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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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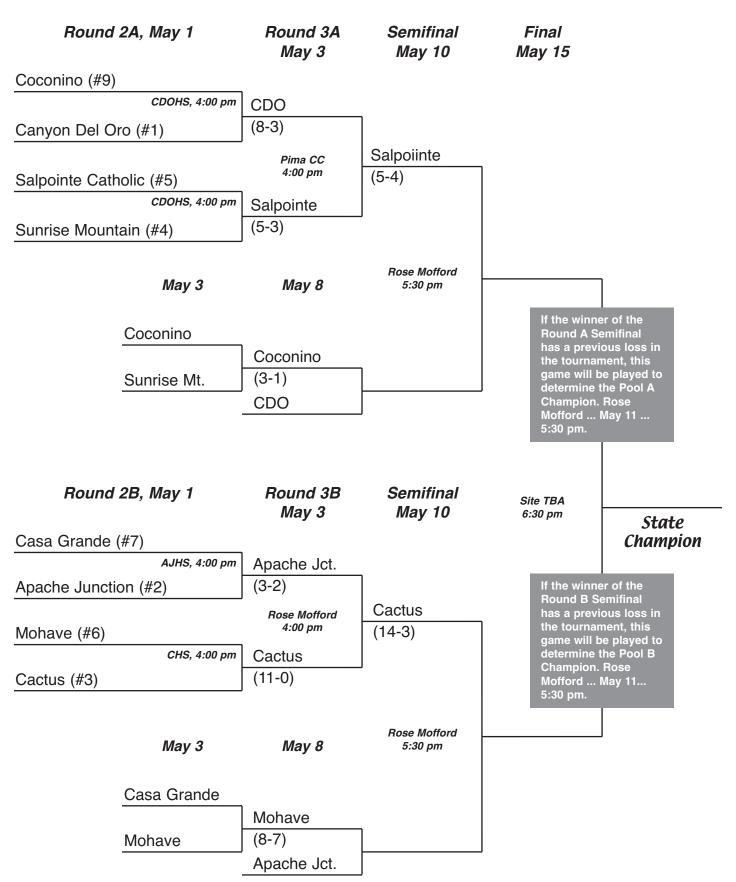
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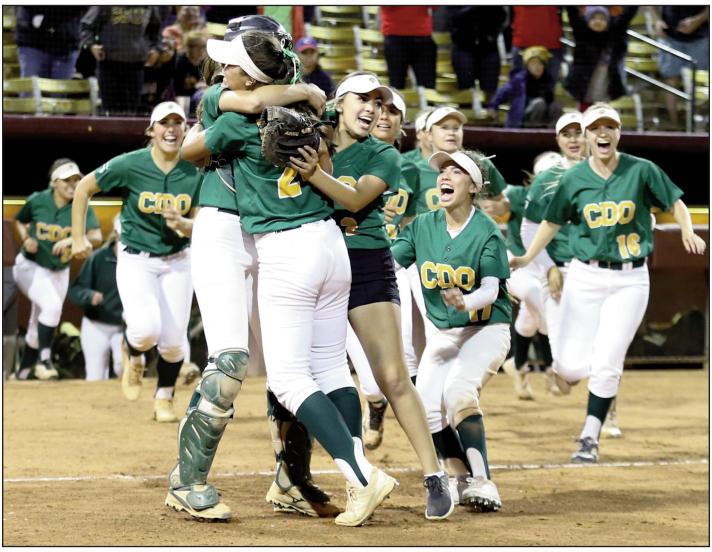


4A SB State Championship Bracket





Salpointe, Cactus Each One Win Away From Reaching Final



Canyon Del Oro is the defending champ (photo by Kevin French of maxpreps.com).

By Jose Garcia azpreps365.com

No. 1 Canyon del Oro (26-8) vs. No. 9 Coconino (18-13): CDO is trying to become just the second program in the state to win 10 state championships, tying Seton Catholic for the lead. "Our team has solid team chemistry, and they want a repeat as state champ," said CDO's venerable coach Kelly Fowler. Fowler has coached three of CDO's championship teams. This year, she returned nine seniors to defend their 2017 title. The 2018 team is batting .391 with a 2.12 ERA and nine shutouts. Mikayla Santa Cruz transferred from Salpointe and didn't play last year. She is 13-3 this year with a 2.50 ERA. Sophomore Amya Legarr, the winning pitcher for CDO in the state semifinals last year, is 12-4 with a 1.68 ERA and 128 strikeouts in 108.1 innings this year. Seven of CDO's players have already committed to play in college. One of those players Alexis Kaiser, is one of two players batting plus.-.500, is headed to Syracuse and has tallied 10

home runs. Kaiser's 4-year career batting average is .510 in 119 games. The other .500 hitter is Sr. INF/OF Ellessa Bonstrom, a University of Utah commit. The rest of the college-bound players are Santa Cruz (ASU), Sr. INF Anya Gonzalez (Syracuse), Sr. OF Stephanie Cota (Jamestown University), Sr. OF Kristen Garcia (Arizona Christian).

For Coconino, this is the first time since 2011 that the program has made it past the state's first round. Kimberly Dennis, now in her 8th season, coached Coconino to the semifinals in 2011. If it continues pulling off upsets like it did in the first round against No. 8 Mingus and then No. 4 Sunrise Mountain, Coconino will return to the exact same final four spot it was in 2011. In the second round, Coconino lost to CDO 8-3. In the game, Coconino gave up nine walks, and Kaiser hit a two-run home run. "Our team's success is based on (playing as a) team," Dennis said. "These girls truly understand that they play for each other. Our team leaders/captains are McKenna Gladden, Kaitlyn Snopek, and Sam Seery. Our offensive leader

is Taylor Brown, with quality at bats, and our middle infielders, Brooke Wong and Maddy Clouse, are our defensive leaders."

No. 5 Salpointe (30-4-1): Salpointe will play the winner of the Canyon del Oro-Coconino game on May 10 at Rose Moffor. Salpointe only had 3 seniors last year but dresses six this year, including Sr. Yannira Acuna (Arizona State), whose slugging percentage 1.018. At .622, Acuna carries the 4A's 4th highest batting average and went 3-4 with a HR and two RBI in second round win against No. 4 seed Sunrise Mountain. Another senior, pitcher Aleena Alexander, is 12-1 with a 2.62 ERA in 77.1 innings. With six freshmen or sophomores, the team is still young. But it's guite some freshmen class, which includes Elise Munoz and Kim McDaniels, who are each hitting over .400 and have struck out only a combined 10 times. Another Salpointe freshmen that's making waves is Alyssa Aguilar, whose ERA is ranked third best in 4A. Opponents are batting just .244 against her. Another leader for Salpointe is Jr. Diana Montano, who was sixth in the state with RBIs. Salpointe was batting .414 with a 1.77 team ERA. The last time Salpointe won a state champions was in 1996, when third-year head coach Amy Rocha was playing for Salpointe. Rocha and Salpointe also won a title in 1993. Rocha, a former catcher, won a national title at Central Arizona as a player and played for University of Arizona. Rocha's daughter, Malaea, is the team's second-leading hitte at .529. Salpointe lost to rival CDO in the semifinals last year and lost the 2015 final to Cienega, Rocha's first year.

No. 3 Cactus (20-4): Cactus will play the winner of the Mohave-Apache Junction game on May 10 at Rose Mofford. Six of Cactus' 4A best 41 homers have been grand slams. Alynah Torres and Emilie Guerra have hit a combined homers. Torres is just a junior but has been tormenting teams since she was a freshman. "(Torres) makes us go," Underwood said. Guerra along with senior Nicole Osteen are having great years at the plate. Guerra also has pitched the second most innings on the team and is 8-3. Osteen is producing despite playing with a heavy heart. Her father passed away in a fatal car accident this school year. Cactus also has been trying to move forward without sophomore Cassie Elliot (ACL), who was 8-0 with a 1.81 ERA. Another sophomore Kayt Levyas (.543 ave.) missed several key games with a severe case of the flu. But another youngster, freshman McKenna Feringa (.488 ave. 13-1, 1.01 ERA), stepped in and can make a case for MVP honors. Underwood is in his 7th year, 25 overall, after spending 18 seasons at Centennial. Cactus is seeking its first championship since the 2003-04 season. The program has placed, 3rd, 5th,

4th, runner-up, and third in the past six years. "We have been knocking at the door," Underwood said. "We have to keep fighting until we get in.

"We are versatile with players being able to play several positions. Most importantly, we play together as one and fight until the last out."

No. 2 Apache Junction (25-7) vs. 6 Mohave (21-12): Besides this season, Apache Junction reached the playoffs between 2006-08 and 2016-17. Coach Ed Mtlosz has done a great job of keeping Apache Junction relevant in softball. He's got most of his girls playing club, and he's working with the younger players in the Tempe Summer League. The team got off to a 1-4 start as it helped three freshmen acclimate to varsity ball. Those freshmen, Sarah Nieman, Tristen Greer, Daisy Ruelas-Estrada, are each hitting over .300. After the slow start, AJ then went on a nine-game win streak. "Our pitching with (Mikayla) Gilbert has been excellent, and our offensive plan has put a lot of pressure on the opponent's defense," Mtlosz said. "Our base running and defense has been outstanding." Gilbert is 53-18 in her career with a 1.87 ERA and 637 strikeouts in 438 innings. Her career opponent batting average is .203, and her 197 K's this season rank No. 10 in the state, according to maxpreps.com. Also, the senior's batting average jumped from .395 her junior season to .454 this season. Along with Gilgart, Sr. INF Denae Preuhs (.480 ave., 40 RBI's), INf/P Elexis Toro (.595 ave., 27 for 31 in stolen bases) and OF/INF Cori Haro (.500 ave.) are the field generals. Apache Junction, which is 5-1 in one-run games this season, defeated its first two postseason opponents by one run. Apache Junction is 75-19 in the past three seasons.

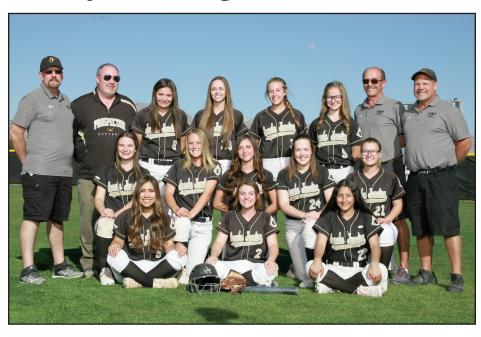
For Mohave, it is home to the state's best first baseman, Alicia Rhodes, said seventh-year coach Shannon Patterson, who played at Moahve. Sr. Jaden McDaniel is leading the team in hitting with a .495 ave. Not many players have attempted to steal on catcher Hannah Hansen this season. Every Mohave player on the team carries a 3.5 GPA or higher.

"I feel that our team has had success this year, because we have six girls who have all played together on varsity for four years," Patterson said. "Add to that, we have one junior who has played with these seniors for three years. That is seven consistent starters and key play-makers. They have grown with each other, learned from one another, fought adversity from outside of the diamond, and accomplished a goal they set their freshman year."





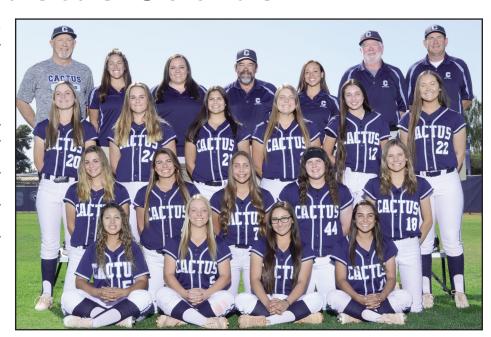
Apache Junction Prospectors



No. Player/Pos.	Ht.	Yr
1Denae Preuhs	5-2	Sr.
2Elexis Toro, 2B/P	5-1	So
3Sarah Nieman, 1B/OF	5-7	Fr.
5Cori Haro	5-3	Jr.
8Priscilla Saldate	5-6	So
9Mackenzie Dillon, C/1B	5-4	So
10Tristen Greer	5-6	Fr.
12Makayla Henwood, OF	4-8	Fr.
14Ainsley Pape, INF	5-2	Fr.
17Zoe Siegel, C/3B		
21Megan Clark, INF/C		
22Daisy Ruelas-Estrada, RF		
23Mikayla Gilgert, P/CF		
24Julia Gonwa, OF/2B		
27Emily Lecher, P/1B		-
33 Esther Nieman DP/P		

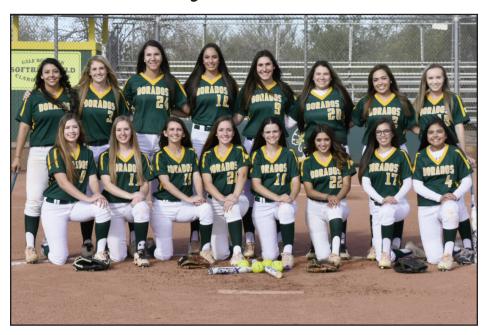
Cactus Cobras

No. Player/Pos.	Yr
1Aubrey Chavez	So
2Ashleigh Kennedy, 3B	Sr.
3McKenna Feringa, P/1B	Fr.
4Alynah Torres, SS/C	Jr.
5Nicole Osteen, 2B/CF	Sr.
7Taylor Pacheco, OF/SS	So
11Kaiulani Nowell, OF	So
12Grace Seale, OF/1B	Fr.
18Cassie Elliott, P/OF	So
20Carson Gambs, RF	Jr.
21Kaytlin Leyvas, C/2B	So
22Emilie Guerra, P/1B	
24Chloe Theriault, 1B	So
27Hannah Difabio, OF/2B	Fr.
55Arylana Sedillo, OF/1B	Sr.





Canyon Del Oro Dorados



No. Player/Pos.	Yr
1Anya Gonzalez, SS	Sr.
2Mikayla Santa Cruz, P	
3Ellessa Bonstrom, 3B/OF	
4Miia Campos, 2B/OF	Fr.
6Kinyon Holt, P	Fr.
8Kirsten Garcia, OF	Sr.
9Alexis Kaiser, C	Sr.
10Katie Stracco, OF	
11Abrianna Carr, OF	Sr.
12Elizubeth Billington, C	Jr.
15Adriana Macaulay, OF	Jr.
17Kaylani Felix, 2B	Sr.
18Amya Legarra, P/1B	So
19Kristina Kish, OF	Sr.
20Sabrina Garcia, 3B/1B	
22Stephanie Cota, OF	
24Halle Morris, P/1B	
26 Hope Banales 2B/OF	

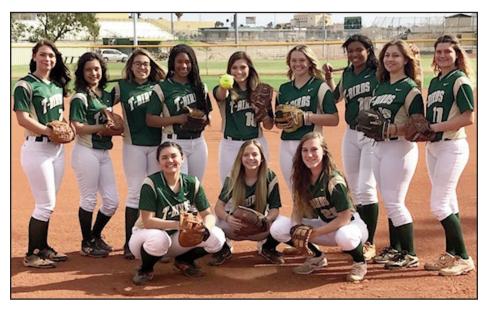
Coconino Panthers

No. Player/Pos.	Yr
00Brailee Kay, OF/3B	Jr.
1Madelyn Clouse, 2B/UT	So
5Hallie Chiaverini, OF	Sr.
6Sam Seery, C/3B	Jr.
7Tayler Dominguez, OF	Sr.
9McKenna Gladden, CF	Sr.
10Brooklynn Wong, SS	So
11Kylee Vickers, OF	So
12Makynzie Miller-Smith, 1B/C	Sr.
13Taylor Brown, 3B/P	Jr.
15Lexi Bartell, 1B/P	So
16Ashlyn Hernandez, OF/1B	Jr.
27Kaitlyn Snopek, P/1B	Jr.





Mohave Thunderbirds



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
2Ashley Smith, INF	Fr.
6Hannah Hansen, C	Sr.
7Jaden McDaniel, SS/2B	Sr.
8Daezha Goodloe, LF/P	Jr.
9Taylor Lujan, 3B	Jr.
10Jordan Lakes, CF	Sr.
11Tiffany Salahub, UT/OF	Jr.
18Kalani Reehill, P/LF	Sr.
19Megan Krall, OF	Jr.
20Alicia Rhodes, 1B/C	Sr.
21Madiana Duarte, 2B/SS	Sr.
22Sammie Welt, INF/OF	So

Salpointe Catholic Lancers

No. Flayer	11.
1Alyssa Ortiz	Jr.
3Aleena Alexander	Sr.
4Yannira Acuna	Sr.
5Elise Munoz	Fr.
6Karlie Lopez	Sr.
8Kat Payne	So.
9Emily Marquez	Sr.
10Malaea Rocha	Jr.
13Anjolee Aguilar-Beaucage	So.
18K.C. Pruett	So.
23Gabby Aguiree	Jr.
24Erika Marquez	Sr.
34Kim McDaniels	Fr.
44Alyssa Aguilar	Fr.
73Diana Montano	Jr.
85Giselle Munoz	Sr.

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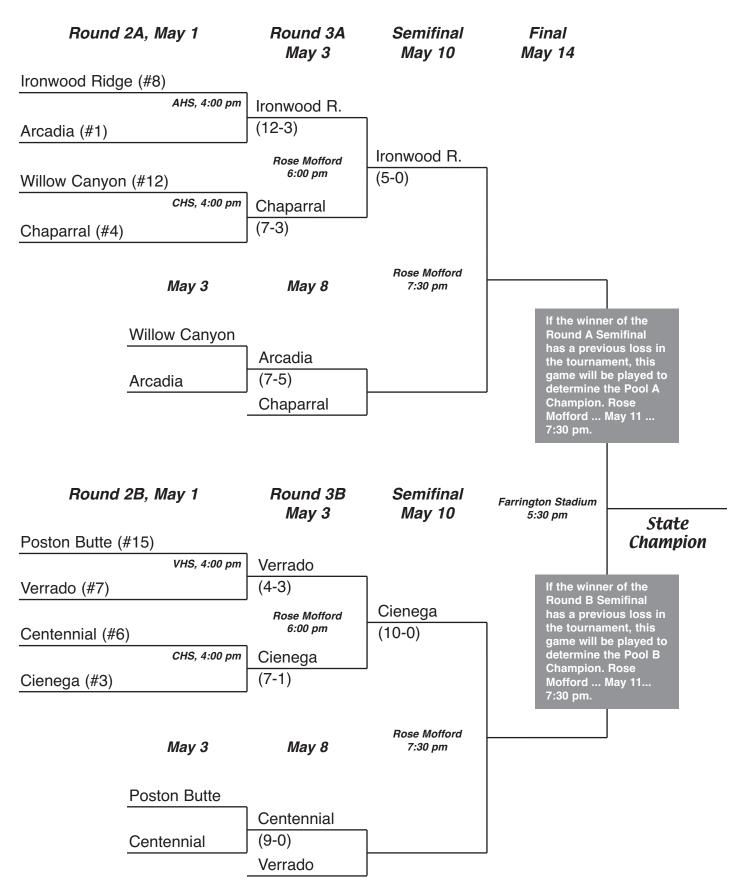
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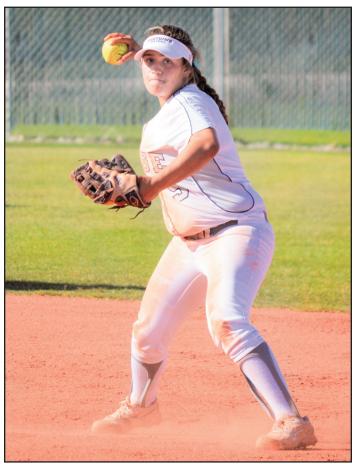
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5A Softball Tournament Preview



Isabel Pacho, Ironwwood Ridge (photo by Andy Morales of azpreps365.com)

By Andy Morales azpreps365.com

We started with 24 teams in the 5A softball playoffs and those have been whittled down to the remaining six, with two already waiting in the semifinal round. Top-seeded Arcadia is still alive in the elimination bracket but No. 2 Campo Verde did not survive the first round. No. 3 Cienega needed eight innings to escape a first-round upset but the Bobcats blew out their next two opponents to advance to the semifinals.

Speaking of lopsided scores, No. 8 Ironwood Ridge beat No. 9 Desert Edge 10-0 in the first round, upset No. 1 Arcadia 12-3 in the second round and outlasted No. 4 Chaparral 5-0 in the third round. The Nighthawks are too good to be labeled the "Cinderella" team of the playoffs but the team from Vail came in vastly underrated.

Let's take a closer look at the remaining matchups in the 5A softball tournament and the possible scenarios:

Chaparral (25-9) is facing Arcadia (28-4) in an upper-bracket elimination game scheduled for Tuesday, May 8 and the winner of that game will face Ironwood Ridge (25-9) once more, two days later in the semifinal round.

Longtime assistant coach David Martinez is in his first year in

charge of Ironwood Ridge and he has his Nighthawks clicking at the right time.

"The success of this team has centered on great senior leadership and great chemistry on the field and in the dugout," Martinez explained. "Pitching and defense has improved along with the ability to extend innings with clutch hitting with two outs."

Leading the way is University of Arizona commit Isabel Pacho along with junior Jaiden Reid and senior infielder Morgan Reidhead.

Jason Foster is in his 15th year with Arcadia.

"Our team has been playing tremendous defense and getting quality innings from our pitchers," Foster said. He lists catcher Mae Forshey, shortstop Haley Denning, and second baseman Regan Kerr as some of his top players. The Titans took third place in 2016 but failed to advance out of the first round last year.

Chaparral took third place last year and head coach Mike Stoffey lists team chemistry and leadership from his seniors, juniors and sophomores as reason for his success this year. He also lists pitcher Maggie Thurston as the player that sets the tone for his program.

While Ironwood Ridge controls the upper bracket, Defending state champion Cienega (26-5) is in charge of the lower bracket. Eric Tatham is in his 11th year with the Bobcats and he likes what he sees from this team.

"This team has been successful because they completely buy into the system of softball that we play at Cienega," Tatham said. "They are willing to work hard for the good of the team. They understand that it is about US not about THEM."

He lists Kaitlyn Anderson, Abby Doughty, Kenzie Carson, Blaise Biringer, Payton McLaughlin and Brianna Hayward as his leaders

"We graduated six excellent seniors last year," Tatham added. "So, the biggest obstacle for us was getting the young players to embrace themselves as leaders."

No. 6 Verrado (22-7) is facing No. 6 Centennial (21-9-1) in an elimination game for a shot at Cienega in the semifinals. The Vipers were stopped in this round last year but Centennial was eliminated in the first round by eventual state runner-up

Randall Kaye is in his second year with Centennial and he lists Alanna Moran, Caitlyn Swisher, Hailey Galvez, Kenzie Celeya and Sydnie Sahaaras his team leaders.

"Our pitching depth is key, we play good defense and our lineup is tough when we keep it simple at the plate," Kaye said.

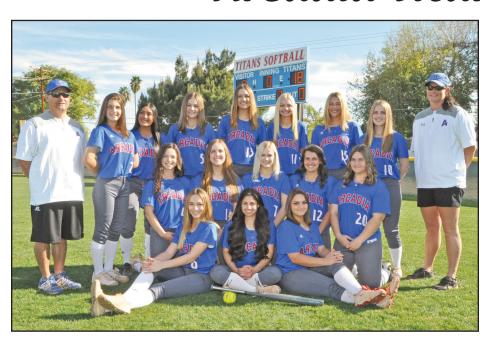
Head coach Tee Hampton lists Hailey Raio, Paige Knezevich, Reina Kelley and Bianca Worthy as his team leaders, "We have been very fortunate with our core group of six girls for three years," Hampton said. "In the last three years, we keep adding quality players to the group."

The semifinal round is played in the double-elimination format and there will be an "if game" if the team coming up from the elimination bracket beats Cienega or Ironwood Ridge. The state championship game is single-elimination.

Cienega and Ironwood Ridge split 1-1 in the regular season with each team winning by one run at home.



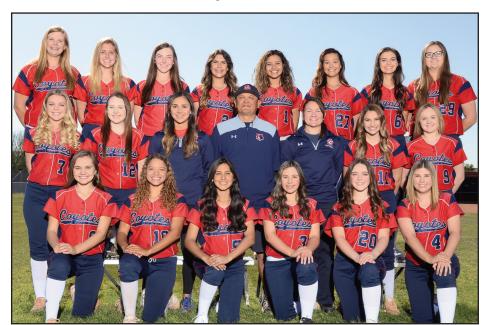
Arcadia Titans



No. Player	Yr
1Jade Ng	Jr.
2Sara Andrea	Fr.
3Naila Zaldo	Fr.
4Kelly Flynn	Sr.
5Tollen Lockett	
6Maria Serrato	Sr.
7Morgan Ash	Sr.
8Amber Harger	Jr.
9Regan Kerr	
10Ellie Richardson	Jr.
11Keeley Yeager	So
12Haley Denning	Sr.
13Jordyn Pender	Jr.
14Mae Forshey	Sr.
15Kaitlyn Hawkins	
17Amaya Porch	
20Abby Holloran	Sr.

Centennial Coyotes

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1Dren Meginnis, P/SS	Jr.
2Jaden Mendoza, OF	So
4Caitlyn Swisher, 2B/INF	Sr.
5Natalie Vasquez, 2B/OF	Jr.
6Hailey Galvez, 1B/CF	Jr.
7Hailey Schenkel-Gore, OF	So
8Makenzie Celeya, C/INF	Jr.
9Chloe Hetrick	Fr.
10Aubrey Maya, SS/OF	
11Sydnie Sahhar, P/1B	
12Alanna Moran, P/2B	
13Emily White, OF	Sr.
17Makaela Bennett	Fr.
20Gabrielle Hardin	Fr.
25Marley Burd, P/1B	So
27Natalie Del Ponte, 3B/OF	
29Meghan Golden	Fr.





Chaparral Firebirds



No. Player/Pos.	Yr
00Maddie Myers, OF	So
1Lauren Werning, 1B	So
2Kalyn Baker, UT	So
4Amber Schweigert, 2B/3B	Fr.
5Mia Rushton, OF	So
6Maurielle Noto, OF	Fr.
8Audrey Hummell, C/OF	Jr.
9Madisyn Matello, SS/2B	Sr.
10Sammy Worth, OF	Sr.
11Jessica Gordon, OF	Fr.
12Haley Boxwell, C/OF	Jr.
13Kerrington Schutt, C/OF	Fr.
15Allie Van Hoveln, 3B/SS	So
18Callie Honig, SS/P	Fr.
21Katie Humburg, 3B/1B	
27Hannah Ross, P/1B	Jr.
99Maggie Thurston, P/1B	

Cienega Bobcats

No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1Marisa Olvera, UT	So
2Emily Rodriguez, C	Fr.
3Kenzie Carson, INF	Jr.
4Mariah Carley, DH/OF	Sr.
5Kaitlyn Anderson, OF	Sr.
6Alessandra Hernandez	Fr.
7Breezy Hayward, INF	Fr.
8Blaise Biringer, INF	So
9Jacie Hammergren, INF	Fr.
10Faith McLaughlin, INF	So
11Peyton McLaughlin, INF	Jr.
12Mariah Lopez, P/1B	So
13Abby Doughty, OF	Sr.
14Laisa Martinez, C	Jr.
15Jovanna Herrera, OF/P	So
17Lia Dominguez, P/1B	Jr.
18Anicela Parra, 1B/DH	Sr.





Ironwood Ridge Nighthawks



No. Player	Yr.
2Morgan Reidhead	Sr.
3Rebekah Suarez	
4Kira Friedman	So.
5Isabel Pacho	Sr.
6Jaiden Reid	
7Maddie Judge	
8Karagan Knowles	Sr.
9Diana Nisbett	Jr.
10Jesse Rapp	Jr.
12Emma Almodoba	Fr.
13Leah Friedman	
14Frankie Lucio	Jr.
15Kate Orton	
16Kayla Keith	So.
17Kayla Hoffman	
18Rachel Hirschfeld	
21Marcella Franco	Sr.
22Ashley Bass	
23Keira Painter	Jr.
24Erica Baird	
25Shelby Thompson	
27Desirae Salese	
20 Alexaria Martinez	

Verrado Vipers

No. Player Y	
1Mackenzie Casillas	
2Jaycie Cramer	
3Amanda Andrus	
4Reina Kelley	
5Audriana Attleberger	
6Bianca Worthy	
8Keely King	
9Kalynn Worthy	
10Reina Tsuma	
11Jackie Basl	
12Paige Knezevich	
13Bella Pantoja	
16Hailey Raio	
18Maddie Gaines	
19Katie Knezevich	
22KC Jones	
23Taylor Wyatt	
26Jordan Arana	



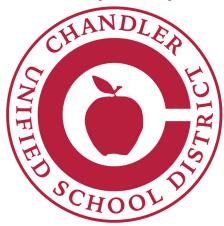
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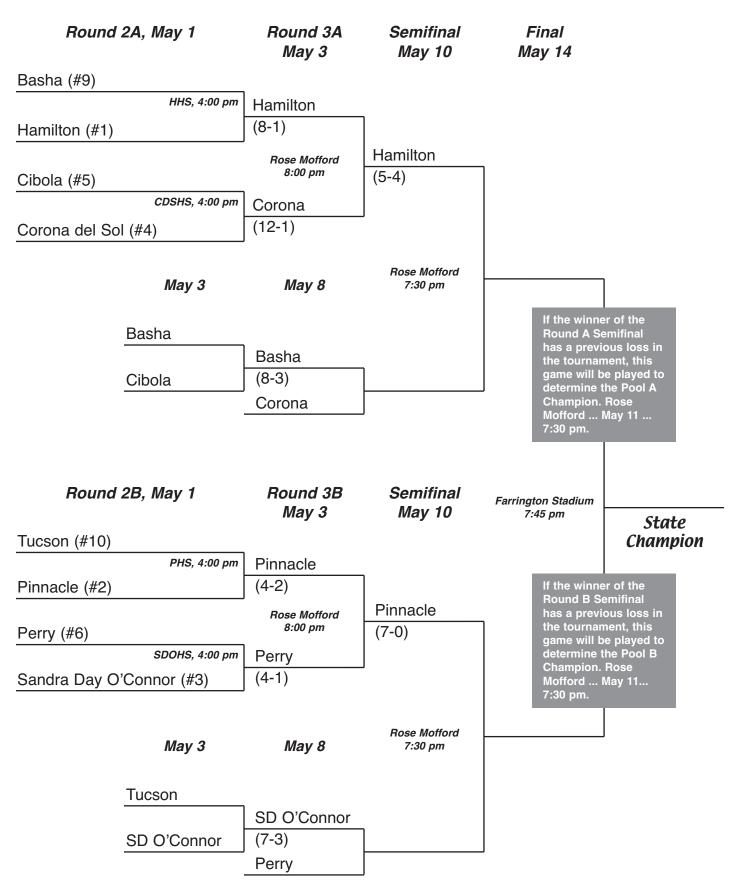
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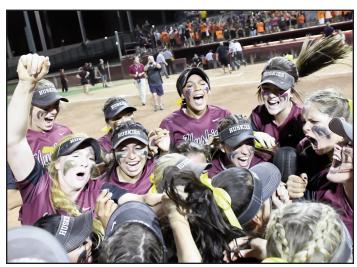
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6A Softball Title-Run Preview



Hamilton is the defending champ (photo by Mark Jones of maxpreps.com).

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It's obvious Hamilton is and has been the team to beat in 6A in 2018 from the get-go.

Bringing the moniker of two-time defending champs is fact Add the players the Huskies returned and depth they've displayed when injury has bit a few times seems is also hard to deny.

They were tested and received a wake-up call from Corona del Sol rallying to tie in the seventh and win in the eighth with a three-run rally. They do seem destined for a threepeat come May 14.

The remaining challengers are five -- Pinnacle, Sandra Day O'Connor, Perry, Corona del Sol and Basha. Here's a glance at the six schools with less than two weeks left in the season:

#1 Hamilton: The Huskies are 32-1 with their lone loss to an elite California school Mater Dei in the Dave Kopps Tournament of Champions back in early March in Bullhead City. The roster is about half full of players who are signed or committed to D-I schools in the future. The loss for the season of pitcher Madison Seigworth to injury and to starting outfielder Ali Ashner twop-third of the way throught hasn't hindered. Senior Abby Andersen has been an able and equal No. 1 pitcher alongside Seigworth. The addition to the pitching staff and everyday lineup as a hitter in freshman Loganne Stepp has made pitching formidable game in and game out. The lineup featuring veterans Taylor Gindlesperger, Macy Simmons, Lorena Vazquez-Inzunza and Andersen is a nightmare for opposing pitchers. Hamilton has crashed 51 homers led by Simmons with 15. Hamitlon is in the semifinals after its narrow escape from Corona and can only miss out on the final if they are beaten twice by Corona or Basha.

#2 Pinnacle: The Pioneers (25-3) have served as bridesmaids to Hamilton each of the last two years in title games. Overall Pinnacle is not as polished as it's been the last two seasons, but with a healthy Marissa Schuld in the circle they have an arm that can handle any lineup. They are sizzling right now having won 15 of their last 16 games and eight in a row. Schuld, Sydney Smith, Emma Bullard, Morgan Smith, Jessica Mabrey and Taylor Fawcett can produce plenty of runs most games. Pinnacle has gone with Schuld and Smith in the ciircle most of the season, but so far in postseason it's been all Schuld. The Pioneers have won by scores of 11-1, 4-2 and 7-0. They are in the semifinals and muist be beaten twice by either Perry or Sandra Day O'Connor not to make a third straight visit to the championship game.

#3 Sandra Day O'Connor: The Eagles have known only one coach in their 16-year history and that's Melissa Hobson. O'Connor has beenin the thick of then title chase the last several years and won the title in 2015. They finished second in the Desert Valley Region race to Pinnacle where there was a three-way battle for the top among SDO, Pinnacle and Horizon. SDO spilt two games with each school. They won a slugfest with Pinnacle (14-13) and lost a pitcher's duel to Pinnacle (2-1). Chemistry and leadership has played a role in keeping the program's success at a high level. The Eagles are led by seniors Grace Lyons and Amber Brewer, junior Kaylee Erickson and freshman Rylee Holtorf. Lyons played on the 2105 title team. She is batting a lofty .642 this season as she concludes her four-year stint as a starter at short.

#4 Corona del Sol: Coach Jeep Ray and her team racked up another region title (Central) recently and are in the playoffs for the 20th time in her 21 seasons. There hasn't been one standout during the season that has seen the Aztecs post a 25-8 record. Different players have stepped up at different times, according to Ray. Some trouble early on straying from a team approach has been better as the season has wound down. Corona is led in the circle by dual punch of seniors Jessica Lynch and Mikaeli Davidson, who are the team's top power hitters. Leadoff hitter and one of the team captains is four-year starter Olivia Miller. She leads the team in hitting (.466) and is a solid tablesetter along with No. 2 hitter Caleigh Tilden-Long (.462). Corona is pressing for a final four finish or better for the first time since 2008.

#6 Perry: The Pumas rely heavily on senior pitcher Saige Stutz to guide their fortunes and that's been the case again this year. Stutz is not overpowering, but more often than not keeps Perry in games. Perry has an offense capable of exploding, but over the last 12 games has scored more than five runs just once. Hasn't hurt them much their first two playoff games won by scores of 3-0 over Mountain Pointe and 4-1 over Sandra Day O'Connor. They were blanked 7-0 by Pinnacle in their latest game. Tops at the plate are power-hitting catcher Piper Lujan, Chloe Krason, with a recent four-RBI game and HR against O'Connor and steady Syndee Smith. Perry reached the final four last year, losing both its games at state to runner-up Pinnacle in pitcher's duels.

#9 Basha: The Bears have rebounded with a turnaround season

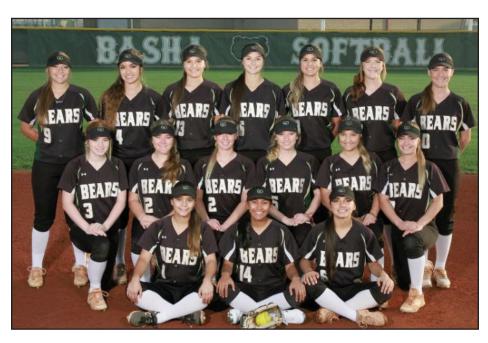
under new head coach Kara Brun. They were 13-16 in 2017, lost a play-in game so didn't technical qualify for the state tournament. They are 21-13 and still playing in May. The Bears are led by senior pitcher Kenadee Rausch, who has won 15 games in the circle. She also chips in with a .440 average and 31 RBI. Sydney Stoltz has the top average at .495. Three other players are raking at a .400 clip or better - Trinity Smith (RBI leader with 32). Kayla Scholz and Randi Wright. In order to stay alive they must beat at least two teams they haven't defeated in four previous tries this season (Corona del Sol once and Hamilton three times).



Pinnacle's Marrissa Schuld is a key player for the Pioneers (photo by Kevin French of maxpreps.com).



Basha Bears



No. Player/Pos.	Yr
1Marisa Rodriguez	Jr.
2Madison Greenlee	Sr.
3Sydney Stolze	Jr.
4JonElle Reyes	Sr.
5Taylore Zimolzak	Jr.
6Ashley Portugal	Jr.
7Alyssa Wright	Sr.
8Ashley Jones	
9Trinity Smith	Sr.
10Kayla Scholz	Sr.
11Paige Gregersen	Sr.
12Rylee Lord	Jr.
13Kenadee Rausch	Sr.
14Mikayla Manygoats	So
15Amber Rodriguez	Fr.
16Randi Wright	
17Greer West	Sr.
10 Mady Potors	So

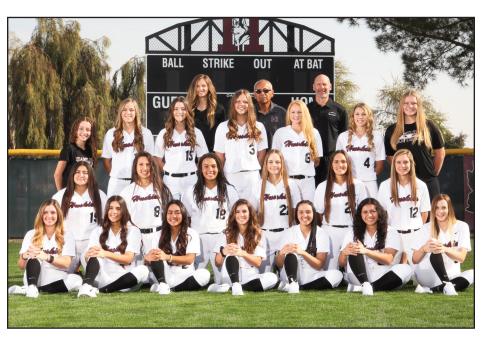
Corona del Sol Aztecs

No. Player/Pos.	Y
1Jada Wendling, P/SS	Sc
2Ally Quintero, UT/2B	Jr
3Ariana Marquez-Yniguez	Jr.
4Caleigh Tilden-Long, OF/2B	Sı
6Sierra Fuchs, C/SS	Sc
7Nicole Neumann, OF/SS	Sı
8Bailey Sejnoha, OF/SS	Sı
10Summer Duran, 1B/3B	Sc
11Mikaeli Davidson, P/SS	Sı
12Sydney Johnson, OF	S1
13Olivia Miller, OF/UT	Sı
14Jessica Lynch, P/1B	
15Alexis Massie	Jr
16Reyna Mori, C/SS	Jr
17Zoey Joshlin	Jr
18Alyssa Baca	
20Cassidee Wax	





Hamilton Huskies



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1Loganne Stepp, P/2B	Fr.
2Kailey Pascual, 2B/OF	Sr.
3Macy Simmons, C/3B	Jr.
4Taylor Gindlesperger, OF	Sr.
5Ali Ashner, 3B/OF	Sr.
6Abigail Andersen, P/OF	Sr.
7Kylee Saunders, P/1B	
8Lorena Vasquez-Inzunza, INF	Jr.
12Danielle Cole, C/OF	Jr.
15Hannah Vargas, SS	So.
17Madison Seigworth, P	Sr.
18Teagan Dobson, C/3B	So
19Katelyn Woodard, P/1B	
20Dolores Trigueros, 1B/3B	Sr.
21Alexis Anaya, 3B/OF	Jr.
22Tierney Zubchevich, 1B/OF	Jr.
24Alex Elvira, 2B/SS	
28Adhva Tandon, P/OF	

Perry Pumas

No. Player	Yr
0Brentley Spencer	
2Samantha Gorgia	
3Jordon Pierson	
5Briana Mattos	
6Syndee Smith	
8Piper Lujan	
10Saige Stutz	
11Chole Krason	
12Natalie Arbizu	
13Jillian Lagasca	
14Makenna Adkison	
15Taliah Gorman	
16Cheyann Becker	
22Liberty Justus	
32Kylee Walter	
Kylee Hough	
Emily Jones	
Jennifer Singh	





Pinnacle Pioneers



No. Player/Pos.	Yr.
1Chloe Strachen, INF	Fr.
2Morgan Smith, P/OF	So.
3Grace Rudolph, INF	Jr.
4Nicole Russo, 1B/P	
5Paige Dompier, OF	
6Jessica Mabrey, SS/C	Sr.
7Sydney Smith, OF	So.
8Taylor Fawcett, OF	
9Nicole Amodio, C/3B	
10Bella Williams, OF	
11Jessica Geng, C	Fr.
12Emma Bullard, INF	
13Tamia Yellowman, P/OF	Jr.
14Taylor Thompson, P	
15Madi Link, P	
17Marissa Schuld, P/LF	
20Cassandra Kelley, 2B/1B	
22Marie Funes, INF	
99Susan Addison, OF	

Sandra Day O'Connor Eagles

No. Player	Yr.
1Kaitlyn Laudick	
2Ashely Herman	Jr.
3Amber Brewer	
4Madelynne Youngblood	.Fr.
5Rylee Holtorf	.Fr.
6Alexia Europa	
7Kirsten Norris	
8Grace Lyons	
9Anna Jensen	
10Anjolina Gutierrez	.Fr.
11Rian Dirmeyer	
12Emma Villaescusa	.Fr.
13Danielle Wilson	
14Kaylee Erickson	Jr.
15Lela Allen	.So.
16Nicole Shano	
17Nicole Hoffman	.So.
18Isadora Georges	.Sr.









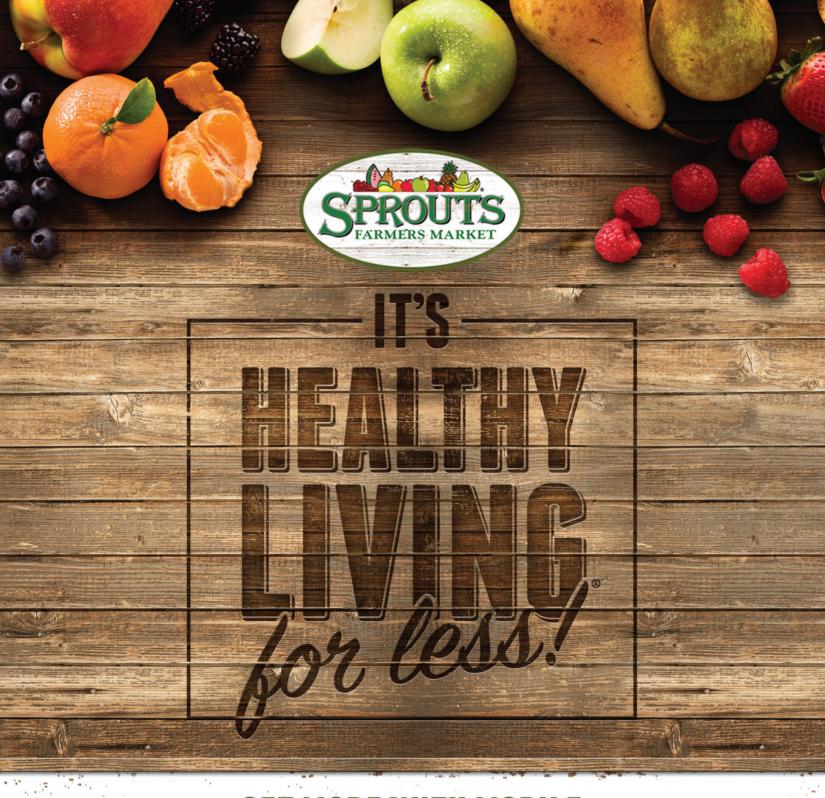
Softball Championship Results (1998-2017)

			ONFERENCE		
Year 2017	Winning Team Kearny Ray (23-3)	Head Coach	Runnerup Team Superior (17-6)	Head CoachMartin Navarette	Score 1-0
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2017	Benson (26-7)		ONFERENCEPhoenix Bourgade Catholic (28-6)	JinHee Huff	5-1
		_			
2017	Tucson Empire (26-9-1)		DNFERENCE Yuma Catholic (18-8-1)	Madison Miller	10-2
2017	Tucson Empire (20-5-1)			Madison Miller	10-2
0017	Tuesda Comusa Pol Oro (20.4)		ONFERENCEPeoria Sunrise Mountain (21-5)	In du Deville	4.0
2017	Tucson Canyon Del Oro (30-4)	-		Jody Pruitt	4-2
		5A CC	ONFERENCE		
2017	Vail Cienega (28-7)		Tucson Sahuaro (27-11)	Don Bacon	4-1
			ONFERENCE		
2017	Chandler Hamilton (30-6)	Rocky Parra	Phoenix Pinnacle (34-2)	Bobby Pena	7-2
			VISION V		
2016	Kearny Ray (25-3)	Rikki Galka	Eloy Santa Cruz Valley (27-6)	Andrea James	7-5
		DI\	/ISION IV		
			Camp Verde (30-6)		
			San Manuel (23-7)Chandler Valley Christian		
			Phoenix Northwest Christian (28-6)		
2012	Tucson Pusch Ridge (19-1)	Bob Vance	St. Johns (20-11)	Stacy Frazier	(8 Inn.) 3-2
		DIV	/ISION III		
2016	Tucson Catalina Foothills (27-10)		Payson (23-8-2)	Curtis Johnson	8-0
2015	• • •	•	Payson (34-2)		
2014			Payson (26-9)		
2013 2012			Winslow (26-4)		
2016	Tucson Ironwood Ridge (34-3)		VISION II Glendale Cactus (28-9)	Part Undarwood	6.2
			Tucson Salpointe Catholic (29-8)		
2014	Tucson Ironwood Ridge (28-7)	Rich Alday	Tucson Canyon Del Oro (28-8)	Kristin Mason	2-1
			Tucson Ironwood Ridge (20-5)		
2012			Peoria Sunrise Mountain (35-5)	Judy Pruitt	(8 inn.) 11-9
			VISION I		
2016 2015		•		_	
2013					
2013					
2012	Mesa Red Mountain (35-3)	Richard Hamilton	Chandler Basha (33-6)	Scott Hoffmeyer	5-2
		1A C	ONFERENCE		
2011	Bagdad		St. David		
2010		-			
2009	, (== = -,		•		
			Joseph City (19-11)		
			Joseph City		
			Heber Mogollon (13-7)		
			St. David (25-1)		
	Joseph City (28-2)			•	
2001				•	
	Joseph City (22-3)			•	
	Tuccon Desert Christian (25-4)				
1996	Tucson Desert Christian (29-4)			Jeff Crothers	12-5
	_		ONFERENCE		(6)
2011		-	Benson		
2010					
2008			Phoenix Northwest Christian (22-4)		
2007	Phoenix Northwest Christian	Jamie Bair	Willcox	Matt Dyorich	(9 inn.) 1-0



Softball Championship Results (1998-2017)

		2A CONFE	RENCE (cont)		
Year	Winning Team	Head Coach	Runnerup Team	Head Coach	Score
2006	Benson (32-1-1)	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
2005	Scottsdale Christian (27-6-1)			•	
2004					
2003			Scottsdale Christian (20-6-2)		
2001			Winkelman Hayden (22-8)		
2000			Florence (29-3-1)		
1999			Willcox (25-3)		
1998	Chandler Seton (29-4)	Jerry Mullin	Winkelman Hayden (23-7)	Chito Guzman	4-0
			NFERENCE		
2011					
2009		•	Winslow	•	
2008			Wickenburg		
2007			Show Low		
2006	Eloy Santa Cruz (24-4)	Andrea Reyes	Florence	Marsha Woodruff	6-4
2005			Snowflake (26-1)		
2004			Sahuarita (26-7)		
2003			Sahuarita (26-6)		
2002			Sahuarita (31-6)		
2001 2000			Show Low (21-6)		
2000 1999			Fountain Hills (22-5)Show Low (30-3)		
19991			Sahuarita (25-7)		
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2011 4A-1 2011 4A-2					
2011 4A-2 2010 4A-1		•	Peoria Liberty (25-8)	•	
2010 4A-1 2010 4A-2 .			Sahuarita (26-7)		
2009 4A-1			Vail Cienega (27-7)		
2009 4A-2	•	-	• • • •		
2008 4A-1	Tucson Canyon Del Oro	Amy Swiderski	Tucson Sahuaro	Steve Sanchez	3-2
2008 4A-2.	Phoenix Greenway (24-8)	Ed McQuade	Scottsdale Arcadia (27-6-1)	Jason Foster	2-
2007 4A-1			Scottsdale Chaparral (29-8)		
2007 4A-2			Tempe	•	
2006 4A-1			Tucson Canyon Del Oro (30-5)		
2006 4A-2. 2005			Prescott Valley Bradshaw Mountain (32-6		
2005					
2003			Peoria Centennial (25-9)		
			Glendale Cactus (26-7-2)		
2001	Tucson Sahuaro (32-2)	Billy Lopez	Tucson Catalina Foothills (21-12)	Kristy Eagmin	4-0
2000	Tucson Desert View (25-8)	Bert Otero	Moon Valley (23-11)	Tom James	2-1
			Tucson Sabino (20-9)		
1998	Scottsdale Chaparral (29-4)	Jeff Oscarson	Tucson Sahuaro (27-3)	Billy Lopez	7-1
0044 5 8 4			NFERENCE	"	
2011 5A-1 2011 5A-2			Tucson Ironwood Ridge (30-7)	•	
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2010 5A-1 2010 5A-2.			Tucson Sunnyside		
2009 5A-1			Mesa Red Mountain (36-4)		
2009 5A-2		•	Glendale Deer Valley (27-8)		
2008 5A-1.	Chandler Basha (32-4)	Scott Hoffmeyer	Tempe Corona del Sol	Jennifer Ray	9-5
2008 5A-2.	Peoria Sunrise Mountain (34-2)	Nick Rizer	Tucson Ironwood Ridge (19-13)	Randy Anway	(6 inn.) 10-0
			Sierra Vista Buena (31-6)		
	=		Peoria Centennial (31-7)		
			Tempe Corona del Sol (32-7)		
			Peoria Centennial (24-7-2)		
2005 2004			Pnoenix St. Mary's (29-9)		
2004 2003	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		Tempe Marcos de Niza (22-13)	•	
	•	-	Tucson Sahuaro (32-5-1)		
	<u>-</u>		Phoenix Deer Valley (29-8)	•	
			Phoenix Deer Valley (27-8)		
1999	Tempe Mountain Pointe (30-6-1)	Karen Jacobson	Tucson Salpointe (29-5)	Phil Gurensfelder	2-0
1998	Deer Valley (31-4)	Carl Bakemeier	Yuma Cibola (25-9)	Shelly Baumann	5-4



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