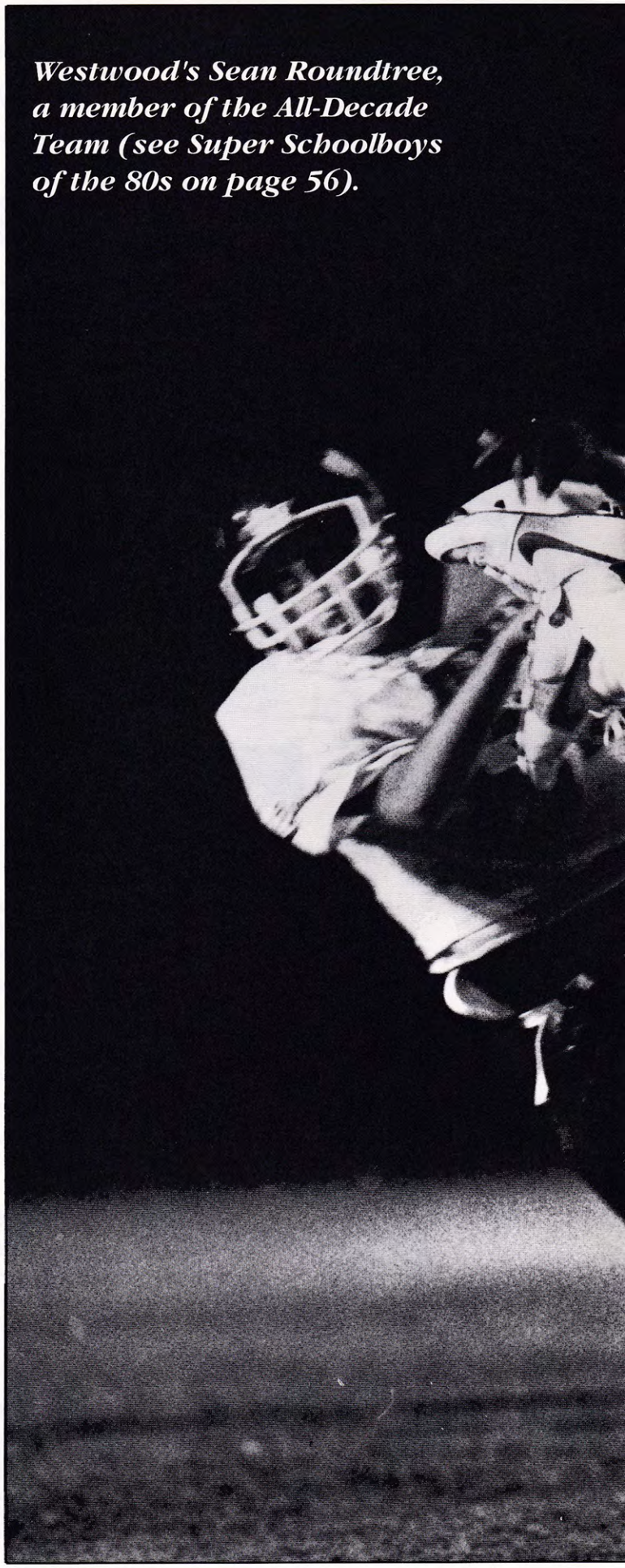
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JUNK JOURNALISM

I listened to your halftime show (ASPN) during the Mountain View-Dobson game, and I strongly resent the implication you made that I do "junk journalism."

If you guys feel I focus more on the coaches and not enough on the players, then why do you fuel it more by focusing

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part of your show on that? I guess you thought it would be great to take pot shots at me, because that's the only way you get all your information to talk about anyway. You guys never have anything fresh or original to say. Everything is stolen from my stories.

Obviously, you ignore the Friday prep page I do each week ... you guys seem to be only interested in the superficial (stats, size, history of the programs, traditions, where they're going to college). There's much more to report than that. I like to find the human side of the athlete or coach, the heart and soul, what's inside.

As for concentrating on the verbal battle between Jesse Parker and Vern Friedli, I was only reporting the animosity they have toward each other, and what was said to me. They fueled it. Not me. You obviously missed the Michael Bates feature that day. Wasn't that a positive story on a player? You could have talked about that during your discussion, because all you do is rip off my stuff every week anyway ... I've written so many times before that St. Mary's and Salpointe started up the first-game rivalry last year and dedicated it to former Knights' coach Ed Doherty. Big deal. Isn't the players, like you said, what the game is about? That game was about as interesting and competitive as the Thunderbird-Corona del Sol game that week.

You mentioned that there should have been no need to do a story on Parker and Earl Putnam two years ago. That was a worthwhile story because the two men, inside and outside, are so strikingly different. High school football is not just about the kids. Coaches and coaching styles play a big part in the growth of the kids and should not be ignored.

Well, at least I'm being read.

Dick Obert
Prep Sports Writer
Arizona Republic
September, 1988

PUBLISHER: Dick, you confuse us. Do we steal all your stories or ignore all your work?

COACHING COMMUNITY

You guys are doing a tremendous job of covering football, and I know the high school coaching community is appreciative.

Coach Bob Lambie
Paradise Valley High School
February, 1990

Just a note to let you know how much we appreciate what you are doing for high school sports in Arizona. As a member of the coaching profession, I can speak for all of us in our appreciation of your work.

Coach Bob Vielledent
Santa Rita High School
March, 1990

LITTLE ROCK

I just received your magazine with the story on Little Rock Central High School ("Welcome to Central High"). It does have a great tradition in high school football. I'm glad my son was a part of it.

Coach Barry Switzer
University of Oklahoma
October, 1988

The article, "Welcome to Central High", was well researched and written, and documents an important time in the history of the nation. As you know, our 30th reunion was held July 23, 1988. To date, we have had a reunion every five years but are considering every 10, as it is quite an undertaking.

Again, many thanks for a fine article and I wish you the best in the future.

Bruce Fullerton
Cordova, Tenn.
August, 1988

GLENDALE WON!

I may be wrong, but I think I have every issue of Phoenix Metro Football every printed. It is one of the few ways to read about the upcoming JC football season. The bigger papers just don't cover JC football.

I read with interest your story on high school football on TV ("It's Great For The Kids"), but was shocked to read that Imperial Valley beat Glendale, 19-0, in 1982.

I went to Glendale CC then and the Gauchos won the game, 19-0. Not Imperial Valley. Well, at least you had the score right. Whoever told you Glendale lost was wrong.

Jerry T. Bright
Albuquerque, N.M.

LOST IN THE SHUFFLE

I just received your listing of the Phoenix Metro Football all-star team for 1989. I want to thank you a great deal for your consideration of our people. The two kids from Central (Anthony Carr and Donald Watkins) are fine athletes and very deserving, but we always fear that guys playing on a struggling team will get lost in the shuffle.

It's good to know that there are still guys out there "in the press" who can cut through the flak and recognize good kids who aren't playing on the "name teams."

Thanks again for your recognition of our guys. You do an excellent job with your publications. It's neat to have that kind of magazine for high school sports.

Coach Gary Cook
Central High School
Phoenix
January, 1990

MEMORIES

Thanks for the latest Phoenix Metro Football Magazine. I enjoy reading the articles. It is very informative about high school and college football in the state.

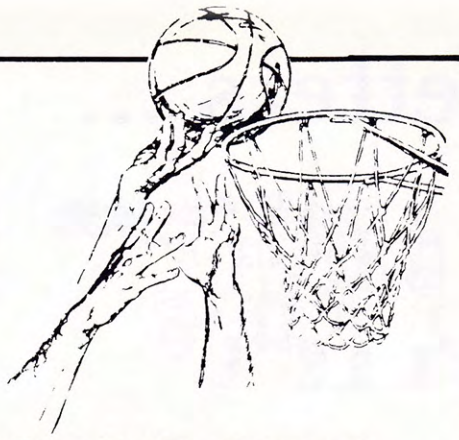
Seeing the names of coaches and players brings back many pleasant memories and historical periods of football in Arizona.

Coach Frank Kush
Indianapolis Colts
October, 1983

COLOR BLIND

If Mr. Sollenberger really covered the Westwood-Mountain View championship game last year – as I'm sure he did – he needs to get his eyes checked. In his story on the Warriors' championship season





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("Westwood's Winning Ways"), it reads, "On December 9, 1988, they were vintage Westwood: orange helmets, white pants and shirts. Exactly 23,487 spectators came through the gates to see them play."

I was one of the 23,487 who saw the game. Westwood wore orange shirts. Not white. Mountain View was the team in white. Does Barry know who really won?

David Blumb
Flagstaff
September, 1989

OLD COYOTES

I enjoyed your 1984 Phoenix Metro Football Magazine very much. Especially the story, "Legends Die Hard." You have made a great contribution through your many sports publications. I enjoyed an earlier story, "The Glory That Was Phoenix Union." We old Coyotes appreciate that. There aren't many of us left.

Bill Kajikawa
Tempe
December, 1984

GLORY DAYS

The article on Arcadia High School ("Arcadia & The Glory Days") brought back some great memories. For example, in the press box when Arcadia beat Tucson in 1962, I chatted with Frank Kush. I remember no precise words or phrases he used, but I do recall how impressed he was with (1) the ease with which the Titans were handling the Tucson team, (2) the agility and expertise of the Arcadia players, and (3) the way Richard Gray took it to the Tucson centers.

As you know, the Arcadia coach then was Bob Hendricks, a former ASU quarterback from Ajo.

Bill Close, Sr.
KTSP-TV Channel 10
Phoenix
August, 1984

I just got your latest Phoenix Metro Football Magazine. Thanks. You really made my day.

Bob Hendricks
Scottsdale
August, 1984

FORGET SALPOINTE

I just received your 1981 football magazine. The information about Salpointe Catholic High School is completely inaccurate. It says: "this fall's squad could be the strongest since 1971 .." The truth is that by every criteria by which a football squad is evaluated, this is the weakest squad in Salpointe history.

Simple common courtesy would dictate that the facts be checked out before a publication such as yours goes to print. This was not done.

Such a blatant misrepresentation is unfair to our school, its team, and its coaches, and it places undue pressure on our players. If this represents the level of your reporting "expertise" please do not refer to Salpointe Catholic High School in any of your future issues.

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Coach Ed Doherty
Salpointe High School
August, 1981

PUBLISHER: Four months later, Salpointe finished 10-2 after falling to Phoenix Trevor Browne in the state championship game.

MOELLER ROLLS

Just received your 1984 preseason football magazine. As always, it is well-done and a first-class publication. You always have a lot of good players out there.

It looks like Cincinnati Moeller has another great football team. Princeton got knocked off, and I thought they were really going to have it this season.

God bless you always.

Coach Gerry Faust
University of Notre Dame
September, 1984

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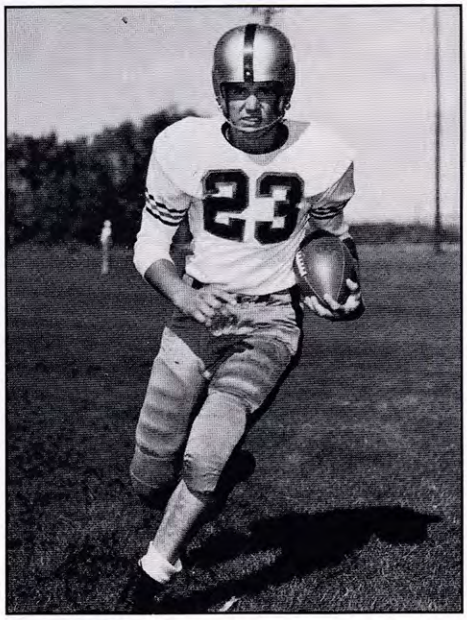
Thanks you very much for the magazine with the article about my father (Skip Palrang) and Boys Town ("Boys Town vs the U.S.A."). I am very impressed with your knowledge of Boys Town athletics, and as a matter of fact, I think that you and I know more about Boys Town athletics than anyone else in the world. It still amazes me how and why you went to the trouble to find all that information about Boys Town and Skip.

Dr. Art M. Palrang
Caldwell, Idaho
September, 1986

COYOTES & CAVEMEN

Recently, a friend of the family mailed us a copy of your 1989 Phoenix Metro Football Magazine. I graduated from Roswell High School in New Mexico long, long ago. We really enjoyed your story on Micky Reeves, "King of the Coyotes," and all the great players from "little" New Mexico.

That small state has produced many famous people in sports. As you know, Reeves is now attending Arizona State on a football scholarship. We were really proud of Timmy Smith, the former great basketball player from Hobbs, who rushed for 200 yards in the Super Bowl against Denver a couple of years ago.



Tommy Brookshire

They weren't born when I was a Coyote. Of all the many players you mentioned, you omitted one of Roswell's favorite sons, Tommy Brookshire. Brookshire, later a Colorado U. and pro star, was a great all-around athlete in high school. I think he might have been the state player of the year in basketball, too.

Robert Hansen
Boulder, Colo.
November, 1989

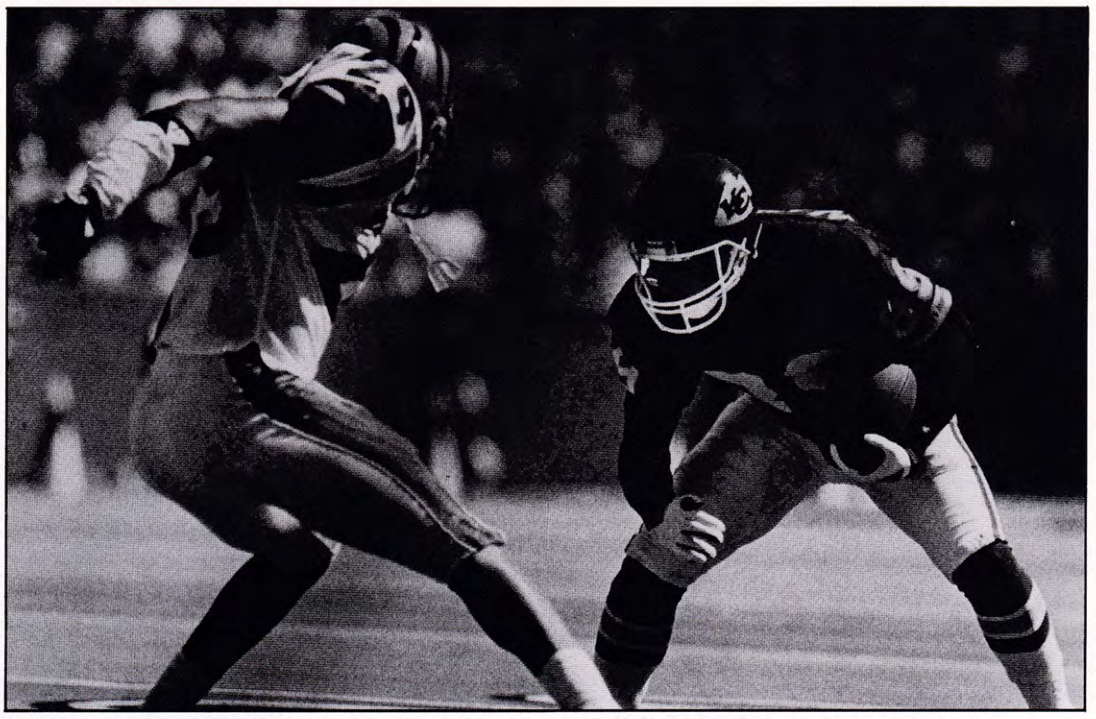
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Again, many thanks for your dedication and outstanding work for high school football in Arizona. We at Peoria, and coaches everywhere, really appreciate and enjoy your efforts.

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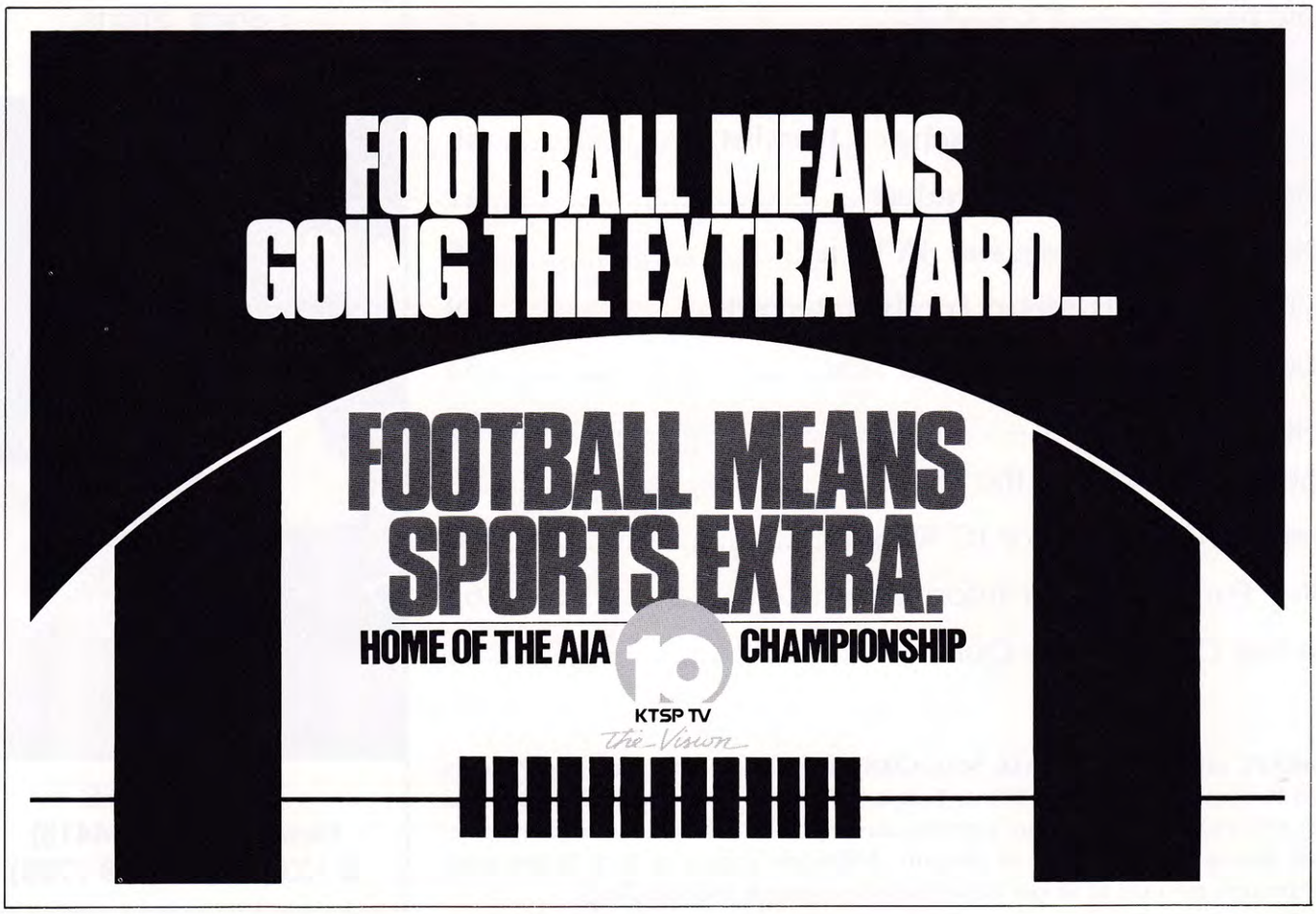
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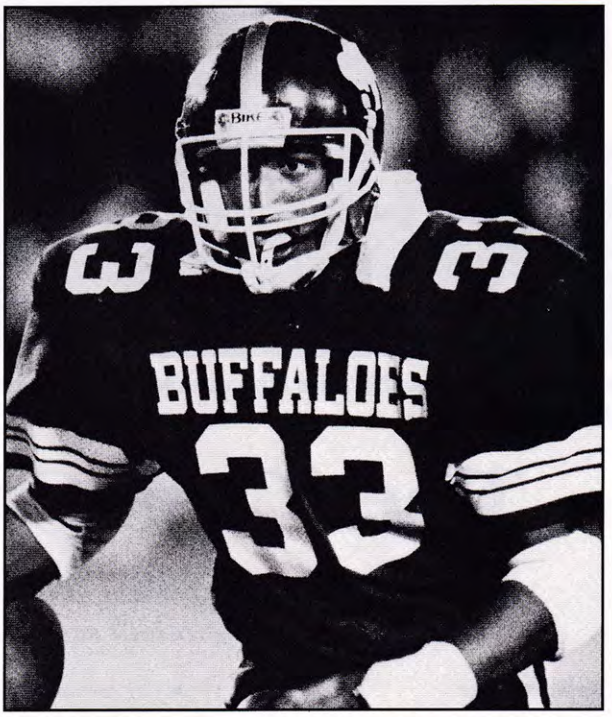
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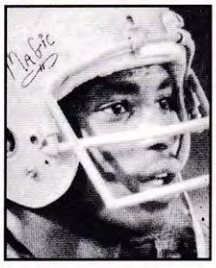
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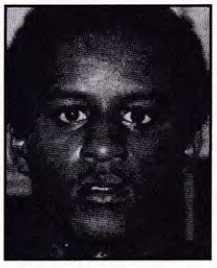
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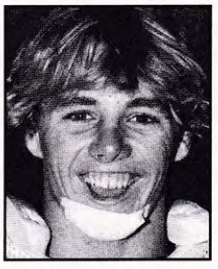
Tempe High's Dan-iel Taplin (Tribune photo)



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It started in 1982, when the 'Cats ripped through this banner in Tucson ... then ripped the Devils, 28-18 (Arizona Republic photo).

The 'Cats Own the State

Everybody's got an opinion. But one thing is for sure. When it comes to the local college football scene, the UA Wildcats own the state.

By Barry Sollenberger

Everybody's doing it. Reflecting on the past decade. Projecting into the future. Finding fault with the past. Saluting the great ones.

Or kicking the dogs while they're down.

So here we go. If you're new to the Valley of the Sun, here's some interesting facts about local college and high school football. Facts even the locals have forgotten.

● In 1970, one year before the infamous Fred Miller became athletic director, the Sun Devils were a national collegiate power in every major sport: football, basketball, baseball and track. History has proven this to be true.

Frank Kush's football program was the best kept secret west of the Rocky Mountains – except to NFL scouts. They made stops at 50,000-seat Sun Devil Stadium a habit..The 1970 season marked the Devils' first-ever appearance on national TV, a 48-26 win over North Carolina in the Peach Bowl.

● On several different occasions, Kush-coached clubs sent more running backs into the NFL in a single season than ASU produced in the entire decade of the 80s.

Honest, oldtimers.

Before Fred Miller arrived, Ned Wulk-coached basketball teams wore conference banners and competed in NCAA tournament play. ASU produced its share of NBA stars, too. In baseball, the Sun Devils, under Bobby Winkles, won three NCAA crowns. In track, Baldy Castillo-coached squads produced world class sprinters and NCAA record holders.

The only piece missing from the puzzle was world class facilities. That's where Fred Miller came in. That was his true contribution to the program. During his tenure and since, the current athletic director at San Diego State has been wrongly given credit by many for building ASU into "a national athletic power."

● So strong was the football program under Frank Kush that the Sun Devils finished 9-3 in their last year in the WAC (1977) and 9-3 in their first year in the Pac-10 (1978). But ASU was a national power in every major sport before Fred Miller arrived. Not after.

● In 1989, exactly 25 former Arizona high school products dotted active rosters of NFL teams. That's the second most in state history. On opening day in September, 13 played in the NFC and 12 in the AFC. Of those former Arizona kids, only seven (28%) played college football in Tempe.

It didn't used to be that way.

But since the fifth football game in 1979, an Oct. 13 home game against Washington, one key word has gone right out the window.

Stability.

It has yet to come back.

Since that date, a 12-7 win by the Sun Devils, Arizona State has had five different head coaches (Kush, Bob Owens, Darryl Rogers, John Cooper, Larry Marmie).

Just in football.

Those figures mirror the Oregon States of the world. During that same span, the Devils won 59% of their games. During the

previous decade, ASU had one head coach (Kush) and 16 different assistants. It won 79% of its games. No matter who they played – Oregon State, Utah State or USC.

Kush, after 22 years as top dog, was fired for allegedly hitting a player. Except for current baseball coach Jim Brock, everybody in the athletic department has since left his/her job.

But not to be forgotten was another milestone. Both ASU and rival Arizona joined the Pac-10 in 1978. It benefited the Wildcats the most. The shoe then was on the other foot. Arizona State all but owned the Wildcats. Especially in football.

On Nov. 24, 1979, Arizona beat ASU in Tempe without Kush, 27-24. The 'Cats even did it after the game was over. Arizona got a second shot at a winning field goal after freshman Ron Brown, later a star with the Los Angeles Rams, roughed the UA holder on a missed field goal. Arizona was coached that year by Tony Mason. Like Kush, Mason was forced out for alleged wrong-doings.

" I keep telling him we're going to beat them in basketball pretty soon. Football, I've about given up on."

The following year the cast changed. Darryl Rogers was in charge in Tempe. Arizona hired young Larry Smith. But on the field, nothing changed. On Nov. 29, in Tucson before a regional TV audience, ASU blitzed the 'Cats, 44-7. "It will be a long time before I forget this game," said Smith afterwards. It was almost an omen.

Then, unnoticed by most fans, things got closer in a hurry. In 1981, on a rainy night in Tempe, ASU fought hard to beat UA, 24-13. When the two schools meet on the gridiron, it's always a war. But when a Rose Bowl berth is at stake, it's nuclear. On Nov. 27, 1982, in Tucson, the Wildcats dealt ASU a convincing 28-18 beating, and knocked the Devils out of the Rose Bowl.

Talent-wise, it was the strongest ASU football team a UA club had ever beaten. Nine Sun Devils who started that night later played in the NFL. Almost overnight, Larry Smith had turned it around. The 'Cats knocked off unbeaten Notre Dame in South Bend, tied Rose Bowl champ UCLA, and dethroned Arizona State's (later to be) Fiesta Bowl champs on the last night of the season.

Arizona hasn't lost the state's "big game" since. In 1983 in Tempe, kicker Max Zendejas, brother of ASU All-America kicker Luis, booted a 45-yarder with no time left in a 17-15 win. In 1985, nose guard Dana Wells, a Phoenix Brophy Prep product, stripped QB Jeff Van Raaphorst of the ball with seconds remaining to give Zendejas another shot to win it with his toe. He did, 16-13.

Even the 1986 Pac-10 and Rose Bowl champion Devils couldn't beat Arizona, falling, 34-17, in Tucson in a game that wasn't that close. Except for the Oregon-Oregon State rivalry, the ASU-Arizona battle has become the most lopsided fight in the Pac-10. Local natives and alumni have become restless.

During the recent Phoenix Open golf tournament, former Phoenix Camelback and ASU player Bill Mayfair was bidding for his first top-10 finish. He played in the same threesome with former UA star Robert Gamez, winner of the Tucson Open. Mayfair says that he and Gamez sometimes exchange UA-ASU banter.

"They looked like bananas. It just made me want to play harder."

"I keep telling him we're going to beat them in basketball pretty soon," Mayfair said. "Football, I've about given up on."

Not only do the 'Cats own the Devils on the playing field, they have dominated the recruiting wars for local schoolboy talent. Last spring, Arizona signed more players (3) out of one high school (Tucson Sahuaro) than ASU signed in the whole state. (The Devils landed two, OT Mark Smith from Phoenix Alhambra and TE Marquis Tucker of Phoenix Carl Hayden.) The signing of just two Arizona products in Tempe is the second lowest total in school history. The record? One in 1985, Mesa Mountain View punter Mike Schuh.

Tucson Sahuaro tackle Mike Ciasca (6-6, 290), winner of the Brian Murray Award as the state's top interior lineman, visited Arizona , USC and Michigan before choosing the 'Cats. Ciasca said he did not schedule a visit to Arizona State "because I hate ASU. It's nothing against them personally, but I grew up in Tucson and you learn to hate ASU."

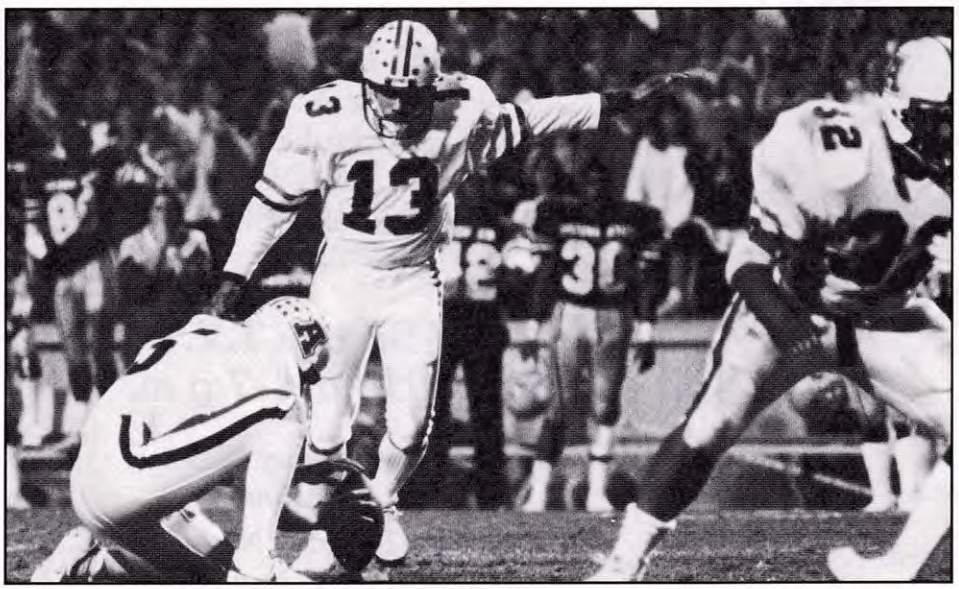
Although Arizona State has landed its share of top-notch local talent (see Kings of the Decade), far too many – especially from the Phoenix area – have gotten away. At least that's the feeling among many local high school coaches.

In 1987, four different South Mountain High graduates started on four different NFL teams. None played college ball in Tempe. "I grew up three minutes from Sun Devil Stadium and they overlooked me," said Byron Evans, a first-round pick of the Philadelphia Eagles and All-America linebacker for the 'Cats. In 1988, Nebraska signed nearly as many players out of Phoenix (4) as ASU landed from the whole state (6).

Recently, ASU was in the running for Lamar Lyons, a strong safety from Saint Monica High in Santa Monica, Calif. "Arizona State is telling him he can be another David Fulcher," said Saint Monica coach Angelo Jackson. "Arizona has reminded him it beats ASU every year."

"When we play Arizona State, our local kids, especially the ones from Phoenix, really play well," insisted Willie Dudley, a former coach at Mesa Mountain View and Tempe Marcos de Niza, who worked with the UA staff last year.

The beat goes on. Last November, ASU



It continued in Tempe. Max Zendejas boots a 32-yard field goal to knock ASU out of the '86 Rose Bowl, 16-13 (Jeff Wallace photo).



One Sun Devil intent upon changing ASU's fortunes versus the Wildcats is senior inside backer Drew Metcalf, a graduate of McClintock High School.

broke out new gold jerseys for its "big game" with Arizona. It lost again, 28-10, before 74,926 fans, the largest crowd in Sun Devil Stadium history. The mismatch outdrew both Fiesta Bowl games which crowned national champions.

Arizona linebacker Chris Singleton said he wasn't impressed by ASU's gold jerseys. His opinion mirrored that of many Sun Devil followers, and members of the media in the press box. "They looked like bananas," Singleton said. "It just made me want to play harder."

Before Kush was released from his job in 1979, negative print about his coaching tactics was written by media outlets from Los Angeles to New York. Many of those writers couldn't find Sun Devil Stadium if they had a map. With this in mind, it was refreshing to read a quote last fall by veteran sportswriter Dean Smith, a respected historian who has been on the local scene for decades.

"I have the greatest admiration for Frank Kush," he said. "He had a great ability to motivate people, was a talented recruiter, and is a good friend and wonderful man."

Everybody's got an opinion. But one thing is for sure. When it comes to the local college football scene, the Arizona Wildcats own the state.

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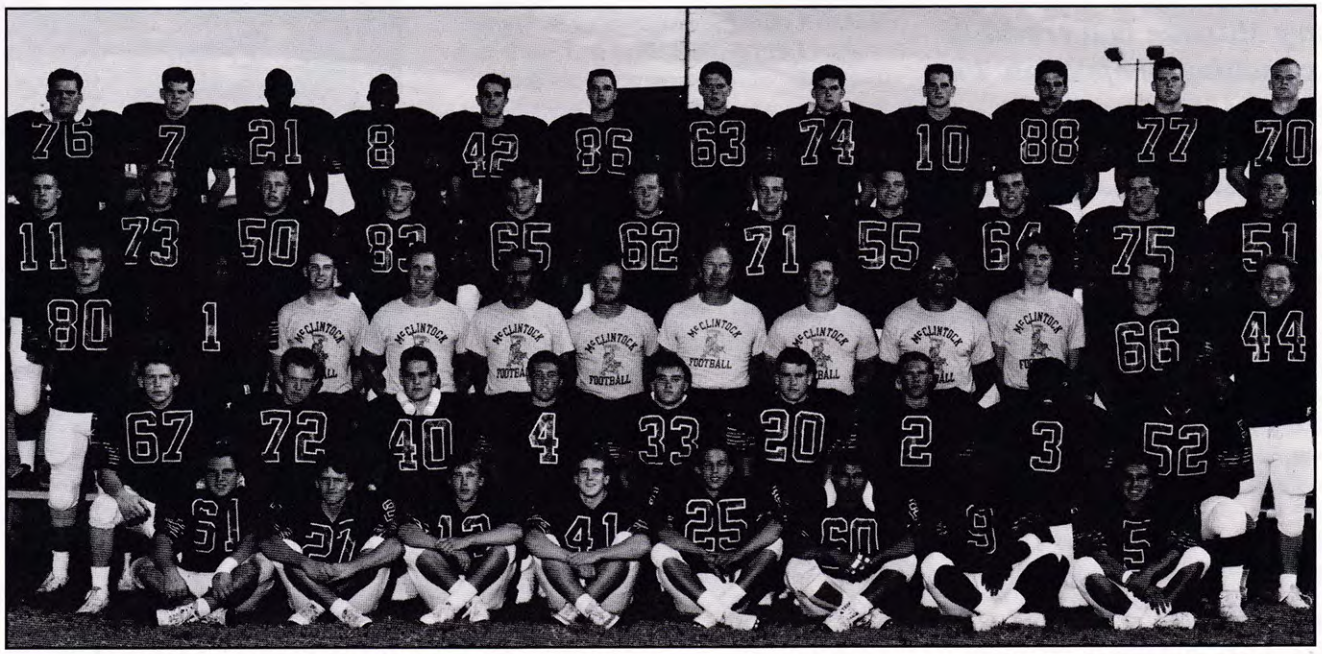
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What's Next for the Devils?

It's a new decade. The old one was up-and-down. The Sun Devils won only 59% of their football games between 1980-89. They also went through too many coaching changes, injuries, transfers and late-season headaches administered by rival Arizona.

Thank God for the 1987 Rose Bowl.

"Larry Marmie is a credit to the coaching profession. I'm glad the ASU players carried him off the field."

Armed with optimism, 33 returning lettermen and 13 starters, Marmie and his staff enter a new decade of Devil football. It will be Marmie's third year as head coach. Last season, for the second straight year, ASU struggled with consistency, but rallied to post a 6-4-1 log.

Example: on Oct. 21, ASU scored first against Oregon, but fell, 27-7, in Sun Devil Stadium. Junior quarterback Paul Justin completed 12 passes for 92 yards. The following week, on the same turf, they outscored Washington State, 44-39. Justin completed 33 of 47 passes for 534 yards. Ron Fair caught 19 passes for 277 yards.

"Larry Marmie is a credit to the coaching profession," WSU coach Mike Price said later. "I'm glad the ASU players carried him off the field."

This should be Marmie's best club yet. The Devils have the makings of a solid defensive unit, led by pre-season All-America defensive back Nathan LaDuke, and strong down lineman Shane Collins, the Pac-10 and NCAA shot put champ (66-3 1/4). Offensively, they return the top senior QB in the West in Justin, a 6-5, 210-pounder.

"Veteran leadership is a key to winning championships in any college sport," says Marmie. "We have talented veterans in key positions. They have worked hard."

Justin, a second-team all-league pick last year, completed 183 of 314 passes (58%) for 2,591 yards and 17 scores. His passing yardage was the second-best in school history, behind Danny White's 2,878 in 1973.

Candidates for a backup include sophomore Kurt Lasher, who started the Houston game last season, redshirt freshman Bret Powers (6-5, 210) and junior Bobby Valdez (6-2, 182). Powers is a product of nearby Glendale Cactus High School. He was the MVP in the state's 1989 North-South all-star game. Valdez, bothered by arm problems, is from Tucson Sunnyside.

Bookend tackles Mark Hayes (6-7, 285) and Mike Ritter (6-6, 296) will anchor the offensive line. Hayes, a senior, is one of the top line prospects in the Pac-10. Ritter is a junior with "lots of potential."

"There is no question that Mark Hayes and Mike Ritter will be the two strong points of our offensive line," says Marmie.

Pual DeBono (6-3, 272) and Jim Watson (6-4, 265), who was moved from the defensive side of the field, will battle for the center position. The starting guards will come from three candidates – Jeff White (6-3, 271), Tim Kirby (6-5, 277) and Bob Robertson (6-4, 270), a JC transfer from California. All are juniors.

Another promising candidate at guard is sophomore Bill Doverspike (6-3, 257), who medically redshirted last season. He earned a starting spot last year but was lost for the season during the San Jose State game.

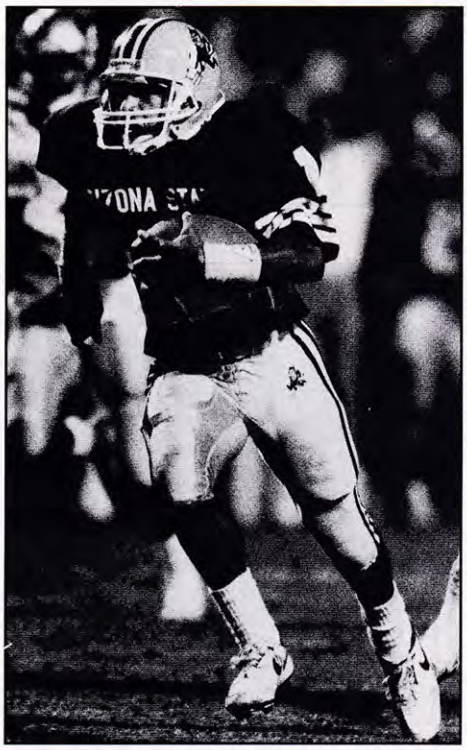
Marmie added one new coach to the offensive staff, tackles and tight end expert Jake Hallum. Hallum formerly coached with Jerry Claiborne at Maryland (1972-81) and at Kentucky (1982-89). From 1968 through 1972, he was the head coach at Morehead State.

Hallum will have the opportunity to coach one of the best tight ends on the West Coast in Ryan McReynolds, a 6-7, 250-pound senior who led ASU in receptions two years ago. The ASU staff thinks McReynolds can be one of the best in the nation.

At wide receiver, ASU will attempt to fill the void ledt by Ron Fair and Lynn James, both of whom hooked up with pro teams in the spring. Heading the list is sophomore Eric Guliford (5-8, 157), a speedy receiver with great moves. The Peoria native caught 17 passes for 264 yards, and later became the first freshman to lead the conference in punt returns. He averaged 10.0 yards on 25 returns with a 50-yarder his longest.

The 1989 freshman class included three extremely talented receivers in Micky Reeves (6-2, 193), Vance Smith (5-9, 167) and Derrick Hart (6-3, 170). All three are ready to go. The most interesting newcomer to the wideout corps is JC transfer Eric Moss (6-3, 209) of Ricks College in Idaho. Moss looks like a tight end, but moves like a flanker. He was a first-team NJCAA All-America after catching 55 passes for 1,034 yards and 14 touchdowns. He attended Service High in Anchorage, Alaska.

The backfield is also young and talented. The most experience resides at fullback, where junior Kevin Fisher (5-10, 215) and sophomore Jeff Simoneau (6-0, 244) are a threat anywhere near the goal line. The Devils lost both leading tailbacks – David Winsley and Bruce Perkins – so finding a starter and establishing depth is a priority.



Soph Eric Guliford led the Pac-10 in punt returns last year.

The leading candidate is JC transfer Leonard Russell (6-3, 235), from Mt. San Antonio College in California. Originally, ASU signed Russell out of Long Beach Poly High School in 1987. He transferred to Mt. SAC where he completed two banner seasons and won All-America honors. Last year he rushed for 1,470 yards on 293 carries and scored nine TDs.

Behind Russell is perhaps the crown jewel of last year's freshman class, tailback George Montgomery (6-1, 204). He was voted best offensive freshman on the scout team last year by the coaches. "The coaching staff feels like he is a player who will have to be reckoned with," says Marmie.

Another player who will have a shot at playing time is sophomore Kevin Galbreath (5-11, 197), a former player of the year in the state and a cousin of former NFL star, Tony Galbreath. Kevin, a 24-foot long jumper in high school, is one of several Sun Devils who prepped at Phoenix Maryvale.



Outside linebacker Darren Woodson, from Maryvale High School, closes in on 1989 Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware of the University of Houston.

But championships are won with good, sound defense, and Marmie and his staff plan to make things better. Mel Foels comes from a strong Tennessee program to be defensive coordinator, and Tom McMahon, defensive coordinator at East Carolina, is the new secondary coach.

They have to tools to work with. ASU returns eight players who started at least three games each in '89, with the headliner being Jim Thorpe Award finalist Nathan LaDuke (5-11, 195), a senior free safety from Phoenix Alhambra. He has 10 career interceptions and 238 career tackles. "He's a talented and committed player, and one of the greatest competitors I've ever been around," says his head coach.

The strong safety is senior Floyd Fields (6-2, 205), one of four players to start all 11 games on defense last year. Behinds Fields is soph Arnold Laws (5-11, 176), a prep All-America who has played mainly on special teams.

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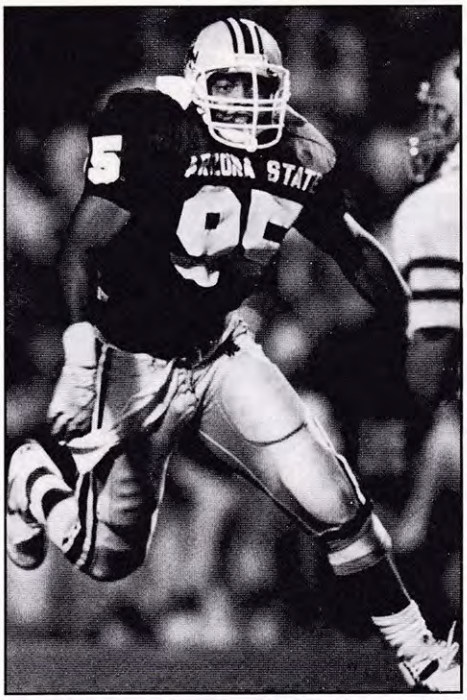
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Sun Devil defensive tackle Bryan Hooks hails from Tempe Marcos de Niza High School (Ken Akers photo).

both be local players – Kevin Miniefield (5-10, 169), from Phoenix Camelback, and Phillippi Sparks (6-0, 192), a teammate with Kevin Galbreath at Phoenix Maryvale. Miniefield was the Arizona basketball player of the year as a junior, and set a state career assist record. Sparks, the state long jump champion in 1987, was a JC All-America at Glendale C.C. to years ago. He'll also return kicks.

Of the four linebacker positions, Marmie must replace only one starter – inside backer Mark Tingstad, who started 23 games during his career. It was Tingstad who went down with a neck injury against Washington on Nov. 4. The coaches moved outside linebacker Terance Johnson (6-3, 227) to the inside. Drew Metcalf (6-2, 230) also anchors the inside spot. Both are seniors. On the outside, juniors Darren Woodson (6-1, 215) and Israel Stanley (6-3, 246) should start. Woodson, an excellent athlete, is another Phoenix Maryvale graduate (see Kings of the Decade).

"Darren Woodson is just a football player," says Marmie. "He's a guy that just makes plays. It doesn't matter what position you put him at, he'll probably end up being the best."

Shane Collins (6-4, 267) will anchor the Devils' defensive line. One of the nation's best shot putters (66-3 1/4), Collins will join Tim Landers (6-3, 267), Pat Mason (6-4, 280) and redshirt sophomore Bryan Hooks (6-4, 270) to form an improved forward wall. Players like Ivory Irvin (6-4, 218), Greg Kordas (6-4, 243) and Michael Thompson (6-2, 286) add depth.

The kicking game is in the hands of a former walk-on, sophomore placekicker Mike Richey (5-9, 174), and an Australian tennis player, junior punter Brad Williams (6-0, 170). Richey earned the kicking chores last season and was perfect, hitting six-of-six field goals and 16-of-16 extra points. He booted a 44-yard field goal against Stanford.

Eric Guliford will return punts, with Phillippi Sparks, George Montgomery and Victor Cahoon returning kickoffs. When the Devils kick off themselves, watch for newcomer Steve Rausch, a product of Mesa Dobson High. He may be the best at that position in years

ASU ALL-DECADE TEAM

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QB .....Mike Pagel, 6-2, 195
RB .....Gerald Riggs, 6-1, 230
RB .....Darryl Harris, 6-0, 181
TE .....Ron Wetzel, 6-7, 235
WR.....Aaron Cox, 5-10, 175
WR.....Ron Fair, 5-10, 195
OT.....Danny Villa, 6-5, 284
OT .....John Meyer, 6-6, 250
OG .....Randall McDaniel, 6-5, 261
OG.....Todd Kalis, 6-6, 261
OC.....Mark Shupe, 6-5, 245
PK.....Luis Zendejas, 5-9, 186
P .....Mike Black, 6-3, 190

Defense

LB.....Vernon Maxwell, 6-2, 225
LB.....Greg Clark, 6-1, 225
LB .....Scott Stephen, 6-2, 224
DL .....Jim Jeffcoat, 6-6, 251
DL.....Shawn Patterson, 6-5, 257
DL .....Skip McClendon, 6-5, 257
DL.....Trace Armstrong, 6-5, 250
DB.....David Fulcher, 6-2, 228
DB ..... Mike Richardson, 6-0, 190
DB.....Eric Allen, 5-11, 188
DB .....Paul Moyer, 6-1, 201
DB .....Anthony Parker, 5-11, 181

SUN DEVIL NEWCOMERS

High School

Pos.	Name	Hometown/School
RB	Parnell Charles, 6-2, 210	St. Paul (St. Agnes), MN
WR	Clyde McCoy, 6-3, 170	Ambridge (Ambridge), PA
TE	Marquis Tucker, 6-6, 225	Phoenix (Carl Hayden), AZ
TE	Justin Dragoo, 6-3, 210	Napa (Vintage), CA
TE	Nickie Moore, 6-5, 215	Wichita Falls (Rider), TX
OL	Jeff Kysar, 6-8, 280	San Diego (Serra), CA
OL	Toby Mills, 6-3, 255	Henderson (Henderson), TX
OL	Mark Smith, 6-4, 314	Phoenix (Alhambra), AZ
OL	DeMario Vaughn, 6-6, 270	Long Beach (Wilson), CA
DL	Jeff Maier, 6-6, 250	Lake Arrowhead (Rim of the World), CA
DL	Troy Martz, 6-4, 250	Escondido (Orange Glen), CA
DL	Brad McAllister, 6-5, 265	Hazelwood (West), MO
LB	Gary Gibson, 6-3, 220	Irvine (Woodbridge), CA
LB	Raythan Smith, 6-3, 220	Tulsa (Washington), OK
LB	David Tisdell, 6-2, 200	Terrell (Terrell), TX
DB	Demond Sampson, 6-1, 180	Tulsa (Washington), OK
DB	Kendall Rhyne, 6-3, 205	Garland (North Garland), TX

Junior College

RB	Leonard Russell, 6-3, 235	Mt. San Antonio, CA
RB	Gino Valpredo, 6-1, 215	Bakersfield, CA
WR	Eric Moss, 6-3, 200	Ricks, ID
OL	Chad Ackerley, 6-4, 250	Bakersfield, CA
OL	Joe Penniplede, 6-7, 320	Highland, KS
OL	Bob Robertson, 6-4, 270	Cerritos, CA
DL	David Dixon, 6-6, 289	Ricks, ID
LB	Gavin Hill, 6-4, 230	American River, CA

Phoenix Cardinals Searching For Answers As 1990 Opening Kickoff Nears

Don't expect the Cardinals' third NFL campaign in Phoenix to be a repeat of the first two. No one knows if the Big Red will win more games, but the main players have definitely changed.

A year ago, veteran coach Gene Stallings and his staff were preparing for the 1989 campaign with cautious optimism. There were concerns about star quarterback Neil Lomax's arthritic hip, but the overall mood was upbeat. The result. A disappointing 5-11 ledger.

Well, Stallings is gone. Lomax couldn't play and had to retire. Fullback Earl Ferrell won't be in uniform due to drug abuse problems. The times – they are a changing.

Joe Bugel, a longtime assistant with the Washington Redskins, is the new head coach, with Jerry Rhome a key addition as offensive coordinator.

It appears that second-year signal caller Timm Rosenbach, who saw very limited action as a rookie, will be given every opportunity to win the starting job at quarterback. Gary Hogeboom and Tom Tupa are available if Rosenbach isn't ready.

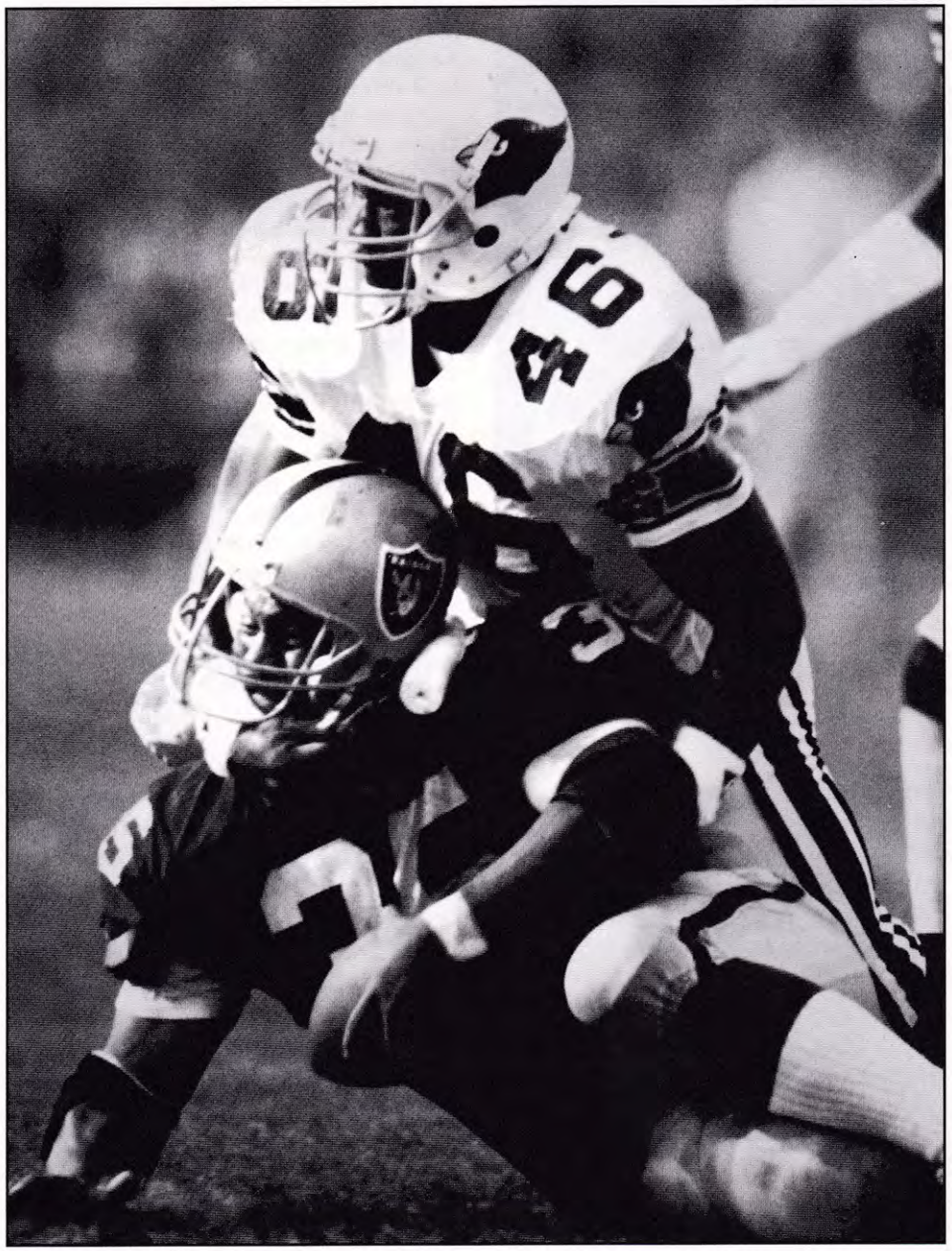
The running game will likely feature rookie Anthony Thompson, a second-round selection from Indiana University. Stump Mitchell could also be a factor, if he can recover from a serious knee injury suffered against the Giants last fall.

Third-year wideout Ernie Jones has demonstrated outstanding ability in his brief career in Phoenix. After spearing 45 catches for 838 yards and three scores last season, he's made no secret about his intentions this year to unseat either Roy Green or J.T. Smith. Both veterans started fast in '89, only to suffer untimely injuries that severely limited their playing time. Still, they combined for over 100 receptions for nearly 1,500 yards.

Meanwhile, Walter Reeves, a second-year pro out of Auburn, will get a long look at tight end. Incumbent Robert Awalt should see plenty of time at the new H-Back slot.

As always, the offensive line will be anchored by Pro-Bowler Luis Sharpe at one of the tackles. Derek Kennard may move from center to guard. Look for Tootie Robbins, Lance Smith, Joe Wolf and Mike Zandofsky to fill in the gaps, with Plan B addition Bill Lewis getting a great opportunity to take over at center.

Defensively, strong safety Tim McDonald and inside linebacker Eric Hill are rising stars. The former achieved Pro-Bowl recognition for the first time in '89, when he produced 155 tackles, 16 passes defensed and seven interceptions. Hill, showing good progress in his rookie year, earned 14 starts and contributed 91 stops.



Strong safety Tim McDonald led Phoenix with 155 takedowns in 1989, emerging as the Cardinals' best defensive stopper.

Others being counted on to get the job done are defensive linemen Freddie Joe Nunn, Rod Saddler, David Galloway, Bob and Jim Wahler, outside backers Ken Harvey and Anthony Bell, and deep backs Cedric Mack, Lonnie Young, Mike Zordich and Carl Carter.

Additional help could come from rookie down lineman Travis Davis, a fourth-rounder from Michigan State, and Plan B defensive backs Tracey Eaton and Lorenzo Lynch.

Phoenix does have outstanding special teams play, led by perennial Pro-Bowler Ron Wolfley. Punter Rich Camarillo and placekicker Al Del Greco are reliable too.

The Cardinals are certainly in a state of transition. They have an enthusiastic coach running the show. They have some good players.

Can Bugel bring the team together? That's the question!



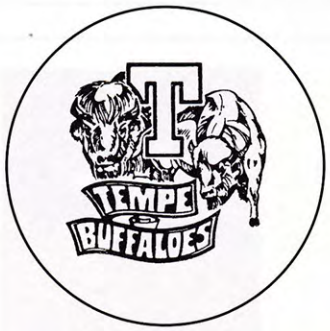
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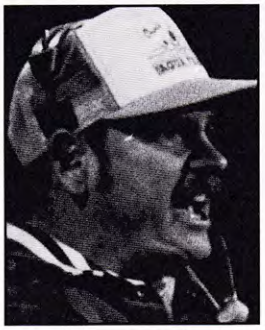
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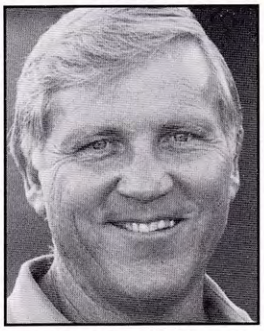
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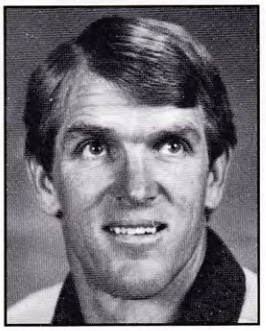
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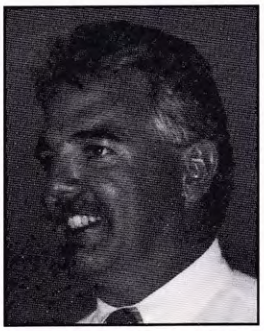
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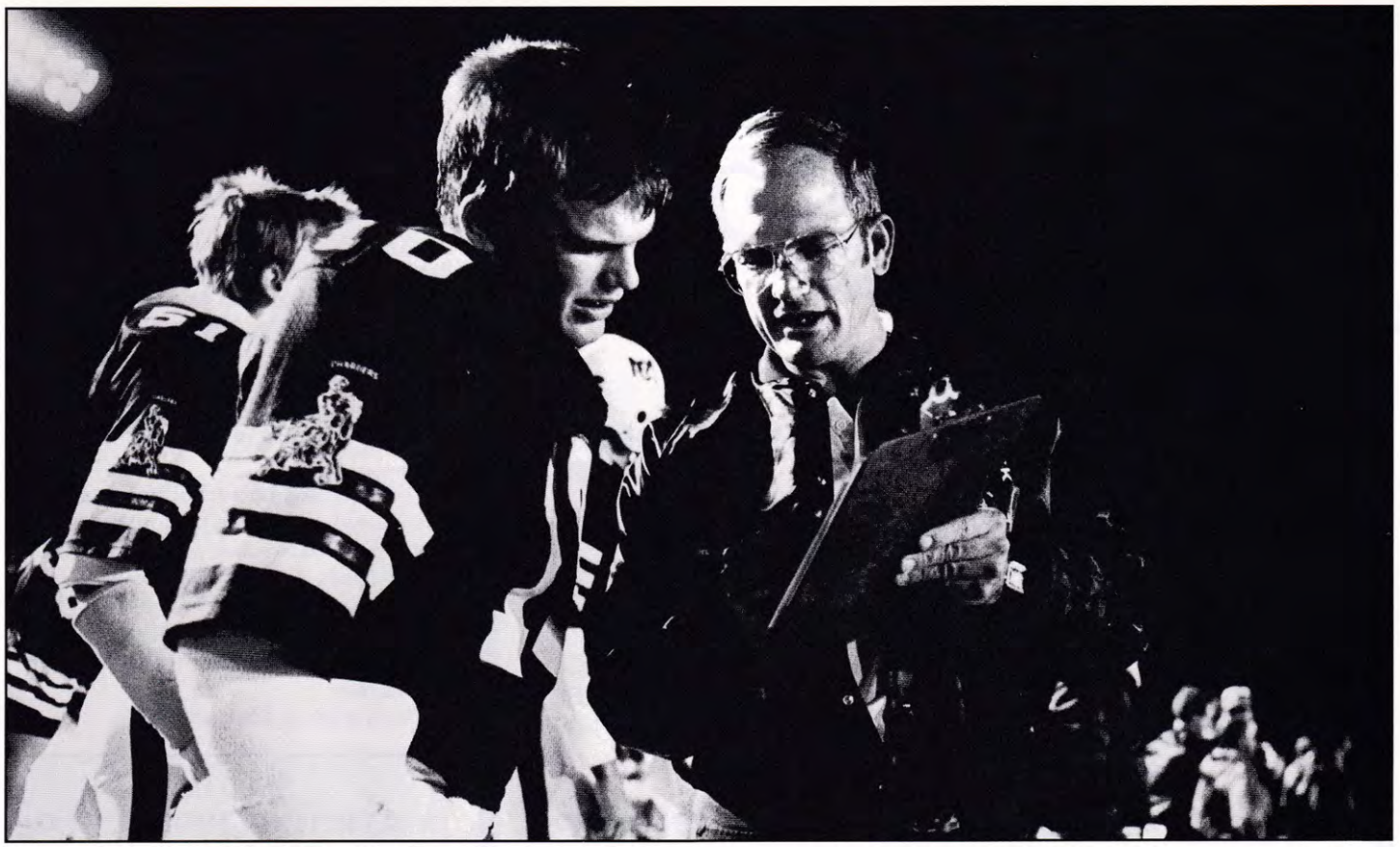


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Head coach Karl Kiefer and quarterback son Kent Kiefer discuss strategy on the sidelines in 1985 (Tribune photo).

Still Chasing a Legend

It's a high-profile program. High school football on a grand scale. Karl Kiefer, the school's football coach since 1965, runs the show.

Other schools have won more games, but the road to the 5A state championship goes through Tempe. And McClintock is right in the way. The Chargers were 90-34-0 between 1980-89; two state championship trophies were added to the collection.

Last fall, Chargerland was dancing with joy. McClintock, with the quickest team in their proud history, turned the 5A title game into a track meet. Mesa Westwood was the victim, 42-14, before a state-wide TV audience and 16,352 paid fans.

"I haven't been here very long, but that was the best football team I've seen in this state," said Ronnie Cox, Arizona State's recruiting coordinator. "That was a talented high school team."

Indeed it was. No less than nine Chargers earned all-state recognition. Tailback Brian Drew was the center of attention. His 38 touchdowns broke one of the oldest records in the books, Art Malone's 37 at Eloy Santa Cruz.

Kiefer is the only football coach the school has had. The former ASU end and team captain has won 210 games, lost 70, tied three, for a .750 winning percentage. He is 17 wins shy of the state record held by the legendary Edgar "Mutt" Ford of Mesa High fame.

"I never think about records like that until people bring it up," says the coach of the defending champs. "I just like coaching. I have no plans to quit. This is a great school. It's a great situation. We work hard. But so do a lot of other people over here.

"People like Jesse Parker at Mountain View. It's a tough league. But kids who play football here know they'll get a lot of recognition. We do a lot of the little things."

One big thing they do is win. But they do many of the little things, things missing from many high school programs. McClintock has produced game-day programs and press guides which rival college publications. The 1990 campaign marks the Chargers' Silver Anniversary. This year's souvenir program, sold at all home games, salutes every Charger who has worn the Cardinal Red and Navy Blue.

In the past decade, McClintock has produced more major college football prospects than any school in the state. Picking an all-time Charger squad (see chart) is like picking an all-time ASU team. Too many good ones. Not enough slots.

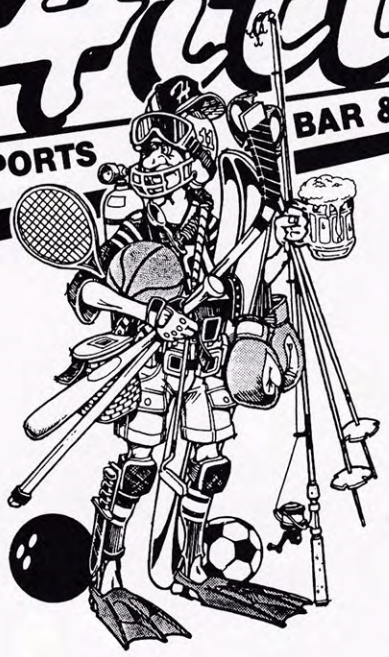
And McClintock opened with a bang. Kiefer's Chargers went 7-2 in 1965, the school's first year. Three years later, the new kid on the block was in the state semifinals. Youngsters like Bill Crowe, Ed Gaicki, Nick Ortega and Randy Collett got the program rolling.

Chargers like Ronnie Washington, Steve Houston, Ron Thomas, Anthony Parker and Shawn Patterson have played in the pros.

The future looks bright. Only five starters, 19 letter winners, return. The JV club finished 4-4-0. No problem. A talented freshman class, coached by loyal assistants like Dennis Johnson, Craig Thies, Randy Barber and Bill Crofford, lost only once. The Mini-Chargers, loaded with speed and size, lined up six 14-year-old tackles over 200 pounds.

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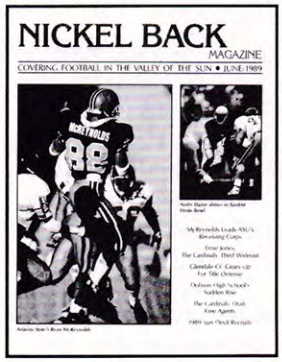
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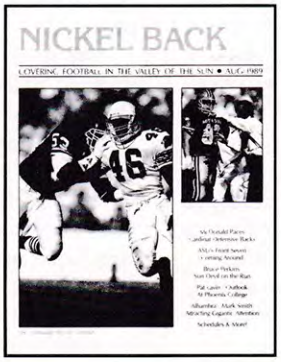
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school in our league," insists Kiefer. "If you are talented, we don't care what grade you're in. You can play on our varsity."

While most top-notch program two-platoon and carry 40-45 man rosters, Kiefer-coached clubs are small in number and big in talent. When you face McClintock, you face its best.

"Good kids play. We have our best athletes on the field all the time," he says. "A lot of our kids go both ways. Most schools like to two-platoon. Last year, we had all-state players going downfield on our kick-off teams. I've seen teams in this state with the fastest backs in the nation, and they play less than 50% of the game. What a waste."

Yes, this may be a rebuilding year, but the future looks bright. California schools may be added to future schedules. With "Mutt" Ford's 227 wins right around the corner, you can bet Kiefer will stick around. A return trip to Sun Devil Stadium might come sooner than McClintock rivals would like.

Such is life in Chargerland.

ALL-TIME McCLINTOCK HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

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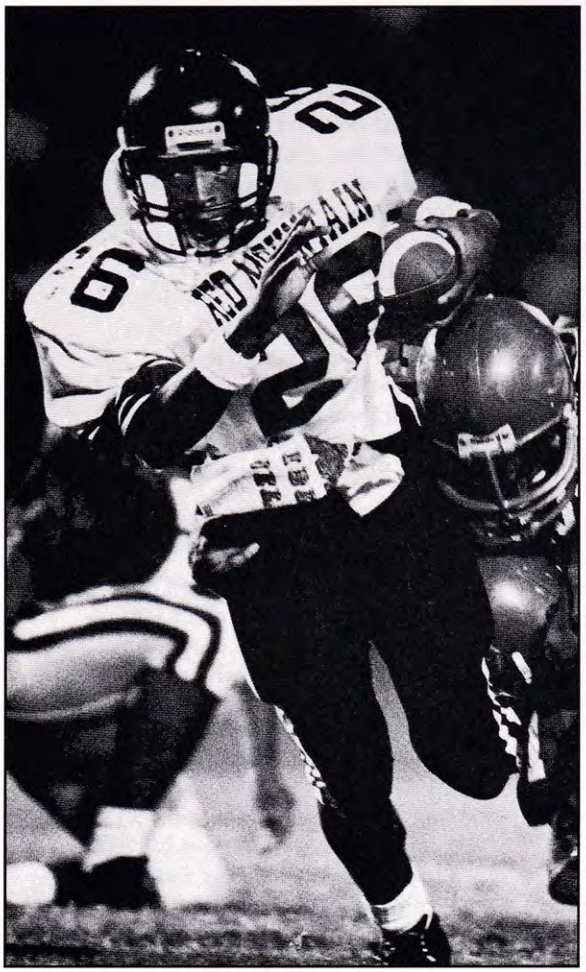
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Red Mountain speedster Derrick Land (Tribune photo).

Phoenix Metro Football Magazine*'s checklist of outstanding varsity players for the 1990 high school football season.*

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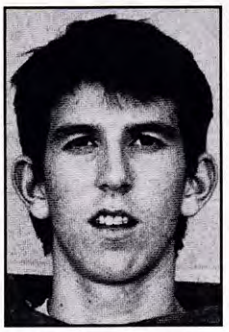
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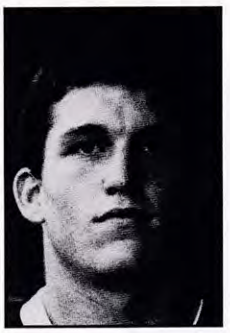
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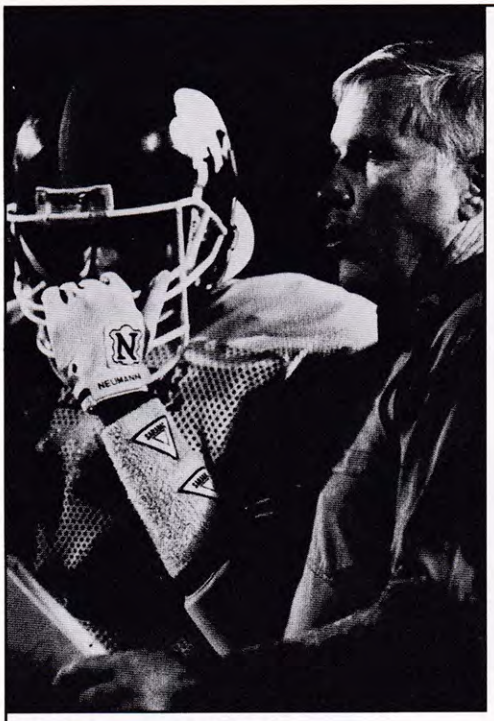
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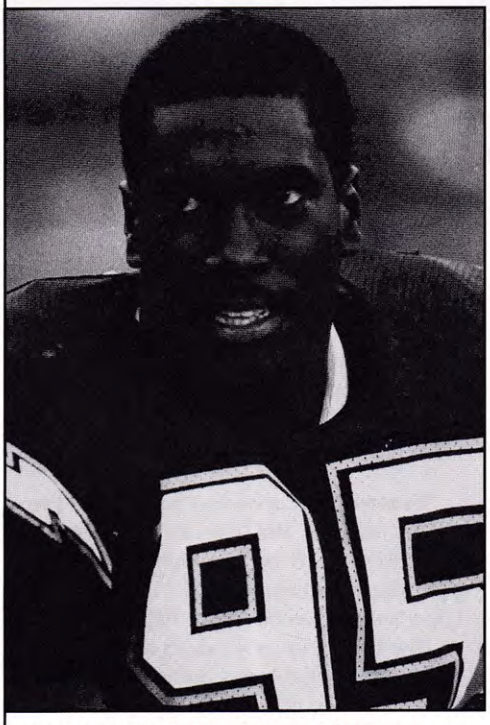
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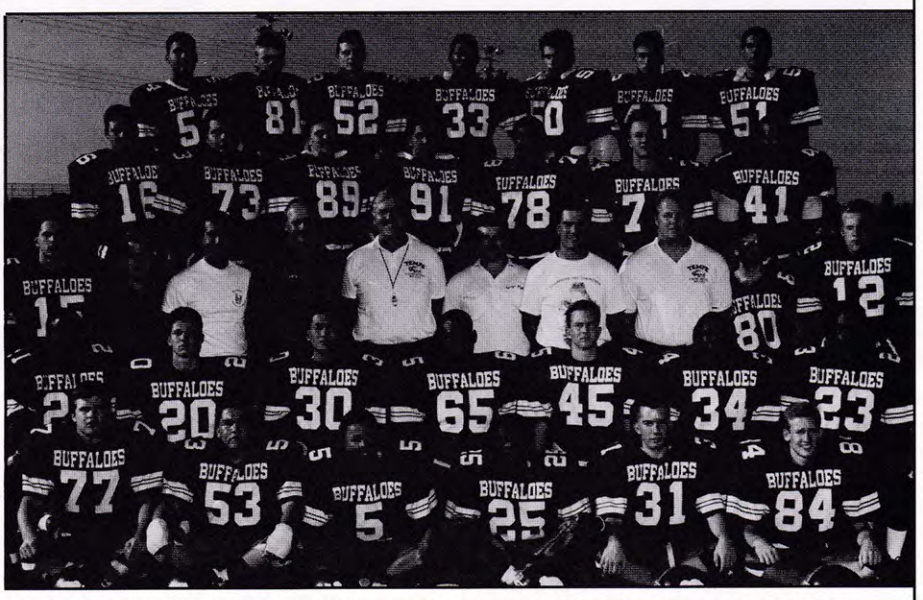
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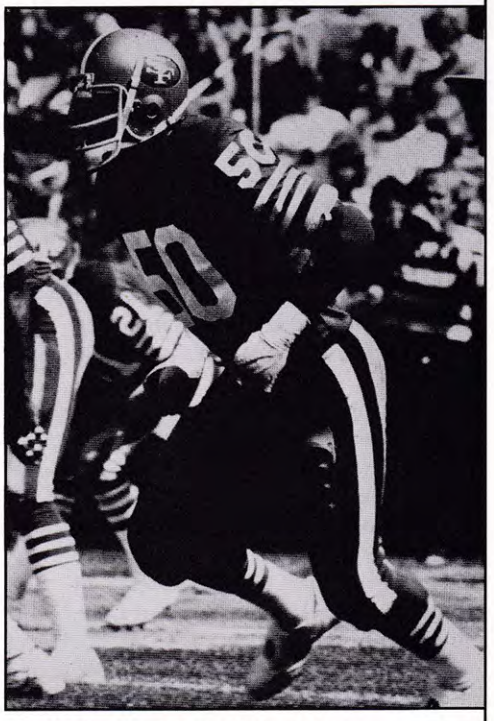
The 1989 Class 4A State Champions



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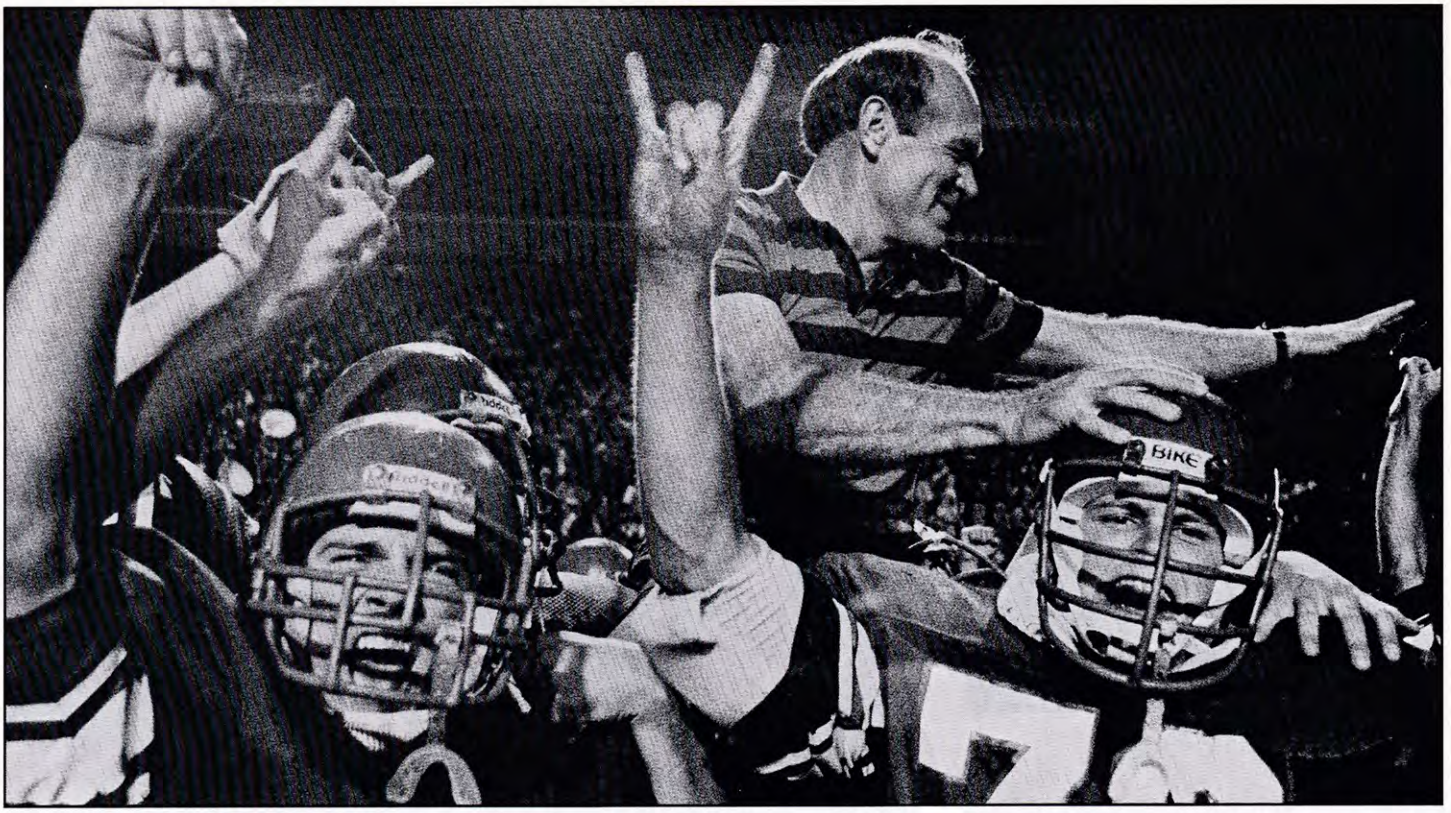
THE '89 BUFFALOES

- ❍ Produced five first-team all-staters.
- ❍ Beat 5A state champion McClintock, 25-24.
- ❍ Set school scoring record with 436 points.
- ❍ Had one of its players, Dan-iel Taplin, win the Larry Gordon Award.
- ❍ Saw two former Buffs play in the NFL.



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Jesse Parker and his Mountain View Toros defeated McClintock, 34-14, to grab the 1983 state title. Will the young but talented Toros win it all in '90 (Phoenix Gazette photo)?

Youthful Mountain View Top 5A Pick

5A EAST VALLEY REGION

1. Mesa Mountain View
2. Mesa Westwood
3. Mesa Red Mountain
4. Scottsdale Saguaro
5. Scottsdale Chaparral
6. Tempe Marcos de Niza

They call it the 5A East Valley Region. It should be renamed "Speed City." This Arizona league has the fastest backs in the West. However, none of them are at **Mountain View**, the region's preseason pick.

"Down through the years we've faced so many teams with great speed it's scary," says head coach Jesse Parker.

Teams like Tucson Amphi with Michael and Mario Bates, Phoenix Maryvale with current ASU stars Darren Woodson, Phillippi Sparks and Kevin Galbreath, or Tempe McClintock with Cleveland Colter and Art Greathouse.

The Toros stuffed them all. If anybody can slow down the wind, Jesse Parker's defense can. This year's club will be tested to the limit. Red Mountain halfback Derrick Land and Westwood WR/DB Ken Wilkins are two of the fastest high school backs in America.

Mountain View will be ready. "We're very optimistic," says Parker, 133-32-1 (.811) at the Mesa school. "We should have better offensive firepower, and a good defense, as usual.

"We don't have transfers like other schools. In fact, we've lost kids to the new school (Red Mountain). But we're looking forward to a better year. We have fair size and quickness and a very good junior class. We look forward to returning to Sun Devil Stadium in December."

Parker has one of the school's best-ever linemen in Rusty James, a 6-3, 225-pound two-way tackle. If the Toros go 7-5 again this fall, it won't be James' fault. He'll be ready. Teammate Kirk Adams (5-10, 165) earned post-season honors last year at DB.

Parker will send these defenders against the likes of Red Mountain and Westwood: DB Jason Conway (5-8, 160), DT Jerry Coleman (6-3, 205), DT Ryan Turley (6-5, 205), DE Wayne Syrek (6-0, 180), LB Paul Klekotka (6-0, 190), DB Dale Belnap (5-9, 165), LB Greg Allen (6-0, 190), and LB Damon Wheeler (6-0, 190). Allen and Wheeler are juniors.

With tackles James, Conway and Turley in the trenches, Parker has one of the best defensive fronts in Phoenix.

Junior Steve Mileus (5-9, 160) could start at quarterback. Jeremy Fuller (5-11, 170) and Bobby Breinholt (5-9, 160) could be the Toros' running backs.

Circle Sept. 7 on your calendar. Mountain View opens its season at home against defending state champ McClintock.

Wow!

Westwood was beaten badly (42-14) in the 5A finals by McClintock. That's one of the Warriors' few bad moments. The '88 defending champs finished 11-3 and Jerry Loper's crew landed in the finals again.

"We have a lot of work to do in the line and at linebacker," says the veteran coach, 181-77-9 (.705) after 27 campaigns. "We have good speed and a promising quarterback."

The fastest Warrior of all is FS/WR Kenny Wilkins (6-3, 195), a high-profile member last spring of the best high school track team in Arizona history. Wilkins clocked 10.61 and 21.44 before a late-season leg injury slowed him down.

"Wilkins is not just a track star playing football," claims McClintock coach Karl Kiefer. "He's a football player who can fly. He's a stud."

The promising Warrior QB is senior David Castro (5-9, 160), a quick back him-

1990 Phoenix Metro 5A Top 20

1. *Mountain View Toros*
2. *Westwood Warriors*
3. *Mesa Jackrabbits*
4. *Trevor Browne Bruins*
5. *McClintock Chargers*
6. *Brophy Prep Broncos*
7. *Dobson Mustangs*
8. *Maryvale Panthers*
9. *Red Mountain Lions*
10. *Moon Valley Rockets*
11. *Horizon Huskies*
12. *Apollo Hawks*
13. *St. Mary's Knights*
14. *Chandler Wolves*
15. *Carl Hayden Falcons*
16. *Saguaro Sabercats*
17. *Corona del Sol Aztecs*
18. *Goldwater Bulldogs*
19. *Camelback Spartans*
20. *Alhambra Lions*

self. He'll run the Westwood wishbone. Speedy (4.6) Amos Lewis (5-9, 175) will be one back in the 'bone. Coach Loper has two excellent tackles up front in seniors Jason Watson (6-3, 205) and Pat Ludlow (6-1, 210).

The best junior in camp might be safety Chris Finn (6-4, 195), a returning starter. Depth will be supplied by a 6-2 junior varsity and a 7-2 junior squad which lost only to varsity clubs – Kearny Ray and 3A state champ Florence.

Another East Valley club with speed to burn is **Red Mountain**. Most of it belongs to state sprint champ Derrick Land (10.61/21.31), a 5-9, 165-pound senior. Land missed several games after transferring from Winslow. The Lions won only one game last fall.

So far, in a three-year varsity career, Land has rushed 378 times for 2,199 yards, 17 touchdowns and 102 points. His best campaign was '88, when he carried 177 times for 1,110 yards and 11 scores as a Winslow Bulldog.

"We have good skill people coming back," says Jimmy Jones, a former assistant at Westwood. "If the offensive line comes around, we'll be set. We hope to get some help from our junior team."

Like city rival Westwood, the Lions run an option offense but are loaded at defensive back. Seniors Preston Jones (5-11, 175), Vance Wilson (5-11, 175) and James Fisher (5-10, 170) roam the secondary. Last fall, Fisher earned post-season honors as a receiver.

Clint Hamblin (6-1, 180), Robert Law (5-10, 180), Steve Spaulding (6-0, 180) and Jason Botjen (6-1, 180) man the linebacking crew. Those tackles the coaching staff talks about include Joey Perry (6-1, 260) and Chris Swanson (6-3, 200), to name a couple. Andy Ryan and Joey Policastro are two-way ends. Little Billy Policastro (5-8, 160) could be the Lions' center.

In Scottsdale, **Saguaro** struggled through a 2-8 campaign. Not all was bad news. The Sabercats beat Mountain View. Not many schools do that. Saguaro's player of the year nominee is halfback Chip Mahoney. The 6-0, 180-pounder finished with 809 yards on 128 carries, a 6.3 average. He also caught 20 passes for 258 yards and returned 16 kickoffs for 305 yards.

"We will be better," warns Bob Keller, eight games shy of 100 career victories. "Last season was a learning experience for all of our players, and coaches. But we'll be back. The players are looking forward to this year."

Two outstanding Sabercats are Preston Walker (6-1, 210), an OG/LB, and Richie Dubon (5-9, 175), a WB/SS. Flanker Gary Brown (6-4, 190), fullback Noah Ward (6-1, 190) and junior receiver Ryan Dooley (5-11, 170) are good skill players.

Saguaro has always had good-sized linemen. This year is no exception: Ken Nelson (6-3, 215), Lloyd Sanderson (6-0, 225), James Ames (5-11, 210), to name a few. If a passing game is developed, Jeremie Vaught (6-3, 175) is a capable receiver. Trey McManis (5-9, 175) is a tough, little guard.

At first glance, Scott Partridge doesn't look like one of the premier quarterbacks in Arizona. At 6-1 and 155 pounds, he looks like a skinny wide receiver. But the **Scottsdale Chaparral** signal caller can throw a football.

The Firebirds won only one game last year. But Partridge completed 135 of 267 passes for 1,453 yards, 11 touchdowns and 12 interceptions – in just eight games. What makes his stats more inpressive is that he played on a struggling team (1-9), and Chaparral opponents played the pass. The 'Birds scored only 96 points against 322 for the opposition.

"The switch to the new league was tough on us because of numbers," says Jim Bevell. "But the players always practiced and played hard. This year, we'll have to use more younger players. But having Scott back is a plus."

Besides Partridge, linebacker Jim Wood (5-11, 195) and HB/WR/LB Kurt Rinehimer (6-1, 170) earned all-city honors as juniors. If Rinehimer and Todd Niezgodski (5-10, 180) can get the running game in gear, pressure will be taken off Chaparral's passing game. K.C. Wilkinson and David Wilson are also running backs. Chris Goodrich (5-11, 265) is a two-way tackle. Little Sam Balich (5-7, 155) is a capable flanker.

But the key player is Partridge. He's mobile and throws on the run. He's not overpowering, but has a good touch. Chaparral has produced excellent quarterbacks recently. Partridge may be the best.

Somehow, **Marcos de Niza** finished 3-7 and went to the playoffs. Mesa, which beat state finalists McClintock and Westwood, finished 6-4 and stayed home. Is something wrong here?

Keeping head coaches at Marcos is a problem. In fact, the Padres have had four (4) in the past four years. The record? Eight (8) by Gilbert in eight years, between 1941-48. "These kids need to be commended for sticking it out," said one school official, watching the students go through spring drills.

Three players who should stand out are seniors Alex Allion (6-4, 250), Carlos Hernandez (5-8, 230) and Rocky Arredondo (5-9, 170). Arredondo is a skill player (DB/RB); the other two reside in the trenches. Senior Sterling Edens (6-1, 180) should start at QB, with junior William Bennett (6-1, 170) a capable backup.

Seniors Christian Shultz, Derek Price and Leon Long are deep backs or runners. Big Jeff Sullivan (6-1, 230) will join Allion and Hernandez in the trenches.

5A CENTRAL REGION

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

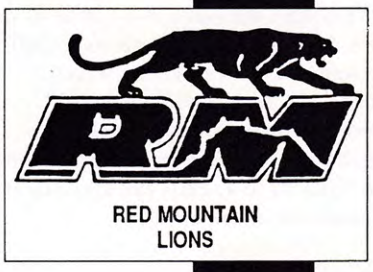
Mesa Westwood and Tempe McClintock. They battled for the 5A football crown last fall. But they both had something else in common: **Mesa High**, which finished 6-4 on the season, beat them both.

"The playoff format in this state needs to be changed," say Jim Rattay, the Jackrabbits' outspoken coach. "We play in one of the toughest leagues in the state. We should have made the playoffs."

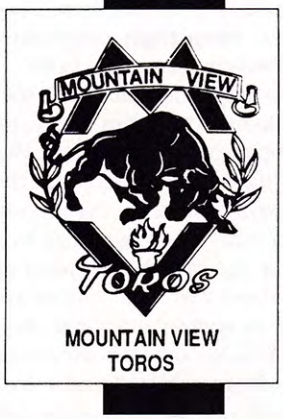
This year, Rattay, who has won 118 games in the prep ranks, might not have to worry about that. The 'Rabbits appear loaded. In quarterback Grady Benton (6-3, 180), Mesa has the best signal caller in the Central Region. Tested under fire, the QB/FS plays both sides of the ball. So does











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LB/OG Steve Parker (6-2, 220), one of the city's best defenders.

Tackles Jeff Singleton (6-2, 260) and Steve Lowell (6-3, 220) add size and strength. Slotback Andy Minor (5-11, 190) will join Parker at linebacker. Running backs Pete Loera (5-8, 155) and Ricky Mesa (5-8, 170) are small – but quick as rabbits.

Grant Massey (5-10, 200) will be the team's center, while Corey Gilchrist (5-9, 170) will start in the secondary and backup Benton at QB. Royce Gibbons (6-1, 200) and Kevin Knight (6-0, 175) add depth to the linebacker corps. Paul Macias (6-0, 175) is a WR/DB; Art Quesada (5-10, 185) a two-way lineman. All won letters last fall.

Mesa has won a state record 483 football games. In fact, the 'Rabbits are 483-216-36 since 1920. No high school in the Southwest has won 500 football games. Ironically, Mesa will soon be one of the few schools in the nation with 500 football wins and 1,000 basketball triumphs. The school's roundball teams have won 998 games.

Last fall, **Tempe McClintock** produced one of the school's best-ever teams (see Kings of the Decade). Karl Kiefer's club crushed Westwood, 42-14, in the 5A finals, played in Sun Devil Stadium. Surprisingly, 19 lettermen return from that squad, including senior Grady Stretz (6-5, 235), an all-state tackle, and Mike Noreus (6-1, 175), a second team all-state split end. Stretz may be the best Charger lineman since Shawn Patterson, now of the Green Bay Packers.

"That was the best season we had since 1980," says the head coach, 210-70-3 during his career, all at McClintock. "We won't let up. If everybody works hard in the summer, we'll be in the hunt."

But gone is the firepower. All 5,444 yards and 589 points of it. Only Noreus, who averaged 20.1 yards per catch and scored six TD's is back. The defense will have to carry the Chargers early. That won't be easy, with an early-season schedule which features the likes of Mountain View and Tucson Amphi.

Tackle Doug Dennis (6-3, 200) and LB Mike White (6-0, 205) will join all-stater Stretz to give McClintock three of the best defenders in the Central Region. Excluding sophomores from the talented frosh class, Andrew McCormick (5-10, 180) appears to be the club's top running back. With 4.55 speed, McCormick – like all Chargers – goes both ways.

"We try and keep our 11 best athletes on the field at all times," adds Kiefer. "A lot of schools like to two-platoon. That's fine. But when you play McClintock you face our 11 best athletes. Some of our best kids play on the kickoff team."

Kiefer might start underclassmen at every skill position. Senior Bryan Maxwell (5-9, 160) might win the QB battle. But the rest of the beef will be supplied by two-way performers: TE/LB David Nigra (6-2, 190) and linemen Bob Reid (6-1, 220), Eric Gieszl (6-0, 220), John Cabay (6-0, 215), Jeff Dieu (6-0, 230), J.P. Lautenschlager (6-0, 205) and Pete Munoz (6-4, 240). Senior Ryan McDonald (5-11, 170) will start at linebacker.

Quarterback Jason Sherman, a transfer from Scottsdale Arcadia, and half-a-dozen youngsters up from a 7-1 frosh club should make preseason camp interesting in Chargerland.

Mesa Dobson, coached by Mike Clark, lasted two games into the playoffs and finished 7-5. "We lost too many close games and fought the injury bug," claims Clark. "Under the circumstances, the kids did a great job."

The kicking game, always a strength at Dobson, is top-notch. Senior Victor Puefua (6-2, 205) is an all-state punter. And Chad Kraemer (6-3, 185) is an excellent place kicker. Between the two, Dobson might have the best – and biggest – kicking game in the Phoenix Metro area.

Over 20 lettermen return. Puefua, Kraemer, LB Josh Cairns (6-1, 220) and DB Craig Crosby (6-3, 185) are four of the best in the Central Region. Crosby is a track star (4.55 speed) who doubles at receiver. Little Brad Urbanek (5-9, 150) joins Crosby to give Dobson a speedy pass catching corps.

Senior Damon Wisniewski (5-10, 180) will be the Mustangs' signal caller. His teammate at tailback should be Rob Osborne (5-10, 180), a hard-nosed player who doubles at linebacker.

Several teams is the East Valley run the wishbone. **Chandler** is one of them. The Wolves finished 6-4 last year. "The kids gave us a good effort but were inexperienced," says Jim Wall, who will greet 13 lettermen in August. "We should improve due to experience and great senior leadership."

Top senior in his class is LB/HB Tyson Bruder (6-0, 195), the Wolves' biggest weapon. Although Bruder is a dangerous back, he's probably the best linebacker in the Central Region. Fullback Landis Owens (5-10, 185) and halfback B.J. Winfield (6-0, 170) keep Chandler's 'bone running at full speed. Both Owens and Winfield start on defense too. All three seniors have played on the varsity since 1988.

The Wolves are knee deep in the trenches with good linemen: John Shopp (6-4, 265), Mike Mahan (6-2, 230), Jason Patterson (6-2, 190), Donnie Garrison (6-0, 210), Jason Goracke (6-2, 210) and Andy Carrasco (5-11, 210). Isidro Martinez, Paul Perez, Freddie Davalos and Jesse Romero are smaller, two-way performers.

Coach Gary Venturo, state coach of the year in many circles in '89, guided **Tempe Corona del Sol** through a near-perfect 11-2 campaign. Westwood ended it in the 5A semifinals. Exactly 12 lettermen return.

"Strong senior leadership got us to the semifinals," says the former ASU grid star. "Everyone played like a family. We still have good skill people. But we must find a few good tackles."

Linebacker Walter Herring (5-11, 200) and DB Chad Freeze (5-10, 165) are back. Both double at running back. Freeze is also the Aztecs' return specialist. Senior TE/LB Jim McMahon (5-11, 180), WB/LB Tony Honsa (6-0, 175) and OG/NG Bret Fullerton (5-9, 190) get good preseason grades from the coaches.

Six other seniors to watch: OG/LB Jon Riggle, QB/DB Jason DiFrancesco, TE/DB Omar Howard, OT/LB Andy Wilt, C/DL Jason Williams, and C/DL Chad Moreni. Wilt is the Aztecs' kicker. Last fall's club carried one sophomore on the roster, HB/DB Phillip Anderson, now a junior with 4.6 speed.

Biggest news in Tigerland was the hiring of Richard Gray in the off-season. The new coach at **Gilbert** replaces Rick Dunn, who stepped down after a successful 56-30-1 career. In fact, a Dunn (either Rick or older brother Dan) has been in charge at Gilbert since 1972.

They like their football in Tigerland. In Maricopa County, only Mesa High (493) has won more football games (373) than Gilbert. Gray, 41, coached the defensive line for Northern Arizona University the past five seasons. He was the head coach at Scottsdale Horizon when the school opened in 1980. Thus Huskies were 27-25-0 (.519) under Gray. He was coach of the year in 1981, after his club finished 10-2. Gray played for Frank Kush at Arizona State and participated in both the Peach and Fiesta Bowls. Ironically, he was a college teammate of Gary Venturo, current head coach at league-rival Corona del Sol.

"I know this league is very competitive," Gray told the *Mesa Tribune*. "I wanted to get back to the tri-city area. It's a challenge I'm looking forward to."

Too bad Gray can't play. The Tigers could use the former lineman. Size is a weakness. In fact, the biggest Tigers in camp are quarterbacks: Derek Dahl (6-2, 200) and Craig Caballero (6-2, 225). Only center Paul Anderson (5-11, 200) tips the scales at 200 pounds.

Junior halfback Widd Workman (6-0, 185) runs 40 yards in 4.65 seconds and plays in the secondary. Wide receiver Stan Whitehurst (5-10, 160) joins Workman as a defensive back. Little Ben Gabbard (5-8, 160) is another defensive back. He runs a 4.6. Other Tigers to watch: NG/OG Tom

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When camp opens in August, Gray and his staff might want to trade some of those defensive backs in for linemen. Too bad there's no draft. But that's why schools have weight rooms.

And Gilbert has one of the best.

5A METRO REGION

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

Talented **Trevor Browne**, coached by Bill Mitton, has reached the state playoffs 12 straight years, a 5A Metro Region record. The Bruins return 20 players from last year's 5-6 club, the fewest wins by a Mitton-coached team since 1977.

"We should be a lot better," says the veteran coach, 130-74-1 in the prep wars. "But Maryvale is still the team to beat."

So is Trevor Browne. Senior Chad Mitton, the coach's son, is a two-year starter at DB. He's also the Bruins' QB, in spite of his size (5-8, 160), or lack of it. He runs 40 yards in 4.6 seconds. So does TB/DB Kirk Sparks (5-10, 170), cousin of ASU star Phillippi Sparks and a member of the Bruins' 400-meter relay team last spring. A good athlete, Sparks is also a 22-foot long jumper.

With tackle Tom Hatton (6-3, 210) in the lineup, Mitton has one of the better linemen in the 5A Metro Region. Other seniors with varsity experience include linebackers David McHenry (5-10, 180), Kyle Gomez (5-11, 175) and Dorian Reid (5-11, 190), fullback Chris Murphy (5-11, 200) and DT Alex Hernandez (5-10, 220). Junior guard Greg Pekau (6-1, 215) saw action as a sophomore. Keep an eye on junior running backs Marcus Green and Marcus Bethea, a transfer from Del Rio, Texas.

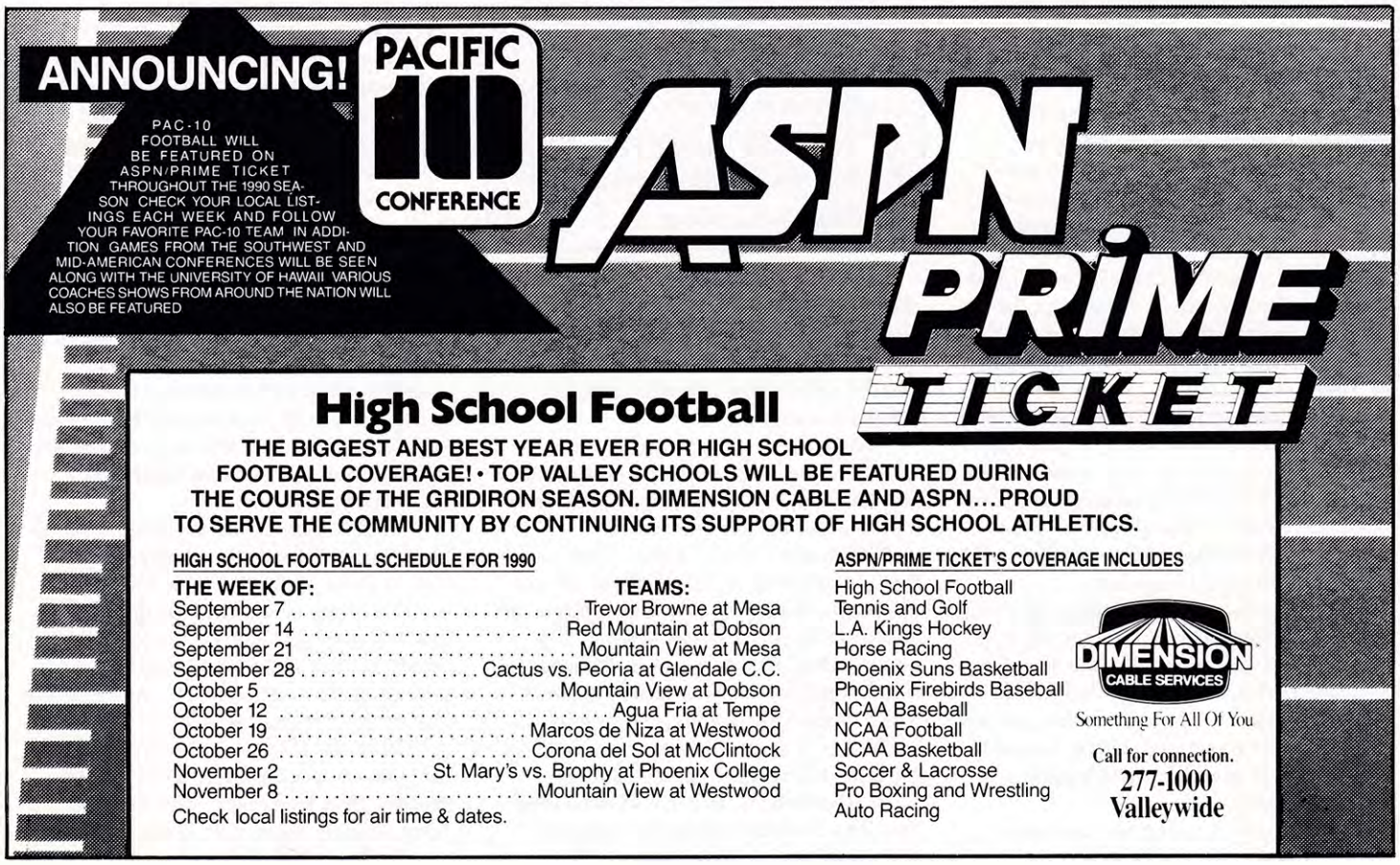
Another Phoenix school with a long playoff run is **Maryvale**, coached by Bill Buck. The Panthers have won 10 games in a row three straight years. Last fall's club went 10-2 with six sophomores in the lineup. But the real vet was senior Marcus Dickson. The all-stater became the first fullback in Arizona history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season. But he picked up his diploma and headed for Glendale CC.

"We had an experienced offensive line that made our running game go," says Buck. "This year many of our key positions will be filled by juniors."

Maryvale will also miss talented Frank Garcia, the best interior lineman in Phoenix last year. He's now at the University of Washington. So these four seniors will have to carry the load: QB/DB Jason Kindred (6-0, 170), OT/DT Danny Baker (6-2, 240), WB/LB George Ruiz (5-9, 165) and WR/DB Glen Punchios (5-10, 155).

Some of those sophomores – now a year older – include RB/DB Mickey Murray (5-7, 155), OL/LB Alvin Huff (6-1, 220), RB/DB Al Sparks (5-9, 165) and RB/DB George Page (6-0, 160). Page, one of the fastest sprinters in the state, clocked 10.55 and 21.63 last spring as a soph.

Last fall **Carl Hayden** won four football games, most by the Falcons' since 1979. Coach Rick Molina, an all-state receiver for Tempe High's 1971 state finalist, has a shot at the playoffs. "Our overall team strength has increased dramatically due to our off-season weight training," warns Molina. "Everybody does it, so you have to. We have some good kids returning. Three kids made second-team all-metro. One, kicker Joe Ackie, made first-team. He beat Camelback with a 47-yard field goal."



The biggest Falcon in camp is probably the best, two-way tackle Willie Reynoso (5-10, 245). He's also one of the strongest. The fastest is RB/DB Daryl Jones (5-11, 165), a burner with 4.5 speed. Wide receiver Leonard Bruner (6-0, 165) has caught 70 passes for the varsity, 50 during his sophomore year. He runs 40 yards in 4.6 seconds. Daniel Hawkins (5-11, 160) is another RB/DB with good speed (4.7).

Hawkins rushed for 555 yards and Jones for 435 yards. Bruner's 20 catches netted him 327 yards (16.4) and three scores. Ackie made 20 of 21 PATs, two of five field goals.

Wide receiver Marcus Delgado is the lone junior who could crack the lineup, so the rest of the squad is made up of seniors: QB Reggie Steele, QB Abel Ronquillo, LB Ray Romero, LB Mike Garcia, OG Randy Amauisca, OT Manuel Salazar, WR Chris Rios, LB Mike Baca and TE Mike Ramirez.

Between the two of them, quarterbacks Steele and Ronquillo passed for 1,051 yards and 10 touchdowns. Halfback Jones completed his only attempt for 39 yards. All six members of Carl Hayden's offensive backfield return.

Camelback, a mystery team of late, finished 3-7 and returns 14 letter winners. The Spartans lost three games by a total of five points. The two best prospects in camp look like FB/LB Daryl Phillips (5-10, 200) and center Eric Gastelum (6-2, 290). The big Spartan center has drawn raves from rival Metro coaches. Camelback has three other good seniors in RB/CB Jamar Hughes (5-10, 160), SE/FS Robert Belcher (5-9, 150) and TE/LB Greg Scallon (6-3, 180). The Spartans run the wishbone.

If **Alhambra** can find the QB it needs, the Lions could roar in '90. Coach Paul Hoffland has a good collection of skilled players to carry the mail. Alhambra runs the option. A good blocking TE with good hands is Billy LaDuke (6-0, 190), brother of ASU grid great Nathan LaDuke. An excellent LB also, LaDuke is the strongest Lion in camp.

But the hardest hitting defender is DB Adam Clark (6-2, 190). An all-league player last year, Clark could be one of the best in the city. "He's the hardest hitting defensive back we've had at Alhambra in 10 years, other than Nathan LaDuke," says Hoffland, who has won over 100 games.

Other promising Lions include TB Craig Hieback, center Callan Carpenter, TB Roger Rice, QB Eric Trevino and tackle David Kinnard. Hieback shared TB duties with Rice, who is just a junior. Carpenter is short (5-9, 185), but tough and strong. Kinnard, at 6-4 and 210 pounds, is the biggest returning starter.

"We had a very young and inexperienced varsity last year, with very few seniors," says Cleveland Dansby at **South Mountain**. "We didn't have spring football or much of a summer program, so it took the players a little longer to learn our system. Our season started off slow and picked up steam toward the end."

Always talented, South returns 16 lettermen from that 3-7 club, led by one of the state's best athletes, senior Brian Fair. The 6-3, 185-pound QB/DB also earned first-team all-state honors in basketball. "He's a blue-chip prospect in both sports," says one Pac-10 recruiter.

Fair runs 40 yards in 4.45 seconds and is rated the state's top defensive back. He returned one interception 100 yards for a TD as a sophomore. The gifted Jaguar is the next in a long line of talented prospects from the south Phoenix school. Two years ago, South High had four graduates starting on NFL clubs.

Teammate Rod Noble (6-4, 240) is a FB/LB to reckon with. The same goes for WR/DB Todd Lee (6-0, 170), TE/DE Raymond Williams (6-0, 185), RB/SS Ibn Russell (5-11, 180) and RB/LB Terry Tate (5-11, 185).

"With hard work in the weight room, hard work in the summer, plus the fact that we'll have spring training, we should have a very competitive teams," adds the second-year head coach.

5A FIESTA REGION

1. Phoenix Brophy Prep
2. Moon Valley
3. Glendale Apollo
4. Phoenix St. Mary's
5. Phoenix Shadow Mountain
6. Phoenix Central

This is a switch. **Brophy Prep**, not St. Mary's, is the region's preseason favorite. The Broncos have now qualified for the playoffs three straight years. Coach Tim Sanford returns five offensive and six defensive starters.

"We won't be big up front, but our speed will be much better than last year," says Sanford. "We should be in great position to make the playoffs again."

With seniors Todd Chester, Mike Weiland and Jack Woudenberg in the lineup, Brophy has three of the best players in the Fiesta Region. Chester is a 6-1, 170-pound safety with 4.66 speed. Weiland, a 6-2, 220-pound two-way tackle, is a real hitter. Woudenberg, a 6-2, 205-pound linebacker, was slowed by a knee injury last fall. He's also the club's tight end.

Woudenberg, a potential all-state candidate, has a family football background. Grandfather John played in the NFL, for San Francisco and Pittsburgh. Uncle Kevin was a guard at ASU under Frank Kush. And father Dana was an all-state LB on a 1962 Arcadia club rated as one of the state's all-time best.

But Chester, Weiland and Woudenberg aren't the whole show. If senior QB Andy Markham (6-2, 190) takes charge, Brophy could be back in the playoffs. He can take turns giving the ball to backs like Tony Caparella (5-9, 165), Dwight McClung (5-9, 165), or Mike Mitchell (6-1, 185), a promising sophomore who doubles at LB.

Junior Mark Jagodzinski (5-11, 190), an OG/LB/K, saw varsity action as a sophomore. Center Ken Frakes (5-11, 210) and guard Mike Quinn (5-8, 185) are two tough interior linemen. Although small, 5-9, 190-pound linebacker Brent Reese is a top-notch defender.

This might be the quickest Bronco squad in years. Speed has been a weakness in the past. But if Sanford and his staff can keep the injury bug off campus, Brophy Prep might be the surprise of the city.

After 25 years and 167 wins, Earl "Tiny" Putnam will no longer walk the sidelines at **Moon Valley**. The Rockets' coach has retired. Assistant Mel Harms takes over. The Fiesta Region champs (8-3) return 23 lettermen, four offensive and four defensive starters. "But we have several other players who played a great deal," warns the first-year coach. "The outlook is promising."

Two seniors who should lead the way: LB/RB Menno Wickey (5-10, 177) and DE/TE Jason Farrell (6-0, 177). Moon Valley runs the Wing-T, and Wickey is the best runner. Farrell is a capable receiver. Other seniors with potential include DE/TE Keith Morgan, DB/RB Don Kuntz, RB Hyuki Kwon and OG Matt Santa Cruz. Kuntz and Kwon were second unit players. Santa Cruz played half the time.

Apollo finished 5-6, but made the playoffs for the first time since 1986. State champ McClintock crushed the Hawks' hopes, 65-7. With 14 lettermen back, Rudy Pacheco and his staff will have experience at most positions, but lack depth and experience at QB.

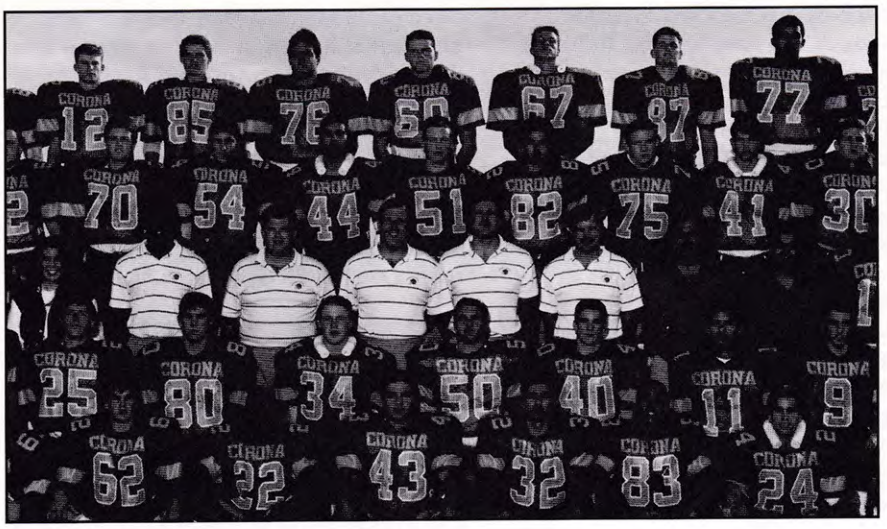
The QB might be senior Brian Ward (5-11, 175), a DE when the enemy has the ball. In Brian Mathisen (5-10, 180), Apollo has one of the best kickers in the city. Big Rick Whitmer (6-2, 230) is the team's center. He has some big friends: OT Gary Kilonowski (6-1, 210), OG Loren Ulvog (6-2, 212) and TE Charles Miller (6-1, 225).

Half of the Hawks' skill players run 40 yards in 4.9 seconds: Ron White, David Frausto, John Wallander, John Ashfield, Terry Patnode, Ryan Call, Brian Ramsey, to name a few. All are seniors.

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Year-after-year, **St. Mary's**, coached by Pat Farrell, is in the hunt. Last year the Knights finished 8-3 after falling to Tempe Corona del Sol in the first round of the playoffs. Too bad for the Knights. The loss kept the Phoenix school from becoming the first in state history to win 100 football games in a decade. Still, Farrell's Knights finished a great 10 years at 99-22-0, an .818 winning mark, best in the state.

"We graduated our entire line," says Farrell, 108-34-2 at the Catholic school. "Our strength will have to come from our reserves. Some of our skill players return. But we return only five players."

Senior leadership is important. That must come from WR/DB Fred Gammage (5-7, 140) and OL/DE Ruben Olivas (5-10, 185). Like most Knights down through the years, Gammage and Olivas are small, but tough and quick.

Four sophomores played on the varsity last year. Two of them made an impact: WB/DB Gabe Pantoja (5-10, 165) and HB/DB Angel Mendiola (5-6, 150). Even by St. Mary's standards, this edition of the Knights looks small. "We'll go back to depending on quickness, which was not our strength the last two years," concludes Farrell.

Over at **Shadow Mountain**, the Matadors played good football at the end, but too many injuries resulted in a 2-8 outcome. "We should be very competitive this year," claims Dick McKivergan. "But we need to improve our pass defense."

Junior Chris Hanrahan (6-3, 180) will lead the attack from his QB slot. He'll have one of the best targets in the league, 5-11, 170-pound senior Todd Woods. Senior Joe Tocco (5-10, 230) is an outstanding two-way guard. Defenders Mark Ashworth (6-0, 180) and Cody Aycock (5-11, 175) hope to graduate with honors. Besides Hanrahan, big Ed Cahill (6-0, 225) and little Ray Walcott (5-9, 150) will start as juniors.

Like Shadow Mountain, **Phoenix Central** finished 2-8. But Gary Cook's Bobcats are getting better. "We need to improve our defensive performance, and our ability to run the ball," says Cook, who once coached in Detroit. "We must have a more balanced attack."

Last year, Central had the best QB in Phoenix, but Anthony Carr picked up his diploma and headed south, for the University of Arizona. However, WR Donald Watkins (6-2, 175) is back, with 45 catches, 822 yards (18.3 ypc) and six TDs to his credit. He caught a dramatic 90-yarder on the last play of the game to beat Carl Hayden. "I believe Donald will be the premier receiver in Arizona next year," insists Cook.

The 'Cats have other good skill performers, like DB/TB/QB Trent Johnson (6-0, 175), like Watkins one of the best all-around athletes in the city. Both run 40 yards in 4.55 seconds. Big Anthony Fleming (6-2, 270) has excellent "feet" for a lineman. He showed flashes of great play in '89. Richard Martin (6-1, 230) is another solid performer.

If Johnson or junior John Rojas (6-4, 170) is the QB, T.J. Jones (5-7, 150) will join Watkins on the perimeter. So will Leonardo Garay (5-9, 150), giving Central three dangerous wideouts. But the "running game" has yet to improve. Maybe these three transfers will help it take shape: FB Sean Gallagher, and HBs Charles McBath and Rick Burns. All are juniors.

Defensively, the 'Cats have two top-notch players in SS Pat Swindle (5-11, 175) and OLB Chris West (6-0, 190). Like most schools in the city, Central has speed to burn. Depth is always a problem.

5A DESERT VALLEY REGION

1. Scottsdale Horizon
2. Phoenix Goldwater
3. Paradise Valley
4. Phoenix Deer Valley
5. Yuma Union
6. Yuma Kofa

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THE DECADE'S BEST

With two Class 5A titles and 99 wins, Phoenix St. Mary's is the winningest 5A school in the Decade of the 80s. Here's the state's top teams and their winning percentages.

.826		Round Valley	90-19-1
.820		Agua Fria	91-20-1
.818		St. Mary's	99-22-0
.789		Mountain View	97-26-7
.778		Moon Valley	91-26-0
.772		Tucson Amphi	88-26-1
.769		Florence	83-25-0
.767		Flagstaff	89-27-2
.766	*	Mayer	72-22-0
.731		Cactus	87-32-2
.730		Safford	73-27-1
.726		McClintock	90-34-0
.723		Snowflake	81-31-1
.721		Trevor Browne	88-34-0
.717	*	Patagonia	66-26-0
.716		Santa Cruz	73-29-2
.699		Blue Ridge	79-34-0
.691		Tucson Sahuaro	76-34-2
.689		Thatcher	73-33-0
.680	*	Valley Union	68-32-1
.670		Westwood	75-37-3
.670		Gilbert	73-36-1
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Last fall, **Paradise Valley** went 11-1 and playoff hunting, best-ever mark in the school's up-and-down football history. Tempe Corona del Sol ended the hunt in the 5A quarterfinals.

"It was a very gratifying season, to say the least," says Bob Lambie, 18-14-0 in three years. "We graduated almost all our skill people. Our defensive front seven has a chance to be decent, with Scott Primeau

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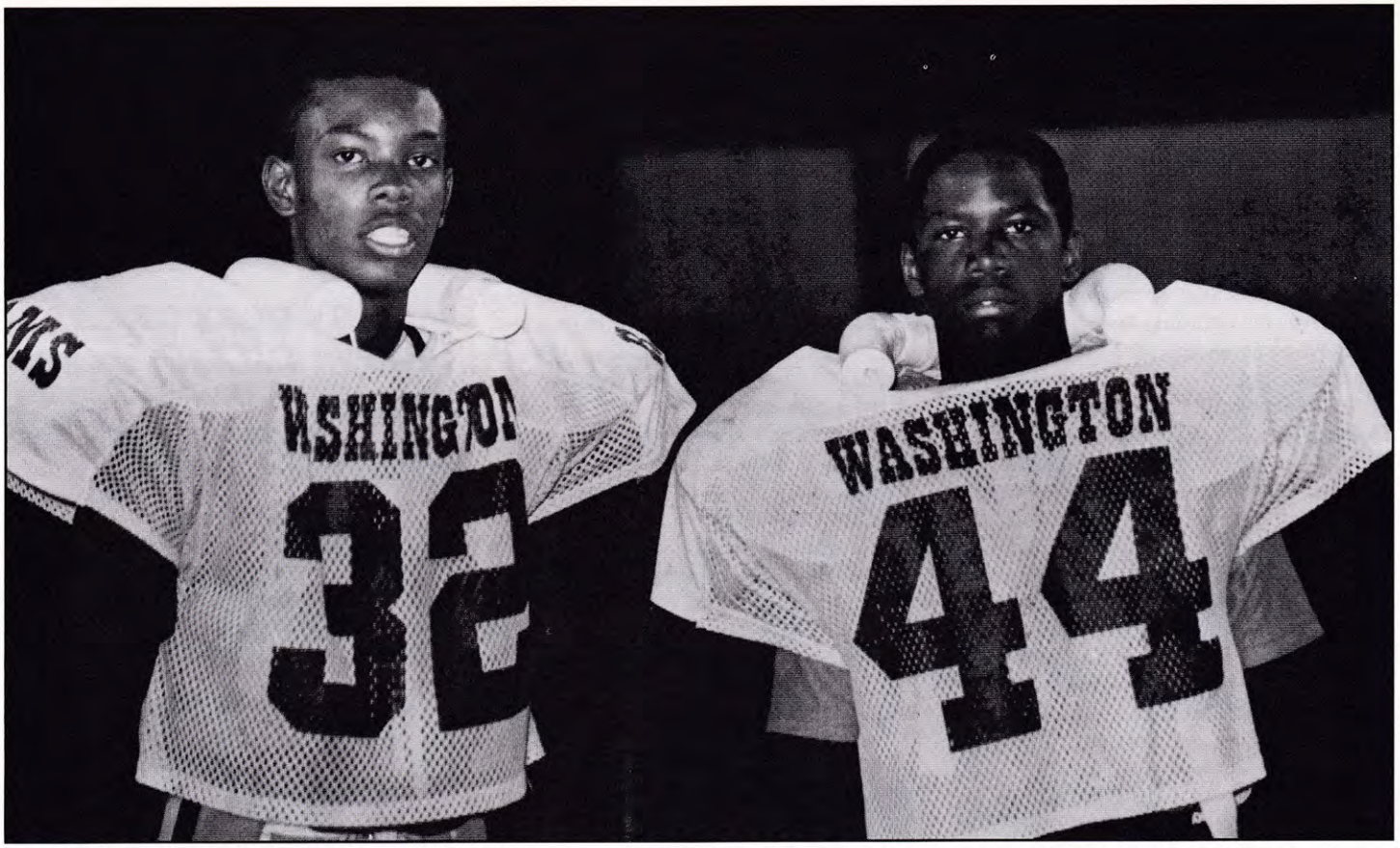
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4A SKYLINE REGION

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

"Offensively, we hope to pick up where we left off," says Steve Chisman at **Phoenix Washington**. "We'll have to work hard to improve on last year's defensive effort."

The Rams 11-1 season ended in the quarterfinals. Glendale Cactus outscored Chisman's crew, 37-34. But the Rams return most of their scoring punch. The big guns are running backs Curtis Lee (5-11, 175) and Eric Gallaga (5-10, 190), and wide receiver Carlos Artis (6-3, 170). Lee runs 40 yards in 4.6 seconds. He carried the ball 169 times for 1,167 yards and 9 TDs. His longest was 95 yards. Gallaga rushed for 689 yards and 8 TDs. His longest was 82 yards.

Artis, an all-state basketball player, has caught 78 passes in the past two years. Last fall he averaged 20.8 yards per catch. His 43 catches for 894 yards led the club. He plays safety on defense and runs 40 yards in 4.5 seconds.

The Rams return seven offesnive players, including WB Jon Becktold (5-8, 150), RB Jason Kitson (5-11, 175), OT Jeff Beasley (6-1, 184) and guard Mark Magnuson (5-11, 175). "We have excellent skill people returning," adds Chisman. "But we must rebuild a defense that lost seven starters. Some kids might have to go both ways."

Phoenix Cortez, coached by former Colt Robby Roberson, is "looking towards a good season." Last year the new coaching staff went 1-9 during a rebuilding year, with most of the lineup inexperienced.

Opposing Skyline coaches are fearful of two Colts: QB Bryan Bloom (6-4, 185) and RB Brian Galbreath (5-11, 170). "Watch out for Galbreath at Cortez," warns Washington's Steve Chisman. Only one Colt appears to tip the scales at 200 pounds, FB Shawn Cooper (5-11, 210), a 4.6 runner. In fact, the Cortez backfield is bigger than its line. Linebackers Eric Gardner (5-11, 195) and Rob Libberton (5-11, 190) are impact players. Speed, plus a good group of juniors up from a 6-2 JV squad, could make the difference.

Although **Thunderbird** finished 4-6, it was the school's best outing in four years. "We had some success to build on," says Mike Brown. With athletes like Mason Hess (6-5, 210), a TE/OLB, Brown sees a positive future. T'bird might have the bigest club in the 4A-Skyline, with the likes of OG/DT Arron Patrick (6-1, 200), SE/DE Andy Gattorna (6-2, 190), OT/DT Brad Bacchus (6-2, 210) and OT/DT Bob Hart (6-2, 200). A smaller Chief, 5-9, 185-pound Billy Smith, doubles at FB/LB. Little Chris Robinson (5-9, 150) is the Chiefs' quarterback.

The Patriots at **Independence** ended 4-5-1, best finish in years. They missed the playoffs by one game. "We should be bet-

ter than last year," hopes Richard Hoyt. "If key players stay eligible." One big plus is the return of QB Mike Dobosh (5-10, 160). Another is DT David Padgett (6-1, 220), a TE on offense. The Patriots have two tough defensive linemen in Dan Underwood (5-11, 240) and Charlesal Harden (5-11, 235), both seniors. Big Roger Villalpando (5-11, 200) is the team's center. Scott Williams (5-9, 150) is a quick (4.6) back. Junior tackle Lee Brown (6-2, 240) is the biggest underclassman.

After a long absence from the coaching ranks, veteran Al Munoz took over at **Sunnyslope**, and the Vikings went from 1-9 to 5-6. Short of bodies, every player went both ways. Only 10 return for the '90 campaign. "We're very thin," says Munoz, winner of 76 games, most at Glendale High. "We'll have to recruit from last year's freshmen squad."

Senior WB/CB Chris Werring (6-0, 170), with 4.7 speed, appears to be the premier Viking. Running back Terry Boyd (5-10, 170) is the quickest (4.6). The rest of the letter winners include QB Chad Bilbrey (6-3, 200), the biggest Viking in camp, along with HB Ray Jason, LB Kent Linder, OT Andy Shubert, DB Ian Schweikert, DB John Fenley, OG Tom Vicker, OT Mike Smith and little Roy Palomo, the team's kicker.

Glendale, with 10 returning starters, should be improved. The Cardinals finished 2-8, but beat rival Cortez, 24-13 and scored 53 points on Yuma Cibola. The defense and kicking teams scored four TDs against Cibola: two pass interceptions, one fumble recovery and one punt return.

Coach Mike Carl returns his quarterback, Justin Diede (6-4, 195), a junior. His late TD pass and Felipe Anguiano's 13-yard pass interception beat Cortez. Anguiano (6-0, 180) is the Cards' best linebacker. Carl and his staff are counting on seniors like RB Chris Baird, WR Miguel Delcid, DT Juan Guzman, NG Octavio Delcid, OG Mike Wilson, TE Randy Whitman, kicker Barry Swantz, and big tackle Bill Lester (6-4, 290) to show improvement.

Last year, **Yuma Cibola** competed at the varsity level with no seniors. Coach Tim Lino has all 33 lettermen back. Tackles Brian Ridley (6-1, 215) and Alfredo Perez (6-0, 215) are the biggest Raiders in camp. Mini-back Fernie Quiroz (5-4, 140) is the quickest. QB Philip Fitzgerald (5-9, 165) will run the offense. Running backs Gavin Kivisto (5-9, 175) and Jeret Cheatham (5-8, 150) must carry the mail.

4A WEST VALLEY REGION

1. Peoria
2. Glendale Cactus
3. Phoenix Greenway
4. Tolleson
5. Agua Fria
6. Glendale Ironwood
7. Tolleson Westview

To no surprise, **Peoria** is the preseason pick in the 4A-West Valley. The Panthers, coached by Doug Clapp, return more lettermen (30) than any school in the region. It's a credit to the coaches and players that Peoria reached the playoffs last year. They finished 7-3-2.

"With the new league every game was a head-knocker," says Clapp, 39-13-2 (.750) in four years at Peoria. "We were very young last year. But this group has a lot of talented athletes. They remind me of our 1987 state championship team."

That's bad news for 4A coaches. The Panthers return eight offensive starters and "lots of team experience and depth." Two high-profile players are all-state LB Aaron Franklin (6-3, 215), the region's defensive player of the year, and OT Eddie Perales (6-3, 220), another first team all-stater. Both seniors are quick. Franklin runs 40 yards in 4.6 seconds; Perales 4.7.

Running back Tony Rojas (5-9, 173) rushed 239 times for 1,074 yards and 14 TDs. He rushed for 1,163 yards as a sophomore. Peoria runs an I-formation, and Rojas is the key player. Defensive end Carlos Romero (6-2, 235) is a good all-round athlete. Last spring, he tossed the shot put 56 feet, the discus 170 feet. He even threw the hammer at the Great Southwest Track & Field Classic.

Kris Heddings (5-11, 191) returns at QB. Armando Castro (5-11, 188) is the Panthers' FB. Transfer Allen Coleman (6-0, 171) will add depth to the running game and secondary. Like most Clapp-coached teams, Peoria is big, one of the biggest in the state: Harvey Mendivil (6-1, 215), Jon Beacham (6-3, 220), Mike Wilhelm (6-0, 255), Brad Conlon (6-1, 253), Mike Evertson (6-3, 205), Mike Steele (5-11, 195) and Jeff Dishman (5-10, 182) all start.

Lots of help comes from the junior class, with OT Ian Murton (6-3, 252) the biggest, and WR Marlon Manning (6-3, 171) the quickest (4.55). "We also have some super sophomores who will make the varsity," warns Clapp.

At **Cactus**, football is not for the weak-hearted. The Cobras, coached by Larry Fetkenhier, won 10 of 13 games. State co-champ Tempe ended the season, 35-3 in the semifinals. But along the way, Cactus beat Peoria 28-27 in overtime, Glendale Ironwood 28-24, Flagstaff Coconino 42-37, lost to Agua Fria 45-43, then beat Phoenix Greenway, 56-55. In the loss to Agua Fria, the Cobras set a state record for points scored in a losing game (43). They handed the record to Greenway one week later.

"It was a fun year," says the head coach, winner of 79% of his games in six seasons. "It was exciting, to say the least. But this year we must replace our entire backfield."

The Cobras might have the best line in the state. In senior Jason Birdsong (6-1, 181), they think they have the best wide receiver. They might be right. Last fall, Birdsong caught 76 passes (a Phoenix metro record) for 1,201 yards and 15 TDs. During a year of great receivers, Birdsong might be the best. He runs 40 yards in 4.6 seconds.

The biggest question: Who's going to throw the ball? Catching it is no problem. Whoever takes the snap at QB will have a giant forward wall for protection, led by all-state OT Travis Guiney (6-4, 260). He has some real big friends, too: OC Mondel Farnsworth (6-1, 210), OG Jerry Romero

1990 PHOENIX METRO 4A TOP 20

1. Washington Rams
2. Peoria Panthers
3. Cactus Cobras
4. Greenway Demons
5. Cortez Colts
6. Tolleson Wolverines
7. Agua Fria Owls
8. Arcadia Titans
9. Coronado Dons
10. Ironwood Eagles
11. Tempe Buffaloes
12. Prescott Badgers
13. Thunderbird Chiefs
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15. North Mustangs
16. Sunnyslope Vikings
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18. Casa Grande Cougars
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.763	Jesse Parker, Mesa Mountain View	183-57-3	21
.761	Pat Farrell, Phoenix St. Mary's	108-34-2	12
.750	Karl Kiefer, Tempe McClintock	210-70-3	25
.750	Doug Clapp, Peoria	39-13-2	4
.710	Steve Chisman, Phoenix Washington	22-9-2	3
.702	Jerry Loper, Mesa Westwood	181-77-9	27
.696	Tom Wheatley, Agua Fria	112-49-3	15
.694	Gerry LaBelle, Cactus Shadows	34-15-2	5
.678	Rich Hoyt, Glendale Independence	97-46-4	14
.661	Buck Hall, Phoenix Maryvale	74-38-0	10
.637	Bill Mitton, Phoenix Trevor Browne	130-74-1	17
.632	James Murphy, Tempe Union	43-25-1	6
.628	Mike Clark, Mesa Dobson	86-51-3	13
.611	Jim Burton, Apache Junction	113-72-2	18
.600	Jerry Nunez, Buckeye	6-4-0	1
.594	Bob McClintock, Peoria Dysart	19-13-0	3
.589	Jim Wall, Chandler	33-23-1	6
.571	Greg Parrish, Phoenix Greenway	52-39-4	9
.566	Tim Sanford, Phoenix Brophy Prep	30-23-1	5
.563	Bob Lambie, Paradise Valley	18-14-0	3
.562	Paul Hoffland, Phoenix Alhambra	123-96-3	22
.551	Al Munoz, Sunnyslope	76-62-3	14
.551	Bob Keller, Scottsdale Saguaro	92-75-1	16
.548	John Carroll, Tolleson	40-33-2	6
.546	Bernon Benson, Valley Christian	130-108-6	28
.546	Joe Corte, Scottsdale Coronado	83-69-2	15
.534	Bill Stovall, North Phoenix	62-54-8	12
.522	James Hepting, Phoenix Goldwater	12-11-0	2
.519	Richard Gray, Gilbert	27-25-0	5
.500	Jimmy Jones, Mesa Red Mountain	39-39-3	8
.500	Doug Lange, Arizona Lutheran	10-10-0	2
.500	Rudy Pacheco, Glendale Apollo	66-66-7	13
.476	Gary Cook, Phoenix Central	30-33-0	11
.471	Dan Kennedy, Queen Creek	8-9-1	2
.451	Jim Bevell, Scottsdale Chaparral	23-28-1	4
.440	Doug Shaffer, Scottsdale Horizon	22-28-1	4
.412	Dick McKivergan, Shadow Mountain	54-77-2	13
.400	Ken Johnson, Scottsdale Arcadia	4-6-0	1
.390	Gary Venturo, Tempe Corona del Sol	46-72-2	12
.383	Pete Kellen, Phoenix Camelback	23-37-1	5
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.300	Cleveland Dansby, South Mountain	3-7-0	1

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Defensive back Paul Gallardo (6-3, 180) is a good athlete; David Semper (5-10, 185) a small but tough linebacker. Last fall, Cactus gave up 26.2 points per game. Watch for that to drop. It will be tough to average 35.5 on offense again.

Last fall, **Greenway** ended their campaign in a blaze of points, falling to Glendale Cactus, 56-55. No Arizona school in history, high school, college or pro, had scored 55 points in a losing game. "It was a good year," said Gregg Parrish, after his club finished 7-3-1. "We beat Agua Fria, the state co-champs. But we graduated most of our skill players. We should have a strong line this year."

The Demons return 14 monogram winners, and most are linemen: Philip Johnson (6-1, 190), Ken Hutchison (6-0, 185), Aaron East (6-2, 220), Rudy Garza (6-0, 220), and Justin Lyon (6-0, 260), to name a few. Johnson and Hutchison are two of the best guards in the league. They double at LB. Garza, the team's center, started 11 games at NG as a sophomore. Greenway's QB could be a good one, junior John Noble (6-2, 175), also a DB. Mark Ellis (6-0, 195) is a FB/LB with 4.8 speed. Ellis, Johnson and Hutchison might be the best linebacker corps in the league.

John Carroll returns 20 Wolves from last year's 3-7 club at **Tolleson**. In the 4A-West Valley wars, only Peoria (30) returns more. "We were real young, with few returning starters," says Carroll, a one-time head coach at Phoenix Gerard. "We should be much better. We'll be more experienced at every position."

One of the biggest Wolves on campus is tackle Darrell Deal (6-3, 240), the anchor on the line. Guard Marty Quionez (6-3, 225), FB/LB Chris Myers (5-10, 180), and mini-receiver Kevin Dubose (5-9, 140) join Deal as four of the school's best senior prospects. The rest of the lineup includes promising juniors like TB John Burges, center Jamie Ramos, FB/LB Cody Gibson, guard Eddie Saldana, TB Fred Britt and WB Alex Ortiz, to list a few. Tolleson's JV club finished 6-2-0.

Defensively, **Agua Fria** ran a clinic in the playoffs. Especially against top-ranked Tempe. If ever somebody deserved coach of the year, it was the Owls' Tom Wheatley. "We came together early and

played tough all season," says the coach of the co-champs. "But we've lost a lot of good seniors. Other than Washington, there was no standout going into spring ball."

Washington is Don, a 5-10, 180-pound back with 4.6 speed. Last year he played in the shadow of Keith Huckaby and James Pennington, but still managed 480 yards on 55 carries and 6 TDs. Also, the Owls might have the best kicking game in 4A football: Bobby Koning and Chris Tyler. Koning booted 26 PATS, and five field goals: 21, 27, 30, 38 and 45 yards. Tyler kicked 22 PATS, three field goals: 31, 37 and 44 yards. Both are seniors.

Seniors make up the rest of the Owls' preseason lineup: QB Eric Dean, WB/CB Anthony Chavez, OT/DT William Eisenhuth, OT/DE Tom Baggett, OG/DT Gabe Rodriquez, SE/FS Todd Ashline, FB/LB Jimmy Clifton, SE/CB Marcel Washington, OG/LB Kiley Fellars and OG/DT Chad Ashline. Both Eisenhuth and Baggett tip the scales at 250 pounds.

"We won six games in the toughest 4A region in the state," claims Mark Matheson at **Glendale Ironwood**. "That's quite an accomplishment for a school that just graduated its first full senior class."

The Eagles lost a lot to graduation. But the coaching staff hopes the program is sound enough to field a solid team. Key returnees include: WR/DB Jim Gibson (5-8, 155), WR/DB Donta Amos (5-10, 160), DT Erik Dobson (6-0, 225), DT Omar Clark (5-8, 175), OT Mike Stevens (6-2, 240), TE Joe Naperkowski (6-4, 190), RB Randy Williams (6-0, 185), WB Dan Hayakawa (5-11, 175), and center Steve Bigelow (6-0, 185). Last spring, Ironwood won the 4A track & field crown with speed and depth to burn. So anything is possible.

The new kid on the block is **Westview**, newest school in the Tolleson district. Last fall the Knights, playing a frosh schedule, went 7-2 and lost to Casa Grande (16-15) and Greenway (28-21). "We're very pleased with our kids' performance," says Tom Goodwin, former head coach at Tolleson High. "We hope to improve last year's record."

Westview will face a junior varsity schedule, playing mostly clubs in the 4A-West Valley Region. Six sophomores to keep an eye on: FB Antonio Carr (5-10, 185), RB Robbie Glanton (5-10, 160), RB Marcus Burgess (5-11, 165), QB Mat York (5-7, 145), and two-way tackles Mike Spires (6-1, 225) and Troy Engel (6-0, 230).

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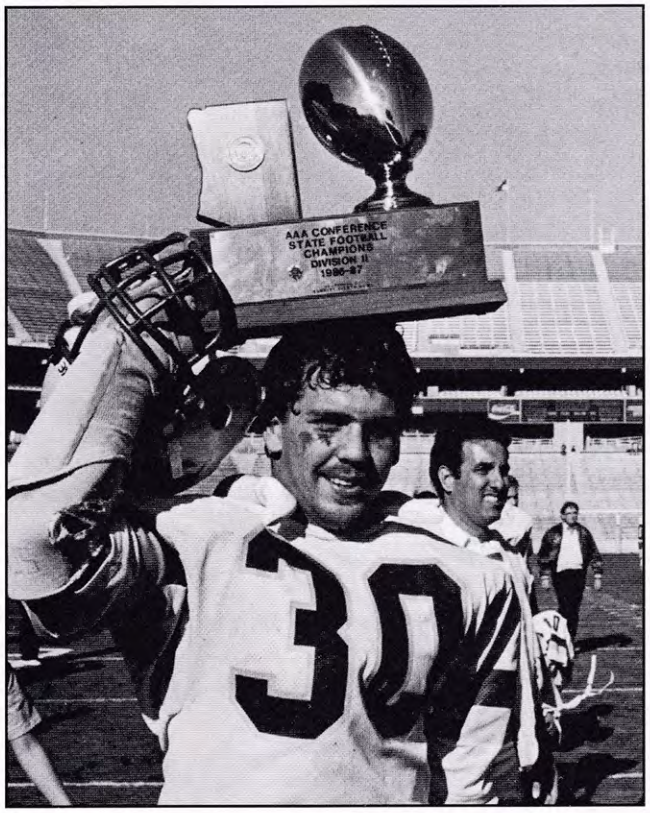
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Centennial, coached by former PHS assistant Dick Taylor. The Coyotes, located at 79th Avenue and Acoma, will play an eight-game independent freshman schedule. "We had 90 kids sign up for football," said Tylor, a former prep coach in Ohio. "That's encouraging, especially if that many show up in August."

4A EAST SKY REGION

1. Scottsdale Arcadia
2. Scottsdale Coronado
3. Tempe
4. Prescott
5. Phoenix North
6. Casa Grande
7. Apache Junction

With an abundance of linemen returning, **Arcadia** should be much stronger this year. The Titans, coached by Ken Johnson, return more lettermen (20) than any club in the East Sky Region.

"The kids gave a great effort all season long," says Johnson, a former Titan who also played in the college and pro ranks. "Our strength should be our line and receivers."

Split end Dennis Ricco (5-10, 170) was Scottsdale's leading receiver. He caught 57 passes for 855 yards. He also returns punts and plays in the secondary. Carl Monoco (5-10, 170) is a receiver who earned all-city honors as a punter. Halfback Hiawatha Phifer (6-1, 180) runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds. He and Riccio play the corners on defense.

Big Rick Bush (6-3, 230) might be the best lineman to come out of Arcadia since recent UA tackle Ken Hakes. Bush doubles at DE/OT and runs 40 yards in 4.8 seconds. Teammates Herman Alvarez (6-2, 215) and Eric Baldwin (6-0, 185) are also two-way performers. Arcadia finished 4-6 last year.

Last fall, **Coronado** finished 11-1, most wins by the school since 1976. The Dons were the only school to beat 4A co-champ Tempe, but fell to the Buffaloes two weeks later in the playoffs. Gone is the Scottsdale player of the year, RB/LB Kevin McLemore, one of the state's best. Although he rushed for 1,400 yards, he'll be missed most on defense.

"We have a good group of athletes," says Joe Corte, a coach in Scottsdale for 15 years. "We should have good team speed and a solid offensive line."

Kevin Allen (5-10, 170) has big shoes to fill at running back. Split end Jim Kagie (6-4, 185) intercepted 5 passes on defense. Dave Le Master (5-11, 180) should be the Dons' starting QB. Bob Rauch (6-1, 180) is a good target at TE.

Five sophomores played for the varsity last fall. Two-way tackle Jim Wade (6-2, 220) might be the best of the lot. Juniors Charles Colbert (5-10, 205) and Bryan White (5-10, 205) join Wade in the trenches again. Paul Fichera (5-10, 170) is a speedy back; Jim O'Leary (6-1, 180) a promising WB. Tackle Crys Hollen (6-2, 210) is the biggest newcomer from the JV team.

The only way **Tempe** could have been better was to be perfect. Coach Jim Murphy might have fielded the school's best-ever club. They finished 13-1-1 and tied Agua Fria 10-10 in the 4A finals, before 11,335 fans at Sun Devil Stadium. Along the way they beat 5A champ McClintock, 25-24. They were nationally-ranked for three weeks.

But graduation cleaned out the cupboard. Only three lettermen return: OG/DG Paul Northcutt (5-10, 200), OG/DG Cary McKee (5-11, 190) and FB/LB Byron Stubblefield (5-10, 190), the club's best scoring threat at preseason.

"It was a great year for Tempe High School," adds Murphy, 43-25-1 at the school. "Attitude will have to help us win games this year. Last year it was talent."

Located outside Maricopa County, **Prescott** competes in the East Sky Region. And very well. Coach Bill Gahn's club finished 7-4-0. A near-perfect (7-1) junior varsity is on the way. If RB Mark Lange (5-11, 220) returns from a knee injury, Prescott could win the league. "Mark hurt his knee before the season," says Gahn. "He's a great one. We don't know if he'll be back."

Tackles Jesus Felix (5-11, 250) and Tony Schnieder (6-2, 220) started. Linemen Adam Nigh and John Clark are both 5-8, 160-pounders, but tough as nails. Little Mark Samples (5-8, 160) is a speedy back; Dan DeMark (6-2, 195) a good-sized TE.

Three straight losing seasons was too much for Mustang fans. **North Phoenix**, once a state football power, has a new coach, Bill Stovall. The horses were 2-8 last fall, and Stovall hopes to change that. "Our goal for 1990 is to improve," says the former mentor at South Mountain. "This school has always had good kids. We've got to get them out for football."

As recent as 1986, North finished 11-2 and played in three playoff games. To do that again they need a QB, and they've got one: Brian Gilliam (6-3, 215), also the team's strong safety. With 4.7 speed, the all-state basketball player will be one of the best athletes on the field.

Four seniors must show leadership for the program to turn around: OT/DT Frank Jose (5-11, 220), RB/NG T.C. Enrique (5-8, 170), OG/LB Jarrod Camp (5-11, 175) and SE/CB Chris Scott (5-10, 165). Junior FB/LB Danny Abril (5-9, 185) and junior OT/DT Lamont Manumalenga (5-10, 225) will start.

Jim Burton, an 18-year coaching veteran, takes over at **Apache Junction**. The Prospectors, smallest school in the East Sky Region, finished 4-5-1. Only six lettermen return: linebacker Joe Garcia, running back Bryce Riddle, guard Troy Larson, center Jason Duer, quarterback Jon Bakedahl and linebacker Nick McVicker. Burton's crew is lacking size, speed and depth. The Prospectors' new coach, winner of 113 games in the business, will have his hands full.

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With speed to burn, **Dysart** zooms into the '90 campaign. The Demons, coached by Bob McClintock, could have the best 3A/2A club in the Phoenix metro. If not the state.

"We were one drive away from playing for the state championship," says McClintock. "It could be another good season."

The Demons finished 9-3-0, after falling to Show Low, 15-7, in the 3A semis. It was Dysart's best finish since 1965. Twenty lettermen return. Speed is the key factor. This should be no surprise. The school record in the 100 yard dash is 9.4 seconds; 25-9 in the long jump.

Running back Rodney Williams (5-10, 170) and WR Wayne Smith (6-2, 185) run 40 yards in 4.5 seconds. So does QB Pete Avina (5-9, 170). They make the Dysart Wishbone go. So does tackle Pat Morales (6-3, 270), the biggest Demon in camp. Tackle Gilbert Valadez (6-1, 245) and guard Steve Carrasco (6-0, 190) are promising sophomores. Depth will come from a near-perfect (8-1) JV club. Guard Anton Moore, (6-0, 225), a transfer from Macon, Ga., shows promise.

Under head coach Jerry Nunez, **Buckeye** finished 6-4. "It was a very successful season," says the second-year coach. "We're looking forward to this year." Most coaches in the 3A West fear halfback Shane Lindsay (5-10, 180), the Hawks' ace in the hole. Fullback Steve Sanders lines up next to Lindsay. David Hodges, Curt Loch, Bob Wood and Kelly Hightower help run the Hawks' multiple offense.

Phoenix Christian is still rebuilding. The Cougars finished 3-7-0, and again have an all new coaching staff. This year's club is coached by Bob Grantham, the third head coach in the last three years. But one Cougar isn't new, all-state linebacker Mike Broek (5-10, 195). He earned that honor as a junior and should repeat. Not much help is arriving from an 0-9 JV club, so varsity lettermen like OLB Kevin Watson, OLB Jim Howard, C Mark Vanderschoot, HB Ryan Miller, TE Mike Hass and OG Jon Davies must carry the load. Watson and Davies are juniors. At 6-3, 190 pounds, Hass is a good-sized target.

If **Cactus Shadows** can get through an early schedule of 3A/2A powerhouses, the Falcons might be able to challenge for the 2A North title again. Camp Verde and Wickenburg are the teams to beat. "We lost only six seniors from last year, and none of them were skill positions," says Gerry LaBelle, 34-15-2 with the Falcons. "The bad news is our non-league schedule. It's really tough."

Two Falcons eager to face the challenge are FB Brian Skinner (6-0, 185) and OG/LB Sean Marvel (5-9, 180), a "great worker and team leader." Seniors Chad Hubler and Rory Butler supply the backfield with depth. Jason Wolff and Bob Petitt are multiple performers at TE/DE/LB. Senior linemen who tip the scales at 200 pounds plus include Ryan Clement (205), Shawn Knope (230), Rob Lawrence (245) and Jason Wright (210). Sophomore Gaines DuVall (6-1, 190), a transfer from Shadow Mountain, could start at center.

Coaches in the 2A Central aren't the only ones high on **Bourgade** linebacker Sam

Hansen. So is the Eagles' mentor Bill Cerjak. "I believe Sam will be one of the best linebackers in the state this season," claims Cerjak. "I have not seen any 5A or 4A linebackers with his strength, ability and football sense. He will be the best to come out of Bourgade."

The 6-2, 185-pound linebacker runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds. He covers the field "from sideline-to-sideline," as one opposing coach says. The Golden Eagles were 3-7-0 last fall, and only nine lettermen return. There's not much depth in the trenches, but the running game looks sound. Hansen and Derek Dischner carry the mail. John Soza (6-1, 180) might be the best QB in the league. Enoch Davis is a speedy (4.6) receiver. Chris Krezmenski and Chris Askelson are experienced two-way tackles.

At **Seton Catholic**, one word missing from everybody's vocabulary is "stability." The Chandler school has had five head coaches since 1985. Al Forte, the varsity baseball coach, takes over. But the cupboard isn't bare. Seventeen lettermen return from a near-perfect (8-1-1) club which lost, 7-0, to Eloy Santa Cruz. Seniors to watch include QB Chris Rael, RB Bob Hicks, OT David Norton and RB Brigido Bernasconi. Chris Young, Jose Torres and Jesus Torres are 180-pound linemen. All three are juniors.

With Dan Kennedy running the show, **Queen Creek** posted the school's first winning (5-3-1) season. Like Seton Catholic, Queen Creek returns 17 lettermen. Senior Jim Hawley (5-8, 160) has been the leading rusher for two years, going over 2,000 yards. End Richard Martinez (6-0, 190) has the tools to play college ball. The rest of the Bulldog offense includes tackles John Mosley and Jesse Ramon, backs Josh Roby and Jason Jacobs, and guard Brett Christofferson.

Wickenburg jumped into the playoff race, going 7-3 after falling to St. Johns in the 2A quarterfinals. However, graduation took its toll, and only 10 lettermen return. Head coach Jon Hill, a former assistant to retired Paul Nestor, has one of the best athletes in the league in senior Curtis Berger, a 6-4, 205-pound two-way end. Teammates like tackles Jeff Gilbert (5-10, 205) and Frank Lockett (5-10, 215), along with QB/DE Kelly Quayle (6-3, 190) are game tested. Running back Sal Hernandez (5-9, 155) is a promising junior.

Gila Bend struggled through a 2-6-1 campaign, then lost most of its offensive firepower to graduation. Only two starters, plus a promising young quarterback, return.

But head coach Lad Dietrich has one of the best pass catchers in 2A ball, senior Bryan Marshall, a 5-10, 150-pound flanker. Getting the ball to him is a problem. As a sophomore at Hopi High, Marshall set all kinds of records, including 77 catches for 1,088 yards and 11 TDs. In one game he caught 19 passes for 318 yards. But his family moved to Gila Bend and Marshall became a running back. A good all-around athlete, he's coming off a knee injury suffered in baseball.

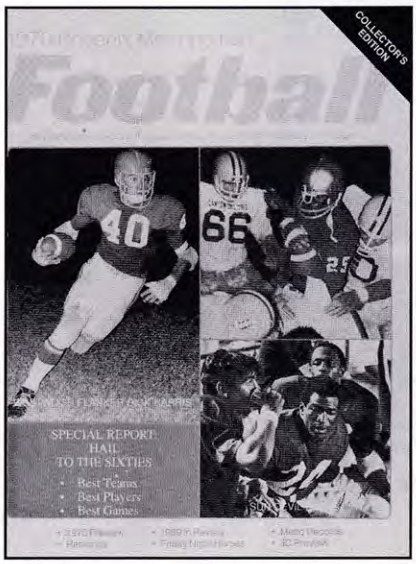
This year Dietrich hopes to throw the ball more, and that depends upon how well junior QB Delson Gonzales (5-8, 145) develops. He worked hard in the offseason. The Gila Monsters best lineman appears to be senior tackle Shannon Bishop (6-2, 190), a two-way starter in '89.

It was a rough year for **Valley Christian**. The Trojans, with just three seniors on the squad, moved up from 8-man ball to the 2A battle grounds. The result: 1-9-0. But with 15 lettermen returning, VCHS should be much improved. Coach Bernon Benson has four three-year vets to work with: TE/LB Chris Dobson, HB/LB Adam Haynes, OG/DE Sean McMahan, and FB/LB Oeung Ner. Senior Ty Hawkinson and sophomore Armon Williams will battle for the QB slot.

Scottsdale Christian has bounced back-and-forth from 11-man to 8-man ball. When they go 8-man, they're tough. Like last year, when Jack DeGrenier's crew tied Williams, 22-22, in the 1A finals.

That Eagles have now finished with back-to-back 10-1 campaigns under DeGrenier. Actually, SC finished 10-1-1 in 1989, 10-1 in '88 after falling to Patagonia, 38-26, in the small school finals. If these four key players perform as expected, SC might be back in the title hunt: QB/DB Chad DeGrenier (6-2, 190) threw 15 TD passes and intercepted 12 passes; all-state OC/NG Mario Dortenzio (6-1, 220) is strong rushing the QB; all-state OG Jamie Anderson (6-0, 200) is a great blocker; and OE/DE Trevor Van Horn (6-3, 190) played as a frosh. Also, senior Mike Smalley (5-10, 180) and junior Mark Bellingrodt (6-0, 170) should head up the Eagles' running game. In 1983, SC won the state 8-man title outright, finishing 12-0 on the season.

With only 145 students in the school, **Arizona Lutheran** is switching to 8-man ball. The Academy, coached by Doug Lange, went 4-6 in the 2ACentral, not bad for its size. Seniors Matt and Josh James, identical twins at 6-0, 165-pounds, double at LB/OG. Senior tackle Jason Williams (6-0, 185) is the biggest Coyote in camp. Running backs Taylor Hedrick (6-1, 165) and Kevin Irick (5-9, 180) are promising sophomores. Transfers who could start include senior QB Kyon Sayer (6-0, 180) and junior LB Brye Sayer (6-0, 165).



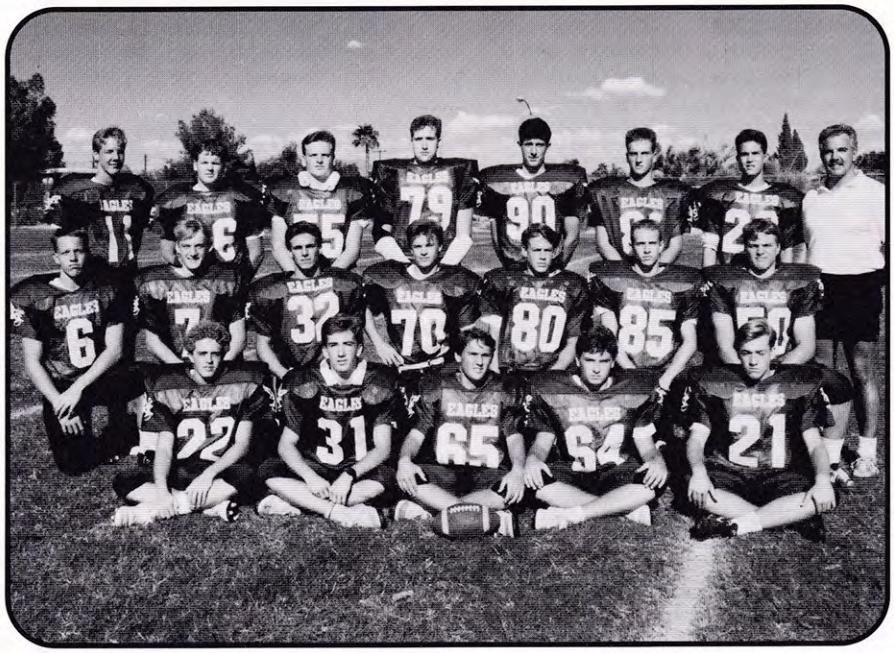
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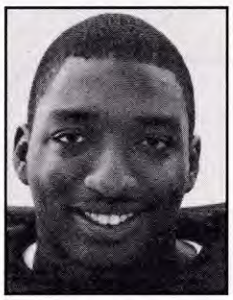
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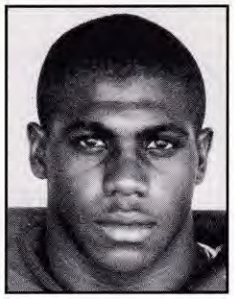
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63 .....Sean Reeder, Cactus Shadows, 1985-88 (4)
61 .....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
60 .....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1964-67
54 .....Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1981-83
52 .....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
52 .....Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1987-89
48 .....Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1988-89
47 .....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
46 .....Lowell McDonald, Glendale, 1941-44
43 . .....LaFaylette Winrow, Carver, 1950-53
43 .....Brian Drew, McClintock, 1987-89

POINTS (GAME)
36 .....Cotton Rieman, Phoenix Union, 1928
36 .....Art Halbrook, Glendale, 1936
36 .....Bill Crabtree, Agua Fria, 1952 (so)
36 .....Phil Smith, Cortez, 1967
36 .....Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
36 .....Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
36 .....Art Greathouse, McClintock, 1984 (jr)
36 .....Darren Woodson, Maryvale, 1986

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
165 .....Larry Tate, Peoria, 1965
162 .....Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1956 (so)
157 .....Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1967

POINTS (CAREER)
460 .....Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88 (3)
386 .....Sean Reeder, Cactus Shadows, 1985-88 (4)
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
303 .....Cleveland Colter, McClintock, '83-85

RUSHING YARDS (GAME)
358 .....Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
344 .....Brian Pringle, Sunnyslope, 1970
339 .....Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972 (so)
328 .....Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1989
327 .....Jim McQuinn, Central, 1976
315 .....Ryan Christopherson, Cactus, 1989
314 .....Vai Sikahema, Mesa, 1978
307 .....Chuck Bishop, Judson, 1964
306 .....Eric Parham, MDN, 1982 (jr)

RUSHING YARDS (SEASON)
2,003 ..Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1989
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, Cactus Shadows, 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)
1,771 ..Remy Carrasco, Gilbert, 1985
1,720 ..Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1967

RUSHING YARDS (CAREER)
5,204 ..Sean Reeder, Cactus Shadows, 1985-88 (4)
4,551 ..George Greathouse, Carver/ Phoenix Union, 1952-55
4,417 ..Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
4,307 ..Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
4,128 ..Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1986-88
4,050 ..Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
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
3,532 ..Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1978-81
3,520 ..Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1964-67

CARRIES (GAME)
45 .....Jose Valenzuela, Apache Jct., 1989
44 .....Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1975
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, Cactus Shadows, 1987 (jr)
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)
10.0 ....Earliest Nelson, South Mountain, 1963

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

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN
99 .....Sammy Johnson, Mesa, 1952
99 .....Craig Ponciak, Gerard, 1964

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Quarterback Steve Belles passed for 4,596 yards in his prep career at St. Mary's High School (Ken Akers photo).

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 Arredondo, Tempe, 1952

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME (SEASON)
181.0 ..Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
173.8 ..Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
173.2 ..Sean Reeder, Cactus Shadows, 1988
166.9 ..Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1989
162.1 ..Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1981
160.6 ..Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
157.6 ..George Greathouse, PUHS, 1954 (jr)
151.5 ..Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1977

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

PASSING YARDS (QUARTER)
222 .....Dave Robson, Tempe, 1985 (so)

PASSING YARDS (SEASON)
2,529 ..Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1985
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
4,135 ..William Babb, Peoria, 1985-87
4,007 ..Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1969-71
3.995 ..Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1973-74 (2)
3,597 ..Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969-71
3,573 ..Joe Carter, Paradise Valley, 1984-86

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (GAME)
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

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)
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
45 .....Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969-71
40 .....Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, 1966-68
40 .....Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1982-84
37 .....Chris Calgagno, Gerard, 1972-74
37 .....William Babb, Peoria, 1985-87
36 .....Horace Griffen, Mesa, 1936-38
36 ..... .Tom Camptell, Seton, 1967-69

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
95 .....Carey Palmer to Mickey Hatcher,
.....Mesa, 1973

RECEPTIONS (GAME)
16 .....Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
13 .....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989 (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
11 .....Mark Gonzales, Tempe, 1984
11 .....Dale Lyons, Arcadia, 1974
11 .....Pete Klaass, Paradise Valley, 1983 (jr)
11 .....Andy Teilborg,Sunnyslope,1984
11 .....Ben Simon, St. Mary's, 1987

RECEPTIONS (SEASON)
76 . . .Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989 (jr)
68 .....Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985
66 .....Brant Williams, Independence, 1986
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)
119 .....Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
117 .....Cleveland Colter, McClintock, '83-85
104 .....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-present
93 .....Travis Ligons, Cactus, 1982-84
92 .....Rich Groppenbacher, McClin., '82-84
90 .. ..Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1964-66

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

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1,226 ..Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
1,201 ..Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989 (jr)
1,090 ..Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
1,090 ..Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985
1,038 ..Rick Molina, Tempe, 1971
1,014 ..Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
1,008 ..Pete Klaass, Paradise Valley, 1983 (jr)

RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER)
2,172 ..Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
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
1,488 ..Rick Molina, Tempe, 1970-71
1,470 ..Travis Ligons, Cactus, 1982-84
1,404 ..Eric Guliford, Peoria, 1985-87

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (GAME)
5 .....Dwight Bennett, Glendale, 1966
4 .....Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
4 .....Cecil Crouch, Mesa, 1943
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
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
17 .....Rick Molina, Tempe, 1970-71
16 .....Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-present

AVERAGE YARDS PER RECEPTION (SEASON)
37.7 ....Tom White, Saguaro, 1975
35.9 ....Pete Weidner, Tempe, 1984
34.5 ....Craig Radke, Horizon, 1989
28.3 ....Randall McDaniel, Agua Fria, 1982
27.8 ....Robert Hailey, Trevor Browne, 1983
26.1 ....Chris Buford, St. Mary's, 1981 (jr)

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)
26 .....Phillip Echeverria, Buckeye, '85-87 (3)
20 .....Rhon McKinney, North, 1985-86 (2)
19 .....Bill Dipley, Arcadia, 1965-66 (2)
17 .....Dick Harris, Tempe/W'wood, 1968-70
17 .....Steve McDowell, Gilbert, 1983-85

LONGEST RETURN (INTERCEPTION)
105 .....T.C. Richmond, Agua Fria, 1985 (jr)
103 .....John Heffton, Moon Valley, 1980
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

FIELD GOALS (GAME)
4 .....Lawrence Bever, Phoenix Union, 1925
4 .....Phil Insalaco, Phx. Christian, 1984

FIELD GOALS (SEASON)
19 .....Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1985
16 .....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
13 .....Phil Insalaco, Phoenix Christian, 1984
12 .....Kyle Bell, McClintock, 1989
11 .....Matt McKinney, Saguaro, 1978
11 .....Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1984 (jr)
11 .....Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, 1985 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (CAREER)
36 .....Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1983-85
26 .....Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, 1984-86
24 .....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1987-89
22 .....Dave Wood, Washington, 1976-79
16 .....Phil Insalaco, Phx. Christian, 1982-84
16 .....Kyle Bell, McClintock, 1988-89

LONGEST FIELD GOAL
62 .....Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
54 .....Bob Facio, Gerard, 1977
54 .....Chuck Hunzinger, Deer Valley, 1984
52 .....Lee Pistor, Central, 1973
52 .....Benny Moreno, North, 1977
52 .....David Ohton, Alhambra, 1977
52 .....Scott Reutter, Moon Valley, 1984 (so)
52 .....Steve Rausch, Dobson, 1987

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

PATS (SEASON)
69 .....Tony Camino, Peoria, 1987
66 .....Kyle Bell, McClintock, 1989
63 .....Frank Coen, McClintock, 1980
60 .....Steve Rausch, Dobson, 1987
58 .....Barry Duncan, Moon Valley, 1982
55 .....Lee Toone, Cactus Shadows, 1988

PATS (CONSECUTIVE)
53 .....David Smith, Maryvale, 1986
53 .....Tony Camino, Peoria, 1987
39 .....Lee Toone, Cactus Shadows, 1988
34 .....Greg Thibault, Coronado, 1976

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

LONGEST PUNT
99 .....Walter Williams, Mesa, 1925
84 .....John Durso, Arcadia, 1976
80 .....Justus Goebel, Phoenix Union, 1910
77 .....Doug Pasanella, Paradise Valley, '78
75 .....Oscar Reynolds, St. Mary's, 1939
75 .....John Parker, Buckeye, 1939
75 .....Whizzer White, Mesa, 1945 (jr)
75 .....Dennis Goettl, Central, 1973

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

LONGEST PUNT RETURN (TOUCHDOWN)
102 .....Brackston Whitaker, Glendale, 1939
100 .....Larry Royse, Tempe, 1956
100 .....Tom Ribaudo, East, 1967
98 .....Brett Schur, Seton, 1988
97 .....Ron Phifer, Camelback, 1955

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN (TOUCHDOWN)
102 .....Roger Rice, Alhambra, 1989
102 .....Carl Mason, Independence, 1989
100 .....Seth Carr, St. Mary's, 1988
100 .....Donnell Thompson, North, 1988
99 .....Lavell Balckburn, Mesa, 1926
99 .....Alec Austin, Shadow Mountain, 1976
99 .....Major Farris, Carl Hayden, 1976
99 .....Freddy Sanchez, Peoria, 1979
99 .....Tom Peck, McClintock, 1981
99 . ...Byron Autry, CDS, 1985
99 .....Terry Thornton, Westwood, 1986
99 .....Steve Hall, Cactus Shadows, 1987
99 .....Andy Davis, Saguaro, 1988


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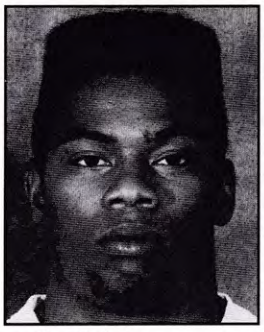
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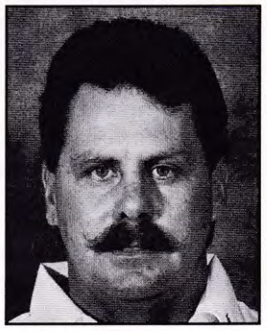
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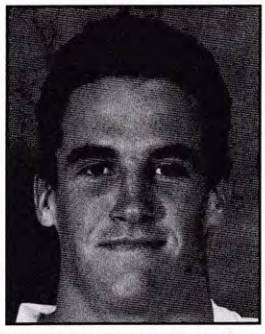
Points (Career): 150 points
Touchdowns (Game): 4 TDs vs Scottsdale CC (tied)
Touchdowns (Career): 24 TDs (tied)
All Purpose Yardage (Season): 2124 yards
All Purpose Yardage (Career): 3451 yards
Longest Kickoff Return: 91 yards vs Eastern Arizona
Most Kickoff Return Yards (Game): 152 yards vs EAC
Most Kickoff Return Yards (Career): 787 yards



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WSFL
Coach of the Year

CAVANAUGH'S MARKS

Total Offense (Game): 347 yards vs Ricks
Total Offense (Season): 2053 yards
Passes Attempted (Season): 242 attempts
Passes Completed (Game): 23 completions vs Ricks
Passes Completed (Season): 139 completions
Passing Yards (Game): 347 yards vs Ricks
Passing Yards (Season): 2089 yards
Touchdown Passes (Game): 4 TDs vs Phoenix College
Touchdown Passes (Season): 19 TDs
Touchdown Passes (Career): 20 TDs (tied)
Passing Percentage (Season): .576
Passing Percentage (Career): .550

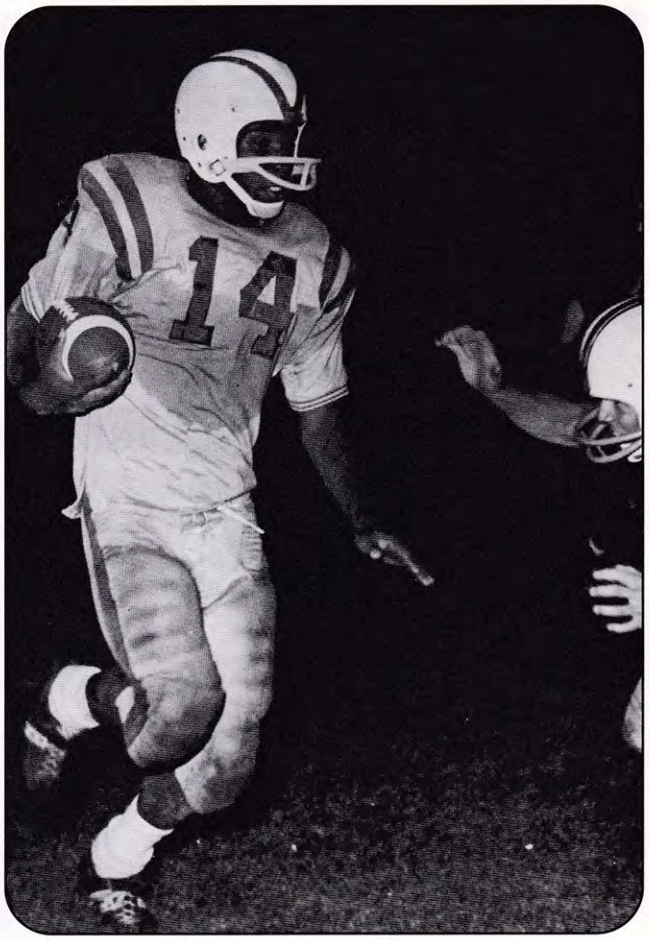


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1987 ... Kevin Galbreath, Maryvale, RB
1986 ... Nathan LaDuke, Alhambra, QB/DB
1985 ... Cleveland Colter, Jr., McClintock, RB/DB
1984 ... Steve Belles, St. Mary's, QB
1983 ... John Walker, Marcos de Niza, QB
1982 ... Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, RB
1981 ... Frank Rudolph, Coronado, DE
1980 ... Jimmy Williams, Tempe, LB
1979 ... Todd Shell, Mountain View, LB
1978 ... Rory Barnett, Trevor Browne, RB (jr)
1977 ... Mike Pagel, Washington, QB
1976 ... Greg Brady, Coronado, QB
1975 ... Brian Felix, Phoenix Union, RB/DB
1974 ... David Mitchell, St. Mary's (jr)
1973 ... Rob Wilson, Coronado, QB/DB
1972 ... Keith Sobraski, Coronado, DT
1971 ... Fred Mortensen, Tempe, QB
1970 ... Bob Breunig, Alhambra, FB/LB
1969 ... Danny White, Westwood, QB
1968 ... Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, QB
1967 ... Tim Smith, St. Mary's, FB
1966 ... Bob Soza, Westwood, TB
1965 ... Bill Dunning, Mesa, RB
1964 ... Richard Griffin, Westwood, T
1963 ... Earliest Nelson, South Mountain, RB
1962 ... Everett Rollins, Arcadia, RB
1961 ... Andy Livingston, Mesa, RB
1960 ... Ted Lawrence, South Mountain, G
1959 ... Bob Olson, South Mountain, RB
1958 ... Lewis Albright, Scottsdale, RB
1957 ... Eddie Wilson, Chandler, QB
1956 ... Warren Livingston, Mesa, RB
1955 ... George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, RB
1954 ... George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, RB (jr)

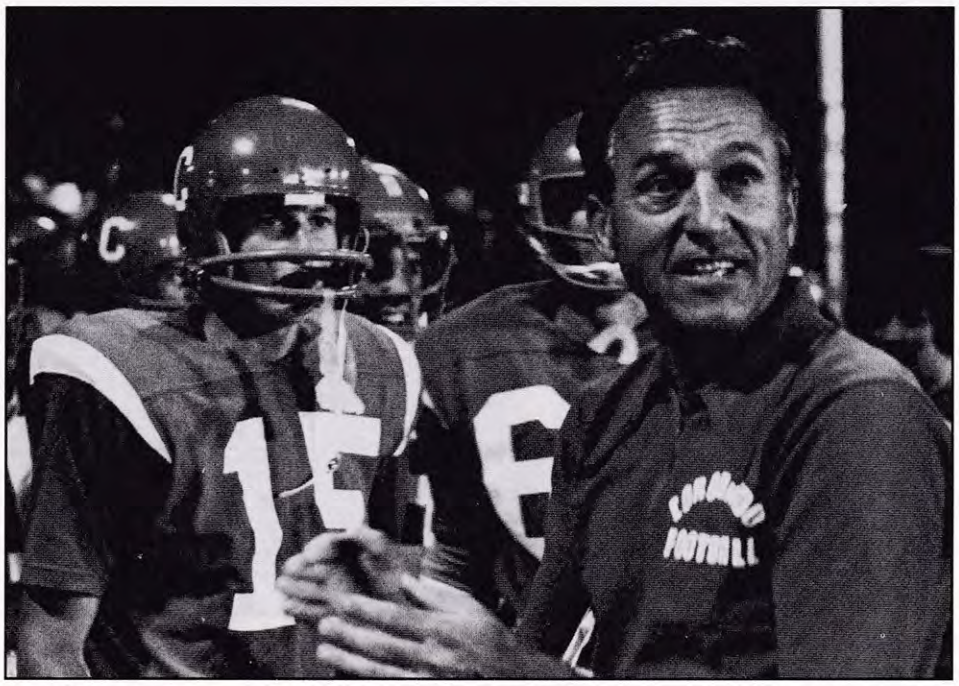


Halfback Earliest Nelson, South Mountain

1953 ... Kenny Aycock, North, RB
1952 ... Jack Stovall, St. Mary's, E
1951 ... Bob Black, Phoenix Union, E
1950 ... Don Beasley, Mesa, FB
1949 ... Danny Seivert, St. Mary's, RB
1948 ... Gene Brown, Phoenix Union, FB
1947 ... Dan Russell, Mesa, QB
1946 ... Whizzer White, Mesa, RB
1945 ... Whizzer White, Mesa, RB (jr)
1944 ... Bill Yeoman, Glendale, C
1943 ... Bill Yeoman, Glendale, C (jr)
1942 ... Jim Nafziger, North, FB/LB
1941 ... Auldrick Imboden, Mesa, E
1940 ... Pat Higgins, St. Mary's, RB
1939 ... Loren La Prade, Phoenix Union, T
1938 ... Horace Griffin, Jr., Mesa, QB
1937 ... Norris Enloe, Mesa, E
1936 ... Charles Orme, Phoenix Union, T
1935 ... Wayne Pitts, Glendale, FB
1934 ... Paul Callow, Phoenix Union, QB
1933 ... Virgil Vance, Phoenix Union, T
1932 ... Bill Kajikawa, Phoenix Union, QB

"Celebrate Two Decades"

A Trio To Remember



In this 1973 game, Ed Anderson's Big Red Machine upset top-ranked Westwood and halfback Ron Bonner, 30-20 (Scottsdale Progress photo).

Ed Anderson coached at one Arizona high school. Don Baker coached at two. Edwin "Boone" Jackson coached at many. All three are gone.

Anderson, who won more games than any football coach in Scottsdale, died last August at age 61. He coached at Coronado from 1961 to 1976, compiling a 101-59-4 record. Ironically, in Anderson's last year, the Dons went 13-0 and beat South Mountain, 17-12, for the school's only football championship.

That championship club was guided by QB Greg Brady, the state's player of the year. Anderson-coached teams produced many of Scottsdale's most famous athletes, including Terry Brenner, Dick McCombs, Jim Brady, Billy Berger, Rob Wilson and Keith Sobraski, to name a few.

The football stadium at Coronado is now named after Anderson, a World War II veteran who was born in Globe. A waist-high plaque honoring the Dons' popular coach stands in the west end zone. The former Arizona State player kept a low profile and was modest about his accomplishments.

"Ed just taught and coached," says Earl Putnam, a former Sun Devil himself, and successful coach at Phoenix Moon Valley. "Ed was a real gentleman. That's what comes to mind first."

Baker, a former Texan who built Phoenix Camelback into a state-wide power, died of cancer Sept. 23, 1989. He was an assistant in Amarillo, Tex., before landing the Camelback job in 1961. In four years, his Spartans went 32-6-0 (.842), losing to Mesa Westwood in the 1964 state finals, 10-7. Three of Baker's high-profile athletes, FB Jim Bramlet, QB Dave Grangaard and LB Ron Hendrix, all attended ASU. Hendrix was a first-team prep All-American.

"When I coached in Texas, we didn't have a back in our league as good as Jim Bramlet," said Baker recently. "Grangaard played baseball for (Bobby) Winkles. But he could have started on our football team. Hendrix was a stud. But he quit at Camp Tontozona. Walked right off the hill."

Baker became a legend in Arizona football circles after landing the job as Frank Kush's defensive backfield coach in 1965. Two years later, Kush switched "Bake" to the offensive side of the ball.

"That was great," added Baker. "I liked that side better. We had so much speed. It was amazing. Arizona State's backfield was faster than most college track teams."

What Baker did was install the "trapping game." It made ASU football a "Big Time" name in college sports. To beat ASU, you had to stop the Devils' trapping game.

"I can't believe the way they coach backs today," said Baker in 1988, always critical of recent ASU football success, or lack of it. "They take these kids and line them up 10-15 yards in the backfield. You have to run 20 yards to get a first down. We took Max Anderson, Art Malone, Woody Green, lined them up two yards behind the guards, and turned them loose. They fired us all. But why did they change the offense?"

"The 1970 Peach Bowl changed the complexion of college football in the South," insisted Dennis Brown, a former assistant at ASU who earlier coached at West Virginia. "After Kush beat North Carolina down there, coaches realized they couldn't compete with speed like that unless they had speed, too. Now look at all of those schools."

Baker, like most members of Kush's staff, was released after the 1979 season. He later coached in the college and high school ranks in Minnesota. He returned to the Arizona prep wars in 1989, at Ray High School in Kearny. He didn't last the season, entering the hospital in mid-September.

"The players at ASU had great respect for Don Baker," said Kush after Baker's death. "He was one of the greatest motivators I have ever been affiliated with."

"Don Baker was my man," insisted Max Anderson, a 1967 all-WAC back who played with the Buffalo Bills. "He was like a father to us. I think he was best man in Art Malone's wedding."

Ray High School assistant Dave Orzell, who played at ASU when Baker coached there, took over as head coach. The Bobcats finished 8-2-0.

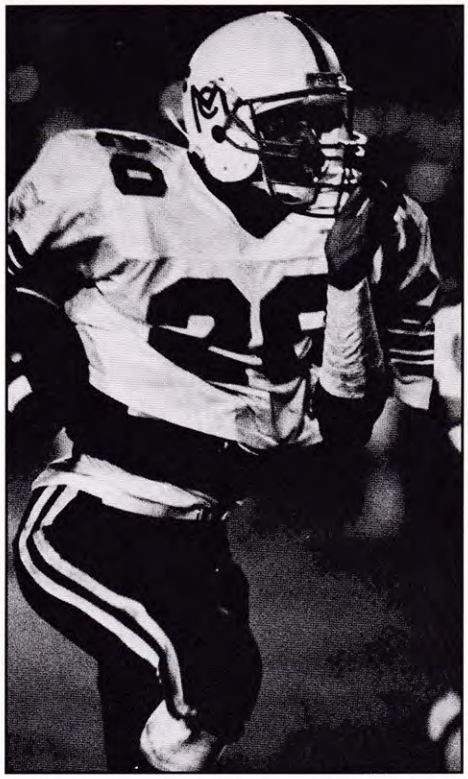
"Boone" Jackson, who won coach of the year honors in three different states, died July 1, 1989, in Bullhead City. He was 69. His overall coaching record in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona was 204-71-6.

In Arizona, Jackson coached in Safford, Window Rock, Willcox and Bullhead City. In 1977, Jackson's Willcox club lost to Coolidge and its great back, Alvin Moore, in the Class A finals. While at Mohave High in 1983, his team again fell to Coolidge in the finals.

"Each year, we just ran into a better team, with better and faster athletes," said Jackson, who took 10 teams to the playoffs in three states.

Only six Arizona coaches have won 200 or more games: Mesa's "Mutt" Ford (227), Winslow's Emil Nasser (224), McClintock's Karl Kiefer (210), Round Valley's "Tot" Workman (207), Wickenburg's Ralph Moran (200) and Jackson.

Ford and Moran are deceased.





McClintock's Cleveland Colter (left), Arizona's Player of the Year in '85, scores against Westwood. Earl Putnam, Moon Valley's veteran head coach, accepts the 5A championship trophy after the '82 title game with Trevor Browne (Phoenix Gazette photos).

Round Valley, St. Mary's, Agua Fria: Kings of the Decade

Some things never change. Like football excellence at Phoenix St. Mary's, Round Valley and Agua Fria. These three schools dominated high school football in Arizona during the Decade of the '80s, winning more than 80% of their games.

Schools like Mountain View, Flagstaff, Moon Valley, Tempe McClintock and Tucson Amphi were close behind. In fact, 16 different schools won 70% of their games or more, a state record for excellence.

When Tempe Corona del Sol knocked St. Mary's out of the 5A race last November, it prevented the Knights from becoming the first school in Arizona history to win 100 games in a decade. The Knights finished 99-22-0 (.818), all 121 games under head coach Pat Farrell. His teams won back-to-back state titles in 1984-85. Along the way, they won 27 consecutive games before Moon Valley clipped their wings.

The Knights have played in a record 43 playoff games since 1959. Second-place McClintock has played in 33. Farrell's crew has scored in 91 consecutive games, within reach of the state record of 102.

Little Round Valley went 90-19-1 on the field (.826), won two small school crowns, and a state-record 34 games in a row. In 1981, Payson snapped the streak, 21-20. Round Valley is coached by Tot Workman, winner of 207 games in the prep ranks.

Agua Fria, pride of the westside, shocked top-ranked Tempe in the 4A title game last year, fighting the Buffaloes to a 10-10 draw. The Owls are 91-20-1 for 10 years, an .820 winning mark under two different coaches, Pat Lavin and Tom Wheatley. Lavin is now the athletic director at Phoenix College.

Again, state championship honors were spread around. Only three 5A schools won two state crowns: St. Mary's, McClintock and Mountain View. In 5A, the sport was dominated by schools from Tempe and Mesa. For the first time in history, no school from Tucson won a state title. Tucson Amphi last did it in 1979. That club was coached by Vern Friedli.

When comparing won-loss results against each division, it's a Tempe-Mesa runaway. But college coaches and recruiters, from the Pac-10 to the WAC, will testify that more players from Tucson and Phoenix land scholarships than Tempe or Mesa. "That's where the talent is," says one Pac-10 recruiter. "Tempe and Mesa have the programs, the coaching and the numbers. Tucson and schools like Maryvale and South Mountain have the talent."

Some of Arizona's winningest active coaches include Larry Fetkenhier at Cactus (.797), Round Valley's Workman (.796), Jim Rattay at Mesa (.787), Jesse Parker at Mountain View (.763), St. Mary's Farrell (.761), Karl Kiefer at McClintock (.750), Doug Clapp at Peoria (.750), Amphi's Friedli (.718), Jerry Loper at Westwood (.702), to name a few.

Several successful prep coaches have retired, including Earl "Tiny" Putman (Moon Valley), Tim Logsdon (Buckeye), Dave Leikvold (Phoenix Cortez), Dan and Rick Dunn (Gilbert), Walt Beamis (Phoenix Christian) and Pat Lavin (St. Mary's/Agua Fria).

THE DECADE'S TOP TEAMS

Class 5A
1. Mountain View, 1983 (14-0)
2. McClintock, 1989 (13-2)
3. Moon Valley, 1982 (14-0)
4. Westwood, 1988 (13-1)
5. St. Mary's, 1985 (14-0)

Class 4A
1. Tempe Union, 1989 (13-1-1)
2. Peoria, 1987 (12-2)
3. Flagstaff, 1981 (12-0-1)
4. Gilbert, 1985 (13-1)
5. Flagstaff, 1983 (11-1)

Class 3A
1. Blue Ridge, 1989 (13-0)
2. Santa Cruz, 1980 (12-1)
3. Coolidge, 1984 (11-1)
4. Snowflake, 1982 (12-0)
5. Snowflake, 1986 (12-1)

Class 2A
1. Florence, 1987 (13-0)
2. Florence, 1989 (13-0)
3. Round Valley, 1980 (12-0)
4. Payson, 1981 (12-0)
5. Blue Ridge, 1983 (11-0)

Class 1A
1. Salome, 1980 (11-0)
2. Patagonia, 1987 (11-0)
3. Valley Union, 1985 (11-0)
4. Scotts. Christian, 1983 (12-0)
5. Patagonia, 1988 (12-0)

Best Teams Not To Win Titles
1. McClintock, 1985 (11-2)
2. Sunnyside, 1980 (12-1)
3. McClintock, 1984 (11-1)
4. Tucson Amphi, 1985 (10-1)
5. Maryvale, 1986 (9-4)

The decade brought to an end the football history at Phoenix Union. The school closed in May, 1982. The Coyotes finished 1-9 in their last grid campaign Union's last win was an 18-6 triumph over Deer Valley. Only two schools in the land, Sioux Falls Washington, S.D., with 35, and Little Rock Central (30) have won more state football championships than Phoenix Union (26).

It's hard to believe, but Mesa High hasn't won a state crown since 1963. The mighty Jackrabbits, coached then by Royal Price, skunked Tucson Rincon, 28-0, in the finals. But their toughest game was a Sept. 30 opener at Arcadia. Mesa won a thriller, 13-12. In football, it wins a lot. Since 1920, the 'Rabbits have won 483 games, lost 216 and tied 36. They'll be the state's first school to win 500 games.

It was tough picking the best team. The decade was so balanced. But Mountain View can't get any better than it was in 1983. The Toros were perfect. Coach Jesse Parker's club finished 14-0. They blitzed McClintock, 34-14, in the state finals. Seven teams failed to score on them. Their defense tied a 5A record with 34 interceptions. With linemen like Brad Tennison clearing the way for backs like Paul Kasprzyk, nobody played them close. The Toros rushed and passed for 5,211 yards.

"We *should* have won it all that year," said Parker later. "Since I arrived here, that was the most talented group we had. Those kids were all good athletes. Down through the years, a lot of teams have had better material than us. But we play better defense Our kids will hit you."

Last year, McClintock's Chargers were almost perfect But Karl Kiefer's club dropped an early-season thriller to Tempe, 25-24, and a late-season one to Mesa, 28-27. During the remaining 13 games, they looked like one of the best in the United States.

The Chargers scored 51 points on Tucson Amphi, 46 and 35 against Mountain View, 49 against Red Mountain, 62 on Marcos de Niza, 65 against Glendale Apollo, and 42 on Westwood in the 5A finals. They set a state 5A record by totaling 5,444 yards and a school scoring record with 589.

Had it not been for "Prop-48," McClintock might have had six grads land in Pac-10 schools: TB Brian Drew, PK Kyle Bell, DB Chris Colter, DB David Matthews and DB Robby Wheaton. They've gone the JC rout, for now. Quarterback Dan Moore is an ASU walk-on.

Three great high school clubs failed to wear a championship crown: Tucson Sunnyside (12-1) in 1980, McClintock (11-2) in 1985, and Phoenix Maryvale (9-4) in 1986. McClintock featured future college stars like Cleveland Colter, Art Greathouse, Kent Kiefer and Drew Metcalf. Sunnyside had Fred Sims, David Adams, Jerry Beasley and George Duarte. In Maryvale's backfield: Kevin Galbreath, Darren Woodson and Phillippi Sparks, to name a few.

And the best game? Impossible to pick. But Tempe's wild win over McClintock last year (see chart) wins our vote. The two clubs made history.

Never before had state champions from different classes met. Tempe won, 25-24, in spite of Brian Drew, who returned the opening kickoff 94 yards. Actually, McClintock returned two kickoffs for touchdowns and cashed in on a fumble for another. Then the Chargers, error-free for three quarters, fell apart. Tempe's Jeff McDonald kicked two field goals and the game's only extra point.

Next in line? Try Trevor Browne's 29-28 win over St. Mary's in the 1981 semifinals. One week later the Bruins beat Tucson Salpointe in the state title game. In 1986, Mountain View managed to slow down Maryvale's scoring machine of Galbreath, Sparks and Woodson, 21-20, in the semis.

One week earlier, Maryvale had staged a dramatic 29-21 win over two-time state champ St. Mary's, before 8,000 fans at Phoenix College. In 1986, how about Agua Fria's 23-22 quarterfinal win over Sunnyslope, in overtime? The list goes on, and on.

For upsets, the pick is easy: Glendale Apollo 17, McClintock 16 (OT), in the '85 semis. Half of McClintock's lineup played major college football. The final score was announced over the P.A. system during an ASU basketball game.

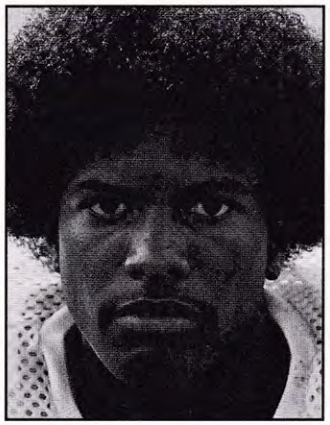
How often does that happen?

DECADE'S BEST GAMES

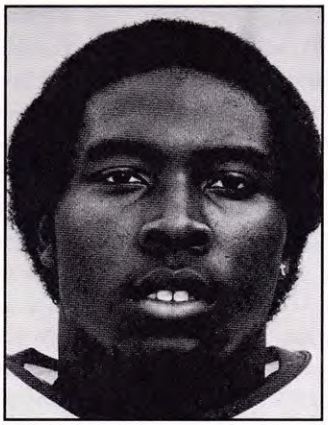
1. Tempe 25, McClintock 24, 1989
2. T. Browne 29, St. Mary's 28, 1981 (OT)
3. Mountain View 21, Maryvale 20, 1986
4. Maryvale 29, St. Mary's 21, 1986
5. Agua Fria 23, S'Slope 22, 1986 (OT)
6. Mountain View 36, Amphi 35, 1988
7. Tempe 29, Mt. View 23, 1980 (OT)

DECADE'S BIGGEST UPSETS

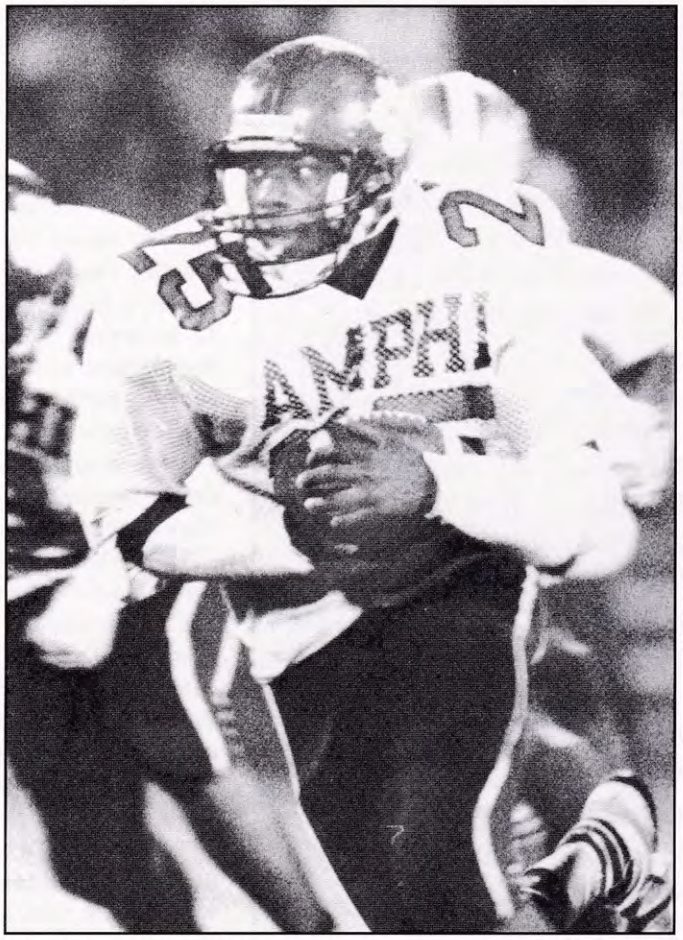
1. Apollo 17, McClintock 16, 1985 (OT)
2. Mesa 28, McClintock 27, 1989
3. St. Mary's 24, McClintock 7, 1984
4. Agua Fria 10, Tempe 10, 1989 (TIE)
5. Central 28, Trevor Browne 22, 1981
6. Flagstaff 10, Flowing Wells 7, 1982
7. Payson 21, Round Valley 20, 1981



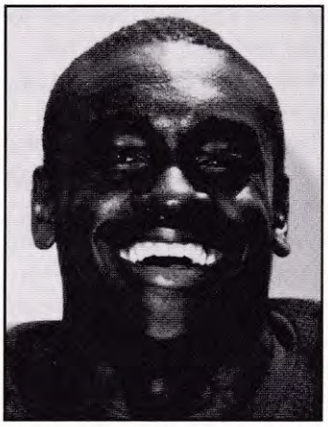
Rodney Peete
Tucson Sahuaro



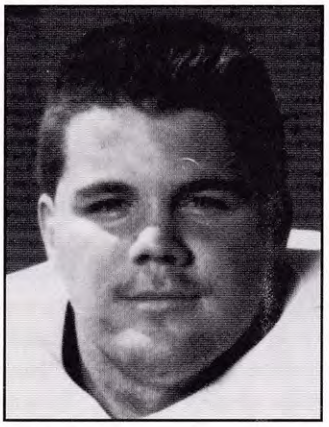
Fred Sims
Tucson Sunnyside



Amphi's Michael Bates – the most prolific rusher and scorer in Tucson prep history (Tucson Citizen photo).



Byron Evans
South Mountain



Bob Davis
Mountain View

Super Schoolboys of the '80s

On December 8, 1989, in Sun Devil Stadium, McClintock's Brian Drew made history. Before 16,352 paid fans and a city-wide TV audience, Drew rushed 24 times for 215 yards and three TDs. McClintock blitzed Westwood, 42-14, in the 5A finals.

Drew's three scores gave him 38 on the season, breaking the longtime state record of 37, set in 1965 by Art Malone of Eloy. "It was a record-breaking effort," McClintock head coach Karl Kiefer said about Drew. "We've had a lot of great backs, but he's one of the best."

Malone was a member of the *Phoenix Metro Football Magazine's* all-star team of 1960-69. Drew is on the newest team, as a return specialist. Twelve of Drew's TDs came on punt and kickoff returns, or pass catches.

The most prolific scorer in 5A history, a Heisman Trophy runnerup, the fastest back in the land, and a national powerlifting champion highlighted the Decade of the '80s.

McClintock's Cleveland Colter, Agua Fria's Randall McDaniel, Tucson Sahuaro's Rodney Peete, and Amphi's Michael Bates stood tree-tall above the rest. Colter and McDaniel are the only two-way performers.

Since 1920, only five juniors have won player of the year honors in Arizona: Tucson's Hayzel Daniels, Mesa's Whizzer White, Phoenix Union's George Greathouse, St. Mary's David Mitchell, and Tucson Sahuaro's Peete.

In 1983, Sahuaro managed to advance two rounds into the state playoffs without Peete, who had moved to Kansas. But in 1982, Peete was a Cougar. In nine games, he completed 140 passes in 253 attempts for 1,781 yards and 15 touchdowns. In a 34-34 tie with Amphi, Peete passed for five TDs and a state-record 424 yards. He had an 83-yard quick kick against Sabino.

"Arizona never had a better athlete at that position than Rodney Peete," said University of Arizona head coach Larry Smith.

Peete, whose father Willie was an all-state end at Mesa High, was a member of Sahuaro's state championship basketball and baseball teams. He later led USC to back-to-back Rose Bowls, and finished second in the Heisman Trophy balloting to Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders. Today, both play for the Detroit Lions.

Speedy Michael Bates and hard-running

DECADE OF STARS

FIRST TEAM

QB.....Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro, 6-2, 180
FB.....Marcus Dickson, Phoenix Maryvale, 6-3, 230
HB.....Michael Bates, Tucson Amphi, 5-11, 190
HB.....Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside, 5-10, 205
TE.....Randall McDaniel, Agua Fria, 6-4, 225
WR.....Vance Johnson, Tucson Cholla, 5-11, 165
WR.....Cleveland Colter, Tempe McClintock, 6-2, 190
OC.....Kevin Thomas, Canyon del Oro, 6-3, 240
OL.....Danny Villa, Nogales, 6-6, 255
OL.....Todd Kalis, Phoenix Thunderbird, 6-6, 235
OL.....Warren Wheat, Phoenix Camelback, 6-5, 250
OL.....Mike Ciasca, Tucson Sahuaro, 6-6, 290
LB.....Byron Evans, South Mountain, 6-3, 205
LB.....Bob Davis, Mesa Mountain View, 6-2, 195
LB.....Randall McDaniel, Agua Fria, 6-4, 225
DL.....Shawn Patterson, Tempe McClintock, 6-5, 225
DL.....Tim Landers, Round Valley, 6-4, 230
DL.....Bryan Hooks, Tempe Marcos de Niza, 6-3, 230
DL.....Dana Wells, Phoenix Brophy Prep, 6-1, 230
DB.....Cleveland Colter, Tempe McClintock, 6-2, 190
DB.....Nathan LaDuke, Phoenix Alhambra, 6-0, 186
DB.....Anthony Parker, Tempe McClintock, 5-10, 175
DB.....Tyrone Byrd, Chandler, 6-0, 170
RS.....Brian Drew, Tempe McClintock, 5-8, 180
PK.....Quin Rodriguez, Mesa Dobson, 5-11, 170
P.....Mike Schuh, Mesa Mountain View, 6-0, 170

SECOND TEAM

QB.....Kent Kiefer, Tempe McClintock, 6-0, 180
RB.....David Winsley, Flagstaff, 5-8, 178
RB.....Reggie McGill, Phoenix St. Mary's, 5-9, 190
RB.....David Adams, Tucson Sunnyside, 5-6, 167
TE.....Todd Young, Tempe Marcos de Niza, 6-6, 220
WR.....Steve Martin, Tucson Sahuaro, 6-0, 177
WR.....Orlando McKay, Mesa, 5-10, 170
OC.....Steve Spurling, Scottsdale Horizon, 6-3, 230
OL.....Frank Garcia, Phoenix Maryvale, 6-2, 250
OL.....Brian Denton, Mesa, 6-5, 225
OL.....Jim Warne, Tempe, 6-6, 260
OL.....Eric Ipock, Peoria, 6-3, 303
LB.....Jeramiah Clark, Mesa, 6-4, 220
LB.....Jimmy Williams, Tempe, 6-2, 205
LB.....John Knight, Glendale Apollo, 6-1, 215
DL.....Frank Rudolph, Scottsdale Coronado, 6-4, 215
DL.....Jerry Beasley, Tucson Sunnyside, 6-3, 220
DL.....Joe Campbell, Tempe, 6-5, 205
DL.....Mike Turner, Safford, 6-3, 205
DB.....Phillippi Sparks, Phoenix Maryvale, 6-0, 170
DB.....George Duarte, Tucson Sunnyside, 5-10, 170
DB.....Manuel Hendricks, South Mountain, 5-10, 170
DB.....Tory Nixon, Phoenix Shadow Mountain, 6-0, 180
RS.....Eric Guliford, Peoria, 5-8, 160
PK.....Mike Cortright, Phoenix St. Mary's, 6-0, 175
P.....Trent Thompson, Chinle, 6-0, 180

THIRD TEAM

QB.....Bret Powers, Glendale Cactus, 6-5, 205
RB.....Kevin Galbreath, Phoenix Maryvale, 5-11, 178
RB.....Art Greathouse, Tempe McClintock, 5-11, 190
RB.....Jon Volpe, Tucson Amphi, 5-8, 180
TE.....Richard Griffith, Tucson Catalina, 6-5, 220
WR.....Roy Hurd, South Mountain, 6-2, 180
WR.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 6-1, 175
OC.....Corey Suttles, Prescott, 6-5, 255
OL.....Doug Larson, Phoenix Christian, 6-4, 240
OL.....Scott Peterson, Peoria, 6-6, 220
OL.....Gary Pay, Glendale Apollo, 6-6, 230
OL.....Drew Metcalf, Tempe McClintock, 6-2, 225
LB.....Darin Tupper, Phoenix Trevor Browne, 5-11, 215
LB.....Kevin McLemore, Scottsdale Coronado, 6-2, 195
LB.....Dan-iel Taplin, Tempe, 6-0, 205
DL.....Val Bichekas, Gilbert, 6-3, 250
DL.....Richard Bear, Moon Valley, 6-5, 245
DL.....Phil Rogers, Tucson Amphi, 6-3, 235
DL.....Brent Woods, Phoenix Washington, 5-10, 190
DB.....Darren Woodson, Phoenix Maryvale, 6-0, 190
DB.....Marion Bates, Tucson Amphi, 5-10, 180
DB.....Sandy Sledge, South Mountain, 6-0, 170
DB.....Mike Salmon, Phoenix Greenway, 6-1, 190
RS.....Van Aldridge, Phoenix Trevor Browne, 5-10, 170
PK.....Steve Rausch, Mesa Dobson, 6-0, 175
P.....Mike Salmon

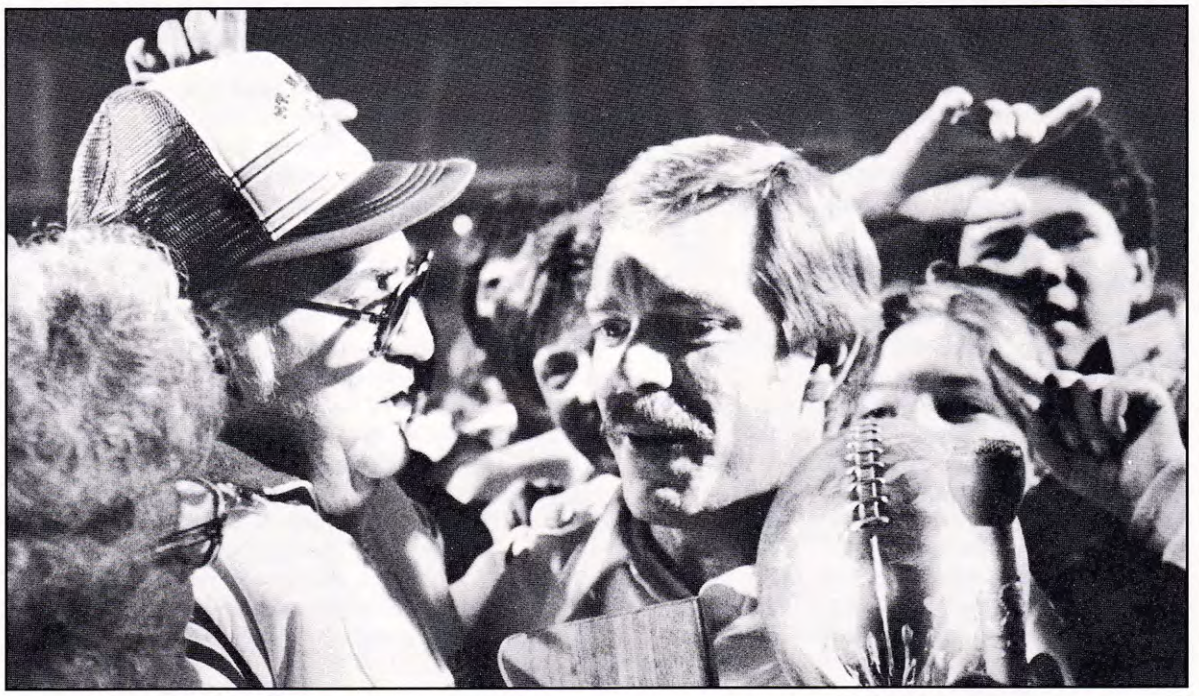
FOURTH TEAM

QB.....John Bonds, Phoenix St. Mary's, 6-5, 200
RB.....Paul Kasprzyk, Mesa Mountain View, 5-9, 175
RB.....Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 5-10, 190
RB.....Derrick Ray, Glendale Cactus, 5-9, 160
TE.....Marquis Tucker, Phoenix Carl Hayden, 6-6, 225
WR.....Shelby Hill, Phoenix Central, 6-0, 185
WR.....Glenn Dennard, Tempe Corona del Sol, 5-10, 170
OC.....Don Black, Chandler, 6-2, 235
OL.....Ken Hakes, Scottsdale Arcadia, 6-5, 265
OL.....Joe Cajic, Phoenix Shadow Mountain, 6-5, 265
OL.....Mark Smith, Phoenix Alhambra, 6-4, 314
OL.....Vince Beemiller, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-5, 270
LB.....Craig Vesling, Canyon del Oro, 6-3, 200
LB.....Odel Stewart, Sierra Vista Buena, 6-5, 217
LB.....Craig Davis, Canyon del Oro, 6-3, 210
DL.....Tom Briehl, Phoenix Gerard, 6-4, 210
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DB.....Kevin Miniefield, Phoenix Camelback, 5-10, 165
RS.....Glenn Dennard
PK.....Kyle Pooler, Glendale Cactus, 5-11, 161
P.....Jerry Necoechea, Bisbee, 6-1, 175

Fred Sims are the dream team's halfbacks. Bates scored 53 career touchdowns at Amphi, a Tucson city record. So is his 318 career points. Last spring, as a freshman, Bates won both the 100 and 200 dashes at the Pac-10 track championships. His best times to date: 10.23 and 20.53. In 1988, Bates ran 10.39, 20.68 and 13.70 over the high hurdles, as a junior. He did not run track his senior year at Amphi.

Sims was the 1980 state player of the year. With Sims and David Adams in the

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backfield, Sunnyside was near-perfect (12-1). Before enrolling at Oklahoma, Sims rushed for 2,017 yards and 33 TDs, both 5A records. As a freshman in college, he scored three TDs against Oklahoma State. Forced into action in the second half of the Sun Bowl, Sims responded with 181 yards and two scores against Houston. The Sooners won, 40-14.

"I'm amazed at the number of great high school athletes who come out of that state," said Oklahoma assistant coach Rex Norris. "There are less than four million people in Arizona, but they've really produced some supers."

The latest is Marcus Dickson, the 6-3, 230-pound fullback from Phoenix Maryvale. Currently a freshman at Glendale CC, Dickson last year rushed for 2,003 yards and 29 touchdowns, both state records for a fullback.

Randall McDaniel was a three-sport star at Agua Fria, before making it big as an All-America guard at ASU. But in high school, McDaniel was a TE/LB, averaging 28.3 yards per catch. In 1983, he caught three TD passes in the annual coaches' all-star game in Flagstaff. McDaniel was the American Drug-Free Powerlifting champion in 1986. Today, he and former college teammate Todd Kalis, a Phoenix Thunderbird all-stater, start for the NFL Minnesota Vikings. Center Kevin Thomas from Tucson Canyon del Oro, and tackles Danny Villa from Nogales, Mike Ciasca of Tucson Sahuaro and Warren Wheat of Phoenix Camelback complete the offensive line. Except for Ciasca, a prep All-American who is a frosh at Arizona, each played in the NFL.

Thomas and Villa, along with McDaniel, played in the 1987 Rose Bowl. Thomas played one full season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Villa, an all-state basketball player at Nogales, starts for the New England Patriots. Wheat, an all-state first baseman in high school, was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams out of BYU. He now plays for the Seattle Seahawks.

The wideouts can play for anybody. At Tucson Cholla, Vance Johnson did it all. He returned two kickoffs for touchdowns in one game. He rushed for 1,382 yards and 19 scores. He long jumped 25-8 at the Golden West Invitational in Sacramento. In college, Johnson won the Pac-10 crown with a leap of 26-11. He has since played in two Super Bowls for the Denver Broncos.

Cleveland Colter was the state player of the year in 1985. The McClintock star scored 213 points, playing wideout and running back. He switched to TB when teammate Art Greathouse got hurt, rushing for 1,115 yards and 18 TDs. He also caught 48 passes for 752 yards and six scores. On defense, Colter intercepted 10 passes. His father, the late Cleveland Colter, was a prep-All-American at Marana. For the past three years, Colter has started in the secondary at USC.

KINGS OF THE DECADE

QB.....Rodney Peete, Sahuaro
RB.....Fred Sims, Sunnyside
WR.....Cleveland Colter, McClintock
OL.....Mike Ciasca, Sahuaro
DL.....Shawn Patterson, McClintock
LB.....Byron Evans, South Mountain
DB.....Tyrone Byrd, Chandler
K.....Mike Schuh, Mountain View

The kicking game is sound. Punter Mike Schuh was an all-Pac-10 and honorable mention all-American at ASU. At Mountain View, Schuh was the punter on Jesse Parker's great 1983 club, rated best in the decade (see chart). In high school, his best included a 47-yard field goal, 56-yard punt, and 40-yard run off a fake kick. Place kicker Quin Rodriguez made 26-of-34 field goals (10 game-winners) at Mesa Dobson, with the longest a 61-yarder in the coaches' all-star game in Prescott. At USC he has played in three Rose Bowls.

Other outstanding kickers include St. Mary's Mike Cortright, a member of the Knights' back-to-back state champions, who booted a national record 36 career field goals; Chinle punter Trent Thompson averaged 46.4 yards in 1986, 49.3 in 1987; Snowflake's J.T. Ellsworth averaged 52.0 yards in 1985, with a 90-yarder against Show Low; Sahuaro's Jeff Black kicked 29 career field goals; and Cactus' Kyle Pooler booted 24, with a state record 62-yarder against Flagstaff Coconino

Defensively, Colter joins McClintock teammate Anthony Parker, Alhambra's Nathan LaDuke and Chandler's great Tyrone Byrd in the secondary. In one season, they intercepted 40 passes between them. LaDuke was a 1989 finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award, given annually to the nation's best collegiate defensive back. He's a senior at ASU. Parker, now with the NFL New York Jets, led the nation in punt returns at ASU in 1986. In 1983, Parker led the state in scoring, registering six TDs in a single game.

"Tyrone Byrd is the best defensive back I've seen in Arizona since I've been here," insisted Mountain View's Jesse Parker in 1987. "He hit so hard he knocked people out of the game." Byrd, like LaDuke, was also a high school quarterback. He is currently a starting safety for the University of Nebraska.

McDaniel, Byron Evans from South and Bob Davis from Mountain View form a deadly trio of linebackers. Also a QB in high school, Evans earned all-America honors at Arizona and is now a starter for the Philadelphia Eagles. In 1987, four former South High grads started on NFL clubs.

Davis, a member of the WAC all-decade team at BYU, was a terror in '85 for the Toros. During a 19-6 upset of nationally-ranked McClintock, Davis intercepted a pass, recovered a fumble, sacked the QB five times, made 10 solo tackles and caught 10 passes - one for a touchdown. He secured the win when he stole the ball from QB Kent Kiefer and ran 82 yards to a score.

Says Mountain View coach Jesse Parker: "It was the best game I've ever seen a kid play in an Arizona high school game. He had a career in one night." Parker compares Davis to Todd Shell, another Toro LB who also played at BYU, and earned two Super Bowl rings with the San Francisco 49ers.

The down linemen include McClintock's Shawn Patterson, now a Green Bay Packer, Brophy Prep's Dana Wells, and current Sun Devils Tim Landers of Round Valley and Bryan Hooks of Tempe Marcos de Niza. Wells, playing NG in college, was a thorn in the side of rival ASU. It was his hit on QB Jeff Van Raaphorst that knocked ASU out of the '86 Rose Bowl. Landers is from the same high school which produced New York Jet lineman Mark Gastineau.

Quarterbacks earning all-star honors include McClintock's Kent Kiefer, Cactus' Bret Powers and St. Mary's John Bonds. Kiefer passed for 6,346 career yards and 51 touchdowns. Now at Missouri, Kiefer recently set a school record with 444 yards and four TDs during a 46-44 loss to Kansas. So many good players performed during the decade, many NFL starters, prep all-Americans and all-state players failed to crack the starting lineup. But Peete and Ciasca, Sims and Bates, McDaniel and Kalis, Colter and Drew made the '80s a decade to remember.

Can't Touch This: It's Gaucho Time!

By Bart Conley

Two years ago, **Glendale** beat Michigan power Grand Rapids, 15-2, in the Valley of the Sun Bowl. The Gauchos finished 10-0 and No. 1-ranked in the nation.

"That team was dominated by sophomores," says Joe Kersting, after last year's club finished 4-3-1. "It was different last year. We had a lot of inexperienced players."

The Gauchos lost two close games early. But a ton of experience and a good recruiting class make Glendale the favorite. Dixie, Ricks, Mesa and Snow are also in the hunt.

Big Mike Hooper (6-4, 275) is an excellent offensive lineman. Mark Brown (6-0, 195), the former Moon Valley star, runs 40 yards in 4.6 seconds and might be the best defensive back in the league. Little Derrick Ray (5-9, 170) and Daryle Donahue (6-0, 210) are the team's running backs. It was Ray who scored for 76 TDs during his three-year career at Cactus High.

Donny Simmons (6-2, 195), the former Phoenix Washington QB, is the GCC signal caller. Aaron Feldman (6-0, 245) is the center. Sean Deal (6-4, 245) is a big target at TE. Speedy (4.6) Steve Decker (5-9, 170) is the Gauchos' ace receiver.

When GCC went unbeaten in 1988, it was solid on defense. This year's club is loaded with defenders. Demetrius Gibbs (6-1, 175) joins Brown in the secondary. With 4.5 speed, he's the fastest Gaucho in camp. Casey Cernak (6-1, 235), Mike Swayda (6-2, 235), Aaron LaDuke (6-0, 225), John Bognanno (5-11, 207) and Andy Taylor (6-0, 240) form a solid linebacking corps. Mike Hungerford (6-2, 240), Ruben Williams (6-1, 245) and Willie Cluck (6-2, 265) man the trenches. Key recruits are FB Marcus Dickson (6-3, 230) from Phoenix Maryvale and LB Jerome Moss (5-11, 205) from Tempe Union.

"This should be a typical Glendale team," concludes Kersting. "Small. Aggressive. Should play good defense. Success will hinge on our offensive line."

Mesa finished No. 2 in the final NJCAA poll, 17 points behind national champion Navarro, Texas. The Thunderbirds posted a 9-0-1 record, including a 28-25 victory over Nassau, N.Y., in the Valley of the Sun Bowl. Navarro was 10-0 after pounding Ellsworth, Iowa, 41-17, in the Mid-American Bowl.



Sophomore Chad White will contend for the quarterback position at Mesa Community College (Arizona Republic photo).

"Last year we were a sophomore-dominated team," mirrors second-year coach Jim Ewan. "This year several freshmen will have to perform like sophomores. We'll have to jell quickly. There are no slouches in the WSFL."

Ewan will watch Mike Millbranth (6-2, 210) and Chad White (5-11, 175) battle for the QB slot. Soph Dave Moser (6-1, 195) is a capable receiver. The rest of the T'Birds' strength resides on the defensive side of the ball: DE Dustin Rash (6-3, 230), linebackers Matanda Doss (6-1, 220), Leon Evans (5-11, 215), Anthony Jaurique (6-0, 218), David Schlagel (6-3, 235), Timmy Thomas (6-1, 225), Chad Ross (6-2, 220), and Iowa transfer Dusty Weiland (6-2, 220), a former all-stater at Peoria.

Speed merchants Darrell Dawson (5-11, 165), Darren DeGracie (6-0, 185) and Toby Wright (6-1, 195) will start in the secondary. Wright was injured in '89 and missed the season. Down lineman David Ewan (5-10, 225) transferred from Phoenix College. Key Mesa recruits: LB/DE/TE Daniel Taplin from Tempe Union, RB Keith Huckaby from Agua Fria, DE Bob McKane from Mesa Westwood, SS Kevin McLemore from Scottsdale Coronado, DB Robby Wheaton and PK Kyle Bell from Tempe McClintock.

The Artichokes won only one game at **Scottsdale**, but Shane Bates returns 25 letter winners for the new campaign. Quarterback Troy Hudacko transferred to

Phoenix College, so that position is up for grabs. But some aren't: OLB Morris Atkins (6-2, 240), OG David Bratton (6-2, 265), TE Tim Larson (6-3, 240), FS Junior Marcellus (5-11, 210), ILB Harry McCullough (5-11, 228) and WR Troy Goudeau (6-2, 192) have locked up starting slots.

Bates and his staff landed the state player of the year, McClintock RB Brian Drew (5-8, 180), a first for the Scottsdale school. Two other blue-chip recruits include Drew's teammate, DB Chris Colter (6-0, 175), and Westwood DB Mark Jorgensen (6-2, 200). Last fall, Drew rushed for 1,668 yards and 38 touchdowns. His TD total is an all-time state best.

Trivia question: which Arizona JC has played before the largest crowd in state history? Answer: **Phoenix College**. Yes, on Nov. 3, 1936, Pasadena JC beat the Bears, 54-0, in front of 22,000 fans at the Rose Bowl.

Since that loss, Phoenix, and almost every JC in Arizona, has a winning record against rivals from California. But the Bears are in the middle of another coaching change. David Given, a McClintock High and Arizona State product, replaced Pat Lavin, who resigned after a 1-7-1 campaign. Given coached the secondary for Phoenix last year.

"We have a great core of returning players," warns Given, a former all-stater at Tempe McClintock and DB at Arizona State. "Surprisingly, we had a strong recruiting year."

The Bears have four of the best players in the WSFL in CB Darryl Morrison (6-1, 180), OLB Dwight Williams (6-3, 235), ILB Corey Powell (6-1, 235) and DT Rick Katt (6-4, 275), "a Howie Long clone," according to his coach. Phoenix got a bonus when talented QB Troy Hudacko (6-2, 180), a former star at Brophy Prep, transferred from Scottsdale CC.

A key Phoenix recruit figures to be DB David Matthews (6-0, 175), a first-team all-stater from Tempe McClintock.

JC BlUE-CHIPPERS

Pos.	Player	Size	School
QB	Troy Hudacko	6-2, 180	Phoenix
RB	Derrick Ray	5-9, 170	Glendale
RB	Darryl Donahue	6-0, 210	Glendale
OL	Mike Hooper	6-4, 275	Glendale
OL	David Bratton	6-2, 265	Scottsdale
TE	Tim Larson	6-3, 240	Scottsdale
LB	Dwight Williams	6-3, 235	Phoenix
LB	Morris Atkins	6-2, 240	Scottsdale
LB	Dusty Weiland	6-2, 220	Mesa
LB	Corey Powell	6-1, 235	Phoenix
DT	Rick Katt	6-4, 275	Phoenix
DE	Dustin Rash	6-3, 230	Mesa
DB	Darryl Morrison	6-1, 180	Phoenix
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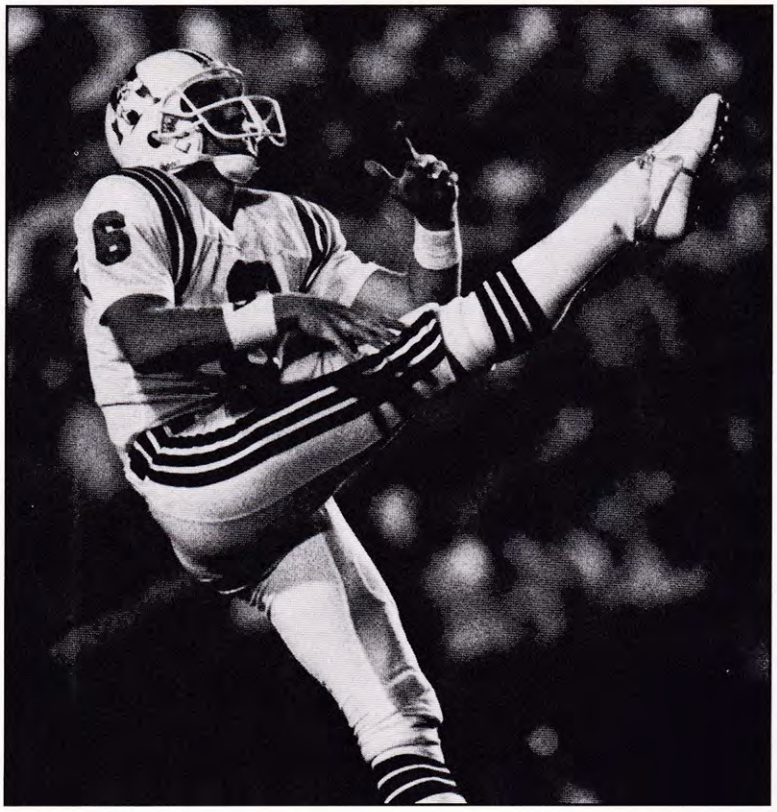
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1. This great Phoenix Union linebacker, playing for USC, intercepted a pass on the last play of the game, as USC defeated Wisconsin, 42-37, in the '63 Rose Bowl.
   a) Fred Carr
   b) Armando Sanchez
   c) Larry Gordon
   d) Johnny Black

2. Name the former Phoenix prep star in the photo at right, currently the punter for the New England Patriots.



3. The following athletes made up the backfield for what Phoenix area high school in 1958?
   a) Dick Conner
   b) Charles Bobo
   c) Eli James
   d) Joe Caccavale

4. In 1987, this Phoenix area high school had four graduates starting on NFL teams.
   a) Phoenix Maryvale
   b) Tempe McClintock
   c) South Mountain
   d) Phoenix St. Mary's

5. The following athletes made up the backfield for what Phoenix area high school in 1954?
   a) Ralph Hunsaker
   b) Bill Crabtree
   c) Weldon Jackson
   d) Warren Livingston

6. Only one of the following football coaches has not been named National High School Coach of the Year.
   a) R.R. Robinson, Phoenix Union
   b) R.T. Gridley, Tucson High
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   d) Karl Kiefer, Tempe McClintock

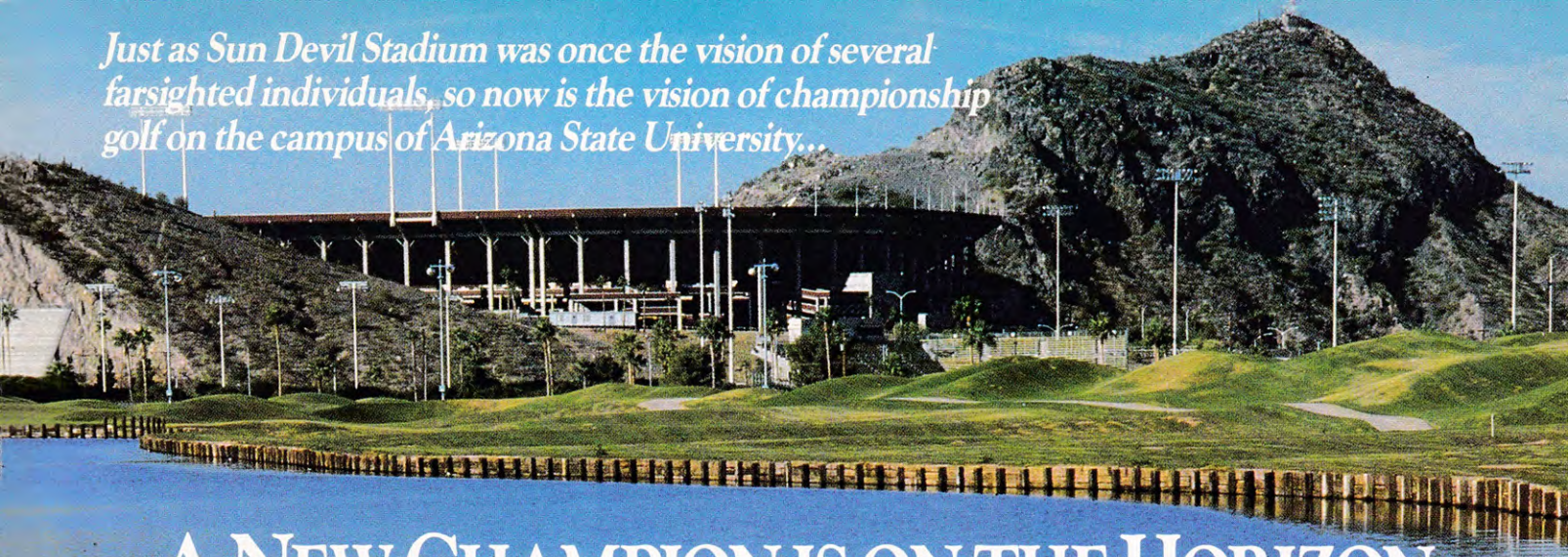
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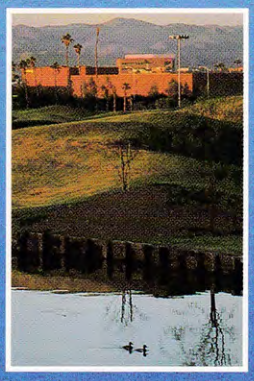
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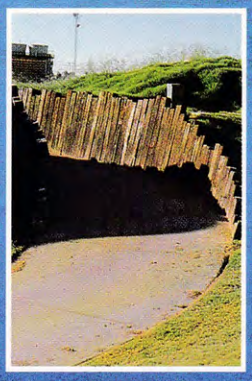
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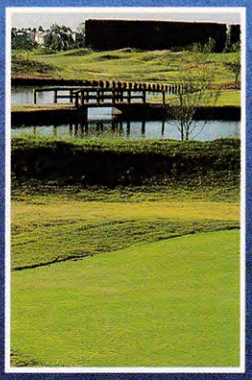
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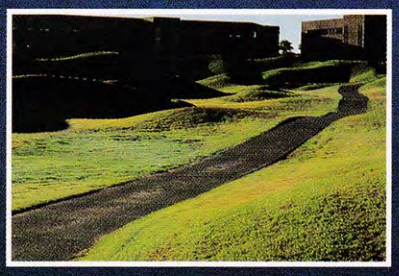


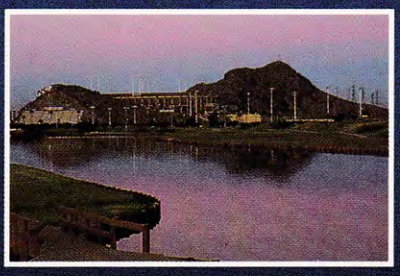
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