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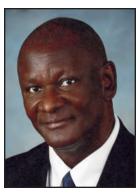
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While attending this championship, we hope that it is an enjoyable experience for all. The lessons learned regarding sportsmanship and fair play are elevated here. Athletics are an extension of the classroom, which is why we accentuate

the "student" in student-athlete. State championships are just a springboard to the success these student-athletes will achieve when the competition is over. In the process of deriving enjoyment from participation in athletics, our student-athletes are learning lifelong skills that will help them develop into healthy adults and productive citizens. National research continues to validate that students involved in extracurricular activities attend more days of school, perform better in the classroom and have less behavioral issues. This also includes lower dropout, alcohol and drug abuse rates as compared to those who do not participate. The benefits of participation are extensive.

The AIA began in 1913 and has grown by leaps and bounds over the years. Along with the Executive Board, the AIA vigorously defends and promotes the positive developments of athletics, creates a culture that fosters self-governance and ethical behavior, and teaches, enforces, advocates and models the principles of the Arizona Accord and "Pursuing Victory With Honor." Today, nearly 125,000 student-athletes statewide benefit from the leadership of our Board, administrators and hard-working coaches on an annual basis.

As you enjoy all the championship contests, please show respect to those around you. Displays of good sportsmanship will place you in high regard along with your school and your community, and remind us all that, sports are meant to be fun and enjoyed by not only those participating, but those in attendance. The AIA hopes this championship, as well as any others you may attend, achieves the level of excellence our student-athletes deserve. Remember that these are "our students, our teams ... our future."

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20 Coolidge 21 Douglas Duncan El Capitan

96 East Fork Lutheran 24 Florence

25 Fort Thomas 26 Fredonia Ganado 27 29 Globe

30 Grand Canyon Greyhills Academy

32 Hayden 33 Holbrook

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34 Hopi 35 Joseph City 36 Kingman

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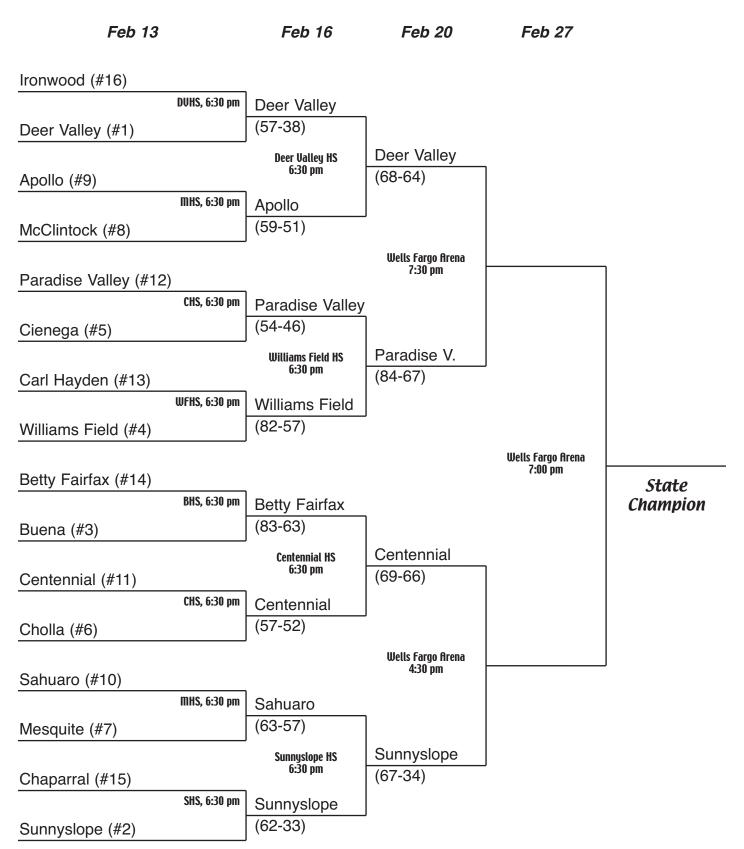
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Centennial Coyotes



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
2Kyle Shough, G	5-11	Sr.
4Luke Shough, G	6-0	So
5Dallin Dutry, F	6-4	Jr.
10Koby Jones, F/G		
12Alex Leiva, G	5-9	Jr.
13Payton Nelson, G		
20Malcolm Daniels, G/F	6-1	So
21Jaylen Currie, G/F	6-1	Sr.
23Trent Washington, F		
24Jojo Rincon, G	5-9	So
33Nifi Martinez, G		
34Caden Cox, C/F		
42Spencer Olson, F		
44David Teibo. F/C		

Deer Valley Skyhawks

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1Ari Danzy, G	5-10	Sr.
2Noah Medrano, G	5-10	Sr.
3Deven Breckner, G	5-11	Sr.
4Johny Diaz, G	5-7	Jr.
5Keyvaughn Williams, G	5-10	Sr.
10Jaret Allen, F	6-4	Jr.
11Ethan Cashion, F	6-3	Jr.
24Bryce Davis, F	6-6	Sr.
33Dez Melton, C	6-4	Jr.
34Jalen Allen, G	6-4	Jr.
35Brandon Savage, F	6-5	Jr.
Walter Piotrowski, G		





5A Boys Bkb State Semifinalists

Paradise Valley Trojans



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr
1Jordan Morris, G	6-2	Sr.
2Kendyl Watson, F	6-6	So
5Devon Seifer, G	5-10	So
10Nathan Perry, G	5-10	Jr.
11Tashon Brown, G		
12Mycole Rodriguez, G/F	6-1	Sr
15Anthony Giliberto, F		
20Trent Miller, G		
22Jordan Hope, G	6-2	So
24Joe Velasquez, F		
30Cole Murphy, G		
32Cooper Lennon, F		
34Legan Gallaga, F		
40 Bric Hudnutt F		

Sunnyslope Vikings

No. Player	Ht.	Yr.
1Bryson MeWhinney	6-1	Sr.
2Abayev Allan	5-11	Sr.
3Kolten Klein		Sr.
4Andrew Greb	6-0	Sr.
5Terrence Gilder	6-0	Sr.
11Zach Paloma	5-11	Jr.
12Jaran Whitfield	5-11	Sr.
13Chance Garland	6-3	So
14Ivan Palomar	6-3	Jr.
15Michael Nilsen		
21Paul Hayden	6-3	So
22Chris Orozco		
23Micah Spellman		Sr.
24Kyle Fischer	6-4	Sr.



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5A Boys & Girls Basketball Preview

By Andy Morales azpreps365.com

The 5A semifinal round is upon us so let's take a look at the matchups for the boy's and the girl's starting with the top-seeded Deer Valley (26-2) Skyhawks on the top side of the boy's bracket.

The Skyhawks had one setback to a team from Arizona this year and that was a 54-30 loss at home to No. 2 Sunnyslope way back on Dec. 18., three weeks after beating the Vikings 55-52 in the championship game of the Sunnyslope Hoopsgiving Tournament. The Skyhawks were limited to ten points in the first half of that loss and, if both teams can get past their respective semifinal opponents, we might have a rubber-match in the state final.

Deer Valley will take on No. 12 Paradise Valley (22-6) in one semifinal game and Sunnyslope will face No. 11 Centennial (17-13) in the bottom half.

"I have four seniors and three of them started as freshmen and the other senior started as a sophomore, so we have a lot of experience at all the positions," explained Deer Valley head coach Jed Dunn.

The Skyhawk offense has revolved around 6-foot-6 forward Bryce Davis with Ari Danzy, Bruckner and Keyvaughn Williams handling the ball on the outside. Davis has scored over 1,500 career points for the Skyhawks.

Deer Valley made the playoffs six of the ten years Dunn has been in charge, but the Skyhawks were stunned by a 65-61 loss to Maricopa in the 5A Play-In Tournament last year while Sunnyslope went on to win the championship over Apollo, 58-57 in double overtime

That lesson should be on the minds of the Skyhawks against Paradise Valley. The Trojans are on a four-game win streak that includes taking out No. 5 Cienega 54-46 in the first round and No. 4 Williams Field 84-67 in the quarterfinal round. One could say the Trojans are the Cinderella team of the 5A bracket but then there's Centennial.

The Coyotes have won three in a row to set up an improbable match with Deer Valley including a 57-52 win over No. 6 Cholla and a 69-66 win over No. 14 Fairfax in the quarterfinals. Fairfax eliminated No. 2 Buena in big fashion, 83-63, in the opening round.

Ray Portela is in his eighth year with the Vikings and he is trying to reach his third championship game in a row. Mesa beat Sunnyslope 51-48 in the 2016 Division I championship in 2016 and the Vikings won in all last year as we mentioned.

Portela calls guard Jaran Whitfield the "spark-plug" of his team and he lists post players Kyle Fischer and Chris Orozco as two of his top players along with guards Allan Abayev and Bryson MeWhinney.

When asked why his team has been so special this year Portela simply said, "We have done a good job."

On the girl's side, things have almost played out according to seed with No. 1 Chaparral (25-5), No. 2 Mesquite (26-3) and No. 3 Sahuaro (26-2) making the semifinal round with No. 5 Arcadia (26-3) filling in the final spot.

Arcadia beat No. 4 Centennial 66-32 in the quarterfinal round to crash the party. The Titans will be rewarded with a match against Chaparral. The Titans feature University of Arizona commit Bryce Nixon (18.9 points a game). Nixon joined the 2,000 career-point club this year and she poured in 26 points to help beat Centennial.

Brian Porth is in his seventh year at Chaparral and he guided the Firebirds to the semifinals last year where eventual state champions Mesquite came out on top 72-49.

"We try to play aggressively offensively and defensively to control the pace of the game and create as many good opportunities for our teammates as possible," Porth said. "The girls take pride in sharing the ball and trying to find great shots for someone else. They play through adversity while incorporating two new underclassmen starters (Anna Ostlie and Jess Finney) after losing five seniors from last year's semifinals team."

Cal Poly commit Maddie Vick leads the team with 16 points a game and Sacramento State commit Summer Menke is scoring 15 points a game for Chaparral. The Firebirds have beaten Arcadia twice this year but the victory over the Titans on Feb. 6 was slim at 54-53

Mesquite took the 5A state championship last year, one year after finishing runner-up to Hamilton in the Division I title game in 2016

The Wildcats are led by Santa Cara commit Lindsey VanAllen and BYU commit Shaylee Gonzales. The two standouts have broken into the exclusive 2,000-point club with Shaylee joining the uber-exclusive list of top ten scorers in the history of Arizona with over 2,300 career points.

Shaylee's mother, and Mesquite head coach, Candice Gonzales led Gilbert to back-to-back state championships in 1991 and 1992 under the direction of legendary head coach Miner Webster.

The Titans need to get past Sahuaro and freshman Alyssa Brown first.

We have terrific team chemistry and a nice group of seniors and underclassman that contribute," Cougar head coach Steve Botkin said. "Our leading scorer is a freshman post player (Alyssa Brown) and our starting point guard is a senior who has started for four years (Carina Mendoza). I feel like our strength of schedule has been one of the strongest in the state and has forced us to play tough teams night in and night out, which should help us going forward."

Brown scored 30 points and pulled down 15 rebounds to help Sahuaro get past No. 11 Cienega 63-58 in the quarterfinal round. The Cougars have been to the state playoffs 31 years in a row with two state championships.



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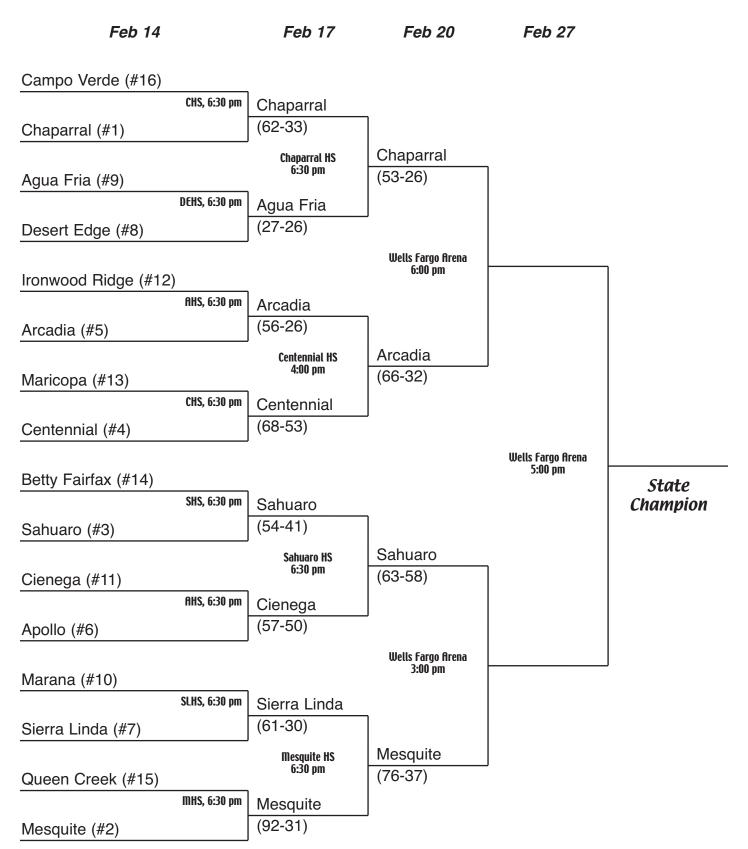
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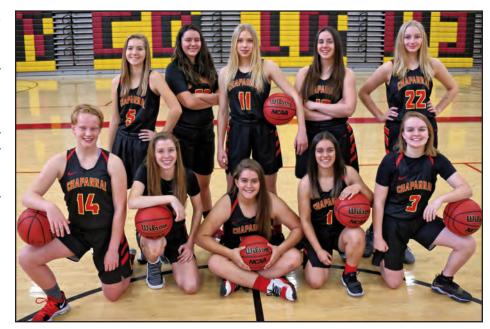
Arcadia Titans



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr
4Taylor Houser, W	5-10	Sr.
10Dylan Watkiss, G	5-7	Sr.
11Jade DuBois, G	5-3	Sr.
14Rachael Schulman, G		
20Katie Campbell, W	5-7	Jr.
22Cassidy Campbell, G		
24Bryce Nixon, G	5-10	Sr.
30Sierra Montez, G		
32Celese Villaverde, P		
34Jade Smith, P		
40 Lauren Dib D		

Chaparral Firebirds

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1Ariana Banuelos, G	Jr.
3Kaylei Krejci, G	Sr.
5Rhyane Caspers, G	So.
10Jess Finney, G	Fr.
11Summer Menke, G	Sr.
13Maddie Vick, G	Sr.
14Anna Ostlie, G	So.
21Emily Smith, F	So.
23Serena Porambo, F	Sr.
30Brenna Doyle, G	Sr.
32Natalia Williams, F	So.





5A Girls Bkb State Semifinalists

Mesquite Wildcats



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr
1Shaylee Gonzales, G	5-10	Sr.
2Natalie Weber, G		
10Alaya Fitzgerald	5-7	Fr.
11Maggie Herberger, G		
12Zyan Smith, G/F		
13Olivia Champion		
14LonNae Johnson, G		
21Emma Besirevic	5-3	Fr.
23Lindsey VanAllen, G		
24Gabriela Solis, G		
25 Hailey Walker G		

Sahuaro Cougars

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
10Alyssa Franke, G	5-5	Fr.
12Serena Lewis, G	5-4	Sr.
14Hayli Kubly, G	5-2	So.
20Katelyn Kubly, F	5-5	Sr.
22Kiyla Mattice, F		
24Alyssa Botkin, F	5-6	Jr.
30Carina Mendoza, G	5-5	Sr.
32Shayla McCraney, F	5-10	Sr.
34Lourdes Heslep, G	5-8	Jr.
40Milaya Leon, G	5-2	So.
42Isabelle Doyle, C	6-2	Sr.
44Alyssa Brown, F	6-0	Fr.
50Kena Byrd-Jackson, F	5-6	Sr.
52Laura Mejia, F	5-7	Jr.
54Nikita Sampson, C		





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Year	Winning Team	Head Coach	Runnerup Team	Head Coach	Score
2017	Phoenix NFL Yet (29-2)	Humberto Ramirez	Gregory School (29-2)	AJ Albritton	75-50
			CONFERENCE		
2017	Gilbert Christian (25-5)		Whitervier Alchesay (34-3)	Kyle Goklish	66-51
		3Δ	CONFERENCE		
2017	Fountain Hills (23-6)		Winslow (25-10)	Scott Corum	55-48
		40	CONFERENCE		
2017	Phoenix Shadow Mountain (27-0)		Tucson Salpointe Catholic (21-10)	Brian Holstrom	81-48
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2017	Phoenix Curryalona (26.4)		CONFERENCEGlendale Apollo (26-4)	looch Marin	(2 OT) 50 57
2017	Piloellix Sullilyslope (26-4)			Jacod Mariii	(2 01) 36-57
		6 A	CONFERENCE		
2017	Chandler Basha (30-1)	Mike Grothaus	Tempe Corona del Sol (26-4)	Neil MacDonald	75-65
			DIVISION V		
2016	San Carlos (28-4)	Terry Antonio	Bisbee (26-7)	xxxxxx	(OT) 57-53
			DIVISION IV		
2016		Ricky Barnes	Phoenix Country Day (25-6)		
2015			Scottsdale Prep (27-4)		
2014			Scottsdale Prep		
2012			Phoenix Arizona Lutheran (21-6)		
2012					
2010	0 " 1 1 0 1 1 " (00 4)		DIVISION III	B: 1 0 1 ·	40.05
2016 2015					
			Phoenix Cortez (25-4)		
			Chandler Valley Christian (23-10)		
2012	Gilbert Christian (27-4)	Jerome Joseph	Thatcher (30-4)	Chris Cook	62-42
			DIVISION II		
2016	Phoenix Shadow Mountain (27-5)	Mike Bibby Sr	Avondale Agua Fria (28-3)	Randy Lavender	86-55
2015	Gilbert Christian (25-6)	Kurt Keener	Scottsdale Arcadia (22-10)	Stephen Danford	(OT) 55-52
			Flagstaff (27-4)		
			Tucson Salpointe Catholic (23-11) Tucson Amphitheather (30-4)		
2012	Peona (27-3)	Mike Serwa		bell nurley	50-46
			DIVISION I		
2016	Mesa (27-4)	Shane Burcar	Phoenix Sunnyslope (25-5)	Ray Portela	51-48
			Phoenix Pinnacle (23-10)		
			Phoenix Pinnacle (26-7)		
2012	Tempe Corona del Sol (32-1)	Sam Duane Jr	Laveen Cesar Chavez (27-6)	Gary Lee	66-53
		1Δ	CONFERENCE		
2011	Orme (25-0)		Gilbert Christian (28-4)	Jim White	68-56
2010			Phoenix Valley Lutheran (29-6)		
			Elfrida Valley Union (19-9)		
			Duncan (24-7)		
2007	•		Phoenix Valley Lutheran (29-7)		
	• • • •		Orme (27-2)	•	
2004		•	Joseph City (22-11)	•	
2003			Fredonia (16-9)	•	
			St. Michael (29-9)		
			St. David (18-10)		
			Seligman (23-5)Orme (22-12)		
			Tucson St. Gregory (22-14)		
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			Thatcher (28-3)		
			Thatcher	•	
		•	Thatcher (23-9)	•	
2007	Chandler Valley Christian (34-1)	Greg Haagsma	Tucson Desert Christian (25-10)	Dennis O'Reilly	63-38



Recent Boys State Championship Results

		2A CON	IFERENCE (cont)		
Year	Winning Team	Head Coach	Runnerup Team	Head Coach	Score
2006	•		Arizona Lutheran (28-5)	• •	
2005 2004			Arizona Lutheran		
2003			Thatcher (25-8)		
2002	•		Scottsdale Christian (27-8)		
2001			Thatcher (25-5)		
2000	Scottsdale Christian (27-7)	Bob Fredericks	Tucson Desert Christian (27-7)	Chris Walter	46-41
1999			Keams Canyon Hopi (19-14)		
1998	Superior (27-0)	James Acton	Phoenix Christian (24-7)	Steve Drake	55-50
		3A C	ONFERENCE		
2011	Holbrook	Raul Mendoza	Fountain Hills	Matt Johnson	49-43
2010	•	•	Springerville Round Valley (27-8)		
2009			Chinle (25-6)		
	•	•	Payson (24-7)		
			Payson (23-9)		
			Tuba City Greyhills (17-14)		
2003			Chandler Seton Catholic (28-5)		
2004			Monument Valley (23-9)		
2002			Globe (26-7)		
			Coolidge (30-2)		
2000	Tuba City (28-4)	Charles Gover	Winslow (26-6)	Danny Gonzalez	65-62
			Benson (26-3)		
1998	Coolidge (25-8)	Dave Glasgow	Whiteriver Alchesay (23-7)	Paul Mendoza	56-53
			ONFERENCE		
2011 4A-1	Nogales (25-5)	Ricardo De La Riva	Scottsdale Saguaro (23-9)	Bob LaRue	57-44
			Tempe (22-10)		
			Phoenix Sunnyslope (26-4)		
		•	Tucson Amphitheater (29-3)	-	
			Avondale Agua Fria (20-6)		
			Tucson Santa Rita (21-9)Avondale Agua Fria (25-4)		
2008 4A-1 2008 4A-2			Tucson Santa Rita (28-4)		
2006 4A-2 2007 4A-1.			Tucson Ironwood Ridge (24-9)		
			Tucson Santa Rita (22-10)		
2006 4A-1.	• • •		Tucson Rincon (23-8)	ū	
2006 4A-2			Page (18-12)		
2005	Glendale Apollo (28-5)	Mark Nold	Tucson Santa Rita (25-8)	Jim Feguson	60-48
2004			Tempe McClintock (26-4)		
2003			Scottsdale Saguaro (25-6)		
2002			Page (29-2)		
			Sunnyslope (25-6)		
			Tucson Palo Verde (22-13)Phoenix Thunderbird (27-6)		
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1990	Moon valley (27-3)			noward mueller	34-52
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			Phoenix Brophy Prep (21-8)		
			Scottsdale Chaparral (18-10)		
			Gilbert Highland (29-4)		
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•	Tucson Ironwood Ridge (27-5)		
			Phoenix St. Mary's (21-11)		
2008 5A-2	Tucson Ironwood Ridge (27-6)	Brian Peabody	Tempe Marcos de Niza (15-17)	Dave Stark	61-51
			Phoenix St. Mary's (19-13)		
			Paradise Valley (21-12)		
			Tempe Corona del Sol (28-2)		
			Glendale Deer Valley (27-4)		
			Phoenix St. Mary's (25-7)		
			Tempe Desert Vista (20-13)		
2003			Tempe Desert Vista (28-5) 		
	•		Phoenix Brophy Prep (24-8)		
			Gilbert Highland (22-9)		
			Tucson Salpointe (30-4)		
		-	Phoenix Carl Hayden (24-7)	-	
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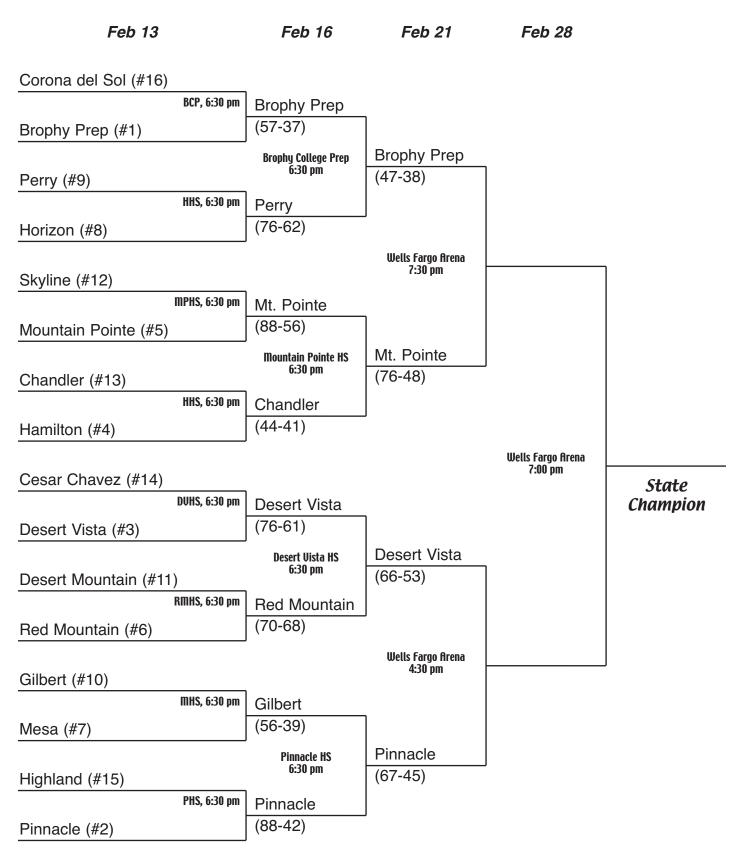
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6A Boys Bkb Championship Bracket





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Brophy Prep Broncos



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yı
0Xavier Juniel, G	6-3	Sr
1Sammy Cibulka, G	5-8	Jr.
2Ian Burke, G	6-5	Sr
3Ryan Giburne, G	5-11	Jr.
4Basil Ribakare, C	6-5	Sc
5Alec Owen, F		
10Brody Popham, G/F		
11Jaden Cons, G		
12Ethan Smith, G	6-0	Jr.
20Marques White, G	6-3	Jr.
21Ben Paul, G/F	6-3	Sr
22Colin Besh, F		
23Jaxson Baker, F		
32Dalton Hogan, F/C		
33 Christian Kirkland C		

Desert Vista Thunder

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
2Tyrek Chambers, G	6-3	Jr.
3Alijah Gammage, G	6-0	Sr.
4EJ Jackson, G	5-9	Jr.
5Jackson Risi, G	6-0	So.
10Ryland McGuigan, G	6-2	Jr.
11Christian Anigwe, C	6-8	Sr.
12Mason Habertson, F	6-3	Jr.
20Isiah (Sterling) Wilson, G	6-2	Jr.
21Wesley Harris, F	6-6	Sr.
23Jaden Rollins, F	6-7	Sr.
24Osasere Ighodaro, F	6-7	So.
32Jared Kincade, F	6-3	Jr.





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Mountain Pointe Pride



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
0John Norsworthy, G	6-1	Sr.
00DeAndre Henry, F	6-7	So.
2Khalid Price, G	5-9	Jr.
3Amarion Cash, G	6-4	Sr.
4Rashaan Toombs, T	6-2	Jr.
5Terrance Hunter, G	6-1	Sr.
10Noah Simmons, G	6-3	Fr.
11Selah Thomas, G	6-3	Sr.
13Kurt Duecker, G	6-1	Jr.
15Jonah LaBranche, F/G	6-6	Jr.
23Ryan Pate, F	6-5	Sr.
34Jalen Graham, F		
35Nate Ward, F		
TI Tioler G		

Pinnacle Pioneers

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1Nico Mannion, G	6-2	So
2Spencer Rattler, G	6-2	Jr.
3Marcus Libman, G	6-0	So
4Keegan Schenk, F	6-2	Jr.
12Alex Fisher, G	6-0	Sr.
13Dylan Elsasser, G	5-10	Jr.
14Tosh Baker, F	6-9	So
22Jordan Mains, G	6-6	Jr.
23Nick Voth, G	5-11	Sr.
24Trent Brown, G	6-1	Jr.
25Mason Johnson, F	6-7	Sr.
34Colby Howard, F	6-5	Jr.
44Robert Hurst, F/C		
51Calvin Schapira, F	6-5	Sr.
	6-8	Jr.









6A Boys & Girls Basketball Preview

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There were some upsets in play-in games and the first round of the 6A boys and girls state basketball tournaments, but that wasn't the case in the quarterfinal rounds last weekend.

In the boys quarterfinals, #1 Brophy Prep had a tougher time than the other three, but subdued Perry, 47-38. #2 Pinnacle, #3 Desert Vista and #5 Mountain Pointe took care of Gilbert, Red Mountain and Chandler, respectively, with little fanfare and double-digit margins ranging from 13 to 32 points.

Two of the girls quarters carried some drama. #3 Gilbert outfree-throwed Hamilton down the stretch for a four-point victory and #2 Vallley Vista was eight points better than Pinnacle. Top-seed Millennium trounced Tucson High and #5 Xavier Prep dominated Mountain Pointe.

A little title-game history about the final fours and a glance at each of the matchups for Wednesday Feb. 21 at Wells Fargo Arena:

BOYS SEMIFINALISTS CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY -- Three of the four schools in the boys semifinals have never hung a hoops championship banner -- Brophy, Pinnacle and Mountain Pointe. Brophy has finished runner-up three times (1986, 2001 and 2011). Pinnacle has appeared in a final twice in 2013 and 2014. The Pioneers lost to Corona del Sol in tight games each time. Mountain Pointe has never played in a title game. Desert Vista has won one title (2008) and finished runner-up three times (2003, 2004 and 2015).

6A SEMIS MATCHUPS: #5 Mountain Pointe (25-3) vs. #1 Brophy Prep (26-1): The Pride and Broncos met back on Nov. 28 and Brophy pulled out one of its many narrow triumphs, 62-61. Brophy has won nine games by five points or less and three of them in overtime. Both teams were still evaluating back in November so there have been changes and tweaks here or there. Mountain Pointe has outstanding guard play among junior Khalid Price, senior Amarion Cash and senior Ryan Pate. All three are fine perimeter shooters with Price and Pate hitting a tick under 50 percent from behind the arc. Inside its junior Jalen Graham (11 points per game, and 9 rebounds per game) and sophomore DeAndre Henry (7 ppg and 7 rpg). Mountain Pointe is deep and not afraid to substitute freely in coach Duane Eason's up-tempo style. The Pride average 67 points a game. Brophy has evolved quickly this season into a team that thrives on defense, much to the delight of coach Matt Hooten. The Broncos have allowed 48 points per game (38 in two playoff games). Only a handful of teams have reached the 60s. They don't doesn't have the size of Graham or bulk of Henry, but plenty of reach from the long limbs of Jaxson Baker, Ian Burke and Basil Ribakare. Burke and Baker can be streaky from the perimeter. Marques White, Colin Besch, Ben Paul and Xavier Juniel supply tough, physical defense.

#3 Desert Vista (25-4) vs. #2 Pinnacle (21-7): These are the highest-scoring teams among the semifinalists. Pinnalce averages 70 points a game and Desert Vista 69. Pinnacle was pretty much the consensus preseason pick as the top team and favorite to win state. The Pioneers started slowly with injuries to sophomore Nico Mannion and senior Trent Baker, but has been full strength since early January. Since the 2018 portion of the schedule began, Pinnacle is 11-1 and has won 13 of its last 14. Mannion averages 23 points a game and six assists and three teammates also average in double figures -- Spencer Rattler (13), Jordan Mains (12) and Mason Johnson (11). The Pioneers have all the ingredients to win the title and would love to be the first boys squad in school history to win a title. They've suffered gut-wrenching defeats in the finals twice. Desert Vista is led by junior newcomer Tyrek Chambers, a move-in from New York and the 6A Central Region player of the year. The Thunder already had ability in hand before Chambers' arrival with senior forward Wesley Harris, senior post Christian Anigwe and senior guard Alijah Gammage. Their size inside can be intimidating and four starters are averaging in double figures in the playoffs. For the season top scorer is Chambers (17.0), followed by Harris (16.9) and Anigwe (10.7).

GIRLS SEMIFINALISTS CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY -- Two of the final four have won championships with Gilbert High, the oldest school of the four, owning the most (four). The Tigers won in 1984, 1986, 1991 and 1992. They were runner-up in 1979. Valley Vista, open just a decade, won its first title last year and was runner-up in 2016 to Hamilton. Millennium and Xavier Prep have not won a championship. Millennium was runner-up in 2015 to Dobson and last year to Valley Vista. Xavier Prep has played in two finals -- 1977 and 1986.

6A SEMIS MATCHUPS: #1 Millennium (24-6) vs. #5 Xavier Prep (25-5): Millennium returned plenty of experienced players from last year's finals loss to Valley Vista and it's been evident. The Tigers have only on loss of their six to an Arizona school (Valley Vista). Coach Cory Rojeck is completing his ninth season and the team has made postseason eight years in a row - seven with 20-win seasons. Junior Dominique Phillips is averaging 17 points and 8 rebounds a game with scoring ability inside and outside. Sophomore post Ali Zelaya missed half the season, but has produced 12 ppg and 7 rpg in her return. Versatile from her position. Another post who excels on defense is junior Alaina Diggs, She checks in averaging 8 ppg and 10 rpg. Sophomore point guard Jasmine Singleton is a shutdown defender night in and night out. Senior shooting guard Tyonna Singleton chips in with 9 ppg. Xavier showed promise last year as the No. 7 seed, but was knocked out n the first round at state. Coach Jennifer Gillom has returned for a second stint as head mentor and has the Gator faithful revved up with this title run. Gillom has instilled a team concept the players have bought into and its paid dividends. They are led by junior point guard Leilani McIntosh, who averaged 11 ppg, 5 assists and six steals. McIntosh is the consummate point guard. Senior power forward Montana Oltrogge has the ability to spread the floor and is a strong rebounder and post defender. She leads Xavier in scoring -18 ppg, 6 rpg. Senior center Kate Hassett good offensively inside and a shot blocker. She averaged 10 ppg and 5 rpg. Oltrogge and Hassett were bothered by injuries late in the season with Oltrogge missing a handful of games. Both made their presence felt on the floor in the semifinals.

#3 Gilbert (26-3) vs. #2 Valley Vista (23-6): Gilbert made a name for itself in December winning the second-tier bracket of the Nike Tournament of Champions. The Tigers have equaled last year's finish with a second consecutive semifinal appearance and third playoff campaign in succession after a lengthy drought. The catalysts are 5-foot-6 junior twin sisters Haley and Hanna Cavinder, who average 23 ppg and 22 ppg, respectively. Both sisters have eclisped the 1,500-point mark in their careers so far. Haley also fills the stat sheet with 9 rpg and 7 apg and Hanna checks in with 6 apg. New Mexico transfer Brynn Wade has been a welcome addition in the post averaging almost 10 ppg and 12 rpg. She has blocked 100 shots this season. Senior Stacy Hock is in her fourth varsity season and averages 7 ppg. Gilbert lost in November to Valley Vista (61-42) and to defending 5A champion Mesquite. Gilbert has a 71-17 record in three seasons under coach Kyle Pederson. Valley Vista lost more players to graduation than any of the other semifinalists, but coach Rachel Matakas has watched her team stay in the thick of the chase for a repeat. Three key players return led by four-year starting guard Taylor Chavez, who is headed to Oregion State in the fall. She can play each guard spot and can score from anywhere. Chavez is averaging 24 ppg, 5 apg and 6 spg. Matakas believes she has the top defensive guard in the state in Rysha Banner. She is guick, athletic and can pop the net from 3-point land. Banner averageds 14 ppg. Senior wing Clarissa Rodarte is strong and physical and a good mid-range jump shooter. Valley Vista is averaging 20 wins a season. Matakas opened the program in 2008 and is concluding her 11th season. Valley Vista's only losses to Arizona teams this year are to defending 4A champ Seton Catholic, 5A Mesquite and Millennium.

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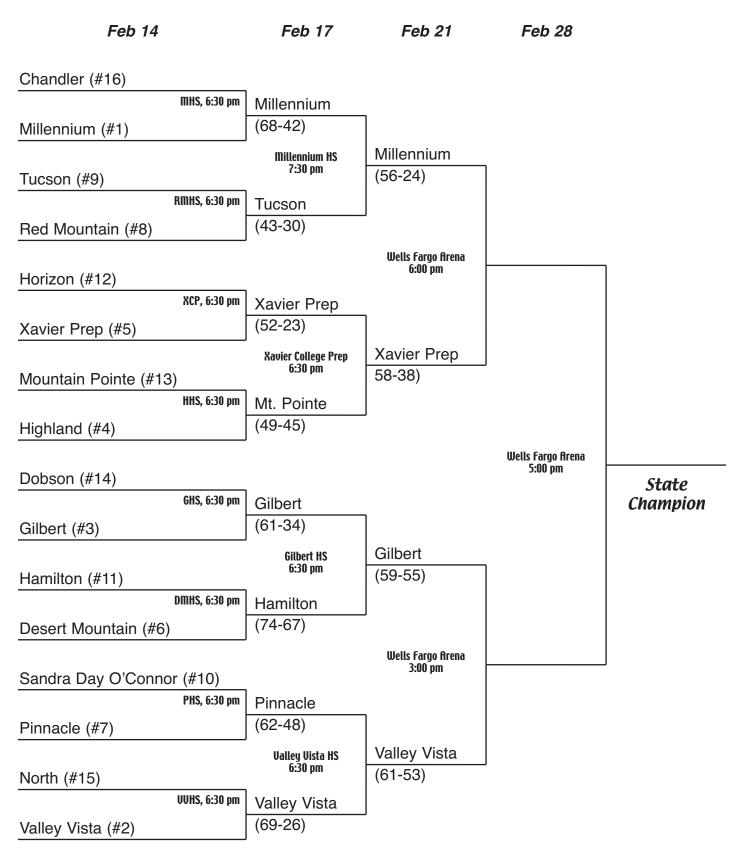
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Gilbert Tigers



No. Player	Yr
0Hanna Cavinder	Jr.
1Haley Cavinder	
2AJ Johnson	So
3Stacy Hock	Sr.
5Mikayla Isaacson	So
11Leah Millman	So
12Brynn Wade	Jr.
14Kori Jackson	So
21Lyric Reed	Jr.
23Olivia Renteria	Fr.
24Symone Humphrey	Jr.
30Genevieve Taylor	
42Audri Hagedorn	
44 Montana Soto	

Millennium Tigers

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
0Shyann Heredia, G	5-5	Jr.
1Amoret Maxwell, G	5-9	Fr.
2Jasmine Singleton, G	5-6	So.
3Ali Zelaya, W/F	6-4	So.
10Mya Herrera, G	5-1	So.
12Nicole Statler, G/F	5-7	Sr.
13Nova Scott, G	5-7	Sr.
20Camryn Lizarraga, G	5-7	So.
22Tyonna Singleton, G	5-8	Sr.
24Dominique Phillips, G/W	6-0	Jr.
32Kylie Grant, G	5-6	So.
42Alaina Diggs, F/C	6-1	Jr.





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Valley Vista Monsoon



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1Tiana Brown, W	5-6	Sr.
2Terrysha Banner, G	5-5	Sr.
3Taylor Chavez, G	5-10	Sr.
4Serrena Gonzales, G/W	5-5	So.
5Clarissa Rodarte, W/F	5-9	Sr.
10Alanis Delgado, G	5-5	Fr.
11Rose Cullop, G/W		
12Sophie Martinez, W/G		
24Elise Horbaczewski		
30Kena Kilpatrick, F/W	5-8	Jr.
32Marisa Davis, F/W		
35Mikluv Kamllev, G/W		

Xavier Prep Gators

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1Bianca Nava, G	5-10	Jr.
3Mary Long, F/C	5-11	Sr.
4Payton Davis, G	5-9	Sr.
10Elyssia Fleetwood, G	5-11	So
11Katie Hassett, C	6-2	Sr.
12Addy Putnam, G	5-10	Jr.
13Montana Oltrogge, F		
22Isabel Wirth, F	5-11	Sr.
23Victoria Saucedo		Fr.
24Lisset Salcedo, G	5-6	Jr.
30Leilani McIntosh, G	5-6	Jr.
31Paris Moore, G	5-11	Jr.
33Truly Helton, F	5-8	Jr.
42Cara Hoffman, F		
44 Mackenzie Coder		

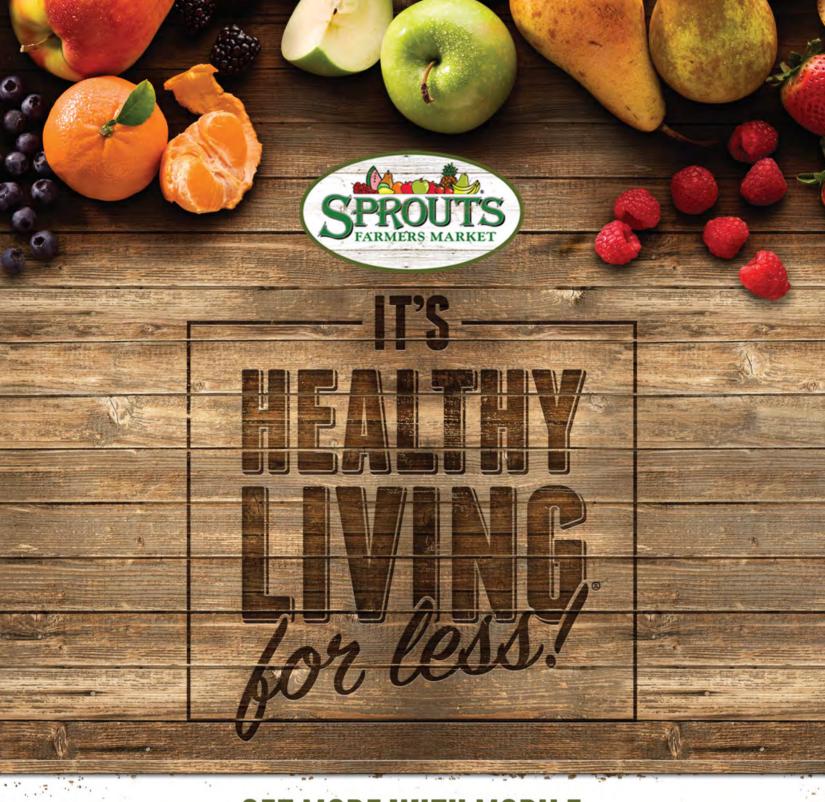


Year 2017	Winning Team St. Michael (20-4)	Head Coach	CONFERENCE Runnerup TeamRock Point (19-7)	Head Coach	Score 57-35
		24	CONFERENCE		
2017	Sanders Valley (31-2)		Gilbert Leading Edge (30-3)	Erik Gray	70-39
		3Δ	CONFERENCE		
2017	Chandler Valley Christian (26-3)		Page (26-4)	Ryan Whitehorse	41-40
		44	CONFERENCE		
2017	Chandler Seton Catholic (29-3)		Cave Creek Cactus Shadows (26-5)	Richie Willis	61-27
		5Δ	CONFERENCE		
2017	Gilbert Mesquite (31-1)		Phoenix Sierra Linda (27-3)	Desirae Carranza	59-38
		64	CONFERENCE		
2017	Surprise Valley Vista (23-6)		Goodyear Millennium (24-8)	Courtland Rojeck	44-36
			DIVISION V		
2016	Sanders Valley (28-1)	Dee Mitchell	Rock Point (18-3)	Marila Begay	77-40
			DIVISION IV		
2016		Russ Jones	Ganado (24-11)		
2015			Sanders Valley (28-4)		
2014			St. David		
			Joseph City (18-7)		
			DIVISION III		
2016	Phoenix South Mountain (25-8)		Chandler Valley Christian (30-3)	Scott Timmer	58-55
	Page (35-1)	Justin Smith	Tuba City (24-10)	Kim Williams	54-42
			Chandler Valley Christian (33-1)		
			Sanders Valley (27-4)		
			DIVISION II		
2016	Chandler Seton Catholic (31-1)	Karen Self	Cave Creek Cactus Shadows (28-5)	Richie Willis	49-40
2015	Maricopa (30-5)	Kati Burrows	Chandler Seton Catholic (29-6)	Karen Self	52-49
2014			Vail Cienega (26-2)		
2013			Peoria (31-5)		
			DIVISION I	,	
2016	Chandler Hamilton (26-4)	Trevor Neider	Gilbert Mesquite (26-6)	Candice Gonzales	56-46
2015	Mesa Dobson (30-2)	Tyler Dumas		Cory Rojeck	58-49
			Tolleson Westview (26-7)		
			Phoenix Pinnacle (33-3))		
2012					
2011	Gilbert Christian (27-2)		CONFERENCEFort Thomas (22-8)	l ee Haws	44-31
2010	Salt River (33-4)	Shawn Lytle	Gila Bend (31-3)	Dallas Luttrell	66-51
2009			Pima		
		•	Rock Point (23-4)		
2007			Salt River (14-18)		
2005			Salome (21-7)		
			East Fork Lutheran (15-12)		
2003		•	Cibecue (20-11	•	
			St. Michael (24-2)		
			Joseph City (25-8)		
			St. Michael (19-8)		
1998	ıucson desert Christian (27-4)	•	Seligman (22-9)	Joanne Curley	42-41
0041	Observation Mark the Application of the Community of the		CONFERENCE	David II	
2011			Thatcher (27-4)		
	•		Willcox (24-4)	-	
2008	Tucson Pusch Ridge Christian (32-4)Lonnie Tvrdy	St. Johns (30-7)	Ken Pulsipher	35-29
2007	Tucson Pusch Ridge Christian (32-1)Lonnie Tvrdy	Camp Verde (26-9)	Mark Showers	46-36



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		2A CON	FERENCE (cont)		
Year	Winning Team	Head Coach	Runnerup Team	Head Coach	Score
2006	Tucson Pusch Ridge Christian (31-2)	Lonnie Tvrdy	Red Mesa (12-14)	Alfred Begay	58-38
2005			St. Johns (27-6)		
			St. Johns (29-5)		
			Chandler Valley Christian (28-5)		
	Thatcher (31-1)				
2001			Tucson Desert Christian (26-10)		
2000			Thatcher (27-1)		
1999			Thatcher (26-4)		
1998	Chandler Seton (32-1)	Karen Selt	Thatcher (24-6)	Aaron Crandall	50-43
		3A C	ONFERENCE		
2011			Kayenta Monument Valley (26-8)		
2010			Window Rock (21-7)		
2009			Winslow (29-2)		
2008			Ganado (20-2)		
2007			Winslow (28-4)		
2006			Snowflake (30-5)		
2005			Chandler Seton Catholic (28-7)		
2004			Monument Valley (29-5)		
2003			Monument Valley (27-4)		
2002			Seton Catholic (31-4)		
2001			Winslow (24-6)		
2000			Winslow (23-8)		
1999			Winslow (29-4)		
1998	Winslow (31-2)	Don Petranovich	St. Johns (24-9)	Ken Pulsipher	/4-33
			ONFERENCE		
			Phoenix Shadow Mountain (16-3)		
			Phoenix Thunderbird (24-7)		
			Glendale Apollo (24-5)		
2010 4A-2	Chandler Seton Catholic (29-4)	Karen Self	Page (20-5)	Justin Smith	57-34
			Tempe McClintock (23-8)		
			Page (25-6)		
			Marana (23-5)		
			Page (25-5)		
			Phoenix Pinnacle (21-14)		
			Page (25-5)		
2006 4A-1			Scottsdale Saguaro (24-9)		
			Flagstaff Sinagua (26-6)		
2005			Page (23-9)		
2004			Phoenix Thunderbird (26-7)		
2003			Scottsdale Chaparral (26-8)		
2002			Peoria Centennial (24-9)		
2000			Tucson Sahuaro (39-3)Scottsdale Chaparral (27-6)		
1999			Tucson Sahuaro (29-2)		
	Tuoson Sahuaro (20-1)	lim Soott	Scottsdale Saguaro (26-8)	Pront Carter	43-30 57 ₋ 25
1990	Tucson Sanuaro (50-1)			brent Garter	
2011 5A-1	Phoenix St. Mary's (28-2)		CONFERENCE Chandler (25-6)	Zon Thompson	73-60
2011 5A-1 2011 5A-2			Phoenix Pinnacle (24-8)	•	
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			Phoenix 3t. mary \$ (24-2)		
			Phoenix St. Mary's (26-3)	-	
			Phoenix Ot. Mary 3 (26-5)		
			Chandler (22-9)		
			Phoenix Pinnacle (29-5)		
			Mesa Mountain View (31-3)		
			Tolleson Westview (25-9)		
			Mesa Red Mountain (27-5)		
			Tucson Flowing Wells (28-5)		
			Phoenix St. Mary's (28-5)		
			Tempe Desert Vista (25-7)		
			Tucson Salpointe (31-2)		
			Tempe Corona del Sol (25-6)		
	•	•	Mesa Dobson (27-5)	, ,	
			Tempe Mountain Pointe (30-2)		
			Tempe Mountain Pointe (32-6)		
			Gilbert Highland (32-4)		



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