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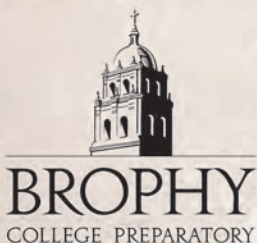


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# Division III State Baseball Preview

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Division III baseball of 2016 hardly resembles D-III baseball of 2015. The one-year realignment has brought many teams down from Division I and Division II. Of the top 16 teams in the final power-rankings -- 11 competed in D-I or D-II last year. The only schools in the current top 16 who competed in D-III last year are Sahuarita, Snowflake, Lee Williams, Holbrook and Rio Rico.

Five of the seven section champs landed in the top-10 in the power rankings -- Nogales, Alhambra, San Luis, Mingus and Casa Grande. The other two section champs are North Canyon and Lee Williams.

Those facts aside, here's a brief look at the top 10 teams heading to state tournament that opens on Friday April 29:

**No. 1 Nogales** -- The Apaches (24-6) have been steady throughout the season. Coach OJ Favela has received huge contributions from four players at the plate, on the mound or both. Kevin Jimenez leads in hitting with a .389 average and 20 RBI and Ralph Padilla (.349, 15 RBI) has been solid. Both Angel Chavez (.362 avg., team-high 21 RBI) and Edgar Ambriz (.360 avg) have done well pitching. Chavez sports a 5-1 record and 1.95 ERA. Ambriz, working mostly in relief and as a closer, is 6-2, 2.01 ERA. Starting pitcher Angel Zuniga is 5-0 with a 1.11 ERA. Nogales lost in the first round at state last year in D-II.

**No. 2 Alhambra** -- The Lions (22-4-1) were the No. 17 seed in last year's D-I state tournament. They bowed out in the first round last year. Coach Chris Hoth, averaging 18 wins season since he took over the program in 2011, has a senior-oriented team. Senior Aldo Fernandez and junior Jesus Aldaz are formidable starters. -- Fernandez is 6-2, 1.02 ERA and has 68 Ks in 48 innings. Aldaz is 5-0, 0.36 ERA. Top hitters are David Avitia (.530 avg., team-high 33 RBI); Fernandez (.420 avg., 21 RBI), Javier Hernandez (.390 avg. 17 RBI) and Miguel Medina (.392 avg., 22 RBI).

**No. 3 San Luis** -- The Sidewinders (20-5) quali-

fied for the D-II state tournament last year and reached the second round before losing. They split with Kofa the final week, good enough to secure the section title. A trio of juniors have paced San Luis -- Ramon Miranda, Gabriel Ponce and Jesus Pulido. They've been equally adept hitting and pitching. Miranda is the staff ace with an 8-1 record and 1.34 ERA. He's batting .409 with 18 RBI. Pulido is primarily a reliever. He's 1-1, 1.50 ERA and is batting .377 with 20 RBI. Ponce also is a starter and is 4-0 with a 1.97 ERA. He leads the team in average (.471) and RBI (29). Senior Ricardo Leon is hitting .365 and is second on the team in RBI with 24.

**No. 4 Sahuarita** -- The Mustangs (22-6) have held their own in D-III despite the influx of teams moving down from D-I and D-II. They won Section II and feature a nice balance of hitting and pitching. Senior Kevin Morales is a dual threat. He leads the team in batting (.525) and has a respectable 21 RBI. On the mound he is 3-0 with a 1.73 ERA and has closed games. The team's power source is sophomore Saul Escarrega, hitting .402 with 7 HRs and 41 RBI. Senior Sergio Santa Cruz checks in at .400 with 26 RBI and junior Rigo Leon is batting .419 with a team-high 34 runs scored. The 1-2 punch in starting pitching rests with sophomore Ian Mejia (7-0, 2.27 ERA) and senior southpaw Austin Bryan (6-0, 1.30 ERA). Bryan has 64 Ks in 54 innings. Sahuarita reached the D-III quarters last year, losing to eventual champ Northwest Christian.

**No. 5 Mingus** -- The Marauders (21-7) completed their regular season on April 21. They were up and down early, but closed with a flourish winning six of their last seven and triumphed in their final nine power-ranking games. Last week they dealt Alhambra a 3-1 loss. Mingus, led by longtime coach Bob Young, has a youthful squad. Pitching and defense are its strengths. Sophomore left-hander Jordan Huey is 5-0 with a 2.20 ERA. Senior pitcher Zach Abrigo is 7-1 with 1.94 ERA and junior Mitchell Lindsay is 3-0, 1.38 ERA. Offensively the leaders are junior catcher Gus Henley (.512 avg., 3 HR, 37 RBI) and sophomore third baseman Tyler Kelly (.477 avg. 31 RBI). Mngus reached the elite 8

of D-II last year before losing twice in double elimination.

**No. 6 Trevor Browne** -- The Bruins (22-4) have played well this season in posting a 20-4 record. Its offense has put up some runs led by Genner Cervantes (.526, 37 runs scored, 27 RBI), Ismael Alvarado (30 runs scored, 24 RBI), and Ivan Cervantes (29 runs scored). Coach Deston Cummings is still looking for more consistency from his defense and pitching staff. Alvarado is 5-1 with a 2.65 ERA and Sergio Huguerty is 4-0, 1.42 ERA. Cervantes (4-1, 3.75 ERA) and Huguerty are averaging better than a strikeout and inning. A light schedule is a concern as postseason arrives.

**No. 7 Kofa** -- The Kings (15-9) have trended positively in the last couple weeks winning eight of their last 10 games and challenging San Luis for the Section IV title. Kofa is not explosive offensively, but doesn't give up much either. Top pitcher is Cameron Sharp, who is 4-1 with a 1.29 ERA. Sharp has 34 Ks in 33 innings. Richie Preciado (3-0, 0.76 ERA) and Robert Martinez (3-3, 3.63) keep the Kings in games. Top run-producers for coach Richy Leon's team are Enrique Porchcas (.407, 13 RBI) and Kevin Avila (.342, 18 RBI). Kofa did not reach the D-II playoffs last year.

**No. 8 Casa Grande** -- The Cougars (15-12) rode a roller coaster early in the season, but became more consistent in terms of wins and losses when they got into section (7-1) and division play (currently 11-2). They recently clinched the Section VII title. Pitching is the team's forte (a 2.97 ERA overall). The staff is led by Gil Luna, a

dominating hurler in D-III. He sports a 5-3 record in nine starts and one inning of relief. Luna has thrown 58 innings, whiffed 126 batters, with 32 walks, 23 hits and 15 runs (11 earned). He's fanned 19 batters in a game twice this season. Offensively, the Cougars have been inconsistent. Jacob Martinez (.339) and Josh West (.323) are the leading hitters. Casa Grande picked up a confidence-building win a week prior to state with a 5-2 win over San Luis.

**No. 9 Holbrook** -- The Roadrunners (18-8) didn't qualify for state last year, but have rectified that with a fine season. Holbrook is led by senior Nick Robinson. Robinson is batting .493 with 2 HR and 31 RBI. He also serves often as closer with six saves and nearly a strikeout an inning in relief. Topping the batting average chart is junior Cade Maestas. Maestas sports a .554 average with 46 RBI. Senior Michael O'Brien is hitting .343. Starting pitching is strong led by Trevor Barton (7-2, 2.00 ERA). Tristan Baldonado is 5-4 and has 52 Ks in 37 innings.

**No. 10 Maricopa** -- The Rams (15-12) finished behind Casa Grande in their section and lost a 1-0 decision to the Cougars late in the season. They led offensively by catcher Christian Garcia, who is hitting .377, 19 RBI and 5 2Bs. Kevin Borboa is hitting .512 with 4 2B. Marcos Cano is hitting .356 with 19 RBI, 3 2Bs and 2 HRs. On the mound the leader is Tyler Rapp, who is 5-1 with a 2.27 ERA. Rapp has 31 Ks in 37 innings. Carter Paine is 4-3 with a 2.81 ERA with 39 Ks in 42 innings.



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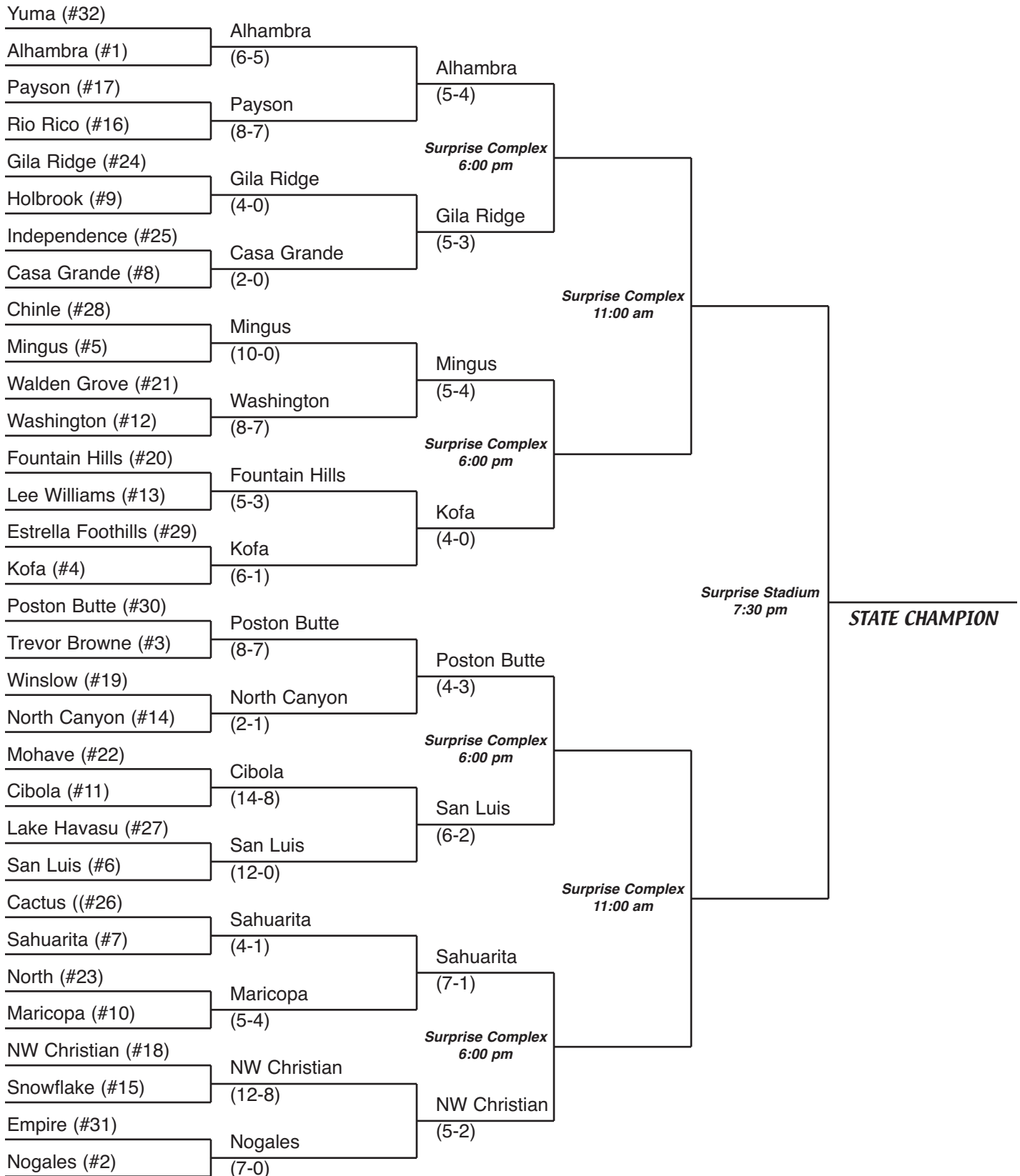
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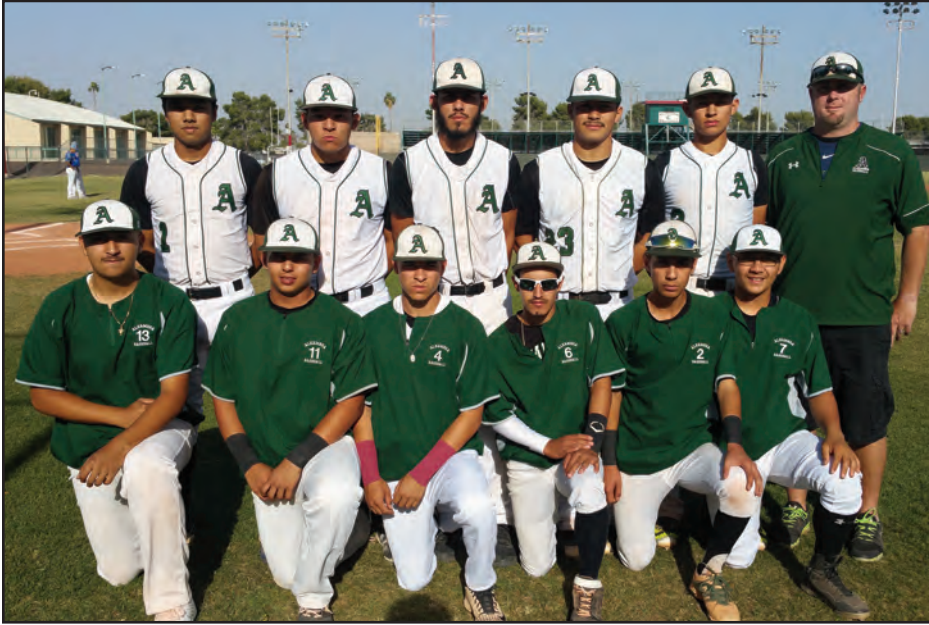
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# Div. III BB State Quarterfinalists

## Alhambra Lions



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Jesus Vasquez, OF/P.....	Fr.
2...Juan Carlos Lopez, 2B.....	Jr.
3...Saul Rubalcava, IF.....	Sr.
4...Javier Hernandez, OF/C.....	Sr.
5...Xavier Enojos, OF.....	Jr.
6...Alex Guevara, IF.....	Sr.
7...Eduardo Contreras, OF/1B.....	Sr.
8...Alexis Rocha, SS/C.....	So.
9...Manuel Quijada, OF/P.....	So.
10...Aldo Fernandez, P/OF.....	Sr.
11...Alberto Aldaz, OF/P.....	Sr.
13...Jesus Aldaz, P/3B.....	Jr.
15...Rafael Quijada, OF/C.....	So.
21...Miguel Medina, P/3B.....	Sr.
23...David Avitia, C/P.....	Jr.
27...Erique Gongora, C/IF.....	Jr.
28...Francisco Vasquez, C/IF.....	Jr.
.....Damien Rodriguez, OF.....	Sr.

## Gila Ridge Hawks

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Julio Zamorano.....	Jr.
2...Owen Parcel.....	Jr.
3...Gimo Dukes.....	So.
5...Ramces Urias.....	So.
6...Jacob Rillamas.....	Sr.
7...Angel Grijalva.....	Jr.
8...Connor Young.....	Jr.
9...Phillip Griego.....	Sr.
10...Jordan Sheldahl.....	Sr.
11...Cameron Scudder.....	Jr.
14...Drew Robinson.....	Sr.
15...Kobe Villegas.....	Sr.
16...Jovani Garcia.....	Sr.
17...Josh Rouse.....	Jr.
19...Chance Moreland.....	Jr.
20...Qadri Land.....	Jr.
.....Andres Cota.....	Fr.
.....Michael Magdaleno.....	Jr.





# Div. III BB State Quarterfinalists

## Kofa Kings



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Damein Reinhart .....	
5...Cameron Sharp .....	
6...Eddie Carrera .....	
7...Kevin Avila .....	
8...Richie Preciado .....	
9...Enrique Porchas.....	
11...Chris Armenta.....	
12...Ari Ortega.....	
13...Jeremy Santana .....	
14...Juan Castillo .....	
15...Sammy Sanchez .....	
17...Allen Andrade .....	
17...Raymundo Torres .....	
18...Robert Martinez.....	
19...Jesus Roldan.....	
20...Juan Cortez.....	
29...Nick Rehkopf .....	
.....Gonzalo Badilla .....	

## Mingus Marauders

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
2...Skylar Waynick, P/IF .....	6-0	So.
3...Chris Mathe, IF/P .....	5-6	Fr.
4...Jordan Huey, P/OF .....	6-1	So.
5...Tristan Clark, OF/P .....	5-8	Sr.
6...Bradley Howard, OF .....	5-9	Fr.
8...Tyree Kim, C/P .....	5-9	So.
9...Fernando Chavez, IF/P .....	5-8	Sr.
10...Jose Pacheco, P/OF .....	5-9	So.
12...Justin Tanner, OF/P .....	5-9	Fr.
13...Zack Abrigo, IF/P .....	6-0	Sr.
15...Andrew Kulis, P/IF .....	6-0	So.
16...Cesar Machado, OF .....	5-8	Sr.
18...Chaz Taylor, P/IF .....	6-2	Fr.
19...Mitchell Lindsay, P/1B .....	6-1	Jr.
20...Jake Schwisow, OF .....	5-9	Jr.
21...Gus Henley, C/IF .....	5-10	Jr.
22...Tyler Kelly, P/IF .....	5-8	So.
23...Joe Machado, IF/P .....	5-8	Fr.
24...Trey Pettijohn, C/P .....	5-11	Sr.





# Div. III BB State Quarterfinalists

## Northwest Christian Crusaders



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Bubba Ponce, OF .....	Jr.
2...Noah DeLaPiedra, UT .....	Sr.
3...Easton Hunt, 2B .....	Sr.
5...Tyler Worrell, SS/P.....	Jr.
6...Quinn Hunter, OF/P.....	Sr.
9...Drew Inness, CF/P.....	Sr.
10...Jake Huey, 3B/P .....	Sr.
11 ...Dylan Smith, IF .....	So.
12...Ray Kindred, 1B.....	Sr.
14...Cody Hulbert, OF/DH.....	Sr.
15...Zach Rogers, C.....	Sr.
16...Austin Worrell, P/C.....	Sr.
17...Ryan Lopez, IF .....	Fr.
18...Jarin Davis, P.....	So.
19...Grant Godman.....	

## Poston Butte Broncos

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Brandon Leyva, C.....	So.
2...Dylan Vanderlip, OF/P .....	Jr.
3...Aaron Kern, INF/P .....	Sr.
4...Corbin Bendel, OF/P .....	Sr.
7...Nolan McNeill, INF .....	So.
8...Juan Navarrete, INF/P .....	Jr.
9...Joshua Touhey, 1B/P.....	So.
10...Tommy Green, OF/P .....	Sr.
11 ...Keaton Badger, OF/P.....	Sr.
12...Anthony Torrez, C.....	Sr.
13...Zachory Duvall, INF/P .....	So.
14...Keegan Vercoe, OF/P .....	Sr.
15...Daniel Bravo, INF.....	Jr.
17...Kade Lines, INF/P .....	Jr.
20...Hunter Klein, INF .....	Sr.
21 ...Tono Gallegos, C.....	Fr.
23...Stone Gereg, INF .....	So.
24...Edgar Valdez, INF/P .....	So.
25...Grant Young, 1B.....	Jr.
27...Zachory Rush, OF .....	So.
29...Vince Archuleta, P .....	Fr.
32...Cameron Vercoe, INF/P.....	Fr.
33...Josh Zaker, INF .....	Sr.
.....Mitchell Sutterby, P .....	So.





# Div. III BB State Quarterfinalists

## Sahuarita Mustangs



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Rigo Leon, IF.....	5-5.....	Jr.
2...Jacob Teso, IF.....	6-0.....	Sr.
3...Jerry Lerma, C.....	6-0.....	Jr.
4...Kevin Morales, OF/P.....	5-8.....	Sr.
5...Saul Escarrega, 3B/P.....	6-0.....	So.
6...Ian Mejia, IF/P.....	6-3.....	So.
9...Juan Ponce, OF/P.....	5-7.....	Sr.
10...Daniel Valdez, OF.....	5-9.....	So.
13...Brendon Rodriguez, OF/P.....	6-6.....	Sr.
22...Austin Bryan, P/OF.....	5-11.....	Sr.
24...Angel Ochoa, IF/P.....	6-0.....	So.
32...Dylan Watt, 1B/OF.....	6-1.....	Jr.
35...Treyjen Meza, P/C.....	5-10.....	Fr.
51...Sergio Santa Cruz, 1B/P.....	6-4.....	Sr.
.....Angel Ortiz, P/1B.....	5-11.....	Fr.

## San Luis Sidewinders

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Ramon Miranda, IF.....	Jr.
2...Andres Gastelum, IF.....	Sr.
3...Daniel Aceves, OF.....	So.
4...Miguel Celaya, OF/P.....	Sr.
5...David Mota, UT.....	So.
6...Damian Valenzuela, OF.....	So.
7...Gerardo Hernandez, IF/P.....	Fr.
8...Esteban Zambrano, 1B/P.....	Sr.
9...Danny Orozco, OF.....	Jr.
10...Christopher Bazua, 2B/OF.....	Fr.
11...Gabriel Ponce, OF/P.....	Jr.
12...Tomas Jacuinde.....	Sr.
13...Ricardo Leon, UT.....	Sr.
14...Hernan Yanez.....	So.
15...Jesus Pulido, IF/P.....	Jr.
17...Daniel Ortega, IF.....	So.
18...Omar Campa, IF.....	So.



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Year	Winning Team	Head Coach	Runnerup Team	Head Coach	Score
2015	Tucson Desert Christian (31-1)	M. Grant Hopkins	Kearny Ray (22-9-1)	Rene Pacheco	13-6
2014	Tucson Desert Christian (29-2)	M. Grant Hopkins	Tucson Pusch Ridge (26-5)	Mark Frithsen	4-2
2013	Tucson Desert Christian (26-4)	M. Grant Hopkins	Phoenix Christian (24-5)	Mark Band	11-9
2012	St. David (19-3)	Ron Goodman	Yuma Catholic (18-3)	Curt Foppe	(6 inn.) 14-4

## DIVISION III

2015	Phoenix Northwest Christian (29-5)	Rod Bair	Sahuarita Walden Grove (23-7)	Rene Valdez	(8 inn.) 3-2
2014	Tucson Palo Verde	Jim Mentz	Phoenix Northwest Christian	Rod Bair	5-4
2013	Fountain Hills (18-5)	Mike Briguglio	Vail Empire (18-5)	Tom Belter	5-4
2012	River Valley (28-3)	Aaron LaCasse	Goodyear Estrella Foothills (18-4)	Patrick McCubbins	8-7

## DIVISION II

2015	Oro Valley Canyon Del Oro (33-2)	Keith Francis	Tucson (28-6)	Oscar Romero	3-1
2014	Phoenix Greenway (29-4)	Matt Denny	Nogales (30-7)	Oscar Favela	8-0
2013	Scottsdale Notre Dame Prep (30-7)	Brian Fischer	Phoenix Sunnyslope (28-5)	Jeff Shillington	2-1
2012	Phoenix Sunnyslope (21-2)	Jeff Shillington	Peoria Liberty (22-3)	Mark Ernster	6-5

## DIVISION I

2015	Gilbert Mesquite (24-9)	Jeff Holland	Peoria Liberty (29-6)	John Freitas	5-2
2014	Chandler Hamilton (30-3)	Mike Woods	Gilbert Mesquite (23-12)	Jeff Holland	8-4
2013	Scottsdale Desert Mountain (31-4)	Brian Stephenson	Scottsdale Chaparral (23-14)	Sam Messina	(8 inn.) 4-3
2012	Scottsdale Chaparral (24-7)	Sam Messina	Phoenix Brophy Prep (23-10)	Tom Succow	5-3

## 1A CONFERENCE

2011	Tucson Tanque Verde	James Lawwill	St. David	Ron Goodman	18-6
2010	Gila Bend (28-2)	Donny Young	Tucson Tanque Verde (27-4)	Jim Lawwill	6-5
2009	Tucson Tanque Verde	Jim Lawwill	Bagdad	Dalton Mills	6-3
2008	Elfrida Valley Union (23-6)	Tony Luzania	Gila Bend (23-5-1)	Donny Young	9-1
2007	Superior	William Duarte	Bagdad	Bill Godsil	6-3
2006	Heber Mogollon (20-8)	Rick Honsinger	Duncan (18-6)	Chano Talavera	12-5
2005	Duncan	Chano Talavera	Seligman	Ted Alexander	12-2
2004	Duncan (18-3)	Amdrew Larson	Tucson Green Fields (19-4)	Victor Acuna	4-2
2003	Joseph City (18-8-2)	Richard Felton	Clifton (18-3)	Gilbert Mesa	6-4
2002	St. David (18-3)	Jim Crawford	Joseph City (16-8-1)	Richard Felton	4-3
2001	St. David (16-7)	Jim Crawford	Joseph City (20-7)	Eldon Larsen	3-2
2000	St. David (17-4)	Jim Crawford	Patagonia (15-6)	John Urias	8-2
1999	Tucson St. Gregory (26-4)	Shane Sherwood	Mayer (17-5)	Dave Capka	12-2
1998	Green Fields (22-7)	Frank Trujillo	St. David (22-3)	John Sands	1-0
1997	St. David (25-2)	John Sands	Bagdad (21-2)	James Roe	4-3
1996	Patagonia (20-1)	Mike Slenk	Ajo (23-8)	Leonard Lopez	4-2
1995	Northwest Community Christian (25-2-1)	John James	Desert Christian (19-10)	Allen Nielsen	4-0
1994	Scottsdale Christian (24-2)	Bob Fredericks	Desert Christian (17-7)	Allen Nielsen	6-2
1993	St. David (16-6)	Jim Crawford	Williams (19-6)	Rick Shipley	6-4
1992	Heber Mogollon (17-5)	Monty Williams	Bagdad (15-4)	Carl Ridenour	6-3
1991	St. David (19-2)	Jim Crawford	Bagdad (19-3)	Carl Ridenour	12-2

## 2A CONFERENCE

2011	Chandler Valley Christian	Rick Surls	Scottsdale Christian	Bill Swift	8-7
2010	Phoenix Bourgade Catholic	Greg Hemke	Camp Verde	Steve Hicks	6-5
2009	Tucson Pusch Ridge Christian	Doug Jones	San Manuel	Don Payne	(6 inn.) 15-5
2008	Bisbee (27-4)	Mike Frosco	Phoenix Bourgade Catholic	Greg Henke	9-8
2007	St. Johns	Ray Davis	Winkelman Hayden	Bob Lorona	8-6
2006	Yuma Catholic (27-4)	Tom Kandler	Scottsdale Christian (25-5)	Bill Swift	(8 inn.) 14-9
2005	Scottsdale Christian (19-7)	Bill Swift	Thatcher	Ramon Morales	8-4
2004	Scottsdale Christian (24-3)	Bill Swift	Phoenix Christian (18-9)	Mark Band	2-0
2003	Phoenix Christian (18-11)	Danny Jacques	Scottsdale Christian (21-7)	Bill Swift	11-9
2002	Bisbee (27-6)	Mike Frosco	Thatcher (24-4)	Don Conrad	13-3
2001	Willcox (25-5)	Russ Bethel	Bisbee (23-4)	Mike Frosco	11-5
2000	Willcox (33-0)	Russ Bethel	Thatcher (18-7)	Don Conrad	5-4
1999	Willcox (26-4)	Russ Bethel	Chandler Seton (23-11)	Phil Baniewicz	10-0
1998	Phoenix Christian (25-7-1)	Danny Jacques	Elfrida Valley Union (18-8)	Calvin King	7-1
1997	Winkelman Hayden (18-6)	Gary LaFevers	Benson (18-7)	Whitney Holland	8-4
1996	Chandler Seton (17-7)	Phil Baniewicz	Benson (20-7)	Whitney Holland	3-0
1995	Camp Verde (22-4)	Mike Mier	Kearny Ray (14-7)	Rick Lorona	14-8
1994	Tombstone (17-6)	Ron Ingrum	Benson (20-8)	Whitney Holland	(9 inn.) 9-8
1993	Bisbee (20-6)	Mike Frosco	Florence (18-7)	Tony Jimenez	8-5
1992	Florence (21-4)	Tony Jimenez	Benson (22-4)	Ken Smith	6-2
1991	Eloy Santa Cruz (19-5)	Scott Cook	Queen Creek (18-5)	Mike Johnson	14-6

## 3A CONFERENCE

2011	Lakeside Blue Ridge (31-2)	Joe Merklin	Goodyear Estrella Foothills (25-6)	Patrick McCubbins	(9 inn.) 8-6
2010	Chino Valley (22-2-1)	Bruce Nesbitt	Tucson Empire	Tom Belter	8-2
2009	Globe	David Lopez	Wickenburg (19-10)	Ron Bergman	4-2





# Baseball Championship Results (1992-2015)

## 3A CONFERENCE (cont)

Year	Winning Team	Head Coach	Runnerup Team	Head Coach	Score
2008	Safford (20-11)	Robert Abalos	Chino Valley	Bruce Nesbitt	(5 inn.) 10-0
2007	Wickenburg (25-3)	Ron Bergman	Holbrook	Shawn Layden	6-3
2006	Chandler Seton Catholic (21-2)	Jon Malgradi	Fountain Hills (30-2)	Mike Briguglio	11-8
2005	Sahuarita (27-6)	Bryan Huie	Fountain Hills (25-8)	Mike Briguglio	5-1
2004	Fountain Hills (28-4)	Mike Briguglio	Higley (23-9)	Joe Bergen	12-10
2003	Chandler Seton (22-11-1)	Dave Ference	Fountain Hills (27-3)	Mike Briguglio	11-5
2002	Fountain Hills (30-3)	Mike Briguglio	Chandler Seton (21-12)	Dave Ference	8-4
2001	Fountain Hills (28-4)	Mike Briguglio	Globe (19-8)	Eldon Dallas	5-1
2000	Safford (24-5)	Rich DeRidder	Globe (23-4)	Eldon Dallas	7-2
1999	Payson (23-9)	Ted Pettet	Cave Creek Cactus Shadows (27-1)	Scott Cook	23-11
1998	Cave Creek Cactus Shadows (26-5)	Scott Cook	Chino Valley (25-4)	Tom Pratt	8-3
1997	Globe (24-3)	Eldon Dallas	Chino Valley (16-11)	Tom Pratt	7-4
1996	Safford (17-10)	Rich DeRidder	Cave Creek Cactus Shadows (22-5)	Scott Cook	5-4
1995	Globe (21-4)	Eldon Dallas	Safford (15-10)	Rich DeRidder	9-8
1994	Safford (19-7)	Rich DeRidder	Globe (20-5)	Eldon Dallas	2-1
1993	Lake Havasu (22-7-2)	Larry Kiszczak	San Manuel (28-1)	Don Payne	4-2
1992	San Manuel (29-2)	Don Payne	Lake Havasu (17-8-3)	Larry Kiszczak	4-2

## 4A CONFERENCE

2011 4A-1	Scottsdale Saguaro (34-3)	Ryan Dyer	Peoria Sunrise Mountain (26-6)	Eric Gardner	13-6
2011 4A-2	Tucson Catalina (22-11)	Tony Gabusi	Phoenix Thunderbird (27-4)	Seth Melton	(9 inn.) 8-4
2010 4A-1	Scottsdale Saguaro (26-6)	Ryan Dyer	Tucson Catalina Foothills	Lance Robertson	(6 inn.) 15-5
2010 4A-2	Peoria Liberty (25-6)	Mark Ernster	Phoenix Greenway (26-9)	Matt Denny	8-3
2009 4A-1	Tucson Canyon Del Oro (24-7)	Len Anderson	Glendale Cactus (26-6)	Mike Tirella	15-5
2009 4A-2	Cottonwood Mingus (29-5)	Bob Young	Scottsdale Notre Dame (30-2)	Guy Gianni	7-4
2008 4A-1	Scottsdale Chaparral (27-6)	Jerry Dawson	Phoenix SD O'Connor (25-7-1)	Jeff Baumgartner	8-6
2008 4A-2	Cottonwood Mingus (23-11)	Greg Beauchman	Scottsdale Notre Dame (29-5)	Guy Gianni	4-1
2007 4A-1	Tempe McClintock (24-10)	Harold Bull	Tucson Sahuaro (16-13-1)	Mark Chandler	(10 inn.) 9-8
2007 4A-2	Scottsdale Coronado (27-5-1)	Buck Holmes	Scottsdale Notre Dame (28-6)	Guy Gianni	20-8
2006 4A-1	Scottsdale Chaparral (31-3-1)	Jerry Dawson	Tucson Amphitheater (24-11)	Todd Naskedov	4-3
2006 4A-2	Cave Creek Cactus Shadows (20-12)	Tom Scala	Scottsdale Arcadia (22-9)	Ken Rudolph	13-7
2005	Scottsdale Chaparral (31-3)	Jerry Dawson	Tucson Catalina Foothills (33-3)	Jason Hisey	10-0
2004	Scottsdale Chaparral (31-2)	Jerry Dawson	Tucson Catalina Foothills (26-5)	Trent Emeneck	9-3
2003	Scottsdale Chaparral (32-3)	Jerry Dawson	Scottsdale Coronado (24-6)	Buck Holmes	(12 inn.) 4-3
2002	Prescott (26-9)	Kent Winslow	Tucson Catalina Foothills (27-4-1)	Jason Hisey	(9 inn.) 7-5
2001	Douglas (21-7)	Jaime Tadeo	Tucson Sahuaro (18-15)	Mark Tselentis	4-0
2000	Scottsdale Chaparral (28-6)	Jerry Dawson	Tucson Santa Rita (24-11)	Dan Moore	10-4
1999	Scottsdale Chaparral (32-2)	Jerry Dawson	Scottsdale Coronado (24-7)	Buck Holmes	3-2
1998	Phoenix Thunderbird (26-5)	Pat Higgins	Scottsdale Chaparral (25-5-2)	Jerry Dawson	10-2
1997	Tucson Sabino (23-8)	Mike Bejarano	Scottsdale Chaparral (27-6-1)	Jerry Dawson	6-0
1996	Sunnyslope (24-10)	Rich Carlberg	Kingman (16-20)	Tim Casson	12-3
1995	Lake Havasu (27-8)	Larry Kiszczak	Gilbert Highland (22-10-1)	Keith Brown	5-1
1994	Scottsdale Chaparral (30-4)	Jerry Dawson	Tucson Sunnyside (19-13)	Ernie Palomarez	9-0
1993	Phoenix Greenway (32-2)	Ted Blake	Tucson Flowing Wells (22-10)	David Landrith	20-0
1992	Tempe Union (20-11)	Bruce Kipper	Avondale Agua Fria (21-12)	Wayne DesCombes	6-0

## 5A CONFERENCE

2011 5A-1	Tempe Mountain Pointe (28-5)	Brandon Buck	Chandler Hamilton	Mike Woods	(8 inn.) 7-6
2011 5A-2	Scottsdale Chaparral (24-9)	Sam Messina	Gilbert Perry (21-13)	Shane Hilstrom	11-9
2010 5A-1	Gilbert Desert Ridge	Patrick Herrera	Tempe Mountain Pointe	Brandon Buck	11-4
2010 5A-2	Scottsdale Horizon (21-10)	Eric Kibler	Scottsdale Desert Mountain (23-13)	Bryan Rice	11-9
2009 5A-1	Tempe Corona del Sol (25-7)	Dave Webb	Chandler Hamilton (23-12)	Mike Woods	(6 inn.) 11-1
2009 5A-2	Mesa Desert Ridge	Pat Herrera	Scottsdale Horizon	Eric Kibler	9-8
2008 5A-1	Chandler Hamilton (25-8)	Mike Woods	Gilbert Mesquite (19-16)	Jeff Holland	6-5
2008 5A-2	Scottsdale Horizon (24-9)	Eric Kibler	Peoria Sunrise Mountain (29-4-1)	Eric Gardner	2-1
2007 5A-1	Scottsdale Horizon (33-3)	Eric Kibler	Phoenix Brophy Prep (30-4)	Tom Succow	9-6
2007 5A-2	Tempe Marcos de Niza (17-17)	Felipe Becerra	Scottsdale Desert Mountain (26-9)	Bryan Rice	(8 inn.) 5-4
2006 5A-1	Phoenix Brophy Prep (29-5)	Tom Succow	Scottsdale Horizon (25-10)	Eric Kibler	(6 inn.) 11-1
2006 5A-2	Glendale Deer Valley (24-7)	Larry Eubanks	Peoria Sunrise Mountain	Eric Gardner	(9 inn.) 2-1
2005	Scottsdale Horizon (28-9)	Eric Kibler	Chandler Hamilton (26-7)	Mike Woods	10-0
2004	Chandler Hamilton (30-8)	Mike Woods	Gilbert (28-10)	Matt Gutierrez	5-2
2003	Chandler Hamilton (27-10)	Mike Woods	Scottsdale Horizon (32-4)	Eric Kibler	5-1
2002	Tucson Canyon del Oro (27-6)	Keith Francis	Tucson (25-10)	Oscar Romero	8-6
2001	Tempe Desert Vista (32-3)	Stan Luketich	Yuma Cibola (27-4)	Duane Evans	6-5
2000	Tucson Canyon del Oro (31-5)	Kent Winslow	Tempe Desert Vista (26-8)	Stan Luketich	6-5
1999	Tempe Desert Vista (34-5)	Stan Luketich	Glendale Ironwood (28-7)	Mike Holder	18-8
1998	Mesa Mountain View (25-11)	Mike Thiel	Tempe Marcos de Niza (23-13-1)	Tom Huber	(9 inn.) 8-7
1997	Tucson Canyon del Oro (27-6)	Phil Wright	Tucson Salpointe (23-11)	Kent Winslow	12-11
1996	Scottsdale Horizon (32-2)	Eric Kibler	Tucson Salpointe (27-5)	Kent Winslow	5-3
1995	Scottsdale Horizon (27-6)	Eric Kibler	Tempe Mountain Pointe (25-8-1)	Roger LeBlanc	3-1
1994	Tucson Canyon del Oro (26-7)	Phil Wright	Phoenix Deer Valley (25-5)	Mike Cornish	11-5
1993	Tempe Corona del Sol (24-9-1)	Ron Davini	Phoenix Deer Valley (22-10-2)	Mike Cornish	7-1
1992	Scottsdale Saguaro (22-11)	Bill Berger	Shadow Mountain (24-8-1)	Rich Chainhalt	5-1

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Desert Christian won the last three Division IV state titles but winning the fourth may prove to be even more difficult this year. The Eagles suffered their first loss this year to a team from Arizona since April of 2013 when Empire defeated them in March in an invitational game and the team also dropped their first regular season game in three years when Pueblo defeated them 4-2 on April 20.

Even with the recent setbacks to much larger schools, that's the very definition domination.

Grant Hopkins has led his team to an incredible 106-12 record over the last four years to give him 195 career wins at press time. Let's take a quick look at a few of the other top eight teams that might be able to stop the Eagles in the state playoffs this year:

Joy Christian: 28 wins and counting. It's the best regular season the Eagles have had since last year when they finished 23-11 with a semifinal loss to Desert Christian. Desert Christian also beat them this year on April 18 (6-4) at a game held at Grand Canyon University.

Joy Christian and Desert Christian should be on opposite sides of the brackets.

Apache Junction: The Prospectors went from six wins last year to 22 this year. The team was ranked near the bottom in Division II last season but can be found near the top in D-IV this spring. Juniors Prescott Horn and Ian McIntyre have five home runs each.

Pueblo: The Warriors haven't won at least nine games in a season in five years. Like Apache Junction, Pueblo made the move down from D-II to D-IV this year. Isaias Lucero is currently 5-1 with an ERA of .77 with 70 strikeouts. He picked up the win over Desert Christian to give his team the section title.

Florence: Just like a lot of the other top teams this year, the Gophers are having an incredible run that hasn't been matched by the school in five years. The team is batting .364 and the top three pitchers have a combined 17-4 record. Opponents are only scoring two earned runs against them.

Camp Verde: Logan Conrad is 6-1 but the offense is pretty balanced. With only 16 wins, it's hard to judge the true nature of this team but the Cowboys are ranked high for a reason although the team suffered an 11-1 loss to Joy Christian this year.



Desert Christian Coach Grant Hopkins (photo by Andy Morales of azpreps365.com)

Buckeye: Barely missed the Division II state playoffs last year, the Hawks look to make some noise in D-IV this time around. Three senior pitchers means three aces as each one has five wins. Carlos Higuera has an ERA of .88.

Yuma Catholic: Made it to the Division III quarterfinals last year. Daniel Miranda is 7-1 on the year.



# Div. IV BB State Championship Bracket

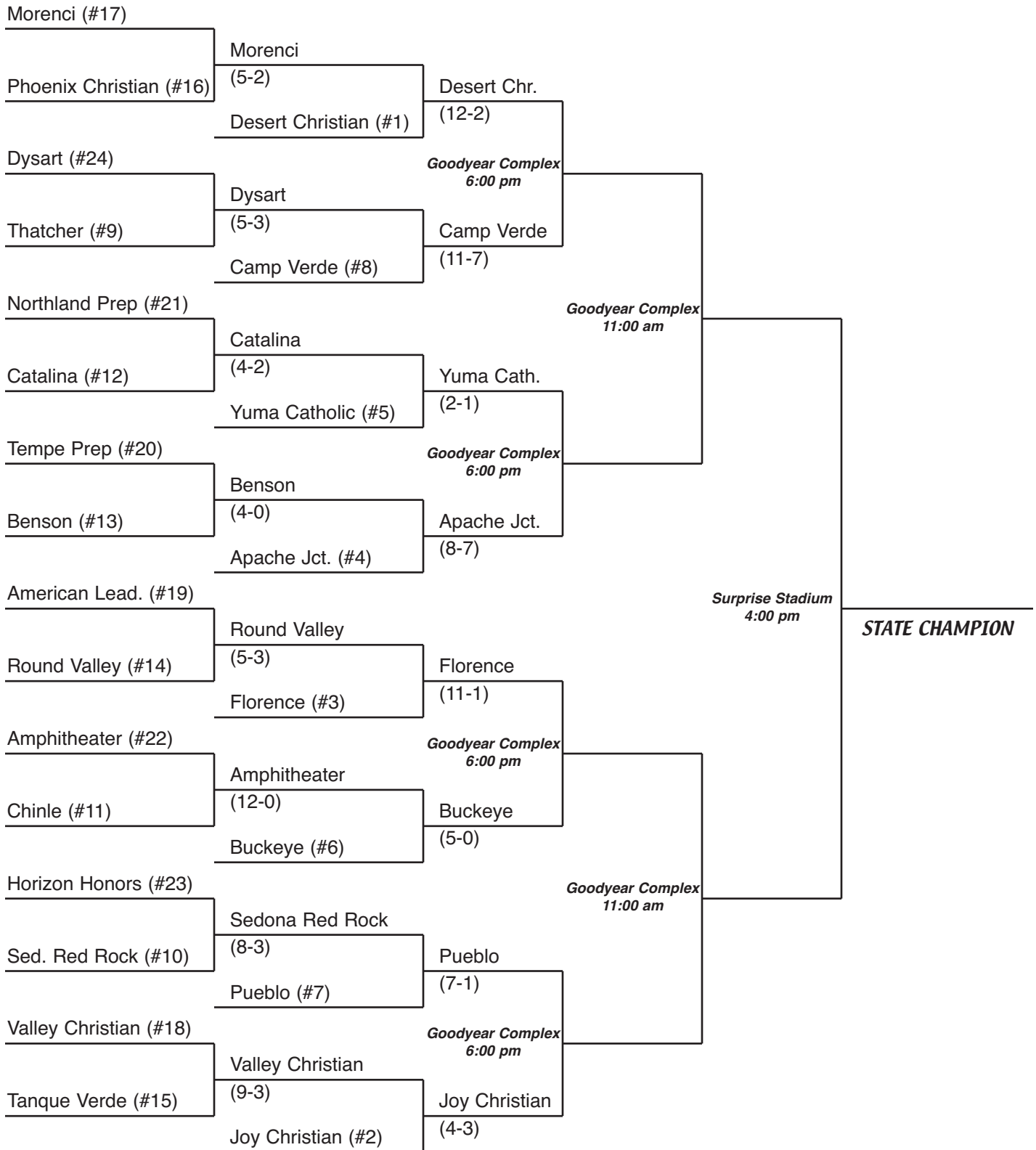
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# Apache Junction Prospectors



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Chris Becker, IF/P	Jr.
3...Bryce Maloney, C	Fr.
4...Audie Craig, 1B/P	Sr.
5...Brian Ranft, 3B/P	Sr.
7...Prescott Horn, C/OF	Jr.
9...Nick Mohn, P/SS	So.
10...Billy Apodaca, OF/P	Sr.
11...Gave Carranza	Fr.
12...Cody Uhl, IF/C	Jr.
13...Austin Sample, IF/P	Fr.
14...Ian McIntyre, 2B	Jr.
15...Jacob Endsley, IF/P	Jr.
17...Ahron Ritchey, OF/P	Sr.
18...Nathan Rhodes, 1B/P	So.
19...Nathan Tumerken, IF/P	Jr.
22...Justin Anderson, P/OF	Jr.
99...Ty Weifenbach, IF/P	Fr.

# Buckeye Hawks

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Andrew Roque, SS	5-10	Sr.
2...Alex Fernandez, P/1B	6-1	So.
3...Joey Lopez, UT	5-7	Sr.
4...Austin Forrester, C/P	6-0	Sr.
5...JC Perez, 3B/C	5-9	So.
6...Demetrio Botello, OF/C	5-9	So.
7...Randen Garrison, 2B/P	5-8	Sr.
8...Ty Wingfield, 2B/OF	5-8	So.
9...Jacob Colville, 1B/P	6-0	Sr.
11...Rocky Botello, OF	5-10	So.
12...Jair Galvan, P/3B	5-9	Jr.
14...Carlos Milleras, C/3B	5-8	So.
17...Jullian Perez, IF	5-7	Jr.
21...Jamen Pantojia, DH/P	6-3	Jr.
25...Clayton Turner, OF	5-7	Jr.
32...Alex Esqueda, OF	5-9	Sr.
35...Ishmel Higuera, IF/P	5-10	So.





# Div. IV BB State Quarterfinalists

## Camp Verde Cowboys



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Bryce Wantland, 2B/OF .....	Sr.
2...Wyatt Howe, SS/P .....	Jr.
3...Zach Wester, OF .....	Jr.
4...Domiñiq Bruno, UT/P .....	Fr.
5...John Castillo, 1B/P .....	Jr.
6...Ryan Cain, IF/OF .....	Jr.
7...Blake Penrod, OF/P .....	Sr.
8...Logan Conrad, P/UT .....	Sr.
9...Darren Franklin, OF/P .....	Jr.
10...Jose Diaz, 3B/P .....	Jr.
11...Nathan Pineda, C .....	Jr.
12...Rafael Zapata, 3B/P .....	So.
13...Easton Braden C/1B .....	Jr.
14...Alex Villafranco, OF/P .....	Jr.
15...Dakota Battise, OF/2B .....	Fr.

## Desert Christian Eagles

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
2...Conner Trout, OF .....	Jr.
3...Jason Jorg, IF .....	So.
5...Brett Grabosch, 1B/P .....	Sr.
6...Jesse Schwartz, 3B/P .....	Sr.
7...Ethan Malis, CF/2B .....	Jr.
8...Zach Rosson, C/P .....	Sr.
10...Josh Repavich, RF/P .....	Jr.
12...Micah DeHaan, OF .....	So.
15...Ryan Grabosch, UT/P .....	Fr.
17...Austin Hull, OF .....	So.
20...Jacob Rosson, OF .....	Sr.
24...Barrett Greene, SS/P .....	Sr.
25...Jonah Stiffey, P/OF .....	Sr.
33...Michael Madison, OF .....	So.





# Div. IV BB State Quarterfinalists

## Florence Gophers



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Matthew Olsen.....	
2...Mateo Montoya.....	
3...Danny Mejia.....	
4...Oscar Rodriguez.....	
6...Tyler Austin.....	
7...Kyon Cluff.....	
8...Beau Griego.....	
9...Bradley Stanford.....	
11...Chase Hall.....	
12...Jacob Murphy.....	
13...Garrett Stubson.....	
15...Ramazees Severe.....	
16...Garrett Stubson.....	
17...Tino Garcia.....	
18...Brandon Formato.....	
27...Walter Sommer.....	

## Joy Christian Eagles

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Jake Pitner, OF/2B.....	5-8	So.
2...Rylan Collins, IF.....	5-8	Jr.
4...Kendon Martinez, IF.....		Fr.
5...Zach Martinez, P/IF.....		Fr.
6...Hunter Lynch, 2B/OF.....	5-8	So.
7...Nick Ayres, OF/1B.....	5-10	So.
9...Cameron Aragon, P.....		Fr.
10...Tyler Graham, OF.....	5-9	Jr.
11...Daniel Pellish, OF.....	5-10	So.
15...Joey Martinez, C/P.....	5-10	Jr.
16...Colt Sands, 3B/UT.....		Fr.
17...Max Nebel, 1B/P.....		Fr.
18...Mason Ryhnard, 3B/IF.....		Fr.
21...Isaiah Leach, OF/P.....	6-4	Sr.
52...Anthony Quattrocchi, 3B.....	6-4	Jr.
.....Coby Longoria, OF.....		Fr.





# Div. IV BB State Quarterfinalists

## Pueblo Warriors



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
0...Adrian Madero, SS/P .....		Jr.
1...Nickolas Robles, RF .....	5-9	Sr.
2...Isaias Lucero, IF/P .....	6-0	Jr.
3...Luis Armenta, LF .....	5-4	Sr.
4...Angel Faras, OF/2B .....	5-6	Jr.
5...Antonio Garcia, 2B .....		Fr.
6...Francisco Monroy, CF .....		Jr.
7...Francisco Gomez, IF .....	5-10	Sr.
8...Andrew Lopez, CF .....	5-11	Sr.
9...Luis Molina, 3B/P .....	5-6	Sr.
10...Jesus Lopez, 3B/C .....		Jr.
11...Jesus Vasquez, P/1B .....	5-10	Sr.
12...Elijah Simental, C .....		Fr.
14...Christian Coronado, OF .....	5-10	Sr.
15...Angel Alvarez, SS .....		Fr.
20...Joseph Sullivan, 1B/C .....	5-10	Sr.

## Yuma Catholic Shamrocks

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Aidan Rodriguez, IF .....	5-9	Fr.
3...Abraham Torres, P/OF .....	5-10	Sr.
5...Christian Smith, OF .....	5-10	Sr.
6...Blake Sandoval, C .....	6-0	Jr.
7...Eddie Morales, IF .....	5-9	Fr.
8...Jay Fleck, UT/P .....	6-0	So.
9...Christian Chavez, IF .....	6-3	Sr.
11...Hayden Gerber, OF .....	5-10	Jr.
13...Ricky Carrasco, OF .....	5-8	Fr.
14...Carlos Bustamante, OF .....	5-10	Jr.
15...Jack Curtis, P/IF .....	5-11	Jr.
21...Randy Leamons, IF/P .....	5-11	Fr.
22...Daniel Miranda, P/IF .....	6-4	Jr.
23...Daniel Perez, IF .....	6-0	Sr.
24...Harrison Long, P/OF .....	5-11	So.



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Bagdad earned the No. 1 seed in the Division V state baseball tournament, but there isn't a true favorite in the new tournament.

Ash Fork, the No. 3 seed, lost a one-run game to Bagdad earlier in the year. Pima, the No. 2 seed, lost 7-3 to Miami in the regular season, the No. 6 seed in the tournament.

And Ray was the state runner-up in Division IV last year, but it's a No. 9 seed in D-V this year.

**No. 17 Many Farms (15-10)-No. 16 Benjamin Franklin winner (12-6) vs. No. 1 Bagdad (20-4):** Bagdad expected the Loveall brothers, Benj and Israel, and shortstop Connor Pacheco to lead the way, and Benj (.526 ave.), Israel (.560) and Pacheco (.405 ave.) have stepped up to the plate and delivered. Benj can step into whichever role his team needs him to play, having already been penciled in at pitcher, catcher, shortstop, second base and centerfield this season. "Honestly, I think Benj is the best outfielder in our division and is definitely the most versatile," coach Dalton Mills said. "Oh, yeah, and he is a great leadoff hitter, who (has stolen 23 bases)." Benj is the team's primary pitcher and catcher and is 7-0 on the mound with a .61 ERA. "It's not every day that you are blessed with a pair of brothers who are both hitting over .500, and (they've struck out only once combined)," Mills said. Pacheco is the everyday shortstop, and this is his first season switch hitting. "This is the best defensive team we have had since I've been the coach in 2009," Mills said. "We are really strong up the middle with Connor and Chase Williams as the double play combo." This is Benjamin Franklin's second season of varsity baseball. It is 22-12 under coach Kyle Shade and reached the playoffs this season despite dressing just one senior, outfielder Jimmy Justice. Coach Shawn Deschenie has guided Many Farms to back-to-back winning seasons for the first time in quite some time.

**No. 24 Tombstone (5-15)-No. 9 Ray (15-7) winner vs. No. 8 Williams (16-11):** Ray's only returning starter, Jordan Pace, is the second leading hitter on

the team with a .492 batting average and slugging percentage. Junior Brett Fackiner is the leader with a .534 average (31 for 58) and has struck out 38 batters in 34 2/3 innings batters and won five games. Austin Huffman and Noah Warren (60 K's in 38 1/3 innings) also have each won five games. Ray was the Division IV state runner-up last year but returned only three players and a new coaching staff this year. "The squad's never-say-die attitude toward any game situation has given them the feeling that as long as they have at bats left they don't count themselves out," Ray's coach Francisco Lechuga said. Nine players on Williams have stolen at least 10 bases or more, helping the team accumulate 122 base swipes in 27 games. Christian Ramirez (56 1/3 innings, 54 K's, 3.73 ERA) has been Williams' work horse. Five players have 23 or more RBI's for Williams. For Tombstone, junior Daniel Gonzales was hitting .520, and Jose Ortega was batting .432.

**No. 21 St. David (7-18)-No. 12 Odyssey Institute (16-4) winner vs. No. 5 Santa Cruz (13-7):** Santa Cruz has outscored its opponents 265-94 and has won its past five games. Hector Camacho, Ryan Gonzales and Hector Hermosillo were each hitting above .500 after 15 games for Santa Cruz. Oscar Poras is in his first season as Santa Cruz's coach, but he led his team to its first winning season since 2010. Odyssey Institute is coached by Daniel Nelson, a former major leaguer. This is Odyssey Institute's first year as an AIA member. Nelson's squad's fielding percentage is .916. Junior Steven Boyd (.557 ave.) sophomore Zac McNelley (.623, 33 for 53) are Odyssey's batting leaders. Odyssey suffered some injuries early in the year but has had players step up throughout the year. St. David's fielding percentage is .966. Junior Travis Davis was leading St. David with a .462 average and was tied with Logan Brubaker with 13 RBI's.

**No. 20 San Pasqual (15-7)-No. 13 Joseph City (13-8) winner vs. No. 4 Bisbee (20-5):** Bisbee returned eight players, including six starters, and most of the seniors have played on varsity since their freshman season. Miguel Galvez (.627 ave., 27 RBI's, 11 doubles, 10 triples), Obed Cordova (.492



ave.), Eduardo Vasquez (.407 ave.), and Spencer Schuller (.446 ave., 6-1, 2.61 ERA) are taking turns pulling Bisbee's team ahead. Coach Todd Hammett took over Miami this year and directed the program to its 9th 20th win season in the past 12 years. San Pasqual has enjoyed a baseball rebirth in the past three seasons (47 wins) under eight-year coach Faron Owl. Owl's team lost four one-run games this season. Joseph City started its season with a 5-8 mark but enters the state tournament riding an eight-game win streak thanks in part to the team's .405 batting average. Bryndon Buckley was hitting .677 with 15 doubles for Joseph City.

**No. 19 Mohave Accelerated (8-7)-No. 14 Alchesay (11-8) winner vs. No. 3 Ash Fork (20-2):** Ash Fork's Ashton Atkinson's season numbers: 142 K's in 57 1/3 innings, 1.22 ERA, .693 batting average and was an RBI away from tying the 1A conference state record for RBI's in a season with 64. "Ashton is our captain and biggest role model," Ash Fork coach Sonny Martin said. "He is very positive and energetic." Rian Gutierrez (5-0, 2.12 ERA, .524 ave.) has become a "great No. 2" on the mound for Martin's team. Antonio Cisneros (.431 ave.) is in only his second year but already has become the team's go-to player in the outfield. "We have done exceptionally well so far this season, mainly because of our pitching and offense," Martin said. "This is the first year our that our batting has been as successful as it has been." Cesar Acosta also is hitting at a good rate (.513) for Ash Fork. First-year coach Ray Acosta has turned Alchesay into a winner. Prior to this year, Alchesay's previous season high for wins in the past decade was seven. Mohave Accelerated had won only two games in its previous four seasons.

**No. 22 Mogollon (6-13)-No. 11 St. Augustine (10-10-1) winner vs. No. 6 Miami (17-11):** "I really can't single out any one or two players," Miami coach Brandon Powell said. "We have really come together as a team. What has really helped us out as we get through our season is the tough schedule we made for ourselves. We have played five of the other top 10 teams and two of them twice. Plus, we have played the Division 4's No. 4, Apache Junction, twice.

"Then two games against a very good team from Oklahoma and Division III Combs. We played six games in the Morenci tournament last week to cap

off an eight game week, four games on Saturday alone to get us in the championship game. So I feel we are battle tested and coming together strong as a team." St. Augustine started its season 0-4-1 against quality teams before making a postseason run with the help of a 6-2 record at home. It might have a .500 record, but don't overlook St. Augustine, which was in a tight contest against No. 3 seed Ash Fork during a regular season game. It's not an unfamiliar scenario in small school baseball, but Mogollon has been playing with just 14 players.

**No. 23 Valley (9-8)-No. 10 Valley Union (14-11) winner vs. No. 7 Superior (15-6):** There's a lot of chemistry on Superior's athletic team since most of the players have played on the same teams since they were in Little League. Senior Elias Olmos, a defensively strong and quick infielder, is batting .400 with six double and 16 stolen bases. The athletic Nicolaus Cruz (17 stolen bases, 4-1) has good control, and Steven Denogean leads Superior with a 2.88 ERA. Juniors Austin Navarrette (.392 ave.) and Edgar Galindo (.323 ave.) have also provided an offensive punch for Superior. Freshmen Steven Ybarra, a pitcher, utility player Jesus Castellanos and the team's most consistent pitcher, Stevie Denogean, have played key roles throughout the year for Superior. Valley Union went 9-2 in section this year and is averaging 9.16 runs per game. Valley won six of its last seven games to help it earn one of the last D-V playoff seeds.

**No. 18 Mayer (8-7)-No. 15 Valley Lutheran (11-6)- winner vs. No. 2 Pima (19-4):** Pima has stolen 112 of its 127 base attempts, and its fielding percentage is at .902. Travis James is 8-2 with 84 strikeouts and a 1.09 ERA after 58 1/3 innings. James is also leading Pima with a .456 average. Valley Lutheran has stolen 57 bases in 17 games. Seniors Layne Torrey (.426 ave., 18 RBI's, 15 stolen bases), Clark Zimmerman (.420 ave.) and Lance Louchiem (.404 with 12 RBI's; 34 K's in 36 innings) and junior Cade Mousel (.422 ave.) are the team's leaders at the plate. Mayer walked away with a 10-5 victory over Valley Lutheran on March 17. Junior Peyton Statler is hitting .690 with 11 doubles and is 25 for 26 in stolen bases for Mayer. Gabe Piccinni had 50 strikeouts in 42 innings.



# Div. V BB State Championship Bracket

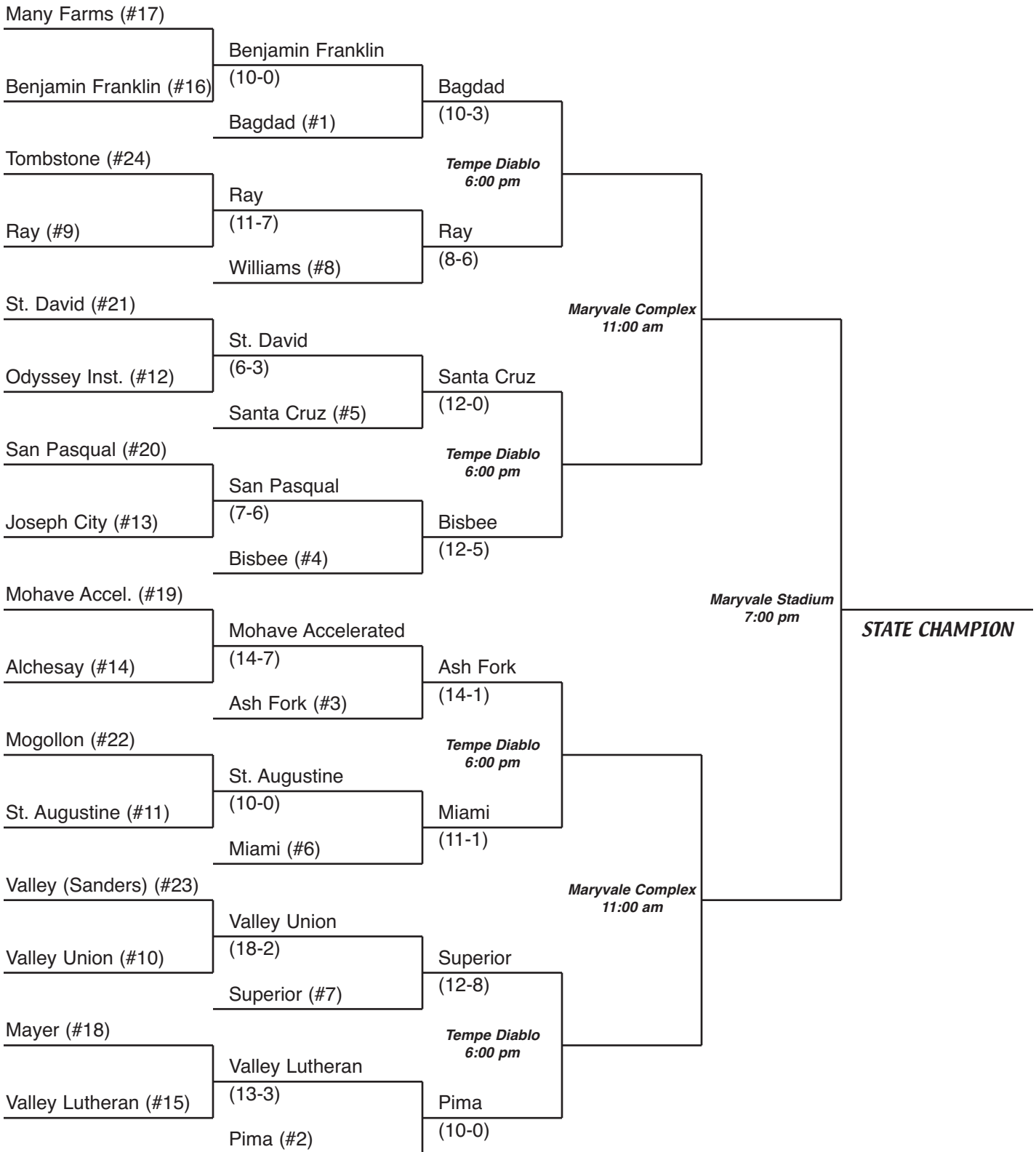
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Sat, May 7

Sat, May 14





# Div. V BB State Quarterfinalists

## Ash Fork Spartans



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Ian Atkinson, DH/IF .....	Fr.
3...Robert Merritt, OF .....	So.
4...Cesar Acosta, C/IF .....	Fr.
10...Levi Hunter, 3B .....	Sr.
12...Ashton Atkinson, P/C .....	Sr.
13...Aaron Engelby, OF .....	So.
14...Juan Ayala, 3B/P .....	Jr.
15...Lucas Escobedo, LF .....	Jr.
17...Damian Quijada, OF/P .....	So.
21...Rian Gutierrez, SS/P .....	Jr.
22...Antonio Cisneros, CF .....	Sr.
30...Kyle Howard, 2B/P .....	Jr.
34...Jose Cohen, 1B/C .....	Jr.

## Bagdad Sultans

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Ben Loveall, CF/P .....	Jr.
2...Tony Ventura, 2B/UT .....	Fr.
3...Taylor Twitchell, OF .....	Sr.
6...Chase Williams, IF .....	Jr.
7...Connor Pacheco, SS/C .....	Jr.
8...Devin Nelson, IF .....	Jr.
11...Michael Mendez, LF/DH .....	Jr.
12...Kurtis Garcia, OF .....	Jr.
13...Jeremiah Loveall, 1B .....	Sr.
14...Owen Barton, 1B .....	Fr.
15...Isiah Covey, OF .....	So.
17...Dylan Carling Smith, C .....	Fr.
17...Matt Majciewski, OF .....	Jr.
20...Jordan O'Neill .....	Jr.
21...Sam Collins, 1B/DH .....	Sr.
22...Austin Easterday, OF .....	Jr.
23...Israel Loveall, P/LF .....	So.
24...Chase Hernandez .....	Sr.





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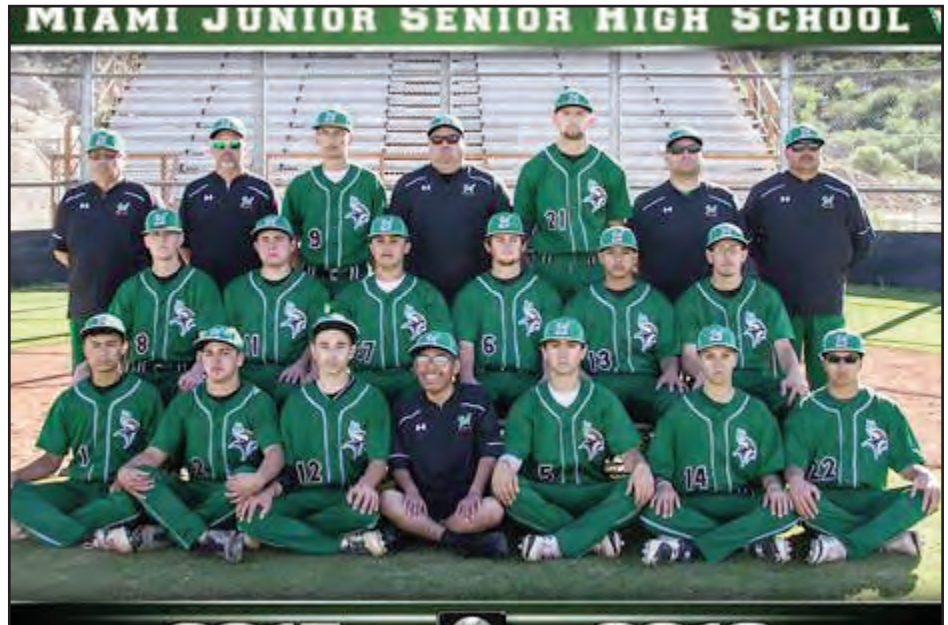
## Bisbee Pumas



No.	Player/Pos.	Yr.
0	Pete Chavez, OF/2B	Jr.
1	Daniel Barrow, OF	Sr.
2	Spencer Schuller, OF/P	Sr.
4	Vic Valdez, UT/P	Sr.
5	Gabe Ruiz, P/C	Sr.
7	Angel Ozuna, 1B/P	Sr.
8	Fred Contreras, C/1B	Sr.
10	Miguel Galvez, IF/P	Sr.
11	Anthony Samaniego, OF/P	So.
13	Eduardo Vasquez, IF	Fr.
14	Sergio Altamirano, OF/C	Jr.
15	Eddie Alvarez, OF/P	Fr.
16	Ryan Edsall, 3B	Fr.
18	Juan Carlos Avechuco, C/1B	Fr.
19	Gorge Amaya, IF	Jr.
21	Christian Ballesteros, OF/DH	Jr.
22	Obed Cordova, 3B	Jr.
23	Joseph Torrez, UT	Sr.

## Miami Vandals

No.	Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1	Diego Garcia, CF/C	5-10	Jr.
2	Leighton Dimler, OF	5-7	Sr.
3	Gabe Gomez, OF	5-5	So.
5	Trevor Horta, IF	5-8	Sr.
6	Zabe Saenz, C/RF	5-10	So.
8	Logan Peery, IF	5-11	Sr.
9	Mando Garcia, 3B/RF	6-0	Jr.
11	Kenon Dzera, IF	5-9	Jr.
12	Ryan Johnson, C/LF	5-7	So.
13	Anthony Dzera, 3B/RF	5-8	So.
14	Gabe Arrelline, IF	5-7	Sr.
17	Jacob Mabbitt, OF	6-1	Sr.
21	Joseph Radke, OF	6-4	Sr.
22	Josh Rocha, IF	5-7	So.
37	Joe Castaneda, IF	6-0	Jr.





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## Pima Roughriders



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Ajay Clark, OF.....	5-8.....	So.
2...Manny Rivera, IF.....	5-5.....	So.
5...Frank Gutierrez, OF.....	5-9.....	So.
7...Travis James, P/OF.....	5-8.....	Jr.
10...Justin Kartchner, 1B/RF.....	6-5.....	Jr.
11...Jacob Nelson, C/IF.....	5-7.....	Fr.
12...Josh Whitaker, C/3B.....	6-0.....	So.
13...Jarrett Kartchner, LF/IF.....	6-5.....	Jr.
15...Curtis Larson, IF.....	5-7.....	Fr.
19...Kayden McDonald, OF/P.....	5-9.....	Fr.
21...Aaron Medina, 2B/P.....	5-7.....	Sr.
22...Alex Serna, IF.....	5-8.....	Fr.
23...Jarrett Carbajal, SS/P.....	5-9.....	Sr.
24...Logan Sherwood, 3B/OF.....	6-1.....	Sr.

## Ray Bearcats

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
2...Jaden Pace, 2B/UT.....	5-9.....	Fr.
3...Jordan Pace, SS/P.....	5-11.....	Jr.
4...Theodore Alvarado, OF.....	5-4.....	Fr.
5...Augie Sosa, OF.....	6-0.....	Jr.
9...Daniel Ortiz, OF.....	5-7.....	Fr.
10...Jaylen Pacheco, 2B/UT.....	5-8.....	So.
12...Morgan Bray, OF/C.....	5-4.....	Fr.
14...Austin Huffman, OF/P.....	5-10.....	Sr.
15...Rudy Guerena, OF.....	5-9.....	Sr.
16...Anthony Acuna, OF.....	6-0.....	Jr.
17...Anthony Lopez, P/C.....	5-9.....	Fr.
18...Noah Warren, P/1B.....	6-4.....	Jr.
21...Fabian Valenzuela, 3B/OF.....	6-0.....	So.
24...Charlie Romero, OF/C.....	6-1.....	Jr.
29...Guillermo Ortega, OF/1B.....	5-9.....	Fr.
33...John Wernett, 1B/UT.....	5-10.....	Sr.
44...Tyler Goodwin, P/OF.....	6-0.....	Fr.
52...Brett Fackiner, P/1B.....	5-10.....	Jr.





# Div. V BB State Quarterfinalists

## Santa Cruz Valley Dust Devils



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Hector Camacho .....	
2...Axel Sanchez .....	
3...Joey Tarango.....	
4...Edward Saucedo .....	
5...Ryan Gonzales .....	
6...Cole Calloway.....	
7...Ramon Noriz.....	
8...Ruben Escalante.....	
9...Jaden Perez .....	
10...Mario Castillo.....	
11...Hector Hermosillo.....	
12...Anthony Ibarra .....	
20...Isaac Salazar .....	

## Superior Panthers

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Jose Lira, 2B/OF .....	Sr.
2...Edgar Galindo, P/3B .....	Jr.
3...Steven Ybarra, 1B/P.....	Fr.
5...Jesse Lopez, OF.....	Jr.
7...Austin Navarrette, 1B/IF .....	Jr.
8...Gabriel Garcia, OF.....	Fr.
9...Nicolaus Cruz, SS/P .....	Jr.
10...Oniel Garcia, OF .....	Fr.
11...Jesus Castellanos, 2B/OF .....	Fr.
12...Joseph Diaz-Gonzales, IF/C .....	Jr.
14...Steven Denogean, OF/IF .....	Jr.
15...Elias Olmos, IF .....	Sr.
16...A.J. Denogean, IF.....	Sr.
19...Andrew Lopez, OF/1B.....	Sr.
20...Vicente Arriola, OF.....	Sr.
22...Frank Pino, 3B/OF .....	So.
24...Jalon Murry, 1B/OF .....	Jr.
25...Lorenzo Garcia, OF/IF .....	So.



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- Nominators must provide a letter of recommendation including at least one from an employee at the candidate's school.



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The deadlines are rolling based on NATA District Meetings timing.

NATA DISTRICT	APPLICATION DEADLINE	MEETING DATE
1	9/30/15	1/8-11/16
2	9/30/15	1/8-11/16
3	1/30/16	5/20-22/2016
4	11/30/15	3/9-12/16
5	11/30/15	3/16-18/2016
6	3/30/16	7/20-22/16
7	12/30/15	4/7-10/2016
8	2/30/2015	7/12-16/16
9	11/30/15	3/9-13/16
10	11/30/15	3/31-4/4/16

## AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

- Winners will be notified approximately one month in advance of the NATA District meeting.
- Winners will be announced at each district meeting and will culminate with an announcement and celebration at NATA Annual's Secondary School Committee Meeting and Reception.\*\*

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