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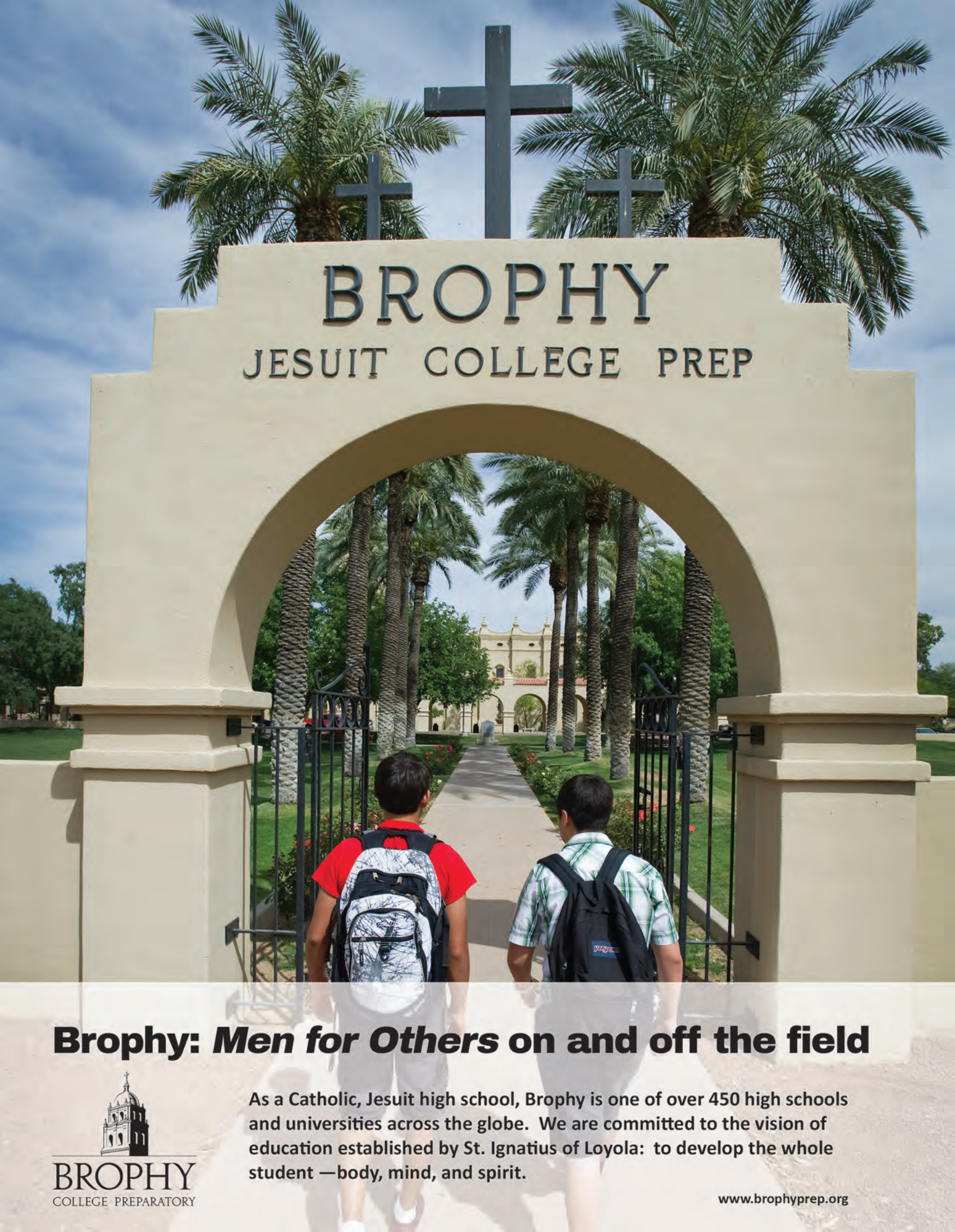
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D-I: Dramatic Year in 17-Team Division Down to Its Final Two Teams

By Jose E. Garcia
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Even in the near future, when folks revisit the Division I 2015 high school football season in Arizona, explaining what unfolded this year may take time.

That seems farfetched since the division carried just 17 teams and will cease to exist after only one fall run. But this one-season divisional experiment did cause a lot of upheaval, on and off the field, in 2015.

And more D-I tremors are expected when the behemoths in the trenches in Friday's state championship game take University of Phoenix Stadium's field. Centennial and Desert Ridge reached the final after sending shock waves throughout the state, especially in Chandler, with their playoff victories over Hamilton and Chandler High, respectively.

Nobody was prepared to see the city of Chandler, the throne of Arizona's big school football kings after replacing Mesa in the early 2000s, not represented in the highest divisional championship game. The last time that happened was in 2007.

But it's not as if Centennial and Desert Ridge weren't attempting to get fitted for the crown themselves. Desert Ridge has been knocking on the big school's castle's doors since 2009 under coach Jeremy Hathcock, reaching a state title game once and five semifinals in the process.

Centennial played in a lower division up until this year, but the pride of the West Side has competed just like Chandler's teams for championship hardware. Under its mild mannered coach, Richard Taylor, the program has won four rings in seven state title appearances and won 268 total games.

Taylor is ranked 8th in the state in all-time wins and can tie Hamilton's Steve Belles and the great Jesse Parker for most big school titles, five, with a victory Friday. Hathcock is 89-36 since joining Desert Ridge in 2006.

The former state championship running back for Blue Ridge, and his Desert Ridge team went back to Hathcock's roots to get his team on track this season.

The team struggled in the early going but made a concerted effort to run the ball more in the second half of the season. Desert Ridge (11-2) has won its past six games since dropping a Week 7 game to Mountain Pointe.

With most of its key players being juniors, Desert Ridge appears poised to make a run at next year's title as well. But the focus is on winning the school's first state crown this year.

C.J. Fowler, Jathan Tenorio (team-high 1,326 rushing yards, 15 TDs), Stephan Gomez (10 rushing touchdowns), Jalen Harris, and linebacker Christian Allen (team-high 105 tackles) are some of the the junior leaders on the team. Gomez, a safety, is only 5-foot-6 and weighs 160 pounds put plays bigger than his size.

His inspirational performance against Chandler in the semifinal helped knock off favorite Chandler, 24-21. Harris can stretch the field if Desert Ridge opts to go deep, and Harris also is a threat on defense, having collected 17 sacks so far.



Desert Ridge's offensive line must continue to open lanes if the team wants to win its first title (photo by Paul Campbell of maxpreps.com).

Centennial defensive end Chris Jules also has the same amount of sacks.

Harris and senior defensive lineman D.J. Davidson have a difficult task ahead of them with Centennial's massive offensive line.

That line wore down Mountain Pointe in the state semifinals. Churning out top-level offensive lineman for its power run game is one of the Centennial's calling cards.

But this year's offensive line lost its leader, Arizona State commit Marshal Nathe, to an injury. Still, Centennial went to its well of lineman to fill some big shoes and boasts 6-foot-7, 320-pound Andrew Ruelas, who is just a junior.

Nathe's injury is just one of the bumps Centennial has faced in its roller coaster season despite being 11-2. Centennial lost for the first time to in-city rival Liberty after giving up a late lead, costing Centennial a section title. Coach Taylor also was suspended for one game for a violation, and Centennial needed a late-game kick return for a touchdown by David McGriff to help Centennial beat Chaparral.

Quentin Gomez (1,152 rushing yards), quarterback Isaac Steele (team-high 13 rushing touchdowns) and running back John Rincon (12 touchdowns) are the offensive threats for Centennial. Centennial is just the fourth West Valley school to reach a championship game in the highest division.

One of the rewards for that achievement is a short, 12-mile road trip to the University of Phoenix Stadium for its 3 p.m. Friday game. Centennial opted not to petition to play up next season, so this might be the only season that Centennial will ever participate in the same division as Arizona's big boys.

It's another anomaly that will need to be explained in the future.

But it sure will be sweet to win a title either way. The same can be said for Desert Ridge as it goes for its first trophy.



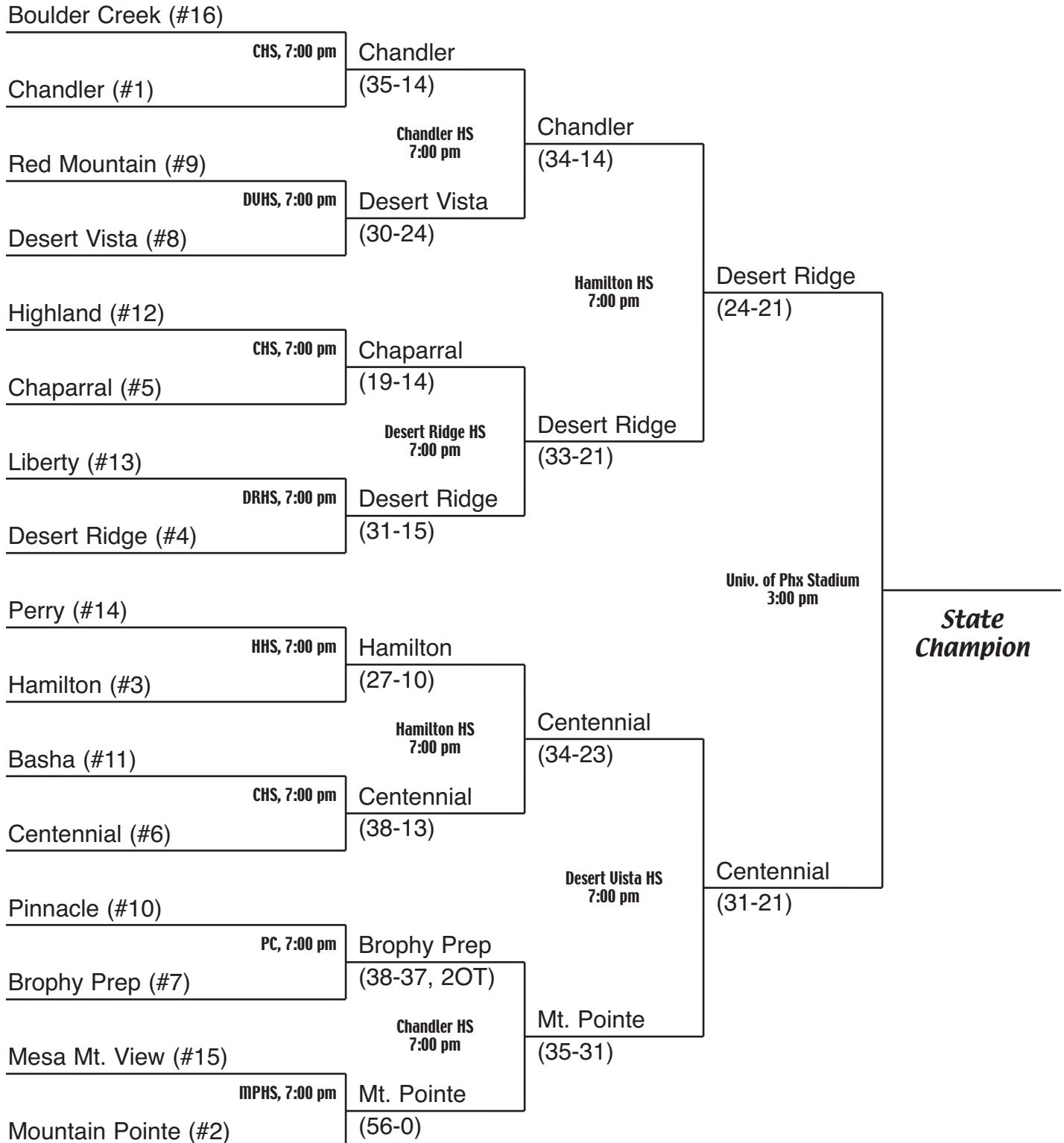
Div. I FB State Championship Bracket

Fri, Nov 6

Fri, Nov 13

Fri, Nov 20

Fri, Nov 27



**State
Champion**



No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
1	..Drew Schmit, DT.....	Sr.		
2	..Anthony Ramirez, WR/CB ..	5-9	175	Sr.
3	..Marcus Wakeham, RB.....	5-10	190	Jr.
4	..Quentin Gomez, RB/SS.....	5-9	180	Sr.
5	..Bozton Sanders, MLB.....	6-0	225	Sr.
6	..Derrick Williams			Sr.
7	..Isaac Steele, QB/CB.....	6-2	180	Sr.
8	..Carl Barrs, WR/CB	6-0	180	Sr.
9	..Richard Valdez, TE/LB			Sr.
10	..Tyger Funk, FS/SB	5-8	170	Sr.
12	..Ira Steele, QB/DB	5-11	185	Jr.
12	..Ruben Beltran, QB/DB	6-0		So.
13	..Marcel Perez, WR/FS.....	5-9	170	Sr.
14	..Steven Koos			Jr.
15	..Isaac Haney, RB/SS	5-9	175	Jr.
16	..Bryan Loya, RB/DL.....	5-10	190	Sr.
17	..Zeke Rain, QB/ATH.....	6-0	170	Jr.
18	..Nathan Belt, QB/OLB	6-1	195	Jr.
20	..Gage Franklin, WR/FS.....			Jr.
21	..David McGriff, WR/CB.....	5-11	170	Sr.
21	..Dyvine Wallace, CB/WR.....	6-0	175	Jr.
22	..Trey Woodard.....			Jr.
23	..Angel De Los Reyes, FS			Jr.
24	..Mikah Dossie, RB/DL	5-11	168	Jr.
25	..DaVaughn Wallace, WR.....			Sr.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
26	..Kyle McCalla, CB/WR.....	5-11	155	Jr.
27	..Xavier Rojas, K.....	5-5	140	So.
30	..Jordan Ware, RB/SS	6-0	180	So.
30	..Tim Greene, RB/SS	6-0	205	Sr.
31	..Chris Jules, DE/FB	6-0	220	Sr.
32	..Angel De Los Reyes, FS	5-8	160	Jr.
33	..Taylor Fiamme, FB/OLB	5-11	210	Jr.
34	..Devon Newbern, DE/TE	6-2	205	Jr.
35	..Dominick Branham, LB.....	5-7	181	Jr.
36	..Alex Escobar, RB/FS	5-7	175	So.
37	..Dominique Hampton			So.
38	..Zidane Thomas, RB/DE			So.
40	..Dylan Bensen.....			Sr.
41	..Ryan Simmers, DE			Sr.
42	..Jacob Parks, K/P	5-10	140	Jr.
44	..John Rincon (C), OLB/RB ..	5-11	200	Sr.
46	..Anthony Campbell, FB.....	5-9	191	So.
46	..Hayden Koenig.....			Sr.
50	..John Spratlin, LB/FB.....	5-11	205	Jr.
51	..Matt Kieffer, G/C			Sr.
52	..Josh Maines, DE/TE.....	5-11	175	Sr.
54	..Christian Fiamme, OL/DL			So.
55	..Isaac Nieves, OL/DE	6-1	225	Jr.
56	..Franky Ortiz, OL/DL			Jr.
58	..Junior Burke, NG/OL	6-2	255	Jr.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
61	..Jorge Villanueva, T/NG.....	5-10	205	Jr.
64	..Jeff Durfee, C/DL			Sr.
68	..Randy Rodriguez, T/DT.....	6-3	240	Sr.
70	..Steven Bailey, G/C.....	6-3	285	Sr.
72	..Andrew Ruelas, OL/DL.....	6-7	320	Jr.
73	..Kyle Hamrick, T/C.....	5-11	230	Jr.
75	..Tanner Hawthorne, T/G	6-6	275	Sr.
76	..Jonathan Contreras, T/G	6-5	300	Sr.
77	..Marcangelo Maisto, OL.....			Jr.
78	..Marshal Nathe, G/NG	6-3	285	Sr.
80	..Kenny Stration, WR/SS	5-11	175	Jr.
81	..Connor Sovacki, WR/TE.....	6-1	215	Jr.
82	..Ryan Crow, TE/DT			Jr.
84	..Jared Villa, TE/DE	6-3	225	Jr.
85	..Andrew Nichols, TE/DE	6-3	230	Jr.
86	..Alan Scriveri, WR/CB	6-5		Sr.
86	..Ray Gonzales, CB/WR			Sr.
87	..Victor Najera, WR/CB.....	6-0	162	Jr.

Head Coach: Richard Taylor

Desert Ridge Jaguars



No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
2	Ethan Lewis, SB/CB	6-1	203	Sr.
3	Tavian Patrick, WR	5-10	170	Sr.
4	Antonio Decozio, K/P	5-11	175	Jr.
4	Tyrese Allen, RB			So.
5	Donjae Logan, CB	5-10	160	So.
6	Lucas Wright			Fr.
7	CJ Fowler, QB/WR	6-1	195	Jr.
8	Jalen Harris, DE/WR	6-3	200	Jr.
9	Stephan Gomez, RB	5-6	160	Jr.
10	Dylan Wright, TE	6-6	225	Sr.
11	Bryce Heslop, QB	5-10	197	Sr.
12	Austin Duffy, QB	6-0	175	So.
13	Willie Julkes, DE/OLB	6-2	190	Sr.
14	Spencer Tufts, WR			Jr.
15	James Meyer, WR			Jr.
16	Courtlynd Brown, RB	5-9	150	So.
17	Christian Krcilek, QB/WR	6-3	185	Sr.
18	Tate Shumway, QB/OLB	6-3	200	Sr.
19	Brenden Wilson, WR	5-8	152	Jr.
20	Christian Allen, OLB/FB	5-11	195	Jr.
21	Jathan Tenorio, RB	5-8	190	Jr.
22	Cameron Allen, CB/FS	5-11	160	Sr.
23	Jordan Ballantyne, OLB	5-11	180	Sr.
24	Tristen Norton, RB	5-6	135	Sr.
25	Bradley Beaver, FS/WR	6-2	180	Jr.
26	Manny Rangel, FB			Jr.
27	Shane Pont, WR	6-1	170	Sr.
28	Noah Smith, S	5-11	156	So.
29	Isaac Ortiz, RB			Sr.
30	Kaden Norton, QB/RB	5-6	130	Sr.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
31	Khristopher Broom, DB			Jr.
32	Roman Manchego, LB			Jr.
33	Miguel Jaquez			Jr.
34	Nico Palomarez			Jr.
35	Darius Boyd, DE/WR	6-3	180	Sr.
36	Connor Miller			Jr.
37	Justen Stiger, DB	5-6	120	Jr.
38	Elias Amado, DB			Jr.
39	Joshua Moyer	5-11	173	Jr.
40	Trace Friemuth			Jr.
41	Jake Smith, MLB	6-2	190	Jr.
42	Adam Bay, LS/DE	6-1	200	Jr.
43	Jake Tristan, FS			Sr.
44	Gavin Lynn, LB			Sr.
45	Stuart Judd, RB			Jr.
46	Tyler McCleve	6-0	187	Fr.
47	Octavio Mendoza, FB/LB	5-9	214	
48	Andy Fulcher			Jr.
49	Ethan Winfield, TE	6-2	180	So.
50	Maurice Walton Jr., T	6-9	330	Sr.
51	Nick Scow			So.
51	Ruben Flores, OL			Jr.
54	Matthew Winner, DE			Jr.
55	Ian Baxter, OL			Jr.
56	Andre Elmore, DE/T	6-1	230	Sr.
57	Dj Davidson, DT/T	6-5	310	Sr.
58	Jake Witzman, DT			Jr.
59	Dante Roush, OL	6-0	225	Sr.
63	Alfred Magalona, G/DT	5-6	220	Sr.
64	Connor Goetz, OL			Jr.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
65	Wyatt Moeai, OL			So.
66	Nick Omitt, OL	6-3	260	Jr.
67	Austin Nichols, C	6-0	240	Sr.
69	Jake Garcia, DT			Jr.
70	Steven Jacobs, C/G	6-1	230	Jr.
71	Apolo Ta'ase, G	5-11	230	So.
74	Andrew Whitthus, G	5-10	230	Sr.
75	Nick Hannon, T	6-3	260	Sr.
76	Cooper Staus, G	5-10	240	So.
77	Chandler Kinsey, G/C	5-9	250	Sr.
79	Ty Miller			So.
80	Colin Neuzil, RB	6-1	200	Jr.
81	David Petrini, WR			Sr.
82	John Meyer, WR			Jr.
83	Michael Winner, WR			Jr.
84	Tanner Romero	5-10	230	Sr.
85	David Abel, WR	5-10	158	Sr.
86	Blake Simonis, WR	6-0	160	Jr.
87	Zach Forbes			Sr.
88	Hartley Pinn, WR			Jr.
91	Isaiah Bjorklund, DE/TE	6-2	220	Jr.
92	Chayse Thompson	5-8	161	So.
94	Tyler Reinhart, DT	5-10	230	Sr.
95	Christian Medeiros	6-3	208	So.
96	Kalai Amanonce			Jr.
98	Zach Maez, CB			Sr.
99	Michael Shaw, K/P	5-11	160	Sr.

Head Coach: Jeremy Hathcock

Division II State Championship Game

No. 5 Marcos de Niza vs. No. 7 Saguaro

By Andy Morales
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THE HISTORY

Marcos de Niza (12-2) played in the 5A-II state championship in 2009 under Roy Lopez where the Padres fell to Chaparral 34-21. This year will be Sean Morin's first trip to the final although he had been a longtime assistant coach in the program prior to taking over during the 2013 post season.

Morin has a 20-8 record as the head coach.

Saguaro (11-2) has won eight state championships and played for nine total in four different divisions. Like Morin, Mohns took over his program after putting in time as an assistant coach.

Mohns took over in 2012 after he replaced John Sanders and he made the program his own with back-to-back Division III state titles in 2013 and 2014. His record at Saguaro is 46-7.

Saguaro defeated Marcos de Niza 61-35 in 2014 and 46-36 in 2013.

THE PLAYERS

MDN: Junior quarterback Nazareth Greer has thrown for over 6,000 yards in the last two years, passing for over 3,000 in both his sophomore and junior seasons. He is near a record-breaking pace. The record for his division is 10,489 career yards set by Emanuel Gant of Tempe.

Senior Shaun Richards is his main target but junior Marcus Naisant along with seniors Montre Williams and Tanner Blankenship have also come up big in Greer's offense.

Sr. RB Avery Sanders leads the rushing attack along with Richards and Jr. Zyayre Moss.

Sr. LB Jacob Hernandez leads the team with almost 150 tackles including over 100 solo. Sr. LB James Reynosa has over 100 tackles also while Jr. Anthony Nicastro has 10 sacks and Sr. Trysten Griffith has four interceptions.

SAG: Sr. QB Kare' Lyles has thrown for almost 6,800 in his career at Saguaro. The Wisconsin recruit has thrown 39 touchdown passes this year to go along with the 40 he threw last year.

Sr. Byron Murphy has pulled down over 1,600 of those yards with 19 TD catches. Murphy is generally considered the state of Arizona's top recruit. Sr. Julian Carter has added over 500 yards receiving and Jr. Jared Poplawski has 400.

Jr. RB Stone Matthews carries the biggest load on the ground with 1,864 yards. Matthews need 200 yards to break into the top three in the state.



(Left) Marcos de Niza QB Nazareth Greer (photo by Darin Sicurello of maxpreps.com) and Saguaro's Stone Matthews (#22) celebrating with teammate Julian Carter (photo by Mark Jones of maxpreps.com)

Jr. LB Carson Nugent has 109 tackles Jr. Brandon Boyce has 78. While sacks are evenly split between several players, Murphy leads the team with six interceptions.

THE GAME

Ranked No. 7, Saguaro is the lowest seed to reach the Division II (or equivalent) championship game since Sabino in 2009. Sabino lost that 4A-I game to No. 1 Canyon del Oro 40-0. It is doubtful we will see that kind of score this year.

Simply, Saguaro has yet to be tested in the playoffs and the Sabercats have outscored opponents 146 to 31 while Marcos de Niza has had a much more difficult go of it despite the higher ranking.

The Padres struggled with No. 12 Corona del Sol in the first round but pulled out a 14-7 win before heading down to the Tucson area to take care of No. 4 Ironwood Ridge 35-15 and then upsetting No. 1 Skyline 44-37 in the semifinal round.

By comparison, Saguaro demolished No. 2 Queen Creek 54-0 in the quarterfinal round.

Look for Lyles and Greer to throw a lot. While Saguaro has the edge in almost every category and position, the QB that makes the first mistake might be the turning point. Lyles has been here before so he knows what to expect but Greer gets better every week.

Slight edge to Saguaro.



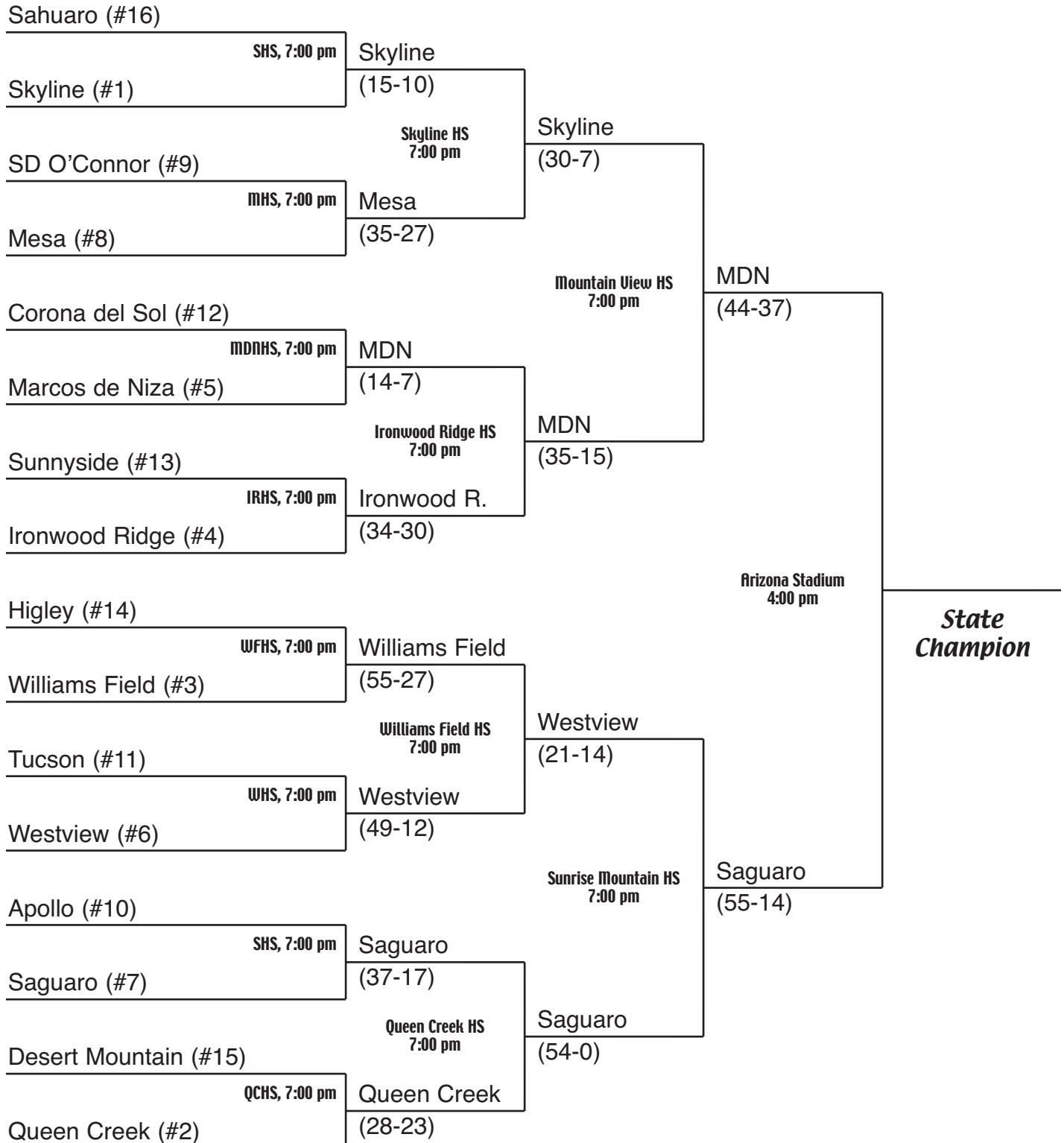
Div. II FB State Championship Bracket

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Fri, Nov 13

Fri, Nov 20

Sat, Nov 28





No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
1	..Christian Johnson, WR	6-0	150	..Sr.
2	..Jesse Guzman, RB/CB	5-7	155	..Jr.
3	..Anthony Gonzales, RB	5-7	155	..Sr.
4	..Shaun Richards, RB/DB	5-8	160	..Sr.
5	..Marion Thornton, WR/DB	5-8	150	..Sr.
6	..Avery Sanders, RB/LB	6-0	200	..Sr.
7	..Trysten Griffith, WR/SS	6-1	180	..Sr.
8	..Montre Williams, WR	6-1	175	..Sr.
9	..Marcus Naisant, WR/DB	6-0	175	..Jr.
10	..Nazareth Greer, QB/DB	6-2	210	..Jr.
11	..Caleb Park, FS/WR	6-2	145	..Sr.
12	..Krysten Muir, K	5-9	140	..Jr.
13	..Daviaughn Reagen, TE	6-3	209	..Sr.
16	..Abraham Andrade, DB	5-8	130	..Sr.
17	..Darion Dunbar, WR/DB	6-2	160	..Sr.
18	..Arthur Thompson, WR/CB	5-7	153	..Sr.
19	..Tyshawn Britton, RB/DB	5-9	155	..Jr.
20	..Patrick Jenkins, WR/DB	5-9	150	..Jr.
21	..Zyayre Moss, RB/DB	5-11	170	..Sr.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
25	..Jacob Hernandez, FB/LB	5-10	205	..Sr.
28	..Anthony Trujillo, WR/DB	6-1	200	..Sr.
30	..James Reynosa, TE/LB	6-2	200	..Sr.
32	..Erik Bolster, RB/LB	5-10	205	..Sr.
33	..Gerardo Martinez, FB/LB	5-9	195	..Jr.
34	..Matt Comforth, FB/LB	5-8	175	..Sr.
42	..Tanner Blankenship, TE	6-4	220	..Sr.
44	..Chase Elerick, TE/OLB	6-3	185	..Sr.
45	..Luke Barnes, FB/LB	6-0	175	..Jr.
50	..Daemaan Beard, OL/DL	5-7	230	..Sr.
51	..Anthony Nicastro, OL/DL	6-3	220	..Jr.
52	..Johnny Moreno, OL/DL	6-2	240	..Jr.
54	..Marcus Green, OL/DE	6-4	205	..Jr.
55	..Tyler Dennis, OL/DL	6-1	227	..Sr.
56	..Robert Johnson, OL/DL	6-0	250	..Sr.
60	..Jose Escarcega, OL/DE	5-7	160	..Sr.
61	..Tony Cruz, OL/DL	5-5	160	..Sr.
63	..Antonio Hernandez, OL	5-8	172	..Sr.
66	..Joe Valenzuela, OL/DL	6-2	240	..Sr.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
67	..Christian Rodriguez, OL	6-2	295	..Jr.
72	..Khiry Keith, OL/DL	6-2	285	..Sr.
74	..Gavin Young, OL/DL	6-1	260	..Sr.
75	..Armaun Daviss, OL/DL	6-0	305	..So.
80	..Sam Johnson, RB/CB	5-7	145	..Jr.
82	..Matt Gill, K	6-4	185	..So.
85	..Maurice Cheadle, ATH	5-10	145	..Sr.

Head Coach: Sean Morin



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No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
2	..Zach Wilson, WR/DB	5-10	155	..So.
4	..Max Massingale, QB/ATH.....	5-10	165	..So.
5	..Antonio Cuevas, RB/CB	5-10	160	..So.
6	..Kenny Oliver Jr., TE/LB	6-3	185	..Jr.
7	..Byron Murphy, DB/WR.....	6-0	170	..Sr.
8	..Max Mudd, DB/WR.....	6-0	180	..Sr.
9	..Kare Lyles, QB.....	6-2	210	..Sr.
10	..Kaelib Jarrell, WR/DB	6-2	185	..Jr.
11	..Julian Carter, WR/FS.....	6-3	190	..Sr.
12	..Logan Pettijohn, WR/LB	6-2	174	..So.
13	..TJ Aguilar, WR/DB.....	6-0	150	..Jr.
16	..Cameron Rocha, WR/DB ...	5-9	135	..Jr.
17	..Chris Pickett, RB/DB	5-7	155	..Jr.
19	..Austin Lane, SS/RB.....	5-11	165	..Jr.
20	..Brandt Casey, LB/RB.....	6-1	230	..Jr.
21	..David Hyman, S/WR.....	6-2	170	..Sr.
22	..Stone Matthews, RB/DB.....	5-8	180	..Jr.
23	..Giovanni Miranda, SS.....	6-3	185	..So.
25	..Juwon Del Rio, RB/LB.....	5-9	210	..Jr.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
26	..Matthew Rosedale, K	5-8	155	..Jr.
28	..Joey Corte, WR/DB	5-11	170	..So.
29	..Matthew Noriega, RB/DB	5-9	165	..Jr.
30	..Ryan Cowdrey, HB/DE	6-0	200	..So.
32	..Robby Nettleton, FB/LB.....	6-0	180	..Jr.
33	..Carson Nugent, MLB	6-1	225	..Jr.
34	..Josiah Bradley, RS/S	6-1	190	..So.
39	..Savaughn Greene, RB	5-11	165	..Jr.
43	..Cameron Smith, TE/LB.....	6-1	205	..So.
45	..Carter Koziol, HB/LB	6-0	200	..So.
51	..Jack Bamford, G/DT	5-10	210	..So.
52	..Brandon Boyce, DT	6-1	273	..Jr.
54	..Joey Bergs, DT/G	5-11	200	..Jr.
55	..Max Danoff, OL/DL.....	5-9	228	..Jr.
60	..Kayden Lyles, OL/DL.....	6-3	300	..Jr.
61	..Christian Udugba, NG	5-9	260	..Jr.
63	..Patrick McInerney, LS/L.....	6-1	190	..So.
66	..Nathan Sawyer, OL/DE	6-1	200	..Jr.
68	..Ruben Pimbert, OL/DL	5-10	235	..So.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
71	..Jax Wacaser, OL/DE	6-5	240	..Jr.
72	..Jackson Martin, OL/DL	6-5	350	..Sr.
74	..Corey Stephens, OL/DL	6-3	280	..Jr.
75	..Mitch Began, OL/DL	6-3	304	..Sr.
76	..Joseph Fontes, OL/DL.....	6-4	265	..Jr.
77	..Jim White, OL/DL	6-2	250	..Sr.
78	..Michael Weinstein, C/DT	6-3	293	..Sr.
79	..Nico Gabai, OL/DL	6-5	245	..Jr.
80	..Isaac Arcilla, WR/S	6-1	158	..Jr.
87	..Jared Poplawski, TE/DE	6-4	220	..Jr.
88	..Hunter Arthur, WR/S	6-0	175	..Sr.

Head Coach: Jason Mohns

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- NPI #
- BOC certified
- A full-time or part-time employee in the secondary schools

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- Application is available on the NATA website under the honors and awards section: <http://www.nata.org/Gatorade-Secondary-School-AT-Award>
- Individuals cannot self-nominate. Nominations may be submitted by others including School Athletic Directors, Fellow Team Practitioners and more.
- Nominators must submit evidence to support description (photos, videos, collateral, etc.).
- Nominators must provide a letter of recommendation including at least one from an employee at the candidate's school.



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DEADLINES

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

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- 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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*Limited items will be selected from the offerings above

**The SWATA winner will be informed prior to 2016 NATA Annual.

Division III State Championship Game

No. 1 Paradise Valley vs. No. 3 Desert Edge



Paradise Valley lineman Andrew Morris (63) and receiver Aron Smith (photo by Kevin Abele of maxpreps.com)

By Andy Morales
azpreps365.com

THE HISTORY

Paradise Valley (13-0) has gone undefeated since moving down from Division II this fall. The Trojans made it to the quarterfinal round last year and finished with a record of 10-2. It was the program's best record since 2004.

This will be the first championship appearance for the school and for head coach Greg Davis. Davis is in his second year with Paradise Valley and has a record of 23-2. Davis spent three years at Cactus Shadows prior to moving over to coach the Trojans.

Desert Edge (11-2) has had an incredible run since Rich Wellbrock took over in 2010. In that time, Wellbrock has built a 63-13 record which averages out to over 10 wins a year. The Scorpions reached the 2012 championship game where they lost to Queen Creek 9-7.

Desert Edge made it to the semifinal round in 2013 and the quarterfinal round last year.

Paradise Valley defeated Desert Edge 33-21 on Sept. 3, and then Desert Edge lost to Chaparral the following week. There have been no close calls since and the Scorpions win streak includes an 83-point outburst at Agua Fria.

THE PLAYERS

PV: Senior quarterback Daniel Bridge-Gadd has thrown for over 3,800 yards this year and just over 9,000 in his career. The University of Washington commit also has 112 touch-down passes in his career including 44 this year.

Bridge-Gadd has trio of big senior receivers with Jacob Brown leading the way with 1,532 yards. Aron Smith has pulled down 889 yards and Jim Dragon has added 810. Brown has 21 TD receptions.



Desert Edge players Zach Famolaro (24), Roshaun Johnson (23), Hunter Jones (55) and Alex Aguirre (8) (photo by Steve Paynter of paynterpics.com)

Bridge-Gadd has also rushed for almost 600 yards but Jr. Jared Beamon has collected over 1,100 yards with 20 TDs. Bridge-Gadd has 16 rushing TDs.

Sophomore Max Seifer has 116 tackles and Sr. LB Grayson Fattaleh has 112. Sr. Manny Martinez has over 10 sacks.

DE: Jr. QB Tehran Thomas missed three games due to a foot injury but he still managed to throw for over 1,000 yards to go along with his 1,400 yards rushing. So. RB Rocky Perez has also passed the 1,000-yard mark and Jr. Roshaun Johnson has added almost 700 more. Thomas has thrown for 16 TDs and has rushed for 26 more. Johnson has 14 TDs. Johnson is also the leading receiver with over 400 yards.

Jr. Vince Delponte has 96 tackles and So. Treyvon Williams has 89.

THE GAME

Paradise Valley is the top-ranked team for a reason. Well, actually several reasons but most of those reason begin and end with Bridge-Gadd. His individual 4,500 yards of offense would be a dream for several teams.

He rushed for 117 yards and threw for 354 yards against Desert Edge and collected five TDs in the process but, still, Paradise Valley only won that game 33-21.

But Thomas was not the QB for Desert Edge that day. Sr. Alias Sturges filled in while Thomas was injured and he managed 32 yards in the loss. A couple of fumbles also hurt Desert Edge.

Desert Edge was the top-ranked team prior to their first match but Paradise Valley has flipped that around this time. Both teams appear to be at full-strength but the edge has to go to Paradise Valley.



Div. III FB State Championship Bracket

Fri, Nov 6

Fri, Nov 13

Fri, Nov 20

Sat, Nov 28

Tempe (#16)

PUHS, 7:00 pm

Paradise Valley

Paradise Valley (#1)

(55-17)

Paradise Valley HS
7:00 pm

Paradise Valley

Cibola (#9)

(62-35)

CFHS, 7:00 pm

Cata. Foothills

Catalina Foothills (#8)

(21-16)

North Canyon HS
7:00 pm

Paradise Valley

Bradshaw Mountain (#12)

(26-19)

AHS, 7:00 pm

Bradshaw Mt.

Arcadia (#5)

(21-15)

Sunnyslope HS
7:00 pm

Sunnyslope

Vista Grande (#13)

(28-7)

SHS, 7:00 pm

Sunnyslope

Sunnyslope (#4)

(35-8)

Arizona Stadium
11:00 am

Betty Fairfax (#14)

MHS, 7:00 pm

Desert Edge

Desert Edge (#3)

(49-6)

Desert Edge HS
7:00 pm

Desert Edge

Cesar Chavez (#11)

(35-16)

SHS, 7:00 pm

Cesar Chavez

Sabino (#6)

(37-12)

Millennium HS
7:00 pm

Desert Edge

(34-27)

Mingus (#10)

UHS, 7:00 pm

Verrado

Verrado (#7)

(20-14)

Sunrise Mountain HS
7:00 pm

Verrado

Cactus (#15)

(41-21)

SMHS, 7:00 pm

Sunrise Mt.

Sunrise Mountain (#2)

(50-6)

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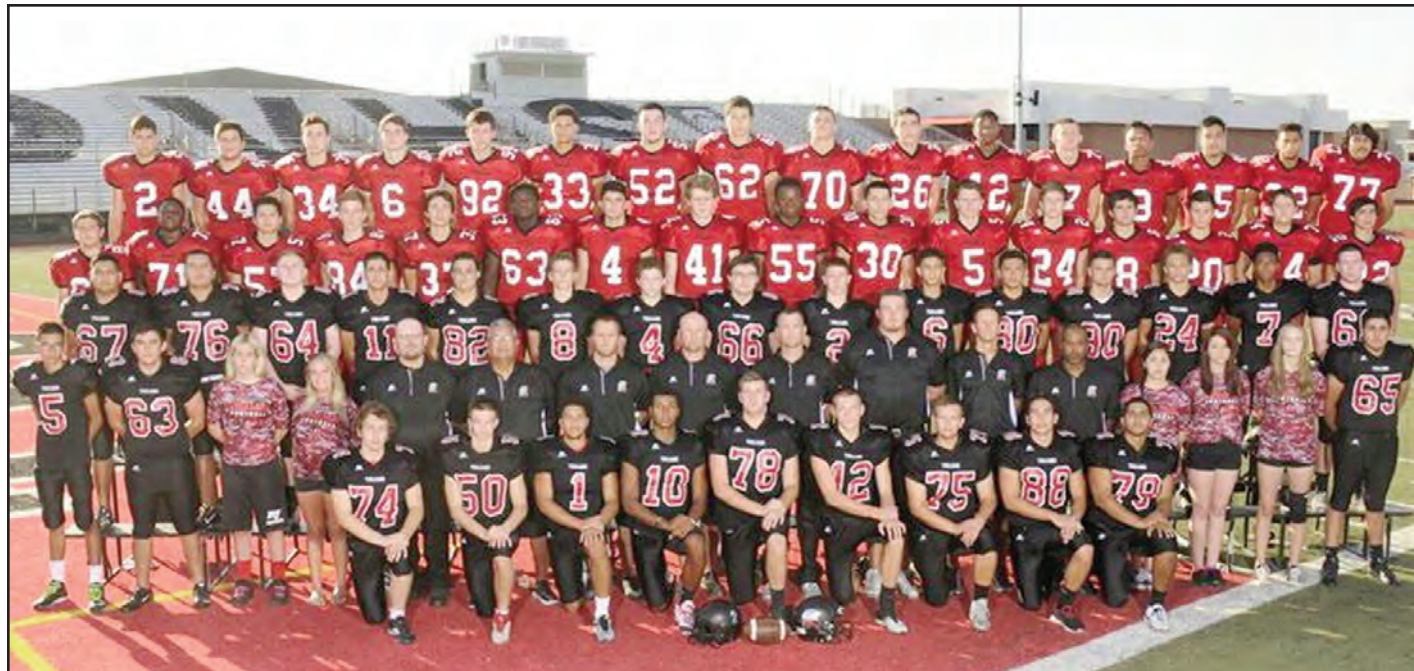
No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
1	..Alias Sturges, WR/DB	5-11	160	..Sr.
2	..Treyvon Williams, RB/DB	6-0	185	..So.
3	..Quincy Booth, WR/DB	6-0	155	..Sr.
4	..Eric Marsh, WR/DB	6-2	200	..Jr.
5	..Daejzon Burton, WR/DB	5-10	175	..Jr.
6	..Kyle Ball, RB/LB	5-9	170	..Sr.
7	..Johnnie Mosley, WR/DB	5-11	165	..Sr.
8	..Alex Aguirre, RB/LB	6-1	205	..Sr.
9	..Angel Duenas, RB/DB	5-8	150	..Sr.
10	..Quari Thomas-Marks, WR	6-3	160	..Jr.
11	..Kayden Krause, WR/DB	5-8	150	..So.
12	..Rashaad Brown, WR/DB	6-1	155	..Jr.
14	..Tehran Thomas, QB	5-10	190	..Jr.
15	..Nathaniel Santana, WR	5-9	150	..Jr.
16	..Daniel Pullem, WR/DB	6-0	165	..Jr.
17	..Griffin Wellbrock, WR/DB	6-1	160	..So.
18	..Jonathan Sangillo, K	5-9	160	..So.
20	..Jayden Hall, RB/DB	5-9	155	..Jr.
21	..Clarence Long, RB/DB	5-9	155	..So.
22	..Lenai Bellamy, WR/DB	6-1	175	..Sr.
23	..Roshawn Johnson, FB/LB	6-1	230	..Jr.
24	..Zach Famolaro, WR/DL	6-4	205	..Sr.
25	..Shermore Johnson, WR	6-2	200	..Sr.
26	..Rocky Perez, RB/DB	5-9	175	..So.
27	..Vince Delponte, RB/LB	5-11	200	..Jr.
28	..Alex Medrano, RB/DB	5-8	155	..Sr.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
30	..Elijah Bogensperger, RB	5-1	190	..So.
31	..Dallas Viliborghi, WR/DB	6-2	160	..Jr.
32	..Karriem Abdullah, WR/DB	6-2	170	..Sr.
33	..Luc James, RB/DB	5-8	155	..Sr.
34	..Martin Guzman, K	5-10	170	..Jr.
35	..Mason Wright, RB/LB	5-10	180	..Jr.
38	..Jacob Tavizon, WR/DB	5-9	160	..Jr.
40	..Trevor Chaddock, OL/DL	6-3	265	..Sr.
44	..Thomas Sangillo, RB/LB	5-10	200	..Sr.
45	..Dante Blissit, RB/DL	6-2	230	..Jr.
50	..Vicente Barriga, RB/LB	6-1	210	..Sr.
51	..Christian Lloyd, OL/DL	6-2	220	..Sr.
52	..Chris Cole, OL/DL	6-2	220	..Sr.
53	..Connor McGee, OL/DL	5-11	230	..So.
54	..Caleb Pina, OL/DL	5-10	220	..Sr.
55	..Hunter Jones, OL/DL	6-1	270	..Sr.
56	..Chad Brown, OL/DL	5-9	230	..Sr.
58	..D'marco Campos, RB/LB	5-9	185	..Fr.
60	..Josh Vigh, RB/LB	5-9	150	..So.
61	..Alexander McLaughlin, L	6-1	260	..Jr.
63	..Michael Mancilla, OL/LB	5-9	200	..Sr.
64	..Fabien Valenti, OL/DL	5-10	200	..So.
65	..Demetrius Hunter, OL/DL	5-8	240	..Sr.
66	..Tyson Jones, OL/DL	6-4	280	..So.
67	..Ryan Edgin, RB/LB	5-9	165	..Jr.
68	..Nasir Simms, OL/DL	6-1	230	..Fr.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
70	..Roberto Limon, OL/DL	6-1	225	..Sr.
71	..Max Wilhite, OL/DL	6-4	280	..So.
73	..Diontre Innis, OL/DL	5-10	310	..Sr.
74	..Zach Mendez, OL/DL	6-0	250	..Sr.
75	..Ruiz Martinez, WR/LB	6-1	170	..Fr.
76	..Austin Young, OL/DL	6-4	310	..So.
77	..Eric Regalado, OL/DL	6-1	320	..Sr.
78	..Brock Corbin, OL/DL	6-7	315	..Sr.
80	..Kyler Spiwak, WR/DB	5-8	150	..Sr.
81	..Elijah Cabrera, RB/LB	5-10	175	..So.
88	..Isaac Bowser, WR/DB	6-0	170	..Sr.
90	..Devin Shackelford, OL/DL	6-2	275	..Jr.
99	..Jordan Brea, WR/LB	6-4	200	..Sr.
.....	James Wilbert, RB/LB	5-10	195	..Sr.
.....	Jarin Garsha, OL/DL	6-3	240	..Jr.
.....	Kody Ball, RB/DB	5-7	145	..Fr.
.....	Milton Rodgers, RB/LB	5-9	175	..Fr.
.....	Tyler Henry, QB	5-9	150	..Fr.

Head Coach: Rich Wellbrock

Paradise Valley Trojans



No. Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
0...Juliana Contreras.....	Sr.		
1...Jacob Brown, WR/DB.....	5-11	185	Sr.
2...Chase McBride, RB/DB.....	5-7	160	Jr.
4...Ricardo Hill, WR.....	5-9	120	Fr.
5...Christian DeBevec, DB.....	5-8	154	Jr.
6...Brody Azbill, LB.....	5-11	170	Sr.
7...Jordan Delaney, DB/WR.....	6-0	170	Sr.
8...Brad Tucker, DB.....	5-7	165	Sr.
9...Zarthan Dorty, LB.....	5-11	205	Sr.
10...Daniel BridgeGadd, QB.....	6-3	205	Sr.
11...Andrew Castillo, WR.....	Fr.		
11...Jim Dragon, WR.....	5-10	170	Sr.
12...Bric Parmley, QB.....	6-3	180	So.
20...Conner Isaly, LB.....	5-6	165	Jr.
22...Apache Zagala Perez, DB..	5-4	140	Sr.
24...Jared Beamon, RB.....	5-10	160	Jr.
26...Jordan Morris, DB.....	6-1	150	So.
30...Andrew Castillo, CB.....	5-5	125	Fr.

No. Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
32...Damond Brown, DB.....	5-11	170	Sr.
33...Devon Wall, WR.....	6-1	175	Sr.
34...Max Seifer, LB.....	5-11	190	So.
37...Christian McCullen, DB.....	5-7	157	Sr.
42...Mykhael Horton, DL.....	6-1	170	Jr.
44...Grayson Fattaleh, LB.....	5-10	225	Sr.
45...Javier Malpica, DL.....	5-11	173	Sr.
50...James Marlar, OL.....	6-0	153	Jr.
52...Manny Martinez, OL/OL.....	6-2	225	Sr.
62...Jason Valenzuela, DL.....	6-4	205	Jr.
63...Andrew Morris, OL.....	5-10	240	Jr.
64...Angel Perez.....	5-4	125	Fr.
67...Joseph Caballero, OL.....	5-10	240	So.
68...Patrick Boll, OL/DL.....	5-11	220	Sr.
70...Parker Johnson, DL.....	6-1	240	Jr.
71...Sahmir Simpson, DL.....	5-6	178	Sr.
74...Thor Nelson, OL.....	5-11	180	Sr.
78...Devin Teed, OL.....	6-5	250	Sr.

No. Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
79...Isaiah Gwin, OL.....	6-0	248	Sr.
80...Brendyn Edwards, WR.....	5-9	160	Sr.
82...Xavier Watkins, WR.....	6-0	160	So.
84...Tristin Lee, RB.....	5-6	130	Fr.
88...Aron Smith, WR.....	5-11	200	Sr.
90...Devin Moon, K/P.....	5-10	185	Sr.
92...Patrick Long.....	5-7	145	Fr.
.....Dylan Duggan.....	5-10	161	Fr.

Head Coach: Greg Davis



Recent State Championship Results

DIVISION VI

Year	Winning Team	Head Coach	Runnerup Team	Head Coach	Score
2014	Heber Mogollon (10-1)	Tim Slade	Bagdad (9-1)	Dalton Mills	14-8
2013	Bagdad (10-0)	Dalton Mills	Heber Mogollon (10-2)	Tim Slade	44-20
2012	Glendale Joy Christian (11-0)	Brian Cole	Pima (10-1)	Jace Hancock	60-24
2011	Joseph City (10-0)	John Bryant	Glendale Joy Christian (10-1)	Brian Cole	38-6

DIVISION V

2014	Yuma Catholic (14-0)	Rhett Stallworth	Tempe Prep (12-2)	Tommy Brittain	38-27
2013	Yuma Catholic (11-2)	Rhett Stallworth	Eagar Round Valley (12-2)	Marcus Bell	63-35
2012	Phoenix Northwest Christian (13-1)	David Innes	Morenci (13-1)	Frank Ogas	21-7
2011	Yuma Catholic (13-1)	Rhett Stallworth	Phoenix Northwest Christian	David Inness	21-19

DIVISION IV

2014	River Valley (13-1)	P. Duchaineau/M. Ruckle	Snowflake (12-2)	Ron Tenney	28-21
2013	Lakeside Blue Ridge (12-2)	Paul Moro	River Valley (12-2)	Terry Staggs	17-7
2012	Chandler Seton Catholic (13-1)	Rex Bowser	Lakeside Blue Ridge (14-1)	Paul Moro	28-7
2011	Lakeside Blue Ridge (14-0)	Paul Moro	Show Low (11-4)	Randy Ricedorff	35-14

DIVISION III

2014	Scottsdale Saguaro (14-0)	Jason Mohns	Gilbert Williams Field (12-2)	Steve Campbell	45-21
2013	Scottsdale Saguaro (13-1)	Jason Mohns	Queen Creek (11-3)	Travis Schureman	47-25
2012	Queen Creek (14-0)	Joe Germaine	Goodyear Desert Edge (13-1)	Rich Wellbrook	9-7
2011	Scottsdale Saguaro (12-2)	John Sanders	Glendale Cactus (11-2)	Larry Fetkenhier	31-23

DIVISION II

2014	Peoria Centennial (12-2)	Richard Taylor	Peoria Liberty (12-2)	Danny Filleman	26-14
2013	Tucson Salpointe Catholic (14-0)	Dennis Bene	Scottsdale Chaparral (12-2)	David Huffine	46-20
2012	Tucson Ironwood Ridge (13-1)	Matt Johnson	Peoria Centennial (12-2)	Richard Taylor	27-3
2011	Scottsdale Chaparral (14-1)	Charlie Ragle	Vail Cienega (13-1)	Nemer Hassey	37-14

DIVISION I

2014	Chandler (13-1)	Shaun Aguano	Chandler Hamilton (12-2)	Steve Belles	28-7
2013	Phoenix Mountain Pointe (14-0)	Norris Vaughan	Chandler Hamilton (11-2)	Steve Belles	42-19
2012	Chandler Hamilton (12-2)	Steve Belles	Phoenix Mountain Pointe (12-2)	Norris Vaughan	31-16
2011	Tempe Desert Vista (13-1)	Dan Hinds	Chandler Hamilton (13-1)	Steve Belles	45-19

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2010	Joseph City (11-1)	John Bryant	Heber Mogollon (10-1)	Tim Slade	28-18
2009	Joseph City (11-0)	John Bryant	Heber Mogollon (10-2)	Ron Tenney	34-14
2008	Heber Mogollon (10-1)	Ron Tenney	Pima (10-1)	John Bryant	66-34
2007	Elfrida Valley Union (10-0)	Tony Luzania	Pima (9-2)	John Bryant	28-12
2006	Mayer (12-0)	Troy Head	Heber Mogollon (9-3)	Ron Tenney	28-20
2005	Pima (9-2)	John Bryant	Mayer (9-2)	Troy Head	40-36
2004	Pima (11-0)	John Bryant	Clifton (7-4)	Ray Alvarez	60-22
2003	Heber Mogollon (10-1)	Ron Tenney	Pima (9-2)	John Bryant	42-32
2002	Joseph City (10-1)	Bryan Fields	Salome (7-4)	Bernon Benson	44-7
2001	St. David (10-0)	John Bryant	Joseph City (9-2)	Eldon Larsen	57-43
2000	St. David (10-0)	John Bryant	Bagdad (9-1)	Pat Ruiz	50-8
1999	Joseph City (10-1)	Eldon Larsen	Fredonia (6-3)	"Mont" Griffiths	42-0
1998	St. David (11-0)	John Bryant	Orme (10-1)	Bob Miller	48-30
1997	St. David (11-0)	John Bryant	Heber Mogollon (9-2)	Ron Tenney	58-26
1996	NW Community Christian (10-1)	Charlie Bell	Scottsdale Christian (7-3)	Aaron Messner	48-6
1995	Fredonia (11-2)	"Mont" Griffiths	Mogollon (9-1)	Rocky Nelson	38-32
1994	(TIE) Mogollon (10-0-1)	Tim Slade	Mayer (9-1-1)	Vince Cahill	20-20
1993	Williams (11-0)	Rick Shipley	Mayer (7-4)	Vince Cahill	68-40
1992	Arizona Lutheran (11-0)	Doug Lange	Patagonia (10-1)	Bill House	56-14
1991	(TIE) Patagonia (10-0-1)	Bill House	Fredonia (10-0-1)	"Mont" Griffiths	36-36
1990	Seligman (11-1)	Robert LaChat	Elfrida Valley Union (10-2)	Tom Davis	56-0



Recent State Championship Results

1A CONFERENCE (cont)

Year	Winning Team	Head Coach	Runnerup Team	Head Coach	Score
1989	(TIE) Williams (8-2-1)	Rick Shipley	Scottsdale Christian (10-1-1)	Jack DeGrenier	22-22
1988	Patagonia (12-0)	Bill House	Scottsdale Christian (10-1)	Jack DeGrenier	38-26

2A CONFERENCE

2010	Phoenix Northwest Christian (12-1)	Dave Inness	Yuma Catholic (12-2)	Rhett Stallworth	30-27
2009	Chandler Valley Christian (12-1)	Bill Morgan	Willcox (11-3)	Jim Hughes	41-32
2008	St. Johns (14-0)	Mike Morgan	Phoenix Christian (13-1)	Bob Denson	42-17
2007	St. Johns (10-3)	Mike Morgan	Phoenix Arizona Lutheran (11-3)	Doug Meyer	(OT) 21-20
2006	Thatcher (11-3)	Don Conrad	Chandler Valley Christian (9-4)	Bill Morgan	42-20
2005	Chandler Valley Christian (12-1)	Bill Morgan	Phoenix Arizona Lutheran (12-2)	Doug Meyer	45-28
2004	Phoenix Christian (9-2)	Jim Rattay	Chandler Valley Christian (12-1)	Sean Loomer	10-3
2003	Phoenix Christian (13-0)	Jim Rattay	St. Johns (11-1-1)	Mike Morgan	24-7
2002	St. Johns (12-1)	Mike Morgan	Northwest Christian (11-2)	Derek Wahlstrom	28-7
2001	Thatcher (12-1)	Don Conrad	Phoenix Christian (11-3)	Keith Brown	35-26
2000	Thatcher (11-0)	Don Conrad	St. Johns (11-2)	Mike Morgan	14-13
1999	Phoenix Christian (12-1)	Keith Brown	Heber Mogollon (10-3)	Ron Tenney	46-15
1998	Thatcher (12-0)	Jim Hughes	Queen Creek (10-3)	Duane Madsen	28-12
1997	Chandler Seton (10-2)	Joe Timpani	Superior (12-1)	Bryan Munoz	41-19
1996	Phoenix Christian (13-0)	Keith Brown	Valley Christian (11-2)	Bernie Benson	28-6
1995	Kearny Ray (13-0)	Jeff Cude	Thatcher (12-1)	Ed Shamey	28-6
1994	St. Johns (13-0)	Mike Morgan	Benson (12-1)	Pete Bearse	34-6
1993	St. Johns (13-0)	Mike Morgan	Superior (9-4)	Tom Joseph	41-6
1992	St. Johns (12-1)	Mike Morgan	Morenci (11-2)	Reynaldo Peru	20-8
1991	Florence (9-2-1)	Tom Shoemake	Kearny Ray (9-3)	Jeff Cude	10-6
1990	Eloy Santa Cruz (13-0)	Jay Denton	Superior (11-1)	Lee Peebles	33-7
1989	Florence (13-0)	Tom Shoemake	Thatcher (9-4)	Ed Shamey	18-0
1988	Thatcher (11-2)	Ed Shamey	Winkelman Hayden (10-3)	Pete Guzman	20-6

3A CONFERENCE

2010	Show Low (13-1)	Randy Ricedorff	Lakeside Blue Ridge (12-1)	Paul Moro	20-17
2009	Lakeside Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Show Low (10-4)	Randy Ricedorff	41-21
2008	Payson (14-0)	Josh Anderson	Lakeside Blue Ridge (12-2)	Paul Moro	(2 OT) 34-33
2007	Show Low (12-1)	Randy Ricedorff	Coolidge (10-3)	Carlo Hernandez	26-0
2006	Coolidge (12-1)	Carlo Hernandez	Wickenburg (13-1)	Norris Vaughan	28-21
2005	Coolidge (11-1)	Carlo Hernandez	Winslow (12-2)	Adam Larsen	34-19
2004	Lakeside Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Coolidge (13-1)	Carlo Hernandez	25-24
2003	Show Low (13-0)	Jeremy Hathcock	Seton Catholic (11-3)	Pete Wahlheim	35-14
2002	Globe (12-1)	Roger Schenks	Coolidge (11-2)	Carlo Hernandez	34-19
2001	Lakeside Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Coolidge (12-1)	Carlo Hernandez	58-8
2000	Lakeside Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Parker (10-3)	David Partridge	67-19
1999	Show Low (12-1)	Bill Morgan	Lakeside Blue Ridge (12-1)	Paul Moro	26-25
1998	Payson (13-0)	Jim Beall	Lakeside Blue Ridge (11-1)	Paul Moro	29-20
1997	Lakeside Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Arizona Boys Ranch (12-1)	Gary Galante	27-21
1996	Lakeside Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Arizona Boys Ranch (10-3)	Richard Gray	22-20
1995	Lakeside Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Arizona Boys Ranch (9-4)	Richard Gray	41-13
1994	Lakeside Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Winslow (11-2)	Rich Hoyt	28-6
1993	Snowflake (11-2)	Neil Westover	Show Low (5-8)	Gary Mauldin	30-7
1992	Snowflake (10-3)	Jim Beall	Miami (10-3)	Bill Johnson	33-8
1991	Snowflake (11-1-1)	Jim Beall	Miami (12-1)	Bill Johnson	33-10
1990	Lakeside Blue Ridge (9-4)	Paul Moro	Miami (7-6)	Bill Johnson	39-17
1989	Lakeside Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Show Low (9-4)	Gary Mauldin	37-27
1988	Snowflake (11-2)	Ned Jolly	Parker (9-4)	Robin Hondrum	21-0

4A CONFERENCE

2010 4A-1	Scottsdale Saguaro (12-2)	John Sanders	Tucson Canyon Del Oro (13-1)	Dusty Peace	41-34
2010 4A-2	Phoenix Thunderbird (10-4)	Brent Wittenwyler	Gilbert Williams Field (13-1)	Steve Campbell	(OT) 25-22
2009 4A-1	Tucson Canyon Del Oro (14-0)	Dusty Peace	Tucson Sabino (11-3)	Jay Campos	40-0



Recent State Championship Results

4A CONFERENCE (cont)

Year	Winning Team	Head Coach	Runnerup Team	Head Coach	Score
2009 4A-2	Glendale Cactus (13-1)	Larry Fetkenhier	Tucson Santa Rita (11-3)	Jeff Scurran	14-0
2008 4A-1	Scottsdale Saguaro (14-0)	John Sanders	Scottsdale Chaparral (12-2)	Charlie Ragle	38-0
2008 4A-2	Scottsdale Notre Dame Prep (14-0)	Scot Bemis	Tucson Santa Rita (12-2)	Jeff Scurran	30-26
2007 4A-1	Scottsdale Saguaro (14-0)	John Sanders	Tucson Canyon Del Oro (12-2)	Pat Nugent	23-21
2007 4A-2	Scottsdale Notre Dame Prep (13-1)	Scot Bemis	Cottonwood Mingus (13-1)	Bob Young	49-32
2006 4A-1	Scottsdale Saguaro (13-1)	Mike Reardon	Tucson Sabino (12-2)	Jay Campos	41-21
2006 4A-2	Cave Creek Cactus Shadows (15-0)	Chad DeGrenier	Gilbert Higley (11-3)	Jim Beall	28-14
2005 4A-1	Glendale Cactus (14-0)	Larry Fetkenhier	Tucson Sabino (10-4)	Jay Campos	30-7
2005 4A-2	Tucson Palo Verde (11-3)	Todd Mayfield	Cottonwood Mingus (11-3)	Bob Young	15-7
2004	Phoenix Moon Valley (14-0)	Roger Britson	Glendale Cactus (12-2)	Larry Fetkenhier	45-34
2003	Tucson Sunnyside (12-1)	Richard Sanchez	Glendale Cactus (12-2)	Larry Fetkenhier	21-13
2002	Scottsdale Chaparral (13-1)	Ron Estabrook	Phoenix Greenway (12-2)	Mike Brown	21-14
2001	Tucson Sunnyside (13-1)	Richrad Sanchez	Phoenix Greenway (11-3)	Mike Brown	28-6
2000	Scottsdale Chaparral (14-0)	Ron Estabrook	Tucson Sunnyside (13-1)	Richard Sanchez	28-14
1999	Scottsdale Chaparral (14-0)	Ron Estabrook	Tucson Sahuaro (11-3)	Nemer Hassey	27-10
1998	Tucson Sabino (12-1-1)	Jeff Scurran	Avondale Agua Fria (12-2)	Mickey Bell	27-9
1997	Cottonwood Mingus (13-0-1)	Bob Young	Tucson Sabino (13-1)	Jeff Scurran	23-14
1996	Tempe Union (14-0)	Tim McBurney	Glendale Ironwood (11-2-1)	Chuck Esquivel	(OT) 20-17
1995	Scottsdale Saguaro (13-1)	Tim Beck	Glendale Ironwood (12-2)	Mark Matheson	42-7
1994	(TIE) Peoria (12-1-1)	Doug Clapp	Tucson Sahuaro (11-1-1)	Howard Breinig	17-17
1993	Marana Mt. View (14-0)	Wayne Jones	Tucson Sahuaro (9-3-2)	Howard Breinig	63-32
1992	Tucson Sabino (14-0)	Jeff Scurran	Phoenix Washington (12-2)	Steve Chisman	28-3
1991	Avondale Agua Fria (12-2)	Tom Wheatley	Tucson Sahuaro (13-1)	Howard Breinig	28-0
1990	Tucson Sabino (14-0)	Jeff Scurran	Peoria (13-1)	Doug Clapp	31-28
1989	(TIE) Agua Fria (11-2-1)	Tom Wheatley	Tempe Union (13-1-1)	Jim Murphy	10-10
1988	Avondale Agua Fria (11-3)	Tom Wheatley	Peoria (11-3)	Doug Clapp	13-7

5A CONFERENCE

2010 5A-1	Chandler Hamilton (15-0)	Steve Belles	Mesa Desert Ridge (10-4)	Jeremy Hathcock	21-13
2010 5A-2	Scottsdale Chaparral (14-0)	Charlie Ragle	Peoria Centennial (12-2)	Richard Taylor	32-17
2009 5A-1	Chandler Hamilton (14-0)	Steve Belles	Mesa (9-5)	Kelley Moore	35-0
2009 5A-2	Scottsdale Chaparral (13-1)	Charlie Ragle	Tempe Marcos de Niza (12-2)	Roy Lopez	34-21
2008 5A-1	Chandler Hamilton (13-1)	Steve Belles	Phoenix Brophy Prep (11-4)	Scooter Molander	17-10
2008 5A-2	Peoria Centennial (14-0)	Richard Taylor	Tolleson Westview (12-2)	Jeff Bowen	20-7
2007 5A-1	Phoenix Brophy Prep (12-2)	Scooter Molander	Tempe Desert Vista (9-5)	Dan Hinds	34-21
2007 5A-2	Peoria Centennial (13-1)	Richard Taylor	Tolleson Westview (10-4)	Jeff Bowen	26-7
2006 5A-1	Chandler Hamilton (13-1)	Steve Belles	Mesa Mountain View (12-2)	Tom Joseph	34-15
2006 5A-2	Peoria Centennial (14-0)	Richard Taylor	Tucson Sunnyside (11-3)	Richard Sanchez	34-0
2005 5A-1	Phoenix Brophy Prep (13-1)	Scooter Molander	Chandler Hamilton (13-1)	John Wrenn	15-14
2005 5A-2	Phoenix North Canyon (14-0)	Brian Cole	Peoria Centennial (11-3)	Richard Taylor	27-16
2004	Chandler Hamilton (13-1)	John Wrenn	Glendale Mountain Ridge (9-5)	Steve Belles	31-7
2003	Chandler Hamilton (13-1)	John Wrenn	Mesa Mountain View (13-1)	Tom Joseph	35-28
2002	Mesa Mountain View (14-0)	Tom Joseph	Glendale Ironwood (10-4)	Chuck Esquivel	50-8
2001	Mesa Red Mountain (13-1)	Jim Jones	Chandler Hamilton (12-2)	John Wrenn	13-10
2000	Mesa Red Mountain (12-2)	Jim Jones	Mesa Westwood (10-4)	Roger Suchomel	20-10
1999	Mesa Mountain View (13-1)	Bernie Buskin	Tucson Sabino (13-1)	Jeff Scurran	21-14
1998	Tempe Desert Vista (14-0)	Jim Rattay	Phoenix Brophy Prep (10-4)	Tim Sanford	38-31
1997	Mesa Mountain View (14-0)	Bernie Buskin	Tucson Amphitheater (13-1)	Vern Friedli	28-24
1996	Mesa Mountain View (14-0)	Bernie Buskin	Phoenix Brophy Prep (12-2)	Tim Sanford	17-3
1995	Phoenix St. Mary's (14-0)	Pat Farrell	Scottsdale Horizon (8-6)	Doug Shaffer	33-7
1994	Scottsdale Horizon (11-3)	Doug Shaffer	Phoenix St. Mary's (12-2)	Pat Farrell	16-14
1993	Mesa Mountain View (13-1)	Jesse Parker	South Mountain (12-2)	Cleveland Dansby	38-7
1992	Mesa (13-1)	Jim Rattay	Mesa Mountain View (9-5)	Jesse Parker	14-8
1991	Phoenix St. Mary's (13-1)	Pat Farrell	Tucson Salpointe (10-3-1)	Pat Welchert	28-13
1990	Mesa (12-1-1)	Jim Rattay	Tucson Amphitheater (12-2)	Vern Friedli	21-7
1989	Tempe McClintock (13-2)	Karl Kiefer	Mesa Westwood (11-3)	Jerry Loper	42-14
1988	Mesa Westwood (13-1)	Jerry Loper	Mesa Mountain View (12-2)	Jesse Parker	28-7

D-IV: Pusch Ridge-NWC Surprise Finalists Schools Moving Up From D-V Vie For Title



(Left) Northwest Christian QB Drew Inness (photo by Mark Jones of maxpreps.com) and Pusch Ridge RB/LB James Raica (photo by Chris Hook of maxpreps.com)

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Pusch Ridge and Northwest Christian playing for the D-IV title? Might be able to fathom it if both were still competing in Division V. But somehow these schools broke through to reach the title game in a division dominated most recently by White Mountain schools. Not to mention a division that added wotime defending D-V champ Yuma Catholic, who moved up, and Lake Havasu, who dropped down from D-II.

Yet they are here. They don't care what division it is. It's for a trophy. No. 3 Pusch Ridge (12-1) and No. 8 Northwest Christian (11-2) collide for the crown Saturday Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. at Chaparral High School. The teams played every year between 2005 and 2010 with NWC winning five of those six games. The schools haven't played since 2010.

Pusch Ridge has no championship history to its name yet. The Lions have won 12 straight games since a season-opening loss to D-V title participant Benson. They've knocked off Payson and two western Arizona teams -- River Valley and Lake Havasu-- the former last year's D-IV champ. All this from a team knocked out of last year's D-V playoffs in the quarterfinals.

On the flipside, Northwest Christian has championship hardware from 2010 and 2012 and finished runner-up in 2011. This season it defeated and dethroned arch-nemesis Yuma Catholic in the quar-

terfinals. Yuma Catholic eliminated NWC from the playoffs in 2011 and 2014 and handed it one of its regular-season losses this year. NWC defeated Flowing Wells, Yuma Catholic and last year's D-IV runner-up, Snowflake, to make the final. The Crusaders entered the playoffs on a down note, losing their final two regular-season games to Yuma Catholic and Estrella Foothills.

Offensively, Pusch Ridge's production doesn't rely on one player. The Lions thrive on the running game with its season total at nearly 3,400 yards. The primary backs are two-way standout James Raica and Tamerat McLeod, who have teamed up for 1,946 yards and 27 rushing TDs. Dakota Haynes, the team's leading tackler, Mitch Maas and Edwin Lovett have totaled another 1,240 yards on the ground. Senior quarterback Cody Cropp, son of Lions' coach Troy Cropp, hasn't thrown often, but when he does it's for 20 yards a pop. His main targets are senior Ben Walker and Lovett.

Pusch Ridge coach Troy Cropp likes the perseverance his team has displayed at various times this season, particularly in postseason. The Lions trailed Flowing Wells by 10 before pulling away to win in a regular-season triumph, overcame 190 yards in penalties to beat River Valley and dodged four turnovers to beat Lake Havasu. Cropp said playing from behind or with that many mistakes won't work this week.

NWC has passes for more yards than it has run for, but in comparison to Pusch Ridge offers a more balanced attack. Quarterback Drew Inness, son of coach Dave Innes, has enjoyed a terrific year passing. Drew Innes has thrown for 2,587 yards and 39 TDs. Four receivers have at least 20 catches with Ray Kindred (41 catches, 655 yards and 6 TDs) and Trace Maguire 31-551-9 the top targets. Tyler Kohner and Alec Ponce complement with 18 TDs between them. In NWC's three playoff games the stalwart has been Drew Inness. Innes has completed 39 of 65 passes for 524 yards, 10 TDs and no interceptions.

The Crusaders ground game is much like Pusch Ridge's in terms of sharing the wealth. Travis Pollay leads the ground attack with 801 yards and seven TDs. Four other backs/receivers have combined for 807 yards (Tanner Vanhofwegen, Kindred, Maguire and Caleb Egberman). Vanhofwegen is often the short-yardage/goal line back with a team-high 14 TDs.



Div. IV FB State Championship Bracket

Sat, Nov 7

Sat, Nov 14

Sat, Nov 21

Sat, Nov 28

Winslow (#16)				
	YCHS, 6:00 pm	Yuma Catholic		
Yuma Catholic (#1)		45-13		
		Yuma Catholic HS 6:00 pm	NW Christian	
Flowing Wells (#9)			(48-0)	
	NCHS, 6:00 pm	NW Christian		
Northwest Christian (#8)		(52-28)		
			Arcadia HS 6:00 pm	NW Christian (23-12)
Dysart (#12)		Snowflake		
	SHS, 6:00 pm	(40-13)		
Snowflake (#5)		Estrella Foothills HS 6:00 pm	Snowflake (26-7)	
Pueblo (#13)		E. Foothills		
	EFHS, 6:00 pm	(42-13)		
Estrella Foothills (#4)				
			Chaparral HS 6:00 pm	
Payson (#14)		Pusch Ridge		
	PRCHS, 6:00 pm	(38-13)		
Pusch Ridge (#3)		Pusch Ridge HS 6:00 pm	Pusch Ridge (13-10)	
Blue Ridge (#11)		River Valley		
	RVHS, 6:00 pm	(24-6)		
River Valley (#6)				
			Arcadia HS 2:00 pm	Pusch Ridge (17-14)
Casa Grande (#10)		Lake Havasu		
	LHHS, 6:00 pm	(30-14)		
Lake Havasu (#7)		Show Low HS 6:00 pm	Lake Havasu (34-27)	
Combs (#15)		Show Low		
	SLHS, 6:00 pm	(28-21)		
Show Low (#2)				
				State Champion



NW Christian Crusaders



No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
1	..Tyler Worrell, QB/DB	6-2	180	..Jr.
2	..Jimmy Picinich, WR/DB	5-11	169	..Sr.
3	..Jarin Davis, RB/LB	6-0	165	..So.
4	..Dusty Inness, WR/LB	5-8	152	..Fr.
5	..Travis Pollay, RB/LB	5-5	182	..Sr.
6	..Colton Henze, RB/DB	5-9	165	..So.
7	..Jacob Lytle, K/LB	6-0	207	..Jr.
7	..Sam Ripple, QB/DB	5-11	155	..So.
8	..Jackson Groff, WR/DB	5-10	160	..So.
9	..Drew Inness, QB/DB	5-11	172	..Sr.
10	..Tanner Vanhofwegen, RB	6-1	175	..Sr.
11	..Tyler Kohner, WR/LB	6-2	175	..Jr.
12	..Ray Kindred, WR/DB	6-0	165	..Sr.
15	..Ezra Nelson, TE/LB	6-4	201	..Jr.
18	..Mitch Slater, K	6-4	152	..Sr.
20	..Caleb Eggherman, DB/WR	5-9	153	..Jr.
21	..Tannor Bach, RB/DB	5-9	160	..Sr.
22	..Bronson Sanich, RB/DB	5-10	165	..So.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
25	..Ryan Scheider, WR/DB	5-7	162	..Jr.
27	..Nathan Beyler, WR/DB	6-0	150	..Sr.
28	..Jensen Lahtinen, WR/DB	5-10	131	..Sr.
32	..Logan Young, RB/LB	5-6	160	..So.
34	..Dylan Smith, WR/DB	5-7	142	..So.
37	..Nathan New, WR/DB	6-0	151	..Jr.
45	..Spencer Valerius, RB/LB	5-8	200	..So.
48	..Trace Maguire, WR/LB	6-0	170	..Sr.
50	..Alex LaMascus, OL/DL	6-3	256	..Sr.
51	..Josh Slover, OL/DL	6-2	260	..Jr.
53	..Blayne Schuster, OL/DL	6-0	240	..Sr.
55	..Vinnie Castaneda, OL/DL	5-5	174	..Jr.
58	..Luc Moreno, OL/DL	5-10	190	..Jr.
60	..Hayden Berks, OL/DL	6-0	265	..Sr.
62	..Logan Byers, OL/DL	6-1	230	..Sr.
65	..Chris Ledune, OL/DL	5-8	165	..Sr.
66	..Matt Tyrone, OL/DL	5-7	180	..Jr.
70	..Cole Cahill, OL/DL	6-1	252	..Sr.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
71	..Parker Valerius, OL/DL	6-2	290	..Sr.
72	..Derek Henderson, DT	5-11	210	..Fr.
72	..Jaden Hoyt, OL/DL	6-3	270	..So.
75	..George Brown, OL/DL	5-11	210	..Sr.
76	..Justin Reyling, OL/DL	5-11	148	..Sr.
78	..Ben McGriff, OL/DL	6-1	285	..Sr.
80	..Isaiah Nelson, TE/LB	6-2	180	..Sr.
81	..Caleb Johnson, WR/DB	5-11	165	..Jr.
85	..Zach Johnson, WR/DB	6-5	187	..So.
88	..Alec Ponce, WR/DB	5-10	155	..Jr.
89	..Kyle DeHart, WR/K	5-6	130	..Sr.
	Joshua Slover			..So.

Head Coach: David Inness



No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
1	..Ryan Steele, RB/FS	125	...	Sr.
2	..Cody Cropp, QB/FS	6-1	....	Sr.
3	..Christian McCarthy, WR			Jr.
4	..John Voorhees, SB	6-0	....	Jr.
5	..Oliver Harris, RB/FS			Sr.
6	..Frankie Jacquez, WR/CB			Sr.
8	..Remington Vail, RB/LB	5-10	..	Jr.
9	..Gordon Wilson, LB/OL	6-2	....	Sr.
10	..Christian Fetsis, QB/FS	6-0	....	So.
11	..Aaron Tvrdy, RB/WR	6-0	....	Sr.
14	..Jonathan Stanton, QB/RB ..	5-9	....	Fr.
19	..Ben Walker, WR/DE	6-4	....	Sr.
20	..Caden Roters, RB/MLB	5-10	..	Fr.
21	..Edwin Lovett, WR/CB	6-0	....	Jr.
22	..Tamerat McLeod, RB/LB	5-7	....	So.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
25	..Dakota Haynes, RB/LB	5-11	..	So.
26	..Mitch Maas, SB/C			So.
30	..Robert Isquierdo, TE/MLB ..	5-10	..	Jr.
32	..Blake Reilly, TE/DE	6-1	....	So.
40	..Parker Kay, MLB/TE			Fr.
42	..James Raica, MLB/RB	6-1	....	Sr.
45	..Cooper Barghols, C			Sr.
51	..Jayson Cline, G/OLB	5-1	....	Sr.
53	..Grant Alter, T/DE	6-5	....	So.
54	..Max Atkinson, OL/DL	5-9	....	So.
55	..Eric Crooks, G			Sr.
61	..Conner Kleinsasser, T/DT ..	6-1	....	Sr.
62	..Joe Nolan	5-10	..	So.
64	..Tommy Sendek, TE/T			Jr.
67	..Jacob Beach, T/G			Jr.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
68	..Isaiah Davidson, G/DE			So.
71	..Isaac Rohne, T/G	6-1	....	So.
73	..Kyle Bigelow, G/T	5-9	....	Jr.
75	..Kendall Tobin, G/DE	6-3	....	So.
80	..Paul Bertelsen, TE/DE	6-1	....	Jr.
	Casey Way, G/DT			Fr.

Head Coach: Troy Cropp



Anniversary Teams: AIA Honors Champs From 25 and 50 Years Ago

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Every year the Arizona Interscholastic Association reunites the teams that are celebrating their 25th and 50th championship anniversaries. What follows is information on the teams the AIA will honor during halftime of this season's championship games.

McNary 1965 Class 1A champ

The McNary Green Devils defended their 1964 state title with a 31-21 win over Pima in the 1965 championship Class 1A game. The blue collar team was led by second-year starting quarterback David Kitcheyan and the 1965 Class 1A Player of the Year, halfback Earnest Madrid. Five of the players on the teams were drafted and served during the Vietnam War. Earnest Madrid and lineman Johnny Sedillo were killed in action during the Vietnam War.

Santa Cruz Class 2A 1965 champ

The rich football history of Santa Cruz began with the 1965 team, the first of seven teams to win state championships for the program. Santa Cruz also has produced a handful of NFL players, including one of Arizona's all-time greats, Art Malone. In 1965, Malone teamed up with another Arizona high school legend and future Major Leaguer, Paul Ray Powell, to score a combined 54 touchdowns for Santa Cruz.

The halfbacks powered Santa Cruz to an 11-0 record running behind one of 1965's top offensive lines. In charge of the 1965 team was a first-year coach but future Santa Cruz Hall of Famer, Lonnie Foster. Foster was backed by one of the state's top assistant coaches, Glenn Treadaway. The 1965 team played its final game at Sun Devil Stadium, where it defeated Peoria 27-7 in the 3A state title game.

Tucson 1965 Class 5A champ

The 1965 Badgers dominated that season, outscoring their 5A opponents 404-94 in 12 games. The team produced seven all-state players, including former Michigan State tackle Bill Dawson and tailback Lewis Cook. Cook rushed for a then city record 1,624 yards. The Badgers never trailed in a game in 1965 and scored in every quarter except for one. In charge of the team was 10-year coach John Mallamo. Known as Mallamo's Mighty Men, Tucson High capped its 1965 season with a 27-7 win over Yuma in the title game. The championship victory gave Tucson High its first ever football title.

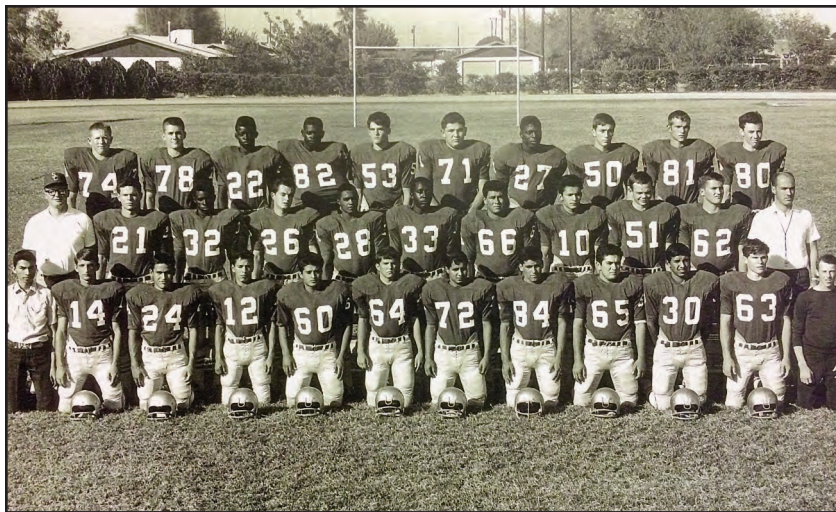
Ray Class 2A 1965 champ

Ray's roster was filled with tough mining-town kids who dominated their division in 1965. The team recorded nine shutouts and gave up only two touchdowns in 11 games. In its regular season, the Bearcats played in the Game of the Year in Class 2A, a showdown with defending state champ Marana, the only team that defeated Ray in 1964. But Ray avenged that loss with a 19-7 win in 1965.

Eight of Rays players went on to earn all-state honors, including quarterback Mark Fluharty and halfback Alfred Mendez, who sparked Ray to a 33-0 victory over Clifton in the 2A state championship game.

Mesa 1990 Class 5A champ

Playing with a team filled with neighborhood kids from Mesa,



The 1965 Eloy Santa Cruz Valley Dust Devils, Class 2A State Champions
(photo courtesy of Santa Cruz Valley HS)

the 1990 Jackrabbits were a united front. But it took a tie against cross-town rival Mountain View and a loss to Marcos de Niza to really bring this team together. After doing a lot of soul searching after the loss to Marcos de Niza, Mesa didn't drop another game and wound up defeating Mountain View in the state semifinals.

But in the championship game, Mesa faced Tucson Amphitheater and one of Arizona's greatest running backs, Mario Bates. Amphitheater had Super Mario, but Mesa had Mighty Mouse, Ricky Mesa.

The 5-foot-6 running back rushed for a game-high 153 yards in Mesa's 21-7 state championship victory. On the sidelines for Mesa was Arizona coaching legend Jim Rattay, who guided Mesa to a 12-1-1 record in 1990 and the school's first state title since 1963.

Sabino 1990 Class 4A champ

The team finished a perfect 14-0 after defeating Peoria 31-28 in an epic Arizona high school championship game. The lead changed seven times in that final, and Sabino trailed Peoria 28-24 with 6:36 remaining.

But Sabino went up for good when quarterback Tom Brown threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to his best friend, Kip Canatsey, with 3:57 remaining in the game. That was Peoria's only loss of that year. The win gave Sabino its first ever state football championship trophy and also helped spark the career of one Arizona's coaching giants, Jeff Scurran.

Santa Cruz Class 2A 1990 champ

After a 10-year title drought, the 1990 Santa Cruz team reclaimed the top spot. Like the great Santa Cruz teams of the past, the 1990 team featured a couple of talented tailbacks in Kevin Butler and his cousin Eddie Cade. Butler rushed for more than 2,000 yards in 1990, and Cade went on to play professionally. A familiar face roamed the sideline for Santa Cruz in 1990. Coach Jay Denton guided the program to the 1978 title and returned to the school in 1989 to restore pride in Santa Cruz football. The 1990 team did just that, capping an undefeated season with a 33-7 victory over Superior in the Class 2A game!

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D-V: Unbeatens Joy Christian, Benson Meet Joy Christian Offense, Benson Defense Matchup to Watch

By Les Willsey
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It doesn't happen often no matter the division, but the 2015 Division V championship game features foes who haven't tasted defeat this season. Top-seed Benson (13-0) and No. 2 Joy Christian (12-0) put their perfect seasons on the line Saturday Nov. 28 with a 2 p.m. kickoff at Chaparral High School.

Benson bids for its first football championship in school history. The Bobcats have reached the title game twice before -- 1994 and 1978 -- finishing runner-up both times. The players on this team weren't born when Benson last appeared, but relish the chance to make history. Benson was eliminated in the first-round of the playoffs last year. Joy Christian hasn't played football long -- seven years -- and has a D-VI title to its credit (2012). The Eagles lost in the D-V quarterfinals last year. This is only the third time in the last 20 years unbeaten teams have met for the D-V/2A championship.

In reaching the D-V final, Benson has been tested a few times. Two came early in the year with a two-score wins over D-IV Pusch Ridge (playing for the D-IV title) and Empire. Six weeks ago Bisbee took Benson to the fourth period in a game Benson won, 20-14. Last week the Bobcats survived a defensive-fest with American Leadership Academy, taking a 14-12 victory.

Benson, under longtime head coach Chris Determan, relied on a rugged defensive effort to reach the final, limiting American Leadership Academy to 12 points despite surrendering more than 400 yards. Six interceptions by the Bobcats helped stem the yardage damage inflicted by ALA. Benson's defense has been outstanding all year, posting six shutouts and giving up no more than 14 points in any game. The Bobcats allow 6.5 points per game. They've produced 31 takeaways, including 22 interceptions -- seven by junior Tyson Coleman.

On offense Benson is a run-first team, but is good enough through the air if need be. The run game is by committee with



Joy Christian coach Brian Cole (photo by Paul Campbell of maxpreps.com)

the leaders juniors Brandon Laird and Keegan Graf. Laird has rushed for 786 yards and seven touchdowns and Graf better than 601 yards and eight scores. Junior Alex Hernandez and senior Brayden Palmer have added 819 yards and 7 TDs. Senior quarterback Nick Hernandez has passed for 1,470 yards and 25 TDs with his top targets Taylor Finch and Coleman (774 yards and 16 TDs combined).

Joy Christian, 52-6 under head coach Brian Cole now in his sixth year, is explosive on offense as its 711 points indicate -- an average of 59 points per game. Joy Christian's season-low is 40 against the No. 4 seed in the playoffs, Round Valley. Round Valley gave Joy Christian its two toughest games -- carbon copies of one another 40-29 and 41-20 wins. No other team has come closer than 40 points of beating the Eagles this season.

Joy Christian has a task in front of it to score as much as they are used to, but make no mistake are capable. Senior quarterback Matt Mitchell was content to focus on his passing skills in the 41-20 semifinal win over Round Valley. Mitchell connected on 14 of 19 passes for 278 yards and 4 TDs. He's also rushed for 830 yards this season, but don't expect that to be part of the plan in this one.

Mitchell has plenty of receivers at his disposal with seniors Dajuan Lawrence and Isaiah Goodspeed the main targets. Lawrence has 47 catches for 1,137 yards and 21 TDs; Goodspeed 49 receptions for 772 yards and 11 TDs. Goodspeed scored twice in the semis and Lawrence once. Running back Tyler Graham (24-285) and Joshua Keith (19-421) can't be neglected.

Joy Christian is comfortable letting junior powerback Graham spearhead the rushing attack. Graham carried 18 times for 124 yards last week. He has 545 yards rushing and 12 TDs for the season. Junior Quadir Talley is the faster back, not the work-horse Graham is and has chipped in with 340 yards and 6 TDs.



(L-R) Clayton Gill, coach Chris Determan, Brandon Laird, Tyson Coleman, Keegan Graff of Benson HS (photo by Jose Garcia of azpreps365.com)



Div. V FB State Championship Bracket

Sat, Nov 7

Sat, Nov 14

Sat, Nov 21

Sat, Nov 28

Hopi (#16)

BHS, 6:00 pm

Benson

Benson (#1)

(56-14)

Tonopah Valley (#9)

Benson HS
6:00 pm

Benson

(49-12)

MHS, 6:00 pm

Miami

Miami (#8)

(35-16)

Santa Cruz Valley (#12)

MVHS, 6:00 pm

Santa Cruz

Monument Valley (#5)

(49-21)

Fountain Hills HS
6:00 pm

Benson

(14-12)

Paradise Honors (#13)

American Leadership
6:00 pm

American L.

(33-29)

ALA, 6:00 pm

American L.

American Leadership (#4)

(50-3)

Morenci (#14)

RVHS, 6:00 pm

Round Valley

Round Valley (#3)

(27-7)

Round Valley HS
6:00 pm

Round Valley

(12-7)

Tempe Prep (#11)

SCA, 6:00 pm

Tempe Prep

Scottsdale Christian (#6)

(42-20)

Chaparral HS
2:00 pm

**State
Champion**

Chinle (#10)

BHS, 6:00 pm

Bisbee

Bisbee (#7)

(36-12)

Joy Christian
6:00 pm

Joy Christian

(74-34)

St. Johns (#15)

NCHS, 6:00 pm

Joy Christian

Joy Christian (#2)

(69-14)

Fountain Hills HS
2:00 pm

Joy Christian

(41-20)



No. Name/Pos.	Yr.	No. Name/Pos.	Yr.	No. Name/Pos.	Yr.
2..Tye Housely, QB/CB	Sr.	50 ..Stetson Thola	So.	Bradley Dunivan	Fr.
3..Bryce Taylor, CB	So.	51 ..Jace Bakken	So.	Brett Huff	Fr.
5..Logan Moncada	Sr.	52 ..Daniel Alvarado	Sr.	Cayden Smith	Fr.
6 ..Dominic Callen	Sr.	54 ..Perrin Maakestaad	Sr.	Chris Kelsey, T	Fr.
7 ..Tyson Coleman, WR/CB	Jr.	55 ..Sonny Opstad	So.	Clea Butler	So.
8 ..Nick Hernandez, QB/RB	Sr.	56 ..Daniel Sisneroz, G	Sr.	Cloard Cluff, OLB	So.
9 ..Nick Judd, CB	So.	59 ..Traveill Williams	Sr.	Davis Saldana	So.
12 ..Lofton Thomas, FB	Sr.	60 ..Clayton Gill	Sr.	Justin Vivian	Fr.
13 ..Logan Floyd, WR/FS	Sr.	67 ..Caden Ayala-Taylor, T	Sr.	Marcus Richards	Fr.
22 ..Keegan Graf, RB/MLB	Jr.	72 ..Jacob Fernandez	Jr.	Robert Valentine	So.
24 ..Austin Barney, FB/MLB	So.	74 ..Harrison Moreno, DT/T	Sr.	Sal Magdelano	Fr.
26 ..Alex Hernandez	Jr.	75 ..Donovan Harris	So.	Tommy Merrill	Fr.
28 ..Frankie Ruiz	Jr.	76 ..Marco Mendez	Jr.	Tristen Lineberger	So.
33 ..Liam Barrett	Jr.	77 ..Kolten Miller	Jr.	Tyler Allen	Fr.
34 ..Brandon Laird, OLB/FB	Jr.	80 ..Kyle Hart, TE	Sr.	Victor Frey	So.
36 ..Brayden Palmer, RB	Sr.	85 ..Cade Curtis	Jr.		
40 ..Kyle Tappan	Sr.	87 ..Taylor Finch, TE/DE	Sr.		
43 ..Seth Jackson	So.	Antonio Agay	So.		
44 ..Jayse Burkett, QB	Fr.	Austin Riesgo	Fr.		

Head Coach: Chris Determan



No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
0	Daniel Zamora, WR/DB	5-8	155	Jr.
1	Brayden Neafus, WR/DB	5-11	165	Jr.
2	Dujuan Lawrence, WR/FS	6-1	199	Sr.
3	Arrick Dowe, WR/DB	5-11	175	Jr.
4	Mark Encinas, WR/DB	5-9	150	Jr.
5	Dontae Gilbert, RB/DL	5-9	225	Jr.
6	Cruz Esquivel, RB/LB	5-9	175	Jr.
7	Sergio Piedra, WR/DB	5-8	170	Jr.
8	Jon Cervantes, OL/DL	5-10	175	So.
9	Riley Renner, WR/OLB	6-3	190	Sr.
10	Garrett Renner, QB/DB	6-1	180	Jr.
13	Mason Rhynard, WR/DB	5-10	170	Jr.
15	Hunter Cole, QB/DB	6-0	190	Jr.
16	Matt Mitchell, QB/CB	5-10	185	Sr.
18	Austin Booker, K	5-8	160	Sr.
20	Andrew Dowe, RB/CB	5-10	170	Sr.
21	Joseph Reichenberger, B	5-8	150	Jr.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
22	Simmon Torrez, RB/DB	5-10	150	Jr.
23	Ramon Castro, RB/DB	5-9	160	Jr.
25	Quadir Talley, RB/DB	5-10	195	Jr.
30	Cole Blohm, WR/LB	5-10	165	Jr.
33	Colt Sands, RB/LB	5-9	185	Jr.
34	Brady Garrett, OLB	5-9	185	Sr.
35	Tommy Long, WR/DB	6-0	180	Jr.
40	Jonathan Herrera, RB/LB	5-10	215	Jr.
44	Tyler Graham, RB/LB	5-10	215	Jr.
50	Armando Aguilar, LB/OL	5-10	200	Jr.
51	Nikolai Wahlers, G/OLB	5-11	240	Sr.
52	Cristian Wakamatzu, OL	5-10	185	Jr.
53	Joey Morin, MLB/LS	6-0	200	Sr.
55	Cole Luster, OL/LB	5-11	205	Jr.
58	Ramon Santos, RB/CB	5-10	190	Jr.
63	Joseph Kellog, OL/DL	5-10	175	Jr.
65	Brian Riley, OL/LB	5-9	165	Jr.

No.	Name/Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
66	Tito Figueroa, OL/LB	5-10	230	Jr.
70	Chris White, T/DT	6-3	240	Sr.
71	Boston Schwesinger, OL	5-11	190	So.
75	Omar Navarro, OL/DL	6-0	195	Jr.
77	Robert Salazar, OL/DL	6-2	190	Jr.
80	Isaiah Goodspeed, WR	6-2	195	Sr.
81	Joshua Keith, WR/OLB	6-1	190	Jr.
85	Kole Ebert, WR/DL	6-4	175	Jr.
	Tom Mitchell			

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