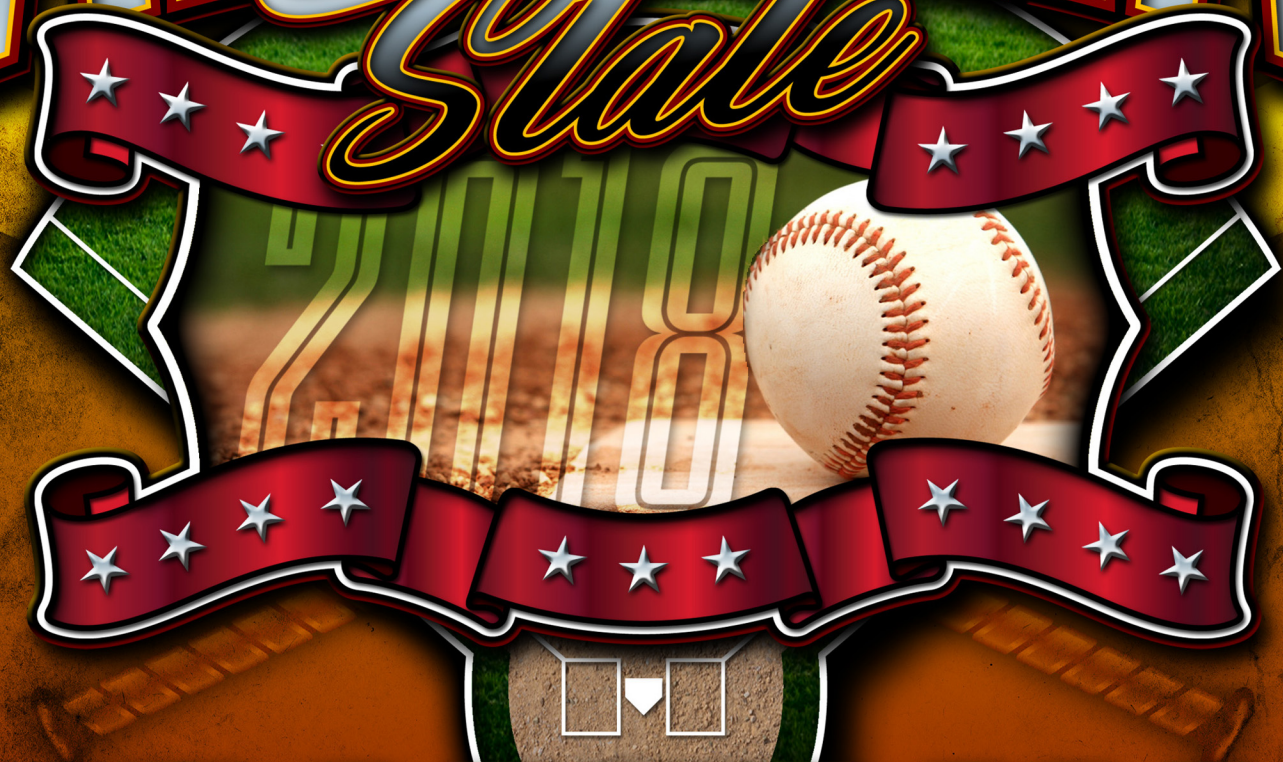


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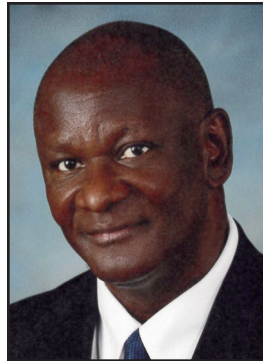
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On behalf of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, I would like to welcome all the participants, coaches, family and friends to our state championship. It is our pleasure to be able to bring you a fantastic event.

It took a great deal of hard work to reach this point. The AIA recognizes the strength it took to get here, as well as the sacrifices made along the way. And for that, we say thank you. The student-athletes, administrators, coaches and families have all earned our gratitude.

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.”

**DAVID HINES**  
***AIA Executive Director***



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Barry Goldwater  
Basha  
BASIS School - Chandler  
Benjamin Franklin  
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Bourgade Catholic  
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Buckeye Union  
Cactus  
Cactus Shadows  
Camelback  
Campo Verde  
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Casteel  
Centennial  
Central  
Cesar Chavez  
Chandler  
Chandler Prep  
Chaparral  
Combs  
Copper Canyon  
Corona del Sol  
Coronado  
Cortez  
Deer Valley  
Desert Edge  
Desert Mountain  
Desert Ridge  
Desert Vista  
Dobson  
Dysart  
Estrella Foothills  
Fountain Hills  
Gilbert  
Gilbert Christian  
Gilbert Classical Academy  
Glendale  
Glendale Prep  
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Hamilton  
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Mesquite  
Millennium  
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Mountain View (Mesa)  
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North Canyon  
North Phoenix Prep  
North Pointe Prep  
North Valley Christian  
Northwest Christian  
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Phoenix Christian Prep  
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San Pasqual Valley  
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Yuma Catholic

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4 Ash Fork  
5 Baboquivari  
6 Bagdad  
8 Benson  
9 Bisbee  
10 Blue Ridge  
11 Bowie  
12 Bradshaw Mountain  
13 Buena  
14 Camp Verde  
15 Casa Grande  
16 Chinle  
17 Chino Valley  
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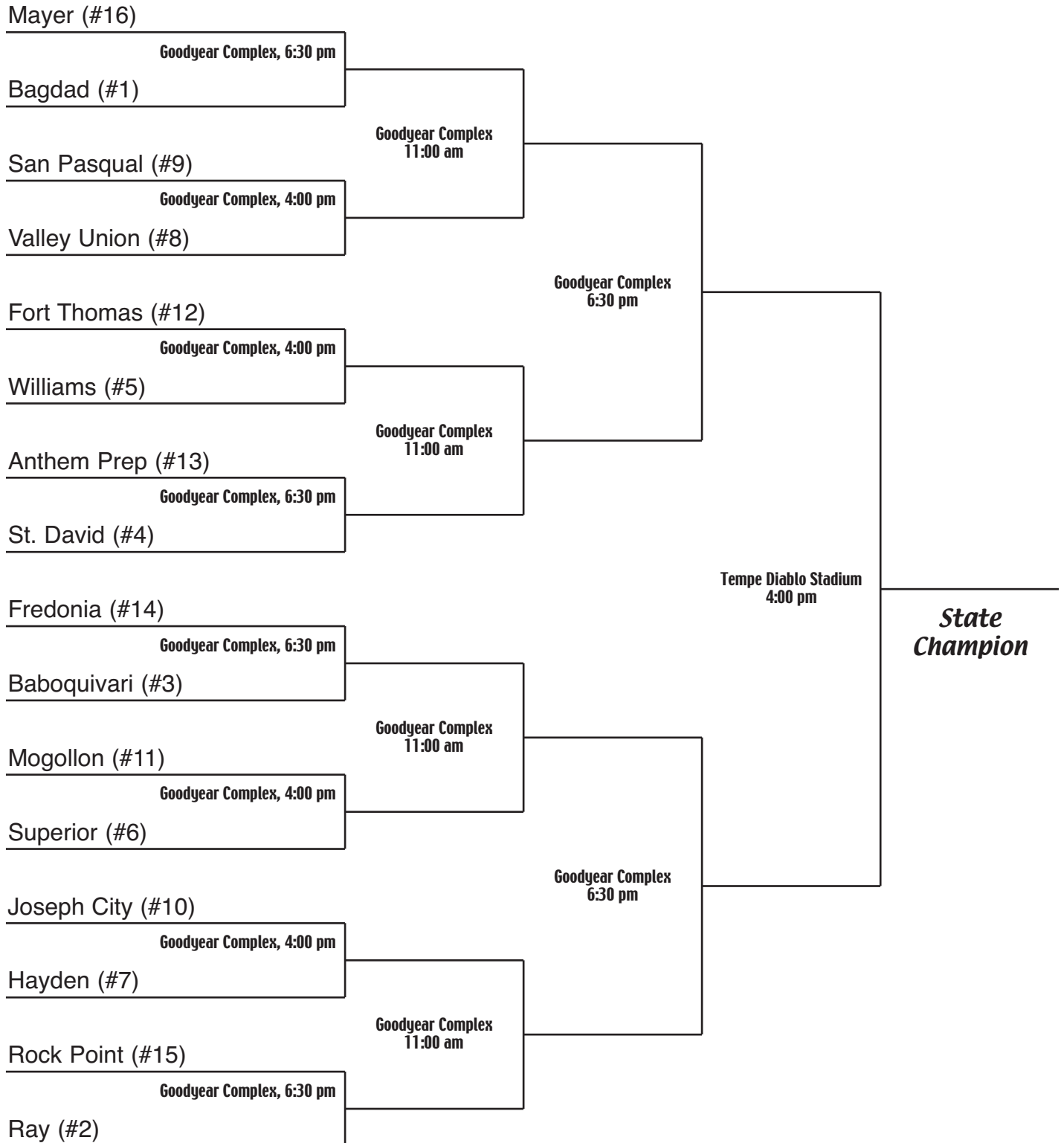
# 1A Baseball Championship Bracket

**Fri, May 4**

**Sat, May 5**

**Fri, May 11**

**Mon, May 14**





**By Jose Garcia**  
**azpreps365.com**

The quest for a 1A Conference championship for No. 1-seeded Ray and and No. 2 Bagdad continues.

The two programs got close in the past couple of years, but this may be their final good shot at finally raising the championship trophy. Ray and Bagdad start the veteran leadership that's needed to pull teams through the tough postseason moments.

But this is the final hurrah for those seniors. One of those seasoned vets is one of the all-time best players to suit up for a 1A school, Bagdad's Israel Loveall.

He's already helped Bagdad win a football champion and set a national passing touchdown career record. Can Loveall the pitcher/hitter now help deliver a baseball title?

## 1A first-round preview

### Games at Goodyear Baseball Complex May 4

**No. 16 Mayer (7-17) vs. No. 1 Bagdad (19-6):** Mayer is one of four teams from the Central Region that reached the playoffs. It did so with its fourth different head coach in the past five seasons. Sr. INF/RHP Dylan Wilhide, a career .415 hitter, is batting .574 this season and carries a 2.14 ERA after 41 1/3 innings. Mathew Bywater (.474 ave.) is Mayer's second leading hitter. Brent Callen served 13 years as an assistant at Bagdad before taking over this season. Loveall is 4-1 in nine appearances, with a 1.65 ERA in 46.2 innings and 74 strikeouts. The senior is also totting a .597 ave. with 44 RBI's and 8 homers. Bagdad's team ERA is 2.26. "Our success this year comes from the team's dedication to always work hard and a focus on the little things that separate a good team from a great team," Callen said. "No matter the team we are playing, the team takes the same approach with every at bat, every pitch and every defensive play. Each player is willing to do what ever is asked to make the team successful."

**No. 9 San Pasqual (12-9) vs. No. 8 Valley Union (9-13):** San Pasqual lost four of its first five games but won five of its last six games to make the playoffs under longtime coach Faron Owl. Owl's team finished second in the West Region, losing its only two region games to No. 1 Bagdad. San Pasqual, located in Winterhaven, Calif., has posted double digit win seasons in the past five seasons. Valley Union was the state runner-up last year as the No. 3 seed. This season, if the maxpreps amount is correct, Valley Union

leads the state in stolen bases with 198. Valley Union senior C/P Derek Hahn leads 1A with a .625 ave. Hahn has also logged 76 K's in 58.2 innings. Soph. Erubiel Sierras (.508 ave.), Jr. Garrett Sonke (.434 ave.) and Sr. Kalen Richardson (.429 ave.) also are producing for Valley Union at the plate.

**No. 12 Ft. Thomas (9-10) vs. No. 5 Williams (18-8):** Ft. Thomas was 0-18 three years ago, but 12th-year coach Chris Rubio and his program kept grinding. They reached the playoffs this season for the first time since 2010. "We have been successful this year behind solid pitching and timely consistent hitting," Rubio said. "It seems whenever we need a solid inning to score a few runs to either pad a lead or come from behind we have been able to do so." The leaders of Rubio's team are Jr. P Kendall Stanly (.571 ave., 24 RBI's), Sr. Jay Anderson (.400 ave.), and So. C Todd Stringfellow (.432 ave.). Williams dropped its last game of the regular, 6-0, to Bagdad, snapping an eight game win



**Valley Union's Derek Hahn (photo by Kevin French of maxpreps.com)**



streak. Jr. P Frankie Kramer is 8-4 with a 2.37 ERA, with seven complete games. Sr. Zack Perkins (.444 ave.) has struck out only four times in 93 plate appearances. If the stats are correct on maxpreps.com, Williams has stolen 120 bases.

**No. 13 Anthem Prep (8-9) vs. No. 4 St. David (9-10):** Fourth-year coach/athletic director Richard Watmore and his Anthem Prep program followed their first ever postseason appearance last year with another playoff season. It did so with only one catcher and lack of arms on the mound. "A lot of perseverance and hard work along with teamwork and believing in themselves went into this season," Watmore said. Jr. Preston Blackledge, Sr. captain Matt Beeman and jr. Zach Kuchta (.509 ave.) are Anthem Prep's threats. St. David has been playing with just nine hard-working players after losing a handful of seniors off the 2017 team. It also lost its starting 3B to a foot injury. "They are a pleasure to coach," said 10th-year coach Ronald Goodman about this St. David team. "I am also blessed to have the one of the best coaching staffs around." St. David has won a 1A best 12 state championships.

**No. 14 Fredonia (5-11) vs. No. 3 Baboquivari (13-3):** Congratulations go out to Baboquivari, which is making its first ever playoff appearance and also won a region title for the first time. Before this season, Baboquivari was 32-181-2 in the past 13 seasons. "The region title and trip to state has generated much pride in the Tohono O'odham Nation," coach Pete Delgado said. "The entire team and coaching staff are all enrolled members of the Tohono O'odham Nation." Baboquivari will lose only one senior this season. The Jose brothers, P/SS Zach and P/INF Anton, who are each hitting .579, according to maxpreps, are leading Baboquivari's turnaround. Fredonia dressed two seniors, five juniors, three sophomores, and two freshmen this season. It is coached by a former Fredonia player Derran Tait. Fredonia won a state championship 50 years ago.

**No. 11 Mogollon (10-12) vs. No. 6 Superior (12-9):** Mogollon opened the 2017-18 campaign with a 13-7 loss to Superior. Jr. Seth Reidhead has stolen 18 bases and is batting a team-high .400. So. Timmy Porter, Jr. Trey Tenney and Sr. Cameron Krug each have 20 RBI's or more for Mogollon. This season, Superior, the defending champ, is young and learning how to win. It lost five regular season games by a run and two by two runs. "It hasn't been very smooth this season," coach Manuel Ortega said. "We have had a lot of ups and downs.

With all of that, what has kept us above .500 is our never give up attitude." This is the fifth consecutive

year Superior has reached the playoffs. Spearheading this year's postseason team are Jr. SS Jesus Castellanos, Jr. INF/P/OF Steven Ybarra, So. INF Gabe Otero and INF/P Kale Major (.414 ave).

**No. 10 Joseph City (10-14) vs. No. 7 Hayden (8-10):** Joseph City has started three freshmen all season, including Avery Buckley, Joseph City's leader in RBI's (30) and second leading hitter with a .500 average. "Our team has grown throughout the season and has been resilient through the adversity of an eight game losing streak while playing 3A and 2A quality baseball teams," third-year coach Shawn Layden said. "I only had two returning seniors and four returning starters." Despite being a somewhat young team, this is the third consecutive season the team has reached the playoffs. Seniors Jesse Hulsey (.516 ave.) and Rance Haddox (.479 ave.) and junior Cameron Baldwin (.470 ave.) are helping guide Joseph City this season. Hayden has also experienced its share of struggles, on and off the field, this season. "We somehow find ways to get through our tough times together as a team," coach Robert Lorona said. "We are not the most talented team out there but somehow we find ways to win. These players never quit and neither does my coaching staff. We are with them every step of the way." Lorona played for his dad, Bobby Sr., from 1996-99, winning a state title in 1997 at Hayden. Rudy Lorona and Gabby Aguirre used to coach under Bobby Sr. and this year came out retirement to coach with Lorona Jr. "Pitching is key for us," Lorona said. "Our pitching is led by Mario Mariscal, Robert Borhn and Omar Lopez. We just try to put the ball in play on offense and try to put pressure on the opponents."

**No. 15 Rock Point (9-12) vs. No. 2 Ray (17-3):** Rock Point finished its regular season winning six of its past eight games. It only won 15 games between 2006-2016, but has won 21 games in the past two seasons under head coach Andrew Sanchez. Ray lost in the semifinals last year, in the quarterfinals in 2016 and in the championship game in 2015. "Our main group has been together for five years now," third-year coach Francisco Lechuga said. "We have a very talented freshmen class, which added some competition and encouraged all to work harder to compete for open spots in the lineup." Lechuga said seniors Fabian and Richard Valenzuela (4-1, 1.63 ERA, .468 ave.) and juniors Jaden Pace (.446 ave.) and Anthony Lopez (.442 ave.) have been instrumental in keeping the team focused.





# 1A Baseball State Qualifiers

## *Anthem Prep Eagles*



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
2...Zachary Riedel, OF .....	So.
3...Matthew McLoughlin, C .....	So.
5...Michael DePiazza, OF .....	Sr.
6...Hayden Millett, OF/SS .....	Fr.
7...Matthew Beeman, C/IF .....	Sr.
8...Zachary Kuchta, SS/P .....	Jr.
10...Mick Marquez, 2B/P .....	Sr.
11...Jonathan Everson, OF/2B .....	Fr.
12...Preston Blackledge, 3B/OF .....	Jr.
15...Joel Palazzo, OF/3B .....	So.
16...Aiden Garde, OF .....	Fr.
23...Nicholas Beeman, OF/2B .....	Sr.
29...Dillon Marsden, OF/P .....	Sr.
30...Alec Dent, OF/1B .....	Sr.
36...Ethan Lucas, OF .....	Jr.

## *Baboquivari Warriors*

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
3...Michael Geronimo, 2B .....	So.
4...Zachary Jose, P/SS .....	Jr.
5...Kovius Buendia, OF .....	Fr.
6...Chris Segundo, C .....	Sr.
8...Shaqume Pablo, 3B/P .....	So.
12...Anton Jose, IF/P .....	So.
18...Lucas Jose, CF/P .....	Fr.
21...Lucas Bahyesva, 1B .....	Sr.
23...Ty Donahue, 1B/OF .....	Jr.
31...Shancin Romero, RF .....	So.
32...Spencer Two Two, OF .....	Jr.
45...Dylan Castillo, 1B/OF .....	So.







# 1A Baseball State Qualifiers

## Bagdad Sultans



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Carson Sandoval.....	Fr.
2...Tony Ventura, 2B / UT .....	Jr.
3...Carson Jeans, 1B / C .....	So.
7...Steven Peterson, OF / IF .....	Fr.
10...Zaac Vasquez, IF / P .....	So.
11...Zack Diaz, OF .....	Jr.
12...Elias Jauregui, RF .....	So.
13...Austin Wilson, OF .....	Fr.
14...Owen Barton, DH / 1B.....	Jr.
15...Kendrick Guthrie, 1B .....	Fr.
18...Rio Delgado, OF .....	Sr.
19...Andrew Medina, OF .....	Sr.
20...Kaylab Owings, 2B / P .....	So.
21...Hunter Gates, OF .....	Sr.
22...Steven Darnell, OF .....	Jr.
23...Israel Loveall, P / C .....	Sr.
24...Damian Tham, 3B / P .....	Sr.

## Ft. Thomas Apaches

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
2...Iversin Nelson, IF .....	Sr.
3...Kendall Stanley, IF / P .....	Jr.
5...Evan Stringfellow, IF / OF .....	Sr.
6...Jaron Anderson, IF / OF .....	Sr.
7...Logan Smith, OF .....	So.
9...Zack Walker, IF .....	So.
11...Kyler Napier, OF .....	So.
12...Jaden Preston, OF .....	So.
15...Todd Stringfellow, C / IF .....	So.
20...Drake Olivar, OF .....	Jr.
35...Colby Pino, OF / IF .....	Fr.
45...AJ Benally, OF / IF .....	So.







# 1A Baseball State Qualifiers

## Fredonia Lynx



No. Player	Yr.
3...Gavin Wilson.....	Fr.
7...Jaxson Grover.....	Jr.
11...Caleb Utter .....	Jr.
16...Justus Waters-Tait.....	So.
18...Austin Bullets .....	Sr.
19...Shilton Begay .....	Jr.
23...Taft Ballard .....	Jr.
25...Lane Bunting.....	Jr.
.....Cody Bunting.....	So.
.....Wyatt Lofing .....	Fr.
.....Brittany Weiss .....	Sr.
.....Nichole Zaccaria .....	So.

## Hayden Lobos

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
2...Manuel Guillen, 2B .....	Fr.
4...Omar Lopez, LF.....	Jr.
6...Mario Mariscal, P/C.....	Sr.
7...Robert Bohrn, IF .....	Sr.
8...Joel Rodriguez, SS .....	Jr.
9...Pablo Acuna, OF.....	So.
10...Gavin Torrez, OF .....	Sr.
11...Josiel Rodriguez, OF .....	Fr.
14...Adriano Cruz, LF/P.....	Fr.
16...Robert Manriquez, RF .....	Jr.
19...Frankie Valenia, 1B.....	Sr.
20...Jorge Rodriguez, C/2B .....	So.
22...Mychal Mariscal, SS .....	Sr.
.....Javier Canisales, 3B .....	Sr.
.....Diego Garcia, 1B .....	So.







# 1A Baseball State Qualifiers

## Joseph City Wildcats



No.	Player	Yr.
1...	KJ Kinlicheenie	Jr.
2...	Colter Westover	Fr.
3...	Rance Haddox	Sr.
4...	Kaden Moss	Jr.
5...	DJ Beatty	Fr.
7...	Cameron Baldwin	Jr.
8...	Rhett Beard	Sr.
9...	Toby Ballew	Jr.
10...	Stephen Woody	Sr.
11...	Avery Buckley	Fr.
12...	Jesse Hulsey	Sr.
14...	Manny Vargas	Jr.
15...	Jacobson Begay	Jr.
20...	Jay Edwards	Fr.
23...	Carlos Sanchez	Jr.

## Mayer Wildcats

No.	Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
0...	Isreal Corrales, IF/P	5-10	Jr.
2...	Dylan Wilhide, IF/P	5-8	Sr.
5...	Logan Minnis, LF/UT	5-1	Sr.
7...	Gage Statler, 1B/P	5-9	So.
8...	Juan Pablo Romero, UT	5-7	Fr.
9...	Skyler Hicks, OF	5-11	Jr.
10...	Ryan Wilhide, C/P	5-5	Fr.
11...	Christian Norton, OF	5-7	So.
14...	Juan Pedro Romero	5-7	Fr.
15...	Diego Moreno, OF	5-9	Jr.
19...	Mathew Bywater, 3B/P	5-10	Sr.
20...	Garrett Urquides, IF/P	6-3	So.
23...	Scott Zelambo, UT	6-1	Sr.
27...	Bryan Teskey, OF	5-11	So.
44...	Morgan Mains, UT	5-10	So.
48...	Zach Young, CF/P	5-5	Jr.







# 1A Baseball State Qualifiers

## Mogollon Mustangs



No. Player	Yr.
2...Dallin Rice .....	So.
3...Seth Reidhead .....	Jr.
6...Cameron Krug .....	Sr.
9...John Zent .....	Sr.
14...Diego Amaya .....	Fr.
17...Denin Porter .....	So.
19...Trey Tenney .....	Jr.
25...Timmy Porter .....	So.
30...Caden Owens .....	Fr.
31...Porter Martineau .....	So.
44...Tanner Olmstead .....	Fr.
45...Shane Eilliams .....	Fr.

## Ray Bearcats

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
2...Jaden Pace, IF .....	5-10	Jr.
4...Theodore Alvarado, OF .....	5-6	Jr.
5...Derek Figueroa, SS/P .....	5-10	Fr.
6...Alec Carrillo, 1B/P .....	5-10	Fr.
7...Richard Valenzuela, CF/P .....	5-11	Sr.
8...Cody Hickingbottom, CF .....	5-7	Fr.
9...Daniel Ortiz, OF .....	5-8	Jr.
10...Jayden Lagunas, 2B/P .....	5-11	So.
11...Mark Rodriguez, 3B/OF .....	5-9	Fr.
12...Morgan Bray, 3B/C .....	5-6	Jr.
17...Anthony Lopez, C/P .....	5-10	Jr.
20...Benjamin Hernandez, OF .....	5-10	So.
21...Fabian Valenzuela, LF/3B .....	6-1	Sr.
25...Alex Bravo, 2B/OF .....	5-4	Fr.
31...Tristan Foster, OF .....	6-4	Sr.
44...Tyler Goodwin, OF/1B .....	6-2	Jr.







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## Rock Point Cougars



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Mathius Francis, IF .....	5-5.....	So.
3...Vernon Slick, IF .....	5-6.....	Jr.
4...Dylan Descheny, CF / P .....	5-9.....	Sr.
6...Ronin Tsosie, CF / P .....	6-0.....	Sr.
7...Jerriston Bahe, OF .....	5-7.....	Sr.
10...Leegene Barlow, 3B / LF.....	5-11 .....	Jr.
11 ...Ralson Descheny, 2B / P .....	5-6.....	Fr.
12...Ral"Shaun Descheny, CF .....	5-9.....	So.
14...Owen Descheny, OF .....	5-11 .....	Sr.
15...Ethan Yazzie, IF .....	5-9.....	Jr.
21...Klayton Yazzie, SS / P .....	5-7.....	Fr.
22...Sterlin John, OF .....	5-10.....	Jr.
24...Brent Becenti, LF / C .....	5-8.....	Jr.
27...Myrin Harrison, RF / 2B.....	5-7.....	So.
28...Jacoby Perry, 2B / RF .....	5-6.....	So.
29...Jawaunson Yazzie, C / 1B.....	5-11 .....	Jr.
30...Wyatt Towne, 1B .....	5-8.....	Sr.

## St. David Tigers

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Robby Gooding, 3B / P .....	5-10.....	Fr.
2...Adam Dabovich, UT / P .....	6-2.....	Sr.
3...Reo Larson, UT / P .....	5-10.....	Fr.
5...Skyler Merrill, IF / P .....	6-0.....	So.
6...Logan Davis, UT .....	5-8.....	Fr.
7...David Delacruz, UT .....	5-9.....	Sr.
9...Jimmy Delacruz, OF .....	5-8.....	So.
10...Bobby Conser, OF / P .....	6-3.....	Jr.
11 ...Dawson Meador, UT .....	5-10.....	Sr.
12...Kason Jacquez, 1B / P .....	6-1.....	Fr.
18...Andrew Clay, 2B / C .....	6-0.....	Sr.
19...Louis Conser, UT / P .....	6-1.....	Sr.





## *San Pasqual Warriors*

Roster Not Provided  
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## *Superior Panthers*

No.	Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...	Jalen Oatis, 2B	Fr.
2...	Ally Hing, OF	Fr.
3...	Sammy Lopez, UT	So.
4...	Gabe Otero, IF	So.
6...	Nathan Duarte, UT/P	Fr.
7...	Joshua Marquez, IF/P	Fr.
8...	Gabriel Garcia, 2B/OF	Jr.
9...	Andrew Martinez, OF	Fr.
10...	Julian Navarro, OF	So.
11...	Jesus Castellanos, SS	Jr.
12...	Matthew Diaz Gonzalez, C	Fr.
13...	Matthew Perez, OF	Fr.
15...	Daniel McConnell, OF/P	So.
17...	Bryan Aguilar, OF	Jr.
21...	Kale Major, P/3B	Jr.
22...	Gabe Castillo, 3B	So.
23...	Steven Ybarra, 1B/P	Jr.







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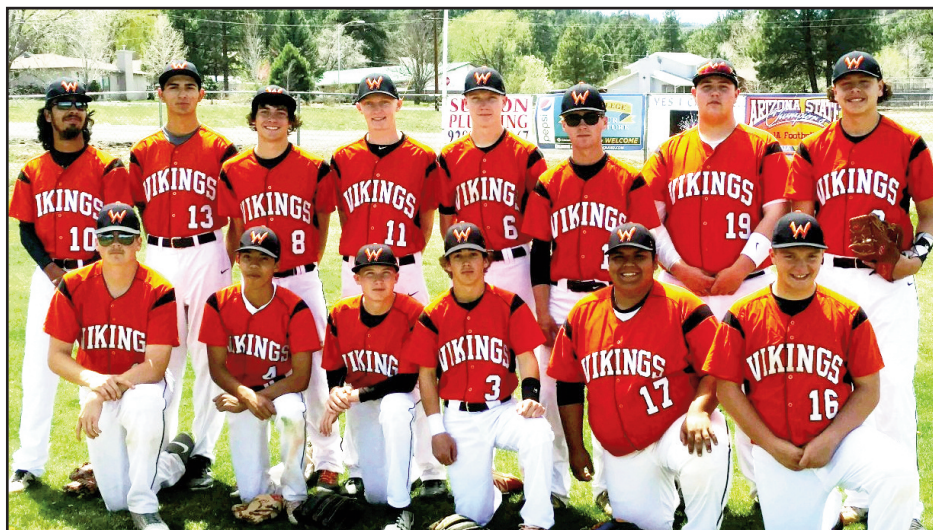
## Valley Union Blue Devils



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...George Adcock, IF .....	Sr.
2...Billy Vansickle.....	So.
3...Aleck Stewart, OF.....	So.
4...Jesus Smith, OF/IF.....	Sr.
7...Noah Spence, OF.....	Jr.
9...Garrett Sonke, 1B/OF.....	Jr.
11...Joey Price .....	Jr.
12...Derek Hahn, C/P .....	Sr.
15...Erubiel Sierras, 2B/OF.....	So.
25...Kelan Richardson, OF/IF .....	Sr.
32...Anthony Zamora, 1B/IF .....	Sr.

## Williams Vikings

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Michael McNelly, C/OF .....	Sr.
2...Cesar Santana, OF/P .....	Fr.
3...Zain Grantham, IF .....	Fr.
4...Sergio Ramirez, IF .....	So.
5...Luis Urias, 2B/OF .....	Fr.
6...Carsten Brinkworth, SS/P .....	Jr.
7...Mario Vazquez, OF/P.....	So.
8...Frankie Kramer, CF/P.....	Jr.
10...Joe Zabala, P/1B .....	Jr.
11...Payce Mortensen, 3B/P .....	Sr.
13...Zack Perkins, OF/P .....	Sr.
14...Cody Jensen, 3B/P .....	Fr.
16...Tate Grantham, DH.....	Sr.
17...Mario Martinez, P/DH.....	Jr.
18...Chris Madden, C/1B .....	So.
19...John Bryant, 1B/P .....	So.





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*Fri, May 4*

*Sat, May 5*

*Fri, May 11*

*Mon, May 14*

Miami (#16)

Goodyear Complex, 6:30 pm

Gilbert Christian (#1)

Thatcher (#9)

Goodyear Complex, 4:00 pm

Morenci (#8)

Northland Prep (#12)

Goodyear Complex, 4:00 pm

St. Johns (#5)

Pima (#13)

Goodyear Complex, 6:30 pm

San Tan Foothills (#4)

Tempe Prep (#14)

Goodyear Complex, 6:30 pm

Bisbee (#3)

Scottsdale Christian (#11)

Goodyear Complex, 4:00 pm

Joy Christian (#6)

Alchesay (#10)

Goodyear Complex, 4:00 pm

Phoenix Christian (#7)

Willcox (#2)

Goodyear Complex, 6:30 pm

Kingman Academy (#15)

Goodyear Complex  
11:00 am

Goodyear Complex  
6:30 pm

Goodyear Complex  
11:00 am

Tempe Diablo Stadium  
7:00 pm

Goodyear Complex  
11:00 am

Goodyear Complex  
6:30 pm

Goodyear Complex  
11:00 am

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Phoenix Christian beat Willcox 9-2 last year to claim the 2A state championship. It was the fourth state championship for the Cougars but the first since 2003. The team is 22-5 this year, good enough for a No. 7 seeding. Let's take a look at some of the top seeds this year beginning with No. 1 Gilbert Christian.

**No. 1 Gilbert Christian (22-0):** The Knights are entering the 2018 playoffs with an unblemished record, 22 wins in all. The Knights have outscored their opponents by an average of 15-2 with nine shutouts thrown in the mix. Senior Nick Hershey is batting .648 with 30 RBI, 19 doubles, eight triples and three homeruns. Sam Mominee is hitting .619 on the year with 31 RBI and fellow senior Alec Blakeman is batting .571 with 34 RBI, 14 doubles, three triples and five home runs. Hershey also has 24 steals and Mominee has 19. Hershey leads the team from the mound with a 9-0 record with 122 strikeouts in 49 innings of work and Blakeman is 7-0.

**No. 2 Willcox (16-2):** The Cowboys took second place last year which was the best finish for the program since the Cowboys won three state championships in a row (1999, 2000, 2001). Adrian Fuentes is in his first year with Willcox after serving as an assistant coach for several years.

"This year we have some strong leaders with five starting seniors and three starting juniors and we have a solid battery when it comes to our pitching and catching," Fuentes said. "Our biggest leader on the field and at the plate is senior Sherrick Sanborn. He is currently our number one pitcher and is leading the team in batting average with .509. He is followed up by senior first baseman Kade Norris (.481) and junior infielder and number two pitcher Eli Madrid (.466). Our catcher, Junior AJ Fuentes is batting .405."

Fuentes was a player on the three straight championships.

**No. 3 Bisbee (22-4):** The Pumas made it to the quarterfinal round last year. Junior Eduardo Vasquez is hitting .603 with 35 RBI and senior Javier Ballesteros is batting .484 with 27 RBI. Vasquez is 9-1 from the circle and Eddie Alvarez is 7-3. The Pumas enter the playoffs on a 12-2 streak with the two losses coming to Willcox and Benson.

**No. 4 San Tan Foothills (24-4):** The Sabercats made it to the quarterfinal round last spring. Ryan Sutterby is in his second year with the program and he is 46-11. Freshman Trevyn Badger is batting .582 with 26 RBI with 12 doubles and four triples. Badger also has 36 steals on

the year. Senior Norman Touey is hitting .477. Badger is 7-1 from the mound and fellow freshman Jason Reyes is 4-1.

**No. 5 St. Johns (21-3):** St. Johns was eliminated in the first round last year as a 14 seed. Senior Joseph Ramsey is batting .529 with 20 RBI and 14 doubles and sophomore Tate Skousen is hitting .455. Senior pitcher John Robertson is 8-0 with 68 strikeouts and Ramsey is 5-1.

**No. 6 Joy Christian (18-7):** The Eagles were the top seeds last year, but the team lost to Willcox in the semifinals, 5-4. The program was state runner-up in 2016.

"Our team has been through a lot," said head coach Klent Corley. "We lost five players a few weeks before the season and we lost our catcher a few weeks into the season. Our kids have been really resilient and have handled tough situations well. This team is much different than years past. Rather than rely on talent, they have had to find new ways to win games. All but one player is playing a new position or is in their first year as a starter. I am very proud of them winning the region because it took a ton of work from our guys. They could have spent the year pouting about what could have been, but instead they knew they had to step up to help their team win. We have had our ups and downs, but I am very proud of how they have competed. I hope that we can help get them playing their best baseball heading into the playoffs."

Corley lists sophomore Ronan Kopp and senior Nick Ayres as two of his leaders along with senior Jake Pitner and Mason Rhynard.

**No. 7 Phoenix Christian (22-5):** The Cougars are returning state champions. Mark Band is in his 15th year with the program.

"Our seniors are our team leaders," Band said. "Steven Cochran, Kyle Janes, Adrian Santa Cruz and Tyler Turk. Steven, in particular, has been a great leader and is our team captain."

Sophomore Nate Gulick is batting .540 with 34 RBI, Santa Cruz is 6-1 from the mound and Cochran is 7-3.

**No. 8 Morenci (11-11):** The Wildcats missed the playoffs last year. Joseph Morse has been the head coach for four years.

"Team leaders this year are seniors Michael Ortiz at third base and Derek Waltrip in centerfield," Morse noted. "Waltrip is also our leadoff hitter who gets the team moving. Junior Desmond Sandoval (6-1, 74 K) and senior David Corona (4-2) have done well this year pitching as well. Catcher Antonio Gallegos has been a leader behind the dish"





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## Alchesay Falcons



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Jeron Daley, LF/1B.....	Sr.
2...Nick Kitcheyan, OF.....	Jr.
3...Allyn Cosay, 3B/P.....	Fr.
4...Xan Alsenay, C.....	Fr.
5...Alex Goyseun, 1B/P.....	Fr.
6...Timmie Cosay, C/OF.....	So.
7...Elisha Walker, SS/P.....	So.
8...Elliott Joplin, IF/P.....	So.
9...Ryan Quintero, OF.....	So.
10...Raymond Wright.....	So.
11...Raekwon Cosay, P/OF.....	Sr.
12...Shayne Stover, 2B/P.....	Jr.
13...Cordell Massey, OF/P.....	So.
14...Trent Sprengler, 1B/P.....	Fr.
15...Tyreck Cosay, CF/C.....	Jr.
16...Jordan Brooks, IF.....	Jr.
17...Cody Rustin, OF.....	Sr.
18...Adriano Henry, LF/3B.....	Sr.
19...Joe Riley, OF.....	Sr.
20...Sean Tate, C/3B.....	Fr.
21...Trevin Lupe, 1B.....	Sr.
22...Marcellus Grimes, OF.....	Sr.
23...Delmer Dakoshay, OF/P.....	Sr.
25...Justin James, 1B/OF.....	Jr.

## Bisbee Pumas

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
0...Robert Ramirez, 1B/P.....	Sr.
1...Angel Padilla, IF.....	Jr.
2...Eddie Alvarez, P/SS.....	Jr.
3...Luke Hammett, LF/UT.....	So.
5...D'Marco Chavez, IF.....	So.
6...Francisco Urcadez, 2B/P.....	Jr.
7...Paco Vasquez, RF/P.....	Sr.
8...JC Avechuco, C.....	Jr.
9...Ryan Edsall, C/P.....	Jr.
11...Glen Molina, P/3B.....	So.
13...Eduardo Vasquez, P/SS.....	Jr.
14...Dano Lopez, CF.....	So.
15...Javier Ballesteros, 1B/DH.....	Sr.
16...Manny Amaya, 2B/OF.....	Fr.
20...Jesus Guerrero, 1B/DH.....	Sr.
21...Jordan Lopez, OF/UT.....	Sr.







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## *Gilbert Christian Knights*



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Carson Pogue, 1B/DH.....	Sr.
2...Cole Sundt, 2B.....	So.
3...Luke Phelps, OF/P.....	Sr.
6...Justin Carr, 2B.....	Jr.
7...Sam Mominee, C/P.....	Sr.
10...Nick Hershey, SS/P.....	Sr.
11...Mark Phelps, OF/3B.....	So.
12...Nick Pappas.....	Jr.
13...Brandon Kaupie, 2B.....	Jr.
14...Joe Mominee.....	Fr.
15...Hunter Lang, 1B/P.....	Fr.
16...Kevin Baca, OF.....	Jr.
17...Taylor Mayfield.....	Jr.
20...Max Webb, OF.....	Sr.
22...Matthew Casey, 3B.....	So.
26...Luke Webb.....	Fr.
32...Gabe Sadler, 3B.....	Sr.
36...Alec Blakeman, CF/P.....	Sr.
.....Franklin Kinmartin.....	So.

## *Joy Christian Eagles*

### No. Player

1...Jake Pitner.....
2...Gilbert Roman.....
4...Kendon Martinez.....
5...Cole Wilson.....
6...Easton Rhynard.....
7...Nick Ayres.....
8...Ronan Kopp.....
11...Daniel Pellish.....
14...Hunter Lynch.....
15...Josh Martinez.....
16...Mason Rhynard.....
18...Coby Longoria.....
52...Anthony Romano.....
.....Cameron Parsons.....
.....Scott Wills.....







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## Kingman Academy Tigers



No. Player	Yr.
1...Gage Edwards.....	Fr.
3...Gabe Imus.....	Fr.
6...Kaden Bean .....	So.
7...Adam Chastain .....	Jr.
8...Kannon Butler .....	Sr.
9...Dallas Edwards.....	So.
10...Brad Ogden .....	Jr.
12...Logan Stephenson .....	Fr.
13...Wyatt Hall .....	So.
17...Bridger Bodily.....	Jr.
19...Ryan Hurley .....	So.
21...Kyle Dunton.....	Sr.
25...Grant Stryker.....	Jr.
27...Bradley Hecker .....	Sr.
30...Trey Skubal.....	Jr.
44...Isaac Bridges .....	Fr.
54...Braden Judd .....	So.
57...Ethan Fancher .....	Fr.
98...Peter High.....	Sr.
99...Donald Tatham .....	Sr.

## Miami Vandals

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Gabe Gomez, OF .....	5-6	Sr.
2...Jayden Goss, IF .....	5-10	So.
3...Tanner Peery, IF .....	5-0	Fr.
4...Luke Olvera, C .....	5-11	Jr.
5...Kris Klindt, OF .....	6-0	Fr.
6...Zabe Saenz, 3B/LF.....	5-10	Sr.
8...Anthony Dzera, IF .....	5-10	Sr.
9...Langdon Koyayesva, IF .....	5-7	Jr.
10...Raymond Galvon, LF/3B .....	5-7	Jr.
11...Matt Escobedo, 1B/P.....	5-7	Jr.
12...Ryan Johnson, C/LF .....	5-9	Sr.
13...Isiah Tarango, RF/P.....	5-10	Sr.
15...Austin Higginbotham, C .....	6-0	So.
17...Adin Gilmore, LF/3B .....	5-9	Sr.
21...Michael Castaneda, 1B .....	5-9	Jr.
37...Ryan Powell, IF .....	5-6	Fr.







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### *Morenci Wildcats*



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Derek Waltrip, OF/P	Sr.
2...Michael Ortiz, IF	Sr.
3...Tono Gallegos, C/P	Jr.
4...Zack Waltrip, IF/P	So.
5...Brayden McCarthy, OF	Sr.
6...Jacob Munoz, IF	Sr.
7...Chris Leonard, UT	Sr.
8...Tre Trujillo, IF	Jr.
10...David Corona, OF	Sr.
16...Brandon Blair, OF	So.
20...Chris Roybal, IF/P	Jr.
22...Devin Martinez, C/UT	Sr.
23...Justice Boling, UT	Sr.
24...Desmond Sandoval, OF/P	Jr.
25...Mark Berube, OF	Sr.
32...Omar Ortega, 1B	Jr.

### *Northland Prep Spartans*

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Silas Marquez, 2B/UT	So.
2...Bennett Wojcik, SS/P	Sr.
4...Skyler Pfeil, SS/UT	Fr.
5...Zach Tweed, OF/P	Jr.
9...Zack Hansen, OF	Sr.
10...Connor Barta, 3B/C	Fr.
11...Kaelan Monroe, OF	Jr.
18...Jacob Marquez, OF/C	Jr.
20...Dawson Messick, OF/P	So.
21...Tristyn Pfeil, 3B/OF	Jr.
22...Chase Hamilton, 2B/OF	Fr.
29...Forrest Sparks, 3B/P	Jr.
34...Jack Berger, P/1B	Jr.
52...Sawyer Messick, P/SS	Jr.
99...Caden Cribbs, 1B/UT	Fr.





## Phoenix Christian Cougars



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
2...Adrian Santa Cruz, P/SS	6-2	Sr.
6...Ryan Walker, LF/P	6-0	Fr.
7...Steven Cochran, SS/P	6-0	Sr.
9...Jacob Krenn, 1B/C	6-1	So.
10...David Videen, OF		Fr.
12...Christian Lopez, OF		Fr.
13...Josiah Van Sant, OF	5-10	Jr.
16...Roberto Bojorquez, OF		Fr.
17...Kyle Janes, IF/OF	5-10	Sr.
21...Noah Janca, P/SS		Fr.
22...Tyler Turk, 2B/P	5-10	Sr.
23...Jordan Joselit, CF/P	5-8	So.
24...Brock Zeller, C/P		Fr.
25...Ryan Weiss, IF	5-8	So.
27...Elijah Van Sant, LF/2B	5-7	So.
33...Jack Doherty, 1B/P	6-3	Jr.
36...Nathan Tarver, IF	5-11	So.
45...Nate Gulick, OF/1B	6-0	So.

## Pima Roughriders

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
2...Manny Rivera, SS	5-6	Sr.
3...Frank Gutierrez, OF	5-10	Sr.
4...Jeff Neilson, C/OF	5-10	So.
5...Teddy Rector, OF/P	5-11	So.
6...Jacob Whitaker, DH/1B	5-10	Jr.
7...Reggie Stewart, 2B/OF	5-9	Fr.
8...Josh Draper, C/OF	5-8	So.
9...Jacob Nelson, 2B/P	5-9	Jr.
11...Tyson Hawkins, 1B/P	5-11	Jr.
12...Josh Whitaker, C/OF	6-0	Sr.
13...Jesus Hernandez, 3B/P	5-10	So.
14...Curtis Larson, UT	5-8	Jr.
15...Kayden McDonald, CF/P	5-10	Jr.
16...Justice Nelson, 3B	5-5	Fr.
22...Alex Serna, IF	5-9	Jr.
.....Easton Bryce		So.
.....Taylor Hewitt, OF	5-10	So.
.....Kase Lunt, IF	5-8	Fr.







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## St. Johns Redskins



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Dion Perry, OF / 2B .....	5-7.....	Fr.
2...Joseph Bushman, C / 3B .....	5-8.....	Fr.
4...Josh Logan, 2B / P .....	5-8.....	So.
5...Joseph Ramsey, P / 2B .....	5-10.....	Sr.
6...Kyren Ulibarri, LF / P .....	6-1.....	Jr.
7...Justus Burt, CF / SS .....	5-8.....	Fr.
8...Gauge Trickey, OF .....	5-10.....	Fr.
10...JJ Womack, LF / P .....	6-2.....	Jr.
12...John Robertson, P / SS .....	6-2.....	Sr.
13...Mark Ballejos, 3B / P .....	5-10.....	So.
15...Tate Skousen, C / 3B .....	5-10.....	So.
16...Robert Vallejos, 1B / P .....	6-2.....	Jr.
17...Joseph Lucero, 1B / P .....	6-0.....	So.
34...Easton Waters, IF .....	5-10.....	So.

## San Tan Foothills Sabercats

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
2...Jack Rossow .....	So.
3...Logan Biesemeyer, C / P .....	So.
4...Dylan Barrier, OF .....	Sr.
5...Clay Wilson, OF .....	Sr.
6...Tanner White, P / IF .....	Fr.
7...Robbie Bryant, C / OF .....	So.
10...Damien Lyon, OF / 1B .....	So.
11...Trevyn Badger, P / SS .....	So.
12...Mario Segura, IF .....	So.
13...Taegan Bellone, C / OF .....	So.
14...Michael Eriacho .....	So.
15...Bryant Lopez, OF .....	Jr.
19...Brett Sutterby, 2B / OF .....	Fr.
24...Alex Cabrera, OF / IF .....	Sr.
27...Jayson Reyes, P / IF .....	So.
40...Frankie Gulko, P / IF .....	So.
50...Jonathan Veerremans, IF .....	Fr.





## Scottsdale Christian Eagles



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
2...Caleb Robertson, C/OF	Fr.
3...Benjamin Meyerson, P/1B	So.
4...Tanner Gibson, OF/P	Jr.
6...Reed Moses, OF	Jr.
7...Daniel Berg, SS/P	Sr.
9...Zack Park, SS	Fr.
10...Nathan Zittel, P/1B	Sr.
11...Jacob Peterson, CF/P	Jr.
12...Devin McClay, SS/P	Sr.
14...Derek Foster, IF	So.
15...Will Chambers, 1B	Fr.
16...Bennet Reimers, P/2B	Sr.
17...Landon Glennie, P/2B	So.
20...Drew Zittel, P/1B	Fr.
21...Ryan Salmon, OF	Sr.
23...Tanner Hoffman, C/IF	Sr.
26...Zachary Waslewski, C/LF	Jr.
28...Matthew Tooker, C/P	Sr.
30...Sage Moffett, C/LF	Jr.
32...Ryan Witte, P/3B	Jr.
33...Tucker Willingham, P/3B	Fr.

## Tempe Prep Knights

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Carter Sampson, OF/3B	6-1	Sr.
2...Hayden Sampson, OF	6-0	Fr.
3...Trevor Kerber, IF	5-9	Sr.
5...Kenneth Russell, 2B/P	5-4	Fr.
6...Griffin Bodow, C/P	6-2	Jr.
7...Nolan Nicholson, IF/OF	5-11	So.
8...Carter Brown, SS/P	6-1	Jr.
9...Jake Medlen, OF/C	5-8	Fr.
10...Nick Woodroffe, OF	5-11	Fr.
11...Caden Van Dahm, OF	6-4	Sr.
14...Max Rich, OF/P	6-2	Sr.
16...Spencer Bodow, 3B/P	5-9	Fr.
24...Cameron Pickard, OF/P	6-3	Sr.







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## Thatcher Eagles



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Hamilton Bolen, UT	5-10	Jr.
2...Javon Montoya, SS/P	5-10	Jr.
4...Aleck Verdugo, C	5-11	Jr.
5...Quinton Carlton, 3B/P	5-10	Jr.
7...Brandon Goodman, CF/P	5-10	Sr.
9...Seth Lunt, P/OF	6-2	Jr.
10...Justice French, P/OF	6-1	Sr.
12...Blade Martin, LF/P	5-10	Sr.
15...Treven Clark, 2B/P	5-7	Jr.
18...Jackson Howard, 1B	5-10	Sr.
30...Jason Carrasco, 3B/P	5-8	So.
42...Zack Griffin, 1B	6-5	Jr.

## Willcox Cowboys

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
3...Josh Gallagher, OF	Sr.
5...Eli Madrid, CF/P	Jr.
7...Adrian Fuentes, 2B/C	Jr.
11...Christian Brown, RF/P	Jr.
12...Josh Rios, CF/3B	Sr.
15...David Peterson, 2B	So.
16...Jimmy Norris, 1B/P	Sr.
17...Ote Allsup, OF	Fr.
20...Andrew Gallagher, P/3B	Sr.
21...Robert Lopez, 2B	Fr.
22...Brady Welch, OF	Jr.
24...Damian Vasquez, UT	So.
32...Sherrick Sanborn, P/SS	Sr.
36...Caiden Hall, LF	So.
40...William Teeters, OF	Jr.





# Casteel May Be Team to Beat On Way Out of 3A

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With a burgeoning school population that's been an impetus to a couple of state titles in other sports this year, it wouldn't be surprising to see Casteel come away with this year's 3A state title. The Colts are moving up to 5A next year when it will house four full classes for the first time, not just freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

The Colts breezed through the Metro Region unscathed (although not the strongest of 3A regions) and defeated several playoff contenders outside the region. Casteel's only loss to a 3A school was in February to Florence. The Colts returned the favor a month later. Nothing is a certain in baseball and one-off game can pop up at any time. Casteel enters the tournament having won 11 games in a row and 20 of its last 21. The lone loss in that span was to a 6A school.

Here's a thumbnail sketch of the top 12 seeds as the tournament begins Friday May 4 with the first three rounds set of the Surprise Sports Complex:

**#1 SABINO:** The Sabercats have enjoyed a proud tradition that has waned a bit before the last two seasons. Once a power in 5A and 4A, this is the second year in a row they are in the playoffs. Sabino was a perfect 12-0 and won the South Region, which has four of the 16 teams in the state tournament. Coach Mark Chandler, in his second year after coaching at Sahuaro for 13 years, puts his team's strength at pitching and defense. Junior shortstop-pitcher Preston Clifford sports a .392 average and is 7-0 with a 0.86 earned run average. Senior pitcher Tyler Wiltshire is right behind at 8-0 with a 1.26 ERA. The team's top hitter is junior third baseman Andres Villasenor (.406, 2 HR, 26 RBI).

**#2 CASTEEL:** The Colts are in their third year of existence and second with a varsity team. Coach Matt Perisho carries 11 juniors, eight sophomores and three freshmen and has started the program from the ground floor. Perisho has been impressed with the leadership of team captains Marcus Lucas and Conor Hatch. Dan Galvin is a player to watch and hitting .432 as is Lucas. Brody Wagner is having a break-out season hitting behind Galvin with a .453 average. A steady player in the infield is shortstop Eli Ludwig. The Colts have five pitchers with between three and five wins and have divvied up the innings among them nicely. Nine pitchers on the staff have worked between 10 and 34 innings. Casteel was

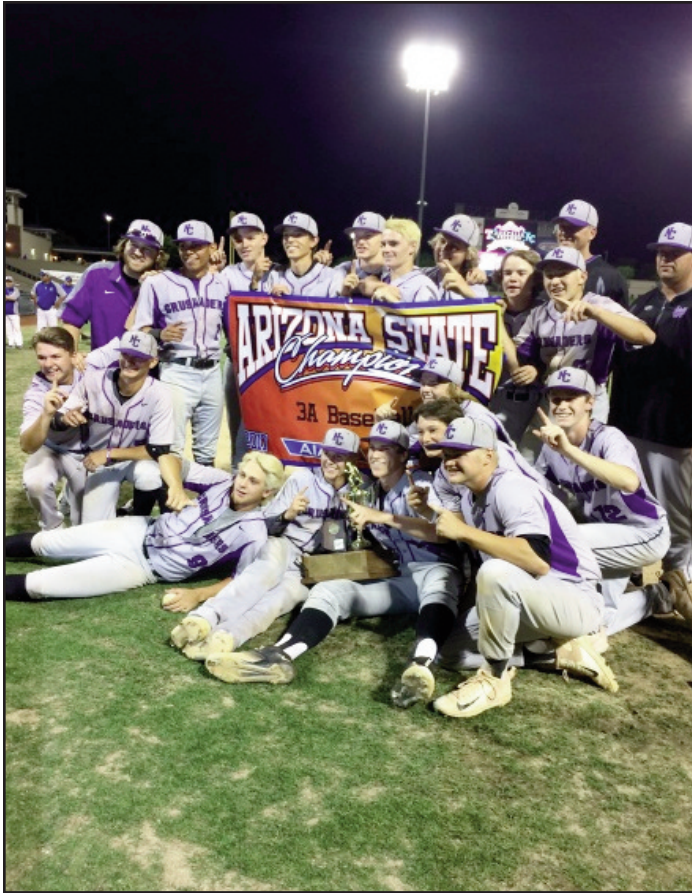
one-and-done last year and Perisho is counting on a deeper showing with the experience that's in tow.

**#3 SAHUARITA:** The Mustangs were runners-up in the South Region. They are led offensively by senior Saul Escarrega (.486 average, 31 RBI and 9 HR). Junior Jose Dicochea is a dual threat batting .477 with 28 RBI and 15 extra-base hits. On the mound he is 6-0 with a 1.17 ERA. He misses bats with 63 Ks in 42 innings. Freshman Devin Alvarez has been a welcome addition batting .404 with 30 RBI. There's pitching depth with Chris Barraza (5-2, 0.84 ERA).

**#4 FLORENCE:** The Gophers are reeling a bit from an injury suffered almost two weeks ago by head coach JT Neal. Neal was struck in the face by a batted ball and has undergone surgery for the various fractures. Neal, who is in his fifth season at the school, says the Gophers formula for success revolves around pitching first, good defense and timely hitting. Pitcher-shortstop Mat Olsen has thrown two no-hitters -- a seven-inning one and a five-inning run rule. Matan Utschen has slammed five homers and catcher Tyler Austin leads the conference with 26 walks. Walter Sommer has the top batting average at .486. Florence has six baseball titles in its history.

**#5 NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN:** The Crusaders are the defending conference champs and are attempting to defend with new coach and former major league pitcher Bob Howry. Howry, a standout in his prep playing days at Deer Valley, has lots to live up to with the school's recent postseason success -- two titles, a runner-up and quarter-final finish the last four years. NWC finished runner-up in the West Region to Chino Valley. NWC is led by seniors Jarin Davis and Dylan Smith. Davis is the staff ace with a 1.22 ERA, 4-2 record and has recorded 70 Ks in 46 innings. Smith leads the team in most offensive categories, starting with an average of .412. Replacing a lead-off hitter and clean-up hitter were question marks to start, but have been filled admirably.

**#6 HOLBROOK:** The Roadrunners are a top-eight seed and East Region champ under first-year head coach Kendall Bakurza, who assisted for seven years prior. Bakurza has a top-heavy roster of seniors (9) and juniors (2) who returned from last year. Seven of them were starters. Holbrook was the top seed last year and lost in the first round to Empire. The team is hungry to atone and have tried a more focused approach offensively.



**Northwest Christian, 2017 3A Baseball State Champions**  
(photo by azpreps365.com)

Pitching and defense have remained solid. The Roadrunners are led by senior infielders Frankie Ulibarri (.381, 6-1, 3.74 ERA) and Cole McDaniel (.418 avg.) and senior outfielder Ryan Short (.419 avg).

**#7 CHINO VALLEY:** The Cougars come to state with a West Region title to their credit and pitching their forte. Coach Mark Middleton terms senior Tyler Hixon and junior Abdiel Sanchez as dual aces. Two players sport averages of .400 or better (Hixon .464) and (Sanchez .429). Five are hitting .300 or better. Chino lost seven seniors to graduation, but a nice mix of classes (7 seniors, 4 juniors, 3 sophomores and two freshmen) has led to another region title. Chino is looking to turn its postseason fortunes around of late. The Cougars have lost in the first round each of the last three years.

**#8 CATALINA:** The Trojans were red hot to begin the season reeling off a school-record 19 wins in a row before Sabino snapped the streak. Coach Shane Folsom is in his 10th year. He likes his pitching staff with five players getting regular work. Phillips (9-0), Michael Romero, Jon Lerma (4-2), Villalobos(4-2) and Musser have ERA's between 1.11 and 2.51. Defense and timely hitting have augmented the pitching. The top seniors among nine are

Charles Stewart, Jack MacDonald, Aaron Folsom, Alex Phillips, Viny Rifici, Frank Villalobos and Cameron Musser. The school's last winning season was in 2011, which just happened to be a state title season.

**#9 SAFFORD:** The Bulldogs reached the finals last year bowing to NWC. They finished runner-up to Florence in the Central Region. Pitching is strong as evidenced by junior Curtis Bevens play-in game win over Window Rock, 13-3. Bevens is 7-0 for the year with a 1.43 ERA. He's not a huge strikeout guy, but his numbers illustrate his effectiveness. Offensively the leaders are Austin Villalba (.453), Jerick Aribizo (.387), Patrick Ornelas (.385) and Mason Duros (.350). Villalba also pitches.

**#10 SHOW LOW:** The Cougars tied with Holbrook and Payson for the East Region crown, but it went to Holbrook due to tie-breaking procedures. Show Low is a strong hitting team with five players who see regular time hitting .400 or better - Cal Fawcett, Tanner Isaacs, Jake Reidhead, Zach Edwards and Grayson Pace. Defense has been a problem at times, but must be shored up in the tournament if the Cougars are to make a run. Isaacs and Deegan Letner are the top hurlers in terms of work and have ERAs in the low to mid threes.

**#11 PAYSON:** The Longhorns are making their sixth consecutive playoff appearance under sixth-year head coach Brian Young despite losing eight seniors. They lost to Safford in the semifinals a year ago. Those seniors were mostly the starters from a year ago. This team is young, but has learned to be successful quickly. Top pitchers are Kevin Cerna and Koy Duran. The offense revolves around first baseman Dylan Justice and outfielder Jesse Conway.

**#12 EMPIRE:** The Ravens may have finished fourth in the South Region, but the others ahead of them occupy the #1, #3 and #8 seeds. They have quality hitters in junior Braden Boisvert (.456 avg., 18 2B, 5 HR and 35 RBI), senior Luis Quintero (.409 avg., 6 HR, 30 RBI) and junior Matt Smith (.416 avg.). They'll need to hit as pitching isn't especially strong. Nine pitchers have win, but no one has more than three. Seniors Tanner Duffek and Drake Bannerman have logged the most innings -- and have three wins apiece.



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# 3A Baseball Championship Bracket

**Fri, May 4**

**Sat, May 5**

**Sat, May 12**

**Mon, May 14**

Yuma Catholic (#16)

Surprise Complex, 6:30 pm

Sabino (#1)

Safford (#9)

Surprise Complex, 4:00 pm

Catalina (#8)

Empire (#12)

Surprise Complex, 6:30 pm

Northwest Christian (#5)

Pusch Ridge (#13)

Surprise Complex, 4:00 pm

Florence (#4)

Blue Ridge (#14)

Surprise Complex, 6:30 pm

Sahuarita (#3)

Payson (#11)

Surprise Complex, 4:00 pm

Holbrook (#6)

Show Low (#10)

Surprise Complex, 6:30 pm

Chino Valley (#7)

Winslow (#15)

Surprise Complex, 4:00 pm

Casteel (#2)

Surprise Complex  
1:00 pm

Surprise Complex  
6:30 pm

Surprise Complex  
1:00 pm

HoHoKam Stadium  
4:00 pm

Surprise Complex  
1:00 pm

Surprise Complex  
6:30 pm

Surprise Complex  
1:00 pm

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# 3A Baseball State Qualifiers

## Blue Ridge Yellowjackets



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Seth Chavez, SS/P .....	Sr.
2...John Barajas, C/INF .....	Jr.
3...Eli Thompson, INF/P .....	So.
4...Josh Jones, OF/P .....	So.
5...Corey Endfield, INF/OF .....	Jr.
7...Devin Chowbig, INF/P .....	Jr.
9...Jackson Lafferty, OF .....	Sr.
10...Dusty Landis, INF/P .....	Jr.
11...Dylan Hanson, P .....	Jr.
13...Tanner McCullough, 1B/P .....	Jr.
14...Tucker Smith, C/INF .....	So.
15...Kai Tainatongo, INF/P .....	Jr.
16...Gunner Martinez, INF/P .....	Fr.
18...Chris Verdugo, OF/C .....	Jr.
20...Danner Owens .....	Fr.
21...Josh Morquecho, OF/INF .....	Jr.
23...Zeke Kessay, INF/P .....	Jr.

## Casteel Colts

Player	Yr.
.....Jared Anderson .....	So.
.....Tyler Bare .....	Fr.
.....Max Callarman .....	Jr.
.....Jaxson Carrasco .....	So.
.....Riley Davis .....	So.
.....Matthew Fike .....	Fr.
.....Seth Funderburk .....	Jr.
.....Dan Galvin .....	Jr.
.....CJ Glenn .....	So.
.....Conner Hatch .....	So.
.....Kaden Heyl .....	So.
.....Tanner Keeley .....	Jr.
.....Preston Lemus .....	Jr.
.....Cid Lucas .....	Jr.
.....Marcus Lucas .....	Jr.
.....Eli Ludwig .....	Jr.
.....Ayden Markovich .....	Fr.
.....Tyler Moore .....	So.
.....Nico Petrotto .....	Jr.
.....Isaac Rehfield .....	Fr.
.....Matt Russo .....	Jr.
.....Luke Thompson .....	So.
.....Brody Wagner .....	Jr.





## Catalina Trojans



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
2...Alex Phillips, SS/P	6-1	Sr.
5...Michael Romero, P/1B	6-2	Jr.
9...Cameron Musser, P/1B	6-3	Sr.
10...Aaron Folsom, 2B/P	5-7	Sr.
11...Charles Stewart, C/OF	6-0	Sr.
13...Josue Gonzalez, P/OF	5-7	Jr.
15...Jonah Lauten, CF	5-6	Jr.
18...Joel Baez, 3B/C		Sr.
20...Abel Ornelas		So.
21...Andres Hernandez, P/OF	6-1	Sr.
22...Jon Lerma, P/OF	5-7	Jr.
24...Vincent Rifici, IF	6-0	Sr.
26...Rogelio Tamayo, SS/OF	5-8	Jr.
27...Julian Celis, RF		So.
28...Angel Guitierrez		Fr.
32...Frank Villalobos, P/1B	5-9	Sr.
44...Jack MacDonald, 1B/OF	6-2	Sr.
55...Logan Johnson, C/3B	5-8	So.
99...Erik Valdez		Jr.

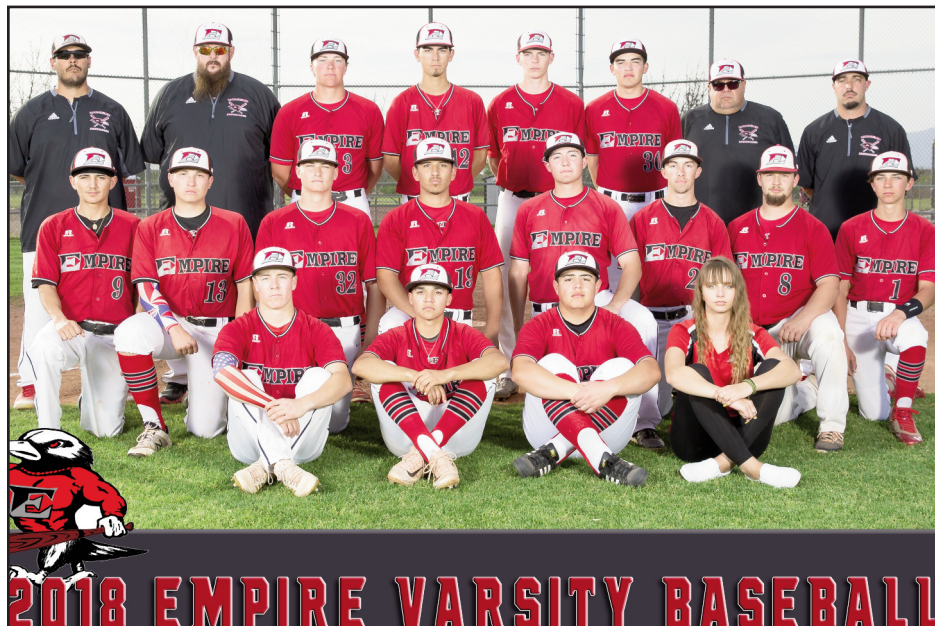
## Chino Valley Cougars

No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Jaydon Harguess, 2B/P	5-8	Jr.
2...Michael Paulus, OF/P	5-7	Jr.
3...Ben Grandy, C/IF	6-0	Sr.
5...Tyler Hixon, P/SS	6-0	Sr.
7...Kaleb Burns, C/UT	5-5	Fr.
9...Joseph Senn, 2B	5-10	So.
10...Rocky Darby, C	6-0	Sr.
11...Kaleb Chacon, OF	5-7	Sr.
12...Brian Ellis, 1B/OF	6-1	Sr.
13...Colton Sandberg, P/OF	6-5	Sr.
16...Cody Burns, IF/UT	5-11	Jr.
17...Seth Jelovic, IF		Fr.
19...Gavin Cluff, P/1B	6-3	Sr.
20...J.R. Willingham, C	6-0	So.
21...Abdiel Sanchez, P/SS	6-2	Jr.
24...Thomas Bartels, 3B/P	6-3	So.





## Empire Ravens



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
0...Shawn Volin, P/UT	5-7	Jr.
1...Brody Boisvert, IF/UT	5-10	So.
2...Brandon Martinez, OF/IF	5-3	Sr.
3...Braden Boisvert, IF	6-1	Jr.
4...Matt Palakovich, OF	5-4	Jr.
5...Luis Quintero, IF	6-1	Sr.
6...Cody Pacheco, UT	6-4	So.
6...Shane Rodriguez, C/UT	5-8	Fr.
8...Tanner Duffek, P/OF	5-8	Sr.
9...Ray Aguirre, P/2B	5-7	Sr.
11...CJ Goolsby, OF	5-10	Jr.
12...Tyler Gray, P/IF	6-2	Sr.
13...Matt Smith, P/OF	5-10	Jr.
19...Robert Borquez, C/P	6-0	Sr.
22...Leland Haussmann, IF	5-10	Jr.
30...Alex Quintero, OF/P	6-3	So.
32...Kaiden Reeve, C/P	5-11	So.
33...Angel Ormsby, UT	5-10	Fr.
35...Carlos Garza, 1B/OF	5-10	Jr.
44...John Michael Gonzalez, C	5-5	So.
47...Drake Bannerman, P/OF	6-2	Sr.

## Florence Gophers

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Matthew Olsen, P/SS	Sr.
2...Matan Utschen, 1B/P	Sr.
3...Merrick Wallace, P/IF	So.
4...Christopher Cline	Sr.
6...Tyler Austin, C/P	Sr.
7...Hyrum Clare, P/OF	Jr.
8...Seth Flint, OF	Sr.
9...Kamden White, OF	So.
10...Bradley Stanford, OF/P	Sr.
11...Haydn Ramirez, IF	Jr.
14...JD Granillo, OF/P	So.
15...Anthony Loth, P/IF	Fr.
16...Brennon Price, UT	So.
17...Coltin Stanford, P/UT	Fr.
18...Chris Walter, C/OF	Fr.
18...Zion White, P/OF	Jr.
27...Walter Sommer, 1B/P	Sr.







# 3A Baseball State Qualifiers

## Holbrook Roadrunners



No.	Player	Yr.
1...	Cole McDaniel	Sr.
2...	Brett Buckley	Jr.
3...	Ryan Short	Sr.
4...	Gabe Santibanez	Sr.
5...	Gabe Gabaldon	Sr.
6...	Patrick Carpenter	So.
7...	Brady Buckley	Jr.
8...	Justin Perkins	Sr.
9...	Zach Reyes	Sr.
10...	Finn Kinghorn	Jr.
11...	John Obrien	Fr.
12...	Jalen Nez	Sr.
13...	Frankie Ulibarri	Sr.
14...	Adrian Aguilera	So.
21...	Michael Queiruga	Sr.
23...	Gabe Baker	So.

## NW Christian Crusaders

Player	Yr.
.....Bennett Beltramo	So.
.....Mike Clark	Sr.
.....Jarin Davis	Sr.
.....Levi Delapiedra	Jr.
.....Zac Driscoll	Sr.
.....Matt Huss	Sr.
.....Dusty Inness	Jr.
.....Ryan Lopez	Jr.
.....Austin Mosher	Jr.
.....Max Nebel	Jr.
.....Logan Ripple	Sr.
.....Joey Simpson	Sr.
.....Dylan Smith	Sr.
.....Maverick Veres	Sr.







# 3A Baseball State Qualifiers

## Payson Longhorns



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Rich Makoa, IF / P .....	5-7.....	Jr.
3...Alan Cerna, IF / OF .....	5-5.....	Jr.
4...Charles Francis, OF .....	5-6.....	Jr.
5...Randall Adcock, 2B / P .....	5-8.....	Sr.
7...Austin Rice, OF / IF .....	5-10.....	Jr.
9...Koy Duran, OF / SS .....	5-10.....	Sr.
10...RJ Butler, C / OF .....	6-0.....	Jr.
12...Tyler Parker, OF / IF .....	5-8.....	So.
16...Kevin Cerna, SS / OF .....	6-0.....	Jr.
20...Jesse Conway, OF .....	6-2.....	So.
21...Dylan Justice, 1B / P .....	6-3.....	Sr.
23...Wade Parton, OF / IF .....	5-8.....	So.
27...Elijah Lee, C / OF .....	5-6.....	So.
36...Joshua Wright, OF / IF .....	6-0.....	So.
44...River Phillips, 3B / P .....	5-11.....	So.

## Pusch Ridge Lions

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
2...Ryan Garcia, SS / P .....	So.
4...Josiah Noller, OF / P .....	Jr.
5...Matthew Weber, OF / 2B .....	Jr.
6...Jude Salcido, OF / P .....	Sr.
7...Evan Weidenkeller, 3B .....	Sr.
11...Hayden Palmer, SS / P .....	Fr.
12...Ben Van Allen, OF .....	So.
17...Kobe Wixon, C / P .....	Sr.
22...Jonathan Carroll, 1B / P .....	Fr.
23...Ezra Panneck, 2B / P .....	So.
25...Robert Summerville, P / SS .....	Jr.
33...Zach Vincent, 1B / P .....	So.
34...Caleb Frithsen, C / 2B .....	So.
42...Ryan Lappin, OF / C .....	Fr.





## *Sabino Sabercats*



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Preston Clifford, IF/P	5-8	Jr.
2...Anthony Colombino, IF	5-7	Sr.
3...Riley Squire, UT	5-9	Jr.
5...Brayden Graham, C	5-8	So.
7...Dylan Cook, OF	5-9	Sr.
8...Adam Villasenor, IF/P	5-8	Jr.
9...Andres Villasenor, C/IF	5-8	Jr.
10...Morgan Altherr, OF	6-2	So.
11...Brenden Stewart, OF/P	6-0	Jr.
12...Diego Iturrios, UT/P	5-8	Jr.
15...Tyler Wiltshire, UT/P	5-10	Sr.
16...Andrew Calloway, 1B/P	6-0	So.
20...Evan Fallwell, UT/P	6-3	Sr.
21...LJ Gusky, 1B/P	5-10	So.
22...Antonio Fernandez Jr, C	6-1	Sr.
23...Ryan Melendez, OF	5-11	So.
25...Mike Snyder, OF/P	5-9	Jr.
33...Gavi Coldiron, OF/P	6-0	Jr.
35...Dylan Dalrymple, OF	6-2	Sr.
40...Jason Johnson, OF/P	6-3	Sr.

## *Safford Bulldogs*

### No. Player

5...Curtis Bevens
6...Manny Aparicio
7...Bryce Fresquez-Faunce
8...Mark Owens
12...Keegan McKinney
16...Jerick Arbizo
18...Jedrick Chavez
20...Noah Bevens
21...Austin Villalba
22...Patrick Ornelas
23...Frankie Arrellin
24...Justin Torrio
25...Jo Paul Arbizo
28...Gunner Higgins
33...Brennon Maldonado
34...Mason Duros







# 3A Baseball State Qualifiers

## Sahuarita Mustangs



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
1...Devin Alvarez, RF / 2B	5-5	Fr.
2...Treyjen Meza, C / P	5-10	Jr.
3...Jose Dicochea, SS / P	6-3	Jr.
4...Antonio Ybarra, OF	5-7	Jr.
5...Saul Escarrega, 3B / P	6-1	Sr.
6...Ian Mejia, P / SS	6-3	Sr.
7...Rene Duarte, OF	5-5	Sr.
10...Daniel Valdez, OF / P	5-9	Sr.
21...Edwin Martinez, IF	5-10	Jr.
24...Angel Ortiz, 1B / P	5-11	Jr.
27...Chris Barraza, P / OF	6-0	Sr.
51...Omar Felix, 3B / P	5-9	Jr.
51...Alejandro Hernandez, C	6-2	Fr.
.....Cedrick Jimenez, 1B / OF	5-11	So.
.....Zach Shastay		So.

## Show Low Cougars

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Jake Reidhead, OF	Sr.
2...Trent Williams, IF	Sr.
3...Zach Edwards, C / P	Jr.
5...Deegan Letner, OF / P	Sr.
6...Joey King, 3B	Sr.
7...Tanner Isaacs, OF / P	Jr.
13...Grayson Pace, OF / P	Sr.
15...Cal Fawcett, IF	So.
15...Jake Yeager	So.
23...Brian Reed, IF / OF	Jr.
44...Thadeus Carlyon, 1B / P	So.
.....Trent Beeler, C	Fr.
.....Logan Johnson, IF	So.
.....Michael Lopez, 3B / P	So.

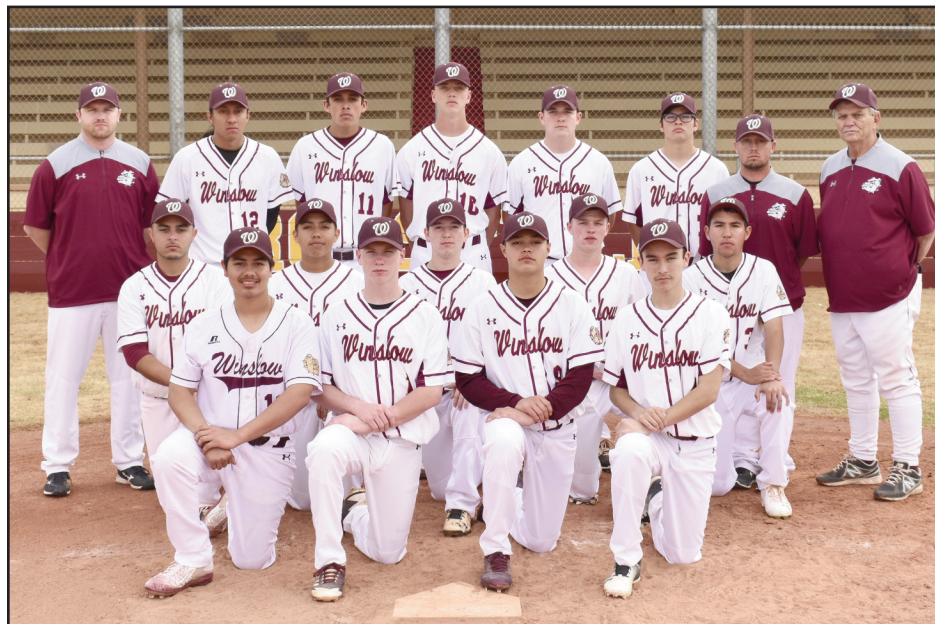






# 3A Baseball State Qualifiers

## Winslow Bulldogs



No. Player	Yr.
1...Brennan Sawyer .....	Jr.
2...Alec Williams .....	Sr.
3...AJ Huerta.....	So.
4...Brandon Romero .....	Jr.
6...Zane Corum .....	Fr.
7...Welden Gamber .....	Jr.
8...Russell Foy .....	Sr.
9...Sonny Wilbanks .....	Fr.
10...Jalen Lyons .....	Sr.
11...Jacob Guerrero .....	So.
12...Ricardo Villanueva.....	Sr.
13...Dylan Vargas .....	So.
15...Mason Scott .....	So.
17...Solomon Setalla .....	So.
22...Daniel Vizcaya .....	Sr.

## Yuma Catholic Shamrocks

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1...Chris Argomaniz, C .....	Sr.
2...Aidan Rodriguez, SS/P .....	Jr.
3...Eddie Morales, INF/P .....	Jr.
4...Anthony Roth, UT .....	So.
5...Audie Ethington, INF/P .....	Jr.
6...Gage Reese, OF/P .....	So.
7...Jonah Franco, OF .....	Jr.
8...Leo Nunez, 1B.....	So.
9...Randal Voutt, OF/P .....	Jr.
11...Jonathan Duarte, OF/1B .....	Jr.
13...Ricky Carrasco, OF/P .....	Jr.
14...Anthony Calvet, INF .....	Sr.
21...Randy Leamons, INF .....	Jr.
24...Harrison Long, OF/P .....	Sr.
32...Saul Solano, OF.....	Sr.







# Baseball Championship Results (1998-2017)

## 1A CONFERENCE

Year	Winning Team	Head Coach	Runnerup Team	Head Coach	Score
2017	Superior (25-3)	Manuel Ortega	Elfrida Valley Union (17-7)	Brian Heath	12-8

## 2A CONFERENCE

2017	Phoenix Christian (25-5)	Mark Band	Willcox (18-5)	Clint Sanborn	9-2
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## 3A CONFERENCE

2017	Phoenix Northwest Christian (22-9)	JC McKee	Safford (22-8)	Robert Abalos	6-2
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## 4A CONFERENCE

2017	Nogales (28-4)	OJ Favela	Tucson Salpointe Catholic (25-8)	Danny Preble	13-4
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## 5A CONFERENCE

2017	Peoria Raymond Kellis (22-11)	Michael Deardoff	Gilbert Campo Verde (20-15)	Shawn Dukes	10-5
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## 6A CONFERENCE

2017	Chandler Hamilton (23-10)	Mike Woods	Phoenix Pinnacle (26-9)	Roy Muller	6-4
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## DIVISION V

2016	Pima (24-4)	Greg Cooper	Bagdad (23-5)	Dalton Mills	2-0
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## DIVISION IV

2016	Apache Junction (28-6)	Ruben Figueroa	Glendale Joy Christian (33-5)	Klent Corley	9-6
2015	Tucson Desert Christian (31-1)	M. Grant Hopkins	Kearny Ray (22-9-1)	Rene Pacheco	13-6
2014	Tucson Desert Christian (29-2)	M. Grant Hopkins	Tucson Pusch Ridge (26-5)	Mark Frithsen	4-2
2013	Tucson Desert Christian (26-4)	M. Grant Hopkins	Phoenix Christian (24-5)	Mark Band	11-9
2012	St. David (19-3)	Ron Goodman	Yuma Catholic (18-3)	Curt Foppe	(6 inn.) 14-4

## DIVISION III

2016	Phoenix Alhambra (27-4-1)	Christopher Hoth	Yuma San Luis (25-6)	Cesar Castillo	3-2
2015	Phoenix Northwest Christian (29-5)	Rod Bair	Sahuarita Walden Grove (23-7)	Rene Valdez	(8 inn.) 3-2
2014	Tucson Palo Verde	Jim Mentz	Phoenix Northwest Christian	Rod Bair	5-4
2013	Fountain Hills (18-5)	Mike Briguglio	Vail Empire (18-5)	Tom Belter	5-4
2012	River Valley (28-3)	Aaron LaCasse	Goodyear Estrella Foothills (18-4)	Patrick McCubbins	8-7

## DIVISION II

2016	Phoenix Greenway (23-9)	Matt Denny	Tucson (23-10)	Oscar Romero	7-4
2015	Oro Valley Canyon Del Oro (33-2)	Keith Francis	Tucson (28-6)	Oscar Romero	3-1
2014	Phoenix Greenway (29-4)	Matt Denny	Nogales (30-7)	Oscar Favela	8-0
2013	Scottsdale Notre Dame Prep (30-7)	Brian Fischer	Phoenix Sunnyslope (28-5)	Jeff Shillington	2-1
2012	Phoenix Sunnyslope (21-2)	Jeff Shillington	Peoria Liberty (22-3)	Mark Ernster	6-5

## DIVISION I

2016	Chandler Hamilton (27-7)	Mike Woods	Glendale Mountain Ridge (26-6)	Lance Billingsley	12-3
2015	Gilbert Mesquite (24-9)	Jeff Holland	Peoria Liberty (29-6)	John Freitas	5-2
2014	Chandler Hamilton (30-3)	Mike Woods	Gilbert Mesquite (23-12)	Jeff Holland	8-4
2013	Scottsdale Desert Mountain (31-4)	Brian Stephenson	Scottsdale Chaparral (23-14)	Sam Messina	(8 inn.) 4-3
2012	Scottsdale Chaparral (24-7)	Sam Messina	Phoenix Brophy Prep (23-10)	Tom Succow	5-3

## 1A CONFERENCE

2011	Tucson Tanque Verde	James Lawwill	St. David	Ron Goodman	18-6
2010	Gila Bend (28-2)	Donny Young	Tucson Tanque Verde (27-4)	Jim Lawwill	6-5
2009	Tucson Tanque Verde	Jim Lawwill	Bagdad	Dalton Mills	6-3
2008	Elfrida Valley Union (23-6)	Tony Luzania	Gila Bend (23-5-1)	Donny Young	9-1
2007	Superior	William Duarte	Bagdad	Bill Godsil	6-3
2006	Heber Mogollon (20-8)	Rick Honsinger	Duncan (18-6)	Chano Talavera	12-5
2005	Duncan	Chano Talavera	Seligman	Ted Alexander	12-2
2004	Duncan (18-3)	Andrew Larson	Tucson Green Fields (19-4)	Victor Acuna	4-2
2003	Joseph City (18-8-2)	Richard Felton	Clifton (18-3)	Gilbert Mesa	6-4
2002	St. David (18-3)	Jim Crawford	Joseph City (16-8-1)	Richard Felton	4-3
2001	St. David (16-7)	Jim Crawford	Joseph City (20-7)	Eldon Larsen	3-2
2000	St. David (17-4)	Jim Crawford	Patagonia (15-6)	John Urias	8-2
1999	Tucson St. Gregory (26-4)	Shane Sherwood	Mayer (17-5)	Dave Capka	12-2
1998	Green Fields (22-7)	Frank Trujillo	St. David (22-3)	John Sands	1-0

## 2A CONFERENCE

2011	Chandler Valley Christian	Rick Surls	Scottsdale Christian	Bill Swift	8-7
2010	Phoenix Bourgade Catholic	Greg Hemke	Camp Verde	Steve Hicks	6-5
2009	Tucson Pusch Ridge Christian	Doug Jones	San Manuel	Don Payne	(6 inn.) 15-5
2008	Bisbee (27-4)	Mike Frosco	Phoenix Bourgade Catholic	Greg Henke	9-8
2007	St. Johns	Ray Davis	Winkelman Hayden	Bob Lorona	8-6



# Baseball Championship Results (1998-2017)

## 2A CONFERENCE (cont)

Year	Winning Team	Head Coach	Runnerup Team	Head Coach	Score
2006	Yuma Catholic (27-4)	Tom Kandler	Scottsdale Christian (25-5)	Bill Swift	(8 inn.) 14-9
2005	Scottsdale Christian (19-7)	Bill Swift	Thatcher	Ramon Morales	8-4
2004	Scottsdale Christian (24-3)	Bill Swift	Phoenix Christian (18-9)	Mark Band	2-0
2003	Phoenix Christian (18-11)	Danny Jacques	Scottsdale Christian (21-7)	Bill Swift	11-9
2002	Bisbee (27-6)	Mike Frosco	Thatcher (24-4)	Don Conrad	13-3
2001	Willcox (25-5)	Russ Bethel	Bisbee (23-4)	Mike Frosco	11-5
2000	Willcox (33-0)	Russ Bethel	Thatcher (18-7)	Don Conrad	5-4
1999	Willcox (26-4)	Russ Bethel	Chandler Seton (23-11)	Phil Baniewicz	10-0
1998	Phoenix Christian (25-7-1)	Danny Jacques	Elfrida Valley Union (18-8)	Calvin King	7-1

## 3A CONFERENCE

2011	Lakeside Blue Ridge (31-2)	Joe Merklin	Goodyear Estrella Foothills (25-6)	Patrick McCubbins	(9 inn.) 8-6
2010	Chino Valley (22-2-1)	Bruce Nesbitt	Tucson Empire	Tom Belter	8-2
2009	Globe	David Lopez	Wickenburg (19-10)	Ron Bergman	4-2
2008	Safford (20-11)	Robert Abalos	Chino Valley	Bruce Nesbitt	(5 inn.) 10-0
2007	Wickenburg (25-3)	Ron Bergman	Holbrook	Shawn Layden	6-3
2006	Chandler Seton Catholic (21-2)	Jon Malgradi	Fountain Hills (30-2)	Mike Briguglio	11-8
2005	Sahuarita (27-6)	Bryan Huie	Fountain Hills (25-8)	Mike Briguglio	5-1
2004	Fountain Hills (28-4)	Mike Briguglio	Higley (23-9)	Joe Bergen	12-10
2003	Chandler Seton (22-11-1)	Dave Ference	Fountain Hills (27-3)	Mike Briguglio	11-5
2002	Fountain Hills (30-3)	Mike Briguglio	Chandler Seton (21-12)	Dave Ference	8-4
2001	Fountain Hills (28-4)	Mike Briguglio	Globe (19-8)	Eldon Dallas	5-1
2000	Safford (24-5)	Rich DeRidder	Globe (23-4)	Eldon Dallas	7-2
1999	Payson (23-9)	Ted Pettet	Cave Creek Cactus Shadows (27-1)	Scott Cook	23-11
1998	Cave Creek Cactus Shadows (26-5)	Scott Cook	Chino Valley (25-4)	Tom Pratt	8-3

## 4A CONFERENCE

2011 4A-1	Scottsdale Saguaro (34-3)	Ryan Dyer	Peoria Sunrise Mountain (26-6)	Eric Gardner	13-6
2011 4A-2	Tucson Catalina (22-11)	Tony Gabusi	Phoenix Thunderbird (27-4)	Seth Melton	(9 inn.) 8-4
2010 4A-1	Scottsdale Saguaro (26-6)	Ryan Dyer	Tucson Catalina Foothills	Lance Robertson	(6 inn.) 15-5
2010 4A-2	Peoria Liberty (25-6)	Mark Ernster	Phoenix Greenway (26-9)	Matt Denny	8-3
2009 4A-1	Tucson Canyon Del Oro (24-7)	Len Anderson	Glendale Cactus (26-6)	Mike Tirella	15-5
2009 4A-2	Cottonwood Mingus (29-5)	Bob Young	Scottsdale Notre Dame (30-2)	Guy Gianni	7-4
2008 4A-1	Scottsdale Chaparral (27-6)	Jerry Dawson	Phoenix SD O'Connor (25-7-1)	Jeff Baumgartner	8-6
2008 4A-2	Cottonwood Mingus (23-11)	Greg Beauchman	Scottsdale Notre Dame (29-5)	Guy Gianni	4-1
2007 4A-1	Tempe McClintock (24-10)	Harold Bull	Tucson Sahuaro (16-13-1)	Mark Chandler	(10 inn.) 9-8
2007 4A-2	Scottsdale Coronado (27-5-1)	Buck Holmes	Scottsdale Notre Dame (28-6)	Guy Gianni	20-8
2006 4A-1	Scottsdale Chaparral (31-3-1)	Jerry Dawson	Tucson Amphitheater (24-11)	Todd Naskedov	4-3
2006 4A-2	Cave Creek Cactus Shadows (20-12)	Tom Scala	Scottsdale Arcadia (22-9)	Ken Rudolph	13-7
2005	Scottsdale Chaparral (31-3)	Jerry Dawson	Tucson Catalina Foothills (33-3)	Jason Hisey	10-0
2004	Scottsdale Chaparral (31-2)	Jerry Dawson	Tucson Catalina Foothills (26-5)	Trent Emeneck	9-3
2003	Scottsdale Chaparral (32-3)	Jerry Dawson	Scottsdale Coronado (24-6)	Buck Holmes	(12 inn.) 4-3
2002	Prescott (26-9)	Kent Winslow	Tucson Catalina Foothills (27-4-1)	Jason Hisey	(9 inn.) 7-5
2001	Douglas (21-7)	Jaime Tadeo	Tucson Sahuaro (18-15)	Mark Tselentis	4-0
2000	Scottsdale Chaparral (28-6)	Jerry Dawson	Tucson Santa Rita (24-11)	Dan Moore	10-4
1999	Scottsdale Chaparral (32-2)	Jerry Dawson	Scottsdale Coronado (24-7)	Buck Holmes	3-2
1998	Phoenix Thunderbird (26-5)	Pat Higgins	Scottsdale Chaparral (25-5-2)	Jerry Dawson	10-2

## 5A CONFERENCE

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



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