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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CONTINUES TO BLOSSOM IN THE DESERT

By Jose Garcia  
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Get your popcorn, nachos, licorice or any of your favorite Friday night football treats.

This Arizona high school football season promises to be one of the best from start to finish.

Welcome to the 51st edition of the *Sollenberger's AZ Football Prep Magazine*. Arizona continues to grow, and so does its high school football and the *Sollenberger*. Last year 237 football schools competed. This year we'll have 240 Arizona Interscholastic Association programs. Some programs are fully returning from their COVID breaks, and we did add some new schools to the mix. Five years ago, the AIA was home to 230 football programs.

The volume of schools is a reason why this season is so highly anticipated. The other reason is the talent that will take the field.

Four of Arizona's teams are in MaxPreps' preseason top-100 national rankings. That's the sixth highest total compared to other states.



Not bad for the 14th most populated state. This is also the first time that MaxPreps ranked two Arizona teams (Chandler and Saguaro) in its preseason Top 25.

Arizona is known for its quarterback production (e.g., Danny White, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Spencer Rattler). This season, the next great signal-caller returned to Arizona.

After a stop in Texas, Dylan Raiola (page 30) is ready to go with Chandler High. Some have Raiola graded as the No. 1 overall player in the 2024 national class. And speaking of quarterbacks, Yuma Catholic's Richard Stallworth (pages 10-11) has a good chance to become the state's career touchdown and yards record holder this season.

Arizona also boasts the No. 1 ranked tight end in the 2023 class, Pinnacle's Duce Robinson (pages 20-22). There's so much more to get to, and this year's *Sollenberger* will prepare fans for the big upcoming season.

The AZPreps365.com 1A-6A Conference preseason rankings, Open Division predictions, features and team-by-team outlooks are once again ready to be viewed in the *Sollenberger*. In the magazine, you'll also find, for the first time an expanded version of the AIA's state record archives courtesy of Seth Polansky, the AIA's Director of Sports Information and *Sollenberger* magazine designer.

The magazine is named after the person who launched it, the late great Barry Sollenberger, a former historian for the AIA who also created the association's archives. A big thank you goes to everybody who contributed to this magazine and keeping Sollenberger's legacy alive.

We'll see you on the field.

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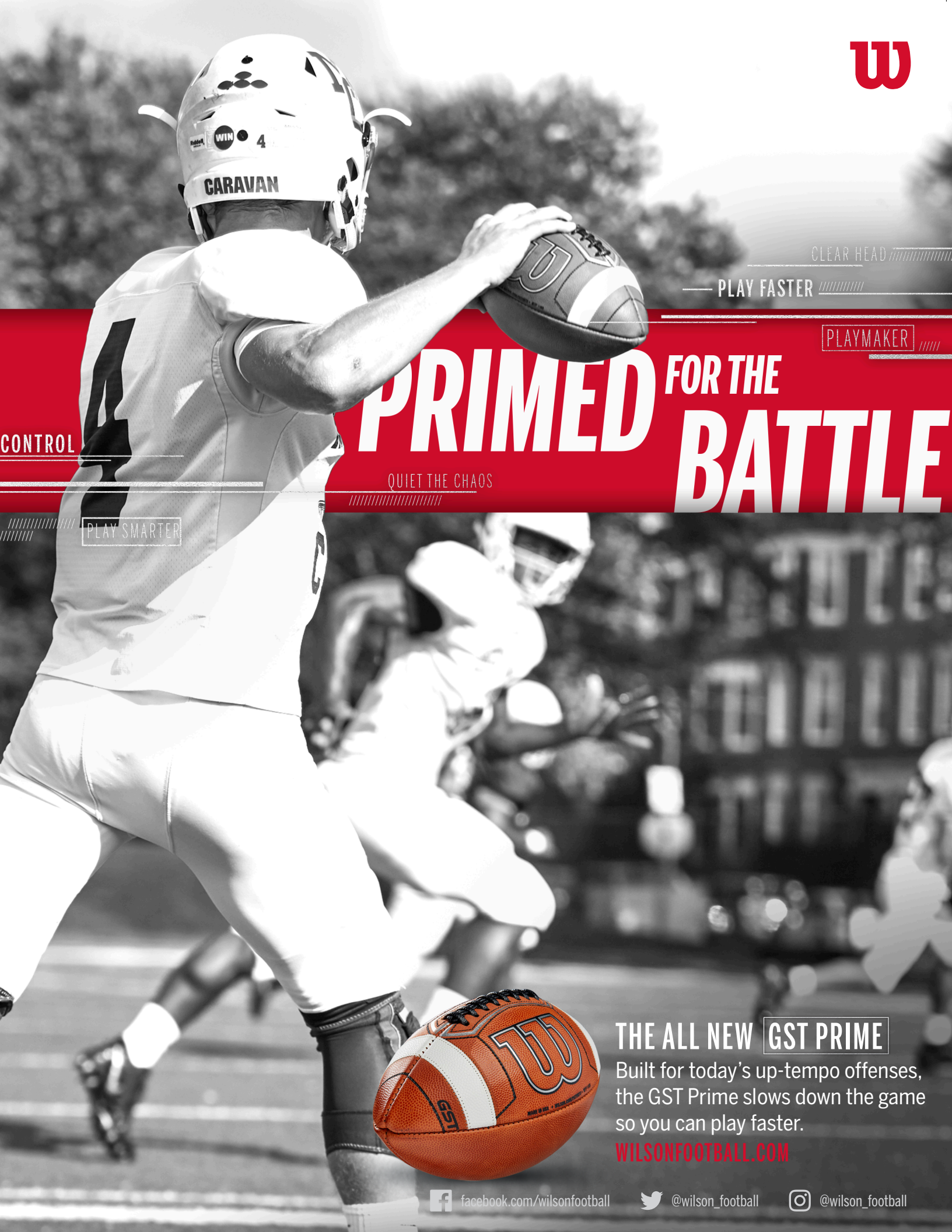
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## ON THE MOVE: NEW CONFERENCE ALIGNMENTS AWAIT

By Les Willsey  
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There's plenty to get acquainted with as the 2022 high school football season nears its start within the next few weeks. The NEW primarily revolves around schools moving up or down a conference from their 2021 conference placements.

There are 14 schools moving up a conference and 17 dropping down. Highest-profile schools changing conferences are led by powers Saguaro, American Leadership-Queen Creek, Salpointe Catholic, Cactus, Snowflake, Mesquite, and Yuma Catholic. All seven have either won a state title or played for one in the last five seasons and are perennial playoff programs.

On a rankings note, for the first time in the MaxPreps era, two Arizona schools reside in its national preseason Top 25. They are last season's Open Division finals combatants Chandler and Saguaro. Saguaro prevailed in that game, 20-15. Chandler is ranked No. 8 and Saguaro checks in at No. 12. The teams play on Sept. 23 at Chandler.

The football regular season begins for 1A-3A schools on Aug. 19. The final day of the regular season for 1A-3A is Oct. 28. 4A-6A schools chime in en masse with their initial games on Sept. 2.



A handful of games open the 4A-6A seasons on Thursday, Sept. 1 – 5A Agua Fria at 6A Tolleson, 4A Mica Mountain at 5A Ironwood Ridge and 4A Snowflake at 4A Northwest Christian. The 4A-6A regular seasons wrap up on Nov. 11.

During the previous school year, the Arizona Interscholastic Association's Executive Board approved a couple of recommendations aimed at enhancing competitive balance in the football conferences.

The first one will add a multiplier to help select the Open Division football teams. After this regular season, the AIA's final power ratings for each big school team will be multiplied by an assigned number (10 for 6A teams, 9 for 5A, 8 for 4A). If the multiplier was used last season, 4A ALA-Queen Creek wouldn't have qualified for the Open, but 4A Cactus would still have as the fourth seed. That's because Cactus beat two 5A teams that were ranked in the top-10 during the regular season. Schools will be re-seeded for the Open Division playoff by their power points and not by the final multiplier number.

The other football recommendation that was approved will allow teams to move back down a conference depending on where they finish in their new conference.

If a team winds up finishing in the bottom third of its new conference, that team will be allowed to move back down the following season. After being moved up, a team can also move back down if it finishes in the bottom 40 and 50 percent of its new conference in consecutive seasons.

The 1A championship game is slated for Nov. 12, the 2A and 3A championships on Nov. 26, and the 4A-Open title tilts on the weekend of Dec. 9-10. And mark your calendars to watch the 6A and Open Division championships live! The AIA and AZ Family have entered into a media partnership for the next three years that will broadcast the two biggest games live on TV. The partnership will also include on-air stories showcasing our student-athletes, coaches, teams, schools, and communities, and other special programs.

Girls may get their chance to compete in football sooner rather than later via flag football – the 7-on-7 variety. Fields in flag football are smaller, narrower and shorter. "We'll have a committee together this fall to discuss flag football about adding it as an emerging sport," AIA Executive Director David Hines said. "Figuring out the time of year to offer it. Much like the process of adding beach volleyball a few years ago."



After winning it all for the first time in 4A, Casa Grande moves up to 5A this season. (Steve Paynter photo/MaxPreps)

### The 31 schools moving up or down a conference from the 2021 season to 2022:

**Moving up:** American Leadership-Queen Creek 4A to 5A; American Leadership-Gilbert North 3A to 4A; Arizona College Prep 3A to 4A; Arizona Lutheran 2A to 3A; Benson 2A to 3A; Cactus 4A to 5A; Casa Grande 4A to 5A; Mesquite 4A to 5A; Parker 2A to 3A; Saguaro 5A to 6A; Sahuarita 3A to 4A; Salpointe Catholic 5A to 6A; Snowflake 3A to 4A; Yuma Catholic 3A to 4A.

**Moving down:** Alhambra 5A to 4A; Chinle 3A to 2A; Copper Canyon 6A to 5A; Coronado 3A to 2A; Cortez 3A to 2A; Higley 6A to 5A; Independence 5A to 4A; Kofa 5A to 4A; La Joya 6A to 5A; Maryvale 5A to 4A; Palo Verde 4A to 3A; Shadow Mountain 4A to 3A; Skyline 6A to 5A; Tempe 4A to 3A; Tuba City 3A to 2A; Tucson 6A to 5A; Yuma 4A to 3A.



# YUMA CATHOLIC'S STALLWORTH WITHIN REACH OF RECORDS

By Andy Morales  
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Yuma Catholic senior quarterback Richard Stallworth already owns the Arizona single season passing record at 4,863 yards, but he is on the verge of something even bigger and only needs 2,418 yards to get there—the state career record of 11,083 yards held by Spencer Rattler.

Stallworth, who started playing quarterback when he was 4 in a youth program, is hoping for a great season beyond the possible records.

"I'm hoping to get some D-I offers and settle in on that decision, especially with this year playing in 4A," Stallworth said. "Playing in the 4A Conference this year will still feel like football, and we as a team are going to play and compete like we always do."

Yuma Catholic was a power in 2A and then 3A, but the Shamrocks moved up to 4A this fall, where most still have high expectations for their passing offense.

The possibility of passing Rattler, and even a shot at national recognition, has Stallworth excited, but he is also grounded due to his leadership and relationship with his father, head coach Rhett Stallworth.

"It's an exciting opportunity to be able to even do so," Stallworth added. "I'm not going to go out there and try to break the record every week. If I break the record I break it, but my concern is for the team first, especially with my dad. It means everything to me to have him by my side. I have no idea if this will be my last year ever playing football, much less getting a state or national record, but having him there will always be filled with great memories."

A former Pinnacle standout, Rattler ended his career with his state record in 2018.

That mark was challenged by former Desert Edge standout Adryan Lara, who graduated with 10,652 last year. Stallworth enters his senior year with 8,666 career yards, so he needs to average just over 240 yards a game to pass Rattler, with just the regular season figured in.

If he gets there, he will pass former Yuma Catholic players Jagan Cleary (9,440) and Gage Reese (10,621). Cleary did his damage in Division V (2012-14 - equivalent to today's 2A), Reese in the 3A Conference (2016-19), and Stallworth will attempt it his final year in 4A after Yuma Catholic was moved up after competing in 3A previously.

Most 4A defenses aren't familiar with Yuma Catholic's air attack, which regularly produces 3,000 yard passers each season since Rhett took over.

We caught up with Yuma Catholic's head coach, and he filled us in on moving to 4A, his son and what we can expect from his team this year.

**Q:** Can you tell us a bit about the history of your passing offense and when it started and why it has been so successful for you?

**A:** I started at Yuma Catholic in 2007, and we immediately became a throwing team. I had a quarterback named Matt Inman, and by the time he was done, I believe he held the record for most yards passing in the state of Arizona. Obviously it has been broken since. We make sure that we make a big commitment to throwing the football, because we feel that is the type of talent we have, and we believe high school teams have a hard time covering the pass. I believe you can be successful at anything you do as long as there is a commitment to that. We have chosen to pass the ball based on our players and what their particular skill sets are.

**Q:** Where do you rank your QBs and their ability to run your program?

**A:** Richard Stallworth, Jagan Cleary and Matt Pistone have been the top QBs in our program as far as their particular abilities to run the program. They all have their own little idiosyncrasies, but they all did a very good job of running the offense on a daily basis, especially out on the field. They were all guys that could correct me if I called a particular play wrong. Stetson Stallworth, Matt Inman and Gage Reese all put up big numbers as well, therefore they had a good understanding of what we were trying to do as well.

**Q:** What are your thoughts on the loss to end the season last year?

**A:** It is always disappointing to lose the state championship. Those games linger in your mind. It never really goes away. You question every little thing you could have done to create a different outcome. At this point we do our best to learn from it and



*Richard Stallworth holds the 3A state records for completions and attempts in a season, and is going for passing yards and touchdowns in a career. (Mark Jones photo/MaxPreps)*





*Richard Stallworth needs 22 touchdown passes to become the state's all-time career leader in that category. He's also chasing the career passing yardage mark. (Steve Chadwick photo/MaxPreps)*

make sure our players have learned from it as well. We move forward. We know that our recipe for success works, and we just have to pay attention to the little things. All those details will add up later and be the difference in the close games.

**Q:** What are your thoughts on the challenges of moving up to the 4A Conference this year, especially with many 4A teams being unfamiliar with your prolific passing attack?

**A:** We feel it will be a huge challenge going up to 4A. The actual number of players will be something we will have to overcome. We have a lot of people going both ways because of our numbers. We know there are some tough teams up there with school populations quadruple our school population. These are things we can no longer worry about. We must focus on what we can control and all we can control is our attitude and how hard we are working. Everything else will sort itself out.

**Q:** What does the future hold for Richard?

**A:** Lord willing, Richard will play college football. At what level, I am not sure. He has a lot of interest, and we are just going to have to play the season and see what happens.

**Q:** What are your thoughts on the possibility of him breaking the state career passing record?

**A:** I am thankful that Richard is in a position to become the career passing record holder in Arizona. However, we need to do a lot to ensure his health throughout the season, and the team will have to come first. The goal of winning the state championship is the first priority. The record will be nice if we get there.

**Q:** Does your son share the same passion and drive for the game as you do, and how did that come about? When did you notice it?

**A:** Richard definitely loves the game. His passion shows in his ability to run the offense and make some of the plays that he makes. I knew when he was five years old that he was a quarterback. We focused on that aspect of the game and did what we had to do to make him the best we could.

**Q:** What makes Richard a great quarterback?

**A:** Richard's best attributes are his intelligence and his feet. Although he is not the fastest guy out there, his footwork in the pocket and his lower body strength keep him in a good position to make all the throws. His intelligence allows him to understand our concepts and make the best reads at the right time to keep us competitive. His arm strength is also a huge bonus. He has one of the strongest arms I have seen.

**Q:** Does he have the makings of being a coach someday?

**A:** I think he does. I am not sure that he will want to be a coach, but he has the ability. In the spring he coaches a 7-8 year old flag team and loves it. He obviously loves working the offense. I think the work ethic we teach through football will make him successful at anything he does.



# CARVER WAS ARIZONA'S FOOTBALL KING 70 YEARS AGO

By Barry Sollenberger  
From the 1992 edition

Warning: Speed kills.

It wasn't as though the coaches in the Class B ranks didn't see the sign. They just couldn't do anything about it. Like it or not, Carver High was on their schedule.

The West Central Region had never seen anything like it. Carver, originally called the Phoenix Colored School, was located at 5th Street and Grant, near downtown Phoenix. The Monarchs were coached by Gus Shaw.

In 10 explosive weeks, Carver High ran through, over and around nine Arizona foes and Palo Verde of California. It was the California school's only loss.

In August, Shaw knew he had a powerhouse on his hands. Almost every starter from the a 9-1 campaign in 1951 was back. That near-perfect club featured quarterback Burris Brooks, fullback Douglas Engram, and halfbacks Lafayette Winrow and Charles Christopher. Their only loss was a thriller, 33-32 to Buckeye, and its one-man wrecking crew, halfback Ronnie Rainey, who scored 27 points.

By late November 1952, Carver's gridiron machine turned 10 football games into track meets. They scored 427 points, recorded six shutouts and produced many of the city's all-time best athletes.

More so than any Arizona squad before them, they scored from every spot on the field, by every means possible: fumble recoveries, pass interceptions, blocked kick returns, punt returns and kickoff returns. Every way the rule book allowed.

Twice the Monarchs scored over 70 points, including a 78-12 payback against rival Buckeye, when Christopher scored four times and his teammates returned three pass interceptions for touchdowns.

During a 64-0 skunking of Peoria, William Warren averaged 66.3 yards on only three carries, scoring on a 34-yard run, an 82-yard dash and an 83-yard kickoff return. Lafayette Winrow later riddled Nogales' secondary for 225 yards in a 33-0 romp, and frosh sensation George Greathouse scored on an 88-yard sprint.



*In 1952, two years before Carver High School closed and merged with nearby Phoenix Union, the Monarchs produced one of Arizona's all-time great Class B teams, going 10-0 and producing three first team all-state players. (AIA photo)*

Greathouse scored over 60 touchdowns in his high school career at Carver and then Phoenix Union. He was named the state player of the year twice and is considered one of the state's all-time greatest running backs.

Carver linemen such as Bob Banks and Robert Green, a first-team Scholastic Coach All-American at 6-5, 220, were as good as anybody in town—if not better. In an opening day win over Scottsdale, halfback Winsrow scored five touchdowns and rushed for 229 yards. He averaged 19.1 yards per carry.

Christopher's 70-yard punt return broke open a close game with Parker, and his touchdown reception from Winrow sealed the win. Against the outclassed Phoenix Indian School, Carver scored 18 touchdowns in a 76-0 shutout. Six touchdowns were called back. Fred Eppinger's 50-yard pass interception, Banks' 50-yard dash with another theft, and Christopher's 95-yard punt return broke Litchfield High's back, 52-0. (Litchfield High was eventually renamed Agua Fria.)

Tough Palo Verde High in Blythe fell 19-7 thanks to All Carr's 50-yard fumble return and Christopher's TD catch. The star for Blythe was a former Arizona State star end, Clancy Osborne.

Mother nature helped slow the Monarchs down in late November, but Tolleson fell to Shaw's speedy crew, 13-7, on a wet field. Madera White scored both Carver touchdowns as the Monarchs finished unbeaten.

Carver's reign of terror didn't stop in 1952. Shaw's talented crew extended their winning streak to 22 games before Blythe ended the Monarchs, 20-14 on California soil, in mid-November.

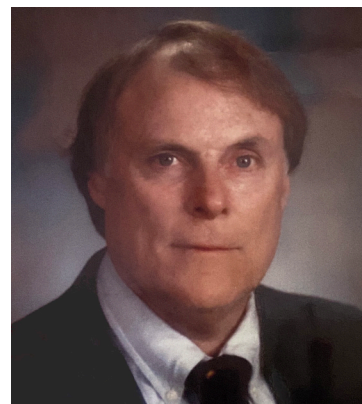
One week later, Phoenix St. Mary's ended Carver's season at 7-2 with a 13-12 loss. Only an act of Congress slowed Carver's sports machine. The Monarchs, state powers in every sport, closed their doors in May 1954, and all students transferred to nearby Phoenix Union.

Athletes such as Greathouse and Carr formed the nucleus of Union's back-to-back state championship teams in 1954-55, with the '54 club rated one of the nation's best thanks to a 33-14 win over highly touted Bakersfield of California and a classic 13-7 win over Mesa.

During the 1963-64 school year, Phoenix Union had 6,320 students on its historic campus. By June of 1982, that school closed, too.

Times change. The city of Phoenix grew right over the top of it.

*Sollenberger's AZ Football Prep Magazine is named after Barry Sollenberger, an Arizona high school sports historian. The article on Carver's 1952 team was published in Sollenberger's 1992 high school football preseason magazine. He was the AIA's official Sports Information Director from 1999 until his death in 2005.*



*Barry Sollenberger served as the AIA's informal historian for decades before becoming Sports Information Director in 1999. (AIA photo)*





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## HIGH SCHOOL RULES GETTING MORE IN LINE WITH NCAA

By Tyler Cerimeli  
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The Football Rules Committee of the National Federation of State High School Associations made a handful of changes to playing rules for the 2022 football season.

Some minor changes include:

- The number "0" is now a legal number.
- A chop block has been redefined as a combination block, where one block is above the waist and one block is below the waist.

Also, two clock changes will alter the way the game is timed moving forward.

If a foul occurs with less than two minutes remaining, the offended team now has the option to start the clock on the snap regardless of whether they accept the penalty or not. Also, following a foul committed by only the defensive team, the play clock will be set at 40 seconds.

This now matches the previous rule in which the play clock would be set at 40 seconds for an equipment or injury stoppage due solely to the defense.

The most significant rule change is a new exception that was added to allow the passer to legally throw the ball away to conserve yardage if they meet the following requirements: the passer must have been outside the pocket (generally outside the position of the offensive tackles), and the pass must get back to the neutral zone.

If both requirements are met, then there does not need to be an eligible receiver in the area. This rule brings the high school rule very much in line with the NCAA rule.

The only notable difference between the two is that any player (not just the player who receives the snap) may legally ground the ball in high school.

Sportsmanship, legal uniforms and equipment are points of emphasis for the coming season as well.

Sportsmanship continues to be a major area of concern in the high school game nationally. In educational based interscholastic sports, the playing field is considered an extension of the classroom.

Any acts that would be deemed inappropriate or unprofessional in the classroom will be penalized on the field. Athletics teaches teamwork, ethics and life lessons that are extremely valuable as students transition into adulthood.



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Players, coaches, officials, and spectators should always work together to promote the ideals of proper sportsmanship. A focus will also continue to be made on all players being legally and properly equipped.

The purpose of the NFHS equipment rules is to ensure the safety of both the player wearing the equipment and their opponent. By rule, the head coach is primarily responsible for the legality of their team's equipment.

A player who is improperly equipped will be sent out for a play. Examples of improperly worn equipment include:

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Some common examples of illegal equipment include:

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- Eye shields that are not clear.
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- Jewelry (chains, rings, bracelets, etc.).



Getting ready for the 2021 1A state championship game. (Chris Stanley photo/MaxPreps)

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# 6A CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PRESEASON RANKINGS



*Saguaro, fresh off its first Open Division title, now takes its talents to 6A (Mark Jones photo/MaxPreps)*

By Les Willsey  
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**1. CHANDLER:** The Wolves finished 11-2 last season as they angled for a third straight title. It ended with a runner-up finish to Saguaro in the Open Division championship game. There will be plenty of new faces, led by transfer quarterback Dylan Raiola. Raiola is a junior, who moved in from Texas. He is committed to Ohio State and is considered to be the No. 1 prospect in the nation for the Class of 2024.

**2. HAMILTON:** The Huskies return the most experienced team among the top-caliber squads in terms of returning starters - eight on each side of the ball. They were eliminated in the semis of the Open Division in 2021 - a tight loss to Saguaro. They are led by quarterback Roch Cholowsky and outside linebacker Chandler Davis.

**3. SAGUARO:** The Sabercats knocked off three top programs in securing last year's Open Division title - Cactus, Hamilton and Chandler. That was as a member of the 5A Conference. They've now moved up to 6A where the going is tougher week after week. Seven returning starters on offense and six on defense plus standout QB Devon Dampier is an indication they're equipped for the challenge.

**4. BASHA:** The Bears are not short on experience and believe that bodes well as they strive to repeat as Open Division participants. Last year the Bears competed in the Central Region but now move over to the Premier Region and join Chandler District rivals Chandler, Hamilton, Casteel and Perry. They enjoyed a perfect 10-0 regular season, but were one and done in the quarterfinals against Liberty. Nine starters return on both sides of the ball. Topping the list are junior quarterback Demond Williams, defensive back/return specialist Cole Martin, linebacker Wyatt Milkovic and offensive linemen James Durand and Ryan Blum.

**5. PINNACLE:** The Pioneers endured a down season winning just four games. Still they reached postseason and lost a competitive 6A state quarterfinal game to Chaparral. A pair of outstanding offensive players highlight the roster - senior 6-foot-7 tight end Duce Robinson and wideout Miles Libman. Robinson is considered the top tight end in the country this year. They also have quite the specimen in senior O-lineman Elijah Paige (6-6, 290).



**6. LIBERTY:** The Lions were 9-3 in 2021 and missed reaching the Open Division title game with an overtime loss to Chandler last season. Two of the losses in the campaign were to the Wolves. They return five starters on each side of the ball and are the defending Desert Valley Region champs.

**7. HIGHLAND:** The Hawks captured the 6A title in 2021, their first in the school's three decades of existence. They were 11-3 and bested Chaparral for the championship in a rematch of the 2020 championship. They won in dominating fashion, taking all four of their playoff games by two touchdowns or more. Defense sports the most experience for 2022 led by lineman Cooper Scott and linebacker Chance Cauthen. Their three losses were in succession just past midseason to Chandler, Hamilton and Basha.

**8. RED MOUNTAIN:** The Mountain Lions managed a solid 11-3 mark in 2021 that ended with a 6A semifinal loss to eventual champ Highland. They shared the Fiesta Region title with Queen Creek and Williams Field. New coach Kyle Enders steps in for retired Mike Peterson. Enders is a former player and graduate of Red Mountain with a state semifinal appearance in 2007 as a senior. So he knows how to win in Mesa.

**9. SALPOINTE CATHOLIC:** The Lancers have moved up from 5A to 6A for 2022. They were 5A runner-up to Horizon last season. Coach Eric Rogers has fashioned an 18-4 record in his two seasons as the program has advanced to at least the state semifinals in six straight seasons. Less than half of last year's starters are back, so there is work ahead - four on offense and five on defense. The biggest question is depth on the offensive line and at quarterback. Two of the top 2024 players have 21 starts each - DE Elijah Rushing and DL/OL Luis Cordova.

**10. PERRY:** The Pumas have a new coach in former Cactus mentor Joseph Ortiz, who advanced to the Open Division as a 4A squad. Ortiz aims to improve on Perry's record of 3-8 from last year, which is no easy task in a region filled with other Chandler schools. Five returning offensive starters and four on defense greet Ortiz. Top returnee is DE/TE Aiden Herring (6-4, 260), an all-region performer in 2021. The team has really bought in to this new outlook after a spring and summer getting acquainted. "We are putting in the X's and O's obviously," Ortiz said. "But coming together as a unit first and getting to know each other fully, that's what is more important right now."



*Chandler begins its season No. 1 in Arizona and No. 8 nationally by MaxPreps. (Mark Jones photo/MaxPreps)*



## DUCE'S DREAM: PRO FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL

By Jose Garcia  
AZPreps365

Becoming a pro athlete in two sports is the deuce Duce is chasing.

It's rare to accomplish that, but Duce Robinson is a high school year away from continuing the next phase of his career objective. The Pinnacle High senior will play football and baseball at a major Division I college next season, or, if he's drafted, there's also the possibility of signing a professional baseball contract.

Robinson, considered the nation's No. 1 tight end in the 2023 high school class, is also a sought after center fielder. The gifts that contributed to him reaching this point are numerous. For starters, the measurables make him a matchup nightmare: 6 feet 6 inches, 6-10 wing span, 4.5 speed, 225 pounds.

Besides the long athletic frame, he loves the behind the scenes grind.

"When you are doing something you love, you can't take it for granted," said Robinson when asked if it's tiring pursuing his lofty goal during a recent photo shoot at his school. "I was given this God given ability to do both sports, and basketball too, at a high level. So I don't want that to go to waste. While I enjoy doing it I want to do both for as long as possible."

Robinson's other notable gifts are his parents, Dominic and Mary Beth, two former major college Division I athletes.

Helping their son navigate the recruiting process isn't their only area of expertise. Dominic played football and baseball at Florida State and is a former college football assistant.

Currently, he's a sports performance trainer and club baseball coach. In other words, Dominic's the perfect sounding board for his son.

Mary Beth also helps her son remain grounded with so much hoopla surrounding him.

"My mom completely understands this whole process and encourages me," Robinson said. "She's my rock. She holds me down. She makes sure I don't get too high and not too low. We

celebrate our victories together. She's the person I go to if I ever need anything. No matter what, she's always there for me."

Learning about his dad's dual-sport exploits in high school and college sparked Robinson's multi-sport dream.

Dominic was highly recruited out of Southern California and played in the early 2000s for coach Bobby Bowden when Florida State was a national football power. The former Florida State Seminole went on to sign with the Rams when they were in St. Louis and was drafted by the Minnesota Twins.

"At a young age I realized how cool my dad really was," Robinson said. "No one wants to admit that their dad is cool. But as I've grown older I realized how really cool what he did was. I also realized that I want to do that and do it at the level he did it and hopefully at a better level."

Baseball grabbed Robinson's heart first.

It began during whiffle ball matchups with his dad that lasted as long as Major League baseball games. His love for the game kept growing while his family lived in Dallas, where Robinson was glued to the TV when the Texas Rangers played.

At first, the ambidextrous Robinson wanted to pitch but scratched that when football piqued his interest. Wanting to become faster and stronger than his flag football teammates, Robinson knew who to seek for help.

"Duce has to come to me," Dominic said. "Nothing is force fed."

As Robinson grew and grew—he was about six feet tall when he was 11—Dominic adjusted his son's training regimen continuously. It helped.

Despite not playing in pads until he reached high school, Robinson received an offer from Arizona State when he was just a 13-year-old incoming freshman. But that didn't compare to the 25 baseball offers he received through his freshman school year at Pinnacle High.

When he was in seventh grade, Robinson's baseball training and Dominic's sports performance business took off when they traded Iowa's winters for Arizona's year-round sun. At the time, Dominic was an assistant at Drake University when he and his



*Pinnacle's Duce Robinson's dream team include his mother Mary Beth, father Dominic, and brothers, Dyson (next to Duce) and Dash. (Steve Paynter photo/Paynterpics & MaxPreps)*





*Dominic Robinson is Duce's trainer, coach and mentor but importantly his dad, Duce said. (Jose Garcia photo/AZPreps365.com)*

wife agreed to relocate their family to a familiar city, Surprise, the Spring Training home of the Rangers and where Robinson travelled to to play baseball games.

Mary Beth, a former ranked swimmer at University of Florida, and Dominic were introduced by mutual friends when Mary Beth worked for the Orange Bowl. Dominic loves his wife but still despises the orange and blue of University of Florida, Florida State's archrival.

"We forgive her for (attending University of Florida)," Dominic joked.

The duo from rival schools wound up forming a dream team. "(Mary Beth) is a great teammate," Dominic said. "She's the best. It's indescribable how big I hit it out the park and didn't even realize at the time, especially since we were raising sports kids. She has been through this and understands, especially when I started my training program. It's hard to understand why you have to be gone so long, but I have a to blend both sides of the training and coaching. But I have a teammate that goes, 'I get. I get.'"

There's no playbook for how to train an elite multi-sport athlete with Robinson's size.

Through trial and error and adjusting Robinson's routine as the 17-year-old developed, Dominic and his son figured out when to push and back off. During the high school baseball season is when Robinson rests to allow his body to recover from the eight months or so demands of baseball and football.

During the club baseball season, Robinson plays for his dad's dominant 3D team. 3D (discipline, dedication, destiny) Sports Performance is Dominic's company.

Dominic encourages his baseball players to hear other voices. Even his son has trained with other instructors.

During a recent club game in Mesa, Dominic never raised his voice once.

He was even keel throughout, including during a long Face-Time interview.

"To me it's not about this logo (3D) or team," Dominic said. "It's about the development and growth of the athletes."

Dominic doesn't hide that he too has grown as a coach and father.

He learned an important lesson while his son was playing in a big game with another team. Dominic acknowledged that he overstepped his boundaries when he encouraged his son to make a batting adjustment before an at bat.

Robinson wound up popping up after taking his dad's advice.

"We think (our children) succeed because of us, but they succeed in spite of us more often than not," Dominic said. "We don't realize that as parents and coaches we at times cloud their minds and judgements."

Despite the hits and misses parents and coaches experience, the bond between Dominic and his son is unbreakable.

"Besides my mom, my dad is the closest person in my life," Robinson said. "He knows me better than anyone knows me. He's my mentor and my trainer. But most importantly he's my dad. He's taught me almost everything I know about every aspect of my life and how to be a man."

All the hard work is about to pay off this school year when Robinson takes his next career step.

He is in no rush to make a college football or professional baseball decision. USC is the favorite to land Robinson, Dominic confirmed.

Georgia, University of Texas and Oregon are next, and Clemson, Oklahoma and Louisville are making a push. The Robinsons will likely wait until this college football season is over before making a decision, because so much can still happen in the ever changing college football landscape.

Speaking of change, Robinson is viewed as a tight end, but don't put restrictions on what he can do.

"The tight end position is evolving," Robinson said. "You see guys in the league now that are not necessarily tight ends. Guys who are dynamic in the pass game. Guys who are outrunning defensive backs. They are just explosive players. They are the athletes and playmakers on the field. For everyone who says that I am just a tight end, you can call me what you want, but I just do my best to prove on the field that I'm an athlete."

This year, Pinnacle plans to use Robinson out wide, in the slot and tight end once again.

"With Duce's size and speed and athleticism, he really is a unicorn," Pinnacle High coach Dana Zupke said. "You don't often see what he possesses. It just makes him super versatile. He's such a big target."

Robinson is coming off a strong showing in the summer football and baseball showcase circuits.

He earned high praise for his performance during the Elite 11 football event. At Elite 11, he caught passes from USC quarterback and potential teammate Caleb Williams, a camp counselor at Elite 11 in Southern California.

He also caught passes from another potential teammate, USC commit Malachi Nelson, ESPN's top overall recruit in the 2023 class. On Sept. 10, Robinson will take his official visit to Austin during the big University of Texas-Alabama game.



Another player that some consider as the top overall recruit in the 2023 class, quarterback Arch Manning, the nephew of Peyton and Eli Manning, already committed to the Longhorns. But other recruits won't fully determine where Robinson ends up, said Dominic, who along with his son want to gather as much information as possible before making a decision.

Baseball will also determine where Robinson ends up.

The high school baseball spring season for seniors is the most important for players who want to get drafted. Dominic said his son might play baseball for Pinnacle this season, attend a prep academy in the spring or just decide to go the college football and baseball route if the Major League Baseball draft doesn't pan out.

"Everything is on the table," Dominic said. "We are just hoping to eliminate some things."

What is certain is that Robinson will suit up with his Pinnacle football and basketball teammates one last time.

The senior finished 28 yards shy of a 1,000-yard receiving season last year, when he led his basketball team in field goal percentage (56) and in rebounds per game. Pinnacle is also home to arguably the state's No. 1 offensive lineman, Notre Dame commit Elijah Paige, and a top receiver, Myles Libman, Robinson's best friend.

Not only is Robinson a five star recruit, he's also a five star teammate, person and student (4.6 GPA).

"Duce is definitely easy to talk to," Libman said. "And his loyalty is unmatched. We've been through so much as friends. We've only fought once or twice since I've known him. When it comes to anything I know he has my back."

As a teammate, Libman added, "Duce is a great leader and is always trying to voice things, especially when it comes to answering questions. He loves teaching and understands the game really well. He makes it easy to be his teammate."

For Dominic and Mary Beth, their son's character matters more than his athletic accolades.

"Our goal for our boys has always been to be good people," Mary Beth said. "That's the No. 1 goal. To be good people. I want them to be good humans. I want to send good humans out into the world."

Duce has an opportunity to give back through sports and being a great teammate and a good person."

And a role model.

His younger brothers, Dash, 10, and Dyson, 12, also are starting to play football.

"The ability to be a great teammate is overlooked," said Dominic about what he loves about his son. "Duce makes others laugh and enjoy themselves. He always has this positive energy that makes others feel better regardless of (Duce's) performance."

Dominic was also asked what he envisions his son doing in five years.

He took a long pause before answering.

"Success," he said. "Absolute success."

It may appear that Robinson is a dominant force, but he's struggled.

That struggle is what makes Dominic sure his son will succeed in life. He recalled a rough patch at the plate for his son, including striking out—which rarely happens—with the bases loaded in a USA Baseball tournament.

But after that, the strong swing of Robinson rebounded, hitting his first ever cycle and going 9 for 16. Bouncing back after failing is what gives Dominic confidence about his son's future in sports, or in any career path he chooses, he said.

If Robinson sticks with sports, his dad does see his son playing football and baseball in five years.

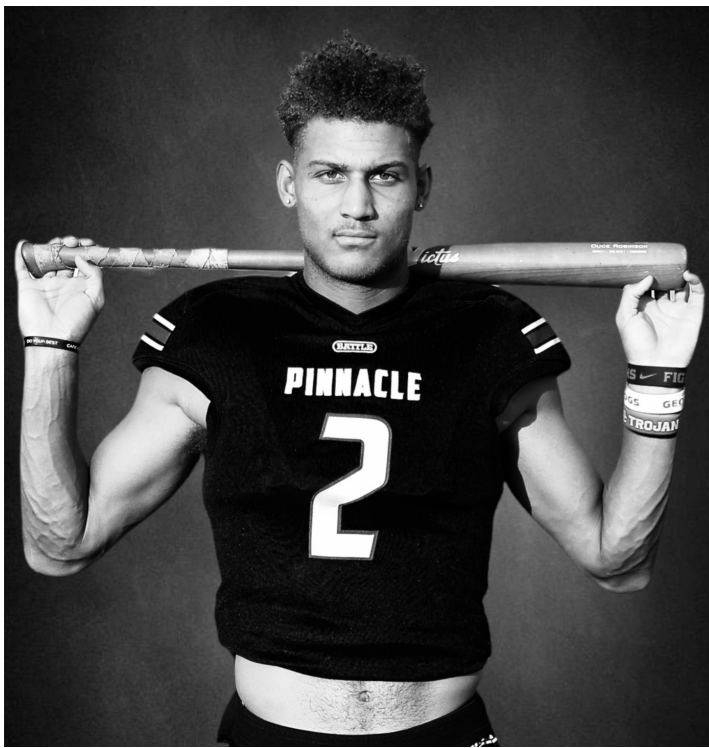
"I would love to see him play both professionally," said Dominic with Jackie Robinson's number, 42, hanging on the wall behind him. "It would be a huge boost for baseball. I would say the game could use a boost like him."

Only time will tell.

"It would be crazy," said Robinson about if he were to reach the major leagues and the NFL. "I think it would be really cool. It would be a blessing to be able to do it if I am able to. But that's the goal. That's what I'm working toward. So I hope I can make it a reality. But we'll just have to see."



*Duce Robinson is considered the No. 1 tight end in the country in this year's senior class. (Paul Campbell/MaxPreps)*



*Duce Robinson's goal is to play football and baseball professionally. (Steve Paynter photo/Paynterpics & MaxPreps)*





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# LEADERS

Queen Creek MLB Cole Lalama [Steven Davis photo/MaxPreps]

Liberty DL My'Keil Gardner [Steve Paynter photo/MaxPreps]



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## PASSING

Yr.	Name, School	Yards/Yds-G	TDs/INT
Sr.	Brendan Anderson, Mountain Ridge	3,037/276.1	39/12
Jr.	Demond Williams Jr., Basha	2,632/239.3	20/4
Sr.	Carter Crispin, Red Mountain	2,585/184.6	27/10
Jr.	Jack Germaine, Mountain View (Mesa)	2,342/212.8	22/0
Sr.	Christopher Arviso II, Mountain Pointe	1,821/165.5	11/6
Jr.	Rowan McKenzie, Boulder Creek	1,753/175.3	14/6
Sr.	Dom Ochoa, Liberty	1,410/156.7	14/2
Jr.	Navi Bruzon, Liberty	1,311/109.2	10/4
Sr.	Landon Jury, Casteel	1,228/102.3	8/6
Jr.	Major Wootan, Desert Ridge	1,227/122.7	11/9

## SCORING

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Points	Pts/G	TDs
Sr.	RB	Jonathan Kubat, Corona del Sol	126	14.0	21
Sr.	ATH	CJ Greer, Trevor Browne	120	12.0	20
Sr.	ATH	Terrance Hall, Mountain Ridge	114	9.5	19
Sr.	RB	Zach Wallace, Liberty	90	8.2	15
Sr.	SB/WR	Lenox Lawson, Red Mountain	90	6.4	15
Jr.	QB	Demond Williams Jr., Basha	84	7.6	14
Sr.	WR/PR	Myles Libman, Pinnacle	76	6.3	12
Sr.	WR	Isaiah M. Arriola, Cibola	72	9.0	12
Sr.	ATH	Deshaun Buchanan, Basha	72	7.2	12
Sr.	RB	Chance Cauthuen, Highland	72	6.5	12

## RUSHING

Yr.	Name/School	Yards/Yds-G	Yds-C	TDs
Sr.	CJ Greer, Trevor Browne	1,225/122.5	7.90	16
Sr.	Jonathan Kubat, Corona del Sol	1,128/125.3	6.48	21
Jr.	Jaedon Matthews, Saguaro (5A)	972/74.8	10.02	6
Sr.	Anthony Garcia, Shadow Ridge	969/96.9	5.91	9
Sr.	Nick Switzer, Hamilton	829/75.4	8.13	5
Sr.	Lenox Lawson, Red Mountain	819/58.5	8.27	9
Sr.	Zach Wallace, Liberty	750/68.2	5.52	15
Sr.	Deshaun Buchanan, Basha	731/73.1	7.24	12
Sr.	Devon Dampier, Saguaro (5A)	721/90.1	9.36	10
Jr.	Navi Bruzon, Liberty	715/59.6	4.93	10

## RECEIVING

Yr.	Name, School	Yards Yds-G	Yds-R	TDs
Sr.	Terrance Hall, Mountain Ridge	1,243/103.6	15.54	18
Sr.	Tre Brown, Mesa	1,014/101.4	14.49	11
Jr.	Bryson Dedmon, Basha	1,014/92.2	16.90	9
Sr.	Duce Robinson, Pinnacle	972/88.4	16.20	8
Sr.	Myles Libman, Pinnacle	870/72.5	14.26	9
Sr.	Jackson Bowers, Mountain View (Mesa)	861/78.3	18.32	5
Sr.	Isaiah M. Arriola, Cibola	734/91.8	16.31	11
Sr.	Gage Felix, Salpointe Catholic (5A)	610/46.9	14.52	7
Sr.	Lenox Lawson, Red Mountain	577/41.2	10.49	6
Sr.	Clinton Moindi, Tollenson	549/54.9	15.25	5

## TOTAL YARDS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total Yds	Yds-G
Jr.	QB	Demond Williams Jr., Basha	3,276	297.8
Sr.	QB	Brendan Anderson, Mountain Ridge	3,138	285.3
Sr.	QB	Carter Crispin, Red Mountain	2,838	202.7
Jr.	QB	Jack Germaine, Mountain View (Mesa)	2,320	210.9
Jr.	QB	Rowan McKenzie, Boulder Creek	2,221	222.1
Jr.	QB	Navi Bruzon, Liberty	2,036	169.7
Sr.	QB	Christopher Arviso II, Mountain Pointe	1,837	167.0
Sr.	QB	Dom Ochoa, Liberty	1,680	186.7
Sr.	QB	Landon Jury, Casteel	1,666	138.8
Sr.	ATH	CJ Greer, Trevor Browne	1,440	144.0

## TACKLES

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total tackles	Tackles-G
Sr.	LB	Cole Lalama, Queen Creek	159	14.5
Sr.	DE/LB	Wyatt Milkovic, Basha	132	12.0
Sr.	LB	Faimafili Snuka, Williams Field	128	9.8
Sr.	LB	Chance Cauthen, Highland	124	8.3
Sr.	LB	Evan Reed, Boulder Creek	117	10.6
Sr.	DE	Porter Reynolds, Queen Creek	107	9.7
Jr.	LB	Logan Rogers, Desert Ridge	102	9.3
Sr.	FS	Joseph Allen, Highland	101	6.7
Sr.	LB	Jacob Cano, Shadow Ridge	89	8.9
Sr.	LB	Jackson Browning, Basha	88	8.0

## SACKS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total Sacks	Sacks-G
Sr.	DE	Aiden Herring, Perry	12.0	1.1
Sr.	DL	Ralph Bernard, Trevor Browne	11.5	1.2
Sr.	DE	Jaylen Grant, North	11.0	1.1
Sr.	DL	My'Keil Gardner, Liberty	10.0	0.8
Sr.	DE/LB	Chandler Davis, Hamilton	8.5	0.7
Sr.	LB	Antonio Pietro Delgado, Desert Vista	7.5	0.7
Jr.	DE	Elijah Rushing, Salpointe Catholic (5A)	7.5	0.5
Sr.	DE	Joey Parrish, Boulder Creek	7.0	0.7
Sr.	DE	Jacob Reynolds, Mountain Ridge	7.0	0.7
Jr.	DE	Mardale Rowe, Brophy Prep	7.0	0.6

## INTERCEPTIONS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total INTs
Jr.	DB	Jeremiah Newcombe, Casteel	7
Sr.	CB	Cylan Miller, North	5
Sr.	CB	Blake Cameron, Dobson	4
Sr.	LB/FS	Rocco Bonini, Shadow Ridge	4
Sr.	ATH	Gavin Candell, Queen Creek	4
Jr.	DB	Deshaun Minzt, Trevor Browne	4
Jr.	DB	Tommy Prassas, Basha	4
Sr.	FS	Genesis Smith, Hamilton	4
Sr.	FS	Joseph Allen, Highland	4
Jr.	CB	Kenneth Worthy III, Centennial	3



# 6A CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TEAM-BY-TEAM PREVIEW



Mountain Ridge is looking up, having made the postseason two of the last three years and a quarterfinals appearance in 2021. (Mark Jones photo/MaxPreps)

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## CENTRAL REGION

### Cesar Chavez

**Head coach:** William Chipley.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/5-5.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Jorge Beltran 6-0, 200; Sr. SS Antwon Jenkins 6-1, 185; Sr. WR Myseth Currie 6-2, 185; Sr. WR Jose Rivera 5-10, 170; Sr. DE Marzhon Hooks 5-9, 200.

**Biggest question marks:** Depth.

**More about the program:** New defensive coordinator, Paris Wilcox, is very excited about what he can bring to the table.

### Mountain Pointe

**Head Coach:** Eric Lauer.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/5-16.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Chris Arviso, Sr. RB Jay'len Rushing; Sr. LB Isaac Patterson; Sr. OL-DL Kahu Leha; So. OL-DL Kaleb Jones.

**Biggest question marks:** New group of wide receivers and new faces on offensive line.

*Region notes: The new coach at Corona del Sol, Jake Barro, guided Casa Grande to the 4A championship last year. ... Logan Rogers (9.3 tackles per game), Samuel Johns (71 tackles) and Jacob Condie (6 receiving TDs, 549 receiving yards) were some of Desert Ridge's leaders last year. ... New Desert Vista coach Nate Gill joined the program after leading Sierra Linda to its best season in that program's history.*

## NORTHEAST VALLEY REGION

### Brophy Prep

**Head Coach:** Jason Jewell.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/15-15.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 3.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Jr. DL Mardale Rowe 6-2, 230; Sr. DL David Sweetman, 6-2, 230; Jr. DL Trey Markham 6-3, 215; Jr. CB Billy Eastep 6-0, 185; Sr. WR Layton Duncan 6-0, 195.

**Biggest question marks:** Replacing all starters at linebacker. Replacing all five offensive linemen. Replacing three-year starter P/K Marcus Lye.

**More about the program:** We've made huge strides and that has been from the buy in from players in the weight room. Stronger than we have ever been. Lost a ton of talent and leadership, but kids in 2022 class set the foundation and younger kids have responded.

### Chaparral

**Head Coach:** Brent Barnes.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 5th year/31-15.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 2.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. DL Gavin Geweniger 6-5, 255; Jr. WR-DB Plas Johnson 6-1, 165; Jr. WR Cody Judge 6-1, 180; Sr. DB Luke Franze 5-9, 160; Jr. OL Rowan Orrison 6-2, 230.

**Biggest question marks:** Size. Especially on offensive line. Overall depth. Experience.



## Highland

**Head Coach:** Brock Farrel.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/45-17.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. OL Caleb Lomu ,6-5, 250 Sr. OL Makua Pule, 6-3, 308; Sr. DB Joseph Allen, 6-1, 215; Sr. DL Cooper Scott;, 6-2, 210; Sr. LB Chance Cauthen, 6-0, 210.

**Biggest question marks:** Quarterback, wide receiver, tight end and nose guard.

**More about the program:** Highland won its first state title (6A) last year. We are looking to improve on last season and reach the Open playoffs.

## Pinnacle

**Head Coach:** Dana Zupke.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 20th year/136-78.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. TE Duce Robinson, 6-7, 225; Sr. WR Myles Libman, 6-1, 185; Sr. DB Jadiem Birthwright, 5-11, 165; Sr. OT Elijah Paige, 6-6, 290; Sr. DB Ashton Leckie, 6-0, 170.

**Biggest question marks:** Linebacker and running game.

## Saguaro

**Head Coach:** Jason Mohns.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 11th year/114-14.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Devon Dampier, 6-0, 205; Sr. WR Deric English, 6-4, 210; Sr. CB Cole Shivers, 5-11, 170; Jr. ATH JoJo Clark, 5-01, 200; Jr. RB Jaedon Matthews, 5-10, 185.

**Biggest question marks:** Replacing four senior starters on offensive line. Depth at WR. Replacing best pass rusher and strong senior leadership.

**More about the program:** Return tremendous amount of speed and skill on both sides of the ball. Deepest our program has ever been spread across all three returning classes.

## DESERT VALLEY REGION

### Boulder Creek

**Head Coach:** Tony Casarella.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 7th year/29-35.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Jr. QB Rowan McKenzie 6-2, 190; Sr. WR Andrew McKenzie 5-10, 200; Sr. T Gage Maras 6-3, 300; Sr. LB Evan Reed 6-0, 185; Sr. S Hunter Davis, 6-0, 185.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line. Secondary. Depth. More about the program: This year's team is led by a terrific group of seniors. Strength is our senior leadership.

### Centennial

**Head coach:** Richard Taylor.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 31st year/239-82-3.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. DL Dylan Roberts 6-3, 285; Sr. RB Kavanaugh Clark 5-8, 185; Sr. S Demari Washington 6-0, 175; Sr. OL Shymeer Bradley 6-2, 265; Jr. WR/CB Kenny Worthy III 5-10. 170.

**Biggest question mark:** Depth.

**More about the program:** We will be a much improved team.

## Liberty

**Head Coach:** Colin Thomas.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/15-7.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. DL Mykeil Gardner, 6-2, 280; Sr. LB Anthony Ruiz, 6-0, 215; Sr. RB Zach Wallace, 5-10, 190; Sr. WR Grant Brunelle 6-0, 185; Jr. QB Navi Bruzon, 5-11, 185.

**Biggest question marks:** Replacing depth at WR and depth at defensive back.

**More about the program:** We are excited for the challenges that await for us this year as we try and be the best football team we possibly can be.

*Region notes: Mountain Ridge will be in contention for a playoff spot behind QB Brendan Anderson, WR Terrance Hall and OL Alexander Doost. ... UC Berkeley commit David Bird of Sandra Day O'Connor is considered the No. 1 long snapper in the nation.*

## EAST VALLEY REGION

### Queen Creek

**Head coach:** Travis Schureman.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 9th year/65-21.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR Davey Morales 5-9, 165; Sr. LB/RB Porter Reynolds 6-0, 225; Sr. LB Cole Lalama 6-1, 210; Sr. OL/DL Griffin Schureman 6-3, 235; Sr. RB/DL Brody Curtis 5-8, 205.

**Biggest question marks:** New QB. New starters on offense.

### Red Mountain

**Head Coach:** Kyle Enders.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 3.

**Key players returning:** Sr. ATH Lenox Lawson, 5-11, 175; Sr. QB Carter Crispin, 5-10, 177; Sr. C Jefferson Giles, 6-3, 275; Jr. TE Preston Heap, 6-1, 185.

**Biggest question marks:** Inexperienced defense.

**More about the program:** Sr. DL Braden Kaczmarek, Jr. MLB Champ Gennicks and Sr. DB Xavier Sanchez are also key returning players.

### Salpointe Catholic

**Head Coach:** Eric Rogers.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/18-4.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. DE-TE Damian Coley, 6-3, 240; Sr. OL-DL Luis Arrellano, 6-0, 265; Sr. WR-DB Gage Felix, 5-9, 160; Sr. DB Mason Sanchez, 5-9, 170; Sr. LB Connor Raetzman, 6-0, 200.

**Biggest question marks:** Depth - especially on offensive line. Playing experience. Young group. Inexperience at quarterback. Three-year starter graduated.

**More about the program:** Have two players who have started every game since they arrived on campus. Twenty-one starts each. They are DE Elijah Rushing (6-6, 230) and DL/OL Luis Cordova (6-3, 295). Two of the top 2024 players in the state.



*Region notes: BYU commit Jackson Bowers caught five of Mesa Mountain View's Jack Germaine's 22 touchdowns last season. ... Williams Field's Faimafili Snuka (128 tackles last year) is one of the state's top returning leading tacklers.*

## **FIESTA REGION**

### **Dobson**

**Head Coach:** Bill Godsil.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/3-13.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 3.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. LB-H Michael Delligatti, 6-0, 220; Sr. DB-WR Blake Cameron, 5-11, 145; Sr. RB-DB JaShawn Kinney 6-0, 195; Sr. QB-K Jordan Legg 6-0, 205; Jr. OL-DL Nathan Tracey, 6-4, 260.

**Biggest question marks:** Can young offense click? Will lines on both sides of ball be strong? Can new receiving corps replace senior production?

### **Mesa**

**Head coach:** Chad DeGrenier.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/13-15.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR Tre Brown 5-9, 165; Sr. QB Manny Pino 5-11, 155; Jr. LB McKy Peter; Sr. DE Sam Ball 6-0, 205.

**Biggest question marks:** Offense. Consistency.

### **North**

**Head Coach:** Mark Mejia.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/8-5.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key returning players:** So. QB Luke Haugo, 6-4, 190; Sr. DL-RB Jaylen Grant, 5-8, 217; Sr. WR-DB Cylan Miller, Sr. WR-LB Benito Felix, 5-9, 165; So. WR-DB Ezy Brown, 5-8, 152.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line and defensive line.

**More about the program:** We are excited about our youth and feel this is the season North will be back in the playoffs.

### **Trevor Browne**

**Head Coach:** Francisco Rangel

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/7-6

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB CJ Greer 5-10, 180; Sr. OL Rodrigo Guerrero 5-11, 250; Sr. DL Ralph Bernard 6-3, 260; Sr. DL Josh Dweh 5-11, 250; Sr. LB Nate King 5-11, 210.

**Biggest question marks:** Starting quarterback. Was last year a fluke or can we continue to win games? How do we take next step to be consistent program?

**More about the program:** Our program is on the rise. Kids believing in our program and each other.

### **Westwood**

**Head Coach:** Brandon Large

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR-DB Nikita McCrimmon 5-11, 180; Jr. LB-TE Sean Sill 6-0, 200; Sr. RB-LB Porter Jeffries 5-10, 195; Sr. LB Winston Taimikovi 6-0, 195; Sr. OL Aaron Gloria 6-0, 240.

**Biggest question marks:** Who will step up and take reins at quarterback in three-pronged competition? How quickly players can pick up new offense and defense?

**More about the program:** New head coach is looking for to get team back in playoffs for the first time in nearly a decade.

## **PREMIER REGION**

### **Basha**

**Head coach:** Chris McDonald.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 5th year/26-15.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 9.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** Sr. OL James Durand 6-5, 290; Sr. DB/KR/PR Cole Martin 5-9, 185; Sr. LB Wyatt Milkovic 6-2, 230; Jr. QB Demond Williams 5-11, 175; Sr. Center Ryan Blum 6-2, 290.

**More about the program:** With so many returning starters, more of our guys should get credit and labeled "key starters" as they all had significant seasons last year. I would like to recognize Sr. LB Jackson Browning (6-0, 215), Sr. RB Deshaun Buchanan (5-11, 200), Jr. DB/ATH Miles Lockhart (5-11, 185), Jr. WR Bryson Dedmon (5-9, 165), Jr. DB Tommy Prassas (6-2, 180), Sr. DL Tyson Simmons (6-3, 265), Jr. LB/DL Jack Bleier (6-1, 220), Jr. WR Darron Dodd (6-0, 170), Jr. WR Mason Arhin (6-0, 175), and Sr. OL Sammy Garcia (6-4, 315).

### **Chandler**

**Head Coach:** Rick Garretson.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/34-2.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 2.

**Key players returning:** Jr. QB Dylan Raiola, 6-3, 225; Sr. DL A'mauri Washington 6-3, 295; Sr. LB Dominic Hanger, 6-0, 205; Sr. WR Jr. Nsubuga, 6-2, 190; Sr. OL Lashown Ealim, 6-2, 320.

**Biggest question marks:** Experience. The defense returns only two starters. "We've got a bunch of young guys that don't have experience yet," Chandler coach Rick Garretson said. "But like I told the kids, 'Who starts with experience? We'll throw you out there and see what happens.'"

### **Hamilton**

**Head Coach:** Mike Zdebski.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 5th year/31-13.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB-P Roch Cholowsky, 6-2, 185; Sr. OLB Chandler Davis 6-2, 230; Sr. C Griff Stalfort 6-2, 280; Sr. ILB Aaron Loughran, 5-11, 220; Sr. Slot Jaxson Haynes 5-10, 180.

**Biggest question marks:** Strength of kicker's leg on kickoffs. Finding field corner. Finding our leaders.

**More about the program:** Finished last year top 25 in the country.



## Perry

**Head Coach:** Joseph Ortiz.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Sr. DE-TE Aiden Herring, 6-4, 260; Jr. WR-DB Colton Coleman, 6-2, 180; Sr. RB-DB Brock Ford, 5-10, 185; Jr. RB Don Tinsley, 6-2, 220; Sr. OL-DL Landen Sabetta, 6-4, 275.

**Biggest question marks:** Speed on the perimeter. First year with new coach and style.

**More about the program:** Team has bought in quickly with new regime. Hope to see increase in wins in first year.

*Region note: University of Arizona, Arizona State, USC, Utah and Nebraska are among some of the schools recruiting Casteel's JJ Newcombe.*

## WEST VALLEY REGION

### Cibola

**Head Coach:** Kasey Koepplin.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR-DB Isaiah Arriola; Sr. RB Isaac Rios; Sr. OL Loiver Gonzalez; Sr. LB Roberto Castaneda; Sr. RB Tevon Miller.

### Shadow Ridge

**Head Coach:** Sean Hegarty.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/10-8.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB Anthony Garcia, 5-10, 205; Sr. LB Jacob Cano, 5-10, 210; Sr. LB Filemoni Lauina, 5-10, 230; Sr. LG Logam Getejanc, 6-1, 265; Jr. RT Christian Hunter, 6-4, 275.

**Biggest question marks:** Quarterback. Lost two quarterbacks and looking for a younger one to step up.

**More about the program:** Coming off a 4-6 season, the athletes and coaches are ready to improve during the 2022 season. Numerous athletes will be returning after garnering valuable time on Friday nights and younger athletes are ready to fill the void left by last year's seniors. Anthony Garcia (RB) is looking to close out his career as one of the top rushers in the state. Coming off a junior campaign where he just finished just short of 1,000 yards, he is hungry to achieve numerous career milestones and lead the offensive attack.

### Valley Vista

**Head coach:** Derek Wahlstrom.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/6-12.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 3.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB AJ Crespin 6-1, 170; Sr. WR Blaise Nelson 6, 180; Sr. WR/S Mikel Henderson 5-10, 185; Sr. LB Jonah Flowers 6, 210; Sr. DL Roy Dillard 6-0, 240.

**Biggest question marks:** Replacing eight key seniors from a good defense in 2021.

**More about the program:** I feel that if we play for each other, we can compete for the region title and a playoff spot in 2022.

## Westview

**Head Coach:** John Irish

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/2-8

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR YaHmonta Johnson 6-6, 165; Sr. CB Keith Hayes 5-9, 150; Jr. CB-WR DaMaryon Huckaby 6-0, 155; Sr. LB Xavier Aguilar, 5-7, 157; Sr. RB Mykel Gray, 5-10, 210.

**Biggest question marks:** Two players currently battling for starting quarterback. Three players started on offensive line last year as sophomores - C Jaden Garcia, G David Garcia and T Noah Perez. They need to anchor the line. Both all-region defensive ends graduated and need to be replaced.

**More about the program:** Seen tremendous growth in program that missed 2020 and only restarted in April 2021. This season truly is first full season since 2019. Team grew into its own at end of 2021 and this season looks like a bounce back year.

*Region notes: Marcus Hernandez (378 rushing yards, 5 TDs), Demarion Postell (526 receiving yards TDs) and Clinton Moindi (549 receiving yards 5 TDs) were some of the stat leaders for a Tolleson team that finished 7-3 last year.*



*Not just an exceptional receiver, Valley Vista's Blaise Nelson is also the defending Division I champion in the 100 and 200 meters.  
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**COLE  
MARTIN**

DEFENSIVE BACK

**BASHA  
BEARS**



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**What went into your decision in selecting Oregon? Your dad Demetrice is an assistant there. Did that play a part?**

First and foremost, Oregon has been a dream school of mine since forever. As a young kid everybody grew up watching Marcus Mariota and guys like that who changed the game. So having an opportunity to be able to go there was always the dream. And the defensive coordinator from University of Georgia, after winning a national championship, came over to Oregon. Coach (Dan) Lanning is a great guy. He's young, motivated and a guy who just wants to be a good person overall. That kind of made that decision for me. My father being hired over there was really just icing on top, so everything fell into place, and everything is just perfect at the moment.

**What are some of the biggest life and football lessons your dad has taught you?**

The biggest thing he has told me is to always keep your head on straight and keep on going no matter what happens. He's always drilled that into my head. Make sure that whatever happens just keep on going and keep on trying to improve and keep on trying to get better. As a defensive back, that's one of the biggest things as well. So often it's a life lesson as much as a football lesson. You get beat on one play, you have to get back on the field and act like nothing happened and keep going. So I would say that's the biggest thing he has taught me from a football and life perspective.

**We can't forget about mom. What's the best advice she has given you?**

She's huge on just keeping God first and just making sure that I take care of people I care about. She's huge on ensuring that the morals never go away. Stay humble. Always look out for your family. Always look out for your friends, and she's huge on responsibilities. And I love them both to death for those lessons and many more.

**Every time we see you you are always smiling. We take it's rare for you to have a bad day?**

Everybody has their bad days, their ups and downs, but at the end of the day it's a blessing to be alive. It is a blessing to walk the earth. Another day blessed to wake up. So to be able to go day in and day out and really just live and play the game I love is always going to bring a smile to my face as well as being around people. So, yeah, I keep that smile on my face. It's like it just genuinely just happens.

**College athletes can now negotiate NIL deals. If you were to pick a favorite company to endorse, which one would be and why?**

Well, there's a lot of things I would love to do. Many, many things that I would love to get into. But my close friend from Tucson, Bijan Robinson over at Texas, got a

deal with Lamborghini, which was insane to me. Like it was so cool that somebody could do that from just playing college football and something like that around those lines. That's a big deal. That was just awesome to me. Just for the fact that everybody has dreamed of driving a Lamborghini at one point in their life. So to have a deal with them, and be sponsored by them, would be just amazing. Since I was born I've been going to In-N-Out faithfully. That's the biggest thing. I was born and raised in Pasadena, California. So to be able to be in California around In-N-Out, and then moving to Arizona, which is still on the West Coast, In-N-Out is huge. I've always been around it. So anything food wise it would probably be In-N-Out.

**Saguaro and Chandler are the preseason favorites to reach the Open Division championship game and are ranked in the Top 25 by maxpreps. But Basha is also loaded this season. What can we expect from the Bears this season?**

This is a group of motivated young men. We lost in our trip to the playoffs last year, and we took that to the chin. But we had a young team. So everybody who played last year is coming back to play this year. So it's a team that all wants to go get that feeling, that bad taste, out of our mouths. We're just a team that's going to come hungry and play as a team. At the end of the day all you can really do is literally take care of yourself.

**You are considered a top-10 corner in the nation in this year's senior class. What skills do you possess that make you an elite DB?**

There are many things that I do behind the scenes. I'm huge in the film room. I love to challenge myself mentally. I love to go the extra mile when it comes to recovery, when it comes to working out. So I try to really just do the extra things and stay consistent with it. It'll help me become a better person as well as a better athlete. So those things I try to do as much as possible to become a very good defensive back. In terms of skills, being quick out of my breaks and being very explosive in short, short amounts of time and short stances and stuff. So those are the biggest things for me.

**Tell us something that we don't know about you that you would be OK with sharing?**

Yes, sir. As a person, I'm God first. I always try to put God first in every situation in my life. I feel that I could go on and on about that. But as a person, I'm always putting family first along with God and trying to be a team first person. I'm always trying to work and improve and help everybody else as well. And I really want to just better the people I love and care around me.

—Josh Darling, AZPreps365.com



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RAIOLA**  
QUARTERBACK



**CHANDLER  
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6A PREMIER REGION

**You are considered the nation's overall No. 1 player in the 2024 class. That's some big stuff. What are your thoughts on the ranking?**

I let my actions speak for themselves. It's something I don't really carry with me. It's a blessing to be a part of, but at the end of the day you've got to answer the bell when it's 7 p.m., the crowd is screaming, and the lights are on. I think you've just, at the end of the day, got to perform. Performance is going to speak for itself, and that's just what it is to me.

**What is some of the best life and football advice that your dad, Dominic, has taught you? (Dominic played in the NFL for 14 years.):**

My dad told me to just keep working, and that there's always a benefit to working. You just want to work to better yourself and better yourself as a man first. Work like you've always got to earn something, because you really do. You have to earn the respect of your teammates, and that's all I really care about.

**Your dad was a center in the NFL, but you're a quarterback. Do you guys talk about how you wound up playing different positions?**

Yeah, I think it's always a joke. They say the quarterback is the most important position on the field. I can see that, but really it's the offensive and defensive lines that set the tone for the game. The quarterback gets the most attention, but the linemen get the least amount of love, and they get the most criticism. It's a conversation me and my dad have, but the real fact is that the center is the quarterback of the offensive line. The offensive line is what gets everything going on the offensive side.

**When did you first notice that quarterback was the position you were going to play?**

In eighth grade was when I first really started thinking about it. We had a friend of ours (over). My dad played with him in the league, Jon Kitna. I was throwing in my backyard and he was like, 'You can play quarterback and be really good at it.' That was really the first time that kind of made me think that I really could do this and be good at it. I think that was the first moment I really realized that I can make it happen.

**We can't forget about mom. What's the best advice she has given you?**

My mom has been there every step of the way. I think just being humble. Never forgetting where you come from. And never leave anybody behind. If there's someone struggling no matter how big you are, how big people may think you are, never leave that person behind. She's always someone that I can go back to and ask her a question or about if a real life situation happened. I'm very comfortable talking to my mom. So I'm very blessed, and I don't think that's common.

**What's your earliest childhood memory that you cherish when it comes to football?**

Every Saturday me and my brother used to go to the facility with my dad and go to work with him. And I think really just spending time with my brother, dad and just being around great people like Matthew Stafford, Calvin Johnson and Rob Sims. All of those guys, it was a blessing to be around them. And I think being able to go with my brother every Saturday and just be around him and share the moment together. I think that was a pretty cool moment.

**You held your Ohio State commitment announcement at a church. Faith must play an important role in your life.**

Oh, 1,000 percent. That's my foundation. The word of God is everything that I play for. You can say you're playing it for your team, but at the end of the day, I'm playing for God and his glory only, and I know that. That's a big part of my personality. How I am with people and how I treat people. Just being able to hold my commitment video and be able to do it with such great people at my church, Impact Church in Scottsdale, I couldn't have asked for anything more. I mentioned the idea to them and right away they wanted to get on it and help me. That's how I live my life. That's my foundation.

**You were living in Arizona then moved to Texas but are back in Arizona. Can you tell us about making the move to Arizona and how and why it happened?**

Before I moved to Texas, I was originally enrolled to go to Chandler. And then COVID happened, and we wanted to be with my sister. My sister goes to TCU. And then after that we decided to come back to Arizona. It happened for a reason, and I'm very blessed.

**What was your experience like when you moved from Hawaii to Michigan?**

I was born in Michigan, but I grew up in Hawaii (for about) 10 years. I was really very blessed to grow up (in Hawaii) and learn my culture, learn how to be respectful to people, and it's really just a blessing to come from there. It was a smooth (move). My family, we've always been close. And now I think we just want to be with each other all the time. It makes it easier in a way to just have those things happen and to be together at all costs. Life moves fast. I've got a year and a half left, and I'm making sure that I cherish every moment I can with my family.

**Former Chandler WR Kyion Grayes is at Ohio State. Do you know him and what are your thoughts on possibly connecting with another Chandler product on TD passes?**

Of course. That's my guy. I stay with him when I go up there. I hang out with him, and it's always good to spend time with him. Yeah, that'd be pretty special. That'd be a cool moment for me. Him and I think it'd be a great moment for our program at Chandler. I have to keep working, keep my head down and be humble. The opportunity will present itself.

—Josh Darling, AZPreps365.com





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# 5A CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PRESEASON RANKINGS



*Last year, Horizon won its first state title since 1994. What will it do for an encore? (Darin Sicurello photo/MaxPreps)*

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**1. DESERT MOUNTAIN:** The Wolves finished 11-2 in 2021 with their season ending with a semifinal loss to Horizon. They enter 2022 as most folks' favorite to win the Northeast Valley Region with a chance to qualify for the Open Division. The tests come early with non-region games the first month against the likes of Cactus, Chaparral, Mesa Mountain View and Camelback.

**2. CACTUS:** The Cobras have moved up from 4A. Last season they sported a perfect 10-0 regular season mark and tasted the ultimate in postseason last year qualifying for the Open Division tournament. The experience was brief with an opening-round loss to eventual champion Saguaro. New head coach Brian Belles is a longtime assistant in the program - nearly a quarter-century running the defense.

**3. DESERT EDGE:** The Scorpions fell one win shy of a title game appearance last season, bowing to eventual conference runner-up Salpointe. They return just better than half of their starters from a year ago. Most of that experience comes from skill positions on both sides of the ball. Co-coaches Marcus and Mark Carter like the experience, but overall their athletes are

young at the key positions. Wide receiver Gavin Parks is the top returner on offense. He caught 72 passes for 828 yards and 11 TDs in 2021.

**4. AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY-QUEEN CREEK:** The Patriots are moving up from 4A to 5A, but are equipped for the challenge with a very experienced group. More than half of last year's starters are back on offense and defense. There are capable replacements for key positions like quarterback and linebacker coach Ty Detmer is confident in. They were one of two 4A teams last year who qualified for the Open Division playoffs and were eliminated in the first round by Hamilton. Receivers Drake Cluff and Ryan Meza are key returners combining for more than 1,300 yards and 16 TDs.

**5. APOLLO:** The Hawks are the expected favorite for the Northwest Region title. They return half their starters on both sides of the ball, including several seasoned skill players. The group is led by junior running back Adam Mohammed. Mohammed rushed for 1,564 yards and 24 TDs last season. He tallied 100 yards or more on the ground in each of the team's 11 games. That said, the quarterback search is on and the entirety of the offensive and defensive lines needs to be retooled.



**6. SUNNYSLOPE:** The Vikings managed to qualify for the playoffs in 2021, but suffered an abrupt end to a 6-5 season with a lopsided defeat at the hands of Salpointe Catholic. Coach Sam Jacobs is relying on a junior-heavy lineup this time around. A couple of those juniors are quarterback Luke Moga and lineman Jacob Harkins. Jacobs believes the program has three or four potential D-I athletes.

**7. CIENEGA:** The Bobcats were 8-4 last season, winning a first-round playoff game against Verrado before falling in the quarterfinals to eventual champion Horizon. Coach Justin Argraves squad rallied from a 1-3 start and ended up winning the Sonoran Region title with a 5-0 record on the way to postseason. Still, these Bobcats can be considered the best Southern Arizona team in 5A this season.

**8. VERRADO:** The Vipers reached the postseason last year with a 7-3 record out of the Desert West Region, but it was a short stay thanks to a 47-36 loss to Cienega. Plenty of optimism this fall with seven returning starters on offense and eight on defense. Coach Dustin Johnson likes the experience, but is concerned with a lack of depth.

**9. HORIZON:** The Huskies were 12-2 last season and are defending state champs, but now a little light on returning starters with less than half of those back who played in 2021. Offensively, the strength is experienced skill players with the caveat coach Andy Litten must identify a new quarterback. Work is needed to retool the defense, particularly the secondary. The Huskies no longer have to deal with Saguaro in its region, but Casa Grande and ALA-Queen Creek are now there and pose formidable challenges.

**10. CAMELBACK:** The Spartans are giddy about 2022. A 7-3 record was the school's first winning season since 2002. Nine starters return on offense and eight on defense. While many teams employ players both ways to reach the aforementioned returning-starter makeup, none of the players in that mix play both ways. Senior quarterback Max Martin played half of last season sitting out games due to transfer from Liberty. Martin passed for 1,000 yards and 13 TDs. Senior running back Amos Kanoyieh Slokan finished just shy of 1,000-yard rushing season (928 yards, 13 TDs).



*Cienega graduated a lot but returns its starting quarterback and is still considered the favorite in its region. (Kevin French photo/MaxPreps)*



## A BLAST FROM THE PAST IS BACK

By Jose Garcia  
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Mix in some tradition. Sprinkle in some talent and leadership. Add some renewed school support. Include a dash or two of hard work.

And voila! Camelback's back.

Camelback High, one of the Phoenix Union High School District's storied football programs from yesteryear, was dormant up until last year when the team finished 7-3. What helped Camelback come back were all the right ingredients coming together once again.

Head coach Brandon McNutt could sense something was brewing right before COVID struck. The program hit the reset button in 2020, when the pandemic forced the Phoenix District to limit the games its football teams played.

Camelback won its only game it played two years ago.

"We joked about that being our first ever undefeated season," said McNutt about his 60-plus year-old program. "But that gave us some time to change the atmosphere."

A rebranding of sorts transpired.

The school installed a new turf field. A new Camelback logo was revealed.

The vibe around campus was changing, and the football players sensed it.

"Our work ethic changed when we started building something," senior running back Amos Kanoyieh Slokan said.

The renovated program surprised many when it finished with a winning record last year for the first time in almost two decades.

Successful campaigns were commonplace at Camelback in the past while some of the state's all-time greats emerged. One of Arizona's high school coaching legends, Jesse Parker, got his in-state head coaching start at Camelback.

He captained the program to the title game twice, winning it all in 1974. Phoenix District giants such as University of Nebraska offensive coordinator Mark Whipple, Oklahoma State University defensive coordinator Derek Mason and former NFL player Kevin Miniefield also walked Camelback's halls.

McNutt's dad, Ken, a Camelback grad himself, often reminds his son about the school's glory days, McNutt said. But McNutt now has something to brag about also since almost every starter from 2021's successful chapter returned.

The head coach is a Phoenix District product, having graduated from Central High, a 10 minute drive from Camelback, and coached in the district since the early 2000s. He often refers to his players as his sons.

Camelback principal James Arndt treats his students like family and bleeds the royal blue and orange of Camelback as well. McNutt calls Arndt, Camelback's former athletic director, the glue on campus.



*Introducing the new and improved Camelback Spartans -- a team that returns almost every starter from a 7-3 2021 season.  
(Chris Stanley photo/MaxPreps)*





*Directing the resurgence of Camelback is head coach Brandon McNutt. (Chris Stanley photo/MaxPreps)*

"His personality is infectious," McNutt said. "The school spirit you see now reminds me of what it was like in the past. He's the school's biggest supporter."

The players are now feeding off that energy.

After a 0-2 start last season, Camelback, unlike previous seasons, regrouped and rattled off seven consecutive victories. Midway through the year Camelback unveiled a new quarterback, Max Martin, one of the top-10 players McNutt has seen play in the state, he said.

The senior transferred in. Colleges are interested in the 6-3, 210-pound Martin but also waiting to see more film and what unfolds in the transfer portal, McNutt said.

But it takes more than just one player to turn around a program. Slokan, a soccer player, didn't fully commit to football until his junior season.

He kept hearing from football friends about the team's progress before signing up.

"When I came to Camelback I would hear about (McNutt)," Slokan said. "When I met him my junior year I could see how much the players and him were alike. He relates to them and has good energy."

In his first full football season, Slokan rushed for 928 yards and 13 touchdowns in 2021.

One of the reasons he's running with a purpose is Ex-zayvious "Zay" Damontez West, a good friend who passed away unexpectedly. Slokan wanted to play football with his friend last season, but that never happened.



*Running back Amos Kanoyieh Slokan isn't expecting the shoe to fall this season for Camelback. (Chris Stanley photo/MaxPreps)*

The senior is honoring West the best way he can.

"Do it for Zay," said Slokan about dedicating this season to him.

The Camelback team is filled with senior leadership. Middle linebacker Julian Abreu and defensive linemen Eddie Cortez, who's close to breaking the school's dead-lift record, and Andrew Acosta are some of the veterans who are also bringing stability to their program. Last year, Camelback just missed reaching the playoffs for the first time since 2002.

But reaching the postseason is the goal this year for the 5A Conference school. It'll also be in the hunt for a Metro Region title along with McNutt's alma mater, Central High.

The last time Camelback won a playoff game was 32 years ago. The last time one of the Phoenix District's programs won a football playoff game in one of the Arizona Interscholastic Association's two largest conferences was 2007.

Camelback has the potential to make more history this season.

"Camelback is definitely back," said McNutt, who took over in 2010. "I'm actually getting goose bumps just saying it. It's been a long process to get to this point. We've dreamt and talked about it. There is no turning back now."





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2021 5A RETURNING STAT

# LEADERS

Desert Edge WR Gavin Parks [Mark Jones photo/MaxPreps]

Desert Mountain DE Nolan Clement [Paul Campbell photo/MaxPreps]



Source: MaxPreps

## PASSING

Yr.	Name, School	Yards/Yds-G	TDs/INT
Sr.	Elijah Joplin, Marana	2,658/265.8	30/7
Sr.	Erick Santiago, Verrado	2,388/217.1	26/12
Sr.	Drew Tapley, Desert Mountain	2,158/166.0	24/2
Sr.	Brayden Cherry, Cienega	1,785/162.3	16/7
Sr.	Dominik Bagchi, Central	1,710/213.8	21/5
So.	Jamar Malone II, Higley (6A)	1,562/195.2	12/13
Sr.	Connor Monahan, Ironwood	1,416/177.0	12/10
Jr.	William Howell, Mountain View (Marana)	1,389/138.9	12/6
Sr.	Ashton Zacher, Canyon View	1,247/113.4	15/10
Sr.	Deion Conde, Sunnyside	1,220/135.6	18/6

## SCORING

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Points	Pts/G	TDs
Jr.	RB	Adam Mohammed, Apollo	192	17.5	32
Sr.	RB	Rex Underhill, Sunrise Mountain	128	10.7	21
Sr.	RB	Jordan Thomas, Ironwood Ridge	108	9.8	18
Sr.	RB	Damian Jiles, Cactus (4A)	106	9.6	16
Jr.	RB	Zues Pindernation, Millennium	98	8.9	16
Sr.	RB	Amos Kanoyieh Slokan, Camelback	80	8.0	13
Sr.	WR	Logan Foster, Cactus Shadows	80	7.3	5
Sr.	K	Bryson Wilke, Willow Canyon	73	7.3	1
Sr.	RB/WR	Christopher Cordero, Desert Edge	72	8.0	12
Sr.	RB	Matthew Jensen, Marana	72	7.2	12

## RUSHING

Yr.	Name/School	Yards/Yds-G	Yds-C	TDs
Jr.	Zeus Pindernation, Millennium	1,574/143.1	7.29	15
Jr.	Adam Mohammed, Apollo	1,564/142.2	7.04	24
Sr.	Rex Underhill, Sunrise Mountain	1,288/107.3	4.55	19
Sr.	Christopher Cordero, Desert Edge	1,285/142.8	6.91	12
Sr.	Jordan Thomas, Ironwood Ridge	1,006/91.5	8.05	14
Sr.	Amos Kanoyieh Slokan, Camelback	928/92.8	6.15	13
Sr.	Damian Jiles, Cactus (4A)	911/82.8	7.59	15
Sr.	Matthew Jensen, Marana	811/81.1	7.58	8
Jr.	Markhi McKinnon, Barry Goldwater	661/82.6	5.90	10
Sr.	Benjamin Ley, Nogales	639/63.9	6.73	3

## RECEIVING

Yr.	Name, School	Yards Yds-G	Yds-R	TDs
Sr.	Micah Johnson, Sunrise Mountain	988/82.3	18.64	9
Sr.	Cole Linyard, Horizon	948/67.7	12.31	11
Sr.	Samuel Brown, Marana	883/88.3	16.98	9
Jr.	Jack Freeburg, Desert Mountain	849/65.3	12.86	10
Sr.	Gavin Parks, Desert Edge	828/63.7	11.50	11
Sr.	Vinny Mansfield, Desert Edge	753/62.8	14.76	9
Sr.	Carter Hancock, Higley (6A)	743/91.8	16.31	7
Jr.	Dylan Tapley, Desert Mountain	715/55.0	14.59	8
Sr.	Ryan Meza, ALA-Queen Creek (4A)	660/60.0	17.37	7
Sr.	Scott Simmons, Apollo	656/59.6	19.88	6

## TOTAL YARDS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total Yds	Yds-G
Sr.	QB	Elijah Joplin, Marana	2,831	283.1
Sr.	QB	Erick Santiago, Verrado	2,537	230.6
So.	QB	Jamar Malone II, Higley (6A)	2,194	274.2
Sr.	QB	Drew Tapley, Desert Mountain	2,098	161.4
Sr.	QB/WR	Will Galvan, Cactus (4A)	1,889	171.7
Sr.	QB	Dominik Bagchi, Central	1,773	221.6
Jr.	RB	Adam Mohammed, Apollo	1,767	160.6
Sr.	QB	Brayden Cherry, Cienega	1,739	158.1
Jr.	RB	Zeus Pindernation, Millennium	1,691	153.7
Sr.	QB/FS	Ashton Zacher, Canyon View	1,484	134.9

## TACKLES

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total tackles	Tackles-G
Sr.	LB/CB	Daniel Delponte, Millennium	154	14.0
Sr.	ATH	Cooper Zellner, Gilbert	111	11.1
Sr.	LB	Keegan Landis, Canyon View	103	9.4
Sr.	LB	Nathan Bilski, Verrado	102	9.3
Sr.	LB	Sean Sierra, Desert View	101	10.1
Sr.	SS	Xavier Sanchez, Millennium	99	9.0
Jr.	LB	Jaylen Dawson, Desert Edge	98	7.5
Sr.	LB	Ian Palm, Maricopa	92	10.2
Sr.	LB	Carlos Bravo, Nogales	92	10.2
Sr.	SS	Jack Bodemuller, Horizon	88	6.8

## SACKS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total Sacks	Sacks-G
Jr.	DE	Ryan Willey, Verrado	13.0	1.2
Sr.	LB	Nolan Clement, Desert Mountain	10.0	1.1
Sr.	DT	Joe Loveall, Gilbert	10.0	1.1
Sr.	LB	Carlos Bravo, Nogales	10.0	1.1
Sr.	LB	Aaron Francis, Central	8.5	1.1
Sr.	LB	Tanner Webb, Sunrise Mountain	8.0	0.7
Jr.	DE	DJ Warner, Desert Edge	8.0	0.6
Sr.	DE	Colby Adkins, Campo Verde	7.0	0.8
Sr.	DE	Preston Mosher, Sunnyslope	7.0	0.6
Sr.	LB	Ian Palm, Maricopa	6.5	0.7

## INTERCEPTIONS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total INTs
Sr.	FS	Andon Diaz, Casa Grande (4A)	10
Jr.	FS	Dylan Tapley, Desert Mountain	8
Sr.	SS	Juan Virgen Jr., Verrado	6
Sr.	DB	Ruben Garcia, Agua Fria	5
Sr.	FS	Samuel Brown, Marana	5
Sr.	FS	Sire Lavalley, Mesquite (4A)	5
Jr.	FS/CB	Anthony Martinez, Sunnyside	4
Jr.	SS	Austin Rhodes, Willow Canyon	4
Jr.	FS	Billy Deatsch, Cactus Shadows	4
Sr.	SS	Nate Manzanarez, Desert Edge	4



# 5A CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TEAM-BY-TEAM PREVIEW



*With eight straight postseason appearances, and a 5A title in 2020, look for Sunrise Mountain to make noise again. (Mark Jones photo/MaxPreps)*

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## DESERT WEST REGION

### Cactus

**Head coach:** Brian Belles.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Sr. ATH Will Galvan 5-7, 160; Sr. DB Polo Banuelos 5-8, 170; Sr. DE Dom Solano 6-4, 225; Sr. RB Damien Jiles 5-8, 165; So. WR/DB Nikko Boncore 5-11, 160.

**Biggest question marks:** The offensive line. The defensive line. Linebackers.

**More about the program:** The team has been working hard while understanding they will be competing in 5A next year with arguably the toughest schedule in all of the conference. We will be the smallest 5A school in terms of student population and roster size but are excited for the challenge of competing week in and week out.

### Desert Edge

**Head coach:** Mark and Marcus Carter.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/18-4.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR Gavin Parks 6-1, 190; Jr. DB Maxwell Sawyer 6-2, 240; Sr. RB Chris Cordero 5-8, 175; Jr. DB Aundre Gibson 5-11, 180; Sr. DB Nathan Manzanarez 5-11, 175.

**Biggest question marks:** Young at key positions. Inexperience.

### Sunrise Mountain

**Head coach:** Steve Decker.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 7th year/54-19.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB Rex Underhill 5-10, 190; Sr. WR Micah Johnson 6-2, 190; Sr. LB Tanner Webb 6-1, 205; Sr. DB

Dymikal Anderson 6-1, 175; Sr. DB Caleb Scott 5-11, 185.

**Biggest question marks:** Young offensive line. New starting QB. New starters at safety and defensive line.

**More about the program:** We have a tough schedule this season but have a talented senior class to lead the team. The team is excited about the opportunity to compete against some of the best teams in the Valley.

### Verrado

**Head coach:** Dustin Johnson.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/7-4.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Sr. DB-WR Colin Tibbs 6-0, 185; Sr. QB Erick Santiago 5-9, 165; Jr. DL Ryan Wiley 6-3, 200; Sr. LB Nathan Bilski 6-0, 220; Sr. LB-RB Connor Gingg 5-10, 175.

**Biggest question marks:** Depth. Replacing top wide receivers. Size.

*Region notes: Zues Pindernation rushed for 1,574 yards and 15 touchdowns last season for Millennium as a sophomore, and teammate Daniel Delponte is the 5A's returning leading tackler.*

## METRO REGION

### Camelback

**Head coach:** Brandon McNutt.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 8th year/27-41.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 9.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Max Martin 6-3, 210; Sr. RB Amos Slokam 5-10, 170; Sr. LB Julian Abreu 6-2, 195; Sr. OL Andrew Acosta 5-9, 240; Sr. DL Eddie Cortez 5-11, 240.

**Biggest question marks:** Secondary. Momentum off one of biggest seasons in over two decades. Max Martin playing all 10 games as transfer from Liberty.

**More about the program:** Team posted a 7-3 record last season, which was the best in 20 years. Players play on one side of the ball with lots of returning talent.



## **Central**

**Head coach:** Chandler Hovik.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/8-14.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Dominik Bagchi 5-9, 175; Sr. LB Aaron Francis 6-1, 210; Sr. Lineman Blas Guillen 6-3, 240; Sr. DB-WR Quintin Conley 6-3, 175; Sr. RB Michael Harvey 5-10, 165.

**Biggest question marks:** Depth on line. Receiver taking over for last year's No. 1 Carter Allen.

**More about the program:** Program has been through a lot last three seasons with loss of loved ones and a lost season due to Covid. Players are eager to show off hard work and leave a legacy for Central.

## **Maricopa**

**Head coach:** Tevin Rutherford.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. LB Ian Palm 6-4, 225; Sr. LB Chris Hayes 5-11, 210; Sr. OL-DL Nate Leon 6-0, 240; Sr. WR-DB Caleb Garcia 5-11, 160; Sr. WR-DB Kyree Washington 5-11, 160.

**Biggest question marks:** New region alignment.

## **McClintock**

**Head coach:** Mike Fell.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 3.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** OT Jacob McCorkle 6-7, 280; CB Elijah Espinoza 5-11, 150; QB Peter Clark 5-11, 170; DT AJ Barrientos 6-0, 230; LB-RB Jeremiah Latu 6-0, 235.

**Biggest question marks:** Depth and kicking game.

**More about the program:** With new coach team will have a different offense and defense.

## **South Mountain**

**Head coach:** Byron Evans.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/4-10

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB Caleb Palmer 6-2, 205; Sr. OL-DL London Relf 6-5, 260; Sr. WR-DB Derek Harper 6-1, 185; Jr. LB-RB Marquise Walker 6-1, 200; Sr. DB Zakahia Gammage, 5-11, 170.

**Biggest question marks:** Getting a chance to play together and working with new coaching staff.

*Region notes: Sr. Andre Branch caught 47 passes for 601 yards and four touchdowns last year in nine games for Betty Fairfax.*

## **CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

### **Copper Canyon**

**Head coach:** Chad Talley

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/2-8.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** QB Henry Soto Quintero 6-3, 195; WR-DB Damian Casillas 5-8, 170; LT Uvaldo Vaca Garcia 6-2, 240; WR-DB Adam Farr 5-7, 145; RB-LB James Anderson 5-9, 175.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line depth. Adapting to new level of play in 5A.

### **Paradise Valley**

**Head coach:** Greg Davis.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 9th year/42-40

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Jr. ATH Quincy Wright 5-10, 160; Sr. QB Jaden McDaniel 6-0, 205; Sr. S Jaiden Ralston 6-1, 175; Sr. WR Michael Ybarra 5-9, 160; Sr. LB Angel Vega 5-9, 160.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line. Depth. How some new additions pan out.

**More about the program:** We are looking forward to finally being out of the East Valley, where we have nothing in common with opponents and excited about the new competition that should be fun to compete against each and every week.

## **Raymond S. Kellis**

**Head coach:** Ben Kullos.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/6-4.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB/Slot Darrien Campbell 6-0, 205; Sr. S Steven Le 5-6, 150; Sr. DE/DT Xavier Aldaco 5-11, 225; Sr. Kicker/DB Cory Wood 5-7, 150; Jr. OG Carson Hutchings 6-0, 280.

**Biggest question marks:** Lost our leading passer, rusher and receiver due to graduation. Looking forward to seeing who steps up in the fall.

## **West Point**

**Head coach:** Jerry Ball.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/3-7.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Angelo Mejia 5-11, 200; Sr. WR Amare McCowin 6-3, 170; Sr. WR Alek Alcala 5-8, 155; Sr. FS Marcos Duenas 5-8, 160; Sr. Chris Anderson 5-9, 170.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive and defensive lines. New quarterback.

**More about the program:** New defensive coordinator Bryan Walker has joined the program after having served as head coach at Tempe High for 12 years. Former OU standout wide receiver Quentin Chaney will be leading the Dragons' wideout core this year. Coach Chaney is a great coach of fundamental details.

*Region notes: La Joya struggled last year after playing only one game two years ago due to COVID. Coach Adam Beene's roster went from 46 last year to 81 players this season. ... New North Canyon coach Jeremy Dieck will attempt to turnaround a program that hasn't had a winning season since 2016.*

## **NORTHEAST VALLEY REGION**

### **Desert Mountain**

**Head coach:** Conrad Hamilton.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/17-12.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Jr. WR/DB Dylan Tapley 6-4, 205; Sr. DE/TE Nolan Clement 6-3, 220; Jr. TE/DE Dillon Hipp 6-6, 230; Jr. CB/RB Santana Wilson 6-0, 175; Jr. WR/DB Jack Freeburg 6-0, 170.

**Biggest question marks:** Numbers in the program.

**More about the program:** Kicking game.

## **Gilbert**

**Head coach:** Derek Zellner.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/18-4.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB-S Cooper Zellner 5-10, 170; Sr. WR Noah Norain 5-8, 165; Jr. QB Danny Hesse 6-4, 205; Sr. DB-SB Carter Dickie 5-9, 150; Jr. WR-S Mason Viella 6-2, 170.

**Biggest question marks:** Who will step up and replace 2021 seniors. Can we continue to improve in the kicking game with Colton Reyes. Improve offensively from down season in 2021.

## **Notre Dame Prep**

**Head coach:** George Prelock.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/50-11

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.



**Key players returning:** Sr. DE-TE Ben Roberts 6-2, 230; Sr. FS Tommy Romano 5-11, 170; Jr. QB Noah Trigueros 6-1, 170; Jr. LB Deacon Shea 5-9, 185; Jr. RB-DB Jameson Bush 5-10, 175.  
**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line. Depth. How some new additions pan out.

#### **Skyline**

**Head coach:** Adam Schiermyer.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Sr. CB/WR Bo Langley 6-2, 199; Sr. OL/DL Fiatau Palaita 6-0, 300; Sr. OL/DL Kai Kohlstedt 6-2, 250; Sr. LB/RB Jace Hardin 5-10, 180; Sr. LB/RB Christian Coltellaro 5-11, 190.

**Biggest question marks:** QB competition and depth. Underclassmen making their first varsity appearance. Increasing roster size and depth chart.

**More about the program:** Coming out of a very productive spring football season we are looking forward to continuing that growth during the summer months. The senior leadership, both in the weight room and on the field, has been amazing. Couple that with a talented group of underclassmen such as Alex Sargent, Jordan Blake, Michael Fisher and Gabe Tapia to name a few, we are very excited about the direction we are headed.

#### **Sunnyslope**

**Head coach:** Sam Jacobs.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/11-7.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Jr. QB Luke Moga 6-2 180; Jr. OL-DL Jaocb Harkins 6-2, 260; Sr. TE-DE Preston Mosher; Jr. WR-DB Chris Castillo; Jr. WR-DB Dillon Dwiggin 6-2, 170.

**Biggest question marks:** Will our talented junior class reach their potential. Can we match the physicality of our schedule?

**More about the program:** The Vikings are itching to take the next step as a program. With 3-4 potential D-1 athletes, the sky is the limit.

*Region notes: Cactus Shadows finished 6-5 last season under nine-year coach Mike Hudnutt, but graduated all of his leading skill players. WR Logan Foster caught five touchdowns last year.*

#### **NORTHWEST REGION**

##### **Agua Fria**

**Head coach:** Ricky Higuera.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 1.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR/C Ruben Garcia 5-9, 160; Sr. WR Carlos Elzy 5-10, 170; Sr. G/T Isaac Aguirre 6-0, 250; Sr. DE/TE Bryan Salcido 6-2, 210.

**Biggest question marks:** Numbers. Always need numbers.

**More about the program:** Taking over a program that has been established as a competitive one and looking forward to elevate it one more step. Continue the pride and tradition that has come before us throughout the many successful coaches and players.

##### **Apollo**

**Head coach:** Aaron Walls.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/14-15.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** RB Adam Mohammed 5-11, 190; WR Scott Simmons 5-9, 145; LB Brodie Chicharello 5-8, 170; TE Jesus Chacon 6-2, 250; S Mustafa Dhiaa 5-7, 160

**Biggest question marks:** Finding a quarterback. Replacing entire offensive and defensive lines.

##### **Barry Goldwater**

**Head coach:** Frank Lautt.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/12-14.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. LB-WB Osynuss Rodriguez 5-8, 180; Sr. OL-DL Azahel Armenta 6-1, 270; Jr. RB-LB-S Markhi McKinnon; Sr. LB-WR Robert Schade 6-1, 175; Jr. QB-SS Brodie Drank 6-2, 185.

**Biggest question marks:** Depth.

**More about the program:** Team has worked hard in offseason to get stronger. We have good leadership and good young guys.

##### **Willow Canyon**

**Head coach:** Justin Stangler.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/18-19.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. OL Matt Spurlin 6-0, 250; Sr. LB Dominic Jewell 6-1, 210; Sr. K-P Bryson Wilke 6-0, 175; Sr. DE Paul Peterson 5-11, 170; Sr. RB Brady Ferris 5-11, 185.

*Region notes: Canyon View returns LB Keegan Landin, who had more than 100 tackles last year. ... Doran Wetzel led Ironwood with 66 tackles last year as a junior.*

#### **SAN TAN REGION**

##### **American Leadership Academy-Queen Creek**

**Head coach:** Ty Detmer.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/9-2.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key returning players:** Sr. WR-DB Ryan Meza, 5-11, 190; Sr. WR Drake Cluff, 5-8, 180; Sr. OL Matt Blau, 6-5, 280; Sr. DE Ryker Scott, 6-1, 200; Sr. RB-LB Mitch Jensen.

**Biggest question marks:** Moving up to 5A. Replacing quarterback and linebackers.

**More about the program:** Some impact players this year are Sr. QB Drew Cowart, Jr. FS Nate LaDuke, Sr. LB Ashton Miller, So. DL Jonny Shively.

##### **Campo Verde**

**Head coach:** Ryan Freeman.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/9-10.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 3.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 3.

**Key players returning:** Sr. OL Carson Cagle 6-1, 250; Sr. DB Nate Gomez 5-8, 155; Sr. DL Clayton Hughes 5-10, 200; Sr. DL-P Colby Fredstrup Adkins 6-3, 200; Sr. TE-DL Majel Inzunza Morones 6-3, 240.

**Biggest question marks:** Experience with only six returning starters. Offensive line and defense replacing six starters at linebacker and in secondary.

##### **Casa Grande**

**Head coach:** Mark Luna.

**Years as school's head coach:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR/DB DeAndray Kelley 6-0, 175; Sr. FS Andon Diaz 5-9, 170; Sr. DL Luke Luna 5-10, 245; Sr. DL/ LB Grant Johnson 6-0, 220; Soph. OL/DL Lelend Cevedia 6-1, 300.

**Biggest question marks:** Running back, cornerback, quarterback.

**More about the program:** Young team but very hungry to win. Lots of returners from state title team that want to be back on top that podium come December.



## Horizon

**Head coach:** Andy Litten.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/12-2.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** TE Matt Klopfenstein 6-5, 230; SB Cole Linyard 5-10, 160; S Jack Bodemuller 6-0, 165; RB Wesley Lambert 5-9, 160; LB Hudson Muller 6-0, 185.

**Biggest question marks:** Need to find a quarterback. Can we fill losses on defense, mainly in the secondary? Can we take better care of the football than we did last year?

**More about the program:** We are defending 5A champions.

## Mesquite

**Head coach:** Vance Miller.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 1.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 1.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR Chris Fasano 5-10, 165; Jr. DE Jamar Trotter 6-2, 200.

**Biggest question marks:** Young team that is junior heavy. New staff. New offense, defense and special teams.

**More about the program:** We are excited about the challenge of moving up to 5A. Young and inexperienced, but eager to learn and work hard.

*Region notes: Higley's Jamar Malone II (1,562 yards passing yards last year) is one of the top quarterbacks in the 2025 class.*

## SONORAN REGION

### Cholla

**Head coach:** Virgil Henderson.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/2-8.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 10.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Malachi Eafon RB-DB 5-7, 160; Juan Guerrero QB-DB 5-9, 145; Daniel Ruiz OL-DL 6-2, 285; Raymond Valdez OL-DL 6-0, 275; Aiden May TE-DL 6-0, 190.

**Biggest question marks:** Strength. Experience. Toughness.

**More about the program:** Kids working hard to get better and change the culture.

### Flowing Wells

**Head coach:** Brian Hook.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Sr. LB Pedro Preciado 5-10, 210; Sr. OL/DL Darren Zimmerman 6-3, 250; Sr. QB Alex Madrid 6-2, 180; Sr. RB/DB Angel Perez 5-9, 170; Sr. LB Francisco Jimenez 5-10, 200.

**Biggest question marks:** Depth at skill positions. Young players being ready to play.

### Nogales

**Head coach:** Jake Teyechea.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/9-21.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 10.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 10.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB Benjamin Ley, 5-10, 175; Sr. RB Arturo Alvarez, 5-10, 180; So. QB David Farias, 5-10, 180; Sr. TE Baltazar Pacheco, 6-4, 220; Sr. LT Esteban Acevedo, 6-5, 260.

**Biggest question marks:** Kicker. Safety. Depth.

**More about the program:** Missed entire 2020 season during COVID and only had a small number of seniors play last year. Majority of players returning are young players with plenty of varsity experience.

## Sunnyside

**Head coach:** Glenn T. Posey.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/14-10.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Deion Conde 5-6, 150; Sr. LB Jose Ramirez 5-9, 185; Sr. LB Carlos Madrid 5-9, 195; Sr. WR-FS Mekhi Gaskin 6-0, 160; Jr. OL-DL Diego Echeverria 6-0, 280.

**Biggest question marks:** Young, but with a good group of kids. Depth could be an issue.

*Region notes: Coach Khyree Copeland's Rincon Rangers struggled last year after playing only two games in 2020 due to COVID. Rincon's 65th football season will kick off Sept. 2 at Empire.*

## SOUTHERN REGION

### Cienega

**Head coach:** Justin Argraves.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/8-4.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 2.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Brayden Cherry 6-2, 185; Jr. WR/DB Jimmy Diaz 6-2, 180; Sr. OL Landen Halle 6-2, 285; Sr. RB Edgar Garcia 5-8, 165; Sr. WR/DB Keron Watson 6-3, 180.

**Biggest question marks:** We graduated 30 seniors last season. Only return two starters on defense. Lack of varsity game experience.

### Ironwood Ridge

**Head coach:** Dale Scott, M.D.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 1.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 1.

**Key players returning:** Sr. LB Nasohn Jantz 6-2, 205; Sr. WR Andrew Cain 6-3, 195; Sr. CB Omar Robles 5-8, 150; Sr. WR Otto Hagele 6-0, 170; Sr. OL/ DL Kameron Avalos 5-10, 245.

**Biggest question marks:** Quarterback, defensive line, depth.

**More about the program:** Our team is young and inexperienced, but hard working and talented.

### Tucson High

**Head coach:** Malcolm Nelson

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 10.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** Jr. Prince Mugisha; Sr. Dominic Cano; Jr. Leland Marshall; Sr. Ameer Bowlds; Sr. Andres Gomez.

**Biggest question marks:** Quarterback, secondary and kicker.

**More about the program:** We are returning all but three seniors this year. Last years O-Line was made up of four sophomores and one junior.

*Region notes: Desert View's MLB Sean Sierra averaged 10.1 tackles per games last year. ... Jr. William Howell at Marana Mountain View threw for 1,389 yards and 12 touchdowns last year. ... Two 2021 freshmen, Andres Bonilla and Nash Moore, led Buena in rushing yards and passing, respectively.*





**Your team won the 5A title last year. What was that experience like?**

It's hard to explain. (It's) definitely a memory that will last forever, and all the seniors that moved on left their mark for sure on the Horizon program. So it was a hard working team, and we are now trying to go back-to-back. It was a weird feeling. But it was almost like a weight lifted off my chest. It was just all that work just paid off. (It was) a weird and amazing feeling.

**What did coach Andy Litten do to help the team win the title during his first year?**

We knew he was all business. Just by the way he ran the weight room and just by sitting in one of his meetings, your jaw would drop. He was just a wizard and an offensive mastermind, is what people call him. (You could) just tell he was on a different level when he came in to win. And that's exactly what he did. That's one thing he told us when we were all in the auditorium meeting our new coach. He told us in December we're going to be in the state championship game. So he's kind of always had that mindset from the beginning. That we're going to be a great team, and we're turning out to be a great team.

**Some key players from last year's team graduated or are no longer with the team. What can we expect from Horizon this season?**

Yeah, I can tell that we're going to have a team that's well put together this season. We're going to have a winning record for sure. Part of what I think makes me say that is just the leadership on this

team. Last year, we had so many leaders, and all the seniors this year kind of looked at the leadership last year and replaced that role. And we kind of know that we need to have that leadership in order for us to have a good year this year. And I think we've totally done that so far in the offseason. You can expect big things from Horizon coming this year.

**What has been the mindset for you personally going into this upcoming season?**

On a personal level, I'd like to see my stats go up. It's just something I'd like to do, beat out some of my stats from last year. (I want) to just get better and faster and just work on my game throughout the season. Because that's truly the goal for me.

**What was special about Baylor University that made you commit there?**

It was a little bit of everything that kind of went into my decision. I got on campus (and) I was there for a total of six hours, and it was enough to win me over. I just absolutely loved it. Mainly the coaches and just the players that really (welcomed) me. It was an unbelievable experience. They just felt like family from the get go.

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5A DESERT WEST REGION

**You played quarterback last year/but are now a WR. What went into the position switch?**

I'm just switching positions based on our depth and what we have. It's just about whatever is going to help us win the games this year.

**You got a chance to compete with your team in the Just Chilly 7-on-7 tournament. What was that experience like?**

I love 7-on-7. That's probably something that I'll miss most, being able to compete in those. But in that (event) there's just so much competition. It's really fun to have the bad times and good times with your team when you're winning and losing, and have those games to figure stuff out.

**You play football and run track. What are the benefits of competing in more than one sport?**

I do track mainly because of football. That's the only reason. This year I'm only going to do it because I grew to love my track coach. I always just thought of it as help for my speed with football, and that's all I wanted to progress in.

**How has your track coach helped you improve?**

Honestly, it's how (coach Audrey Hawthorne) accepted me as being only a football type dude. Whenever there was football, she was like, 'You could prioritize that.' And I feel as a person she always let me do that. I should come out and give her one more season since that's what she did (for me). She's a great coach. If I'm going to be honest, she really helps me a lot in the sprint.

**What do you like to do in your free time?**

My free time usually involves maybe a little bit of competitive video gaming with my friends. Maybe a couple of hoop sessions. I've only been playing NBA2K and Madden. If anything, it's more competitive because it's

not real. But it actually does take skill to play all of it. I think it's just it's a little more competitive in Madden because we are all football players.

**You're 5-foot-8. Most people would think that you're undersized. Does it motivate you when people underestimate you?**

Yeah, I think that's one of the main reasons why I do so good. I am very competitive. I mean, I look at everything as a challenge. So if you're bigger than me, that just gives me more reason to want to beat you just as someone who is the same size as I am.

**You have a new head coach, Brian Belles this year, but he's been an assistant at Cactus for a while. What can we expect from Cactus this year?**

Honestly, more discipline. More heart. We had that last year/but we were growing. We were a growing group. And this year/you've got to still learn and have to perform well even if you are young. So I think it's just going to be a lot of heart. We just want to go. We are just ready to go. We're doing whatever we need to get right for the season. And I know is that once it's time to go, if we're working like we are now, we're going to have fun when it comes time.

**Your team lost to the eventual Open Division champ, Saguaro, in the playoffs last year. But you played well, especially in the first half. What was that experience like?**

It was a really big game to lose. I've always been with those same kids throughout all of high school. So this is the first year that I'm actually without them. It was always fun playing with them. But Saguaro was really very humbling. And they just got after us. I know they have some really good kids all around. But we battled, so there's nothing I was ashamed of.

—Josh Darling, AZPreps365.com



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# 4A CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PRESEASON RANKINGS



*Poston Butte is looking for a little redemption after finishing as 4A runner-up last season. (Steve Paynter photo/MaxPreps)*

*By Andy Morales*  
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**1. CANYON DEL ORO:** The movement of 2022 4A state champions Casa Grande to the 5A Conference along with the 2022 Open Division qualifiers from the 4A Conference in Cactus and American Leadership Academy – Queen Creek will open up more possibilities for the Dorados. Mesquite also moved up to the 5A Conference, which means four of the top five ranked teams in the 4A Conference from last year are no longer a roadblock to a host of contenders. The Dorados finished the regular season with a 6-4 record last year, and that included winning six of the last seven games with only a loss to Casa Grande in the mix. Head coach Dustin Peace has 19 starters returning, including all starters on offense, highlighted by senior QB Caden Dawes.

**2. POSTON BUTTE:** Head coach Dain Thompson took the Broncos to the 4A state championship game last year for the first time in program history, where the team fell to Casa Grande 33-28. An 11-3 record was one of the best in the state. Its other two losses came to teams that moved up to 5A, ALA-Queen Creek and Cactus. Thompson lost QB Drew Dalmacio and top RB Octavious Joe to graduation, and that will hurt, especially with Joe collecting over 2,000 yards on the ground. The first inclination is to move the Broncos down a few spots but 14 starters return, including most of the receiving crew. Look for Poston Butte to claim one of the top four spots in the playoffs this year.

**3. YUMA CATHOLIC:** ALA-Queen Creek, a former 3A competitor now in 5A, proved that teams can continue succeeding as they move up. It is ALA-Gilbert North, Snowflake and Yuma Catholic's turn to prove that they can do the same. Snowflake beat Yuma Catholic 10-3 to capture the 3A championship last year, and ALA-Gilbert North lost 31-26 to Yuma Catholic in the semifinal round. All three will make some noise this year, especially with the top of the 4A Conference gone. The Shamrocks come with senior quarterback Richard Stallworth. Stallworth has 8,666 career passing yards and he needs 2,418 to pass Spencer Rattler for tops in Arizona history, and the team knows it. Not to mention the handful of other records Stallworth either owns or is gunning for. Very few teams have the secondaries to stop a passing offense like that.

**4. ST. MARY'S:** The Knights took Casa Grande to the limit in a 31-29 loss in the quarterfinal round last year. Jose Lucero returns 17 starters from that squad, including senior QB David Galindo. He rushed for 905 yards and 18 touchdowns, and Joseph Beguhl added 918 yards on the ground with 10 scores. Most of the holes will be on defense but Lucero returns a huge senior class, comprised of nearly all the returning offense and line play. The season could be made or lost in the first month with games against Brophy Prep, Canyon del Oro and Poston Butte.



**5. PRESCOTT:** The Badgers made it to the quarterfinal round last year, but the team had the misfortune of meeting Poston Butte at that point. Head coach Cody Collett says his biggest concern is the loss of some key offensive line playmakers, but he returns half of his starters, which should be enough to move up from a regular season-ending No. 8 ranking from last year. The Badgers have a very favorable schedule that could produce eight victories, but there are a few landmines, especially with Glendale and ALA-Gilbert North in the first three weeks of play.

**6. NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN:** Northwest Christian almost pulled off a major upset in the first round last year when Poston Butte escaped with a 39-37 victory against the No. 16-ranked Crusaders. The team expects to earn a higher seed this year and avoid one of the top four seeds so early. David Inness returns 17 starters. There is obvious concern about depth, but there is a great set of seniors with experience on this squad. We will know right away where Northwest Christian stands with Snowflake coming in for the first game of the year.

**7. LAKE HAVASU:** The Knights have a very favorable schedule, playing Yuma Catholic in the third week and St. Mary's in the second to last game of the year will be obvious power point boosts as long as the Knights can take care of business in most of the other games. There are 14 players returning from a first round loss to Canyon del Oro as the No. 5 seed last year, with one of them being star senior RB Isaac Stopke. The team graduated its leading tackler from last year, but returns junior OLB Evan Smith, who had more than 50 tackles on the campaign.

**8. BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN:** Bob Young is eight victories away from 200 for his career and this could be the season he gets that milestone. The Bears are in the same boat as Lake Havasu as far as a favorable schedule, but playing at Mica Mountain to start the season could determine which way the team will go. Also, Snowflake pays a visit four games in. That game might just be the indicator of success for either program. Thirteen players return for the Bears, including QB Grady Rose. If a top-10 finish isn't possible, a playoff spot is practically guaranteed.

**9. SNOWFLAKE:** The 3A state champion could be in position to be one of the top 10 teams in the 4A Conference this year. The Lobos have a very difficult schedule, but the risk also comes with rewards if Kay Solomon has his team prepared for what could be a very wild ride with Northwest Christian, Show Low, Glendale, Cactus, Bradshaw Mountain, ALA-Gilbert North, Apache Junction, Benjamin Franklin and Poston Butte all on the schedule. A 4-6 record from all that could mean a playoff spot with power points raining down.

**10. MICA MOUNTAIN:** The Thunderbolts were one game away from making the playoffs last year even though the team only played a modified six-game schedule. Heavy hitters Ironwood Ridge, Bradshaw Mountain, Poston Butte, Salpointe Catholic and Canyon del Oro are on the schedule, but Pat Nugent has 21 starters returning. This is a team of the future and a top-10 finish is within grasp this season, but we are watching the makings of the next powerhouse.



*Poston Butte offensive lineman Cade Alisa cleared the way many a time while helping his program reach the title game in 2021. (Steve Paynter photo/MaxPreps)*



# SUPER-SIZE SNOWFLAKE MAKES FIRST 4A FORAY

By George Werner  
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When Snowflake High School's football program was moved to 4A for the next three seasons, fan furor came in a blizzard.

"Seriously???"

"Participation trophy thinking."

"Getting punished for kicking ass! So wrong!"

"Travel is a major hardship for us. Stupid stupid decision...Time to talk to lawyers."

And that was just from Facebook—until the Lobos' eighth-year head coach interceded.

"We are excited to have our entire coaching staff return next year, and to take a crack at 4A competition on a larger scale," Kay Solomon responded Jan. 19. "Slightly bigger stage; slightly brighter lights; same expectations. Electric Friday Nights."

Coming from the architect of the Lobos' consecutive state titles and 3A Coach of the Year the past two seasons, that statement calmed the social media storm.

Still, six months later, Solomon was not finding so electric three Friday nights with three-plus-hour road trips each way—with another one at Northwest Christian kicking off Snowflake's season Thursday, Sept. 1.

"If we can manage a deep playoff run, that will likely mean a few more long road trips," Solomon reflected July 19 on a schedule that retains, from last season, only the Lobos' closest rival, Show Low. "Coach [Carlo] Hernandez from Show Low reached out to us right away and asked us to request them for our 3A Freedom game."

"We are grateful for the short trip in a season that will have us on the road to West Phoenix, Prescott Valley, and the East Valley twice during the regular season."

Frustrating the preparation for even those bus rides is hindered by the fact that Snowflake can't even practice yet.

"Under the 4A guidelines, we cannot start practice until Aug. 8," Solomon said, "which seems very late."

"It's a mixed blessing: Difficult to wait because we are primed to transition from spring/summer workouts to real football practices."

A blessing, because it extends summer and the time for even more Snowflake High School students to join Solomon's largest-ever turnout

on his roster: 10% of the entire school population, or 79 players thus far.

The depth chart so far boasts two of last season's top three receivers, third-leading rusher and touchdown-scorer Jett McCray, quarterback heir apparent Easton Butler, leading tackler Matthew Brimhall, top pass rusher Jordan Mowers and six other starters from a defense that held Yuma Catholic to its lowest point total—and first game without a touchdown—in six years.

Two weeks after Show Low, Snowflake plays host to one of the season's most anticipated intra-conference showdowns Sept. 23, when another upwardly mobile program, Cactus, comes to town. The conference's top-ranked team last season after finishing a point short of the 4A title in 2020, the Cobras ended up as a fourth seed in the Open Division tournament before falling in the first round to champion Scottsdale Saguro.

"Cactus got robbed last season by qualifying for the Open Division playoffs instead of being left with a shot to win the 4A conference title," Solomon said. "They are very talented."

They subsequently lost head coach Joseph Ortiz to 6A Perry before promoting Brian Belles, the program's defensive coordinator for two state champions, then getting moved up to the 5A Conference to become the fifth team in the Desert West Region. Back are West Valley Region Players of the Year Will Galvan and Damian Jiles at quarterback and running back, respectively, along with all-conference linebacker Tovia Vito.

"We will prepare the best we can, like we do for any other opponent," Solomon added, "and then use the result to help us get better prepared for region games."

A Sept. 30 visit to Bradshaw Mountain High School is the final Freedom game for Snowflake before coming back home Friday, Oct. 14, to host American Leadership Academy - Gilbert North, whose last regular-season loss came at Snowflake in its 2020 season opener. Head Coach Randy Ricedorff boasts arguably the best senior quarterback in the state in 4,000-yard, 50-touchdown passer Adam Damante, whose favorite target, junior Brandon Phelps, has almost 1,600 receiving yards in just two seasons.

"We've got a lot of football to play before ALA-Gilbert North makes the trek to Snowflake for our region game," Solomon said. "The previous two games were narrow wins for us, but the Eagles will be loaded with talent and difficult to defeat."

"Coach Ricedorff is very skilled at preparing his teams for the big games, and this one will certainly fit that bill. Damante and Phelps for the ALA offense vs. our stingy Lobo defense with eight returning starters from last year's team. It has all the makings of a great football game."

The Eagles were 3A's top-ranked team over Snowflake last season before falling in the state semifinals to Yuma Catholic, the Lobos' championship victim each of the last two seasons. Those schools plus 2020 Metro East Region winner Arizona College Prep all join Snowflake in the 4A Conference this fall, leaving behind a long list of Solomon's old rivals Blue Ridge, Round Valley and Winslow, as well as South Region powers Pusch Ridge and Thatcher—the latter of which is actively looking to fit another 3A Freedom match-up into the Lobos' schedule.

"We will be challenged every week," he said. "Staying healthy and winning enough to qualify for the playoffs will be important for us to have a chance to be successful."



Snowflake has won two straight 3A titles. Can they do it again at the 4A level? (Chris Stanley photo/MaxPreps)



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# LEADERS

Prescott RB Cody Leopold [Chris Stanley photo/MaxPreps]

Lake Havasu RB Isaac Stopke [Kevin French photo/MaxPreps]



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## PASSING

Yr.	Name, School	Yards/Yds-G	TDs/INT
Sr.	Richard Stallworth, Yuma Catholic (3A)	4,863/347.4	67/10
Sr.	Adam Damante, ALA-Gilbert North (3A)	3,382/281.8	46/7
Sr.	Rudy Gonzales, Deer Valley	2,739/249.0	28/11
Sr.	Carter Squires, Thunderbird	2,053/186.6	15/4
Sr.	Gavin Limongello, Apache Junction	2,002/200.2	14/4
Jr.	Braesen Leon, Marcos de Niza	1,994/199.4	16/12
Sr.	Jake Morris, Seton Catholic	1,983/198.3	20/12
Jr.	Zechariah Owens, Glendale	1,847/142.1	19/5
Jr.	Rocco Mortensen, Arcadia	1,841/204.6	17/16
Sr.	Tanner Hale, Combs	1,807/200.8	19/6

## SCORING

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Points	Pts/G	TDs
Sr.	RB	Isaac Stopke, Lake Havasu	204	20.4	34
Jr.	RB	Isaiah Savoie, Apache Junction	144	14.4	24
Sr.	RB	Dawson Smith, Benjamin Franklin	132	13.2	22
Sr.	WR	Luc Asay, ALA-Gilbert North (3A)	131	10.9	11
Sr.	RB	Viliami Tongotea, Buckeye Union	120	10.9	20
Sr.	QB	David Galindo, St. Mary's	116	9.7	19
Sr.	RB	Cody Leopold, Prescott	106	8.8	17
Sr.	RB	Cooper French, Coconino	102	11.3	17
Jr.	RB	Kayden Luke, Canyon del Oro	86	12.3	14
Sr.	WR	Evan Aguirre, Youngker	86	8.6	14

## RUSHING

Yr.	Name/School	Yards/Yds-G	Yds-C	TDs
Jr.	Isaiah Savoie, Apache Junction	1,702/170	8.77	24
Sr.	Isaac Stopke, Lake Havasu	1,659/165.9	8.78	34
Sr.	Cooper French, Coconino	1,552/172.4	7.43	17
Sr.	Viliami Tongotea, Buckeye	1,525/138.6	11.91	20
Sr.	Cody Leopold, Prescott	1,394/116.2	5.51	17
Jr.	Zechariah Owens, Glendale	1,378/106.0	8.89	14
Sr.	Dawson Smith, Benjamin Franklin	1,300/130.0	6.77	22
Sr.	Joseph Beguhl, St. Mary's	918/76.5	5.50	10
Sr.	David Galindo, St. Mary's	905/75.4	5.66	18
Sr.	Gavin Limongello, Apache Junction	899/89.9	8.10	13

## RECEIVING

Yr.	Name, School	Yards Yds-G	Yds-R	TDs
Sr.	Garrett Garcia, Apache Junction	1,361/136.1	17.23	13
Sr.	Stephon Daily, Sierra Linda	1,001/111.2	19.63	12
Jr.	Brandon Phelps, ALA-Gilbert North (3A)	933/84.8	17.60	11
Sr.	Hunter Clare, Combs	800/80.0	17.39	10
Jr.	Kyler Thruston, Northwest Christian	784/71.3	16.68	8
Sr.	Traven Vigenser, Sierra Linda	755/94.4	16.41	8
Jr.	Brady Forst, Arcadia	695/69.5	27.80	9
Sr.	Evan Aguirre, Youngker	647/64.7	15.05	13
Sr.	Troy Edwards, Lee Williams	627/52.3	18.44	7
Sr.	Andre Blanton, Pueblo	529/58.8	18.24	4

## TOTAL YARDS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total Yds	Yds-G
Sr.	QB	Richard Stallworth, Yuma Catholic (3A)	4,969	354.9
Sr.	QB	Adam Damante, ALA-Gilbert North (3A)	3,687	307.2
Jr.	QB	Zechariah Owens, Glendale	3,225	248.1
Sr.	QB	Gavin Limongello, Apache Junction	2,901	290.1
Sr.	QB	Rudy Gonzales, Deer Valley	2,811	255.5
Sr.	QB	Tanner Hale, Combs	2,260	251.1
Jr.	QB	Braesen Leon, Marcos de Niza	2,071	207.1
Sr.	QB	Jake Morris, Seton Catholic	2,012	201.2
Jr.	RB	Isaiah Savoie, Apache Junction	1,965	196.5
Sr.	QB	Carter Squires, Thunderbird	1,962	178.4

## TACKLES

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total tackles	Tackles-G
Sr.	LB	Matthew Brimhall, Snowflake (3A)	172	12.3
Sr.	LB/RB	Cody Leopold, Prescott	140	11.7
Sr.	LB	Cody Hanna, Prescott	123	10.2
Sr.	LB	Jarred Marquez, Yuma Catholic (3A)	116	8.3
Sr.	LB	Brayden Petersen, Lee Williams	115	9.6
Jr.	LB	Victor Padilla, Glendale	108	8.3
Sr.	LB	Connor Wiles, Combs	99	9.9
Sr.	LB	Cian McKelvey, Prescott	90	7.5
Sr.	LB	Bradden Lewis, Snowflake (3A)	90	6.4
Jr.	SS	Arturo Nubez, Shadow Mountain	85	8.5

## SACKS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total Sacks	Sacks-G
Jr.	DL	Cayden Gibson, AZ College Prep (3A)	11.5	1.2
Sr.	DL	Jordan Mowers, Snowflake (3A)	10.5	0.8
Sr.	DE	Michael Cosentino, Empire	9.0	0.8
Sr.	DE	Bric Jobe, ALA-Gilbert North (3A)	8.0	0.7
Sr.	DL	Bobby Gaitan, Poston Butte	8.0	0.6
Jr.	DE	Lenoxx Hicks, Sierra Linda	7.0	0.8
Sr.	DE	Cabot Wigginton, Arcadia	7.0	0.7
Sr.	LB	Cody Hanna, Prescott	7.0	0.6
Jr.	LB	Jordan Naveunxay, Empire	6.5	0.6
Sr.	LB	Lloyd Burris, Sierra Linda	6.0	1.0

## INTERCEPTIONS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total INTs
Jr.	CB	Jakhi Robertson, Poston Butte	5
Jr.	CB	Devin White, Lee Williams	5
Sr.	SS	Joel Dean, Bradshaw Mountain	4
Sr.	FS	PJ Lewis, St. Mary's	4
Jr.	DB	Boston Morris, ALA-Gilbert North (3A)	4
Jr.	LB	Kason Colbert, Mica Mountain	3
Sr.	DB	Jack Curtin, Catalina Foothills	3
Sr.	FS	Aidan Borresen, Estrella Foothills	3
So.	CB	Gavin Briggs, Lake Havasu	3
Sr.	DB	Traven Vigenser, Sierra Linda	3



# 4A CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TEAM-BY-TEAM PREVIEW



*Moving up from 3A, ALA-Gilbert North is looking to flex its muscles now in 4A. (Steve Chadwick photo/MaxPreps)*

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## DESERT SKY REGION

### Arcadia

**Head coach:** Ray Brown.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/5-5.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Jr. QB Rocco Mortensen 6-2, 193; Sr. RB Quintyn Isabell 5-10, 185; Jr. WR Brady Forst 5-7, 159; Jr. WR Chris Hoos 5-8, 150; Sr. MLB Kaidan Carr 5-10, 165; Jr. DT Khary Beler 6-1, 290; Sr. K Issac Delacruz 5-8, 50.

**Biggest question marks:** Most of the offensive and defensive power returns. Can the team turn this into more wins?

**More about the program:** The Titans went 5-5 in the Black Canyon Region last year, losing last two games of the regular season.

### AZ College Prep

**Head coach:** Myron Blueford.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/21-21.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Jayden Diaz 6-1, 180; Sr. OL Marco Palafox 6-1, 260; Sr. RB Biruk Stephens 5-7, 180; Jr. DE Cayden Gibson 6-2, 210; Sr. WR/DB Jerron Salazar 5-9, 170.

**Biggest question marks:** Replacing WR Bryce Chen who was our leading receiver. Establishing our run game. Finishing plays on defense (tackling).

**More about the program:** This is our first real offseason in our existence with our new facilities. With the maturation of our

current players, growth of our program that could double our roster (95 to projected 170), we look to have a great season! AZ College Prep was in the 3A Metro East Region (5-5) last year and appealed up to 4A successfully.

### Combs

**Head coach:** Levi Hoaglund.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Tanner Hale 6-0 200; Sr. RB/LB Connor Wiles 6-0, 190; Sr. OL/DL Whaelynn Flake 6-2, 285; Sr. WR/DB Hunter Clare 6-2, 170; Sr. LB/G Ammon Craig 5-10, 190.

**Biggest question marks:** Running back, offensive line and defensive line.

**More about the program:** The Coyotes finished 4-6 last year under longtime head coach Travis Miller who took over the Hamilton wrestling program.

### Marcos de Niza

**Head coach:** Anthony Figueroa.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/8-9.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. LB Mason Stromstad 6-2, 205; Jr. QB Braesen Leon 6-1, 180; Sr. LB Marcus Jones 6-1, 190; Sr. WR Clinton Hopkins 5-9, 170; Sr. DB Juan Lopez 6-2, 185.

**Biggest question marks:** Staying healthy.



### **Seton Catholic Prep**

**Head coach:** Pete Wahlheim.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 9th year/56-41.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Jake Morris; Sr. OL/DL Danny Alexander; Sr. LB Matt Raso; Jr. DE James Williams; Sr. LB Quinn Sullivan.

**Biggest question marks:** Replacing all receivers, replacing tailback and OL/DL depth.

**More about the program:** Great offseason so far. Working very hard. The Sentinels finished 2-8 last year after starting out 2-1.

### **EAST SKY REGION**

#### **American Leadership Academy-Gilbert North**

**Head coach:** Randy Ricedorff.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 5th year/42-14.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Adam Damante 6-1, 175; Jr. WR Brandon Phelps 6-3, 195; Sr. LB/HB Luc Asay 6-1, 205; Sr. DE/RB Bric Jobe 6, 200; Sr. OL/DL Caleb Garrison 6-3, 250.

**Biggest question marks:** Unproven offensive line, unproven linebackers and unproven defensive line.

**More about the program:** We are very excited about joining the 4A ranks. The Eagles were in the 3A Conference last year where the team finished 10-2 with a semifinal run.

#### **Apache Junction**

**Head coach:** Bruce Binkley.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/7-3.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Gavin Limongello 6-0, 187; So. RB Isaiah Savoie 5-11, 185; Jr. WR Garrett Garcia 159; Sr. MLB Jakob Valentine 6-2, 190.

**More about the program:** The Prospectors were 7-3 last year.

#### **Benjamin Franklin**

**Head coach:** Dave Jefferies.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 7th year/50-25.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB/DB Dawson Smith 5-1, 170; Sr. OL/DL Aaron Allen 6-1, 205; Sr. TE/DL Drew Salisbury 6-4, 215; Sr. TE/DL/Punter Jack Salisbury 6-3, 195.

**Biggest question marks:** Who will replace our senior heavy defensive secondary and linebacking corps from last year?

**More about the program:** The Chargers were 6-5 last year.

#### **Desert Sunrise**

**Head coach:** Jonathan Clark

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**More about the program:** New school and will play a junior varsity schedule this fall.

### **Poston Butte**

**Head coach:** Dain Thompson.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/32-20.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. LT Cade Alisa 6-5 305; Sr. TE, utility offense/ LB Connor Lopez 6-4 215; Sr. RB / OLB Gaven Thrower 5-10 180; Sr. Utility offense/ LB Max Larson 5-11 185; Sr. OG/ DE Bobby Gaitan 6-0 230.

**Biggest question marks:** Who will take over at QB after spring ball? There are still five in the mix. Who will take over at center, the only offensive line position not returning? There are three still in the mix. Expecting great competition at a couple of the defensive backfield positions all summer long and into team camp.

**More about the program:** Last year's football season was the first time a team sport at Poston Butte High School competed in a Conference championship game. The positive culture at Poston Butte High School is on the RISE.

### **Snowflake**

**Head coach:** Kay Solomon.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 8th year/69-15.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. LB Matthew Brimhall 6-0 200; Sr. OLB/DB Lance Christensen 5-9, 180; Sr. LB Bradden Lewis 6-0, 185; Sr. DL Tony Munoz 6-4, 275; Sr. DL Jordan Mowers 6-2, 190.

**Biggest question marks:** Who will replace two-year starter Caden Cantrell at the QB position? Can we keep enough players healthy through our brutal regular season schedule to be able to make a playoff run? How will the move to 4A effect our program at all levels? Will we lose some winter sport athletes due to the later start in 4A?

**More about the program:** Snowflake Lobos football is extremely grateful for the strong support we have from the communities of Snowflake and Taylor. We can't wait to kick off the 2022 season and look forward to the challenge of competing at the 4A level.

### **WEST VALLEY REGION**

#### **Buckeye Union**

**Head coach:** Puni Ellis.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB/LB Viliami Tongotea 5-9, 200; Sr. DE/LB Brock Holt 6-2, 215; Jr. WR/CB Darius Haskins 6-0, 160; Sr. SS Nicholas Almanza 5-8, 160; Jr. OL Cassiah Kaluna 6-1, 265.

**Biggest question marks:** Replacing leadership: Seniors were a big reason for the success we had last year. Quarterback position: Two talented junior quarterbacks will compete this season.

**More about the program:** The Hawks went 8-3 last year.

#### **Glendale**

**Head coach:** Rob York.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 10th year/46-15.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 3.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.



**Key players returning:** Jr. QB Zech Owens, 6-3, 170; Sr. DE/OLB Zurian Lapsely 6-4, 215; Sr. WR Alessandro Perry 5-9, 155; Sr. LB Myles Rush 5-10, 185; Sr. OL Juan Zayas 5-10, 250.

**Biggest question marks:** Leadership. Experience. Depth.

**More about the program:** The Cardinals went 11-2 last year.

#### **Northwest Christian**

**Head coach:** David Inness.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 13th year/118-32

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB/DB Judah Huisman 6-2, 180; Sr. QB/WR/DB Ashton Kamp 5-11, 175; Jr. WR/DB Kyler Thruston 5-9, 170; Jr. LB/WR Marshall Gillette 6-3, 190; Jr. OL/DL Walker Wisley 6-1, 215.

**Biggest question marks:** Health, getting kids ready for the season. Depth - playing up in 4A is all about having depth. Who's turn is it to step up and be the guy?

**More about the program:** Supper excited for this young group with great senior leadership.

#### **Peoria**

**Head coach:** Jason Golden.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 2.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Joshua Holiday 6-1, 170; Sr. MLB/Center Eloy Navejas 5-10, 200; Sr. SS/WR Saieed Hasan 6-0, 185; Sr. OLB/TE Elijah Ward 6-2, 180; Jr. RB Jalen Dupree 6-1, 180.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line experience, depth and senior leadership.

**More about the program:** The Panthers went 4-6 last year.

#### **Yuma Catholic**

**Head coach:** Rhett Stallworth.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 13th year/138-24.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Richard Stallworth 6-2, 215; Sr. LB Jarred Marquez 6-2, 220; Jr. DE Jaxson Jones 6-3, 215; Sr. LB Austin Johnson 6-0, 190; So. Darryl Coleman 5-11, 165.

**Biggest question marks:** Putting an offensive line together; lost several to graduation. Secondary will be completely new. Looking for a running back to take charge.

**More about the program:** Richard Stallworth is about 2,400 yards away from breaking Spencer Rattlers all-time passing yards mark. The Shamrocks were the 3A runners-up last year.

#### **SKYLINE REGION**

##### **Deer Valley**

**Head coach:** Daniel Friedman.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 5th year/13-25.

**Key players returning:** Jr. LB Jacob Kreuziger 5-10, 160.

**More about the program:** The Skyhawks return QB Rudy Gonzales but the team lost RB Ashton Hill and the top six receivers from last year.

#### **Gila Ridge**

**Head coach:** Jessica Slaughter.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/1-9.

**More about the program:** The Hawks went 1-9 last year as Coach Slaughter became the first female head coach at a big school program in state history.

#### **Greenway**

**Head coach:** Ed Cook.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 7th year/35-15.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR Matthew Johanson 6-1, 165; Sr. CB Micah Winans.

**More about the program:** The Demons lost top QB and most of the RB power from last year in addition to the top four defenders. Greenway went 5-4 last year.

#### **Lake Havasu**

**Head coach:** Karl Thompson.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 14th year/78-57

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Isaac Stopke 6-0, 225; Evan Smith 5-9, 190; Xander Flowers 6-1, 265; Brody Schneikart 6-0, 250.

**More about the program:** The Knights went 7-3 last year.

#### **St. Mary's**

**Head coach:** Jose Lucero.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/12-7.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 10.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB/LB David Galindo 5-9, 200; Sr. DB/WR PJ Lewis, 6-2, 170; Sr. OL/DL Philip Maschue 6-3, 285; Sr. OL/DL Ignacio Marquez 6-3, 300; Sr. RB Joseph Beguhl 5-9, 180.

**Biggest question marks:** Filling a few holes on defense due to graduating seniors and new senior leaders stepping up.

**More about the program:** Returning our largest senior class in quite some time with a number of kids who have played a lot of varsity snaps. The Knights went 8-4 last year.

#### **SOUTHWEST REGION**

##### **Estrella Foothills**

**Head coach:** Mike Welch.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 10th year/15-37.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 3.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB Liam Henry 5-10, 208; Sr. RB William Bontreager 5-8, 182; Sr. DB John Hannaman 6-1, 177; Sr. LB Edgar Roberts 5-10, 217; Sr. DE Ty Huggins 6-2, 226.

**Biggest question marks:** Quarterback, offensive line and defensive line.

**More about the program:** Our team will be very young this season. Our tandem of running backs will carry the load this season, and we will rely on our sophomores that are coming off an undefeated season.



### **Moon Valley**

**Head coach:** Santiago Maldonado.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/2-7.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. ATH Deyon Bradley 5-11, 185; Sr. DL/OL Sydney Lane 6-3, 235; Sr. DL Elijah Lynn 6-5, 250; JR. DB/WR Diego Contreras 6-0, 160; Sr. DB Jose Chavez 5-10, 160.

**Biggest question marks:** We are a very young team this year.

**More about the program:** Starting our staff's second year here at Moon Valley, and things are moving in the right direction. We are young but very athletic and are working with a group of players who are trying to put Moon Valley back on the football map.

### **Sierra Linda**

**Head coach:** Ty Preyer.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR Stephon Daily 6-4, 180; Jr. DE Lennox Hicks 6-2, 235; Jr. CB Keilitri Carr 5-11 145; Sr. LB Abraham Gomez 6-2, 215; So. LB Akhir Harris 5-10, 210.

**Biggest question marks:** Experience.

**More about the program:** Young team and talented. With only five seniors, looking to see who steps up as leaders to elevate the team to the next level.

### **Thunderbird**

**Head coach:** Matt Nalette.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/11-17.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Carter Squires 6-0, 175; Sr. LB/FB Sean Matthews 6-0, 195; Sr. WR Alex Harland 5-9, 165; Sr. OL/DL Matthew Martinez 6-1, 240; Sr. FS Nate Godoy 5-9, 160.

**Biggest question marks:** How many of our talented sophomores will step up and contribute this year and what impact will a now healthy linebacker group have?

**More about the program:** The Titans went 5-6 last year.

### **Youngker**

**Head coach:** Josh SeKoch.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 2.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR/DB, Evan Aguirre, 5-9, 170; Jr. QB Jacob Lira, 6-0, 160; Jr. WR/DB Landon Edwards, 5-10, 150; Sr. WR/DB Caleb Stevens, 5-7, 140; Jr. DL Darius Wiley, 6-2, 225.

**Biggest question marks:** Which student-athletes will commit to being consistent and trust the process and who will separate themselves in the competition at OL, DB and RB?

**More about the program:** QB Jacob Lira and WR Landon Edwards both have above a 4.0 GPA. Three-year starter Evan Aguirre will play in every facet of the game. WR, SS, RB and returner sophomore Hayden Williams at 6-6 has potential to be a Division I OL. Junior Darius Wiley and Sr. Fabrico Boroguez will lead a high energy, hardworking defensive line.

### **COPPER SKY REGION**

#### **Alhambra**

**Head coach:** Charles Francisco Rivera, Jr.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/1-9.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR Roman Moreno 6-0, 170; Sr. WR James Gaie 6-0, 170; Sr. RB James Kane 5-9, 155; Sr. MLB Ricardo Hernandez 5-10, 205; So. DE Attisso Alokpovi 6-0, 205.

**Biggest question marks:** COVID response or restrictions and kids interest in participating in sports.

**More about the program:** We have four coaches on our staff that have head coaching experience - Chrls Rivera, George Medrano, Damien Logan and Kent Lavine, who we have added to our staff this year. Alhambra was 5A last year.

#### **Carl Hayden**

**Head coach:** Steven Arenas.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 5th year/11-20.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Jaime Zayas 5-8, 165; Sr. DE/TE Moses Everest 6-3, 230; Sr. OL/LB Brayan Beltran 5-10, 215; Sr. RB/LB Samuel Shadel 5-10, 180.

**Biggest question marks:** Depth and quarterback battle.

**More about the program:** Our coaching staff continues to rebuild a program that once had the longest losing streak in the country.

#### **Independence**

**Head coach:** KJ Anthony.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/1-9.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** LB David Wence 5-9, 225; QB Nija Wright 5-11, 170; OL Robert Seligman 6-0, 250; DL Keyawn Martin 6-2, 260; LB David Williams 5-9, 220.

**Biggest question marks:** Young at DB and overall young team. We will have a lot of sophomores and juniors playing.

**More about the program:** The Patriots were in the 5A Conference last year.

#### **Kofa**

**Head coach:** Alfonzo Brown.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR Gabriel Rodriguez-Juarez 5-9, 178; Sr. G Jaymon Davis, 5-11, 245; Sr. SS Vittorio Medina, 5-9, 172; Jr. C Justin Skillings, 5-10, 190.

**Biggest question marks:** Starting QB. Defensive line. Special teams.

#### **Maryvale**

**Head coach:** Sam Schilling.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/0-10.

**Key players returning:** Jr. RB Dekyndrick Evans 5-10, 155; Jr. WR Shawn Russell 6-0, 175.

**More about the program:** The Panthers were in the 5A Conference last year.



## **Washington**

**Head coach:** Tim Mayfield.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 7th year/20-36.

**More about the program:** The Rams were 3-6 last year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB/LB Robert Juniel 6-0, 190; Jr. QB/FS Say Say Kun 5-10, 170; Sr. OL/DL Dyelon Towler 6-0, 250; Sr. OL/DL Kevin Kouedjin 6-4, 250.

**Biggest question marks:** Can we come together as a team and complete for a region title? Can our skill players play at the varsity level and can our OL/DL, who were young last year/get better and be the strength our team?

**More about the program:** We will have several players who will need to fill in a role player and may have to play a position they might not necessarily want to play. So, if we can put the team first, we can have a successful season.

## **GILA REGION**

### **Amphitheater**

**Head coach:** Jorge Mendivil.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 8th year/32-43.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. Ath Kevin Quintero 6-2, 215; Sr. RB/LB Keagan Haynes 5-11, 175; So. RB/LB Jacob Espinoza 6-2, 215; Jr. OL/DL Marco Martinez 6-3, 310; Jr. OL/DL Jaime Charles 6-2, 280.

**Biggest question marks:** Inexperience on offense and defensive secondary.

**More about the program:** An experienced front seven on defense will be the overall strength. The Panthers look to ground and pound teams with three big backs and a solid offensive line led by juniors Marco Martinez and Jaime Charles.

### **Catalina Foothills**

**Head coach:** Daniel Sainz.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/6-4.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB Xavier Norwood-Ramirez 5-7, 130; Sr. WR Cole Revis 6-5, 200; Sr. DE Tyler Tellam 6-3, 200.

**More about the program:** The Falcons went 6-4 under first-year head coach Daniel Sainz.

### **Rio Rico**

**Head coach:** Jeff Scurran.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Sr. OT/DT Jesse Octavio-Callejo 5-10, 280; Sr. WR/DB Nathan Villegas 5-11, 170; Sr. TE/LB Jose Perez 6-0, 190; Sr. TE/DE Marlo Rodriguez 6-2, 200; Sr. WR/DB Andres Lopez WR-DB 5-9, 165.

**Biggest question marks:** Quarterback, finding "winners" and toughness.

**More about the program:** Key new player: Francisco Arellano (best basketball player in school) as overall athlete: 6-1, 190. New facilities: turf field is spectacular, new grandstands and field house under construction. The Hawks moved from 3A to 4A.

## **Sahuarita**

**Head coach:** Jake Price

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/1-8.

**Key players returning:** Sr. MLB Ashton Ward 6-0, 200; Sr. RB Brady Radovich 6-0, 190.

**Biggest question marks:** Running the football. Offensive line.

**More about the program:** First year in 4A with a renewal of our rivalry game vs. the other school in our district.

## **Sahuaro**

**Head coach:** Al Alexander.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 3.

**Key players returning:** Sr. OL/LB Vincent Manata 6-1, 240; Sr. OL David Alvarez 6-0, 265; Sr. RB Nehemiah Watson 6-0, 215; Sr. QB Angel Hightower 5-10, 170; JR. DE Kingston Grigby 6-4, 225.

**Biggest question marks:** Leadership, depth and team speed.

**More about the program:** The Cougars went 1-8 last year.

## **Walden Grove**

**Head coach:** Corey Noble.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/31-16.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. Ath Caleb Lyden 6-0, 185; So. OL Sal Nieves 6-1, 285; Jr. QB Gabriel Smith 5-9, 175; Jr. LB Jayden Bitton 6-1, 190; Sr. Safety Nathan Sanchez 5-10, 175.

**Biggest question marks:** Experience, youth on the OL and will we rebound after last season not meeting our expectations.

**More about the program:** The Red Wolves finished 6-4 last year.

## **KINO REGION**

### **Canyon del Oro**

**Head coach:** Dustin Peace.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 15th year/96-46.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 9.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 10.

**Key players returning:** Jr. OL Sa'kylee Woodard 6-4, 295; Sr. QB Caden Dawes 6-2, 205; Jr. RB/MLB Kayden Luke 5-11, 210; Sr. WR Daylon Beck 5-11, 160; Sr. LB MJ Zamorano 6-0, 190.

**Biggest question marks:** Who will be our on the field leader? Who will be our energy guy? How do we handle expectations?

**More about the program:** Dustin Peace is four wins from 100 in his career.

### **Douglas**

**Head coach:** Hunter Long.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/5-14.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB/LB Vicente Cardona 5-9, 195; Jr. RB/WR/LB Emiliano Berthely 5-10, 170; Sr. OL/DL Ben Sandoval 6-1, 230; Sr. KR/RB/LB Alex Corrales 5-6, 160; Sr. QB/LB Diego Ybarra 5-11, 190.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line and number of players.

**More about the program:** This team is primed for a big year.

With so many returners on offense and defense, a pretty decent sized senior group with athletes all over the field, an improved



front five, this team should take a big jump this season. With a very tough region schedule, this team shouldn't be taken lightly by anybody even though we'll be seen as the dark horse or underdog in most of the games we play.

#### **Empire**

**Head coach:** George Kelly.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/6-16.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR Hyrum Tanner 6-0, 184; Jr. MLB Jordan Naveunxay.

**More about the program:** The Ravens went 5-6 last year.

#### **Mica Mountain**

**Head coach:** Pat Nugent.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/3-3.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 10.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 11.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB/DE Kaspen Colbert 6-3, 220; Jr. WR/S Devin Hayward 5-9, 180; Jr. WR/S Jonah Garcia 5-8, 155; Jr. LB Kason Colbert 6-1, 230; Sr. Octavio Vidrio, 6-1, 190.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line, young QB and inexperience.

**More about the program:** This will be the first full varsity season for Mica Mountain.

#### **Pueblo**

**Head coach:** Jake Allen.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/3-7.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR/DB Andre Blanton 6-1, 185; Sr. QB Diego Ramirez 6-1, 175; Sr. Flex, DB Anthony Carpenter 5-9, 175; Jr. OL/DL Jeremiah Parrish 5-10, 290; Sr. Flex, DB Miguel Moreira 5-11, 190.

**Biggest question marks:** Can we improve our run game from last year? Can we stop the run better than we did last year?

**More about the program:** We are returning eight starters on offense and seven on defense. We lost four games by one possession or less last year, which has left this returning group with a lot of experience and motivation. We have made monumental gains in the weight room over the last six months. Our roster numbers have grown tremendously. We are very excited for this season.

#### **Vista Grande**

**Head coach:** Jon Roberts.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/5-4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Jr. Darnell Castro; So. Fernando Moya 5-8, 170; Sr. Markel Lewis 6-0, 165.

**More about the program:** The Spartans shifted to a Southern Arizona region this year.

#### **GRAND CANYON REGION**

##### **Bradshaw Mountain**

**Head coach:** Bob Young.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/10-8

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr QB Grady Rose 6-1, 190; Sr RB/DE Malakai Stephenson 6-0 210; Jr TE/DE James Giggey 6-4 240; Sr WR/K Tanner Mitchell 6-4 200; Jr RB/LB Gabe Ricketts 6-0 210.

**Biggest question marks:** Replacing four OL starters, replacing three linebackers and depth.

**More about the program:** Bob Young is eight wins from 200 in his career.

##### **Coconino**

**Head coach:** Mike Lapsley.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 5th year/29-10.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. DE/OLB/WR Pierson Watson 6-3, 200; Sr. S/RB Jacob Clouse 6-0, 180; Sr. S/WR Tyler Ragan 6-1, 185; Sr. RB/LB Cooper French 5-10 170; Sr. LB/RB Quinn Mickelson 5-11 185.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line execution and passing game execution.

##### **Flagstaff**

**Head coach:** Sean Manning.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/4-6

**Key players returning:** Sr WR Jake Weidinger 6-3, 180.

**More about the program:** The Eagles started out 4-0 last year.

##### **Lee Williams**

**Head coach:** Stevann Brown.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR Troy Edwards 6-1, 190; Sr. LB Brayden Petersen.

**More about the program:** The Volunteers went 8-4 last year.

##### **Mingus Union**

**Head coach:** Dave Moncibaez.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/2-8.

**Key players returning:** Sr. Ian Contreras 5-10, 170; Jr. S Michael Grijalva 5-10, 170.

##### **Prescott**

**Head coach:** Cody Collett.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 5th year/25-15.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** SR RB/LB Cody Leopold 5-11, 200; SR OLB Landen Francis 6-2, 220; SR LB Cody Hanna 6-0, 210; SR WR Jake Hilton 6-4, 175; SR RB/LB Cian McKelvey 5-10, 180.

**Biggest question marks:** We must replace a few key OL guys.

**More about the program:** 113th year of football. One of only a few schools with games against Tempe Normal (ASU) and Flagstaff College (NAU) in history.



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4A SOUTHWEST REGION

**Who are the closest people in your life? Please tell us a little bit about them.**

I first want to start with my mother. Of course mothers for a lot of people are a big part of their life, but mine really stands out. I've seen her go through so much just to make sure we're good even when it was only one parent on a booster club. She was the only one at times and was always putting in work for me and my brother. Personally, she works two jobs just to keep food on the table. She went out of her way to do for me. So I really love and appreciate her. And my dad, too. He's just as hard working. They go out of their way for me and my brother and sister. So I really have the highest respect for them. And then they also love my dream and passion for football. I can say I am good when it comes to parents. Also, I really like my coaches, and a lot of them get a lot of that shine too. They gave me stuff that I can improve on so I can make it to the next level and get my name out there.

**Your team was one of the biggest surprises in Arizona last year. What were the key reasons why your team had such a successful season?**

There are many different reasons. First of all I would say people started to care more and take pride in it. They just realized what we have and how successful we can be as a team. We just bonded better. Our plans were pretty smart also. We had a good team. We were pretty smart and knew how to play with each other. Also, in the way we practiced, I've never been on a team where we would go after practice and do some extra work even on (Saturdays). We just took that to the next level, getting better chemistry and just practicing.

**You are the first big-time football product to come through Sierra Linda. How proud are you of what you've been able to accomplish so far?**

I'm not a cocky person. I love to be humble, but also accomplishments are accomplishments and success is success, and I feel like I've done a very, very great job. I worked really hard. Honestly, when I first started coming here I wouldn't have even pictured myself where I am now even though it was my goal. I didn't see that at school. As for the team, I'm very proud of everyone around me but also myself. I'm just looking to build on that.

**Where do you see yourself five years from now?**

First and foremost, a lot of people's dreams are to go to the NFL. And that's been my goal since I first heard about sports. I just always had a

love for football. And I wanted to go extra for it not just in college. I already got the college opportunity, which I'm very proud of. But I do see myself in the NFL five years from now. That is the No. 1 goal. Second, I want to be successful somewhere, just be able to live a comfortable life and have money. Either way, I'll be successful. But mainly I just see myself in the NFL.

**If you could pick a profession besides sports for your career job, what would it be?**

Well, I'm kind of into a couple of things. I know I'm still in high school, but college is around the corner. So I would say becoming a lawyer. I would also like to get into engineering. That's another thing that I like. Lately I've been really inspired by my coaches and people around me. So I may want to become a coach. Those are three things I'm just interested in the moment.

**Have you committed to any college? If so, which one and why?**

I picked Colorado State, because they're just a good unit. I would for sure fit really good on the team. They give everyone a chance, and I feel like they put in a lot of effort towards me. I just felt like that was the best opportunity, and then just getting it out of the way before I go into my senior season. I can have everything set in stone and felt like I did a great job. The (Colorado State) coach that has been recruiting me heavily was coach (Chad) Savage. He's a receivers coach, and we go way back. We're really close. And he's one of the big, big, big reasons why I committed there. He's a very good coach. He's a very good person. I feel like family to him. He showed a lot of effort and put in a lot of work. So I really appreciate that man, and also the stadium is very beautiful. The facilities are nice. It's more of a calm and peaceful environment. The weather is nice. Everything is just good. I could not complain.

**What is it like playing alongside your younger brother, Seth?**

I'm so proud to have a family member to teach and go through things and the season with. I'm looking forward to it. He's really good. I can compare him to me in a lot of things. He has a good IQ. He can catch the ball anytime you need. He's good with those big boy catches. Yeah, I see a lot of potential in him. And I would want him to go farther than I even went.

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4A WEST VALLEY REGION

**Who are the closest people in your life (friends and family)?  
Please tell us a little bit about them.**

Well, I'll say the closest is my mom. She has been supporting me on this journey. I would say my little brother. I (also) had a cousin who's actually playing college football and who's inspired me to take football really seriously. (I want) to keep my family intact.

**What is one of your biggest athletic accomplishments?**

A big accomplishment would be getting offers, because I didn't believe I was going to get offered just by playing football. I have offers from Eastern Washington University, University of Sioux Falls and St. Norbert College football. So I've got three offers right now. I'm just planning on waiting for more to come in my senior season.

**What makes you such a force on the defensive side?**

I would say technique. You have to read the play, the offense line, and see the person in front of you. You also have to see the steps he takes and then the steps you should take, because when a person backs up he'll take certain steps to show where he's going to go. And that shows you the whole play right there. This is all technique wise. I'll say also size really matters for the type of position I play, defensive end. If you're not big and a little scrawny, you're not going to get to their quarterback.

**What can folks expect from Glendale High this season?**

They can expect probably the same thing. People really downed Glendale, if that makes sense. They really don't believe in Glendale, because right now it's the same thing as it was last season. People doubted us. We just proved them wrong and got to the

semifinals. After we lost our first game during last season, our supporters just disappeared. And then, as we won every game after that loss, they just slowly came back. So I think this year is going to be the same, with us just showing that anything's possible. That we can do anything, because Glendale is a brotherhood. It's just a big family. The coaches motivate us.

**How did coach Robert York help turn things around at the school?**

We are just all grinding in practice every day. He just has this attitude to make you focus on what you have to do. He shows us how we need to get serious and keep our head in the game. So coach York doesn't really say much, but he just shows it.

**Where do you see yourself five years from now?**

In the NFL. I've got to keep the right mindset and focus on that path. There are going to be a lot of distractions, but I need to be focused.

**Favorite postgame meal for you?**

Well, my mom cooks. Sometimes there will be burgers. But my favorite would be coming home to steak and a couple sides.

**Most memorable moment you've experienced as an athlete?**

Last season, we actually made history. We made it to the semifinals. That was probably the best the school ever did in a long time. That was probably the biggest accomplishment, because people outside of Glendale didn't believe in us. It's just a good feeling proving them wrong.

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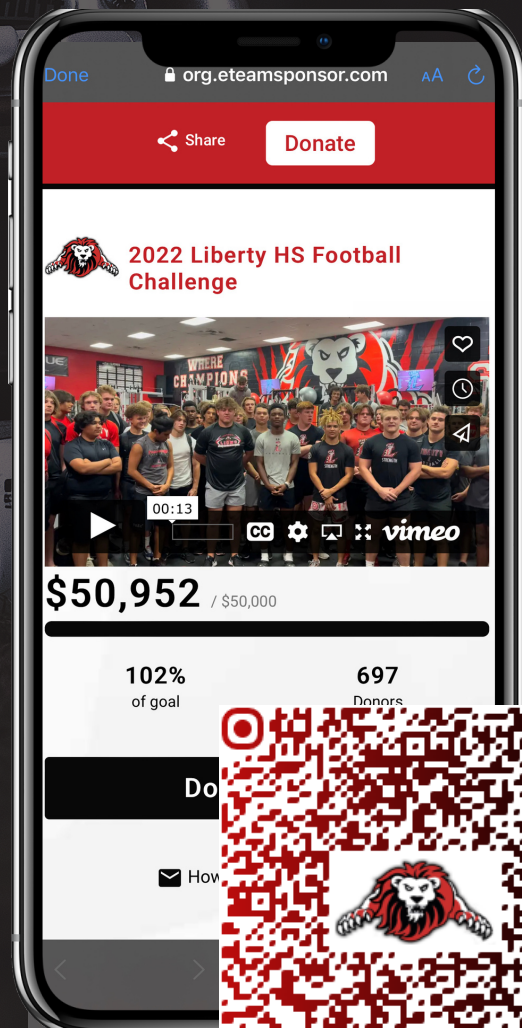
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# 3A CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PRESEASON RANKINGS



*With several schools making the jump to a conference, Valley Christian looks to take the reins in 3A. (Mark Jones photo/MaxPreps)*

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**1. VALLEY CHRISTIAN:** Sole remnant from the top four 3A postseason seeds from last fall, the Metro East Region champion Trojans hold the incumbent conference throne until proven otherwise. Third-year head coach Jake Petersen fields his most experienced team yet, with 22 upperclassmen anchoring the skill positions and special teams—starting behind second-team all-region center Jude Moore with 2,300-yard passer Hunter Heeringa, who had five games with four or more touchdown passes in 2021. Topping a trio of senior targets who have already combined for more than 1,000 yards receiving from Heeringa is the team's tallest skill player, 6-foot, 5-inch wideout Adam Bradford. If fellow senior Hunter Horstman can stand out among his three-deep tight end position, and if juniors Wilson Kaehr and Ethan Tovar can fill two pairs of all-conference shoes at their respective inheritances of kicker and running back, Petersen could post even more points than an 11-2 previous season in which the Trojans averaged 47.5 per game. Overlooked through his first three seasons is arguably the conference's best returning defender, senior all-3A lineman Christian Bell, who will be keyed on by defensive coordinators now aware of his nine sacks garnered during a 10-2 junior year from his outside linebacker slot. Exciting and explosive support comes from Bell's middle backer, triple-digit tackler Dominic Ferrera, as well as tackle Silas Venberg—each of whom returned fumbles for touchdowns last fall. Another all-region two-way threat, Ethan Heinrich, anchors a seasoned secondary.

**2. EASTMARK:** Also overlooked were the Firebirds in this publication's previous preseason Top 10, but challenging for the 2022 conference title should begin to make things right. Program founder Scooter Molander, in just its second season, finished a seed outside that 3A collection as Central Region champ. Virtually every player from that 7-3 team is back, plus nearly 50 more in a staggering 108-player mix for the Central Coach of the Year to choose from. His son, Mack, a two-time state javelin champ, is an enviable first pick. In just six games as a junior, the Firebirds' starting signal-caller not only hurled the pigskin 1,367 yards for 82 completions and 18 touchdowns—against just three interceptions—but averaged seven-and-a-half yards carrying the ball himself when needed. Of Molander's three passing statistics, 1,186, 63 and 15 of those were hauled in by fellow senior Austin Johnston, first-team all-region on special teams as well. At middle linebacker, averaging nearly 10 tackles per game, Kaden Armstrong spearheads a matured attack as the region's Defensive Player of the Year, reinforced by 6-foot, 7-inch, 250-pound monster Mason Williams. If that kind of athleticism isn't dangerous enough, returning 290-pound tackle Reese Quiroz and seven other all-Central teammates—one-third of the entire all-region first team—might be. Dangerous without doubt are the two trios of opponents bookending the Firebirds' schedule—

starting with a Saturday afternoon challenge Aug. 20 in Las Vegas, New Mexico, at that state's defending 3A champion, before road-tripping again six days later to conference quarterfinalist Thatcher. Hosting South Region champ Sabino before ending the regular season two weeks later at 12th-ranked Wickenburg punctuates a clear statement the Firebirds are sending to the rest of 3A: Anytime, anywhere.

**3. PUSCH RIDGE:** Despite a first-round home playoff loss to region rival Thatcher a month after being held to a season-low 16 points at South Region champ Sabino, skilled returning talent puts fourth-year head coach Kent Middleton's Lions back among the top three. Specifically, the return of two-time all-3A linebacker Tyler Mustain, whose 11-and-a-half career sacks among his nearly 200 tackles elevated him to the region's Defensive Player of the Year award. Mustain also had over 200 yards receiving, fourth among a stacked corps of returning wideouts led by little brother Bubba, who had 11 touchdowns and 876 yards receiving as a sophomore. With all-region long snapper Drew Klingman hiking the football to senior kicker and punter Isaiah Peyton, special teams are in good hands. Behind the blocking of 6-4, 240-pound all-3A first-team tackle Will Way, the Lion ground game will also always have traction. The question marks are who exactly will get the ball to them and who will take the pressure off them in the ground game, as all three of Middleton's quarterbacks who threw a pass last season have graduated. At least there are over 250 yards of rushing options returning, including first-team all-South defensive back Bryce Jewell.

**4. ROUND VALLEY:** The Elks, without lone loss Snowflake to contend with in the new Northeast Region, have a real opportunity to show it can be just as much a 3A champion as it showed 2A four seasons ago. To do so, however, they'll have to make a go of it without second-team all-conference running back Seth Wiltbank, now playing NAIA ball in Kansas. Junior heir apparent Gauge Baker has a pair of touchdowns and more than 100 yards rushing to build on, which should inspire every confidence of second-year head coach Brad Baca in all-region quarterback Ryker Marble, a dual-threat junior with 1,715 yards of passing for 20 touchdowns and eight more on over 500 yards rushing. He'll have junior tight end Brett Jordan to throw to and plenty of other experienced help in the trenches, including all-region first-team senior linemen like Keanu Clark and 6-foot, 5-inch Treyson Merrill, who combined for 13 sacks and seven fumble recoveries on the defensive side of the ball last fall. Thatcher will provide Baca's program with an early barometer of its ceiling Aug. 19.



**5. THATCHER:** Chief among the reasons the Eagles can flirt with the top five this fall is the open secret behind first-round road upsets as No. 10 seeds each of their two previous postseasons, their first two as a member of 3A in 2020 and 2021: Depth. Third-year head coach Daniel Jones has over a platoon more in his program than most other conference programs, including South Region rival Sabino and defending region champ Pusch Ridge. With five upperclassmen across the offensive line who average, to a man, 6 feet, 4 inches in height and more than 250 pounds, no other team in what projects to be the toughest region in 3A can match those numbers, regardless of the results of August dates at Round Valley and at home versus Eastmark. That is what makes Jones' team capable of such a late surge. They and two other 6-foot, 230-pound linemen provide the protection for first-team all-region seniors Brandon Napier behind center and Ayden Bingham taking the handoff, as he did for 11 rushing touchdowns last fall.

**6. PHOENIX CHRISTIAN:** Bumped out of the Metro West Region, where they swept last fall's postseason awards, by newcomer American Leadership Academy - West Foothills, the Cougars nevertheless pose the strongest challenge to defending Metro East champ Valley Christian. Second-year head coach Dan Fort has upperclassmen returning in several key positions, including the Metro West Player of the Year, 285-pound tackle Jerahmia Smith, who has 68 tackles and six-and-a-half sacks over two varsity seasons. He'll be blocking for 500-yard rusher Cam'ryn Hatter, who also caught three touchdowns on top of his four on the ground as a junior. Senior Angel Gutierrez, the Metro West's Defensive Player of the Year last season, also returns with six receiving touchdowns, one score on a fumble return and a pick-six as well from last season. Gutierrez takes second in tackles, however, to leading tackler Levi Rhynard, who averaged more than eight per game from outside linebacker. Fort now just needs junior Xavier Sandoval to be a competent replacement for Metro West Offensive Player of the Year Cristian Mackey at quarterback.

**7. SHOW LOW:** In his second season, head coach Carlo Hernandez worked wonders with the Cougars, turning a one-win program into an eight-win No. 8 seed to capture East Region Coach of the Year honors. With Sept. 9 opponent Snowflake gone, but not forgotten, from their regional schedule, the door is open for Hernandez's biggest turnout of nearly 100 players to make its mark in the new Northeast Region. Overcoming losses to region incumbent Round Valley and at home in the first round of the playoffs to South No. 9 seed Sabino, however, is in the hands of two first-team all-region playmakers: senior running back Ryan Kishbaugh and junior quarterback Nash Brewer. Split out in Hernandez's offense last season, Brewer ran for seven touchdowns, and caught two more, developing into the team's second-biggest dual-threat playmaker with more than 500 yards of rushing and receiving. But the biggest playmaker, with twice that combined yardage and two more rushing scores, is Kishbaugh, who matched Brewer's two interception returns for touchdowns with two pick-sixes of his own. With 78 tackles as a two-way player his junior year, Kishbaugh remains the focal point of defensive scouting for opponents like preseason favorite Valley Christian in the Cougars' opener Aug. 19. But the two-man show requires postseason relief from senior defenders like his brother, Jeremy, in the secondary, second-leading tackler Colten Cloyd and lineman Cutter Pepper.

**8. SABINO:** Ryan McBrayer has seen one complete graduating class come and go through Sabino High School, but he has never had a more accomplished quarterback than South Region Player of the Year Cameron Hackworth. As a sophomore, Hackworth threw for a ridiculous 2,176 yards and 26 touchdowns against just four interceptions while also leading the team in rushing with a 9.4-yard average on 78 carries, including nine more ground scores. Second-team all-South linebacker Mason Cade, with 11-and-a-half sacks and six forced fumbles as a junior, anchors the defense with help from fellow upperclassman Francisco Contreras at end. McBrayer's trouble is that, after them, third-leading receiver Savaughn Berryhill, wideout Andres Baca and kicker/punter Steven Bishopp, the fifth-year falloff becomes quite dramatic, as an Oct. 14 road trip to Eastmark is likely to reveal.

**9. RIVER VALLEY:** Much has changed for the Dust Devils since falling in the 3A quarterfinals at Valley Christian. They lost their head coach, Jonathan Clark, to new Maricopa high school 4A program Desert Sunrise. They lost 19 upperclassmen, including their starting running back and all-time leading rusher in school history, to graduation. And yet, former Arizona Christian University running backs coach Kevin Hall, Jr., has all the pieces in place to repeat as West Region champions and host the first round of the state tournament. The return of Gavin Hogencamp is a big reason why. The senior quarterback completed nearly 100 passes last season for 1,822 yards and 19 touchdowns, getting intercepted just four times to make the all-West second team. Senior scooter Kenneth Clay, who juked his way to an important Red Zone touchdown reception at Valley Christian, flanks Hogencamp across junior all-region second teamer Jacob Boice. Another upperclassman, Tanner Wood, has the rangy mobility from starting at linebacker as a junior to build on 125 rushing yards behind senior all-region OG Daniel Contreras. Wood's counterpart, all-3A Honorable Mention Jake Purdy, strung together seven sacks as a junior defensive end. Combine them with more than 100 other players on the Dust Devil depth chart, and it becomes easier to see how Hall and Hogencamp will hold onto a West Region minus 4A-bound Yuma Catholic.

**10. ARIZONA LUTHERAN:** Through eight seasons as head coach of the Coyotes, David Peter has seen more than enough at the 2A level to be intimidated by moving up to a larger conference, even by being in the same region with both Phoenix Christian and Valley Christian. And why not? The Coyotes are coming off their first-ever state football championship, with two full platoons of that team's players back—including senior Caron Cunningham blocking for one of the best-kept secrets among state high school playmakers, all-2A linebacker Gideon

Enter. The junior two-way terror did 821 yards of ground damage for 10 touchdowns on just 62 carries last fall, tacking on a couple of pick-sixes playing up at cornerback, including a 39-yard runback to seal a 52-0 second-week shutout of Phoenix Christian. His three sacks and 145 other tackles are challenged by only first-team all-region lineman Thomas Peltzer, who got to the quarterback seven times out of his 71 takedowns in 2021. All seven of their all-conference athletes playing spoiler to the rest of the 3A Metro East. If Peter can win his opener at the other ALA school—the Ironwood campus—the Coyotes have a generous enough schedule to go undefeated into their next-to-last regular-season game at Valley Christian.



River Valley senior quarterback Gavin Hogencamp is one of the few returning starters for the Dust Devils. (Jack Beasley photo/MaxPreps)



# STRONG SUPPORT, LEADERSHIP HELPING RESTORE 3A CONTENDER SHOW LOW

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Show Low is a small rural town surrounded by pine trees and mountains.

It is located in the White Mountains in eastern Arizona, where you'll find some of Arizona's most passionate high school sports fans and a rugged brand of football.

On 500 W. Old Linden Rd. is where the best 3A Conference football likely will be played this season in the White Mountains. Head coach Carlo Hernandez helped restore the luster of the program on Linden Rd., Show Low High.

After some average seasons and a 1-5 COVID year in Hernandez's first season in 2020, Show Low won eight games last year for the first time since 2016. That's also the last time Show Low won a playoff game.

For its loyal fans, that was ages ago. But after struggling the last few years, Show Low football expects to rise to the top in the 3A conference this season.

They have an experienced team and a two-time state championship head coach.

Before taking the job in Show Low, Hernandez coached in Maricopa, Coolidge and in his hometown, Casa Grande. His senior class also helped established a foundation, allowing Show Low to be a contender in the 3A conference once again.



Look out. Show Low is getting back into playoff form. (SportsZone Radio photo)

But to get to the top this year won't be easy in 3A, even with one of its rivals Snowflake, the 3A champ last year, moving to 4A. Eastmark High is the preseason favorite in the conference. Blue Ridge and Round Valley, traditional powers in the White Mountains as well, also are preparing to make their annual playoff push and play Show Low, the Northeast Region favorite this year. Fans in the White Mountains also can't go a season without seeing Show Low and Snowflake play each other.

So the squads will meet on Sept. 9 during a highly anticipated cross-conference game. AZPreps365.com caught up with Show Low's veteran coach this summer.

Not wanting to leave anybody out, Hernandez kindly requested if we could not name some of his players.

If it were up to him, he'd publish the name of every player on his team.

"Everybody has a role," he said.

**Q:** What makes the White Mountains so unique in terms of football?

**A:** You're talking football country up here. When you talk athletics up here in the White Mountains, you're talking football. As for the caliber of players up here, you've got a bunch of hard-nosed, hard-working kids up here. And it's great to coach these kids. They've got a great following. They have a great community that will do anything for their kids and their athletes. And that's for all sports. So it's a unique situation up here.

**Q:** Where did it all begin for you as a coach?

**A:** I started out coaching actually as an assistant at Maricopa and then was an assistant for a couple years in Coolidge. In 2000 I was named the head coach at Coolidge (He took Coolidge to six title games). I opened up Vista Grande High School in Casa Grande, which is my hometown. I'm a Cougar alum from Casa Grande, so I was able to go home and open up that new school. I was there for three, four years. It was great to have the opportunity to build a new school from the ground up.

**Q:** What can we expect from your team this season?

**A:** Our expectation isn't to win the conference or to make it to the playoffs. The expectation should be to play and win a championship. Because that's the ultimate goal. It's just one of those things. We (also) want these kids to grow up using football as a tool. So that's why we instill winning. We want to build winners. We talked about surrounding ourselves with winners. So there's just a whole mentality of expectations. That's who we are. That's what we're going to be. That's what you should expect in your life, to be a winner in whatever you do.

**Q:** What can you tell us about your senior class?

**A:** We have a strong senior class. I don't know that I can individualize one of them because this senior class they were the juniors. They saw what was and then they got to see what can be. So the senior class as a whole took it upon themselves to make sure that this program is going the right way. We have a nice foundation growing here with how we're building these kids. I could go on and say their names, but I feel I might be leaving that guy out who maybe you're not going to read about Saturday morning. He's that role player, but yet he's still the leader. So everybody has a role on this team, and their expectation is that we're not going to win this thing without every single one of us. The scout team players are just as valuable as a star, because they get our guys better.



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2021 3A RETURNING STAT

# LEADERS

Sabino QB Cameron Hackworth [Michael Cazares photo/MaxPreps]

Arizona Lutheran RB Gideon Enter [Steve Chadwick photo/MaxPreps]



Source: MaxPreps

## PASSING

Yr.	Name, School	Yards/Yds-G	TDs/INT
Sr.	Hunter Heeringa, Valley Christian	2,255/187.9	34/7
Jr.	Cameron Hackworth, Sabino	2,174/197.6	26/4
Jr.	Gage Baker, Paradise Honors	1,887/377.4	28/6
Sr.	Gavin Hogencamp, River Valley	1,822/151.8	19/4
Jr.	Ryker Marble, Round Valley	1,715/142.9	20/6
Sr.	Spencer Nelson, Fountain Hills	1,674/167.4	14/13
Sr.	Connor Mault, ALA-Ironwood	1,639/163.9	14/4
Sr.	Mack Molander, Eastmark	1,367/227.8	18/3
Sr.	Gianni Mascolino, Coolidge/Eastmark	1,220/135.6	15/2
Sr.	Jimmy Hill, Bourgade Catholic	1,211/134.6	9/11

## SCORING

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Points	Pts/G	TDs
Sr.	WR/CB	Austin Johnston, Eastmark	90	8.2	15
Jr.	OB/LB	Jonathan Williams, Mohave	84	10.5	14
Sr.	WR/RB	Ryan Kishbaugh, Show Low	80	7.3	13
Jr.	WR	Josh Morales, Paradise Honors	78	7.8	12
Jr.	RB/WR	Gideon Enter, Arizona Lutheran (2A)	76	5.1	12
Sr.	WR/RB	Emilio Soto, San Tan Foothills	74	7.4	12
Jr.	S/QB	Bubba Mustain, Pusch Ridge	74	6.7	12
Sr.	RB	Ayden Bingham, Thatcher	72	6.5	12
Jr.	QB	Nash Brewer, Show Low	68	6.2	11
Jr.	K	Spencer Elzinga, Eastmark	66	6.0	0

## RUSHING

Yr.	Name/School	Yards/Yds-G	Yds-C	TDs
Jr.	Jonathan Williams, Mohave	1,280/160.0	7.80	14
Jr.	Gideon Enter, Arizona Lutheran (2A)	821/54.7	13.24	10
Jr.	Cameron Hackworth, Sabino	737/67.0	9.45	9
Sr.	Ryan Kishbaugh, Show Low	704/64.0	6.18	9
Sr.	Caleb Marinelli, Payson	557/55.0	4.93	7
Sr.	Taylor Begay, Window	550/55.0	5.45	3
Jr.	Toy Landers, Odyssey Institute	531/66.4	4.35	3
Sr.	Emilio Soto, San Tan Foothills	527/52.7	6.84	5
Sr.	Jayden Diaz, Eastmark	517/51.7	6.54	9
Jr.	Ryker Marble, Round Valley	507/42.2	6.67	8

## RECEIVING

Yr.	Name, School	Yards Yds-G	Yds-R	TDs
Sr.	Austin Johnston, Eastmark	1,186/107.8	18.82	15
Jr.	Bubba Mustain, Pusch Ridge	876/79.6	13.69	11
Sr.	Ashton Loftin, Chino Valley	746/93.2	24.06	7
Sr.	Adam Bradford, Valley Christian	608/55.3	14.14	6
Sr.	Aidan Nix, Page	604/86.3	27.46	6
Jr.	Josh Morales, Paradise Honors	600/60.0	14.29	12
Sr.	Izaac Robles, Mohave	587/73.4	18.94	7
Sr.	Angel Gutierrez, Phoenix Christian	476/52.9	15.87	6
Sr.	Dylon Denetso, Ganado	460/57.5	25.56	4
Jr.	Brody Ryan, Chino Valley	455/50.6	15.69	4

## TOTAL YARDS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total Yds	Yds-G
Jr.	QB/FS	Cameron Hackworth, Sabino	2,911	264.6
Sr.	QB	Hunter Heeringa, Valley Christian	2,394	199.5
Jr.	QB/LB	Jonathan Williams, Mohave	2,308	288.5
Sr.	QB/DB	Gavin Hogencamp, River Valley	2,237	186.4
Jr.	QB/FS	Ryker Marble, Round Valley	2,222	185.2
Jr.	QB	Gage Baker, Paradise Honors	2,015	403.0
Sr.	QB/SS	Spencer Nelson, Fountain Hills	1,755	175.5
Sr.	QB/FS	Mack Molander, Eastmark	1,653	275.5
Sr.	QB	Taylor Begay, Window Rock	1,650	165.0
Sr.	QB	Connor Mault, ALA-Ironwood	1,600	160.0

## TACKLES

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total tackles	Tackles-G
Jr.	CB	Gideon Enter, Arizona Lutheran (2A)	146	9.7
Sr.	LB	Kaden Armstrong, Eastmark	131	11.9
Sr.	LB	Tyler Mustain, Pusch Ridge	112	12.4
Sr.	DE	Noah Locke, Paradise Honors	101	11.2
Sr.	LB	Ashton Ward, Sahuarita	100	11.1
Sr.	LB	Travis Mbuya, ALA-Ironwood	100	10.0
Sr.	LB	Beau Cotherman, San Tan Foothills	93	7.8
Sr.	LB	Dominic Ferrara, Valley Christian	93	7.8
Sr.	CB	Zack Dalley, Wickenburg	88	8.8
Sr.	LB	Kaden Wagner, Chino Valley	85	9.4

## SACKS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total Sacks	Sacks-G
Sr.	LB	Ismael Gamez, Dysart	13.0	1.4
Jr.	LB	Mason Cade, Sabino	11.5	1.0
Sr.	LB	Kaden Wager, Chino Valley	9.0	1.0
Sr.	LB	Christian Bell, Valley Christian	9.0	0.8
Sr.	DL	Thomas Peltzer, Arizona Lutheran (2A)	7.5	0.5
Sr.	LB	Jake Purdy, River Valley	7.0	0.9
Jr.	DL	Xavier Silvas, Dysart	7.0	0.9
Sr.	DE	Keanu Clark, Round Valley	7.0	0.8
Sr.	DE	Deshawn Moore, Ganado	7.0	0.8
Sr.	LB	Jeriah Krize, Eastmark	6.0	0.6

## INTERCEPTIONS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total INTs
Sr.	FS	Angel Gutierrez, Phoenix Christian	7
Sr.	SS	Izaac Robles, Mohave	6
Sr.	CB	Casey Osborne, Fountain Hills	5
Jr.	CB	Jalil Bishop, Coolidge	5
Jr.	S	Bubba Mustain, Pusch Ridge	5
Sr.	FS	Collin Joe, Page	4
Jr.	CB	Nash Brewer, Show Low	4
Sr.	CB	Mikey Young, Paradise Honors	4
Jr.	LB	Trace Buchert, Wickenburg	4
Jr.	DB	Jorge Lomeli, Arizona Lutheran (2A)	4



# 3A CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TEAM-BY-TEAM PREVIEW



*Payson has several long roads to travel this season. But if the Longhorns are able to step up across the state, then they will be a force to be reckoned with come the postseason. (Darin Sicurello photo/MaxPreps)*

By George Werner  
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## NORTHEAST REGION

### Blue Ridge

**Head coach:** Jeremy Hathcock.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/5-4.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 2.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 2.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB/S Seth Slaughter 6-0, 165; Jr. C/WR David Simmons 5-8, 140; Jr. G/DE Aydin Olguin 6-1, 235.

**Biggest question mark:** We are young.

### Monument Valley

**Head Coach:** Bryan Begay.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 15th year/87-63.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Albrandon Byjoe, 6-1, is replacing a Mustang legend, Andrew Sheppard; Sr. Slot Back Roberto Flores, 6-0, is the leading receiver returning and should be Byjoe's favorite target; Jr. slot back Uzziel Flores, who is the younger brother to Roberto and saw great reps as a sophomore -- looking forward to big things from him; Sr. RB Cauy Betony, 5-5, 120, should have a break out season in yardage; Jr. C Leighton Williams is the top returning lineman and hoping he anchors the line this season.

**Biggest question marks:** Moving into the 3A Northeast Region, more travel for the Mustangs--the North lost their automatic playoff seed [and] now have to battle the likes of Show Low, Round Valley and Blue Ridge. Will the Navajo reservation continue to be on COVID-19 protocols this season? Youth with COVID delays make a slow maturation process for the Mustangs.

**More about the program:** With a busy summer, maybe we will evolve and grow enough during the summer to understand our jobs and feel comfortable heading into the season. Due to COVID-19, this will be our first summer away from the Navajo reservation, competing in team camps, 7-[on-]7, and skills camps. The last time we traveled during the summer was in 2019. They've set specific goals for themselves and want to continue the success we've had so far. The remainder of our crew is inexperienced, but eager to learn. We'll go through some growing pains, but they'll learn a lot. We're trying to be enthusiastic and optimistic, knowing that the youth will be our strength and foundation. They gained experience playing in regular season games as well as the state tournament, as well as learning from the preparation leading up to the state game. In addition to achieving Begay's 100th win as a head coach, some of them want to return to the football playoffs this year and win the region title. They want to be a part of the history. That is their objective.

### Page

**Head Coach:** Leland "Bubba" Billie.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/9-11.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. OL/DL Austin Wilson 6-0, 250; Sr. QB Collin Joe 5-6, 180; Sr. RB Jimmy Alvarez 5-10, 185; Sr. WR Aidan Nix 5-11, 160; Sr. Flex Connor Shirley 6-1, 165

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line. Establish the run game. Continue last year's success passing the ball.

**More about the program:** We are in a new region starting this season so it will be interesting how things unfold. We have a great group of upcoming seniors which should help with team



leadership. Bottom line is we need to compete. Compete in the classroom, compete in the weight room, compete on the practice field, and compete on Friday nights.

### Round Valley

**Head Coach:** Brad Baca.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/10-2.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Sr. OT/DT Keanu Clark 5-11, 210; Sr. TE/DE Treyson Merrill 6-5; Sr. G/DT Armando Garcia; Jr. QB/FS Ryker Marble 5-9, 145; Jr. WR/OLB Brett Jordan.

**Biggest question marks:** Replacing key starters from last year. Who will step up as leaders? Depth.

**More about the program:** We lost some great seniors from last year's team but we are excited about the group we have. We have amazing kids at RV and they are putting in the work to get better. We have a tough opening to our season, but we are excited for the challenge and just trying to get better every week.

### Show Low

**Head Coach:** Carlo Hernandez.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/8-3.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB/DB Ryan Kishbaugh, 6-0; Jr. QB/DB/ATH Nash Brewer, 5-11, 170; Sr. NG Gabe Benally, 5-5, 170; Sr. ATH Ray Pedraza, 5-10; Sr. OL/DE Stetson Walters.

**Biggest question marks:** Learning to compete.

**More about the program:** Hernandez has a 108-21 overall record in his career as head coach.

### Winslow

**Head Coach:** Brandon Guzman.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 7th year/35-29.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB Bryan Larsen; Jr. OL Rudy Gonzalez; Sr. QB Keaton Kislingbury.

**Biggest question marks:** Replacing seven starters.

*Region notes: After its Friday, Aug. 26 season opener at Holbrook, Ganado's only other Freedom games are against former 2A rivals Tuba City and Hopi, who amounted for two of the Hornets' three wins last season...The third win was Chinle, and those 2A teams were the only wins for Window Rock outside of the Hornets, with whom they face off in their regular season finale.*

## METRO EAST REGION

### Arizona Lutheran

**Head Coach:** David Peter.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 7th year/50-25.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Jr. RB/LB Gideon Enter 5-7, 165; Jr. QB/DB Jorge Lomeli 6-0, 165; Sr. OL/DL Thomas Peltzer 6-4, 215; Sr. OL/DL Caron Cunningham 5-7, 190; Sr. OL/DL Aaron Navarro 6-3, 215.

**Biggest question marks:** Replacing all-state seniors and experience from a championship team.

Will depth become a factor playing in the 3A Conference?

**More about the program:** We are embracing the challenge of moving up to the 3A conference. Our offseason work in the weight room will be key to success.

### Fountain Hills

**Head coach:** Sean Moran.

**Years as school's head coach:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Jr. C Nate Barnard 5-11, 300; Sr. OT Wyatt Mowers 6-2, 295; Sr. S/WR Diesel Giger 6-1, 190; Sr. DB/WR Casey Osbourne 6-1, 170; Sr. RB/LB Gavin Furi 5-9, 165.

**Biggest question marks:** Seeing the new schemes in action. Developing depth at all positions. Improving our special teams.

**More about the program:** I came in as the head coach relatively late in the offseason. But our boys have bought in from Day 1 to our weight room program and it is paying off. We are stronger, faster and have more confidence. They played good defense last year but struggled to run the ball and in the passing game. Our offensive line is improving every day, picking up the new schemes. Their goal is to be able to run the ball against anyone in 3A. This team is ready and willing to make some noise in 3A. The offensive line is led by Nate Barnard at center, and the RB room is led by the very talented Gavin Furi.

### Payson

**Head Coach:** Bryan Burke.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 5th year/20-19.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Dexter Waterman 6-0, 165; Sr. CB Gabe Hilgendorf 6-2, 178; Sr. LB Daltin Stockon 6-1, 205; Sr. WR Wyatt Ashton 6-1, 180; Sr. RB Caleb Marinelli 5-11, 175.

**Biggest question marks:** Returning linebacker experience.

**More about the program:** We have a great group of skill players returning which will give us the option to be a more balanced offense this year. We have a very skilled and experienced offensive line returning and expect Caleb Marinelli to take over as our No. 1 baller. Defensively, we lost a lot of players but will bring in some very capable young players who we believe will have standout seasons. We look forward to the new challenge of leaving the 3A East and entering the Metro East.

### Phoenix Christian

**Head coach:** Dan Fort.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/12-8.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR/S Angel Gutierrez 5-9, 165; Sr. WR/S Cam'Ryn Hatter 6-0, 175; Jr. QB Xavier Sandoval 6-1, 150; So. DT/OL Achilles Lopez 6-2, 265; Sr. OT Lucas Ceton 6-2, 255.

**Biggest question marks:** Experience, youth and depth.

*Region notes: Valley Christian is looking to get over the 3A semi-final hump and make its first state championship game since its last title in 2009.*

## SOUTH REGION



### **Palo Verde**

**Head coach:** Jamal Chatman.

**Years as school's head coach:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 2.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 0.

**Key players returning:** Sr. OL/DL Rico Lopez 6-0, 265; Sr. Athlete Spencer Iban 6-0, 170; So. WR/TE/LB Jorryin Chavis 6-2, 155; So. Gabriel Pratoomratana 5-7, 175; Jr. LB/Slot Marshall McElroy 6-1, 160.

**Biggest question marks:** Experience.

**More about the program:** They are coming out to play every game.

### **Pusch Ridge**

**Head Coach:** Kent Middleton.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/16-5.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. LB/TE Tyler Mustain 6-2, 220; Sr. DL/OL Will Way 6-4, 252; Sr. DB/REC Bryce Jewell 5-9, 165; Sr. OLB/REC Jack Butler 6-1, 195; Sr. OL/DL Grayson Hesse.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line. Depth. Size.

**More about the program:** The program is working hard and has lots of experience.

### **Sabino**

**Head Coach:** Ryan McBrayer.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/38-12.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Jr. QB Cameron Hackworth 5-8, 160; Sr. RB Andres Baca 5-7, 155; Sr. OL William Urbina 6-2, 290; Jr. LB/RB Mason Cade 5-10, 185; Sr. FS/WR Dominik Wayne-Parsons 6-3, 190.

**Biggest question marks:** Lots of youth on the defense. Offensive line depth. Who steps up to take the receiver roles from graduating seniors?

**More about the program:** McBrayer's Sabercats are aiming for our 20th straight playoff appearance minus the COVID-affected season.

### **Safford**

**Head Coach:** Robert Park.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/6-4.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Jr. QB Jojo Ruelas; Jr. RB/CB Damian Rios 5-9, 140; Jr. WR Chris Shatto; Sr. T/DE Tanner Emery 6-4, 280; Sr. DT/G Brenden Gunnett 5-9, 235.

**Biggest question marks:** New offensive scheme. Can a talented young group step up?

### **Thatcher**

**Head Coach:** Daniel Jones.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/13-8.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** Sr. OL/DE Jacob Rasmussen 6-3, 255; Sr. RB/DE Cody Jones 6-0, 200; Sr. QB/DB Brandon Napier 6-0, 175; Sr. RB/LB Ayden Bingham 5-10, 175; Sr. OL/DL Scottie Ambler 6-1, 310.

**Biggest question marks:** Need two or three underclassmen to step up and take a few roles. Being a smaller school in 3A, our first team is legit, but few backups. Can we compete with bigger schools every week?

**More about the program:** Thatcher, in its third year in 3A, is finally ready to stretch our legs and try to lay claim to the gold ball. Having a winning tradition in 2A has been essential in the mindset of getting ready for this season.

*Region notes: Benson is making its 3A debut after dominating 2A's San Pedro Region, in which the Bobcats won four straight titles and lost just one regional game in that same four-year span.*

## **CENTRAL REGION**

### **American Leadership Academy - Ironwood**

**Head Coach:** Travis Epperson.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/4-23.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 2.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Connor Mault 5-10, 160; Sr. TE/LB Travis Mbuya 5-11, 180; Jr. OL Brendan Maas 5-10, 220; Jr. LB A.J. Villasenor 5-10, 185; Jr. DB/WR Ashton Williams 5-10, 145.

**Biggest question marks:** Replacing so many defensive starters, especially DL. Can we take the next step and make the playoffs for the first time? Can all the freshmen that got experience last year play a bigger role?

**More about the program:** The senior class is not huge but is very tight, and setting a great standard for what it means to be a part of this program.

### **Coolidge**

**Head Coach:** Rodger Schenks.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/17-11.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. DB/RB Belclem Namegabe 6-1, 190; Sr. OL/DL Isaiah Newton 5-11, 240; Jr. OL/DL Andre Dukes 6-3, 265; Jr. DB/WR Jalil Bishop 5-9, 155; Sr. OL/DL Adrian Ramirez 5-10, 245.

**Biggest question marks:** Staying positive with each other and not listening to outside noise.

**More about the program:** Gianni Mascolino, who started the 2021 season at quarterback for preseason favorite Eastmark, received an offer from the University of Washington and will play for Coolidge after transferring for his senior season.

## **Florence**

**Head Coach:** Jesse Hart.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 3.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 3.

**Key players returning:** Sr. OL/DL Wrangler Guilliams 6-5, 310; Jr. RB/DB Joshua Jackson 6-2, 180; Sr. DB/WR Adomi Barnett 6-2, 175; Sr. LB/FB Quade Lewis 5-7, 185; Sr. LB/WR Anthony Pistorio 5-6, 175.

**Biggest question marks:** Young starting team. Implementing new system (offense/defense/special teams). Getting stronger in the weight room.

**More about the program:** We have a good group of senior leaders to go with a lot of young starters. Great community and administration support. We are tradition. We are Florence!

## **San Tan Foothills**

**Head Coach:** Mike Carlin.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/1-9.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. LB/OG Beau Cotherman 6-0, 210; Sr. RB/DB Emilio Soto 5-10, 175; Sr. TE/DE Eli Fields 6-3, 220; Jr. DE/TE Cohen Scott 6-3, 190; Sr. OT/DT Roy Kimble-Martin 6-0, 215.

**Biggest question marks:** Quarterback. Wideout. Offensive line.

## **WEST REGION**

### **Chino Valley**

**Head Coach:** Michael Gilpin.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/5-12.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Jr. WR/DB Brody Ryan 5-11, 155; Sr. WR/LB Ashton Loftin 6-2, 195; Jr. WR/DB Auren Stuller 6-0, 170; Sr. OL/DL Michael Velasco 6-0, 245; Sr. RB/LB Johnny Parrish 5-10, 170.

**Biggest question marks:** Can sophomore QB Ben Sibole fill graduating star Jayden Smith's shoes? Can the defense and special teams take a step up?

**More about the program:** If everything falls into place we should be a more explosive team than even last year's record-setting crew.

### **Kingman**

**Head coach:** Trent Graff.

**Years as school's head coach:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

### **Mohave**

**Head Coach:** Rudy Olvera.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 8th year/19-48.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Jr. QB/RB/LB Jonathon Williams 6-0, 215; Sr. WR/DB Izaac Robles 5-8, 150; Sr. WR, DB, Kicker Preston Whelan 6-0, 175; Soph. Slot/DB Isaac Urias 5-6; Soph. OL Benjamin Pollock 6-2.

**Biggest question marks:** Getting past youth and completing the growth process. Staying fluid on both sides of the ball. Starting fast and finishing strong.

**More about the program:** We are trying to change the perspective of football on the far west side of the state. There is good football everywhere despite the size of our community.

### **Parker**

**Head Coach:** Jeff Wheatley.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. OL/DL Ezra Martinez 6-0, 220; Sr. RB/LB Gage Honomichl 6-1, 205; Jr. RB/LB Thaddeus Nopah 5-7, 185; Sr. WR/DB Damien Najera 5-7, 165; Jr. OL/DL Elijah Fisher 5-9, 230.

**Biggest question marks:** We are a young team that will benefit from experience. We are looking forward to moving from 2A to 3A. We have a small but strong senior class.

**More about the program:** Parker Bronc football has a tradition of tough young men that carry the desire to compete. We look forward to the fall!

### **River Valley**

**Head Coach:** Kevin Hall, Jr.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Gavin Hogencamp 6-3, 178; Sr. OG/DT Daniel Contraras 6-4, 300; Sr. RB/LB Tanner Wood 5-10, 200; Sr. DE/LB Jake Purdy 5-8, 195; Sr. WR/CB Kenneth Clay 5-7, 172.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line only returning one starter. Defense only returns five starters. Kicker/punter specialist.

### **Wickenburg**

**Head coach:** Ishmael MacNeil.

**Years as school's head coach:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 3.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 3.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR Eleazar Dominguez 5-10, 175; Sr. QB Logan James 5-11, 185; Jr. OLB Trace Buchert 6-0, 190; Jr. DT Carson Hone 5-8, 210.

**Biggest question marks:** Our offensive line play. Filling holes on both sides of the ball. Getting young guys ready to contribute.

**More about the program:** Our team will be young this season, but once some of the holes are filled, it should be an exciting season.

### **Yuma**

**Head Coach:** Bo Seibel.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/2-11.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR/S Gio Robinson 6-1, 190; Sr. OL Joseph Bowen 6-4, 275; Sr. RB Jesus Villapueda 5-7, 200; Sr. LB/FB John Emery 5-10, 210; Sr. WR/S Manuel Garcia 6-2, 175.

**Biggest question marks:** How will a senior dominant team adapt to 3A football? 2022 starting QB. How will new defensive coordinator Armando Mosqueda lead the Criminals defensively?



**More about the program:** Program is in its building stages, but the senior leadership has been leading the Criminals in the off-season. We are excited.

#### **METRO WEST REGION**

##### **American Leadership Academy - West Foothills**

**Head coach:** Tim Su'esu'e Liufau.

**Years as school's head coach:** First year.

**More about the program:** ALA-West Foothills is a first year charter school in the West Valley. We are excited for our student-athletes, coaches, campus and our community. The culture is great! Tim Su'esu'e Liufau is the head coach and defensive coordinator. The assistant head coach/offensive coordinator is Chad Mitton.

##### **Bourgade Catholic**

**Head Coach:** Marcel Lopez.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/26-24.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB/TE/LB Maxon McDowell 6-2, 205; Sr. WR/DB Gabriel LaBorin 6-1, 168; Sr. QB Cooper Trujillo 6-0, 185; Sr. RB/LB David Espinoza 5-7, 165; Jr. WR/DB Randy Perez 5-7, 155.

**Biggest question marks:** Can we make a two-QB system work? Will our offense be able to transition to a heavier running style than in the past? Will we have enough depth to make a playoff run?

**More about the program:** We are excited for this group of seniors to lead us this year. They have worked hard for this opportunity, and we will go as far as they take us.

##### **Dysart**

**Head Coach:** John Ganados.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/15-30.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. OT / DT Julian Laborin 6-4, 275; Jr. OT/DT Xavier Silvas 6-1, 235; Sr. OLB Ismael Gamez 6-0, 185; Jr. QB Kye Brown 6-3, 185.

**Biggest question marks:** Very young.

##### **Paradise Honors**

**Head Coach:** Josh Goodloe.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/6-9.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 10.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Jr. QB Gage Baker 6-0, 180; Sr. RB Vance Cooper 5-11, 200; Sr. WR Hank Stabler 6-2, 220; Sr. OL Josh Trevillian 6-0, 250; Sr. LB Noah Locke 6-0, 170.

**Biggest question marks:** Getting the players on the right seat on the bus! Where do our athletes fit best for the overall strength of the team? Creating depth at certain positions.

**More about the program:** This season could be the turning point for Paradise Honors as it returns a senior- and junior-led team that has bought in and changed the culture and is ready to take the next step.

##### **Shadow Mountain**

**Head Coach:** Ron Fagan.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/9-39.

**Numbers of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Numbers of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Jr. OL/DL Sam Na'a 5-10, 275; Jr. WR/DB Mateo Hernandez 5-10, 165; Jr. WR/S Arturo Nubez 5-9, 170; Soph. RB/S Tavares Allen 5-7, 170.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line. Defensive line. Numbers.

**More about the program:** Very young team last year. Most of them are coming back and should be bigger, faster [and] stronger.

*Region notes: The Odyssey Institute, despite hosting just four home games this fall, will attempt to win its first Metro West Region game in nearly three years Friday, Sept. 16, at Dysart. The Minotaurs won just one game in all of 2021 after cancelling the 2020 season due to COVID-19.*



*Ismael Gamez and his Dysart teammates are going for a fourth straight season of improved wins totals and a return to the playoffs for the first time since 2016. (Kevin French photo/MaxPreps)*

**EASTMARK'S JOHNSTON IS CARVING  
HIS OWN PATH**



**If you can compare your football game to any past or present professional player who would it be and why?**

Current player is Deebo Samuel. Okay. He's pretty versatile. So I kind of like the way he's used in the NFL. I like being able to be moved around from the slot and outside, not just being stuck outside receiver.

**Do you have a playlist you listen to before the game, and who's on it?**

I'm different than most people. Most people listen to music before the games. I like it to be nice and quiet before the game. So I won't listen to anything really. We have two parts of our locker room that people are in and then we have another part where there's no one in there. So I kind of just go in there and kind of just relax and focus I guess without any music or noises or distractions or anything like that.

**Do you have any siblings? If so, how's the bond?**

I have a little sister I'm pretty close (with). We're both very competitive. She's a really talented volleyball player. So I like playing volleyball as well. I play through school as well. So we're always doing stuff together, whether it's playing basketball or playing volleyball. We're kind of competing all the time playing card games or stuff like that. We always want to win and we push each other. So we're pretty close.

**Has there been a setback in your life, and how did you overcome it?**

I tore my ACL my freshman year of high school. I missed my entire freshman year. I guess that was probably the biggest setback I've had, just being able to go to rehab and physical therapy and stuff like that to be able to come back stronger than I was before. I had to work really hard to be able to get my knee to where it needed to be for my sophomore year. Basically try to achieve that and get healthy as soon as I could.

**Favorite dish your family makes and why?**

My mom, she cooks. She makes some great steak and some great salmon. I've always liked it. So when I go out to eat, I always get one or the other. We always have baked potatoes and steamed broccoli with it.

**Do you view yourself as a leader and why?**

I definitely do view myself as a leader. I was a captain last year. So I feel like the kids definitely look up to me, especially the younger receivers and they ask questions and what to do on certain plays and stuff like that. They definitely look up to me, so I definitely consider myself a leader. I'm always trying to do the right thing. I'm not trying to get myself or my friends into trouble in the classroom as well as trying to listen to the teachers and get the class on track if they're being talkative and stuff like that.

—Josh Darling, AZPreps365.com



## HARD WORK PAYING OFF FOR PUSCH RIDGE'S MUSTAIN

### TYLER MUSTAIN

LINEBACKER/  
WIDE RECEIVER



### PUSCH RIDGE LIONS



3A SOUTH REGION

#### How would you describe yourself?

I like hanging out with my friends, doing outdoorsy things. So I play sports year-round. I play football, and that takes up most of the time with summer practice and all that stuff. That goes into the late fall. I play lacrosse in the offseason. That kind of keeps me in shape and just enjoy doing things like that.

#### What position do you like playing more, WR or LB?

I like playing defense more. Because when I'm on offense, if I'm out there lined up in the wideout, sometimes I can't contribute to every play. But from the inside linebacker position I can. Almost every play I have a chance to go make a tackle or deflect a pass. There's always something to do.

#### You play lacrosse and football, do you think it's beneficial to be a multisport athlete?

I think it is, because as much I love football I don't know if I can just play it all year round. This would be like my 10th season (playing football). So if I've just been doing that for the last 10 years, the passion I have for the game, I would get burned out. So it's always good to do something in the offseason to kind of take a break, but also keep you in shape. And it's fun to explore other sports.

#### How did you get into lacrosse?

So I started playing lacrosse in seventh grade. One of my friends, who has been playing football with me for a long time, lacrosse was his main sport. He convinced me to go out there, and I just had a blast playing it. Also, my older brother played it for a little bit, so I got to watch him play and it was always exciting for me.

#### There's another Mustain on this season's Pusch Ridge roster, Bubba. Is that your brother?

Bubba is my brother. He is a year younger than me. We played together first when I was in third grade and was in second. But after a few years he started playing down with his age group. It's a lot of fun to play with him on the same team especially when we are on the field together. Even though we're on the same team we still get competitive about who had the better game that week. And those conversations are always fun.

#### What are your goals in life?

After high school my goal is to play football at the next level. I think I'm going to study some field of engineering, so I can get a degree in that. Then after I'm done with football make sure I can set myself up to be successful in life.

#### What does it mean to you to be a two-time All-State 3A linebacker?

A lot. The first time it happened I was kind of surprised because I was pretty young. I was only a sophomore. I've worked very hard to try to better myself. I go to speed training. Twice a week I make sure I'm always there for optional lifting days. So it was just really good for me to see all my hard work start to pay off.

—Josh Darling, AZPreps365.com

# 2A CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PRESEASON RANKINGS



*Morenci, the 2021 runner-up, returns a talented cast to see if it can win its first title since 1976. (Steve Chadwick photo/MaxPreps)*

**By Jose Garcia**  
**AZPreps365.com**

**1. MORENCI:** RB Michael Casillas (1,846 rushing yards, 93 tackles in 2021) is recovering from a surgery and won't be fully ready to go. But don't panic, Morenci fans. Casillas is one of the strongest kids around, and coach Josh Garcia said he expects him to be at full strength after the early part of the season. The positive is that there is no shortage of leadership and talent for the 2021 runner-up. It'll be running back by committee to kick off the season, but the goal remains the same. "We have a lot of work, but we are excited about the opportunity to play and get better," Garcia said. "We think we left some money on the table last year and would like to pick it up. We are excited to come out and get after it." NG Andrew Chavez, RB Derek Saenz, RB Dillen Aker, QB Daylen Johnson, and a strong o-line will lead the way early and often.

**2. PIMA:** Jim Hughes retired but left everything in order for Pima to continue its march toward a state title. It returns everybody except for three starters from a squad that almost upended Arizona Lutheran, the 2021 2A champ, in the quarterfinals. Also back are the program's assistant coaches. One of those assistants, Josh Wilkins, is now the head man. Wilkins has coached his senior class of 13 since they were in seventh grade. This year's team will be run heavy, but don't overlook 6-6 QB Seth Russell. He'll play tight end in college, but Pima needs him to also contribute at QB and DE. The very mobile Jaxon John, who was injured last year, also will get reps at QB. The backfield is all set as well with fullback Wyatt Wiltbank, who will line up at halfback in some sets, and the speedy Hayden Blair. The offensive line also is well-equipped, especially the right side with three-year starters Chris Serna and Pepper Hughes. Circle the season ending Pima-Morenci game on

the calendar. A region title and No. 1 state seed might be at stake. We'll get to see what the Roughriders are made of on Aug. 26 against 3A Safford in the first AZPreps365 Game of the Week of the season.

**3. GILBERT CHRISTIAN:** Can Gilbert Christian claim some bling before moving up to 3A next year? It'll do its best to win a title despite graduating some offensive all-stars last year. Its offensive line (Gavin Biesterfeld, Peyton Johnson, Josh Lay, Jesse Morales, Hayden Lang) is very experienced. Two young skill players, Sam Webb (4.5 speed) and freshman Bennett Juve, have the ability to score at anytime, coach Danny Norris said. "This is a dude," said Norris about Juve. Gilbert Christian will start another outstanding kicker, Kaleb Powell, who's worked with former NFLer Jay Feely. Sr. Zach Hohmann and Soph. Jonathan Roche were competing for the starting QB role. Unlike last year, Gilbert Christian intends on being more balanced this year with the help of another dynamic player, WR/DB David Russell. The team will start nine two-way players.

**4. SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN:** The Eagles are cleared for takeoff. Piloting an offense that will throw more than the program ever has under fourth-year coach Nate Holtz is an excellent leader, Jr. QB Jack Atkinson. An injury kept him from playing during most of the first half of last season but rebounded in the second half. This season, Atkinson will have more weapons, beginning with the athletic Andrew Trapp, who'll line up at slot and at times in the backfield. The team will only dress four seniors this season, but one of those players will return to the gridiron after focusing on baseball, WR Coby Tabet. 6-2 junior WR Caden Murphy is a threat out wide as well. The somewhat inexperienced o-line is anchored by one of the state's best centers, Luke Richardson. On defense, some players are still adjusting to their new assignments.



**5. SCOTTSDALE PREP:** What's next to check off for the up and coming program is its first state tournament victory under the new regime. Its defense returns its front seven from an 8-2 team. Its offense welcomes back three linemen and the accurate and confident Tyler Johnson, a Sr. QB. The glue is MLB/RB Connor Hesse. Sr. defensive ends Emmett Collins and Blake Devlin also love being disrupters. The plan is for a more balanced attack this season on offense. If it can develop some wide receivers, defensive backs and stay healthy, the program has a chance to make some noise in the playoffs.

**6. ST. JOHNS:** New coach. Same goal: Win. Jon Richardson is stepping into the biggest shoes in the state this season. Mike Morgan, AZ's leader in career wins, stepped down after last season. But Richardson is familiar with the St. Johns way after serving 16 seasons under Morgan. "Those shoes can't be filled," said Richardson, who was the defensive coordinator the last four or so years. "We have a playoff team. We have high expectations." Like Richardson, most of his assistants also played at St. Johns. "My staff is awesome," Richardson said. The team's field general is the hard-nosed J.T. Richardson, a Jr. RB/MLB. Richardson is also expecting Jr. WR/LB Asher Raban, Jr. OL/DL Jay Wahl, and Soph. DE Mark Cox to have big seasons.

**7. WILLCOX:** The Cowboys may have the best backfield in 2A this season, and Christian Bando (1,629 rushing yards last year) isn't the only potential headache for opponents. The expectations are for the senior to have another dominant season at FB and MLB. Sr. Ayden Fuentes is the other potential backfield force in Willcox's Wing T. A QB hasn't been named, but Willcox's fast offensive line is ready. Like Bando, flanker/free safety Kash Macumber is a 4.0 student and a team leader. Sr. OLB/OL Mike Martinez is another workhorse for a blue collar program that upgraded an already solid coaching staff. Former Parker head coach Jeston Lotts will take over as defensive coordinator. With thirteen starters returning, the program is ready to make a run at its first state title appearance since 2009.

**8. SAN TAN CHARTER:** The Roadrunners underwent a makeover, promoting Chase Cartwright to head coach. Defenses can expect the Roadrunners to run more this season. But the kingpin of San Tan Charter's offense, Jr. QB Zayden Neill (42 career TD passes), remains in place. Juniors Kenny Sippel, Cayne Ramirez and Michael Aguinaga and Sr. Brody Wakefield will help keep the focus off Neill this year while in the backfield and elsewhere. But defensive backs getting caught looking in the backfield run the risk of getting burned by WR Daniel Dippre (1,080 receiving yards last year). The offensive line 'isn't going to win any eating contests,' but that's where the smartest guys on the team line up, Cartwright said. Eliminating defensive miscues that led to long scoring plays last year is a goal this year.

**9. HOLBROOK:** It won only one game from 2018-21. This season there's talk of the Roadrunners being state title contenders. Going 7-3 last year and returning almost everybody this year can change a program's outlook quickly. "I don't plan on slowing down," first-year coach Shawn Holley said. "I plan on speeding up." The skill positions possess a lot of speed, so Holley will run more spread this season. Running Holley's ariel attack is one of the state's top dual threats, Marcus Oberriter. Holbrook is moving Daniel Montijo and his speed from running back to slot this season. "Daniel is a matchup nightmare," Holley said. Montijo will still get his share of carries, but when he's lined up at receiver, look for Darnel Nez Jr. and Noah Pedilla to step in and start carrying the load in the backfield. One of Holbrook's biggest concerns is lack of depth, as a lot of youngsters will serve as backups.

**10. TANQUE VERDE:** The mission isn't over by any stretch, but what it accomplished so far is quite remarkable. Since its opening season in 2007 to 2020, Tanque Verde had never won more than three games in a season. It was prepared to drop football. But in stepped head coach Jay Dobyns and his staff of longtime friends. Dobyns' story (Hells Angels infiltrator, U of A star) is well-chronicled. His next chapter—awakening a once moribund program—is coming along just fine. Last year, he led Tanque Verde to its first winning record during a full season. Making the playoffs for the first time in the program's history with some of the best linemen in 2A seems achievable this season. But buckle up. It'll play four ranked teams, including No. 1 Morenci to open the season.



*Morenci's Michael Casillas led all sophomores in the state in rushing last year. (Steve Chadwick photo/MaxPreps)*

## SCOTTSDALE PREP LOGGING SUCCESS UNDER LINCOLN NATIVES

By Jose Garcia  
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Make room Scottsdale for another football program.

It's a competitive market, but Scottsdale Prep is carving a niche for itself once again. The program enjoyed some success as soon as it opened 12 years ago.

Then came some lean years, including its first and only winless season. At the helm of that 0-10 setback was a former middle school coach running a high school program for the first time, David Primavera.

But Scottsdale Prep hired the right man. Primavera, a physics teacher, helped his program make a quantum leap after taking over in 2017.

A player's coach, Primavera's first feat was keeping the school's 5-12th grade talent from going elsewhere. Then he went to work on building more relationships, the program and football coaching knowledge.

So far so good. After that 0-10 year, Scottsdale Prep responded with 5-4, 5-4, 6-2 and 8-2 seasons.

With the players returning, Scottsdale Prep is poised to reach another stratosphere this season.

"I care about the players," Primavera said. "I want them to get good grades. I know their teachers. I want what's best for them."

Primavera grew up playing football and baseball in a football hub, Lincoln, Nebraska.

After high school he attended a small liberal arts college in Southern California, Thomas Aquinas College, before returning home to earn his master's at University of Nebraska. After a couple of years, the young man then went west again and settled in Scottsdale along with this wife.

While teaching at Scottsdale Prep, a school with a rigorous curriculum, Primavera was encouraged to apply for the football job and was eventually handed the keys. He also turned Scottsdale Prep's baseball program into a winner.

Fortuitously, Primavera partnered with another Lincoln native, Jon Hesse, Scottsdale Prep's defensive coordinator. Primavera and Hesse met when Hesse's son, Connor, enrolled at Scottsdale Prep.

Hesse is a former first-team All-Big 12 linebacker at University of Nebraska, where he was a member of the 1994 and 1995 national championship teams. A

seventh round NFL draft pick in 1997, Hesse also was with the Denver Broncos when they won the 1998 Super Bowl.

Connor (11.9 tackles per game last year), a linebacker, and a fellow senior, defensive end Emmitt Collins, are oftentimes the first ones making tackles. Scottsdale Prep's 4-3 defense is under the care of a coach who, like the head coach, is fully invested in developing his student-athletes properly as soon as they join the program.

"I don't believe in putting the kids down," Hesse said. "It's very positive.

"I have higher expectations than they have for themselves. I hold them accountable."

From teaching correct tackling techniques to growing a fighting spirit in his players, Hesse has also helped raise Scottsdale Prep's football profile.

"The defense plays like a pack of dogs that hasn't been fed in two weeks," said Hesse. "What I'm most happy about is that they fight."

That competitiveness will serve the players well in life and potentially in the playoffs.

Scottsdale Prep is still in search of a state tournament win and region title since the new regime took over. It has reached the state tournament the last two years, when Scottsdale Prep finished second in its region twice.

Scottsdale Christian is the Verde Region's two-time defending champ and could potentially become Scottsdale Prep's rival. But Primavera's team needs to defeat its in-city neighbor first before that becomes official.

Scottsdale Prep dropped its only two region losses, including last year's one point defeat, to Scottsdale Christian in the last two seasons. They will meet once again at the end of their regular seasons, with potentially another region title at stake on Oct. 28.

With its front seven and three offensive linemen returning, Scottsdale Prep is prepared for the demands of 2A, where teams tend to run the ball more. Besides the leadership on the sidelines with headsets, there's also a big senior group, steered by quarterback Tyler Johnson, lineman Michael Gerveler, linebacker Nathan Kammer, Collins, and Connor.

"Over the course of four years our seniors have really come together," Connor said.

Scottsdale Prep's efforts were rewarded in recent years when a turf field was installed.

Scottsdale Prep was getting knocked down for a while, but it's getting back on its feet.

"We fight to the final whistle," Connor said. "Teams need to give it their all if they want to try to compete with us and win."



Coach David Primavera is resurrecting Scottsdale Prep's football program. (Jose Garcia photo/AZPreps365)



College and Super Bowl champ Jon Hesse and his son, Connor, have played big roles in SPA's recent success. (Jose Garcia photo/AZPreps365)



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2021 2A RETURNING STAT

# LEADERS

San Tan Charter WR Daniel Dippre (Jack Beasley photo/MaxPreps)

Chandler Prep RB Sterling Harris (Jack Beasley photo/MaxPreps)



Source: MaxPreps

## PASSING

Yr.	Name, School	Yards/Yds-G	TDs/INT
Jr.	Zayden Neill, San Tan Charter	2,620/262.0	26/12
Sr.	Marcus Oberriter, Holbrook	1,690/169.0	21/10
Sr.	Tyler Johnson, Scottsdale Prep	1,629/162.9	25/10
Sr.	Derek Porter, Valley Lutheran	1,219/152.4	17/7
So.	Kaleb Burras, Heritage Academy	1,145/114.5	11/8
Sr.	Dhruv Rattan, Arete Prep	1,071/107.1	12/10
Sr.	Nolan Kemper, Chandler Prep	912/101.3	9/7
Jr.	Ayden Rojas, St. John Paul II	861/95.7	14/1
Sr.	Austin Villarreal, Tonopah Valley	849/106.1	11/9
Sr.	Daylen Johnson, Morenci	838/69.8	13/2

## SCORING

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Points	Pts/G	TDs
Sr.	HB/LB	Cristian Pando, Willcox	184	16.7	28
Jr.	RB/WR	Michael Casillas, Morenci	158	13.2	26
Sr.	WR/LB	Izzy Ramos, Holbrook	141	14.1	18
Sr.	RB/LB	Diego Chavez, Bisbee	124	12.4	20
Sr.	RB	Sterling Harris, Chandler Prep	114	11.4	18
Sr.	QB/SS	Marcus Oberriter, Holbrook	106	10.6	17
Sr.	RB/FS	Daniel Montijo, Holbrook	94	9.4	15
Sr.	RB/LB	Jonathan Rojo, Heritage Academy	94	9.4	14
Jr.	WR/DB	Daniel Dippre, San Tan Charter	72	7.2	12
Sr.	WR/DB	Kyle Smith, Holbrook	68	6.8	10

## RUSHING

Yr.	Name/School	Yards/Yds-G	Yds-C	TDs
Jr.	Michael Casillas, Morenci	1,846/153.8	9.62	26
Sr.	Diego Chavez, Bisbee	1,638/163.8	7.28	19
Sr.	Cristian Pando, Willcox	1,629/148.1	7.14	27
Sr.	Sterling Harris, Chandler Prep	1,071/107.1	9.08	17
Sr.	Marcus Oberriter, Holbrook	1,003/100.3	9.55	17
Sr.	Diego Mendoza, San Carlos	836/119.4	6.53	8
Sr.	Daniel Montijo, Holbrook	755/75.5	9.32	12
Sr.	Jonathan Rojo, Heritage Academy	644/64.4	6.38	8
Sr.	Ayden Fuentes, Willcox	627/62.7	7.29	10
Sr.	Jesus Murrieta, Antelope	626/69.6	5.69	9

## RECEIVING

Yr.	Name, School	Yards Yds-G	Yds-R	TDs
Jr.	Daniel Dippre, San Tan Charter	1,080/108.8	13.85	11
Sr.	Izzy Ramos, Holbrook	871/87.1	32.26	9
Sr.	Nathan Estrada, Heritage Academy	661/73.4	22.03	4
Sr.	Jimmie Newton, Valley Lutheran	534/66.8	17.80	5
Sr.	Kyle Smith, Holbrook	505/50.5	18.70	8
Jr.	Matthew Evans, Arete Prep	450/45.0	17.31	5
Sr.	Brandon Nevers, Highland Prep	405/45.0	25.31	3
Jr.	Kohen Hill, Highland Prep	385/42.8	10.40	5
Sr.	Seth Lemieux, Valley Lutheran	366/45.8	14.64	4
Sr.	Cornell Reed Jr., Sequoia Pathway	354/39.3	25.29	4

## TOTAL YARDS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total Yds	Yds-G
Jr.	QB	Zayden Neill, San Tan Charter	2,908	290.8
Sr.	QB/SS	Marcus Oberriter, Holbrook	2,748	274.8
Jr.	RB/WR	Michael Casillas, Morenci	1,861	155.1
Sr.	WR/QB	Tyler Johnson, Scottsdale Prep	1,800	180.0
Sr.	HB/LB	Cristian Pando, Willcox	1,790	162.7
Sr.	QB/DB	Derek Porter, Valley Lutheran	1,664	208.0
Sr.	RB/LB	Diego Chavez, Bisbee	1,644	164.4
So.	QB	Kaleb Burras, Heritage Academy	1,302	130.2
Jr.	QB/LB	Ayden Rojas, St. John Paul II	1,281	142.3
Sr.	QB/WR	Wendsler Nosie III, Globe	1,252	156.5

## TACKLES

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total tackles	Tackles-G
Sr.	RB	Sterling Harris, Chandler Prep	123	12.3
Sr.	LB	Connor Hesse, Scottsdale Prep	119	11.9
Jr.	LB	Norien Banks, Sequoia Pathway	111	11.1
Jr.	DE	Tristen Sanchez, Morenci	96	8.0
Jr.	ATH	Michael Casillas, Morenci	93	7.8
Sr.	LB	Jimmie Newton, Valley Lutheran	90	11.2
Sr.	LB	Cristian Pando, Willcox	90	8.2
Sr.	LB	Angel Pena, Miami	89	9.9
Sr.	LB	Brayden Scott, Tanque Verde	88	9.8
Sr.	LB	Diego Chavez, Bisbee	85	8.5

## SACKS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total Sacks	Sacks-G
Jr.	LB	Norien Banks, Sequoia Pathway	15.0	1.5
Jr.	DE	Tristen Sanchez, Morenci	15.0	1.2
Sr.	DE	Aiden Wander, Arete Prep	11.0	1.1
Jr.	LB	Kyrese Banks, Sequoia Pathway	7.0	0.8
Sr.	DE	Gavin Baca, Morenci	7.0	0.6
Jr.	ATH	Mason Anderson, Kingman Academy	6.5	0.6
Sr.	ATH	Zach Hohmann, Gilbert Christian	6.5	0.6
Sr.	LB	Mateo Duarte, Highland Prep	5.5	0.6
Sr.	DE	Patrick Chavez, Morenci	5.5	0.5
Sr.	LB	Connor Hesse, Scottsdale Prep	5.0	0.5

## INTERCEPTIONS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total INTs
Jr.	SS	Creon Fulgham, Chandler Prep	7
Sr.	CB	Manuel Valenzuela, Glendale Prep	5
Sr.	LB	Cristian Pando, Willcox	5
Sr.	KR/DB	Damien Najera, Parker	4
Sr.	DB	Jacob Parrott, Kingman Academy	4
Jr.	DB	Kash Macumber, Willcox	4
Sr.	DB	Derek Porter, Valley Lutheran	3
Sr.	DB	Nathan Kammer, Scottsdale Prep	3
Sr.	DB	Kenny Sippel, San Tan Charter	3
Sr.	FS	Daniel Montijo, Holbrook	3



# 2A CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TEAM-BY-TEAM PREVIEW



*Camp Verde made big gains last season and hopes to keep that going into 2022. (Mark Jones photo/MaxPreps)*

*By Jose Garcia*  
*AZPreps365.com*

## AGUA FRIA REGION

### Cortez

**Head coach:** Daniel Hopper.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/0-15.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Jr. OL/LB Andrew Leyva; Jr. OL/DL Andres Varela; Jr. RB/S Dominique Drake; Jr. RB/CB Brendan Barnes; JR. OL/LB Adam Bryson.

**Biggest question marks:** Depth. Experience.

### Glendale Prep

**Head coach:** Robert Addicott.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/11-16.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB/LB Jonah Smith 5-10, 185; Sr. OL/LB Jacob Ricky 5-11, 180; Sr. OL/DL Caleb Boonzayer 6-1, 215; Sr. WR/DB Manny Valenzuela 5-10, 155; Jr. RB/LB Nickolas Cummings 6-1, 185.

**Biggest question marks:** Loss of talented senior Sam Terpstra. Right now young QBs. Limited numbers still and limited size on the line. Lack of WRs.

### Heritage Academy

**Head coach:** Anthony Johns.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/2-8.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR/LB Nathan Estrada 6-0, 180; Sr. RB/LB Jonathan Rojo 5-9, 170; Sr. DE/TE Kyle Spencer 6-3, 205; Sr. OL/DL Tristan Rios 6-0, 260; So. QB Kaleb Burras 5-9, 155.

**Biggest question marks:** How will we replace the 2021 team leadership? How will our 2025 class continue to develop?

### NFL Yet

**Head coach:** Ryan Palmer.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/5-5.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. LT/DT Florencio Ramirez 6-5, 295; Jr. ATH Abel Ruiz 5-8, 140; Sr. RB/LB Gabriel Lopez 5-8, 195; So. WR/DE Jayden Fox 5-6, 150; Sr. WR/DE Juan Hernandez 6-3, 195.

**Biggest question marks:** Numbers. Depth. Experience.

**More about the program:** This program is going through a rebuild built on a foundation of discipline, dedication and hard work.

*Region notes: Camp Verde will need to replace its four leading scorers as well as its three leading tacklers from last season. ... Vance Phillips takes over North Pointe Prep this season. His Max-Preps' roster lists 76 players.*

## GILA REGION

### Arete Prep

**Head coach:** Brandon Payne.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. LB Aiden Wander 6-1, 200; Sr. OL Kamden Hildalgo 6-1, 265; Sr. DL Deven Lipp 6-1, 225; LB Sr. Brandon Shade 6-1, 200; Sr. QB Dhruv Rattan 6-2, 210.

**Biggest question marks:** Will we have enough kids to continue to compete safely in 2A? With Matthew McClelland gone, who will be our QB1?

**More about the program:** Arete Prep is looking to continue to build off of what coach Cord Smith left the program at. This is a special program that has the ability to grow and to be a good football team in the upcoming season. With the returning letterman and the leadership from the underclassmen, our program is looking to build and grow as a football family with the leadership of Brandon Payne, the new head football coach. It will not be an easy road, but the Chargers will come out and continue to compete in the Gila Region for the upcoming 2022 football season.

### Chandler Prep

**Head coach:** Frank Peake.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/6-4.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB Sterling Harris; Sr. QB Nolan Kemper 6-0, 150; Jr. SS/WR Creon Fulgham; Jr. AJ Robinson; Jr. G/DT Adrian DeCossio 5-8, 175.

**Biggest question marks:** First full season with this coaching staff. Graduated several seniors last year.

**More about the program:** Several elite players returning with a great influx of strong young talent.

### Gilbert Christian

**Head coach:** Danny Norris.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/18-11.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR/DE Zach Hohmann 6-4, 190; Jr. OL/LB Josh Lay 5-8, 170; Sr. OL/DL Peyton Johnson 5-10, 260; Sr. OL/DL Gavin Biesterfeld 6-2, 190; Jr. Kaleb Powell WR/K/DB 5-11, 170.

**Biggest question marks:** Quarterback. Who will fill the shoes of graduating Matthew Hershey? We have to replace a lot of offensive production after losing Elijio Ledesma and Caden Heyn to graduation.

### Santa Cruz Valley

**Head coach:** Thomas Cortez.

**Years as school's head coach:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB Max Rodriguez 5-10, 180; Soph. QB Nathan Harris 6-0, 200; Soph. DB O'Ryan Williams 5-9, 150; Soph. LB Nick Manuel 6-0, 185; Soph. RB Jonathan Ramos 5-6, 165.

**Biggest question marks:** Experience. Depth.

**More about the program:** Although we are young they have bought into the culture we are trying to develop as a staff. Over the summer they displayed great commitment and dedication. This season will be a great opportunity for the underclassmen to start off their varsity careers. Some of who will be four-year starters when they leave SC.

### Sequoia Pathway

**Head coach:** Donnie Margerum.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/20-7.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** WR/DB Cornell Reed Jr. 5-9, 170; RB/LB Norien Banks 6-0, 195; TE/LB Kyrese Banks 6-0, 220; RB/WR/LB/DB Lavon Neal 5-10, 180; C/DT Quintin Lara 5-10, 240.

**Biggest question marks:** Depth in the trenches. Will the youth contribute? Leadership after losing 22 seniors.

**More about the program:** Young team but very skilled. Weapons everywhere, with returning starters in key positions. I feel this team has a chance to make a run at it all. The key will be for the younger guys to hurry and catch on to the system, and the sky is the limit.

*Region notes: Doug South is the new coach at Antelope Union after a nine year run by Gary Mauldin. The team was 6-4 last year. ... San Pasqual has only played five games in the last two years due to COVID.*

## HASAYAMPA REGION

### Highland Prep

**Head coach:** Jason Shaw.

**Years as school's head coach:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB/LB Brandon Nevers 6-1, 195; Sr. OL/DL Jeremy Wheelis 6-2, 280; Sr. OL/DL Mateo Duarte 6-0, 220; So. RB/DB Alexander Robinson-Garcia 5-7, 150; Sr. OL/DL Cody Rogers 6-0, 230.

**Biggest question marks:** New schemes. Depth. Inexperience.

**More about the program:** Second year in the AIA. New coaching staff.

### Mountainside

**Head coach:** Chris Duane.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/0-6.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Jr. Siامي Osuna WR/CB 5-11, 160; Jr. Jeremy Glassmeyer OL/DL 6-4, 250; So. Alejandro Aguilar OL/DL 5-10, 180; So. Morgan Eppley WR/S 6-1, 150.

**Biggest question marks:** Depth. Quarterback.

**More about the program:** MHS is going into Year 2 of the program and Year 1 in 2A. With year one under its belt, MHS is poised to join 11-man football and compete.



## **St. John Paul II**

**Head coach:** John Padilla.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/5-11.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. FB Gabe Dominguez 6-2, 215; Jr. QB Ayden Rojas 6-1, 195; OL Dylan Olmos 5-11, 225; Jr. RB Oscar Aviles 5-11, 180; Jr. OL Manuel Gonzalez 5-10, 195.

**Biggest question marks:** O-line returns one starter. Small senior class. Replace our key defensive players.

## **Trivium Prep**

**Head coach:** Stephen Hemming.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB/DB Collin Pezzelle 6-0, 155; Sr. DB/ RB Max Sief 5-10, 160; Jr. OL/DL Caedon MacDonald 5-10, 205; Sr. TE/LB Brandon Rothfeld 6-0, 190; Sr. OL/LB Niko Zehtab 5-9, 181.

**Biggest question marks:** Depth. Experience. We only have five seniors. New systems on both sides. New head coach.

*Region notes: Tonopah Valley's new coach, Brett Davis, will attempt to rebuild a program that finished 1-7 last season. ... Mason Anderson had 6.5 sacks and Jacob Parrott had four interceptions for Kingman Academy last season.*

## **LITTLE COLORADO REGION**

### **Alchesay**

**Head coach:** Brandon Newcomb.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 13th year/62-59.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 2.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Jr. RB/LB Ty Gushoney 5-9, 185; Sr. OL Quincy Titla 6-5, 300; Sr. OL/DL Maddox Nez 5-10, 220; Sr. OL/DL Clarence Griggs 5-10 185; Sr. QB/DB Leon Fall 5-9, 160.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line is always a concern. We have guys. We just have to get them in the right spots and allow for them to gel. Running back. Who will be the guy? Our main guy will carry the ball 30-plus times a night. He has to be tough, physical and have great ball security. Defense is always a concern. Can we create enough depth to limit the amount of time our two-way players spend on the field and try to get 3-4 stops a game.

### **Holbrook**

**Head coach:** Shawn Holley.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 9.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB/S Marcus Oberriter 5-8, 155; Sr. RB/DB Daniel Montijo 5-8, 155; Sr. WR/LB Izzy Ramos 6-1 200; Jr. OL/ LB Slade Allison 5-11, 175.

**Biggest question marks:** How will we handle success? Can we build on the success we had last season? Can we make a deep run in 2A?

## **Hopi**

**Head coach:** Raleigh Namoki Jr.

**Years as school's head coach:** 7th year/12-33.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Jr. OL/DL/FB Jayce Sidney; Sr. OL/DL Arion Sahneyah; Jr. RB/LB Isaac Poliveyuma; Jr. WR/DB Dalen Pashano; Jr. Jarious Lomayestewa.

*Region notes: Pinon has only played six games in the last two years due to COVID. Steve Saban is listed as the program's new coach. ... Longtime assistant Jon Richardson will take over his alma mater, St. Johns, after the state's career win leader, Mike Morgan, stepped down. ... Valley (Sanders) graduated almost half of last year's roster. The team is scheduled to play at least nine games for the first time since 2018.*

## **SALT REGION**

### **Miami**

**Head coach:** Brandon Powell.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/31-16.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. Center Gabe Garcia 5-10, 270; Sr. Tackle Gabe Cabrera 5-10, 285; Jr. Guard Nick Curiel 5-11, 285; Sr. RB Lorenz Combs 5-8, 175; Sr. LB Angel Pena 5-7, 170.

**Biggest question marks:** Quarterback. Defense. Toughness.

### **Morenci**

**Head coach:** Joseph Garcia.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 5th year/21-13.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** QB/DB Daylen Johnson 5-11, 170; RB/ LB Michael Casillas 5-8, 150; ATH Derek Saenz 5-10, 150; TE/DT Tristen Sanchez 6-1, 205; FB/LB/DE Patrick Chavez 5-11, 203.

**Biggest question marks:** Who will step up on the offensive line and linebacker positions?

### **Pima**

**Head coach:** Josh Wilkins.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 9.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** Sr QB/DE Seth Russell 6-6, 220; Sr. RB/OLB Wyatt Wiltbank 6-0, 180; Sr. DB Leland Thompson 6-1, 180; Sr. WR/DB Grant Ashby 6-5, 175; Sr. OL/OLB Tucker Wilkins; Sr. OT Chris Serna; Jr. OL/DL Pepper Hughes.

**Biggest question marks:** Can we continue to build on success we started to have under former coach Jim Hughes?

### **San Tan Charter**

**Head coach:** Chase Cartwright.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Jr. QB Zayden Neill 6-2, 170; Sr. WR/DB Jaden Rumore 5-9, 150; Jr. RB/LB Cayne Ramirez 5-9, 170; Sr. TE/ DL Logan Gentry 6-2, 220; Sr. TE/DL Hunter Pletka 6-2, 210.

*Region notes: Globe is hosting its rival Miami on Oct. 28. Wend-  
sler Nosie III averaged 76.1 rushing yards per game and six  
touchdowns last season for the Tigers. ... Diego Mendoza aver-  
aged 119.4 rushing yards per game last year as a junior for San  
Carlos and scored nine touchdowns.*

## **SAN JUAN REGION**

### **Chinle**

**Head coach:** Pita Olomua.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 9.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Sr. Olin White 5-9, 250; Sr. Timothy Clark 5-11, 185; Sr. Dion Tsosie 5-11, 265; Sr. Zach Toadlena 5-8, 165; Sr. Garrett Yazzie 5-9, 245.

**Biggest question mark:** How soon will the team pick up the new offense and defense? How many kids will ultimately play? Will we be successful enough to return to 3A where we belong?

### **Tuba City**

**Head coach:** TBD

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 5.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. DL/TE Nathaniel Fulton Jr 6-3, 248; Sr. DL/OL Vaughn Salabye Jr. 6-4, 272; Sr. OLB/WB Jakobe Dodson 5-9, 165; Sr. OLB/RB Damion Yellowman 5-7, 155; Sr. SS/WR Hunter Colorado 5-7, 155.

**Biggest question marks:** Who is going to lead the team on the field? Are we ready to step up and meet season expectations? Will our seniors demonstrate the leadership skills necessary to lead the team to a winning season?

**More about the program:** TCHS will move into the 2A San Juan and is looking to immediately compete for a region title. We have a very young team, but they are determined to turn around the TCHS football program. We will turn heads this coming season. Our goal is to be one of the top rushing teams in 2A. Look out for us.

*Region notes: Many Farms and Rock Point will return to action for the first time since 2019. ... Red Mesa's streak of winning seasons is at seven.*

## **SAN PEDRO REGION**

### **Bisbee**

**Head coach:** Brian Vertrees.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/23-24.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. Diego Chavez RB/ILB 5-10, 190; Sr. Luis Valdez C/DT 6-2, 315; Jr. David Chapman WR/DB 5-7, 135; So. Sebastian Lopez QB/DB 6-0, 160; So. Bryceton Meyer RB/ILB 5-10, 185.

**Biggest question marks:** Depth and experience on the offensive and defensive line (graduated four multi-year starters).

**More about the program:** Hired a new DC and LB coach, who brings high expectations along with energy, experience and knowledge. The development of QB Sebastian Lopez, who started 10 games as a freshman, will be key to our offensive performance.

### **Santa Rita**

**Head coach:** Tom Joseph.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/1-9.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 3.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 2.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB/RB Manuel Mero 5-9, 160; Sr. WR/DB Dominic Waterhouse 5-9, 160; Jr. C Alex Paxson 5-8, 245; So. OT Douglas Porter 6-0, 265; So. DT Jericho Riley 5-10, 260.

**Biggest question marks:** Numbers. Depth. Athletic talent. Speed.

**More about the program:** Working at trying to get the program going. Number of participants and being better people and athletes.

### **Tanque Verde**

**Head coach:** Jay Dobyns.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/10-3.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** OL Jack Endean 6-7, 280; OL Dylan Petrick 6-2, 280; OL Aiden Vimmerstedt 6-2, 265; OL Race Erickson 6-3, 230; WR/DB James Torok 5-9, 160.

**Biggest question marks:** Quarterback. Defensive back. Defensive line.

### **Tombstone**

**Head coach:** Dominik Bonilla.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/3-7.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 9.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** So. QB DJ Elias 5-9, 165; Sr. OL Isaac Villalobos 6-6, 275; Jr. OL Calvin Smith 6-1, 180; So. WR Brendyn Downing 5-9, 155; Jr. WR Logan Stevens 6-1, 160.

**Biggest question marks:** Our youth. Not much depth.

**More about the program:** We are a very young team with a lot of returning starters, plenty of room to grow and a great established young core.

### **Willcox**

**Head coach:** Eric Hjalmarson.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/11-6.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. Cristian Pando 5-10, 190; Sr. Ayden Fuentes 6-1, 190; Sr. Mike Martinez 5-9, 185; Sr. Evan Trueshke 5-9, 175; Jr. Kash Macumber 5-11, 170.

**Biggest question marks:** Senior leadership. Summer work ethic. Overall varsity depth.

*Region notes: Catalina struggled last year after not playing in 2020. Nine freshmen were on the roster last year.*



## VERDE REGION

### Coronado

**Head coach:** Rick Benjamin.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** WR Truitt Crowley 6-1, 150; WR Nathaniel Allen 5-8, 150; OL Cameron Crowley 6-1, 270; LB Jason Revels 5-10, 160; RB Yeshua McGoffin 5-7, 145.

**Biggest question marks:** Establishing a commitment from all the players to a new system.

**More about the program:** The plan is to build a system from the ground up and establishing a foundation in experience, incorporating a solid feeder system to bring hope to the future of Dons football.

### Madison Highland Prep

**Head coach:** Bruce Fuller.

**Years as school's head coach:** 8th Year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 11.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 11.

**Key players returning:** Sr. DE/WR David Jimenez 6-3, 185; Sr. LB/WR Breaden Scott 6-1, 190; Sr. OL/DL Cristian Jimenez 6-0, 220; Jr. QB Joseph Lungo 6-1, 190; Jr. RB/CB Josh Hutchins 5-10, 165.

**Biggest question marks:** Defense. Special teams. Kicking game. Wide receivers.

### Scottsdale Prep

**Head coach:** David Primavera.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/24-22.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB/LB Connor Hesse 6-0 180; Sr. QB/DB Tyler Johnson 6-1 175; Sr. OL/DL Michael Gerveler 6-2 215; Sr. WR/LB Nathan Kammer 6-0 180; Sr. OL/DE Emmett Collins 6-0 185.

**Biggest question marks:** Losing our starting defensive backfield. Losing our top two receivers.

### Valley Lutheran

**Head coach:** Brian Porter.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 4th year/9-12.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB/DB Derek Porter 5-11, 170; Sr. Flex/LB Jimmie Newton 6-0, 210; Sr. WR/DB Seth Lemieux 5-11, 170; Sr. OL/DL Cale Mangles 6-1, 230; Sr. OL/DE Luke Ehrman 6-4, 210.

**Biggest question marks:** Depth at skill positions. Youth at back-ups.

**More about the program:** This year we will have the most players in program history along with the most seniors. For the first time all 12 seniors on the team have played together all four years. The first team in school history to potentially make the playoffs in 11-man football.

### Veritas Prep

**Head coach:** Jason Black.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/26-20.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 2.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Jr. QB/DB Casen Lentz 6-2 200; Sr. DL Brennan Fisher 6-0 330; Sr. RB/LB Mason Williams 5-9 180.

**Biggest question marks:** Roster size. Who will step up and be the producer? Can our freshman and sophomore classes grow up fast?

*Region notes: Two-time region champ Scottsdale Christian will be the favorite once again in its region with a young team that wants to prove it's ready to compete for a state crown this year.*



*A mainstay of the linebacking corps, Valley Lutheran senior Jimmie Newton can also fill in across all skill positions. (Darin Sicurello photo/MaxPreps)*

**NFL ASPIRATIONS STARTED EARLY  
FOR TANQUE VERDE'S ENDEAN**



**What was it like being around NFL team the Raiders at a young age when your dad worked for them?**

He just worked as a physician for the Raiders. When I was 10 he took me to the Raiders training camp. And my job out there was to hand out the protein shakes after practice. And it was just cool to see the guys out there, playing the sport they love.

**Did that exposure influence you to try football?**

Oh, definitely. Definitely. For sure. I mean I've always wanted to play in the NFL since I was little, but just going out there and seeing that these guys are actually doing this as a job. And you know, they're so lucky that they can actually make a little money off of it by doing something they love. It caught my attention right away.

**What is the culture like at Tanque Verde?**

It's a small school on the east side of town in Tucson. There are a lot of blue collar kids. It's just a small school and everyone knows each other pretty well. They've all been going to school with each other their whole lives, and I've been fortunate enough to go there since my sophomore year after I transferred out of Salpointe. I was given an opportunity at a new school, and I've loved it ever since. They're super nice over there. Just the kids, they're friendly. I would say it's not like your typical high school where there's a bunch of different groups of kids. Everyone's pretty tight.

**How would you describe head coach Jay Dobyys and the relationship he has with the team?**

Coach Dobyys has created a culture there, and this will be his third year as the head coach. So we're still creating that culture with hard working players. I think something that separates his ideology as a coach from others is that he likes to make sure that it's still fun and that everyone's having a good time out there. We also

know that we can call him at any time if we need to run over to his house to go talk to him or just need someone to be there for us. We know as players that he will always be there for us no matter what.

**Are there any hobbies you do outside of football?**

I definitely enjoy fishing and hunting for sure. I caught a bass probably about a year ago now. That was four and a half pounds, which is decently sized for Arizona. I enjoy just going out as much as possible. Just going out in nature gives me a chance to spend time with my dad or go spend time with a couple buddies or even just by myself.

**What college did you commit to and why?**

I will be playing college football over at Oklahoma State. I fell in love with the culture they have out there. The atmosphere the coaches, especially (head) coach (Mike) Gundy and (offensive line) coach (Charlie) Dickey, have created is second to none just outside of football. They're very family oriented, and make sure that they care about you as a person, not just as a player. So that's just something that I fell in love with. It fits my personality really well.

**What skills do you possess that can potentially help Oklahoma State win?**

Just my footwork. I think as a tackle I'm pretty fluid. There's always things to work on. But I think I can just add a position or play left tackle hopefully or wherever they need me to fill in and just be fluid and flexible. Especially with the offense they run. They run a lot of zone. So just getting out there running and then being flexible and position players. I think that's something I could definitely bring to the table for them.

—Josh Darling, AZPreps365.com



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**Is it a good skill to be a multi-sport athlete?**

Yeah, it's a pretty good skill to have been a multi-sport athlete because you get to experience different kinds of sports in different ways. Football is just more like physical running with pads and then wrestling is more like this one on one with your opponent and baseball is like a full team.

**How does it feel to be a top 5 in passing and rushing as a QB?**

It feels great to accomplish. I was very honored. The top five because I mostly got a shout out to my linemen. For logging in, having the gaps in holes open for me to run through. I got a shout out to my receivers for catching the balls that I threw to them. So they would get yards for me in passing.

**Have you ever been told you were too short to be a QB and how did you overcome that adversity?**

Yeah, I've been told that a lot. You gotta have heart and show that you are actually capable of doing the work as a quarterback even though you're short. But you have a big heart. It really fuels me to prove all the haters that told me I'm too short for the position and it just helps me want to prove them wrong.

**I have heard the stadium setting at Holbrook High school is special. How would you describe it?**

It's beautiful. Having the mountains in the background of the field. And then just kinda like an overview of the city. And it's just so surreal to me.

**Holbrook has a history of not having the best record until last year when you guys became regional champs. What changed in the locker room and how did the program accomplish that?** Mostly just our hearts and our confidence in ourselves that change. First two seasons weren't as good. And just, we had, we had to turn it around some time. So we all came together and did everything we could to turn it around.

**What are you most excited about this upcoming season?**

Mostly excited just to just to play with all my teammates this year. And we just got a new coach. So I'm very excited to play under him and see what he has to bring for the upcoming players.

**Are there any hobbies you do outside of football?**

Yeah, I like spending a lot of time with a bunch of kids that want to do private lessons for swimming because like I'm a lifeguard. I like spending time trying to help kids learn how to swim so they're more safe at the pool.

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## 1A CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PRESEASON RANKINGS



*Mogollon finished the last two seasons undefeated. (Chris Stanley photo/MaxPreps)*

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**1. MOGOLLON:** The two-time defending champ will replenish its ranks with players from its 2022 undefeated junior varsity and junior high teams. Helping mentor them will be two of 1A's best, seniors RB/OLB Peyton Reidhead and WR/FB Blayk Kelton. "Peyton is a lot stronger," head coach Rick Samon said. "He will have big numbers in rushing and tackles. He's not a big dude, but he's quick and athletic." Kelton is another do-it-all type athlete. The team will likely throw more this season with a first-year QB, the versatile Kyson Owens, running the offense. WR/CB Adrian Flores, RB/LB Zach Martineau and OL Kyton Tomlinson are some of the new faces who'll make an immediate impact. Mogollon will have a PAT kicker for the first time in a long time. The kicker is a former Mesa Mt. View soccer player, Alexis Blasingame. "I don't care if we lose," Samon said. "Let's go out there and enjoy the sport. What pressure? There's no pressure, because there's no expectation. We've won one championship at a time. There's no pressure to win three."

**2. WILLIAMS:** Not reaching the big game in 2022 for only the second time in the last six seasons is motivating the 2023 Vikings. "There is no question, wanting to get to the stop spot, that's in our blood," coach Jeff Brownlee said. "Our goal is to be in the final and win it. There's a fire burning inside the kids. That's what they want." Brownlee's boys are strong up front. The power lifter of the group is Sr. C/NG Bryton Cox (6-2, 305). A couple of seniors should help fill the experience void left by last year's graduating class in the trenches. The backfield is in great hands with arguably the best running back in 1A, Drew Logan. The senior is also one of 1A's top linebackers (88 tackles last year.) Like Logan, Jr. RB Raymond Gonzales can be just as explosive, Brownlee said. Danny Siegfried and Tyler Jensen (leading tackler last season) were competing for the starting QB spot.

**3. ST. DAVID:** The team graduated probably the best RB, Talon Haynie, in 1A last year, but it didn't run out of Haynies and other weapons. Marek Haynie, Talon's brother, missed most of last season due to injuries. But he's healthy and ready to carry the load in the backfield along with a kid teammates call The Marine, transfer Conner Curtis. "Connor is fast and strong," said coach Braden Davis, who last year guided his program to its first title appearance in 21 years. "Marek can cut and juke." Marek or Curtis will also see time at slot when they aren't in the backfield together. St. David's passing game figures to improve with the return of Ryan Gooding (34 TD passes last year). St. David's depth will help keep Gooding from logging a lot of time on defense. His top targets will be 6-3 WR Koy Richardson and Richardson's cousin, Kyden, a TE who's also the team's best blocker. DE Paul Parker and WR Matteo Carrafa will provide senior leadership during a season filled with tough match-ups.

**4. HAYDEN:** Last year, the team only had four seniors, and three were injured. This year, 10 seniors dot the roster, and they are all healthy. "That can help us put us in the championship," coach John Estrada said. The seniors who will lead the way are QB Fabian Elvira, first-team All-Region LB/RB Moraes Cruz, returning Region Defensive Player of the Year Brandon Garner and WR Isaac Castillo. The 6-3 Castillo was injured near the end of last year, but he's more than ready to lead the passing attack with Elvira this season. Unlike in recent years, Hayden's running backs will be much quicker this year. An important member of the team will be missing, however. Line coach Bob Bohrn, who coached with Estrada for 25 years, passed away of cancer. "It will be tough and different not being around him," Estrada said. "I will miss him and his football knowledge."

**5. SAN MANUEL:** The Miners are healthy, stronger and quicker. Their No. 1 threat last year, Sr. Mathias Medina, missed some time (knee injury). But the speedster is ready to wreak havoc as a ball carrier, receiver and as an OLB. San Manuel is returning everybody except for two starters. One of the veterans is Aiden Lozoya, a



lineman and the strongest player on the team. A state interception leader from last year, Ralph Valencia, will switch to quarterback this season. Besides Medina and Valencia, sophomore Dominic Rodriguez and 6-3 receiver Tony Guisa Jr. also possess big-play capability. "It's time to grow up a little bit," Ernest Ivy said.

**6. BAGDAD:** The team is young, but there's depth (40 players in the program) and chemistry. Two seniors making sure Bagdad is a united front this season are OL Lorenzo Medina (5-11, 255) and OL TJ Exley (6-3, 260). Sophomore C/FB Nick Martinez (5-8, 230) and Jr. Deegan Owings also will play big roles in the trenches. There's also a solid group of juniors, led by running backs/linebackers Caleb Gomez and Brandon Nelson. "Caleb and Brandon compliment each other," 13-year coach Dalton Mills said. "Caleb is more of a speed guy, and both are physical." The player the team pegged as its QB opted to focus on baseball this school year, so Jr. Shane Hooper or Fr. Ezra Aguila will serve as the starting QB. "We'll be solid in the line and the running game and should have one of the better teams we've had in the last few years," Mills said.

**7. SALOME:** It doesn't need to reach at least the semifinals to validate what coach Bryan McCarty, his staff and school administrators have done already for their community and players. But it sure would be nice. The 2022 Frogs are very motivated and experienced (14 returning starters). They used last year's first round 52-50 loss to El Capitan to galvanize the program this offseason. The year's team may carry the most depth since McCarty took over seven years ago. Salome will also welcome a freshmen class that's big in size and numbers. Freshman Chris Smith (6-3, 220) stands out for sure. The biggest concern is at QB, but Jr. ATH Jibran Castillo is up for the challenge, McCarty said. In terms of leadership, Sr. DE/G Fernando Armenta is 'the voice of the team.' Bringing down the 245-pound Alvaro Alvarez, a Sr. RB, won't be easy.

**8. DUNCAN:** The team returns nine starters, including eight two-way players, from a team that almost reached the playoffs last year. RB Ben Harris and WR Gary Najar are four year starters, and FB Carson Potter is a second year starter. The team plans on running the ball more this year and keep Harris healthy. The senior missed some

time early in each of the last two seasons with injuries. Besides being the leader of the defensive line, Harris wants to rush for 1,000 yards this year. Potter also wants to help carry the team in the backfield as well as at linebacker. Duncan possesses a handful of players with lot of speed, including So. WR Isaac Harris, Ben's brother. QB Diego Montoya also is quick. "All the ingredients are there for us to have a good season," coach Eric Bejarano said.

**9. SUPERIOR:** Last year seemed like an aberration. Superior played for a title in 2018 and 2019 and reached the semifinals in 2020, but didn't win a game in 2021. But Superior hit the reset button last year, as it started five sophomores and a couple of juniors and freshmen at new spots on a team that returned only one starter. It was also without one of one of the best players in 1A -- 6-3, 240-pound injured lineman Zach Duarte. Last year also served as Dr. Joshua Denhalter's introduction to 8-man football as the head coach. But the rebuilding phase is over. The injuries have healed. And everybody, including 1,500-yard rusher David Drennan, is returning and then some. Some players who decided not to play last year will do so this year for their senior season.

**10. EL CAPITAN/CENTENNIAL ACADEMY:** There's a new capitán in El Capitan, and he brings with him a wealth of knowledge. First-year head coach Justin Adair played in the Hamilton High School program for a couple of seasons before transferring to his home town school, Tuba City. He also played for the well-respected Ron Sowers in junior college. Adair was a first-year assistant at El Capitan last year when El Capitan reached the state quarterfinals. "We have some potential," Adair said. "I wanted to take over and teach them the basics and start from the bottom. They bought into the program after that, and they wanted to lift and do offseason work." That team will drop from nine seniors to three this season, but some of the youngsters are talented, beginning with the White brothers, Zedakye and Denim. Zedakye is 6-2, 225 and will play QB and DL. Denim is 6-2, 180 and will be one of his brother's top targets at WR. Seniors DL/TE Bruce Hammon and DL/OL Tristan Nez will be asked to help lead the young talent, including junior LB/OL Tyson Zitting. With low enrollment numbers, the AIA allowed Colorado City Centennial Academy's players to play at El Capitan. El Capitan/Centennial Academy will have about 22 players on the team.



*Williams has reached four of the last six 1A championship games. (Steven Davis photo/MaxPreps)*



# PROTECTING, COACHING, REBUILDING: IVY SERVES SAN MANUEL PROUDLY

By Jose Garcia  
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Ernie Ivy wears a couple of important hats, but Ivy's duties can switch at a drop of a hat.

He is the head football coach at San Manuel High School, located in a town by the same namesake. Ivy's also the assistant fire chief in San Manuel.

Ivy wears his work t-shirt and takes his fire department issued radio to football practice, because there have been times when duty calls while he's running practice. But Ivy is at home while doing both.

He loves to serve his community and alma mater. The coach/assistant fire chief is filling a need and doing so quite admirably.

This year, San Manuel has the potential to field its best team yet in the 1A Conference. But it was anything but a contender just a couple of seasons ago.

When Ivy, a former linebacker and quarterback at San Manuel in the 1990s, noticed that the Miners were struggling he jumped at the chance to coach his home school. Back at work, Ivy was given the green light to do so.

On game days is the only time Ivy isn't on call. His on call shift runs from 1-8 a.m. The coach also serves as an athletic trainer for San Manuel's football team.

They are busy serving an important role in their communities, but having first responders coach at high schools throughout Arizona isn't rare. In fact, a couple of firefighters on Ivy's 17-man and woman crew also coach.

"It's community type work in a sense," Ivy said. "There's a physical aspect to it as well. Most of the firefighters are in shape, and you'll see them running with the teams they help."

For Ivy, let's just say it's a different story.

"You ain't going to catch me running with (my team)," said the veteran firefighter while laughing.

He doesn't have to.

Ivy is pressing the right buttons for one of this year's 1A contenders. He introduced San Manuel to 8-man football in 2020 during the pandemic, when he saw first-hand how COVID affected families in his town.

"It (COVID) interrupted a lot of things," Ivy said. "We were struggling to keep (football players) out on the field. With work, we constantly suited up throughout the week with COVID calls. Thank God the county helped out with (Personal Protective Equipment)."

While he and his crew were busy watching over their community, Ivy and his coaching staff were rebuilding San Manuel's football program. They re-established a junior varsity team and implemented a summer program.

San Manuel won three of its five games during its pandemic shortened season in Ivy's first year and followed that with a 8-2 record last year, tying the program's highest win total since 2011. With almost every starter back and healthy, San Manuel is prepping for a long playoff run.

Last year, the team lost a heartbreaker, 50-46, to Mohave Accelerated in the 1A state quarterfinals. But that defeat left San Manuel wanting more.

"We are ready to take the next step," Ivy said. "We are pushing for it. We have a good group of kids who are pretty hungry."

They also have a very driven coach who loves the power run game the U.S. military academies are known for.

Some of San Manuel's strength comes from lineman Aiden Lozoya, who can squat 500 pounds. The team did graduate its leading rusher and receiver, Noah Huerta, but his brother, Isaiah, a quarterback and linebacker, is a bit stronger than Noah, Ivy said.

San Manuel also is home to one of the best weapons in 1A this season, the quick and athletic Mathias Medina, who will line up at receiver, running back and outside linebacker this year.

"We have a family over here (at San Manuel)," Medina said. "Our coach motivates us, and he's like a father to us."

San Manuel will need to rally around each other when they face some stiff competition this year.

In its region, the South, it'll play ranked Duncan and returning region champ St. David, the 1A 2021 runner-up. In its second game, it'll travel to play two-time defending champ Mogollon.

There's also the rematch with Mohave Accelerated on Sept. 9. San Manuel is about an hour northwest of Tucson.

But it's time for the team to show the entire state that it's ready to play for its first championship in 41 years.

"They have the athletic ability," Ivy said. "They just have to show it out on the field."



Assistant fire chief Ernie Ivy (far left) helps protect San Manuel while steering that town's high school team. (Ivy family photo)



San Manuel football is prepping for a long playoff run. (San Manuel High School photo)



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2021 1A RETURNING STAT

# LEADERS

St. David QB Ryan Gooding (Jack Beasley photo/MaxPreps)

Anthem Prep ATH Andy Gandolfo (Mark Jones photo/MaxPreps)



Source: MaxPreps

## PASSING

Yr.	Name, School	Yards/Yds-G	TDs/INT
Sr.	Ryan Gooding, St. David	2,468/205.7	34/4
Jr.	Nicolas Velasquez, San Manuel	1,583/197.9	18/4
Sr.	Fabian Elvira, Hayden	1,372/196.0	20/8
Jr.	Tyler Jensen, Williams	974/88.5	18/5
Jr.	Zedakye White, El Capitan	890/127.1	12/2
Sr.	Blake Palmer, Joseph City	787/87.4	7/7
Jr.	Shane Hooper, Baghdad	504/45.8	5/9
Jr.	Courtney Palmer, Heritage Academy	469/58.6	7/2
Jr.	Diego Montoya, Duncan	349/87.2	6/1
Sr.	Jesus Buendia, Baboquivari	272/68.0	4/1

## SCORING

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Points	Pts/G	TDs
Sr.	RB/LB	Drew Logan, Williams	194	17.6	29
Sr.	RB/LB	Payton Reidhead, Mogollon	104	8.7	11
Sr.	ATH	Kevin Castillo, Salome	98	10.9	15
Sr.	RB/WR	Blayk Kelton, Mogollon	88	7.3	11
So.	WR/CB	Austin Sampson, Tempe Prep	82	10.2	13
Jr.	RB/DB	David Drennan, Superior	76	10.9	12
So.	WR/DB	Josh Orozco, Desert Heights Prep	72	8.0	9
Sr.	LB/ATH	Andy Gandolfo, Anthem Prep	68	8.5	9
Sr.	WR	Brandon Garner, Hayden	54	6.8	9
Jr.	CB/WR	Denim White, El Capitan	52	5.2	7

## RUSHING

Yr.	Name/School	Yards/Yds-G	Yds-C	TDs
Sr.	Drew Logan, Williams	1,533/139.4	12.46	22
Jr.	David Drennan, Superior	1,485/212.1	7.94	12
Sr.	Kevin Castillo, Salome	1,001/111.2	12.83	12
Sr.	Blake Palmer, Joseph City	498/55.3	4.65	3
Sr.	Payton Reidhead, Mogollon	438/36.5	8.42	6
So.	Alex Lechuga, Ray	384/64.0	5.05	3
Jr.	Zedakye White, El Capitan	380/54.3	5.35	3
Jr.	Ezra Sandmeyer, Anthem Prep	372/93.0	10.63	3
So.	Dominic Rodriguez, San Manuel	327/32.7	12.11	5
Sr.	Owen Beatty, Joseph City	313/34.8	4.82	4

## RECEIVING

Yr.	Name, School	Yards Yds-G	Yds-R	TDs
So.	Austin Sampson, Tempe Prep	708/88.5	24.41	13
Sr.	Andy Gandolfo, Anthem Prep	636/79.5	21.20	5
Sr.	Bradon Garner, Hayden	597/74.6	21.32	8
So.	Josh Orozco, Desert Heights Prep	584/64.9	15.78	7
Jr.	Denim White, El Capitan	479/47.9	15.97	7
Jr.	Edgar Gamez, Salome	476/52.9	26.44	7
Jr.	Joe Gonzales, Baghdad	466/46.6	20.26	4
Sr.	Blayk Kelton, Mogollon	464/38.7	27.29	8
Sr.	Ralphie Valencia, San Manuel	403/40.3	18.32	2
Sr.	Koy Richardson, St. David	303/27.5	14.43	3

## TOTAL YARDS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total Yds	Yds-G
Sr.	QB/DE	Ryan Gooding, St. David	2,537	211.4
Jr.	QB/DE	Nicolas Velasquez, San Manuel	1,784	223.0
Sr.	RB/LB	Drew Logan, Williams	1,777	161.5
Jr.	RB/DB	David Drennan, Superior	1,560	222.9
Sr.	QB	Fabian Elvira, Hayden	1,392	198.9
Sr.	QB/LB	Blake Palmer, Joseph City	1,285	142.8
Jr.	ATH	Zedakye White, El Capitan	1,270	181.4
Sr.	ATH	Kevin Castillo, Salome	1,211	134.6
Jr.	RB/QB	Tyler Jensen, Williams	1,169	106.3
Sr.	QB/S	Isaac Nubes, PDSD	883	147.2

## TACKLES

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total tackles	Tackles-G
Sr.	LB	Blayk Kelton, Mogollon	117	9.8
Sr.	LB	Blake Palmer, Joseph City	104	11.6
Jr.	LB	Tyler Jensen, Williams	99	9.0
Sr.	ATH	Gabriel Beltran, Salome	97	10.8
Sr.	LB	Payton Reidhead, Mogollon	93	7.8
Sr.	LB	Conner Curtis, St. David	90	12.9
Sr.	LB	Drew Logan, Williams	88	8.0
Sr.	DE/OL	Mark Fancher, Mohave Accelerated	83	10.4
Sr.	DT	Bryton Cox, Williams	80	7.3
Sr.	DE	Trextan Reidhead, Mogollon	80	7.3

## SACKS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total Sacks	Sacks-G
Sr.	ATH	Gabriel Beltran, Salome	21.0	2.3
Sr.	DE	Mark Fancher, Mohave Accelerated	16.0	2.0
Sr.	LB	Alvaro Alvarez, Salome	9.0	1.0
Sr.	ILB	Jesse Nava, Mohave Accelerated	8.0	1.1
Jr.	ATH	Jibran Castillo, Salome	8.0	1.0
Sr.	TE/G	Paul Parker, St. David	6.5	0.5
Jr.	DE	Ethan Hammon, El Capitan	5.5	0.6
So.	DT	Randall Berg, Mohave Accelerated	5.0	1.0
So.	DE	Joel Romero, Superior	5.0	0.8
Sr.	LB	Conner Curtis, St. David	5.0	0.7

## INTERCEPTIONS

Yr.	Pos.	Name, School	Total INTs
Sr.	DB	Ralphie Valencia, San Manuel	10
Sr.	DB	Brandon Garner, Hayden	9
Sr.	S	Koy Richardson, St. David	6
Jr.	CB	Adrian Suarez, Mogollon	3
Sr.	OLB	Drew Logan, Williams	3
Sr.	CB	D'avion Murtagh, Baghdad	2
Sr.	DB	Quentin Juan, Baboquivari	2
Sr.	FS	Jack Chumley, Anthem Prep	2
Sr.	ILB	Hunter Day, Ray	2
Sr.	DB	Nick Mendoza, Superior	2



# 1A CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TEAM-BY-TEAM PREVIEW



*Tempe Prep has a new coach, but the team wants to continue scoring in bunches. (Steven Davis photo/MaxPreps)*

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## WEST REGION

### Anthem Prep

**Head coach:** Jeff Gubernick.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** first year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 3.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 3.

**Key players returning:** Sr. HB/CB Jack Chumley 5-10, 170; Sr. FB Alex Rebilos 5-9, 175; Jr. C James Young 6-3, 260; Sr. WR Andy Gandolfo 6-2, 195; Jr. WR Chase Peterson 6-0, 180.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line. Defensive line. Quarterback.

**More about the program:** We have a new head coach and staff and 15 new players.

### Bagdad

**Head coach:** Dalton Mills.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 11th year/88-19.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 2.

**Key players returning:** So. WR Joseph Gonzalez 5-7, 150; So. OL/DL/FB Nick Martinez 5-8, 230; Sr. OL Lorenzo Medina 5-11, 255; Sr. OL TJ Exley 6-3, 260; Jr. QB/DB Shane Hooper 6-1, 180.

**Biggest question marks:** Senior leadership. Who is going to carry the load at running back? Replacing nine seniors.

**More about the program:** A strength of ours will be the offensive and defensive line.

### Desert Heights Prep

**Head coach:** Kendrick Felix.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 11th year/74-20.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 3.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Sr. WR/DB Casey Jenkins 5-11, 160; So. WR/LB Josh Orozco 5-11, 185; So. WR/DB Darren Flores 5-8, 140.

**Biggest question marks:** Being a young team. Will take time for players to adjust to varsity level of football.

**More about the program:** Although we are a young team, I'm excited about the potential we have. We have lots of talented new players. Looking forward to seeing how they progress this season.

### **Mohave Accelerated**

**Head coach:** Adam Gibson.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/11-16.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. TE/DE Tyson Banks 6-6, 210; Sr. WR/DL/LB Bryce Merrigan 6-3, 175; Senior C/OL/DL Yeal Lomelli 5-9, 185; Sr. OL/DL Mark Fancher 5-9, 180; Sr. QB/WR/DB Lucas Leslie 6-4, 180.

**Biggest question marks:** Quarterback position. Offensive weapons.

### **Phoenix Day School for Deaf**

**Head coach:** Dave Huber.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 12th year/22-58.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 5.

**Key players returning:** Sr. OL/DE Vince Mayoquin; Jr. ATH Jeremiah Whitehead; So. TE/LB, Alexis Fonesca; So. OL/DL Jonathan Munoz; Jr. C/DL Miguel Hernandez.

**Biggest question marks:** Football experience. Size.

### **Salome**

**Head coach:** Bryan McCarty.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 6th year/33-20.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 7.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 7.

**Key players returning:** Sr. FB Alvaro Alvarez 6-0, 260; Sr. Fernando Armenta 6-1, 200; Sr. Kevin Castillo 5-10, 170; Sr. Gabriel Beltran 5-9, 170; Jr. Stephen Avila 6-3, 265.

**Biggest question marks:** QB is inexperienced position. Defensive secondary taking the next step. As always for us, numbers.

**More about the program:** We have a big senior class for the first time in three years. The team is working very hard and is locked in to making this our best season since the pandemic started.

### **EAST REGION**

#### **Hayden**

**Head coach:** John Q. Estrada.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 12th year/68-37.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** Sr. QB Fabian Elvira 5-10, 180; Sr. RB Moraes Cruz 5-9, 180; Sr. CB Brandon Garner 5-10, 175; Sr. R Isaac Castillo 6-3, 185; Jr. RB Deondre Collier 6-0, 180.

**Biggest question marks:** Staying Healthy.

**More about the program:** Our boys are from a very small community. These boys are multi-sport scholar athletes.

### **Lincoln Prep**

**Head coach:** Paul Schubring.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/9-9.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 6.

**Key players returning:** Sr. ATH Jackson Dilley; Sr. S/WR Geoffrey Kim; Jr. WR/CB Michael DeBratto; Jr. LG/DE Luke Nielsen; Sr. WR Shane Sasso.

**Biggest question marks:** How do we replace last year's senior production, especially at QB? Can we take the next step as a program and return to the playoffs? What does success look like for us this year?

### **Superior**

**Head coach:** Joshua Denhalter.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 2nd year/0-7.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 8.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 8.

**Key players returning:** SR ATH Zach Duarte 6'3 235; JR RB David Drennan 5'11 175; Player 3JR OL James Vasquez 6'2 240; JR OL/DL Eli Smith 6'2 260; SR QB Adam Lopez 5'9 175.

**Biggest question marks:** Discipline.

**More about the program:** Excited to get back elite ATH Zach Duarte after he missed all of the 2021 season recovering from labrum surgery. We have increased participation and I am excited to see what our team can do. Discipline and getting that first win under our belt will be huge.

### **Tempe Prep**

**Head coach:** Jason Jones.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 3.

**Key players returning:** WR Austin Sampson 5-11, 150; RB/LB Gabe Ross 5-8, 160; OL/LB Jacob Tsark 6-1, 190; OL/DL Clark Campbell 6-7, 260.

**Biggest question marks:** Who is going to step up and help replace senior offensive production?

*Region notes: Cicero Prep is entering its third season of AIA competition. Last year it carried only one senior on its 15-man roster. ... The pandemic and other issues have kept Dishchii'bikoh from progressing. One of its goals this season is to secure its first victory since 2018. ... Sequoia Charter will make its AIA debut this season.*



## NORTH REGION

### El Capitan/Centennial Academy

**Head coach:** Justin Adair.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Jr. QB/DL Zedakye White 6-2, 225; Jr. WR/LB Denim White 6-2, 180;

Jr. LB/OL Tyson Zitting 6-4, 190; Sr. DL/TE Bruce Hammon 6-1, 190; Sr. DL/OL Tristan Nez 6-1, 250.

**Biggest question marks:** How our undersized offensive line will do. Strength and conditioning under our new program: How soon can we close the gap with the best 1A programs in our state in terms of strength and conditioning? Developing and sustaining success. How do we get more students to stick to our program (as well as commit early on), especially when we lack facilities and resources that other schools might have?

### Mogollon

**Head coach:** Rick Samon.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 3rd year/21-0.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 4.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** FB/WR Blayk Kelton 5-11, 160; RB/MLB Payton Reidhead 5-10, 155; OL/DE Trexton Reidhead 5-11, 170; DL Zach Martineau 5-11, 165.

### Williams

**Head coach:** Jeff Brownlee.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 13th year/102-34.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 3.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB/LB Drew Logan 5-10, 185; Sr. C/NG Bryton Cox 6-1, 295; Sr. QB/DE Danny Siegfried 5-10, 200; Jr. QB/MLB Tyler Jensen 5-8, 185; Jr. RB/OLB Raymond Gonzalez 5-7, 160.

**Biggest question marks:** Lack of depth in skill positions.

**More about the program:** Looking forward to another solid year and maintaining our goal of being in the championship game, one step at a time.

*Region notes: The last time Fredonia won as many games as it did in 2021 (3) was 2010 (3). But it'll have to place Wyatt Grover's 1,666 rushing yards from last year. ... Last season, Joseph City's Owen Beatty averaged 90.3 all-purpose yards per game, and Blake Palmer finished with 104 tackles. ... Mayer lost only two seniors, based on last year's roster. ... Mogollon has reached the semifinals or finals in 20 of its past 23 seasons.*

## SOUTH REGION

### Duncan

**Head coach:** Eric Bejarano.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 5th year/17-14.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 9.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 9.

**Key players returning:** Sr. RB Ben Harris 6-0, 165; Sr. WR Gary Najar 6-1, 170; Soph. WR Isaac Harris 5-10, 145; Jr. QB Diego Montoya 5-6, 140; Sr. FB Carson Potter 5-9, 160.

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line. Secondary.

### Fort Thomas

**Head coach:** Erique Aguilar.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** First year.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 6.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 4.

**Key players returning:** So. QB Allen Gilbert 6-0, 175; Sr. QB Tyler Black 6-0, 185; Sr. DB Darius Miles 5-11, 170; Sr. RB Jayshawn Rambler 6-0, 190.

**Biggest question marks:** Coming together as a team. New coaches. New players coming up.

**More about the program:** We have a young team preparing to compete and become more competitive as we grow.

### St. David

**Head coach:** Braden Davis.

**Years as school's head coach/record:** 5th year/26-18.

**Number of starters returning on offense:** 2.

**Number of starters returning on defense:** 3.

**Key players returning:** Sr., QB Ryan Gooding. 6-2, 180; Sr. WR/S Koy Richardson 6-3, 160; Sr. TE/DE. Kydin Richardson 6-1, 185; Sr. RB/LB Conner Curtis 5-10, 170; Sr. RB/LB Marek Haynie 5-6, 145

**Biggest question marks:** Offensive line. Linebackers. Corners.

**More about the program:** We're very excited to get started and once again defend our South title, but know it will be a battle. We graduated a strong class last year and have several positions to fill, but we have guys who have been working hard and who will be ready to step in and fill those roles. We also have another talented freshman class coming in that are excited for high school football.

*Region notes: All of Baboquivari's primary stat leaders from last season were underclassmen. ... Three returning Lechugas -- Carlos, Alex and Reggie -- each played key roles for Ray last year. ... Despite some injuries, San Manuel won eight games last year for the first time since 2011. ... Last year, Valley Union won four games—its highest win total since 2017— despite having only 19 players.*

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**What's it like having your grandfather as your head high school football coach?**

I don't know. I feel like it doesn't change anything, because I feel like I'm not treated any differently. It's like a different environment. You go to his house and he's all cool and then it jumps to practice. He's not favoring you over anyone. You feel like everyone else.

**How would you describe your relationship with your brother Bryson, who's a sophomore, on and off the field?**

I can be a little bit harder on him. It makes it a little bit more competition in practice just because he's your sibling. You want to get better. Not slacking off just because you still have to try to get better.

**What does it mean for you to win the last two 1A titles, and does it make it more special since you accomplished it with your grandfather and older brother Jayk, who was on the team?**

Yeah, it (does). My freshman year we made it to the semifinals and I just feel like we had a different mindset. We didn't want it enough. And then I could tell when the first year we won, I could tell the difference in the players and how much more they wanted it. So you can see that, and it's really special when you win with your grandpa as head coach and your brother playing next to you. I won with my older brother the first year and my little brother the second year.

**Why did you decide to do a decathlon, and what was the preparation like?**

So during the track season I do my certain events, and I was reading, I think it was (about) the decathlon, and I was like, "That's kind of cool." So I talked to my mom and she looked it up and

they had it and you had to qualify for it. So you had to do well to get a mark in every single event. It's like 10 events that are in the decathlon. So throughout the track season I was taking like one or two events that are normally due out to do one of the ones that are in the decathlon so I can qualify. So when you're doing it it's a lot harder than just doing events. There was a lot of weekend practice to get to the decathlon.

**You have been part of two 1A title-winning teams. Why do you think you have been so successful?**

I feel like in practice we push each other and we build a bond, like we're family, not just playing together on a team. It's good chemistry to play together and play for each other, not just for ourselves.

**What's it going to take to three-peat?**

Just keep getting in the weight room every day, lifting hard, go to practice, do more than we're supposed to do and no slacking off in practice and play hard in games. Don't give up. It starts by coming together as a team and playing as a team, not for yourself. So not just one person wanting to do it all. Y'all come together to make a team. So it's not one person just winning. All it takes is a group effort to win.

**Do you enjoy other activities?**

A lot during the summer. I like to rodeo and rope and stuff. I like lifting. I like anything outside, camping, hunting, fishing, and then any type of roping, riding horses. My dad was a big roper when we were younger, so we just kind of grew up into it. I always wanted to do that.

—Josh Darling, AZPreps365.com



# WILLIAMS' LOGAN DRAWS INSPIRATION FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS



## How would you describe your relationship with your brothers?

It was awesome, having some older people to look up to. I have two brothers that are 34 and one brother that's 28. So I really always had that figure to look up to in the future. I can really look up to that. I can ask them questions about anything, and they've really helped mold me into the person I am and the athlete that I am as well.

## Do you have any best friends on the team?

My two best friends are Jacob Elliott and Danny Siegfried. Danny is our quarterback. Jake is my left guard. Jake actually lives with me in my house because his parents live in Flagstaff. And so he doesn't really want to make that commute every day. So he lives with me fulltime. And it's just like having a brother at my house. And it's exactly the same as it would be with them (brothers). He's always at my house, or I'm always at his. We've just created a brotherhood and a bond that lasts for the rest of our lives.

## What do you like about hunting and the outdoors?

I really like hunting. Not the sport itself, but the memories that it creates with my family members and friends. Some of my most fun experiences in life were going out hunting with my friends or family, because that's just where we all love to be. Outside. And that's where we all really have a connection. When I killed my first deer with my dad, I was super little. I was nine years old. And I just remember looking at him and I started tearing up, because I was so excited and we just shared that moment together. And it's something I'll never forget.

## I came across your Hudl profile and you have a quote saying, "I just want a shot." What is the message behind that?

I really just want people to know that I can bring something to the table, like college coaches and everything. I really just want an opportunity to show what I have.

## You have three D3 offers, one from a college in Wisconsin, which is where you're from. How does it feel to get an offer from your home state?

Yeah, it was awesome because that school, St. Norbert College, is like 20 minutes away from my brother's house in Wisconsin. And it was just awesome, because I knew I could go back home. I could be with my family.

## Do you like playing offense or defense more and why?

So I love offense. I love toting the rock. I love that everyone's looking at you. I just love having the ball in my hands, because I always kind of have an opportunity to put it in the end zone. But I love the feeling on defense when it's third-and-2 and you really need that stop. (It) really gets the blood flowing, and it's a now-or-never type of mentality. So I love both of them almost equally. But I would have to choose offense just because I love the pride and everything that comes with it. But defensively I don't really get as much as that. Both of them I love just as equally probably.

## Your school is in the same region as Mogollon, the two-time defending champ. What is that rivalry like?

So my freshman year/we went down to Mogollon and we beat them 36-0. And then we ended up winning the state championship that year. And then my sophomore year/I finally got that start on offense, and they came up to here and just smacked us in the mouth. It was just a terrible game. I think we ended up losing like 48-8, and everyone was kind of down in the dumps. But we ended up coming back that year. We beat three (high) seeded teams to get in the state championship against Mogollon. The score was 38-30, and they ended up beating us in the state championship. And so that's kind of where it all began that year. And last year they had an even better team than they did my sophomore year and ended up winning back-to-back titles. And I think this year is definitely going to be the turnaround year. We have a huge front line, and we have deadly speed. And I think this is the year that we can actually take it back.

—Josh Darling, AZPreps365.com



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# AIA Football Championships

## Team Champions and Runners-Up

Year	Conf/Div	Champion	Coach	Runner-Up	Coach	Score
1959	AA C	(TIE) Yuma Union (8-1-2) Lakeside (8-0)	Marv Rosengarten Bob Schneider	South Mountain (8-0-2) Patagonia (7-1)	Earl Clupper Reg LeFevre	7-7 34-19
1960	AA A C	Mesa (10-1-1) Arcadia (12-0) St. David (8-0)	Edgar "Mutt" Ford Bob Hendricks Jim Crawford	Yuma Union (8-2-1) Douglas (9-2) Tuba City (7-2-1)	Marv Rosengarten Charles Willingham Buster Madriaga	27-6 21-13 40-21
1961	AA C	Pueblo (8-4) Pima (8-1)	Lou Farber Ed Hubbard	St. Mary's (8-2-1) Grand Canyon (7-2)	Jack Stovall Bob Clark	16-14 32-19
1962	AA C	Arcadia (10-1) Camp Verde (7-1)	Bob Hendricks Jesse Batina	Tucson (10-1) Patagonia (6-2)	John Mallamo Reg LeFevre	40-7 32-31
1963	AA C	Mesa (11-0) Camp Verde (7-1)	Royal Price Jesse Batina	Rincon (8-2-1) Patagonia (6-2)	Bill Lovin Reg LeFevre	28-0 44-18
1964	AA A B C	Westwood (12-0) Winslow (10-0) Marana (11-0) McNary (7-0)	Edgar "Mutt" Ford Emil Nasser Duane Morrison Pete Duca	Camelback (11-1) Flowing Wells (7-4) Willcox (8-3) Patagonia (6-2)	Don Baker Larry Hart Lee Barnes Reg LeFevre	10-7 7-0 14-7 27-13
1965	AA A B C	Tucson (12-0) Santa Cruz Valley (12-0) Ray (11-0) McNary (8-0)	John Mallamo Lonnie Foster Wayne Smith Pete Duca	Yuma Union (9-3) Peoria (9-2) Clifton (6-4) Pima (7-2)	Frank Thomas Ray Mitokawa Cruz Salas Max Peck	27-6 27-7 33-0 31-21
1966	AA A B C	Tucson (11-1) Santa Cruz Valley (10-2) Round Valley (11-0) McNary (8-0)	John Mallamo Lonnie Foster Rance Smith Pete Duca	Westwood (10-2) Agua Fria (9-2) Antelope (9-2-1) St. David (7-1)	Edgar "Mutt" Ford Glen Hamby Jerry Loper Jim Crawford	14-7 16-13 32-6 53-6
1967	AA A B C	St. Mary's (13-0) Coolidge (12-0) Marana (10-0-1) Fredonia (7-0)	Ed Doherty Alva Hawkins Don Hawkins C.A. "Mont" Griffiths	Pueblo (11-2) Snowflake (8-3) Parker (8-3) Valley Union (6-2)	Lou Farber Lee Rasmussen Thurman Simmons John Grimes	34-22 7-6 40-0 71-7
1968	AAA AA A B C	St. Mary's (11-1) Coconino (6-4) Coolidge (12-0) Marana (11-0) Fredonia (7-0)	Ed Doherty Bill Epperson Alva Hawkins Don Hawkins C.A. "Mont" Griffiths	Douglas (10-2-1) Flowing Wells (7-2-1) Peoria (9-2) Round Valley (10-1) Pima (6-1)	Ike Sharp Larry Hart Ray Mitokawa Diz Reeves Ed Hubbard	27-14 6-0 27-20 21-6 32-21
1969	AAA AA A B C	Central (13-0) Safford (11-0) Santa Cruz Valley (12-0) Florence (12-1) Pima (8-0)	Ray Laing Dick Pottle Lonnie Foster Wayland Harris Ed Hubbard	St. Mary's (11-1) Winslow (8-2) Ajo (9-2) Round Valley (9-2) Fredonia (6-1)	Ed Doherty Emil Nasser Tom Dingman Diz Reeves C.A. "Mont" Griffiths	14-7 26-24 22-13 6-0 66-20
1970	AAA AA A B C	Tucson (12-0) Agua Fria (9-2) Parker (9-0-2) Round Valley (12-0) Pima (10-0)	Ollie Mayfield Ron Horn John Mundell Diz Reeves Ed Hubbard	Sunnyslope (10-3) Safford (11-1) Snowflake (6-3-1) Williams (10-1) Fredonia (6-2)	Bill Buck Dick Pottle Monty Harris Art Sharpe C.A. "Mont" Griffiths	54-16 48-26 16-13 38-8 44-0
1971	AAA AA A B C	Tucson (11-1) Safford (11-0) Parker (9-2) Round Valley (11-1) Fredonia (8-0)	Ollie Mayfield Dick Pottle John Mundell Diz Reeves C.A. "Mont" Griffiths	Tempe (11-2) Flowing Wells (10-1) Ajo (9-2-1) Gilbert (10-1) Pima (8-1)	Allen Benedict Larry Hart Tom Dingman Jim Wall Ed Hubbard	20-14 28-10 41-19 13-12 57-28

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1972	AAA	Central (13-0)	Ray Laing	Brophy Prep (9-3)	Trevor Stinson	21-0
	AA	Agua Fria (6-3-2)	Ron Horn	Flowing Wells (9-1-1)	Larry Hart	35-21
	A	Miami (11-1)	Harvey Keeney	Santa Cruz Valley (11-1)	Jay Denton	22-21
	B	Hayden (10-1)	Bobby Lirona	Blue Ridge (11-1)	Joe Girardi	22-12
	C	St. David (9-0)	Jim Crawford	Fredonia (6-2)	C.A. "Mont" Griffiths	36-22
1973	AAA	Palo Verde (13-0)	Van Howe	Camelback (11-2)	Jesse Parker	22-20
	AA	Coconino (8-2-1)	Bill Epperson	Flowing Wells (8-1-2)	Larry Hart	14-3
	A	Gilbert (11-0)	Dan Dunn	Morenci (10-3)	Vern Friedli	27-6
	B	Mohave (9-2)	Fred Skoglund	Florence (9-5)	Tom Shoemaker	12-0
	C	Pima (8-0)	Roger Smith	Fredonia (8-1)	C.A. "Mont" Griffiths	36-21
1974	AAA	Camelback (12-0-1)	Jesse Parker	St. Mary's (12-1)	Pat Lavin	22-20
	AA	Coconino (10-1)	Bill Epperson	Douglas (7-4)	Ken Sawin	21-14
	A	Gerard (10-1)	Jim Relph	Lake Havasu (8-3)	Dean Nielson	12-10
	B	Blue Ridge (10-1)	Joe Girardi	Mohave (8-3)	Fred Skoglund	14-12
	C	Pima (9-0)	Dave Colborn	Seligman (6-4)	Terry Reeves	78-6
1975	AAA	Amphitheater (12-1)	Jerry Loper	Maryvale (12-1)	Bob Young	23-22
	AA	Flowing Wells (10-0)	Larry Hart	Snowflake (10-1)	Tot Workman	14-13
	A	Gilbert (10-2)	Dan Dunn	Page (9-2)	Jim Burton	17-0
	B	Apache Junction (10-2)	Jack Davis	Blue Ridge (9-2)	Charles Esquibel	30-6
	C	Mayer (9-0)	Dan Reid	Valley Union (8-1)	L.W. Jackson	26-16
1976	AAA	Coronado (13-0)	Ed Anderson	South Mountain (9-4)	Earl Clupper	17-12
	AA	Canyon del Oro (11-0)	Bob Smith	Douglas (10-2)	Ken Sawin	24-15
	A	Morenci (11-1)	Cliff Martin	Page (4-7)	Dave Cripe	39-7
	B	St. Johns (8-3)	John Neagle	Payson (9-2)	Terry Nodlinski	25-12
	C	Tucson Deaf & Blind (7-2)	John Milford	Mayer (7-2)	Dan Reid	42-22
1977	AAA	McClintock (14-0)	Karl Kiefer	Washington (12-1)	Dave Swerdfeger	14-9
	AA	Canyon del Oro (9-1-1)	Bob Smith	Gilbert (9-3)	Dan Dunn	9-7
	A	Coolidge (10-2)	Jim Bollhauve	Willcox (9-3)	Boone Jackson	28-0
	B	Wickenburg (12-0)	Ralph Moran	Florence (8-3-1)	Rick Milot	10-7
	C	St. David (9-1)	Jim Crawford	Fredonia (9-1)	C.A. "Mont" Griffiths	22-6
1978	AAA	Mountain View (Mesa) (13-1)	Jesse Parker	Saguaro (10-4)	Bob Keller	41-23
	AA	Gilbert (12-1)	Dan Dunn	Tolleson (11-2)	Thurman Simmons	14-0
	A	Santa Cruz Valley (12-1)	Jay Denton	Willcox (10-3)	Larry Wooldridge	40-36
	B	St. Johns (10-2)	Mike Minick	Benson (9-2-1)	Mike Hayhurst	20-12
	C	Joseph City (11-0)	Charles Esquibel	Maricopa (10-1)	Al Cobb	24-7
1979	AAA	Amphitheater (13-0)	Vern Friedli	Mesa (8-6)	Ben Arredondo	27-0
	AA	Gerard (9-3)	John Carroll	Gilbert (11-2)	Dan Dunn	13-0
	A	Santa Cruz Valley (13-0)	Eddie Jones	Ray (10-2)	Tom Hurt	13-7
	B	Round Valley (12-0)	Tot Workman	Wickenburg (8-4)	Ralph Moran	14-8
	C	St. David (10-1)	Jim Crawford	Salome (10-1)	Richard Imhoff	28-22
1980	AAA	McClintock (12-2)	Karl Kiefer	Trevor Browne (11-3)	Bill Mitton	34-7
	AA	Corona del Sol (12-1)	Larry Hughes	Gerard (11-2)	John Carroll	23-14
	A	Santa Cruz Valley (12-1)	Jim Ewan	Buckeye (8-5)	Tim Logsdon	33-12
	B	Round Valley (12-0)	Tot Workman	Blue Ridge (7-5)	Tom Marsing	20-3
	C	Salome (11-0)	Richard Imhoff	Maricopa (7-3)	Tom Kunz	46-13
1981	AAA	Trevor Browne (12-2)	Bill Mitton	Salpointe Catholic (11-3)	Ed Doherty	20-0
	AA	Flagstaff (12-0-1)	Rick Smith	Gilbert (11-2)	Dan Dunn	15-12
	A	San Manuel (11-2)	Damon Becker	Buckeye (9-4)	Tim Logsdon	14-7
	B	Payson (12-0)	Terry Nodlinski	Blue Ridge (6-5)	Tom Marsing	17-7
	C	Maricopa (9-0)	Mark August	Suffolk Hills (10-1)	Steve Sorce	20-14
1982	AAA	Moon Valley (14-0)	Earl Putman	Trevor Browne (10-4)	Bill Mitton	20-7
	AA	Flagstaff (9-3)	Rick Smith	Flowing Wells (11-1)	Larry Gray	10-7
	A	Snowflake (12-0)	Gary Stoddard	Safford (9-2)	Dick Pottle	19-13
	B	Willcox (9-3)	Paul Hanley	Blue Ridge (9-2)	Tom Marsing	13-11
	C	Suffolk Hills (10-0)	Steve Sorce	Pima (9-2)	Brad Moon	23-14
1983	AAA	Mountain View (Mesa) (14-0)	Jesse Parker	McClintock (11-3)	Karl Kiefer	34-14
	AA	Flagstaff (11-1)	Rick Smith	Flowing Wells (8-3-1)	Larry Gray	24-7
	A	Coolidge (9-2)	Larry Delbridge	Mohave (7-5)	"Boone" Jackson	6-0
	B	Blue Ridge (11-0)	Tom Marsing	Florence (10-1)	Steve Moran	17-0
	C	Scottsdale Christian (11-0)	Jim Dean	Pima (10-1)	Tom Davis	19-0



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1984	AAA	St. Mary's (12-2)	Pat Farrell	Sahuaro (9-4)	Howard Breinig	31-14
	AA	Flagstaff (9-2-1)	Rick Smith	Peoria (8-4)	Mark Matheson	7-0
	A	Coolidge (11-1)	Larry Delbridge	Round Valley (11-1)	Tot Workman	28-20
	B	Phoenix Christian (9-3)	Walt Beamis	Morenci (9-3)	Jack Edens	25-7
	C	Pima (9-1)	Tom Davis	Mayer (9-2)	Ray Dowdy	38-0
1985	3A Div. 1	St. Mary's (14-0)	Pat Farrell	Apollo (8-6)	Rudy Pacheco	11-7
	3A Div. 2	Gilbert (13-1)	Rick Dunn	Cactus (11-3)	Larry Fetkenhier	27-0
	A Div. 1	(TIE) Round Valley (11-1-1)	Tot Workman	Snowflake (10-2-1)	Richard Hoyt	21-21
	B	Phoenix Christian (10-2)	Walt Beamis	Florence (12-1)	Jim Wright	17-7
	C	Valley Union (11-0)	Gary Mauldin	Western Christian (10-1)	Brad Tarrant	26-20
1986	3A Div. 1	Mountain View (Mesa) (12-2)	Jesse Parker	Moon Valley (13-1)	Earl Putman	31-7
	3A Div. 2	Peoria (9-5)	Doug Clapp	Agua Fria (11-3)	Tom Wheatley	29-23
	A Div. 1	Snowflake (12-1)	Richard Hoyt	Payson (9-4)	Terry Nodlinski	7-0
	B	Thatcher (11-1)	Jesse Hughes	Willcox (10-3)	Larry Wooldridge	13-10
	C	Valley Union (9-2)	Gary Mauldin	NW Comm. Christian (9-2)	Dale Peterson	57-20
1987	3A Div. 1	Dobson (12-2)	Mike Clark	Mountain View (Mesa) (11-3)	Jesse Parker	35-14
	3A Div. 2	Peoria (12-2)	Doug Clapp	Cactus (12-1)	Larry Fetkenhier	28-6
	A Div. 1	Blue Ridge (11-3)	Paul Moro	Snowflake (11-2)	Ned Jolly	16-14
	B	Florence (13-0)	Tom Shoemaker	Phoenix Christian (9-3)	Walt Beamis	35-19
	C	Patagonia (11-0)	Bill House	Valley Union (9-2)	Tom Davis	36-18
1988	3A Div. 1	Westwood (13-1)	Jerry Loper	Mountain View (Mesa) (12-2)	Jesse Parker	28-7
	3A Div. 2	Agua Fria (11-3)	Tom Wheatley	Peoria (11-3)	Doug Clapp	13-7
	A Div. 1	Snowflake (11-2)	Ned Jolly	Parker (9-4)	Robin Hondrum	21-0
	B	Thatcher (11-2)	Ed Shamey	Hayden (10-3)	Pete Guzman	20-6
	C	Patagonia (12-0)	Bill House	Scottsdale Christian (10-1)	Jack DeGrenier	38-26
1989	5A	McClintock (13-2)	Karl Kiefer	Westwood (11-3)	Jerry Loper	42-14
	4A	(TIE) Agua Fria (11-2-1)	Tom Wheatley	Tempe (13-1-1)	Jim Murphy	10-10
	3A	Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Show Low (9-4)	Gary Mauldin	37-27
	2A	Florence (13-0)	Tom Shoemaker	Thatcher (9-4)	Ed Shamey	18-0
	1A	(TIE) Williams (8-2-1)	Rick Shipley	Scottsdale Christian (10-1-1)	Jack DeGrenier	22-22
1990	5A	Mesa (12-1-1)	Jim Rattay	Amphitheater (12-2)	Vern Friedli	21-7
	4A	Sabino (14-0)	Jeff Scurran	Peoria (13-1)	Doug Clapp	31-28
	3A	Blue Ridge (9-4)	Paul Moro	Miami (7-6)	Bill Johnson	39-17
	2A	Santa Cruz Valley (13-0)	Jay Denton	Superior (11-1)	Lee Peebles	33-7
	1A	Seligman (11-1)	Robert LaChat	Valley Union (10-2)	Tom Davis	56-0
1991	5A	St. Mary's (13-1)	Pat Farrell	Salpointe Catholic (10-3-1)	Pat Welchert	28-13
	4A	Agua Fria (12-2)	Tom Wheatley	Sahuaro (13-1)	Howard Breinig	28-0
	3A	Snowflake (11-1-1)	Jim Beall	Miami (12-1)	Bill Johnson	33-10
	2A	Florence (9-2-1)	Tom Shoemaker	Ray (9-3)	Jeff Cude	10-6
	1A	(TIE) Patagonia (10-0-1)	Bill House	Fredonia (10-0-1)	C.A. "Mont" Griffiths	36-36
1992	5A	Mesa (13-1)	Jim Rattay	Mountain View (Mesa) (9-5)	Jesse Parker	14-8
	4A	Sabino (14-0)	Jeff Scurran	Washington (12-2)	Steve Chisman	28-3
	3A	Snowflake (10-3)	Jim Beall	Miami (10-3)	Bill Johnson	33-8
	2A	St. Johns (12-1)	Mike Morgan	Morenci (11-2)	Reynaldo Peru	20-8
	1A	Arizona Lutheran (11-0)	Doug Lange	Patagonia (10-1)	Bill House	56-14
1993	5A	Mountain View (Mesa) (13-1)	Jesse Parker	South Mountain (12-2)	Cleveland Dansby	38-7
	4A	Mountain View (Marana) (14-0)	Wayne Jones	Sahuaro (9-3-2)	Howard Breinig	63-32
	3A	Snowflake (11-2)	Neil Westover	Show Low (5-8)	Gary Mauldin	30-7
	2A	St. Johns (13-0)	Mike Morgan	Superior (9-4)	Tom Joseph	41-6
	1A	Williams (11-0)	Rick Shipley	Mayer (7-4)	Vince Cahill	68-40
1994	5A	Horizon (11-3)	Doug Shaffer	St. Mary's (12-2)	Pat Farrell	16-14
	4A	(TIE) Peoria (12-1-1)	Doug Clapp	Sahuaro (11-1-1)	Howard Breinig	17-17
	3A	Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Winslow (11-2)	Rich Hoyt	28-6
	2A	St. Johns (13-0)	Mike Morgan	Benson (12-1)	Pete Bearse	34-6
	1A	(TIE) Mogollon (10-0-1)	Tim Slade	Mayer (9-1-1)	Vince Cahill	20-20
1995	5A	St. Mary's (14-0)	Pat Farrell	Horizon (8-6)	Doug Shaffer	33-7
	4A	Saguaro (13-1)	Tim Beck	Ironwood (12-2)	Mark Matheson	42-7
	3A	Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Arizona Boys Ranch (9-4)	Richard Gray	41-13
	2A	Ray (13-0)	Jeff Cude	Thatcher (12-1)	Ed Shamey	28-6
	1A	Fredonia (11-2)	C.A. "Mont" Griffiths	Mogollon (9-1)	Rocky Nelson	38-32

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Year	Conf/Div	Champion	Coach	Runner-Up	Coach	Score
1996	5A	Mountain View (Mesa) (14-0)	Bernie Busken	Brophy Prep (12-2)	Tim Sanford	17-3
	4A	Tempe (14-0)	Tim McBurney	Ironwood (11-2-1)	Chuck Esquivel	20-17 (OT)
	3A	Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Arizona Boys Ranch (10-3)	Richard Gray	22-20
	2A	Phoenix Christian (13-0)	Keith Brown	Valley Christian (11-2)	Bernie Benson	28-6
	1A	NW Comm. Christian (10-1)	Charlie Bell	Scottsdale Christian (7-3)	Aaron Messner	48-6
1997	5A	Mountain View (Mesa) (14-0)	Bernie Busken	Amphitheater (13-1)	Vern Friedli	28-24
	4A	Mingus Union (13-0-1)	Bob Young	Sabino (13-1)	Jeff Scurran	23-14
	3A	Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Arizona Boys Ranch (12-1)	Gary Galante	27-21
	2A	Seton Catholic (10-2)	Joe Timpani	Superior (12-1)	Bryan Munoz	41-19
	1A	St. David (11-0)	John Bryant	Mogollon (9-2)	Ron Tenney	58-26
1998	5A	Desert Vista (14-0)	Jim Rattay	Brophy Prep (10-4)	Tim Sanford	38-31
	4A	Sabino (12-1-1)	Jeff Scurran	Agua Fria (12-2)	Mickey Bell	27-9
	3A	Payson (13-0)	Jim Beall	Blue Ridge (11-1)	Paul Moro	29-20
	2A	Thatcher (12-0)	Jim Hughes	Queen Creek (10-3)	Duane Madsen	28-12
	1A	St. David (11-0)	John Bryant	Orme School (10-1)	Bob Miller	48-30
1999	5A	Mountain View (Mesa) (13-1)	Bernie Busken	Sabino (13-1)	Jeff Scurran	21-14
	4A	Chaparral (14-0)	Ron Estabrook	Sahuaro (11-3)	Nemer Hassey	27-10
	3A	Show Low (12-1)	Bill Morgan	Blue Ridge (12-1)	Paul Moro	26-25
	2A	Phoenix Christian (12-1)	Keith Brown	Mogollon (10-3)	Ron Tenney	46-15
	1A	Joseph City (10-1)	Eldon Larsen	Fredonia (6-3)	C.A. "Mont" Griffiths	42-0
2000	5A	Red Mountain (12-2)	Jimmy Jones	Westwood (10-4)	Roger Suchomel	20-10
	4A	Chaparral (14-0)	Ron Estabrook	Sunnyside (13-1)	Richard Sanchez	28-14
	3A	Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Parker (10-3)	David Partridge	67-19
	2A	Thatcher (11-0)	Don Conrad	St. Johns (11-2)	Mike Morgan	14-13
	1A	St. David (10-0)	John Bryant	Bagdad (9-1)	Pat Ruiz	50-8
2001	5A	Red Mountain (13-1)	Jimmy Jones	Hamilton (12-2)	John Wrenn	13-10
	4A	Sunnyside (13-1)	Richard Sanchez	Greenway (11-3)	Mike Brown	28-6
	3A	Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Coolidge (12-1)	Carlo Hernandez	58-8
	2A	Thatcher (12-1)	Don Conrad	Phoenix Christian (11-3)	Keith Brown	35-26
	1A	St. David (10-0)	John Bryant	Joseph City (9-2)	Eldon Larsen	57-43
2002	5A	Mountain View (Mesa) (14-0)	Tom Joseph	Ironwood (10-4)	Chuck Esquivel	50-8
	4A	Chaparral (13-1)	Ron Estabrook	Greenway (12-2)	Mike Brown	21-14
	3A	Globe (12-1)	Roger Schenks	Coolidge (11-2)	Carlo Hernandez	34-19
	2A	St. Johns (12-1)	Mike Morgan	NW Comm. Christian (11-2)	Derek Wahlstrom	28-7
	1A	Joseph City (10-1)	Bryan Fields	Salome (7-4)	Bernon Benson	44-7
2003	5A	Hamilton (13-1)	John Wrenn	Mountain View (Mesa) (13-1)	Tom Joseph	35-28 (3OT)
	4A	Sunnyside (12-2)	Richard Sanchez	Cactus (12-2)	Larry Fetkenhier	21-13
	3A	Show Low (13-0)	Jeremy Hathcock	Seton Catholic (11-3)	Pete Wahlheim	35-14
	2A	Phoenix Christian (13-0)	Jim Rattay	St. Johns (11-1-1)	Mike Morgan	24-7
	1A	Mogollon (10-1)	Ron Tenney	Pima (9-2)	John Bryant	42-32
2004	5A	Hamilton (13-1)	John Wrenn	Mountain Ridge (9-5)	Steve Belles	31-7
	4A	Moon Valley (14-0)	Roger Britson	Cactus (12-2)	Larry Fetkenhier	45-34
	3A	Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Coolidge (13-1)	Carlo Hernandez	25-24
	2A	Phoenix Christian (9-2)	Jim Rattay	Valley Christian (12-1)	Sean Loomer	10-3
	1A	Pima (11-0)	John Bryant	Clifton (7-4)	Ray Alvarez	60-22
2005	5A Div. I	Brophy Prep (13-1)	Scooter Molander	Hamilton (13-1)	John Wrenn	15-14
	5A Div. II	North Canyon (14-0)	Brian Cole	Centennial (11-3)	Richard Taylor	27-16
	4A Div. I	Cactus (14-0)	Larry Fetkenhier	Sabino (10-4)	Jay Campos	30-7
	4A Div. II	Palo Verde (11-3)	Todd Mayfield	Mingus Union (11-3)	Bob Young	15-7
	3A	Coolidge (11-1)	Carlo Hernandez	Winslow (12-2)	Adam Larsen	34-19
	2A	Valley Christian (12-1)	Bill Morgan	Arizona Lutheran (12-2)	Doug Meyer	45-28
	1A	Pima (9-2)	John Bryant	Mayer (9-2)	Troy Head	40-34
2006	5A Div. I	Hamilton (13-1)	Steve Belles	Mountain View (Mesa) (12-2)	Tom Joseph	34-15
	5A Div. II	Centennial (14-0)	Richard Taylor	Sunnyside (11-3)	Richard Sanchez	34-0
	4A Div. I	Saguaro (13-1)	Mike Reardon	Sabino (12-2)	Jay Campos	41-21
	4A Div. II	Cactus Shadows (15-0)	Chad DeGrenier	Higley (11-3)	Jim Beall	28-14
	3A	Coolidge (12-1)	Carlo Hernandez	Wickenburg (13-1)	Norris Vaughan	28-21
	2A	Thatcher (11-3)	Don Conrad	Valley Christian (9-4)	Bill Morgan	42-20
	1A	Mayer (12-0)	Troy Head	Mogollon (9-3)	Ron Tenney	28-20



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2007	5A Div. I	Brophy Prep (12-2)	Scooter Molander	Desert Vista (9-5)	Dan Hinds	34-21
	5A Div. II	Centennial (13-1)	Richard Taylor	Westview (10-4)	Jeff Bowen	26-7
	4A Div. I	Saguaro (14-0)	John Sanders	Canyon del Oro (12-2)	Pat Nugent	23-21
	4A Div. II	Notre Dame Prep (13-1)	Scott Bemis	Mingus Union (13-1)	Bob Young	49-32
	3A	Show Low (12-1)	Randy Ricedorff	Coolidge (10-3)	Carlo Hernandez	26-0
	2A	St. Johns (11-3)	Mike Morgan	Arizona Lutheran (11-3)	Doug Meyer	21-20
	1A	Valley Union (10-0)	Tony Luzania	Pima (9-2)	John Bryant	28-12
2008	5A Div. I	Hamilton (13-1)	Steve Belles	Brophy Prep (11-4)	Scooter Molander	17-10
	5A Div. II	Centennial (14-0)	Richard Taylor	Westview (12-2)	Jeff Bowen	20-7
	4A Div. I	Saguaro (14-0)	John Sanders	Chaparral (12-2)	Charlie Ragle	38-0
	4A Div. II	Notre Dame Prep (14-0)	Scott Bemis	Santa Rita (12-2)	Jeff Scurran	30-26
	3A	Payson (14-0)	Josh Anderson	Blue Ridge (12-2)	Paul Moro	34-33 (2OT)
	2A	St. Johns (14-0)	Mike Morgan	Phoenix Christian (13-1)	Bob Denson	42-17
	1A	Mogollon (10-1)	Ron Tenney	Pima (10-1)	John Bryant	66-34
2009	5A Div. I	Hamilton (14-0)	Steve Belles	Mesa (9-5)	Kelley Moore	35-0
	5A Div. II	Chaparral (13-1)	Charlie Ragle	Marcos de Niza (12-2)	Roy Lopez	34-21
	4A Div. I	Canyon del Oro (14-0)	Dusty Peace	Sabino (11-3)	Jay Campos	40-0
	4A Div. II	Cactus (13-1)	Larry Fetkenhier	Santa Rita (11-3)	Jeff Scurran	14-0
	3A	Blue Ridge (13-0)	Paul Moro	Show Low (10-4)	Randy Ricedorff	41-21
	2A	Valley Christian (12-1)	Bill Morgan	Willcox (11-3)	Jim Hughes	41-32
	1A	Joseph City (11-0)	John Bryant	Mogollon (10-2)	Ron Tenney	34-14
2010	5A Div. I	Hamilton (15-0)	Steve Belles	Desert Ridge (10-4)	Jeremy Hathcock	21-13
	5A Div. II	Chaparral (14-0)	Charlie Ragle	Centennial (12-2)	Richard Taylor	32-17
	4A Div. I	Saguaro (12-2)	John Sanders	Canyon del Oro (13-1)	Dusty Peace	41-34
	4A Div. II	Thunderbird (10-4)	Brent Wittenwyler	Williams Field (13-1)	Steve Campbell	25-22 (OT)
	3A	Show Low (13-1)	Randy Ricedorff	Blue Ridge (12-1)	Paul Moro	20-17
	2A	Northwest Christian (12-1)	Dave Inness	Yuma Catholic (12-2)	Rhett Stallworth	30-27
	1A	Joseph City (11-1)	John Bryant	Mogollon (10-1)	Tim Slade	28-18
2011	Div. I	Desert Vista (13-1)	Dan Hinds	Hamilton (13-1)	Steve Belles	45-19
	Div. II	Chaparral (14-1)	Charlie Ragle	Cienega (13-1)	Nemer Hassey	37-14
	Div. III	Saguaro (12-2)	John Sanders	Cactus (11-2)	Larry Fetkenhier	31-23
	Div. IV	Blue Ridge (14-0)	Paul Moro	Show Low (11-4)	Randy Ricedorff	35-14
	Div. V	Yuma Catholic (13-1)	Rhett Stallworth	Northwest Christian (13-1)	David Inness	21-19
	Div. VI	Joseph City (10-0)	John Bryant	Joy Christian (10-1)	Brian Cole	38-6
2012	Div. I	Hamilton (12-2)	Steve Belles	Mountain Pointe (12-2)	Norris Vaughan	31-16
	Div. II	Ironwood Ridge (13-1)	Matt Johnson	Centennial (12-2)	Richard Taylor	27-3
	Div. III	Queen Creek (14-0)	Joe Germaine	Desert Edge (13-1)	Rich Wellbrock	9-7
	Div. IV	Seton Catholic (13-1)	Rex Bowser	Blue Ridge (14-1)	Paul Moro	28-7
	Div. V	Northwest Christian (13-1)	David Inness	Morenci (13-1)	Frank Ogas	21-7
	Div. VI	Joy Christian (11-0)	Brian Cole	Pima (10-1)	Jace Hancock	60-24
2013	Div. I	Mountain Pointe (14-0)	Norris Vaughan	Hamilton (11-2)	Steve Belles	42-19
	Div. II	Salpointe Catholic (14-0)	Dennis Bene	Chaparral (12-2)	David Huffine	46-20
	Div. III	Saguaro (13-1)	Jason Mohns	Queen Creek (11-3)	Travis Schureman	47-25
	Div. IV	Blue Ridge (12-2)	Paul Moro	River Valley (12-2)	Terry Staggs	17-7
	Div. V	Yuma Catholic (11-2)	Rhett Stallworth	Round Valley (12-2)	Marcus Bell	63-35
	Div. VI	Bagdad (10-0)	Dalton Mills	Mogollon (10-2)	Tim Slade	44-20
2014	Div. I	Chandler (13-1)	Shaun Aguano	Hamilton (12-2)	Steve Belles	28-7
	Div. II	Centennial (12-2)	Richard Taylor	Liberty (12-2)	Danny Filleman	26-14
	Div. III	Saguaro (14-0)	Jason Mohns	Williams Field (12-2)	Steve Campbell	45-21
	Div. IV	River Valley (13-1)	P. Duchaineau/M. Ruckle	Snowflake (12-2)	Ron Tenney	28-21
	Div. V	Yuma Catholic (14-0)	Rhett Stallworth	Tempe Prep (12-2)	Tommy Brittain	38-27
	Div. VI	Mogollon (10-1)	Tim Slade	Bagdad (9-1)	Dalton Mills	14-8
2015	Div. I	Centennial (12-2)	Richard Taylor	Desert Ridge (11-3)	Jeremy Hathcock	28-6
	Div. II	Saguaro (12-2)	Jason Mohns	Marcos de Niza (12-3)	Sean Morin	38-20
	Div. III	Desert Edge (12-2)	Rich Wellbrock	Paradise Valley (13-1)	Greg Davis	29-27
	Div. IV	Pusch Ridge (13-1)	Troy Cropp	Northwest Christian (11-3)	Dave Inness	14-7
	Div. V	Joy Christian (13-0)	Brian Cole	Benson (13-1)	Chris Determan	27-7
	Div. VI	Pima (12-0)	Jace Hancock	Valley Union (9-2)	Tony Luzania	59-32

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Year	Conf/Div	Champion	Coach	Runner-Up	Coach	Score
2016	6A	Chandler (13-2)	Shaun Aguano	Mountain Pointe (13-1)	Norris Vaughn	36-17
	5A	Williams Field (14-0)	Steve Campbell	Centennial (12-2)	Richard Taylor	14-6
	4A	Saguaro (14-0)	Jason Mohns	Catalina Foothills (11-3)	Jeff Scurran	42-14
	3A	ALA-Queen Creek (13-1)	Rich Edwards	Sabino (12-2)	Jay Campos	31-14
	2A	Thatcher (12-2)	Sean Hinton	Round Valley (13-1)	Marcus Bell	33-28
	1A	Bagdad (11-0)	Dalton Mills	Williams (9-2)	Jeff Brownlee	60-6
2017	6A	Chandler (12-2)	Shaun Aguano	Perry (12-2)	Preston Jones	49-42
	5A	Centennial (12-1)	Richard Taylor	Notre Dame Prep (13-1)	George Prelock	42-21
	4A	Saguaro (12-2)	Jason Mohns	Salpointe Catholic (12-2)	Dennis Bene	28-7
	3A	Casteel (14-0)	Spencer Stowers	Pusch Ridge (13-1)	Jerry Harris	35-28
	2A	Thatcher (13-1)	Sean Hinton	Santa Cruz Valley (12-1)	Rishard Davis	28-27 (OT)
	1A	Williams (9-2)	Jeff Brownlee	Superior (9-2)	Ryan Palmer	57-14
2018	6A	Chandler (13-1)	Shaun Aguano	Perry (11-3)	Preston Jones	65-28
	5A	Centennial (14-0)	Richard Taylor	Notre Dame Prep (13-1)	George Prelock	60-7
	4A	Saguaro (13-1)	Jason Mohns	Salpointe Catholic (13-1)	Dennis Bene	42-16
	3A	Northwest Christian (13-1)	David Inness	Yuma Catholic (11-3)	Rhett Stallworth	40-37 (3OT)
	2A	Thatcher (14-0)	Roman Morales	Round Valley (11-3)	Marcus Bell	35-12
	1A	Superior (11-0)	Ryan Palmer	Hayden (8-4)	John Estrada	70-20
2019	Open	Chandler (13-0)	Rick Garretson	Saguaro (11-2)	Jason Mohns	42-35
	6A	Liberty (10-4)	Mark Smith	Red Mountain (12-2)	Mike Peterson	34-28 (OT)
	5A	Williams Field (12-2)	Steve Campbell	Campo Verde (10-4)	Max Ragsdale	19-0
	4A	Mesquite (11-3)	Scott Hare	Desert Edge (10-4)	Jose Lucero	28-23
	3A	ALA-Queen Creek (13-1)	Rich Edwards	Benjamin Franklin (12-2)	Dave Jefferies	24-6
	2A	Round Valley (11-2)	Marcus Bell	Phoenix Christian (12-2)	Brian Cole	34-28
	1A	Williams (10-1)	Jeff Brownlee	Superior (9-2)	Ryan Palmer	35-20
2020	Open	Chandler (10-0)	Rick Garretson	Hamilton (8-2)	Michael Zdebski	23-21
	6A	Chaparral (6-2)	Brent Barnes	Highland (7-4)	Brock Farrel	24-14
	5A	Sunrise Mountain (9-2)	Steve Decker	Ironwood (7-3)	Chris Rizzo	42-20
	4A	Mesquite (9-1)	Scott Hare	Cactus (8-3)	Joseph Ortiz	39-38
	3A	Snowflake (10-1)	Kay Solomon	Yuma Catholic (10-1)	Rhett Stallworth	38-14
	2A	Santa Cruz Valley (9-1)	Rishard Davis	Benson (9-1)	Chris Determan	42-7
	1A	Mogollon (9-0)	Richard Samon	Williams (6-2)	Jeff Brownlee	38-30
2021	Open	Saguaro (12-1)	Jason Mohns	Chandler (11-2)	Rick Garretson	20-15
	6A	Highland (11-3)	Brock Farrel	Chaparral (9-5)	Brent Barnes	31-10
	5A	Horizon (12-2)	Andy Litten	Salpointe Catholic (11-3)	Eric Rogers	38-28
	4A	Casa Grande (13-0)	Jake Barro	Poston Butte (11-3)	Dain Thompson	33-28
	3A	Snowflake (13-1)	Kay Solomon	Yuma Catholic (12-1)	Rhett Stallworth	10-3
	2A	Arizona Lutheran (13-1)	David Peter	Morenci (11-3)	Joe Garcia	28-14
	1A	Mogollon (12-0)	Richard Samon	St. David (10-2)	Braden Davis	58-12

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# Team Records

## Championships Won

**15 - Blue Ridge:** 1974 (B), 1983 (B), 1987 (A Div. 1), 1989 (3A), 1990 (3A), 1994 (3A), 1995 (3A), 1996 (3A), 1997 (3A), 2000 (3A), 2001 (3A), 2004 (3A), 2009 (3A), 2011 (Div. IV), 2013 (Div. IV).

**13 - Saguaro:** 1995 (4A), 2006 (4A Div. I), 2007 (4A Div. I), 2008 (4A Div. I), 2010 (4A Div. I), 2011 (Div. III), 2013 (Div. III), 2014 (Div. III), 2015 (Div. II), 2016 (4A), 2017 (4A), 2018 (4A), 2021 (Open).

**9 - Pima:** 1961 (C), 1969 (C), 1970 (C), 1973 (C), 1974 (C), 1984 (C), 2004 (1A), 2005 (1A), 2015 (1A).

**9 - Snowflake:** 1982 (A), 1985 (A Div. 1), 1986 (A Div. 1), 1988 (A Div. 1), 1991 (3A), 1992 (3A), 1993 (3A), 2020 (3A), 2021 (3A).

**9 - Thatcher:** 1986 (B), 1988 (B), 1998 (2A), 2000 (2A), 2001 (2A), 2006 (2A), 2016 (2A), 2017 (2A), 2018 (2A).

**8 - Mountain View (Mesa):** 1978 (AAA), 1983 (3A Div. 1), 1986 (3A Div. 1), 1993 (5A), 1996 (5A), 1997 (5A), 1999 (5A), 2002 (5A).

**8 - Santa Cruz Valley:** 1965 (A), 1966 (A), 1969 (A), 1978 (A), 1979 (A), 1980 (A), 1990 (2A), 2020 (2A).

**8 - St. David:** 1960 (C), 1972 (C), 1977 (C), 1979 (C), 1997 (1A), 1998 (1A), 2000 (1A), 2001 (1A).

**8 - St. Johns:** 1976 (B), 1978 (B), 1992 (2A), 1993 (2A), 1994 (2A), 2002 (2A), 2007 (2A), 2008 (2A).

**7 - Centennial:** 2006 (5A Div. II), 2007 (5A Div. II), 2008 (5A Div. II), 2014 (Div. II), 2015 (Div. II), 2017 (5A), 2018 (5A).

**7 - Chaparral:** 1999 (4A), 2000 (4A), 2002 (4A), 2009 (5A Div. II), 2010 (5A Div. II), 2011 (Div. II), 2020 (6A).

**7 - Coolidge:** 1967 (A), 1968 (A), 1977 (A), 1983 (A), 1984 (A), 2005 (3A), 2006 (3A).

**7 - Hamilton:** 2003 (5A), 2004 (5A), 2006 (5A Div. I), 2008 (5A Div. I), 2009 (5A Div. I), 2010 (5A Div. I), 2012 (Div. I).

**7 - Round Valley:** 1966 (B), 1970 (B), 1971 (B), 1979 (B), 1980 (B), 1985 (A Div. 1), 2019 (2A).

**6 - Chandler:** 2014 (Div. I), 2016 (6A), 2017 (6A), 2018 (6A), 2019 (Open), 2020 (Open).

**6 - Joseph City:** 1978 (C), 1999 (1A), 2002 (1A), 2009 (1A), 2010 (1A), 2011 (1A).

**6 - Mogollon:** 1994 (1A), 1A), 2003 (1A), 2008 (1A), 2014 (Div. VI), 2020 (1A), 2021 (1A).

**6 - Phoenix Christian:** 1984 (B), 1985 (B), 1996 (2A), 1999 (2A), 2003 (2A), 2004 (2A).

**6 - St. Mary's:** 1967 (AA), 1968 (AAA), 1984 (AAA), 1985 (3A Div. 1), 1991 (5A), 1995 (5A).

**5 - Agua Fria:** 1970 (AA), 1988 (3A Div. 2), 1989 (4A), 1991 (4A), 1998 (4A).

**4 - Flagstaff:** 1981 (AA), 1982 (AA), 1983 (AA), 1984 (AA).

**4 - Florence:** 1969 (B), 1973 (B), 1977 (B), 1991 (2A).

**4 - Fredonia:** 1967 (C), 1968 (C), 1971 (C), 1995 (1A).

**4 - Gilbert:** 1973 (A), 1975 (A), 1978 (AA), 1985 (3A Div. 2).

**4 - Mesa:** 1960 (AA), 1963 (AA), 1990 (5A), 1992 (5A).

**4 - Northwest Christian:** 1996 (1A), 2010 (2A), 2012 (Div. V), 2018 (3A).

**4 - Tucson:** 1965 (AA), 1966 (AA), 1970 (AAA), 1971 (AAA).

**4 - Williams:** 1989 (1A), 1993 (1A), 2017 (1A), 2019 (1A).

**3 - Cactus:** 2005 (4A Div. I), 2006 (4A Div. II), 2009 (4A Div. II).

**3 - Canyon del Oro:** 1976 (AA), 1977 (AA), 2009 (4A Div. I).

**3 - Coconino:** 1968 (AA), 1973 (AA), 1974 (AA).

**3 - Marana:** 1964 (B), 1967 (B), 1968 (B).

**3 - Mayer:** 1975 (C), 1994 (1A), 2006 (1A).

**3 - McClintock:** 1977 (AAA), 1980 (AAA), 1989 (5A).

**3 - McNary:** 1964 (C), 1965 (C), 1966 (C).

**3 - Patagonia:** 1987 (C), 1988 (C), 1991 (1A).

**3 - Payson:** 1981 (B), 1998 (3A), 2008 (3A).

**3 - Peoria:** 1986 (3A Div. 2), 1987 (3A Div. 2), 1994 (4A).

**3 - Sabino:** 1990 (4A), 1992 (4A), 1998 (4A).

**3 - Valley Union:** 1985 (C), 1986 (C), 2007 (1A).

**3 - Westwood:** 1964 (AA), 1988 (3A Div. 1), 2000 (5A).

**3 - Yuma Catholic:** 2011 (Div. V), 2013 (Div. V), 2014 (Div. V).

**2 - ALA-Queen Creek:** 2016 (3A), 2019 (3A).

**2 - Amphitheater:** 1974 (AAA), 1979 (AAA).

**2 - Arcadia:** 1960 (AA), 1962 (AA).

**2 - Arizona Lutheran:** 1992 (1A), 2021 (2A).

**2 - Bagdad:** 2013 (Div. VI), 2016 (1A).

**2 - Brophy Prep:** 2005 (5A Div. I), 2007 (5A Div. I).

**2 - Camp Verde:** 1962 (C), 1963 (C).

**2 - Central:** 1969 (AAA), 1972 (AAA).

**2 - Desert Vista:** 1998 (5A), 2011 (Div. I).

**2 - Gerard:** 1974 (A), 1979 (AA).

**2 - Horizon:** 1994 (5A), 2021 (5A).

**2 - Joy Christian:** 2012 (Div. VI), 2015 (Div. V).

**2 - Mesquite:** 2019 (4A), 2020 (4A).

**2 - Moon Valley:** 1982 (AAA), 2004 (4A).

**2 - Notre Dame Prep:** 2007 (4A Div. II), 2008 (4A Div. II).

**2 - Palo Verde:** 1973 (AAA), 2005 (4A Div. II).

**2 - Parker:** 1970 (A), 1971 (A).

**2 - Ray:** 1965 (B), 1995 (2A).

**2 - Red Mountain:** 2000 (5A), 2001 (5A).

**2 - Safford:** 1969 (AA), 1971 (AA).

**2 - Scottsdale Christian:** 1983 (C), 1989 (1A).

**2 - Seton Catholic:** 1997 (2A), 2012 (Div. IV).

**2 - Tempe:** 1989 (4A), 1996 (4A).

**2 - Valley Christian:** 2005 (2A), 2009 (2A).

**2 - Williams Field:** 2016 (5A), 2019 (5A).

**1 - Apache Junction:** 1975 (B).

**1 - Cactus Shadows:** 2006 (4A Div. II).

**1 - Camelback:** 1974 (AAA).

**1 - Casa Grande:** 2021 (4A).

**1 - Casteel:** 2017 (3A).

**1 - Corona del Sol:** 1980 (AA).

**1 - Coronado:** 1976 (AAA).

**1 - Desert Edge:** 2015 (Div. III).

**1 - Dobson:** 1987 (3A Div. 1).

**1 - Flowing Wells:** 1975 (AA).

**1 - Globe:** 2002 (3A).

**1 - Hayden:** 1972 (B).

**1 - Highland:** 2021 (6A).

**1 - Ironwood Ridge:** 2012 (Div. II).

**1 - Lakeside:** 1959 (C).

**1 - Liberty:** 2019 (6A).

**1 - Maricopa:** 1981 (C).

**1 - Miami:** 1972 (A).

**1 - Mingus Union:** 1997 (4A).

**1 - Mohave:** 1973 (B).

**1 - Morenci:** 1976 (A).

**1 - North Canyon:** 2005 (5A Div. II).

**1 - Pueblo:** 1961 (AA).

**1 - Pusch Ridge:** 2015 (Div. II).

**1 - Queen Creek:** 2012 (Div. III).

**1 - River Valley:** 2014 (Div. IV).

**1 - Sahuaro:** 1994 (4A).

**1 - Salome:** 1980 (C).

**1 - Salpointe Catholic:** 2013 (Div. II).

**1 - San Manuel:** 1981 (A).

**1 - Seligman:** 1990 (1A).

**1 - South Mountain:** 1959 (AA).

**1 - Suffolk Hills:** 1982 (C).

**1 - Sunrise Mountain:** 2020 (5A).

**1 - Superior:** 2018 (1A).

**1 - Thunderbird:** 2010 (4A Div. II).

**1 - Trevor Browne:** 1981 (AAA).

**1 - Tucson Deaf & Blind:** 1976 (C).

**1 - Wickenburg:** 1977 (B).

**1 - Willcox:** 1982 (B).

**1 - Winslow:** 1964 (A).

**1 - Yuma Union:** 1959 (AA).

## Most Consecutive Championships

**6 - Saguaro:** 2013 (Div. III), 2014 (Div. III), 2015 (Div. II), 2016 (4A), 2017 (4A), 2018 (4A).

**5 - Chandler:** 2016 (6A), 2017 (6A), 2018 (6A), 2019 (Open), 2020 (Open).

**4 - Blue Ridge:** 1994 (3A), 1995 (3A), 1996 (3A), 1997 (3A).

**4 - Flagstaff:** 1981 (AA), 1982 (AA), 1983 (AA), 1984 (AA).

**3 - Centennial:** 2006 (5A Div. II), 2007 (5A Div. II), 2008 (5A Div. II).

**3 - Chaparral:** 2009 (5A Div. II), 2010 (5A Div. II), 2011 (Div. II).

**3 - Hamilton:** 2008 (5A Div. I), 2009 (5A Div. I), 2010 (5A Div. I).

**3 - Joseph City:** 2009 (1A), 2010 (1A), 2011 (1A).

**3 - McNary:** 1964 (C), 1965 (C), 1966 (C).

**3 - Saguaro:** 2006 (4A Div. I), 2007 (4A Div. I), 2008 (4A Div. I).

**3 - Santa Cruz Valley:** 1978 (A), 1979 (A), 1980 (A).

**3 - Snowflake:** 1991 (3A), 1992 (3A), 1993 (3A).

**3 - St. Johns:** 1992 (2A), 1993 (2A), 1994 (2A).

**3 - Thatcher:** 2016 (2A), 2017 (2A), 2018 (2A).

## Current Consecutive Championships

**2 - Mogollon:** 2020 (1A), 2021 (1A).

**2 - Snowflake:** 2020 (3A), 2021 (3A).

## Championship Appearances

**25 - Blue Ridge:** 1972 (B), 1974 (B), 1975 (B), 1980 (B), 1981 (B), 1982 (B), 1983 (B), 1987 (A Div. I), 1989 (3A), 1990 (3A), 1994 (3A), 1995 (3A), 1996 (3A), 1997 (3A), 1998 (3A), 1999 (3A), 2000 (3A), 2001 (3A), 2004 (3A), 2008 (3A), 2009 (3A), 2010 (3A), 2011 (Div. IV), 2012 (Div. IV), 2013 (Div. IV).

**18 - Pima:** 1961 (C), 1965 (C), 1968 (C), 1969 (C), 1970 (C), 1971 (C), 1973 (C), 1974 (C), 1982 (C), 1983 (C), 1984 (C), 2003 (1A), 2004 (1A), 2005 (1A), 2007 (1A), 2008 (1A), 2012 (1A), 2015 (1A).

**15 - Saguaro:** 1978 (AAA), 1995 (4A), 2006 (4A Div. I), 2007 (4A Div. I), 2008 (4A Div. I), 2010 (4A Div. I), 2011 (Div. III), 2013 (Div. III), 2014 (Div. III), 2015 (Div. II), 2016 (4A), 2017 (4A), 2018 (4A), 2019 (Open), 2021 (Open).

**14 - Snowflake:** 1967 (A), 1970 (A), 1975 (AA), 1982 (A), 1985 (A Div. I), 1986 (A Div. I), 1987 (A Div. I), 1988 (A Div. I), 1991 (3A), 1992 (3A), 1993 (3A), 2014 (Div. IV), 2020 (3A), 2021 (3A).

**13 - Hamilton:** 2001 (5A), 2003 (5A), 2004 (5A), 2005 (5A Div. I), 2006 (5A Div. I), 2008 (5A Div. I), 2009 (5A Div. I), 2010 (5A Div. I), 2011 (Div. I), 2012 (Div. I), 2013 (Div. I), 2014 (Div. I), 2020 (Open).

**13 - Mogollon:** 1994 (1A), 1995 (1A), 1997 (1A), 1999 (1A), 2003 (1A), 2006 (1A), 2008 (1A), 2009 (1A), 2010 (1A), 2013 (Div. VI), 2014 (Div. VI), 2020 (1A), 2021 (1A).

**13 - Mountain View (Mesa):** 1978 (AAA), 1983 (3A Div. I), 1986 (3A Div. I), 1987 (3A Div. I), 1988 (3A Div. I), 1992 (5A), 1993 (5A), 1996 (5A), 1997 (5A), 1999 (5A), 2002 (5A), 2003 (5A), 2006 (5A Div. I).

**13 - Round Valley:** 1966 (B), 1968 (B), 1969 (B), 1970 (B), 1971 (B), 1979 (B), 1980 (B), 1984 (A), 1985 (A Div. I), 2013 (Div. V), 2016 (2A), 2018 (2A), 2019 (2A).

**11 - Centennial:** 2005 (5A Div. II), 2006 (5A Div. II), 2007 (5A Div. II), 2008 (5A Div. II), 2010 (5A Div. II), 2012 (Div. II), 2014 (Div. II), 2015 (Div. II), 2016 (5A), 2017 (5A), 2018 (5A).

**11 - Coolidge:** 1967 (A), 1968 (A), 1977 (A), 1983 (A), 1984 (A), 2001 (3A), 2002 (3A), 2004 (3A), 2005 (3A), 2006 (3A), 2007 (3A).

**11 - Fredonia:** 1967 (C), 1968 (C), 1969 (C), 1970 (C), 1971 (C), 1972 (C), 1973 (C), 1977 (C), 1991 (1A), 1995 (1A), 1999 (1A).

**11 - Thatcher:** 1986 (B), 1988 (B), 1989 (2A), 1995 (2A), 1998 (2A), 2000 (2A), 2001 (2A), 2006 (2A), 2016 (2A), 2017 (2A), 2018 (2A).

**10 - Chaparral:** 1999 (4A), 2000 (4A), 2002 (4A), 2008 (4A Div. I), 2009 (5A Div. II), 2010 (5A Div. II), 2011 (Div. II), 2013 (Div. II), 2020 (6A), 2021 (6A).

**10 - Phoenix Christian:** 1984 (B), 1985 (B), 1987 (B), 1996 (2A), 1999 (2A), 2001 (2A), 2003 (2A), 2004 (2A), 2008 (2A), 2019 (2A).

**10 - Santa Cruz Valley:** 1965 (A), 1966 (A), 1969 (A), 1972 (A), 1978 (A), 1979 (A), 1980 (A), 1990 (2A), 2017 (2A), 2020 (2A).

**10 - St. David:** 1960 (C), 1966 (C), 1972 (C), 1977 (C), 1979 (C), 1997 (1A), 1998 (1A), 2000 (1A), 2001 (1A), 2021 (1A).

**10 - St. Johns:** 1976 (B), 1978 (B), 1992 (2A), 1993 (2A), 1994 (2A), 2000 (2A), 2002 (2A), 2003 (2A), 2007 (2A), 2008 (2A).

**10 - St. Mary's:** 1961 (AA), 1967 (AA), 1968 (AAA), 1969 (AAA), 1974 (AAA), 1984 (AAA),

**9 - Cactus:** 1985 (3A Div. 2), 1987 (3A Div. 2), 2003 (4A), 2004 (4A), 2005 (4A Div. I), 2006 (4A Div. II), 2009 (4A Div. II), 2011 (Div. III), 2020 (4A).

**9 - Sabino:** 1990 (4A), 1992 (4A), 1997 (4A), 1998 (4A), 1999 (5A), 2005 (4A Div. I), 2006 (4A Div. I), 2009 (4A Div. I), 2016 (3A).

**8 - Agua Fria:** 1966 (A), 1970 (AA), 1972 (AA), 1986 (3A Div. 2), 1988 (3A Div. 2), 1989 (4A), 1991 (4A), 1998 (4A).

**8 - Florence:** 1969 (B), 1973 (B), 1977 (B), 1983 (B), 1985 (B), 1987 (B), 1989 (2A), 1991 (2A).

**8 - Flowing Wells:** 1964 (A), 1968 (AA), 1971 (AA), 1972 (AA), 1973 (AA), 1975 (AA), 1982 (AA), 1983 (AA).

**8 - Gilbert:** 1971 (B), 1973 (A), 1975 (A), 1977 (AA), 1978 (AA), 1979 (AA), 1981 (AA), 1985 (3A Div. 2).

**8 - Northwest Christian:** 1986 (C), 1996 (1A), 2002 (2A), 2010 (2A), 2011 (Div. V), 2012 (Div. V), 2015 (Div. IV), 2018 (3A).

**8 - Patagonia:** 1959 (C), 1962 (C), 1963 (C), 1964 (C), 1987 (C), 1988 (C), 1991 (1A), 1992 (1A).

**8 - Peoria:** 1965 (A), 1968 (A), 1984 (AA), 1986 (3A Div. 2), 1987 (3A Div. 2), 1988 (3A Div. 2), 1990 (4A), 1994 (4A).

**8 - Show Low:** 1989 (3A), 1993 (3A), 1999 (3A), 2003 (3A), 2007 (3A), 2009 (3A), 2010 (3A), 2011 (3A).

**8 - Valley Union:** 1967 (C), 1975 (C), 1985 (C), 1986 (C), 1987 (C), 1990 (C), 2007 (1A), 2015 (Div. VI).

**7 - Chandler:** 2014 (Div. I), 2016 (6A), 2017 (6A), 2018 (6A), 2019 (Open), 2020 (Open), 2021 (Open).

**7 - Joseph City:** 1978 (C), 1999 (1A), 2001 (1A), 2002 (1A), 2009 (1A), 2010 (1A), 2011 (1A).

**7 - Mayer:** 1975 (C), 1976 (C), 1984 (C), 1993 (1A), 1994 (1A), 2005 (1A), 2006 (1A).

**7 - Williams:** 1970 (B), 1989 (1A), 1993 (1A), 2016 (1A), 2017 (1A), 2019 (1A), 2020 (1A).

**7 - Yuma Catholic:** 2010 (2A), 2011 (Div. V), 2013 (Div. V), 2014 (Div. V), 2018 (3A), 2020 (3A), 2021 (3A).

**6 - Brophy Prep:** 1972 (AAA), 1996 (5A), 1998 (5A), 2005 (5A Div. I), 2007 (5A Div. I), 2008 (5A Div. I).

**6 - Mesa:** 1960 (AA), 1963 (AA), 1979 (AAA), 1990 (5A), 1992 (5A), 2009 (5A).

**6 - Morenci:** 1973 (A), 1976 (A), 1984 (B), 1992 (2A), 2012 (Div. V), 2021 (2A).

**6 - Salpointe Catholic:** 1981 (AAA), 1991 (5A), 2013 (Div. II), 2017 (4A), 2018 (4A), 2021 (5A).

**6 - Superior:** 1990 (2A), 1993 (2A), 1997 (2A), 2017 (1A), 2018 (1A), 2019 (1A).

**6 - Willcox:** 1964 (B), 1977 (A), 1978 (A), 1982 (B), 1986 (B), 2009 (2A).

**5 - Canyon del Oro:** 1976 (AA), 1977 (AA), 2007 (4A Div. I), 2009 (4A Div. I), 2010 (4A Div. I).

**5 - Parker:** 1967 (B), 1970 (A), 1971 (A), 1988 (A Div. I), 2000 (3A).

**5 - Payson:** 1976 (B), 1981 (B), 1986 (A Div. I), 1998 (3A), 2008 (3A).

**5 - Sahuaro:** 1984 (AAA), 1991 (4A), 1993 (4A), 1994 (4A), 1999 (4A).

**5 - Tucson:** 1962 (AA), 1965 (AA), 1966 (AA), 1970 (AAA), 1971 (AAA).

**5 - Valley Christian:** 1996 (2A), 2004 (2A), 2005 (2A), 2006 (2A), 2009 (2A).

**4 - Amphitheater:** 1974 (AAA), 1979 (AAA), 1990 (5A), 1997 (5A).

**4 - Arizona Lutheran:** 1992 (1A), 2005 (2A), 2007 (2A), 2021 (2A).

**4 - Bagdad:** 2000 (1A), 2013 (Div. VI), 2014 (Div. VI), 2016 (1A).

**4 - Benson:** 1978 (B), 1994 (2A), 2015 (Div. V), 2020 (2A).

**4 - Douglas:** 1960 (A), 1968 (AAA), 1974 (AA), 1976 (AA).

**4 - Flagstaff:** 1981 (AA), 1982 (AA), 1983 (AA), 1984 (AA).

**4 - Ironwood:** 1995 (4A), 1996 (4A), 2002 (5A), 2020 (5A).

**4 - McClintock:** 1977 (AAA), 1980 (AAA), 1983 (AAA), 1989 (5A).

**4 - Miami:** 1972 (A), 1990 (3A), 1991 (3A), 1992 (3A).

**4 - Notre Dame Prep:** 2007 (4A Div. II), 2008 (4A Div. II), 2017 (5A), 2018 (5A).

**4 - Ray:** 1965 (B), 1979 (A), 1991 (2A), 1995 (2A).

**4 - Safford:** 1969 (AA), 1970 (AA), 1971 (AA), 1982 (A).

**4 - Scottsdale Christian:** 1983 (C), 1988 (C), 1989 (1A), 1996 (1A).

**4 - Sunnyside:** 2000 (4A), 2001 (4A), 2003 (4A), 2006 (5A Div. II).

**4 - Williams Field:** 2010 (4A Div. II), 2014 (Div. III), 2016 (5A), 2019 (5A).

**4 - Winslow:** 1964 (A), 1969 (AA), 1994 (3A), 2005 (3A).

**3 - Arizona Boys Ranch:** 1995 (3A), 1996 (3A), 1997 (3A).

**3 - Camelback:** 1964 (AA), 1973 (AAA), 1974 (AAA).

**3 - Coconino:** 1968 (AA), 1973 (AA), 1974 (AA).

**3 - Desert Edge:** 2012 (Div. III), 2015 (Div. III), 2019 (4A).

**3 - Desert Vista:** 1998 (5A), 2007 (5A Div. I), 2011 (Div. I).

**3 - Gerard:** 1974 (A), 1979 (AA), 1980 (AA).

**3 - Hayden:** 1972 (B), 1998 (B), 2018 (1A).

**3 - Joy Christian:** 2011 (Div. VI), 2012 (Div. VI), 2015 (Div. V).

**3 - Horizon:** 1994 (5A), 1995 (5A), 2021 (5A).

**3 - Marana:** 1964 (B), 1967 (B), 1968 (B).

**3 - Maricopa:** 1978 (C), 1980 (C), 1981 (C).

**3 - McNary:** 1964 (C), 1965 (C), 1966 (C).

**3 - Mingus Union:** 1997 (4A), 2005 (4A Div. II), 2007 (4A Div. II).

**3 - Mohave:** 1973 (B), 1974 (B), 1983 (A).

**3 - Moon Valley:** 1982 (AAA), 1986 (3A Div. I), 2004 (4A).

**3 - Mountain Pointe:** 2012 (Div. I), 2013 (Div. I), 2016 (6A).

**3 - Queen Creek:** 1998 (2A), 2012 (Div. III), 2013 (Div. III).

**3 - Red Mountain:** 2000 (5A), 2001 (5A), 2019 (6A).

**3 - Salome:** 1979 (C), 1980 (C), 2002 (1A).

**3 - Seton Catholic:** 1997 (2A), 2003 (3A), 2012 (Div. IV).

**3 - South Mountain:** 1959 (AA), 1976 (AAA), 1993 (5A).

**3 - Tempe:** 1971 (AAA), 1989 (4A), 1996 (4A).

**3 - Trevor Browne:** 1980 (AAA), 1981 (AAA), 1982 (AAA).

**3 - Wickenburg:** 1977 (B), 1979 (B), 2006 (3A).

**3 - Yuma Union:** 1959 (AA), 1960 (AA), 1965 (AA).



2 - **ALA-Queen Creek**: 2016 (3A), 2019 (3A).  
 2 - **Arcadia**: 1960 (AA), 1962 (AA).  
 2 - **Buckeye**: 1980 (A), 1981 (A).  
 2 - **Camp Verde**: 1962 (C), 1963 (C).  
 2 - **Central**: 1969 (AAA), 1972 (AAA).  
 2 - **Clifton**: 1965 (B), 2004 (1A).  
 2 - **Desert Ridge**: 2010 (5A Div. I), 2015 (Div. I).  
 2 - **Greenway**: 2001 (4A), 2002 (4A).  
 2 - **Highland**: 2020 (6A), 2021 (6A).  
 2 - **Liberty**: 2014 (Div. II), 2019 (6A).  
 2 - **Marcos de Niza**: 2009 (5A Div. II), 2015 (Div. II).  
 2 - **Mesquite**: 2019 (4A), 2020 (4A).  
 2 - **Page**: 1975 (A), 1976 (A).  
 2 - **Palo Verde**: 1973 (AAA), 2005 (4A Div. II).  
 2 - **Perry**: 2017 (6A), 2018 (6A).  
 2 - **Pueblo**: 1961 (AA), 1967 (AA).  
 2 - **Pusch Ridge**: 2015 (Div. II), 2017 (3A).  
 2 - **River Valley**: 2013 (Div. IV), 2014 (Div. IV).  
 2 - **Santa Rita**: 2008 (4A Div. II), 2009 (4A Div. II).  
 2 - **Seligman**: 1974 (C), 1990 (1A).  
 2 - **Suffolk Hills**: 1981 (C), 1982 (C).  
 2 - **Washington**: 1977 (AAA), 1992 (4A).  
 2 - **Westview**: 2007 (5A Div. II), 2008 (5A Div. II).  
 1 - **Antelope**: 1966 (B).  
 1 - **Apache Junction**: 1975 (B).  
 1 - **Apollo**: 1985 (3A Div. 1).  
 1 - **Benjamin Franklin**: 2019 (3A).  
 1 - **Cactus Shadows**: 2006 (4A Div. II).  
 1 - **Campo Verde**: 2019 (5A).  
 1 - **Casa Grande**: 2021 (4A).  
 1 - **Casteel**: 2017 (3A).  
 1 - **Catalina Foothills**: 2016 (4A).  
 1 - **Cienega**: 2011 (Div. II).  
 1 - **Corona del Sol**: 1980 (AA).  
 1 - **Coronado**: 1976 (AAA).  
 1 - **Dobson**: 1987 (3A Div. 1).  
 1 - **Globe**: 2002 (3A).  
 1 - **Grand Canyon**: 1961 (C).  
 1 - **Higley**: 2006 (4A Div. II).  
 1 - **Ironwood Ridge**: 2012 (Div. II).  
 1 - **Lake Havasu**: 1974 (A).  
 1 - **Lakeside**: 1959 (C).  
 1 - **Maryvale**: 1975 (AAA).  
 1 - **Mountain Ridge**: 2004 (5A).  
 1 - **North Canyon**: 2005 (5A Div. II).  
 1 - **Orme School**: 1998 (1A).  
 1 - **Paradise Valley**: 2015 (Div. III).  
 1 - **Poston Butte**: 2021 (4A).  
 1 - **Rincon**: 1963 (AA).  
 1 - **San Manuel**: 1981 (A).  
 1 - **Sunnyslope**: 1970 (AAA).  
 1 - **Sunrise Mountain**: 2020 (5A).  
 1 - **Tempe Prep**: 2014 (Div. V).  
 1 - **Thunderbird**: 2010 (4A Div. II).  
 1 - **Tollenson**: 19878 (AA).  
 1 - **Tuba City**: 1960 (C).  
 1 - **Tucson Deaf & Blind**: 1976 (C).  
 1 - **Western Christian**: 1985 (C).

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## Football Records - Individual (2A-6A)

The 2A-6A AIA football record book has converted to a conference leader and top performance listing for each category. If there are any listings that need to be updated or added, please e-mail Seth Polansky and Jose Garcia with all supporting documentation.

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The AIA is in need of the following seasons and/or single-game stats in order to have the most complete archives possible:

Blue Ridge	1995-98 seasons and 1997 game-by game
Bourgade Catholic	1970-73 seasons
Cactus	2001-04 seasons and 2003 game-by game
Cactus Shadows	2003-04 seasons
Florence	1996 season
Hopi	1988 season and game-by game
St. Johns	1999-03 seasons and game-by game
Washington	2004-05 seasons
Window Rock	2011-12 seasons

### Touchdowns (game by conference)

6A	8	Edward McClendon	Mesa vs. Dobson	2018
6A	8	Ty Grigsby	Rincon/University vs. Buena	2016
5A	8	Trayvon Clark	Yuma vs. San Luis	2010
4A	10	D.J. Foster	Saguaro vs. Sunrise Mountain	2011
3A	9	James Colbert	Casa Grande vs. Coolidge	2011
2A	9	Christian Velasquez	San Manuel vs. Tombstone	2017

### Touchdowns (game top performers)

1.	10	D.J. Foster	Saguaro vs. Sunrise Mountain	2011
T2.	9	Anthony Mata	Bradshaw Mountain vs. Mohave	2018
T2.	9	Christian Velasquez	San Manuel vs. Tombstone	2017
T2.	9	James Colbert	Casa Grande vs. Coolidge	2011
T5.	8	Edward McClendon	Mesa vs. Dobson	2018
T5.	8	Ty Grigsby	Rincon/University vs. Buena	2016
T5.	8	Ben Burgner	Globe vs. San Manuel	2015
T5.	8	Trayvon Clark	Yuma vs. San Luis	2010
T5.	8	Carlos Villa	Maricopa vs. San Pasqual	2004
T5.	8	Jabari Felton-Smith	Orme School vs. Salome	2000
T5.	8	C.R. Davis	Moon Valley vs. Washington	2000
T5.	8	Santos Olague	Sabino vs. Desert View	1998
T5.	8	Trent Thompson	Chinle vs. Red Mesa	1986
	7	many times		

### Touchdowns (season by conference)

6A	39	T.J. Green	Chandler	2016
6A	39	Taren Morrison	Desert Ridge	2013
5A	41	Bobby Wade	Desert Vista	1998
4A	60	D.J. Foster	Saguaro	2011
3A	43	Zach Hammett	River Valley	2021
2A	44	Jabari-Felton Smith	Orme School	2000

### Touchdowns (season top performers)

1.	60	D.J. Foster	Saguaro	2011
2.	51	Nathan Wize	Sabino	1997
T3.	46	Christian Kirk	Saguaro	2014
T3.	46	Marcus Thomas	Tolleson	2002
5.	45	Ka'Deem Carey	Canyon del Oro	2009
6.	44	Jabari-Felton Smith	Orme School	2000
T7.	43	Zach Hammett	River Valley	2021
T7.	43	Kevin Daniels	Glendale	2018
T9.	42	Bijan Robinson	Salpointe Catholic	2019
T9.	42	Shad Bride	St. Johns	2008
T9.	42	Shad Bride	St. Johns	2007

T12.	41	Seth Ellis	Coolidge	2011
T12.	41	Bobby Wade	Desert Vista	1998
14.	40	Draycen Hall	Higley	2016
T15.	39	Man-Man Freeman	Phoenix Christian	2019
T15.	39	Jake Smith	Notre Dame Prep	2018
T15.	39	T.J. Green	Chandler	2016
T15.	39	Taren Morrison	Desert Ridge	2013
T15.	39	Alfred Erives	Arizona Lutheran	2021
T15.	39	Mike Bell	Tolleson	2000
T15.	39	Kevin Schmidtke	Mountain View (Marana)	1993

### Touchdowns (career by conference)

6A	63	Taren Morrison	Desert Ridge	2012-14
5A	76	Mike Mitchell	Brophy Prep	1990-92
4A	114	Bijan Robinson	Salpointe Catholic	2016-19
3A	98	Brandon Long	River Valley	2011-14
2A	112	Casey Jahn	Northwest Christian	2008-11

### Touchdowns (career top performers)

1.	114	Bijan Robinson	Salpointe Catholic	2016-19
T2.	112	Kevin Daniels	Glendale	2016-19
T2.	112	Casey Jahn	Northwest Christian	2008-11
4.	105	Shad Bride	St. Johns	2006-08
5.	103	Christian Kirk	Saguaro	2011-14
6.	98	Brandon Long	River Valley	2011-14
7.	88	Jamal Miles	Peoria	2006-08
8.	87	Ka'Deem Carey	Canyon del Oro	2007-10
T9.	85	Draycen Hall	Higley	2015-17
T9.	85	Joe Logan	Estrella Foothills	2012-15
T9.	85	Kevin Schmidtke	Mountain View (Marana)	1991-93
12.	84	Tyreck Cosay	Alchesay	2015-18
13.	83	Josh Griffin	Chaparral	1997-99
T14.	81	Christopher Weaver	Odyssey Institute	2016-19
T14.	81	Ean Chavez	Yuma Catholic	2016-19
16.	80	Alfred Erives	Arizona Lutheran	2009-12
17.	79	Cameron Denson	Salpointe Catholic	2010-13
18.	78	Zach Hammett	River Valley	2018-21
19.	77	Marcus Thomas	Tolleson	2000-02
T20.	76	Seth Ellis	Coolidge	2009-11
T20.	76	Mike Mitchell	Brophy Prep	1990-92
T20.	76	Derrick Ray	Cactus	1986-88



## Football Records - Individual (2A-6A)

### Points (game by conference)

6A	48	Edward McClendon	Mesa vs. Dobson	2018
6A	48	Ty Grigsby	Rincon/University vs. Buena	2016
5A	42	Ethan Johnson	Westwood vs. Higley	2015
5A	42	Antrel Bates	Amphitheater vs. South Mountain	1997
5A	42	Coury Hankins	South Mountain vs. Central	1994
5A	42	Ted Bland	Tucson vs. Bisbee	1931
4A	60	D.J. Foster	Saguaro vs. Sunrise Mountain	2011
3A	48	Richard Zuniga	Arizona Boys Ranch vs. Miami	1997
3A	48	Trent Thompson	Chinle vs. Red Mesa	1986
2A	54	Christian Velasquez	San Manuel vs. Tombstone	2017
2A	54	Carlos Villa	Maricopa vs. San Pasqual	2004

### Points (game top performers)

1.	60	D.J. Foster	Saguaro vs. Sunrise Mountain	2011
T2.	54	Anthony Mata	Bradshaw Mountain vs. Mohave	2018
T2.	54	Christian Velasquez	San Manuel vs. Tombstone	2017
T2.	54	James Colbert	Casa Grande vs. Coolidge	2011
T2.	54	Carlos Villa	Maricopa vs. San Pasqual	2004
6.	50	C.R. Davis	Moon Valley vs. Washington	2000
T7.	48	Edward McClendon	Mesa vs. Dobson	2018
T7.	48	Ty Grigsby	Rincon/University vs. Buena	2016
T7.	48	Ben Burgner	Globe vs. San Manuel	2015
T7.	48	Trayvon Clark	Yuma vs. San Luis	2010
T7.	48	Jabari Felton-Smith	Orme School vs. Salome	2000
T7.	48	Santos Olague	Sabino vs. Desert View	1998
T7.	48	Richard Zuniga	Arizona Boys Ranch vs. Miami	1997
T7.	48	Trent Thompson	Chinle vs. Red Mesa	1986
T15.	44	Kevin Daniels	Glendale vs. Dysart	2019
T15.	44	Ean Chavez	Yuma Catholic vs. Sabino	2018
T15.	44	Brandon Garcia	Arizona Lutheran vs. Gilbert Christian	2017
T15.	44	Alvin Leon	Baboquivari vs. Clifton	1977
42		many times		

### Points (season per conference)

6A	234	TJ Green	Chandler	2016
6A	234	Taren Morrison	Desert Ridge	2013
5A	246	Bobby Wade	Desert Vista	1998
4A	362	D.J. Foster	Saguaro	2011
3A	258	Richard Zuniga	Arizona Boys Ranch	1997
2A	266	Jabari Felton-Smith	Orme School	2000

### Points (season top performers)

1.	362	D.J. Foster	Saguaro	2011
2.	306	Nathan Wize	Sabino	1997
3.	288	Marcus Thomas	Tolleson	2002
4.	276	Christian Kirk	Saguaro	2014
5.	270	Ka'Deem Carey	Canyon del Oro	2009
6.	268	Kevin Daniels	Glendale	2018
T7.	266	Jabari Felton-Smith	Orme School	2000
T7.	266	Danny Groebner	Blue Ridge	2011
T9.	258	Zach Hammett	River Valley	2021
T9.	258	Rudy Verdugo	Willcox	2009
T9.	258	Richard Zuniga	Arizona Boys Ranch	1997
12.	257	Cory Lizarraaga	Blue Ridge	1997
T13.	256	Shad Bride	St. Johns	2008
T13.	256	Shad Bride	St. Johns	2007
15.	252	Bijan Robinson	Salpointe Catholic	2019
T16.	248	Draycen Hall	Higley	2016
T16.	248	Seth Ellis	Coolidge	2011
T18.	246	Bobby Wade	Desert Vista	1998
T18.	246	Kevin Schmidtke	Mountain View (Marana)	1993
T18.	246	Jeremy Hathcock	Blue Ridge	1989

### Points (career by conference)

6A	342	T.J. Green	Chandler	2015-16
5A	456	Mike Mitchell	Brophy Prep	1990-92
4A	694	Kevin Daniels	Glendale	2016-19
3A	600	Brandon Long	River Valley	2011-14
2A	672	Casey Jahn	Northwest Christian	2008-11

### Points (career top performers)

1.	694	Kevin Daniels	Glendale	2016-19
2.	686	Bijan Robinson	Salpointe Catholic	2016-19
3.	672	Casey Jahn	Northwest Christian	2008-11
4.	638	Shad Bride	St. Johns	2005-08
5.	626	Christian Kirk	Saguaro	2011-14
6.	600	Brandon Long	River Valley	2011-14
7.	586	Caleb Young	Gilbert Christian	2013-16
8.	558	Tyreck Cosay	Alchesay	2015-18
9.	536	D.J. Foster	Saguaro	2010-11
10.	528	Jamal Miles	Peoria	2006-08
T11.	524	Ka'Deem Carey	Canyon del Oro	2007-10
T11.	524	Kevin Schmidtke	Mountain View (Marana)	1991-93
13.	518	Draycen Hall	Higley	2015-17
14.	517	Josh Griffith	Chaparral	1997-99
15.	510	Joe Logan	Estrella Foothills	2012-15
16.	504	Christopher Weaver	Odyssey Institute	2016-19
17.	492	Ean Chavez	Yuma Catholic	2016-19
18.	482	Ben Grams	Arizona Lutheran	2008-11
19.	480	Alfred Erives	Arizona Lutheran	2009-12
20.	476	Cameron Denson	Salpointe Catholic	2010-13

### Rushing Yards (game by conference)

6A	453	Vincen Wagner	Trevor Browne vs. Kofa	2018
5A	566	Ethan Johnson	Westwood vs. Higley	2015
4A	516	Sean Fitzsimmons	Empire vs. Catalina	2013
3A	469	Stanley Jackson	Chinle vs. Red Mesa	1976
2A	514	Christian Velasquez	San Manuel vs. Tombstone	2017

### Rushing Yards (game top performers)

1.	566	Ethan Johnson	Westwood vs. Higley	2015
2.	516	Sean Fitzsimmons	Empire vs. Catalina	2013
3.	514	Christian Velasquez	San Manuel vs. Tombstone	2017
4.	508	D.J. Foster	Saguaro vs. Sunrise Mountain	2011
5.	469	Stanley Jackson	Chinle vs. Red Mesa	1976
6.	468	Christian Wilridge	Tombstone vs. San Carlos	2015
7.	453	Vincen Wagner	Trevor Browne vs. Kofa	2018
8.	444	Malik Taylor	Phoenix Christian vs. Scottsdale Christian	2018
9.	435	Scottie Jordan	Phoenix Christian vs. Higley	2013
10.	432	Ryan Alexandre	Arcadia vs. Paradise Valley	2016
11.	430	Bijan Robinson	Salpointe Catholic vs. Desert Edge	2019
T12.	427	Arturo Tapia	Tonopah Valley vs. Phoenix Christian	2015
T12.	427	Ka'Deem Carey	Canyon del Oro vs. Apollo	2009
14.	426	Aaron Craig	Window Rock vs. Greyhills	1993
15.	424	Marcus Thomas	Tolleson vs. Moon Valley	2002
T16.	419	Devin Bowling	Benson vs. St. Johns	2021
T16.	419	Brady Mengarelli	Prescott vs. Cactus Shadows	2012
T16.	419	Riley Mawson	Miami vs. Ray	2011
19.	415	Jon Retzloff	Tonopah Valley vs. Westwind Prep	2009
20.	412	Diego Chavez	Bisbee vs. Tombstone	2021

### Rushing Yards (season by conference)

6A	2,587	Taren Morrison	Desert Ridge	2013
5A	2,740	Mario Bates	Amphitheater	1990
4A	3,573	Marcus Thomas	Tolleson	2002
3A	2,961	Scooter Spotte	Blue Ridge	1994
2A	2,583	Casey Jahn	Northwest Christian	2010

### Rushing Yards (season top performers)

1.	3,573	Marcus Thomas	Tolleson	2002
2.	3,101	Nathan Wize	Sabino	1997
3.	3,058	D.J. Foster	Saguaro	2011
4.	2,961	Scooter Spotte	Blue Ridge	1994
5.	2,829	Matt Guida	Queen Creek	2012
6.	2,758	Braedyn Bushman	Williams Field	2014
7.	2,740	Mario Bates	Amphitheater	1990
8.	2,738	Ka'Deem Carey	Canyon del Oro	2009
9.	2,680	Christopher Weaver	Odyssey Institute	2019
10.	2,661	Allan Woods	Cactus	2009
11.	2,601	Keith Brown	Mountain Pointe	1995
12.	2,600	Joe Logan	Estrella Foothills	2015
13.	2,593	Carlos Melendez	San Tan Foothills	2011





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14.	2,587	Taren Morrison	Desert Ridge	2013
15.	2,583	Casey Jahn	Northwest Christian	2010
16.	2,577	Kody Hazlett	Yuma Catholic	2012
17.	2,542	Weston Barlow	Queen Creek	2014
18.	2,515	Kevin Schmidtke	Mountain View (Marana)	1993
19.	2,513	Teddy Ruben	Saguaro	2010
20.	2,495	Aaron Lafitte	Ironwood	2002

### Rushing Yards (career by conference)

6A	4,375	Taren Morrison	Desert Ridge	2012-14
5A	5,669	Mike Mitchell	Brophy Prep	1990-92
4A	7,036	Bijan Robinson	Salpointe Catholic	2016-19
3A	7,018	Christopher Weaver	Odyssey Institute	2016-19
2A	7,544	Casey Jahn	Northwest Christian	2008-11

### Rushing Yards (career top performers)

1.	7,544	Casey Jahn	Northwest Christian	2008-11
2.	7,036	Bijan Robinson	Salpointe Catholic	2016-19
3.	7,018	Christopher Weaver	Odyssey Institute	2016-19
4.	6,750	Brandon Long	River Valley	2011-14
5.	6,506	Dwayne Thomas	Tombstone	2002-05
6.	5,878	Marcus Thomas	Tolleson	2000-02
7.	5,814	Joe Logan	Estrella Foothills	2012-15
8.	5,779	Alfred Erives	Arizona Lutheran	2009-12
9.	5,711	Ernie Montez	Thatcher	1988-91
10.	5,701	Ka'Deem Carey	Canyon del Oro	2007-10
11.	5,684	Shad Bride	St. Johns	2005-08
12.	5,669	Mike Mitchell	Brophy Prep	1990-92
13.	5,473	Chris Salsberry	Shadow Ridge	2010-13
14.	5,440	Kevin Schmidtke	Mountain View (Marana)	1991-93
15.	5,204	Sean Reeder	Cactus Shadows	1985-88
16.	5,159	Tyreck Cosay	Alchesay	2015-18
17.	5,148	Tim Smith	Saint Mary's	1964-67
18.	5,069	Scotter Sprotte	Blue Ridge	1992-94
19.	5,056	Maurice Smith	Tempe	1999-01
20.	5,037	Weston Barlow	Queen Creek	2012-14

### Rushing Touchdowns (game by conference)

6A	7	Vincen Wagner	Trevor Browne vs. Kofa	2018
6A	7	Ty Grigsby	Rincon/University vs. Buena	2016
6A	7	Taren Morrison	Desert Ridge vs. Mountain View (Mesa)	2013
5A	7	Ethan Johnson	Westwood vs. Higley	2015
5A	7	Chris Cofield	Agua Fria vs. Washington	2015
5A	7	Taren Morrison	Desert Ridge vs. Mountain View (Mesa)	2013
5A	7	Trayvon Clark	Yuma vs. San Luis	2010
4A	10	D.J. Foster	Saguaro vs. Sunrise Mountain	2011
3A	7	Dante Anderson	Amphitheater vs. Rio Rico	2014
2A	9	Christian Velasquez	San Manuel vs. Tombstone	2017

### Rushing Touchdowns (game top performers)

1.	10	D.J. Foster	Saguaro vs. Sunrise Mountain	2011
2.	9	Christian Velasquez	San Manuel vs. Tombstone	2017
T3.	8	Anthony Mata	Bradshaw Mountain vs. Mohave	2018
T3.	8	Ben Burgner	Globe vs. San Manuel	2015
T3.	8	James Colbert	Casa Grande vs. Coolidge	2011
T3.	8	C.R. Davis	Moon Valley vs. Washington	2000
T3.	8	Trent Thompson	Chinle vs. Red Mesa	1986
T8.	7	Cole Sundt	Gilbert Christian vs. Coronado	2019
T8.	7	Austin Clark	Prescott vs. Deer Valley	2018
T8.	7	Vincen Wagner	Trevor Browne vs. Kofa	2018
T8.	7	Ty Grigsby	Rincon/University vs. Buena	2016
T8.	7	Ethan Johnson	Westwood vs. Higley	2015
T8.	7	Chris Cofield	Agua Fria vs. Washington	2015
T8.	7	Dante Anderson	Amphitheater vs. Rio Rico	2014
T8.	7	Taren Morrison	Desert Ridge vs. Mountain View (Mesa)	2013
T8.	7	Alfonso Avitia	Amphitheater vs. Marana	2010
T8.	7	Trayvon Clark	Yuma vs. San Luis	2010
6		many times		

### Rushing Touchdowns (season by conference)

6A	38	Taren Morrison	Desert Ridge	2013
5A	34	Anthodius Ashley	Betty Fairfax	2018
4A	54	D.J. Foster	Saguaro	2011
3A	38	Zach Hammett	Rivory Valley	2021
3A	38	Seth Ellis	Coolidge	2011
2A	42	Shad Bride	St. Johns	2008

### Rushing Touchdowns (season top performers)

1.	54	D.J. Foster	Saguaro	2011
2.	43	Ka'Deem Carey	Canyon Del Oro	2009
3.	42	Shad Bride	St. Johns	2008
4.	40	Shad Bride	St. Johns	2007
T5.	38	Zach Hammett	River Valley	2021
T5.	38	Bijan Robinson	Salpointe Catholic	2019
T5.	38	Kevin Daniels	Glendale	2018
T5.	38	Seth Ellis	Coolidge	2011
T5.	38	Taren Morrison	Desert Ridge	2013
T5.	38	Jamal Miles	Peoria	2007
T11.	37	Man-Man Freeman	Phoenix Christian	2019
T11.	37	Allan Woods	Cactus	2009
T13.	35	Bijan Robinson	Salpointe Catholic	2018
T13.	35	TJ Green	Chandler	2016
T15.	34	Malik Taylor	Phoenix Christian	2018
T15.	34	Anthodius Ashley	Betty Fairfax	2018
T15.	34	Decarlos Brooks	Chandler	2018
T15.	34	Damaria Norris	Cactus	2017
19.	33	Daveon Hunter	Chandler	2019
T20.	32	Christopher Weaver	Odyssey Institute	2019
T20.	32	Jeremiah Miller	Sinagua	1997

### Rushing Touchdowns (career by conference)

6A	60	Taren Morrison	Desert Ridge	2012-14
5A	83	Jamal Miles	Peoria	2006-08
4A	103	Bijan Robinson	Salpointe Catholic	2016-19
3A	93	Brandon Long	River Valley	2011-14
2A	110	Casey Jahn	Northwest Christian	2008-11

### Rushing Touchdowns (career top performers)

1.	110	Casey Jahn	Northwest Christian	2008-11
2.	103	Bijan Robinson	Salpointe Catholic	2016-19
3.	102	Shad Bride	St. Johns	2005-08
4.	93	Brandon Long	River Valley	2011-14
5.	89	Kevin Daniels	Glendale	2016-19
6.	83	Jamal Miles	Peoria	2006-08
7.	82	Ka'Deem Carey	Canyon Del Oro	2007-10
8.	78	Joe Logan	Estrella Foothills	2012-15
9.	77	Christopher Weaver	Odyssey Institute	2016-19
10.	76	D.J. Foster	Saguaro	2010-11
11.	74	Tyreck Cosay	Alchesay	2015-18
12.	73	Tehran Thomas	Desert Edge	2013-16
13.	71	Jeremiah Miller	Sinagua	1996-99
T14.	70	Diante Flores	Flowing Wells	2012-15
T14.	70	Travis Palmer	Camp Verde	1988-91
16.	69	Damaria Norris	Cactus	2015-17
17.	68	Jordan Mitchell	Cibola	2010-12
18.	67	Chris Salsberry	Shadow Ridge	2010-13
19.	66	Kani Benoit	Thunderbird	2010-12
T20.	65	Draycen Hall	Higley	2015-17
T20.	65	Alex Howard	Williams Field	2008-11

### Completions (game by conference)

6A	42	Ryan Helt	Corona del Sol vs. Highland	2017
5A	41	Will Plummer	Gilbert vs. Sunrise Mountain	2018
4A	42	Ryan Finley	Paradise Valley vs. Thunderbird	2012
3A	38	Mike Bitsuie	Ganado vs. Globe	1995
2A	37	Zayden Neill	San Tan Charter vs. Blue Ridge	2021



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### Completions (game top performers)

T1.	42	Ryan Helt	Corona del Sol vs. Highland	2017
T1.	42	Ryan Finley	Paradise Valley vs. Thunderbird	2012
3.	41	Will Plummer	Gilbert vs. Sunrise Mountain	2018
T4.	39	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle vs. Chandler	2017
T4.	39	Daniel Bridge-Gadd	Paradise Valley vs. North Canyon	2013
T4.	39	Anthony Hernandez	Desert Edge vs. Thunderbird	2013
T4.	39	Ryan Stanford	Horizon vs. Mountain Pointe	2008
T4.	39	Jon Comacho	Washington vs. Higley	2007
T9.	38	Mario Armendarez	Washington vs. Agua Fria	2015
T9.	38	Adam Abbatacola	Apache Junction vs. Higley	2014
T9.	38	Mike Bitsuie	Ganado vs. Globe	1995
T12.	37	Zayden Neill	San Tan Charter vs. Blue Ridge	2021
T12.	37	Dane Christensen	Casteel vs. Saguaro	2020
T12.	37	Bryce Kinsler	Cactus Shadows vs. Prescott	2012
T15.	36	Dylan Simonton	O'Connor vs. Campbell (HI)	2019
T15.	36	Nick Hershey	Gilbert Christian vs. Pima	2017
T15.	36	Austin Nuessle	Desert Mountain vs. Carson (NV)	2016
T15.	36	Brock Hall	Casa Grande vs. Higley	2016
T15.	36	Ryan Kelley	Basha vs. Brophy Prep	2015
T15.	36	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's vs. Trevor Browne	2014
T15.	36	John Clark	Mountain View (Mesa) vs. Pinnacle	2013
T15.	36	Bryce Kinsler	Cactus Shadows vs. Queen Creek	2012

### Completions (season by conference)

6A	288	Elijah Warner	Brophy Prep	2021
5A	294	Josh Cain	Desert Ridge	2007
4A	293	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's	2014
3A	319	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic	2021
2A	350	Jarrett Huma	Hopi	1988

### Completions (season top performers)

1.	350	Jarrett Huma	Hopi	1988
2.	319	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic	2021
3.	294	Josh Cain	Desert Ridge	2007
4.	293	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's	2014
5.	288	Elijah Warner	Brophy Prep	2021
6.	280	Brayten Silbor	Chaparral	2021
7.	271	Anthony Hernandez	Desert Edge	2013
8.	270	Ryan Finley	Paradise Valley	2012
9.	268	Will Plummer	Gilbert	2019
10.	257	Phillip Aholt	Cactus Shadows	2006
11.	254	Ryan Kelley	Basha	2014
T12.	251	Will Plummer	Gilbert	2018
T12.	251	Kedon Slovis	Desert Mountain	2017
T12.	251	Daniel Bridge-Gadd	Paradise Valley	2015
15.	250	Ty Thompson	Mesquite	2019
T16.	246	Dane Christensen	Casteel	2019
T16.	246	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle	2017
T16.	246	Bryce Kinsler	Cactus Shadows	2011
T16.	246	Hayden Eager	Round Valley	2007
20.	244	Austin Nuessle	Desert Mountain	2016

### Completions (career by conference)

6A	764	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle	2015-18
5A	715	Adryan Lara	Desert Edge	2018-21
4A	674	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's	2011-14
3A	581	Gage Reese	Yuma Catholic	2016-19
2A	598	Jagan Cleary	Yuma Catholic	2012-14

### Completions (career top performers)

1.	764	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle	2015-18
2.	715	Adryan Lara	Desert Edge	2018-21
3.	692	Austin Nuessle	Desert Mountain	2013-16
4.	676	Ryan Kelly	Basha	2014-16
5.	674	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's	2011-14
6.	658	Daniel Bridge-Gadd	Paradise Valley	2012-15
7.	631	Emmanuel Gant	Tempe	2011-14
8.	622	Ryan Finley	Paradise Valley	2009-12
T9.	620	Ben Finley	Paradise Valley	2016-19
T9.	620	Bryce Kinsler	Cactus Shadows	2010-12

11.	602	Jacob Conover	Chandler	2016-18
12.	601	Ty Thompson	Mesquite	2017-20
13.	600	Gunner Cruz	Casteel	2016-18
14.	598	Jagan Cleary	Yuma Catholic	2012-14
15.	594	Nazareth Greer	Marcos de Niza	2014-16
16.	582	Mason Crossland	Higley	2013-16
17.	581	Gage Reese	Yuma Catholic	2016-19
18.	560	Jack Miller	Chaparral/Scottsdale Christian	2016-19
19.	542	Niko Haen	Sunnyslope	2017-19
20.	538	Brayten Silbor	Chaparral	2018-21

### Passing Attempts (game by conference)

6A	67	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle vs. Chandler	2017
5A	70	Will Plummer	Gilbert vs. Sunrise Mountain	2018
4A	79	Jon Comacho	Washington vs. Higley	2007
3A	67	Estevan Puig	Westwind Prep vs. Bourgade Catholic	2005
2A	65	Nick Hershey	Gilbert Christian vs. Pima	2017

### Passing Attempts (game top performers)

1.	79	Jon Comacho	Washington vs. Higley	2007
T2.	76	Brock Hall	Casa Grande vs. Higley	2016
T2.	76	Mario Armendarez	Washington vs. Agua Fria	2015
4.	70	Will Plummer	Gilbert vs. Sunrise Mountain	2018
T5.	67	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle vs. Chandler	2017
T5.	67	Estevan Puig	Westwind Prep vs. Bourgade Catholic	2005
T7.	66	Josh Cain	Desert Ridge vs. Centennial	2007
T7.	66	Adam Hernandez	Tonopah Valley vs. Gila Bend	2005
T9.	65	Ryan Helt	Corona del Sol vs. Highland	2017
T9.	65	Nick Hershey	Gilbert Christian vs. Pima	2017
11.	63	Jack Johnson	Sedona Red Rock vs. River Valley	2009
T12.	62	Will Plummer	Gilbert vs. Higley	2019
T12.	62	John Clark	Mountain View (Mesa) vs. Pinnacle	2013
T14.	60	Ben Finley	Paradise Valley vs. Horizon	2017
T14.	60	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's vs. Trevor Browne	2014
T14.	60	Bryce Kinsler	Cactus Shadows vs. Prescott	2012
T14.	60	Justin Sieczkowski	Seton Catholic vs. Coronado	2009
T14.	60	Hayden Eager	Round Valley vs. Coolidge	2007
T19.	59	Adam Abbatacola	Apache Junction vs. Higley	2014
T19.	59	Ryan Finley	Paradise Valley vs. Thunderbird	2012
T19.	59	Dillon Classen	Cactus Shadows vs. Sabino	2009
T19.	59	Jon Bowman	Washington vs. Cactus Shadows	2006

### Passing Attempts (season by conference)

6A	446	Elijah Warner	Brophy Prep	2021
5A	443	Will Plummer	Gilbert	2018
4A	477	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's	2014
3A	479	Richard Stallworth	Yima Catholic	2021
2A	495	Jarrett Huma	Hopi	1988

### Passing Attempts (season top performers)

1.	495	Jarrett Huma	Hopi	1988
2.	479	Richard Stallworth	Yima Catholic	2021
3.	477	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's	2014
4.	469	Josh Cain	Desert Ridge	2007
5.	462	Jon Bowman	Washington	2006
6.	446	Elijah Warner	Brophy Prep	2021
7.	444	Hayden Eager	Round Valley	2007
8.	443	Will Plummer	Gilbert	2018
9.	438	Will Plummer	Gilbert	2019
10.	430	Phillip Aholt	Cactus Shadows	2006
T11.	424	Ty Thompson	Mesquite	2019
T11.	424	Ryan Finley	Paradise Valley	2012
13.	416	Brayten Silbor	Chaparral	2021
14.	413	Spencer Brasch	Higley	2018
15.	405	Austin Nuessle	Desert Mountain	2015
16.	400	Mario Armendarez	Washington	2015
17.	399	Tony Samaniego	Bisbee	2017
18.	397	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's	2013
19.	396	Ryan Kelley	Basha	2014
T20.	393	Ben Finley	Paradise Valley	2018
T20.	393	John Clark	Mountain View (Mesa)	2013





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### Passing Attempts (career by conference)

6A	1,228	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle	2015-18
5A	1,144	Adryan Lara	Desert Edge	2018-21
4A	1,091	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's	2011-14
3A	1,031	Brock Hall	Casa Grande	2013-16
2A	921	Jagan Cleary	Yuma Catholic	2012-14

### Passing Attempts (career top performers)

1.	1,228	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle	2015-18
2.	1,144	Adryan Lara	Desert Edge	2018-21
3.	1,133	Austin Nuessle	Desert Mountain	2013-16
4.	1,126	Ben Finley	Paradise Valley	2016-19
5.	1,091	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's	2011-14
6.	1,086	Bryce Kinsler	Cactus Shadows	2010-12
7.	1,064	Nazareth Greer	Marcos de Niza	2014-16
8.	1,058	Ryan Kelly	Basha	2014-16
9.	1,048	Ryan Finley	Paradise Valley	2009-12
10.	1,032	Emanuel Gant	Tempe	2011-14
11.	1,031	Brock Hall	Casa Grande	2013-16
12.	988	Jack Miller	Chaparral/Scottsdale Christian	2016-19
13.	985	Daniel Bridge-Gadd	Paradise Valley	2012-15
14.	980	Ty Thompson	Mesquite	2017-20
15.	937	Mark Chavez	AZ College Prep	2017-20
T16.	925	Gage Reese	Yuma Catholic	2016-19
T16.	925	Mason Crossland	Higley	2013-16
18.	921	Jagan Cleary	Yuma Catholic	2012-14
19.	888	Jack Plummer	Gilbert	2015-17
20.	885	Will Plummer	Gilbert	2017-19

### Passing Yards (game by conference)

6A	580	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle vs. Chandler	2017
5A	668	Will Plummer	Gilbert vs. Sunrise Mountain	2018
4A	756	Mario Armendarez	Washington vs. Agua Fria	2015
3A	609	Gage Reese	Yuma Catholic vs. ALA-Queen Creek	2018
2A	609	Nick Hershey	Gilbert Christian vs. Pima	2017

### Passing Yards (game top performers)

1.	756	Mario Armendarez	Washington vs. Agua Fria	2015
2.	668	Will Plummer	Gilbert vs. Sunrise Mountain	2018
3.	641	Mason Crossland	Higley vs. Apache Junction	2014
4.	639	Bryce Kinsler	Cactus Shadows vs. Prescott	2012
T5.	609	Gage Reese	Yuma Catholic vs. ALA-Queen Creek	2018
T5.	609	Nick Hershey	Gilbert Christian vs. Pima	2017
7.	600	Kevin Pantastico	Desert Ridge vs. Red Mountain	2008
8.	580	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle vs. Chandler	2017
9.	575	Trevor Messing	Thunderbird vs. Saint Mary's	2018
10.	565	Adam Abbatacola	Apache Junction vs. Higley	2014
11.	559	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic vs. Dysart	2020
12.	558	Luke Rubenzer	Saguaro vs. Desert Edge	2013
13.	552	Hayden Eager	Round Valley vs. Collidge	2007
14.	548	Ty Thompson	Mesquite vs. Gilbert	2020
15.	538	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle vs. O'Connor	2017
T16.	537	Aaron Owens	Maricopa vs. Agua Fria	2015
T16.	537	Zach Werlinger	Basha vs. Gilbert	2013
18.	535	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic vs. Chino Valley	2021
19.	532	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's vs. Trevor Browne	2014
T20.	526	Chubba Purdy	Perry vs. Desert Vista	2019
T20.	526	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's vs. Camelback	2013

### Passing Yards (season by conference)

6A	4,405	Brock Purdy	Perry	2017
5A	4,265	Daniel Bridge-Gadd	Paradise Valley	2015
4A	4,662	Anthony Hernandez	Desert Edge	2013
3A	4,863	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic	2021
2A	3,653	Jack Miller	Scottsdale Christian	2016

### Passing Yards (season top performers)

1.	4,863	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic	2021
2.	4,662	Anthony Hernandez	Desert Edge	2013
3.	4,661	Gage Reese	Yuma Catholic	2018
4.	4,413	Rathen Ricedorff	Show Low	2010
5.	4,405	Brock Purdy	Perry	2017
6.	4,268	Daniel Bridge-Gadd	Paradise Valley	2015
7.	4,201	Luke Rubenzer	Saguaro	2013
8.	4,159	Brayten Silbor	Chaparral	2021
9.	4,074	Ty Thompson	Mesquite	2019
10.	4,016	Asryan Lara	Desert Edge	2019
11.	3,973	Jon Bowman	Washington	2006
12.	3,946	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle	2017
13.	3,803	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic	2020
14.	3,740	Dalton Sneed	Horizon	2013
15.	3,715	Jacon Conover	Chandler	2016
16.	3,653	Jack Miller	Scottsdale Christian	2016
17.	3,629	Jagan Cleary	Yuma Catholic	2014
18.	3,617	Josh Cain	Desert Ridge	2007
19.	3,612	Hayden Eager	Round Valley	2007
20.	3,598	Gunner Cruz	Casteel	2018

### Passing Yards (career by conference)

6A	11,083	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle	2015-18
5A	10,652	Adryan Lara	Desert Edge	2018-21
4A	10,489	Emanuel Gant	Tempe	2011-14
3A	10,621	Gage Reese	Yuma Catholic	2016-19
2A	9,440	Jagan Cleary	Yuma Catholic	2012-14

### Passing Yards (career top performers)

1.	11,083	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle	2015-18
2.	10,652	Adryan Lara	Desert Edge	2018-21
3.	10,621	Gage Reese	Yuma Catholic	2016-19
4.	10,489	Emanuel Gant	Tempe	2011-14
5.	10,098	Jacob Conover	Chandler	2016-18
6.	9,953	Nazareth Greer	Marcos de Niza	2014-16
7.	9,891	Ty Thompson	Mesquite	2017-20
8.	9,645	Luke Rubenzer	Saguaro	2010-13
9.	9,493	Chase Cord	Sunrise Mountain	2013-16
T10.	9,440	Jack Miller	Chaparral/Scottsdale Christian	2016-19
T10.	9,440	Jagan Cleary	Yuma Catholic	2012-14
12.	9,415	Daniel Bridge-Gadd	Paradise Valley	2012-15
13.	9,383	Gunner Cruz	Casteel	2016-18
14.	9,152	Mason Crossland	Higley	2013-16
15.	9,141	Matt Inman	Yuma Catholic	2005-08
16.	8,697	Bryce Kinsler	Cactus Shadows	2010-12
17.	8,517	Rathen Ricedorff	Show Low	2007-10
18.	8,440	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's	2011-14
19.	8,377	Dalton Sneed	Horizon	2011-14
20.	8,356	Ryan Kelley	Basha	2014-16

### Touchdown Passes (game by conference)

6A	7	Parker Navarro	Desert Vista vs. Perry	2019
6A	7	Miguel Valdovinos	La Joya vs. Kofa	2018
6A	7	Gabby Mendoza	Mesa vs. Dobson	2018
6A	7	Jacob Conover	Chandler vs. Red Mountain	2017
5A	8	Joseph Federico	Saint Mary's vs. Alhambra	2012
4A	10	Mario Armendarez	Washington vs. Agua Fria	2015
3A	9	Gage Reese	Yuma Catholic vs. San Manuel	2019
3A	9	Rathen Ricedorff	Show Low vs. Chinle	2009
2A	9	William Webber	Sequoia Pathway vs. Santa Rita	2021
2A	9	Ryan Powell	Miami vs. San Carlos	2019



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### Touchdown Passes (game top performers)

1.	10	Mario Armendarez	Washington vs. Agua Fria	2015
T2.	9	William Webber	Sequoia Pathway vs. Santa Rita	2021
T2.	9	Ryan Powell	Miami vs. San Carlos	2019
T2.	9	Gage Reese	Yuma Catholic vs. San Manuel	2019
T2.	9	Trevor Messing	Thunderbird vs. Saint Mary's	2018
T2.	9	Mason Crossland	Higley vs. Apache Junction	2014
T2.	9	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's vs. Camelback	2013
T2.	9	Luke Rubenezer	Saguaro vs. Desert Edge	2013
T2.	9	Rathen Ricedorff	Show Low vs. Chinle	2009
T10.	8	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic vs. Chino Valley	2021
T10.	8	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic vs. Round Valley	2021
T10.	8	Gage Baker	Paradise Honors vs. Odyssey Institute	2021
T10.	8	Gage Baker	Paradise Honors vs. Cortez	2021
T10.	8	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic vs. Kingman	2020
T10.	8	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic vs. Cortez	2020
T10.	8	Ty Thompson	Mesquite vs. Buckeye Union	2019
T10.	8	Alex Bell	Sabino vs. Empire	2017
T10.	8	Dallin Edwards	ALA-Queen Creek vs. Benjamin Franklin	2015
T10.	8	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's vs. Cary Harden	2013
T10.	8	Anthony Hernandez	Desert Edge vs. Shadow Ridge	2013
T10.	8	Joseph Federico	Saint Mary's vs. Alhambra	2012

### Touchdown Passes (season by conference)

6A	57	Brock Purdy	Perry	2017
5A	52	Chase Cord	Sunrise Mountain	2015
4A	61	Luke Rubenezer	Saguaro	2013
3A	67	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic	2021
2A	53	Jack Miller	Scottsdale Christian	2016

### Touchdown Passes (season top performers)

1.	67	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic	2021
2.	64	Gage Reese	Yuma Catholic	2018
3.	61	Luke Rubenezer	Saguaro	2013
4.	60	Anthony Hernandez	Desert Edge	2013
5.	57	Brock Purdy	Perry	2017
6.	55	Rathen Ricedorff	Show Low	2010
7.	53	Jack Miller	Scottsdale Christian	2016
8.	52	Chase Cord	Sunrise Mountain	2015
T9.	51	Jagan Cleary	Yuma Catholic	2014
T9.	51	Ryan Bresnahan	Seton Catholic	2011
T11.	49	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic	2020
T11.	49	Brian Wriston	Moon Valley	2004
13.	47	Daniel Bridge-Gadd	Paradise Valley	2015
T14.	46	Adam Damante	ALA-Gilbert North	2021
T14.	46	Rand Jensen	ALA-Queen Creek	2019
T14.	46	Bryce Perkins	Chandler	2014
T14.	46	Phillip Aholt	Cactus Shadows	2006
T18.	45	Spencer Brasch	Higley	2018
T18.	45	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle	2017
T18.	45	Nick Smith	Scottsdale Prep	2013

### Touchdown Passes (career by conference)

6A	116	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle	2015-18
5A	117	Adryan Lara	Desert Edge	2018-21
4A	137	Chase Cord	Sunrise Mountain	2013-16
3A	133	Gage Reese	Yuma Catholic	2016-19
2A	115	Jagan Cleary	Yuma Catholic	2012-14

### Touchdown Passes (career top performers)

1.	137	Chase Cord	Sunrise Mountain	2013-16
2.	133	Gage Reese	Yuma Catholic	2016-19
3.	130	Luke Rubenezer	Saguaro	2011-13
4.	117	Adryan Lara	Desert Edge	2018-21
T5.	116	Richard Stallworth	Yuma Catholic	2020-21
T5.	116	Spencer Rattler	Pinnacle	2015-18
T7.	115	Jack Miller	Chaparral/Scottsdale Christian	2016-19
T7.	115	Jagan Cleary	Yuma Catholic	2012-14
T7.	115	Daniel Bridge-Gadd	Paradise Valley	2012-15
T10.	112	Mason Crossland	Higley	2013-16
T10.	112	Rathen Ricedorff	Show Low	2007-10
T12.	109	Cameron Haag	Arizona Lutheran	2012-15
T12.	109	Matt Inman	Yuma Catholic	2005-08
14.	107	Brock Purdy	Perry	2015-17

15.	106	Emmanuel Gant	Tempe	2011-14
16.	102	Jacon Conover	Chandler	2016-18
T17.	100	Ty Thompson	Mesquite	2017-20
T17.	100	Gunner Cruz	Casteel	2016-18
19.	93	Gabe Losada	Saint Mary's	2011-14
20.	89	Austin Nuessle	Desert Mountain	2013-16

### Receptions (game by conference)

6A	17	Vodrey Gates	Valley Vista vs. Perry	2016
6A	17	Robby Millward	Mountain View (Mesa) vs. Pinnacle	2013
5A	21	John Mistler	Sahuaro vs. Sabino	1975
4A	21	Kyle Watkins	Cactus Shadows vs. Higley	2006
3A	18	Randy Nikolaus	Show Low vs. Holbrook	1982
2A	21	Paul Hardiman	Valley Christian vs. Vallery Lutheran	2002

### Receptions (game top performers)

T1.	21	Kyle Watkins	Cactus Shadows vs. Higley	2006
T1.	21	Paul Hardiman	Valley Christian vs. Vallery Lutheran	2002
T1.	21	John Mistler	Sahuaro vs. Sabino	1975
4.	20	Carter Rodriguez	Yuma Catholic vs. Northwest Christian	2014
T5.	19	Clifton Jones	Florence vs. Superior	1995
T5.	19	Bryan Marshall	Hopi vs. Valley (Sanders)	1988
T7.	18	Jared Beamon	Paradise Valley vs. Notre Dame Prep	2016
T7.	18	Mike Funk	Hopi vs. Bagdad	1988
T7.	18	Bryan Marshall	Hopi vs. Orme School	1988
T7.	18	Randy Nikolaus	Show Low vs. Holbrook	1982
T11.	17	Daniel Dippre	San Tan Charter vs. Blue Ridge	2021
T11.	17	AJ Blair	Cholla vs. Flowing Wells	2017
T11.	17	Vodrey Gates	Valley Vista vs. Perry	2016
T11.	17	Robert Branch-Williams	Coronado vs. Apache Junction	2016
T11.	17	Jiovanni Ortega	Buena vs. Tucson	2015
T11.	17	Carter Rodriguez	Yuma Catholic vs. Northwest Christian	2014
T11.	17	Robby Millward	Mountain View (Mesa) vs. Pinnacle	2013
T11.	17	Sean Bowman	Phoenix Christian	1999
T11.	17	Marcus Erkel	Rincon vs. Palo Verde	1997
T11.	17	Mike Funk	Hopi vs. Monument Valley (UT)	1988
T11.	17	Mike Funk	Hopi vs. Queen Creek	1988

### Receptions (season by conference)

6A	106	Grady Hickey	Chaparral	2021
5A	99	Coleman Owen	Higley	2018
4A	113	Elijah Marks	Desert Edge	2013
3A	89	Randy Nikolaus	Show Low	1982
2A	101	Clifton Jones	Florence	1995

### Receptions (season top performers)

1.	113	Elijah Marks	Desert Edge	2013
2.	112	John Leonard	Cactus Shadows	2010
3.	106	Grady Hickey	Chaparral	2021
4.	101	Clifton Jones	Florence	1995
5.	100	Calvin Dacus	Sahuaro	1999
T6.	99	Jihad Marks	Desert Edge	2019
T6.	99	Coleman Owen	Higley	2018
8.	97	Zach Nelson	Casteel	2018
9.	96	Kade Warner	Desert Mountain	2015
10.	95	Tyler Hironaka	Gilbert	2019
11.	94	Mata'ava Ta'ase	Mountain View (Mesa)	2015
12.	91	AJ Blair	Cholla	2017
13.	90	Lukas Treffers	Saint Mary's	2012
T14	89	Jared Beamon	Paradise Valley	2016
T14.	89	Randy Nikolaus	Show Low	1982
T16.	88	Byron Murphy	Saguaro	2015
T16.	88	Kyle Watkins	Cactus Shadows	2006
T18.	87	Christian Anaya	Hamilton	2021
T18.	87	Jordan Azar	Lake Havasu	2019
T18.	87	Robert Williams	Coronado	2016
T18.	87	Jeremiah Sullivan	Saint Mary's	2014
T18.	87	Kendyl Taylor	Hamilton	2011
T18.	87	Michael Mathias	Tuba City	2006





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### Receptions (career by conference)

6A	241	Kade Warner	Desert Mountain	2014-16
5A	181	Jalen Brown	Mountain Pointe	2010-13
4A	217	Trevor Russell	Casa Grande	2013-16
3A	187	Josh Weeks	Show Low	2008-11
2A	195	Dano Lopez	Bisbee	2016-19

### Receptions (career top performers)

1.	241	Kade Warner	Desert Mountain	2014-16
2.	217	Trevor Russell	Casa Grande	2013-16
3.	214	Calvin Dacus	Sahuaro	1997-99
4.	207	Mark Andrews	Desert Mountain	2011-13
5.	206	Colby Dickie	Perry	2016-18
6.	203	Christian Kirk	Saguaro	2011-14
7.	201	Brandt Goodwin	Saguaro	2016-19
8.	198	Gunner Romney	Chandler	2015-17
9.	196	Zach Nelson	Casteel	2016-18
10.	195	Dano Lopez	Bisbee	2016-19
11.	187	Josh Weeks	Show Low	2008-11
12.	186	Brandt Goodwin	Casteel	2016-18
13.	185	Bristol Olomua	Ganada/Red Mountain	1996-98
14.	181	Jalen Brown	Mountain Pointe	2010-13
T15.	179	Cameron Denson	Salpointe Catholic	2010-13
T15.	179	Chris Heldore	Desert Ridge	2006-08
17.	177	Jacob Brown	Paradise Valley	2013-15
18.	174	Kain Ream	Thunderbird	2016-18
19.	173	Ty Siffermann	Basha	2016-18
T20.	172	Terrell Brown	Basha	2014-16
T20.	172	Nate Phillips	Basha	2010-12

### Receiving Yards (game by conference)

6A	342	Ricky Pearsall	Corona del Sol vs. Gilbert	2017
5A	329	Josh Morrow	Mountain Ridge vs. O'Connor	2005
4A	324	Elijah Marks	Desert Edge vs. Agua Fria	2013
3A	293	Mario Martinez	Yuma Catholic vs. SLAM Academy (NV)	2021
2A	368	Ben McKeighan	Scottsdale Prep vs. Paradise Honors	2014

### Receiving Yards (game top performers)

1.	368	Ben McKeighan	Scottsdale Prep vs. Paradise Honors	2014
2.	342	Ricky Pearsall	Corona del Sol vs. Gilbert	2017
3.	340	Sean Bowman	Phoenix Christian vs. Valley Christian	1999
4.	339	Josh Morrow	Mountain Ridge vs. O'Connor	2005
5.	335	Rick Huisman	Phoenix Christian vs. Bourgade Catholic	1998
6.	332	Terrell Brown	Basha vs. Desert Vista	2016
7.	325	Clifton Jones	Florence vs. Superior	1995
8.	324	Elijah Marks	Desert Edge vs. Agua Fria	2013
9.	321	Mike Funk	Hopi vs. Bagdad	1988
10.	318	Bryan Marshall	Hopi vs. Orme School	1988
11.	316	Deonte Williams	Buena vs. Cienega	2014
12.	315	Mark Marcos	Centennial vs. Mingus Union	1997
13.	313	Mike Funk	Hopi vs. Monument Valley (UT)	1988
14.	308	Lee Cochran	Tonopah Valley vs. Gila Bend	2005
15.	304	Dennis Tate	Tucson vs. Sunnyside	1972
16.	302	Pete Klaass	Paradise Valley vs. Sunnyslope	1983
17.	300	Jared Beamon	Paradise Valley vs. Maricopa	2016
18.	299	Mike Funk	Hopi vs. Queen Creek	1988
19.	297	Jordy Casado	Buckeye vs. Agua Fria	2015
20.	296	Larry Bandura	Scottsdale vs. Mesa	1971

### Receiving Yards (season by conference)

6A	1,554	Gunner Romney	Chandler	2017
5A	1,747	Jacob Brown	Paradise Valley	2015
4A	2,153	Elijah Marks	Desert Edge	2013
3A	2,101	John Henderson	Yuma Catholic	2018
2A	1,627	Gabe Escobedo	Miami	2019

### Receiving Yards (season top performers)

1.	2,153	Elijah Marks	Desert Edge	2013
2.	2,101	John Henderson	Yuma Catholic	2018
3.	1,760	Damian Segovia	Greenway	1995
4.	1,747	Jacob Brown	Paradise Valley	2015
5.	1,733	Byron Murphy	Saguaro	2015
6.	1,728	Victor Gamiz	Washington	2006

7.	1,716	Jihad Marks	Desert Edge	2019
8.	1,662	Jimmy Connor	Greenway	1998
9.	1,627	Gabe Escobedo	Miami	2019
10.	1,601	Clifton Jones	Florence	1995
11.	1,593	Chris McGaha	Moon Valley	2004
12.	1,589	AJ Blair	Cholla	2017
13.	1,583	Matt Bushman	Sabino	2013
14.	1,579	Angel Ruiz	Sunrise Mountain	2017
15.	1,561	Josh Weeks	Show Low	2010
16.	1,559	Kyle Watkins	Cactus Shadows	2006
17.	1,554	Gunner Romney	Chandler	2017
18.	1,550	JT Nettleton	Saguaro	2013
19.	1,543	Ben McKeighan	Scottsdale Prep	2014
20.	1,538	Coleman Owen	Higley	2018

### Receiving Yards (career by conference)

6A	3,674	Mark Andrews	Desert Mountain	2011-13
5A	3,367	Jalen Brown	Mountain Pointe	2010-13
4A	3,943	Christian Kirk	Saguaro	2011-14
3A	3,851	Josh Weeks	Show Low	2008-11
2A	2,918	Dano Lopez	Bisbee	2016-19

### Receiving Yards (career top performers)

1.	3,943	Christian Kirk	Saguaro	2011-14
2.	3,851	Josh Weeks	Show Low	2008-11
3.	3,674	Mark Andrews	Desert Mountain	2011-13
4.	3,665	John Henderson	Yuma Catholic	2016-18
5.	3,629	Gunner Romney	Chandler	2015-17
6.	3,537	Cameron Denson	Salpointe Catholic	2010-13
7.	3,492	Elijah Marks	Desert Edge	2012-13
8.	3,471	Colbie Dickie	Perry	2016-18
9.	3,468	Trevor Russell	Casa Grande	2013-16
10.	3,392	Spencer Schuller	Bisbee	2012-15
11.	3,367	Jalen Brown	Mountain Pointe	2010-13
12.	3,348	Jacob Brown	Paradise Valley	2013-15
13.	3,333	Damian Segovia	Greenway	1993-95
14.	3,161	Brandt Goodwin	Saguaro	2016-19
15.	3,136	Gabe Escobedo	Miami	2019-21
16.	3,123	Gabe Galvan	Arizona Lutheran	2012-15
17.	3,081	Byron Murphy	Saguaro/Marcos de Niza	2013-15
18.	3,062	Zach Nelson	Casteel	2016-18
19.	3,053	Nate Phillips	Basha	2010-12
20.	2,918	Dano Lopez	Bisbee	2016-19

### Touchdown Catches (game by conference)

6A	7	Edward McClendon	Mesa vs. Dobson	2018
5A	6	Garrett Billings	Ironwood Ridge vs. Flowing Wells	2016
5A	6	Josh Morrow	Mountain Ridge vs. O'Connor	2005
4A	5	Kain Ream	Thunderbird vs. Saint Mary's	2018
4A	5	Jordan Lopez	Walden Grove vs. Douglas	2018
4A	5	Allante Shines	Maricopa vs. South Mountain	2015
4A	5	Elijah Marks	Desert Edge vs. Shadow Ridge	2013
4A	5	J.T. Nettleton	Saguaro vs. Desert Edge	2013
4A	5	Massiah Smith	Tempe vs. Alhambra	2013
4A	5	Kyle Watkins	Cactus Shadows vs. Washington	2006
3A	5	Johnny Bellino	ALA-Gilbert North vs. AZ College Prep	2021
3A	5	Savion Boone	Fountain Hills vs. Florence	2020
3A	5	Adam Englebert	Seton Catholic vs. Bourgade Catholic	2011
2A	5	Bujon Boyd	ALA-Queen Creek vs. Benjamin Franklin	2015
2A	5	Austin Torress	Tanque Verde vs. San Manuel	2015
2A	5	Ben McKeighan	Scottsdale Prep vs. Paradise Honors	2014
2A	5	Carter Rodriguez	Yuma Catholic vs. Northwest Christian	2014
2A	5	Brady Cook	Arizona Lutheran vs. Joy Christian	2013
2A	5	Lee Cochran	Tonopah Valley vs. Gila Bend	2005
2A	5	George Krekellberg	Camp Verde	1987
2A	5	Tom Lodge	Cholla vs. Phoenix Indian School	1970
2A	5	Dwight Bennett	Glendale vs. Paradise Valley	1966

### Touchdown Catches (game top performers)

1.	7	Edward McClendon	Mesa vs. Dobson	2018
T2.	6	Garrett Billings	Ironwood Ridge vs. Flowing Wells	2016
T2.	6	Josh Morrow	Mountain Ridge vs. O'Connor	2005
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### Touchdown Catches (season by conference)

6A	21	Mark Andrews	Desert Mountain	2012
5A	24	Angel Ruiz	Sunrise Mountain	2017
4A	26	Elijah Marks	Desert Edge	2013
3A	29	John Henderson	Yuma Catholic	2018
2A	26	Spencer Schuller	Bisbee	2015

### Touchdown Catches (season top performers)

1.	29	John Henderson	Yuma Catholic	2018
T2.	26	Spencer Schuller	Bisbee	2015
T2.	26	Elijah Marks	Desert Edge	2013
T2.	26	Matt Bushman	Sabino	2013
T5.	24	Dujuan Lawrence	Joy Christian	2015
T5.	24	Adam Engelbert	Seton Catholic	2011
T5.	24	Brandon Hirneise	Notre Dame Prep	2007
T5.	24	Kyle Watkins	Cactus Shadows	2006
T9.	23	Angel Ruiz	Sunrise Mountain	2017
T9.	23	JT Nettleton	Saguaro	2013
T9.	23	Jimmy Connor	Greenway	1998
T12.	22	Jacob Cates	Scottsdale Christian	2016
T12.	22	Jacob Brown	Paradise Valley	2015
T12.	22	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep	2013
T12.	22	Chris McGaha	Moon Valley	2004
T16.	21	Austin Rush	Yuma Catholic	2021
T16.	21	Byron Murphy	Saguaro	2015
T16.	21	Brady Cook	Arizona Lutheran	2013
T16.	21	Mark Andrews	Desert Mountain	2012
T16.	21	Sean Bowman	Phoenix Christian	1999
T16.	21	Damian Segovia	Greenway	1995

### Touchdown Catches (career by conference)

6A	48	Mark Andrews	Desert Mountain	2011-13
5A	50	Jalen Brown	Mountain Pointe	2011-13
4A	52	Christian Kirk	Saguaro	2011-14
3A	46	Josh Weeks	Show Low	2008-10
2A	49	Gabe Galvan	Arizona Lutheran	2012-15

### Touchdown Catches (career top performers)

1.	52	Christian Kirk	Saguaro	2011-14
2.	50	Jalen Brown	Mountain Pointe	2010-13
3.	49	Gabe Galvan	Arizona Lutheran	2012-15
4.	48	Mark Andrews	Desert Mountain	2011-13
5.	47	Spencer Schuller	Bisbee	2012-15
6.	46	Josh Weeks	Show Low	2008-11
T7.	45	Trevor Russell	Casa Grande	2013-16
T7.	45	Jacob Brown	Paradise Valley	2013-15
9.	44	Elijah Marks	Desert Edge	2012-13
T10.	42	John Henderson	Yuma Catholic	2015-18
T10.	42	Matt Bushman	Sabino	2011-13
T10.	42	Cameron Denson	Salpointe Catholic	2010-13
T10.	42	Bristol Olomua	Ganado/Red Mountain	1996-98
14.	41	Austin Rush	Yuma Catholic	2019-21
T15.	40	Jacob Cates	Scottsdale Christian	2015-17
T15.	40	John Peel	Chaparral	2001-03
T17.	38	Jake Smith	Notre Dame Prep	2016-18
T17.	38	Colbie Dickie	Perry	2016-18
T17.	38	Brady Cook	Arizona Lutheran	2013-14
T20.	36	Gunner Romney	Chandler	2015-17
T20.	36	Davonte' Neal	Chaparral/Cesar Chavez	2008-11

### Extra Points (game by conference)

6A	11	Braeden Lacombe	Mountain Ridge vs. La Joya	2021
6A	11	Jacob Veach	Pinnacle vs. Desert Mountain	2017
5A	12	Bryson Wilke	Willow Canyon vs. Kofa	2021
4A	12	Griffin Roehler	Agua Fria vs. Washington	2015
3A	12	Derek Auclair	Casteel vs. ASU Prep	2017
3A	12	Alex Shores	Page vs. Monument Valley	1974
2A	11	Edgar Cota	Santa Cruz Valley vs. Tombstone	2017
2A	11	Joey Mariscal	Florence vs. Seton Catholic	1987

### Extra Points (game top performers)

T1.	12	Bryson Wilke	Willow Canyon vs. Kofa	2021
T1.	12	Derek Auclair	Casteel vs. ASU Prep	2017
T1.	12	Griffin Roehler	Agua Fria vs. Washington	2015
T1.	12	Alex Shores	Page vs. Monument Valley	1974
T5.	11	Braeden Lacombe	Mountain Ridge vs. La Joya	2021
T5.	11	Jesus Trejo	Coconino vs. Cortez	2020
T5.	11	Pablo Vargas	Gila Ridge vs. Kofa	2019
T5.	11	Parker Lewis	Saguaro vs. Desert Mountain	2018
T5.	11	Jacob Veach	Pinnacle vs. Desert Mountain	2017
T5.	11	Edgar Cota	Santa Cruz Valley vs. Tombstone	2017
T5.	11	Jacob Lange	Empire vs. Santa Rita	2016
T5.	11	Jonathan Sangillo	Desert Edge vs. Agua Fria	2015
T5.	11	Matthew Rosedale	Saguaro vs. Desert Edge	2013
T5.	11	Dylan Audsley	Chaparral vs. McClintock	2011
T5.	11	Matt Boatman	Chaparral vs. Agua Fria	2005
T5.	11	Joey Mariscal	Florence vs. Seton Catholic	1987
T5.	11	Ed Brooks	Phoenix Union vs. Prescott	1914
	10	many times		

### Extra Points (season by conference)

6A	88	Crew Peterman	Chandler	2019
5A	84	Joe Navarro	Centennial	2012
4A	100	Peter Douds	Saguaro	2011
3A	94	Derek Auclair	Casteel	2017
2A	95	Austin Booker	Joy Christian	2015

### Extra Points (season top performers)

1.	100	Peter Douds	Saguaro	2011
T2.	95	Austin Booker	Joy Christian	2015
T2.	95	Matthew Rosedale	Saguaro	2014
4.	94	Derek Auclair	Casteel	2017
5.	88	Crew Peterman	Chandler	2019
6.	86	Parker Lewis	Saguaro	2018
T7.	84	Matthew Rosedale	Saguaro	2016
T7.	84	Joe Navarro	Centennial	2012
T9.	83	Matt Boatman	Chaparral	2003
T9.	83	Greg Shorts	Centennial	2006
11.	82	Peter Douds	Saguaro	2010
T12.	81	Dylan Audsley	Chaparral	2011
T12.	81	Alan Bayze	Sabino	1997
T14.	80	Cash Peterman	Chandler	2017
T14.	80	Sean Buzier	Chaparral	2010
T14.	80	Alan Bayze	Sabino	1997
T17.	79	Jason Cross	Phoenix Christian	2019
T17.	79	McKaden Chatwin	ALA-Queen Creek	2018
T17.	79	Jonathan Sangillo	Desert Edge	2015
T17.	79	Osvaldo Rodriguez	Yuma Catholic	2014
T17.	79	Bruce Packal	Chaparral	2013
T17.	79	Derek Gregson	Williams Field	2010

### Extra Points (career by conference)

6A	181	Ben Abercrombie	Mountain Pointe	2015-18
5A	181	Joe Navarro	Centennial	2012-14
4A	274	Matthew Rosedale	Saguaro	2013-16
3A	184	Talen Rider	ALA-Queen Creek	2016-18
2A	191	Osvaldo Rodriguez	Yuma Catholic	2012-14

### Extra Points (career top performers)

1.	274	Matthew Rosedale	Saguaro	2013-16
2.	232	Peter Douds	Saguaro	2009-11
3.	223	Jason Cross	Phoenix Christian	2017-19
4.	208	Matt Boatman	Chaparral	2002-05
5.	191	Osvaldo Rodriguez	Yuma Catholic	2012-14
6.	189	Derek Auclair	Casteel	2016-18
7.	184	Talen Rider	ALA-Queen Creek	2016-18
8.	183	Matt Boatman	Chaparral	2003-05
T9.	181	Ben Abercrombie	Mountain Pointe	2015-18
T9.	181	Joe Navarro	Centennial	2012-14





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11.	176	Sam Crockett	Snowflake	2018-21
12.	170	Derek Gregson	Williams Field	2010-12
13.	169	Josh Lane	Phoenix Christian	1994-97
T14.	168	Xavier Rojas	Centennial	2015-17
T14.	168	Mike DeVincenzo	Moon Valley	2002-04
T15.	162	Parker Lewis	Saguaro	2017-19
T15.	162	Tyler Watt	Liberty	2012-14
18.	160	Jonathan Sangillo	Desert Edge	2015-17
19.	159	Conner McRae	Liberty	2008-10
20.	158	Bobby Bird	Sabino	2005-07

### Longest Field Goals

1.	63	Jeff Locke	Mountain Ridge vs. Sunnyside	2007
2.	62	Kyle Pooler	Cactus vs. Coconino	1989
3.	61	Ryan Hawkins	Sunrise Mountain vs. Peoria	2011
4.	60	Ramey Peru	Dobson vs. Mesa	1998
T5.	59	Ryan Hawkins	Sunrise Mountain vs. Cactus	2011
T5.	59	Alex Zandejas	Ironwood vs. South Mountain	2006
T5.	59	Ezra Ricks	Cactus vs. Mings Union	2005
T8.	58	Brayden Narveson	Desert Mountain vs. Mesa	2017
T8.	58	Brandon Ruiz	Williams Field vs. Marana	2016
T8.	58	Austin Casillas	Highland vs. Skyline	2011
T8.	58	Bubba Bradley	Cactus	2003
T8.	58	Jim Sanson	Saint Mary's vs. Westwood	1994
T13.	57	Kenneth Castellanos	Peoria vs. Coconino	2014
T13.	57	Chris Arollo	Apollo vs. Washington	2007
T13.	57	Bryce Solberg	Flagstaff vs. Apollo	1997
T13.	57	Mike Johnson	Centennial	1995
T13.	57	Todd Purdin	Saguaro	1995
T13.	57	Bill Zivic	Palo Verde	1977
T13.	57	Jeff Black	Sahuaro	1988
T20.	56	Jeff Locke	Mountain Ridge vs. Yuma	2007
T20.	56	Cody Morrow	Apache Junction vs. Coronado	2006
T20.	56	Alex Zendejas	Ironwood vs. Deer Valley	2005
T20.	56	Esteban Bayona	Marcos de Niza vs. Westwood	2002
T20.	56	Lucas Coelho	Dobson	1996

### Field Goals (game by conference)

6A	4	Brysen Gardner	Centennial vs. Shadow Ridge	2021
6A	4	Konner Olson	Higley vs. Williams Field	2020
6A	4	Mark Vargas	Tucson vs. Mountain View (Marana)	2018
6A	4	Carlos Cruz	North vs. Maryvale	2017
6A	4	Brandon Johnson	Mountain Pointe vs. Desert Ridge	2015
6A	4	Austin Bull	Perry vs. Mountain Ridge	2014
5A	5	Brandon Ruiz	Williams Field vs. Campo Verde	2016
5A	5	Jeremy Kelly	Mtn. View (Mesa) vs. Marcos de Niza	1996
4A	4	Danny Compton	Paradise Valley vs. Saguaro	2008
4A	4	Tyler Blair	Coronado vs. Higley	2006
4A	4	Bubba Bradley	Cactus	2003
4A	4	Andy Schiesl	Chaparral vs. Apache Junction	1993
4A	4	Jason Givens	Yuma	1992
3A	5	Logan Rush	Yuma Catholic vs. Payson	2021
2A	7	Kris Pulsifer	St. Johns vs. Red Mesa	1999

### Field Goals (game top performers)

1.	7	Kris Pulsifer	St. Johns vs. Red Mesa	1999
T2.	5	Logan Rush	Yuma Catholic vs. Payson	2021
T2.	5	Brandon Ruiz	Williams Field vs. Campo Verde	2016
T2.	5	Nick Longanecker	Valley Christian vs. Westwind Prep	2006
T2.	5	Jeremy Kelly	Mtn. View (Mesa) vs. Marcos de Niza	1996
4		many times		

### Field Goals (season by conference)

6A	15	Justin Barber	Basha	2011
5A	19	Mike Cortright	Saint Mary's	1985
4A	19	Bubba Bradley	Cactus	2003
3A	20	Samuel Crockett	Snowflake	2021
2A		Kris Pulsifer	St. Johns	

### Field Goals (season top performers)

1.	20	Samuel Crockett	Snowflake	2021
T2.	19	Bubba Bradley	Cactus	2003
T2.	19	Cory Lizarraga	Blue Ridge	1997
T2.	19	Mike Cortright	Saint Mary's	1985
5.	17	Brandon Ruiz	Williams Field	2016
T6.	16	Ben Pigg	Bradshaw Mountain	2007
T6.	16	Kyle Pooler	Cactus	1989
T8.	15	Justin Barber	Basha	2011
T8.	15	Ryan Hawkins	Sunrise Mountain	2010
T8.	15	Danny Berzins	Desert Ridge	2010
T8.	15	Alex Garoutte	Brophy Prep	2009
T8.	15	Ezra Ricks	Cactus	2005
T8.	15	Kyle Day	Sahuarita	2004
T8.	15	Erik Contos	Red Mountain	2001
T8.	15	Jeremy Kelly	Mountain View (Mesa)	1996
T8.	15	Jeremy Kelly	Mountain View (Mesa)	1995
T17.	14	Talen Rider	ALA-Queen Creek	2018
T17.	14	Trevor Eldean	Brophy Prep	2016
13		many times		

### Field Goals (career by conference)

6A	22	Austin McNamara	Highland	2016-18
5A	36	Mike Cortright	Saint Mary's	1983-85
4A	30	Ryan Hawkins	Sunrise Mountain	2009-11
3A	32	Sam Crockett	Snowflake	2018-21
2A	24	Kris Pulsifer	St. Johns	1999-00

### Field Goals (career top performers)

1.	36	Mike Cortright	Saint Mary's	1983-85
2.	32	Sam Crockett	Snowflake	2018-21
3.	31	Brandon Ruiz	Williams Field	2014-16
T4.	30	Talen Rider	ALA-Queen Creek	2016-18
T4.	30	Ryan Hawkins	Sunrise Mountain	2009-11
T4.	30	Jeremy Kelly	Mountain View (Mesa)	1995-96
7.	29	Jeff Black	Sahuaro	1986-88
8.	27	Jeff Locke	Mountain Ridge	2004-07
9	26	Quin Rodriguez	Dobson	1984-86
T10.	25	Bryce Peters	Prescott	2015-18
T10.	25	Ezra Ricks	Cactus	2004-05
T12.	24	Kris Pulsifer	St. Johns	1999-00
T12.	24	Kyle Pooler	Cactus	1987-89
T14.	23	Antonio DeCozio	Desert Ridge	2015-16
T14.	23	Danny Groebner	Blue Ridge	2009-11
T14.	23	Maeshall Dirksen	McClintock	2008-10
T14.	23	Alex Zendejas	Ironwood	2004-06
T18.	22	Austin McNamara	Highland	2016-18
T18.	22	Alex Moyes	Combs	2011-14
T18.	22	Alex Garoutte	Brophy Prep	2008-09
T18.	22	Jim Sanson	Saint Mary's	1993-95
T18.	22	Dave Wood	Washington	1976-79

### Interceptions (game by conference)

6A	4	Seth Doubmbia	Basha vs. Liberty	2015
5A	5	Joseph La Mar	South Mountain vs. Carl Hayden	2008
4A	5	Aaron Smith	Sabino vs. Desert View	1996
3A	7	Gabe Lumas	Kingman vs. Flagstaff	2011
2A	5	Graham Nielson	St. Johns vs. Arizona Lutheran	2019

### Interceptions (game top performers)

1.	7	Gabe Lumas	Kingman vs. Flagstaff	2011
T2.	5	Graham Nielson	St. Johns vs. Arizona Lutheran	2019
T2.	5	Joseph La Mar	South Mountain vs. Carl Hayden	2008
T2.	5	Aaron Smith	Sabino vs. Desert View	1996
T2.	5	Mike Koza	Santa Rita vs. Nogales	1974
T2.	5	Dick Gwinn	Judson vs. Bourgade Catholic	1964
T2.	5	Conrad Flippen	Phoenix Union vs. Albuquerque (NM)	1930
4		many times		



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### Interceptions (season by conference)

6A	10	Elijah Pharrams	Mesa	2016
6A	10	Isaiah Pola-Mao	Mountain Pointe	2016
5A	18	Rudy Quihuis	Pueblo	1967
4A	16	Max Tabach	Saguaro	2006
3A	15	Mike Vere	Bourgade	1972
2A	16	Brandon Tomerlin	Superior	1996

### Interceptions (season top performers)

1.	18	Rudy Quihuis	Pueblo	1967
T2.	16	Max Tabach	Saguaro	2006
T2.	16	Brandon Tomerlin	Superior	1996
T4.	15	Adam Patterson	St. Johns	2002
T4.	15	Mike Vere	Bourgade Catholic	1972
T6.	14	Cory Lizarraga	Blue Ridge	1997
T6.	14	Aaron Smith	Sabino	1996
T6.	14	Mickey Bell	Cactus	1979
T6.	14	Andy Zwingle	Peoria	1979
T10.	13	Brandon Langston	River Valley	2007
T10.	13	Jeremy Ryan	St. Johns	1994
T10.	13	Danny Arellano	Blue Ridge	1994
T10.	13	Scotty Malm	Phoenix Christian	1986
T10.	13	Shawn Benson	Mesa	1981
T10.	13	Harold Smith	Florence	1974
T10.	13	Greg Anderson	Saint Mary's	1967
	12	many times		

### Interceptions (career by conference)

6A	21	Isaiah Pola-Mao	Mountain Pointe	2014-16
5A	25	Rudy Quihuis	Pueblo	1966-67
4A	27	Angel Corona	Flowing Wells	1983-85
3A	26	Phillip Echeverria	Buckeye	1985-87
2A	32	Brandon Tomerlin	Superior	1995-98

### Interceptions (career top performers)

1.	32	Brandon Tomerlin	Superior	1995-98
2.	30	Harold Smith	Florence	1972-74
3.	29	Billy Burris	Florence	1987-89
4.	27	Angel Corona	Flowing Wells	1983-85
5.	26	Phillip Echeverria	Buckeye	1985-87
T6.	25	Rudy Quihuis	Pueblo	1966-67
T6.	25	Chad Ence	St. Johns	1989-90
T6.	25	David Moran	Bradshaw Mountain	1992-95
T6.	25	Rudy Quihuis	Pueblo	1966-67
T10.	24	Carlos Artis	Washington	1988-90
T10.	24	Troy Gilliland	Parker	1982-85
T10.	24	Jay Jones	Douglas	1977-79
T13.	21	Isaiah Pola-Mao	Mountain Pointe	2014-16
T13.	21	Cory Lizarraga	Blue Ridge	1996-97
T15.	20	Heath Motes	Thatcher	2012-14
T15.	20	Tim Austill	Mingus Union	2005-07
T15.	20	Aaron Smith	Sabino	1995-96
T15.	20	Chad Ence	St. Johns	1989-90
T15.	20	Rhon McKinney	North	1985-86
T15.	20	Keith Miller	Mountain View (Mesa)	1977-78
T15.	20	Charles Cobb	Florence	1975-77

### Coaching Victories

349-99-4	Mike Morgan	St. Johns
336-71-0	Paul Moro	Blue Ridge/Poston Butte/Marcos de Niza
332-120-3	Jim Rattay	Cesar Chavez (200-91-1 in Arizona)
331-159-6	Vern Friedli	Amphitheater
331-100-3	Larry Fetkenhier	Cactus (315-96-3 in Arizona)
316-132-6	Richard Taylor	Centennial (267-86-3 in Arizona)
309-139-4	Jesse Parker	Gilbert
308-138-3	Karl Kiefer	McClintock/Mountain Pointe

### Highest Scores (by winning team)

113-0	Scottsdale def. Salt River Indian School	1940
106-0	Prescott def. Kingman	1925
106-0	Clarkdale def. Kingman	1924
102-0	Page def. Monument Valley	1974
102-0	Long Beach Poly (CA) def. Phoenix Union	1919
101-0	Clarkdale def. Kingman	1925
100-6	Westwood def. Kofa	1969
99-0	Douglas def. Tombstone	1925
96-0	Willow Canyon def. Kofa	2021
96-74	Agua Fria vs. Washington	2015
95-75	Higley def. Apache Junction	2014
95-0	Douglas def. Nogales	1920
94-0	Page def. Window Rock	2018
94-0	Winslow def. Truxton Indians	1931
94-0	Phoenix Union def. Miami	1928
91-0	Page def. Monument Valley	1975
90-7	Sunnyside def. Cholla	1999
90-6	Phoenix Union def. Chandler	1924
89-0	Santa Cruz Valley def. Tombstone	2017
89-8	Florence def. Seton Catholic	1987
89-0	Page def. Window Rock	1975
89-0	Marana def. Sahuarita	1968
88-28	Chaparral def. Agua Fria	2005
88-0	Safford def. Lordsburg (NM)	1932
88-0	Mesa def. Flagstaff Normal	1921
86-6	Tonopah Valley def. Heritage Academy	2018
86-6	Window Rock def. Rough Rock	2013
86-0	Page def. Many Farms	1975
86-0	Miami def. Willcox	1924

### Highest Scores (by combined total)

170	Agua Fria (96) def. Washington (74)	2015
170	Higley (95) def. Apache Junction (75)	2014
143	Perry (75) def. Sandra Day O'Connor (68)	2018
137	Empire (82) def. Catalina (55)	2013
137	Ironwood (69) def. Deer Valley (68)	2011
135	Perry (68) def. Red Mountain (67)	2019
135	Marcos de Niza (78) def. Buena (57)	2013
133	Chandler (84) def. Perry (49)	2019
133	Desert Vista (70) def. Perry (63)	2019
131	Sunrise Mountain (74) def. Gilbert (57)	2018
131	Mountain View (Mesa) (66) def. Highland (65)	2015
129	Chandler (77) def. Pinnacle (52)	2017
129	Saguaro (81) def. Sunrise Mountain (48)	2011
128	Perry (65) def. Hamilton (63)	2017
127	Yuma Catholic (77) def. San Tan Foothills	2011
126	Holbrook (67) def. Sedona Red Rock (59)	2017
125	Raymond Kellis (76) def. Ironwood (49)	2016
125	Saguaro (77) def. Desert Edge (48)	2013
124	Poston Butte (69) def. Cholla (55)	2016
124	Tolleson (79) def. Peoria (45)	1946
123	Perry (63) def. Hamilton (60)	2016
123	Buena (63) def. Cienega (60)	2013
122	Mingus Union (78) def. Centennial (44)	1997
120	Desert Edge (83) def. Agua Fria (27)	2015
119	Mohave (70) def. Dysart (49)	2019
119	Cactus (70) def. Bradshaw Mountain (49)	2016
119	Horizon (68) def. Desert Mountain (51)	2014
119	Joy Christian (76) def. Scottsdale Prep (43)	2013
119	Tombstone (81) def. Baboquivari (38)	2004

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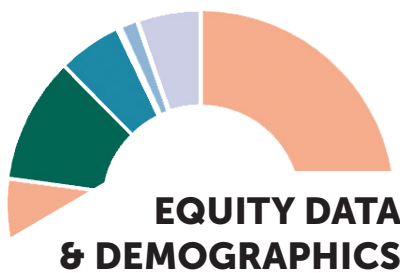
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The AIA is in need of the following season or single-game stats in order to have the most complete archives possible:

Bagdad	2008, 2011 seasons
El Capitan	2018-19 seasons and game-by-game
Fort Thomas	2004, 2013 seasons and game-by-game
Fredonia	1993 season
Gilbert Christian	2013 game vs. Ray (11/2)
Glendale Prep	2013 season and game-by-game
Joseph City	2011 state championship vs. Joy Christian (11/12)
Joseph City	2014 season kicking stats
Patagonia	1985-88, 2006-08, 2011 seasons and game-by-game
Pima	1972, 2012 seasons and 2012 game-by-game
Salome	2014-15 seasons and game-by-game
St. David	2007 season and game-by-game
Valley Lutheran	2004-05, 2016, 2018 seasons and game-by-game
Valley Union	2007-12 seasons and game-by-game

### Touchdowns (game)

1.	10	Vincent Alvarado	Seligman vs. Canyon State Academy	2004
T2.	9	Cale Merrell	Duncan vs. Superior	2012
T2.	9	Brian Dibble	ASDB vs. Western Christian Acad.	1978
T4.	8	Brian Lynch	PDSD vs. San Pasqual Valley	2019
T4.	8	Ozzie Anaya	Valley Union vs. Bowie	1985
T4.	8	John Sampson	Maricopa vs. ASDB	1973
	7	many times		

### Touchdowns (season)

1.	49	Scotty Finnerty	Bagdad	2017
2.	48	Chuck Antoni	Salome	1980
3.	47	David Soto	Patagonia	2008
4.	39	Dallyn Despain	Mogollon	2013
T5.	37	Dacodah Jensen	Mayer	2017
T5.	37	Jaret Luzania	Valley Union	2015
7.	36	Brian Lynch	PDSD	2019
8.	35	Kyron Newton	Valley Union	2014
T9.	34	Curtis Hancock	Pima	2015
T9.	34	Myles Mattox	Glendale Prep	2014
T9.	34	Andrew Sherman	Gilbert Christian	2013
T9.	34	Alan Splitter	Mayer	2006
T13.	33	Noah Huerta	San Manuel	2021
T13.	33	Brian Lynch	Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	2019
T13.	33	Casey Jeans	Bagdad	2014
T13.	33	Elijah Bowie	Valley Lutheran	2014
T17.	32	David Atkerson	Mayer	2010
T17.	32	Tot Workman	St. David	1957
T19.	31	Talon Haynie	St. David	2021
T19.	31	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep	2012

### Touchdowns (career)

1.	95	Chuck Antoni	Salome	1977-80
2.	76	Chance Pearson	Williams	2016-19
3.	73	Dallyn Despain	Mogollon	2010-13
4.	71	Cale Merrell	Duncan	2010-13
5.	70	Boone Baker	Mogollon	2009-11
6.	65	Nicolaus Cruz	Superior	2013-16
7.	64	Brian Lynch	Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	2017-19
8.	63	Casey Jeans	Bagdad	2012-14
9.	61	Adam Navarette	Superior	2017-20
10.	56	Talon Haynie	St. David	2018-21
T11.	54	Drew Logan	Williams	2019-21
T11.	54	Scotty Finnerty	Bagdad	2015-17
T11.	54	Jaret Luzania	Valley Union	2014-15
T11.	54	Chris Grap	Superior	2008-11
15.	53	Benjamin Loveall	Bagdad	2013-16
16.	52	Connor Watson	Bagdad	2018-21
17.	51	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep	2011-12
18.	50	Joe Campbell	Seligman	1973-75
19.	48	Caleb Young	Gilbert Christian	2013-15
20.	47	Brian Sheehey	Arizona School for the Deaf & Blind	1971-74



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### Points (game)

1.	60	Vincent Alvarado	Seligman vs. Canyon State Academy	2004
2.	56	Ozzie Anaya	Valley Union vs. Bowie	1985
T3.	54	Cale Merrell	Duncan vs. Superior	2012
T3.	54	Brian Dibble	ASDB vs. Western Christian Acad.	1978
5.	52	Brian Lynch	PDSB vs. San Pasqual Valley	2019
T6.	50	Brian Lynch	PDSB vs. Colo. School for the Deaf	2018
T6.	50	John Sampson	Maricopa vs. ASDB	1973
T8.	46	Jacob Sonke	Valley Union vs. Mohave Accel.	2020
T8.	46	Brian Lynch	PDSB vs. Miss. School for the Deaf	2019
T8.	46	Brian Lynch	PDSB vs. Anthem Prep	2019
T8.	46	Kyron Newton	Valley Lutheran vs. Ajo	2014
T8.	46	George McNeil	Litchfield vs. Peoria	1948
T13.	44	Scotty Finnerty	Bagdad vs. Ray	2017
T13.	44	Myles Mattox	Glendale Prep vs. AZ Charter Acad.	2014
T13.	44	Cale Merrell	Duncan vs. Fort Thomas	2011
	42	many times		

### Points (season)

1.	332	Scott Finnerty	Bagdad	2017
2.	314	Chuck Antoni	Salome	1980
3.	282	David Soto	Patagonia	2008
4.	254	Dallin Despain	Mogollon	2013
5.	250	Dacodah Jensen	Mayer	2017
6.	244	Jaret Luzania	Valley Union	2015
7.	240	Alan Splitter	Mayer	2006
8.	238	Casey Jeans	Bagdad	2014
T9.	234	Brian Lynch	Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	2019
T9.	234	Andrew Sherman	Gilbert Christian	2013
11.	232	Brian Lynch	PDSB	2019
12.	228	Ozzie Anaya	Valley Union	1985
13.	226	Kyron Newton	Valley Lutheran	2014
T14.	224	Noah Huerta	San Manuel	2021
T14.	224	Myles Mattox	Glendale Prep	2014
16.	222	Curtis Hancock	Pima	2015
17.	216	Elijah Bowie	Valley Lutheran	2014
18.	212	Caleb Young	Gilbert Christian	2014
T19.	208	Seth Reidhead	Mogollon	2018
T19.	208	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep	2012
T19.	208	Randy Landwerlen	Valley Union	2010

### Points (career)

1.	688	Arley McNeil	Patagonia	1985-88
2.	654	Chuck Antoni	Salome	1977-80
3.	494	Dallin Despain	Mogollon	2010-13
4.	480	Chance Pearson	Williams	2016-19
5.	478	Brian Lynch	Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	2017-19
6.	466	Boone Baker	Mogollon	2009-11
7.	442	Cale Merrell	Duncan	2010-13
8.	424	Casey Jeans	Bagdad	2012-14
9.	422	Nicolaus Cruz	Superior	2013-16
10.	414	Adam Navarette	Superior	2017-20
11.	411	Caleb Young	Gilbert Christian	2013-15
12.	400	Talon Haynie	St. David	2018-21
13.	374	Stephen Da Silva	Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	1999-01
14.	364	Scotty Finnerty	Bagdad	2015-17
T15.	362	Drew Logan	Williams	2019-21
T15.	362	Jaret Luzania	Valley Union	2014-15
T17.	360	Seth Reidhead	Mogollon	2015-18
T17.	360	Edgar Galindo	Superior	2013-16
T17.	360	Benjamin Loveall	Bagdad	2013-16

### Rushing Yards (game)

1.	532	Jacob Sonke	Valley Union vs. Mohave Accel.	2020
2.	501	David Drennan	Superior vs. Lincoln Prep	2021
3.	483	Wyatt Grover	Fredonia vs. Mayer	2021
4.	477	Ozzie Anaya	Valley Union vs. Bowie	1985
5.	453	Cale Merrell	Duncan vs. Superior	2012
6.	419	Karsen Estelle	Valley Union vs. Trivium Prep	2016
7.	409	Dallin Despain	Mogollon vs. Mayer	2013
8.	399	Jacob Hanback	Desert Heights Prep vs. Mohave Accel.	2021
T9.	395	Brian Lynch	PDSB vs. San Pasqual Valley	2019
T9.	395	Cale Merrell	Duncan vs. Valley Union	2013
T9.	395	Cale Merrell	Duncan vs. Fort Thomas	2011
12.	393	Myles Mattox	Glendale Prep vs. AZ Charter Acad.	2014
T13.	385	Ozzie Anaya	Valley Union	1985
T13.	385	Tot Workman	St. David vs. Patagonia	1957
15.	384	Nicolaus Cruz	Superior vs. Gilbert Christian	2015
16.	382	Isaiah Bradshaw	El Capitan vs. Mayer	2020
17.	377	Wesley Conyer	Duncan vs. St. David	2017
18.	371	Brian Dibble	ASDB vs. Western Christian Acad.	1978
T19.	367	Wyatt Grover	Fredonia vs. Fort Thomas	2021
T19.	367	Kyron Newton	Valley Lutheran vs. Duncan	2014

### Rushing Yards (season)

1.	2,494	Dallin Despain	Mogollon	2013
2.	2,271	Ozzie Anaya	Valley Union	1985
3.	2,250	Gary Hall	Canyon State Academy	2005
4.	2,119	Morgan Bingham	Fredonia	1990
5.	2,096	Dimitri O'Brien	Valley Lutheran	2010
6.	2,093	Chuck Antoni	Salome	1980
7.	2,081	David Atkerson	Mayer	2010
8.	2,065	Myles Mattox	Glendale Prep	2014
9.	2,042	Morgan Bingham	Fredonia	1991
10.	2,005	Cale Merrell	Duncan	2012
11.	2,000	Kyron Newton	Valley Lutheran	2014
12.	1,990	DJ Lillard	Valley Lutheran	2005
13.	1,942	Randy Landwerlen	Valley Union	2010
14.	1,934	Jaret Luzania	Valley Union	2015
15.	1,845	Joe Birmingham	Gila Bend	1956
16.	1,812	Elijah Bowie	Valley Lutheran	2014
17.	1,780	Talon Haynie	St. David	2021
18.	1,678	Brian Lynch	Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	2019
19.	1,667	Casey Jeans	Bagdad	2014
20.	1,666	Wyatt Grover	Fredonia	2021

### Rushing Yards (career)

1.	5,806	Morgan Bingham	Fredonia	1990-92
2.	5,760	Arley McNeil	Patagonia	1985-88
3.	5,210	Cale Merrell	Duncan	2010-13
4.	4,458	Boone Baker	Mogollon	2009-11
5.	4,385	Dallin Despain	Mogollon	2010-13
6.	4,117	Brian Sheehey	Arizona School for the Deaf & Blind	1971-74
7.	3,802	Casey Jeans	Bagdad	2012-14
8.	3,737	Chance Pearson	Williams	2016-19
9.	3,702	Nicolaus Cruz	Superior	2013-16
10.	3,587	Brian Lynch	Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	2017-19
11.	3,547	Brian Dibble	Arizona School for the Deaf & Blind	1976-78
12.	3,483	Talon Haynie	St. David	2018-21
13.	3,460	Ozzie Anaya	Valley Union	1983-85
14.	3,446	Chuck Antoni	Salome	1977-80
15.	3,250	Dimitri O'Brien	Valley Lutheran	2009-11





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16.	3,186	Wesley Conyer	Duncan	2015-18
17.	3,074	Octavio Martinez	Salome	2016-19
18.	3,063	Chris Grap	Superior	2008-11
19.	3,042	Jaret Luzania	Valley Union	2014-15
20.	2,873	Jace Luzania	Valley Union	2010-11

### Rushing Touchdowns (game)

T1.	9	Cale Merrell	Duncan vs. Superior	2012
T1.	9	Brian Dibble	ASDB vs. Western Christian Acad.	1978
T3.	7	Jacob Sonke	Valley Union vs. Mohave Accel.	2020
T3.	7	Brian Lynch	PDS vs. San Pasqual Valley	2019
T3.	7	Brian Lynch	PDS vs. Colo. School for the Deaf	2018
T3.	7	Myles Mattox	Glendale Prep vs. AZ Charter Acad.	2014
T3.	7	Kyron Newton	Valley Lutheran vs. Ajo	2014
T3.	7	Cale Merrell	Duncan vs. Fort Thomas	2011
	6	many times		

### Rushing Touchdowns (season)

1.	48	Chuck Antoni	Salome	1980
2.	43	David Soto	Patagonia	2008
3.	39	Dallyn Despain	Mogollon	2013
4.	35	Ozzie Anaya	Valley Union	1985
5.	34	Dacodah Jensen	Mayer	2017
6.	33	Jaret Luzania	Valley Union	2016
7.	32	Myles Mattox	Glendale Prep	2015
8.	30	David Atkerson	Mayer	2010
T9.	29	Casey Jeans	Bagdad	2014
T9.	29	Dmitri O'Brien	Valley Lutheran	2010
T11.	28	Talon Haynie	St. David	2021
T11.	28	Randy Landwerlen	Valley Union	2010
T11.	28	Alan Splitter	Mayer	2006
T14.	27	Cale Merrell	Duncan	2012
T14.	27	Ketah Watson	Valley Lutheran	2012
T14.	27	Tim Porter	Mogollon	1990
T17.	26	Brian Lynch	Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	2019
T17.	26	Curtis Hancock	Pima	2015
T17.	26	Kyron Newton	Valley Lutheran	2014
T17.	26	Elijah Bowie	Valley Lutheran	2014
T17.	26	Boone Baker	Mogollon	2009
T17.	26	Luis Martinez	Valley Union	2007

### Rushing Touchdowns (career)

T1.	72	Dallyn Despain	Mogollon	2010-13
T1.	72	Chuck Antoni	Salome	1977-80
T3.	68	Chance Pearson	Williams	2016-19
T3.	68	Cale Merrell	Duncan	2010-13
5.	67	Boone Baker	Mogollon	2009-11
6.	61	Nicolaus Cruz	Superior	2013-16
T7.	57	Brian Lynch	Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	2017-19
T7.	57	Casey Jeans	Bagdad	2012-14
9.	54	Ozzie Anaya	Valley Union	1983-85
T10.	46	Talon Haynie	St. David	2018-21
T10.	46	Octavio Martinez	Salome	2016-19
T10.	46	Jaret Luzania	Valley Union	2014-15
T10.	46	Chris Grap	Superior	2008-11
14.	44	Steven Ybarra	Superior	2015-18
T15.	43	Dmitri O'Brien	Valley Lutheran	2009-11
T15.	43	David Soto	Patagonia	2008
17.	42	Dacodah Jensen	Mayer	2015-17
18.	41	Jace Luzania	Valley Union	2010-11
T19.	39	Payton Reidhead	Mogollon	2018-21
T19.	39	Isaiah Bradshaw	El Capitan	2020-21

### Completions (game)

1.	35	Arthur Castillo	Hayden vs. Williams	2018
2.	34	Aidan Wright	Scottsdale Prep vs. St. David	2011
3.	33	Matthew Cruz	Superior vs. Williams	2020
4.	32	JR Tessay	Fort Thomas vs. Duncan	2012
5.	30	Todd Stringfellow	Fort Thomas vs. Valley Union	2018
6.	29	Nick Smith	Scottsdale Prep vs. Valley Lutheran	2012
7.	28	Clark Zimmerman	Valley Lutheran vs. Mogollon	2015
T8.	27	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep vs. Glendale Prep	2013
T8.	27	Aidan Wright	Scottsdale Prep vs. Glendale Prep	2010
T10.	26	Rocky Sandoval	Bagdad vs. Williams	2020
T10.	26	Logan Davis	St. David vs. Hayden	2019
T10.	26	Kyle Stringfellow	Fort Thomas vs. NFL Yet	2015
T10.	26	Kyle Stringfellow	Fort Thomas vs. Baboquivari	2015
T10.	26	Nick Smith	Scottsdale Prep vs. Mogollon	2012
T10.	26	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep vs. Mayer	2012
T16.	25	Logan Davis	St. David vs. Fort Thomas	2019
T16.	25	Todd Stringfellow	Fort Thomas vs. Arete Prep	2018
T16.	25	Romeo Valenzuela	Valley Lutheran vs. Salome	2017
T16.	25	Israel Loveall	Bagdad vs. Pima	2015
T16.	25	Nick Henderson	Joy Christian vs. St. David	2011
T16.	25	Zachary Loveall	Bagdad vs. Mogollon	2009

### Completions (season)

1.	174	Aidan Wright	Scottsdale Prep	2011
2.	170	Todd Stringfellow	Fort Thomas	2018
3.	169	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep	2012
4.	166	Todd Stringfellow	Fort Thomas	2019
5.	166	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2017
6.	160	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2015
7.	159	Nick Henderson	Joy Christian	2012
8.	156	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep	2013
9.	155	Logan Davis	St. David	2019
10.	154	Nick Henderson	Joy Christian	2011
11.	148	Ryan Gooding	St. David	2021
12.	142	Matthew McClelland	Arete Prep	2019
13.	138	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2016
14.	137	Travis Davis	St. David	2015
15.	135	Zachary Loveall	Bagdad	2009
16.	131	Steven Ybarra	Superior	2017
17.	130	Matthew Cruz	Superior	2019
18.	129	Nicolaus Cruz	Superior	2016
19.	127	Martin Granillo	Superior	2011
20.	121	Nick Smith	Scottsdale Prep	2012

### Completions (career)

1.	464	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2014-17
2.	450	Travis Davis	St. David	2013-16
3.	426	Martin Granillo	Superior	2008-11
4.	344	Todd Stringfellow	Fort Thomas	2016-19
5.	339	Nicolaus Cruz	Superior	2013-16
6.	327	Nick Henderson	Joy Christian	2010-12
T7.	325	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep	2012-13
T7.	325	Nick Henderson	Joy Christian	2010-12
9.	317	Logan Davis	St. David	2017-20
10.	307	Evan Stringfellow	Fort Thomas	2015-17
11.	292	Tyler Davis	St. David	2009-11
12.	280	Zachary Loveall	Bagdad	2007-10
13.	258	Steven Ybarra	Superior	2015-18
14.	234	Jacob Krause	Valley Lutheran	2005-07
15.	231	Trey Tenney	Mogollon	2015-18



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16.	216	Demetrius Dosela	Fort Thomas	2005-07
T17.	208	Rocky Sandoval	Bagdad	2018-20
T17.	208	Kyle Stringfellow	Fort Thomas	2012-15
19.	193	Luke Wolkos	Valley Lutheran	2007-09

### Passing Attempts (game)

1.	71	Aidan Wright	Scottsdale Prep vs. St. David	2011
2.	54	Nick Smith	Scottsdale Prep vs. Valley Lutheran	2012
3.	53	Logan Davis	St. David vs. Hayden	2019
4.	52	JR Tessay	Fort Thomas vs. Duncan	2012
T5.	51	Matthew Cruz	Superior vs. Williams	2020
T5.	51	Nick Smith	Scottsdale Prep vs. Mogollon	2012
T7.	50	Rocky Sandoval	Bagdad vs. Williams	2020
T7.	50	Clark Zimmerman	Valley Lutheran vs. Mogollon	2015
T9.	48	Israel Loveall	Bagdad vs. Pima	2015
T9.	48	Matthew Martinez	Rancho Solano Prep vs. Salome	2012
11.	47	Zachary Loveall	Bagdad vs. Mogollon	2009
12.	46	Israel Loveall	Bagdad vs. Pima	2015
T13.	45	Matthew McClelland	Arete Prep vs. Superior	2019
T13.	45	Cameron Baldwin	Joseph City vs. Valley Union	2017
15.	44	Latrell Kinlicheenie	Joseph City vs. Williams	2018
T16.	43	Romeo Valenzuela	Valley Lutheran vs. Salome	2017
T16.	43	Martin Granillo	Superior vs. Pima	2011
T18.	42	Matthew McClelland	Arete Prep vs. Mogollon	2019
T18.	42	Arthur Castillo	Hayden vs. Williams	2018
T18.	42	Bailey Anderson	Gilbert Christian vs. Bagdad	2013

### Passing Attempts (season)

1.	318	Aidan Wright	Scottsdale Prep	2011
2.	308	Matthew McClelland	Arete Prep	2019
3.	289	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep	2012
4.	272	Matthew McClelland	Arete Prep	2018
5.	270	Aidan Wright	Scottsdale Prep	2010
T6.	268	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2017
T6.	268	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2015
8.	261	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep	2013
9.	256	Todd Stringfellow	Fort Thomas	2019
10.	254	Clark Zimmerman	Valley Lutheran	2015
11.	247	Travis Davis	St. David	2016
12.	246	Travis Davis	St. David	2016
13.	242	Zachary Loveall	Bagdad	2009
14.	240	Logan Davis	St. David	2019
15.	237	Steven Ybarra	Superior	2017
16.	235	Matthew Martinez	Rancho Solano Prep	2012
17.	232	Ryan Gooding	St. David	2021
18.	225	Travis Davis	St. David	2016
19.	222	Matthew Cruz	Superior	2019
20.	220	Nick Henderson	Joy Christian	2012

### Passing Attempts (career)

1.	873	Travis Davis	St. David	2013-16
2.	796	Martin Granillo	Superior	2008-11
3.	734	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2014-17
4.	593	Nicolaus Cruz	Superior	2013-16
5.	580	Matthew McClelland	Arete Prep	2018-19
6.	550	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep	2012-13
7.	515	Todd Stringfellow	Fort Thomas	2016-19
8.	513	Tyler Davis	St. David	2008-11
9.	507	Zachary Loveall	Bagdad	2007-10
10.	495	Logan Davis	St. David	2017-20

11.	479	Evan Stringfellow	Fort Thomas	2015-17
12.	470	Nick Henderson	Joy Christian	2010-12
13.	463	Jacob Krause	Valley Lutheran	2005-07
14.	453	Steven Ybarra	Superior	2015-18
15.	406	Demetrius Dosela	Fort Thomas	2005-07
16.	401	Latrell Kinlicheenie	Joseph City	2017-19
17.	370	Matthew Martinez	Rancho Solano Prep	2011-12
18.	369	Paul Schubring	Chandler Prep	2009-10
19.	368	Rocky Sandoval	Bagdad	2018-20

### Passing Yards (game)

1.	571	Bailey Anderson	Gilbert Christian vs. Arete Prep	2013
2.	541	Israel Loveall	Bagdad vs. Ray	2017
3.	535	Aidan Wright	Scottsdale Prep vs. St. David	2011
4.	504	Garry Hall	Canyon State Academy	2004
5.	489	Diego Foster	Tempe Prep vs. Lincoln Prep	2021
6.	488	Nick Smith	Scottsdale Prep vs. Mogollon	2012
7.	481	Zachary Loveall	Bagdad vs. Orme School	2010
8.	457	Clark Zimmerman	Valley Lutheran vs. Anthem Prep	2015
9.	448	Israel Loveall	Bagdad vs. Mayer	2017
10.	445	Matthew McClelland	Arete Prep vs. El Capitan	2019
11.	445	Kyle Stringfellow	Fort Thomas vs. NFL Yet	2015
12.	441	Matthew Martinez	Rancho Solano Prep vs. Veritas Prep	2012
13.	440	Aidan Wright	Scottsdale Prep vs. Rancho Solano Prep	2011
14.	437	Diego Foster	Tempe Prep vs. Lincoln Prep	2020
15.	433	JR Tessay	Fort Thomas vs. Salt River	2012
16.	432	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep vs. Glendale Prep	2013
17.	427	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep vs. Ajo	2013
18.	426	Clark Zimmerman	Valley Lutheran vs. Mogollon	2015
19.	416	Rick Lines	Pima vs. St. David	1974
20.	409	Matthew Martinez	Rancho Solano Prep vs. Chandler Prep	2012

### Passing Yards (season)

1.	3,479	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2017
2.	3,083	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2016
3.	3,020	Aidan Wright	Scottsdale Prep	2011
4.	2,727	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2015
5.	2,673	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep	2013
6.	2,618	Nick Henderson	Joy Christian	2012
7.	2,577	Todd Stringfellow	Fort Thomas	2019
8.	2,565	Travis Davis	St. David	2015
9.	2,559	Matthew McClelland	Arete Prep	2018
10.	2,468	Ryan Gooding	St. David	2021
11.	2,445	Todd Stringfellow	Fort Thomas	2018
12.	2,413	Matthew McClelland	Arete Prep	2019
13.	2,402	Bailey Anderson	Gilbert Christian	2013
14.	2,370	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep	2012
15.	2,354	Brian Chason	Tucson Christian	1985
16.	2,348	Diego Foster	Tempe Prep	2021
17.	2,342	Matthew Cruz	Superior	2019
18.	2,267	Nicolaus Cruz	Superior	2016
19.	2,231	Travis Davis	St. David	2016
20.	2,188	Steven Ybarra	Superior	2017





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### Passing Yards (career)

1.	9,289	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2014-17
2.	7,354	Travis Davis	St. David	2013-16
3.	6,408	Brian Chason	Tucson Christian	1982-85
4.	6,251	Nicolaus Cruz	Superior	2013-16
5.	5,650	Martin Granillo	Superior	2008-11
6.	5,327	Robert Esquivel	Joseph City	
7.	5,141	Zachary Loveall	Bagdad	2007-10
8.	5,104	Todd Stringfellow	Fort Thomas	2016-19
9.	5,051	Tyler Davis	St. David	2008-11
10.	5,043	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep	2012-13
11.	4,841	Nick Henderson	Joy Christian	2010-12
12.	4,501	Evan Stringfellow	Fort Thomas	2015-17
13.	4,397	Steven Ybarra	Superior	2015-18
14.	4,262	Logan Davis	St. David	2017-20
15.	3,887	Bailey Anderson	Gilbert Christian	2011-14
16.	3,804	Diego Foster	Tempe Prep	2020-21
17.	3,680	Matthew Cruz	Superior	2018-20
18.	3,626	Trey Tenney	Mogollon	2015-18
19.	3,612	Ric Lines	Pima	1973-74
20.	3,478	Rocky Sandoval	Bagdad	2018-20

### Touchdown Passes (game)

1.	10	Bailey Anderson	Gilbert Christian vs. Arete Prep	2013
T2.	9	Israel Loveall	Bagdad vs. Ray	2017
T2.	9	Zachary Loveall	Bagdad vs. Orme School	2010
T4.	8	Israel Loveall	Bagdad vs. Salome	2017
T4.	8	Matthew Martinez	Rancho Solano Prep vs. Veritas Prep	2012
T4.	8	Aidan Wright	Scottsdale Prep vs. Veritas Prep	2011
T4.	8	Aidan Wright	Scottsdale Prep vs. Rancho Solano Prep	2011
T4.	8	Ric Lines	Pima vs. St. David	1974
	7	many times		

### Touchdown Passes (season)

1.	59	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2016
2.	58	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2017
T3.	50	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2015
T3.	50	Nick Henderson	Joy Christian	2012
T3.	50	Aidan Wright	Scottsdale Prep	2011
6.	46	Tate Powser	Apache Trail	2012
7.	40	Matthew Cruz	Superior	2019
8.	39	Nick Henderson	Joy Christian	2011
9.	38	Nick Smith	Scottsdale Prep	2012
T10.	36	Diego Foster	Tempe Prep	2021
T10.	36	Steven Ybarra	Superior	2018
T10.	36	Bailey Anderson	Gilbert Christian	2013
T10.	36	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep	2013
T14.	35	Todd Stringfellow	Fort Thomas	2019
T14.	35	Brian Chason	Tucson Christian	1985
T16.	34	Ryan Gooding	St. David	2021
T16.	34	Brayden Finkbeiner	Gilbert Christian	2015
T17.	34	Travis Davis	St. David	2015
T19.	33	Travis Davis	St. David	2016
T19.	33	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep	2012

### Touchdown Passes (career)

1.	167	Israel Loveall	Bagdad	2014-17
T2.	94	Travis Davis	St. David	2013-16
T2.	94	Brian Chason	Tucson Christian	1982-85
4.	93	Nick Henderson	Joy Christian	2010-12
T5.	81	Nicolaus Cruz	Superior	2013-16
T5.	81	Tyler Davis	St. David	2008-11
7.	74	Armando Ruiz	NFL Yet	2011-13
8.	73	Zachary Loveall	Bagdad	2007-10
9.	69	Nick Staloch	Arete Prep	2012-13
T10.	67	Steven Ybarra	Superior	2015-18
T10.	67	Martin Granillo	Superior	2008-11
T12.	61	Todd Stringfellow	Fort Thomas	2016-19
T12.	61	Gilbert Soriano	Mayer	1975-76
T14.	59	Matthew Cruz	Superior	2018-20
T14.	59	Bailey Anderson	Gilbert Christian	2011-14
16.	58	Logan Davis	St. David	2017-20
17.	57	Tony Jauregui	Bagdad	2012-14
18.	55	Rocky Sandoval	Bagdad	2018-20
19.	53	Ric Lines	Pima	1973-74
20.	51	Trey Tenney	Mogollon	2015-18

### Receptions (game)

1.	19	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep vs. St. David	2011
T2.	17	Omar Lopez	Hayden vs. Williams	2018
T2.	17	Aaron Martin	Joy Christian vs. Valley Lutheran	2012
T4.	16	Connor Watson	Bagdad vs. Williams	2020
T4.	16	Trevor Hook	Valley Lutheran vs. Mogollon	2010
T4.	16	Stewart Laird	Gila Bend vs. Valley Union	1975
7.	15	Tommy Cawood	Mogollon vs. Mayer	1990
8.	14	Jay Edwards	Joseph City vs. Fort Thomas	2019
T9.	13	Robby Gooding	St. David vs. Fort Thomas	2019
T9.	13	Sami Solis	Valley Lutheran vs. Salome	2017
T9.	13	Elijah Bowie	Valley Lutheran vs. Mogollon	2015
T9.	13	Jackson Ventrella	Arete Prep vs. Glendale Prep	2013
T9.	13	Jackson Ventrella	Arete Prep vs. Mayer	2012
T9.	13	Trevor Deason	Joy Christian vs. Pima	2012
T15.	12	Gary Wells	Mayer vs. El Capitan	2015
T15.	12	Kaine Langley	Fort Thomas vs. Baboquivari	2015
T15.	12	Benjamin Loveall	Bagdad vs. Pima	2015
T15.	12	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep vs. Mogollon	2012
	11	many times		

### Receptions (season)

1.	83	Mark Frithsen	St. David	1984
2.	80	Scotty Finnerty	Bagdad	2017
3.	79	Paul Hatcher	Tucson Christian	1985
T4.	78	Aaron Martin	Joy Christian	2012
T4.	78	Tommy Cawood	Mogollon	1990
6.	75	Trevor Deason	Joy Christian	2012
T7.	71	Kaine Langley	Fort Thomas	2015
T7.	71	Jackson Ventrella	Arete Prep	2013
T7.	71	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep	2010
T10.	67	Jackson Ventrella	Arete Prep	2012
T10.	67	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep	2012
12.	65	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep	2011
13.	62	Drake Olivar	Fort Thomas	2018
14.	61	Ben Fontes	Valley Lutheran	2008
15.	60	Caleb Young	Gilbert Christian	2016



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16.	59	Brennan Weir	Arete Prep	2018
T17.	56	Benjamin Loveall	Bagdad	2015
T17.	56	Anthony Flores	Superior	2011
19.	55	Josh Wahlers	Joy Christian	2011
20.	54	Stewart Laird	Gila Bend	1975

### Receptions (career)

1.	221	Paul Hatcher	Tucson Christian	1982-85
2.	197	Trevor Deason	Joy Christian	2009-12
3.	159	Anthony Flores	Superior	2008-11
4.	138	Jackson Ventrella	Arete Prep	2012-13
5.	132	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep	2011-12
6.	129	Ben Fontes	Valley Lutheran	2005-08
7.	122	Kaine Langley	Fort Thomas	2012-15
8.	115	Greyson Boyll	Scottsdale Prep	2010-12
9.	108	Benjamin Loveall	Bagdad	2013-16
10.	107	Kason Jacquez	St. David	2017-20
11.	102	Jack Bellomy	Arete Prep	2018-21
12.	99	Adam Navarrette	Superior	2017-21
13.	97	Dominic Bravo	Ray	2011-13
14.	93	Scotty Finnerty	Bagdad	2014-17
T15.	91	Austin Bryant	St. David	2015-16
T15.	91	Cheston Tessay	Fort Thomas	2010-12
17.	89	Steve Whitting	Mayer	1974-76
18.	88	Joe Gaylor	Mogollon	2011-14
19.	87	Joel Gonzalez	Salome	2017-19
20.	86	James Loveall	Bagdad	2010-13

### Receiving Yards (game)

1.	286	Aden Honegger	Mohave Accelerated vs. Fredonia	2021
T2.	279	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep vs. St. David	2011
T2.	279	Cheston Tessay	Fort Thomas vs. Salt River	2012
4.	276	Jackson Ventrella	Arete Prep vs. Glendale Prep	2013
5.	273	Rio Delgado	Bagdad vs. Ray	2017
6.	271	Alex Bravo	Ray vs. El Capitan	2019
7.	266	Trevor Hook	Valley Lutheran vs. Mogollon	2010
8.	259	Jackson Ventrella	Arete Prep vs. Salome	2012
9.	250	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep vs. Mogollon	2012
10.	246	Paul Hatcher	Tucson Christian	1985
11.	244	Louis TERNYK	Tempe Prep vs. Lincoln Prep	2020
12.	243	Tommy Cawood	Mogollon vs. Joseph City	1990
13.	239	Jackson Ventrella	Arete Prep vs. Mayer	2012
14.	238	Cameron Labban	Arete Prep vs. Ajo	2013
15.	233	Manuel Carrizoza	Fort Thomas vs. Duncan	2016
T16.	232	Drake Olivar	Fort Thomas vs. Arete Prep	2018
T16.	232	Scotty Finnerty	Bagdad vs. Mayer	2017
18.	230	Robbie Newman	Ray vs. Arete Prep	2014
19.	226	Scotty Finnerty	Bagdad vs. Anthem Prep	2017
T20.	223	Aden Honegger	Mohave Accel. vs. Bagdad	2021
T20.	223	Tommy Cawood	Mogollon vs. Mayer	1990

### Receiving Yards (season)

1.	1,944	Scotty Finnerty	Bagdad	2017
2.	1,655	Paul Hatcher	Tucson Christian	1985
3.	1,386	Mark Frithsen	St. David	1984
4.	1,296	Tommy Cawood	Mogollon	1990
5.	1,245	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep	2012
6.	1,236	Jackson Ventrella	Arete Prep	2013
7.	1,207	Aden Honegger	Mohave Accelerated	2021
8.	1,168	Jackson Ventrella	Arete Prep	2012
T9.	1,122	Cameron Labban	Arete Prep	2013
T9.	1,122	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep	2011

11.	1,086	Benjamin Loveall	Bagdad	2015
12.	1,049	Drake Olivar	Fort Thomas	2018
13.	1,023	Brennan Weir	Arete Prep	2018
14.	1,006	Kaine Langley	Fort Thomas	2015
15.	983	Sammy Lopez	Superior	2019
16.	968	Benjamin Loveall	Bagdad	2016
17.	947	Joe Gaylor	Mogollon	2014
18.	944	Austin Bryant	St. David	2016
T19.	934	Trevor Deason	Joe Christian	2012
T19.	934	Steve Whitting	Mayer	1976

### Receiving Yards (career)

1.	4,221	Paul Hatcher	Tucson Christian	1982-85
2.	2,665	Trevor Deason	Joy Christian	2009-12
3.	2,435	Benjamin Loveall	Bagdad	2013-16
4.	2,404	Jackson Ventrella	Arete Prep	2012-13
5.	2,367	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep	2011-12
6.	2,301	Anthony Flores	Superior	2008-11
7.	2,205	Steve Whitting	Mayer	1974-76
8.	2,163	Scotty Finnerty	Bagdad	2014-17
9.	2,005	Kaine Langley	Fort Thomas	2012-15
10.	1,844	Ben Fontes	Valley Lutheran	2005-08
11.	1,829	Caleb Young	Gilbert Christian	2013-15
12.	1,787	Dominic Bravo	Ray	2011-13
13.	1,768	Joel Gonzalez	Salome	2017-19
14.	1,684	Adam Navarrette	Superior	2017-21
15.	1,672	Cheston Tessay	Fort Thomas	2010-12
16.	1,669	Austin Bryant	St. David	2015-16
17.	1,569	Mark Frithsen	St. David	1983-84
18.	1,532	Cooper Williams	Bagdad	2018-21
19.	1,520	James Loveall	Bagdad	2010-13
20.	1,490	Kason Jacquez	St. David	2017-20

### Touchdown Catches (game)

T1.	7	Scotty Finnerty	Bagdad vs. Salome	2017
T1.	7	Eric Lathim	Fedonia vs. Joseph City	1973
T3.	6	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep vs. St. David	2011
T3.	6	Kevin Box	Apache Trail vs. Glendale Prep	2012
T3.	6	Gary Dion	Pima vs. St. David	1974
T4.	5	Rio Delgado	Bagdad vs. Ray	2017
T4.	5	Dustin McLaws	Mogollon vs. Williams	2017
T4.	5	Austin Bryant	St. David vs. Mayer	2016
T4.	5	JT Slade	Mogollon vs. Bagdad	2009
T4.	5	Tommy Cawood	Mogollon vs. Joseph City	1990
	4	many times		

### Touchdown Catches (season)

1.	37	Scotty Finnerty	Bagdad	2017
2.	26	Kevin Box	Apache Trail	2012
3.	25	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep	2012
4.	24	Paul Hatcher	Tucson Christian	1985
T5.	22	Aden Honegger	Mohave Accelerated	2021
T5.	22	Trevor Deason	Joy Christian	2012
T5.	22	Steve Whitting	Mayer	1976
8.	21	Benjamin Loveall	Bagdad	2015
T9.	20	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep	2011
T9.	20	Tommy Cawood	Mogollon	1990
11.	19	Aaron Martin	Joy Christian	2012
T12.	18	Benjamin Loveall	Bagdad	2016
T12.	18	Ethan Wright	Scottsdale Prep	2012
T12.	18	JT Slade	Mogollon	2009
T12.	18	Mark Frithsen	St. David	1984





## Football Records - Individual (1A)

T16.	17	Sammy Lopez	Superior	2019
T16.	17	Torrey Gray	NFL Yet	2011
T18.	16	Guy Brown	NFL Yet	2013
T18.	16	Cameron Labban	Arete Prep	2013
T18.	16	Josh Wahlers	Joy Christian	2011

### Touchdown Catches (career)

1.	72	Paul Hatcher	Tucson Christian	1982-85
2.	49	Trevor Deason	Joy Christian	2009-12
3.	45	Matt Munsil	Scottsdale Prep	2011-12
T4.	42	Benjamin Loveall	Bagdad	2013-16
T4.	42	Steve Whitting	Mayer	1974-76
6.	41	Scotty Finnerty	Bagdad	2014-17
7.	30	Jackson Ventrella	Arete Prep	2012-13
8.	29	Anthony Flores	Superior	2008-11
9.	28	Ethan Wright	Scottsdale Prep	2011-12
T10.	26	Adam Navarrette	Superior	2017-21
T10.	26	Connor Watson	Bagdad	2018-20
T10.	26	Caleb Young	Gilbert Christian	2013-15
T13.	23	Cooper Williams	Bagdad	2018-21
T13.	23	Austin Bryant	St. David	2015-16
T13.	23	Joe Gaylor	Mogollon	2011-14
T16.	22	Kody Low	Bagdad	2010-13
T16.	22	James Loveall	Bagdad	2010-13
T18.	21	Joel Gonzalez	Salome	2017-19
T18.	21	Stephen Da Silva	Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	1999-01
T18.	21	Zack Perkins	Williams	2015-17
T18.	21	Marcos Bueno	Superior	2014-16

### Extra Points (game)

1.	12	Damian Jauregui	Bagdad vs. Orme School	2010
2.	11	Frank Kalogirou	Arete Prep vs. PDS	2018
T3.	10	Gene Myers	Wickenburg vs. Gila Bend	1951
T3.	10	David Groom	Scottsdale vs. Gilbert	1947
T5.	9	Frank Kalogirou	Arete Prep vs. Baboquivari	2018
T5.	9	Tyler Mooberry	Glendale Prep vs. Fredonia	2013
T5.	9	Kristian Sether	St. David vs. Patagonia	2012
T8.	8	Cameron Baldwin	Joseph City vs. Fredonia	2018
T8.	8	Manuel Ramirez	Valley Lutheran vs. Duncan	2014
T8.	8	Kristian Sether	St. David vs. Bowie/San Simon	2013
T8.	8	Stefan Speno	Scottsdale Prep vs. Cibecue	2013
T8.	8	Damian Jauregui	Bagdad vs. Fredonia	2012
T8.	8	Damian Jauregui	Bagdad vs. Salome	2010
T8.	8	Damian Jauregui	Bagdad vs. Joy Christian	2010
T8.	8	Damian Jauregui	Bagdad vs. Joy Christian	2009
7			many times	

### Extra Points (season)

1.	58	Damian Jauregui	Bagdad	2010
2.	52	Gotz Nieland	St. David	2010
3.	45	Don Lewis	Benson	1955
T4.	44	Caleb Young	Gilbert Christian	2014
T4.	44	Mel Mork	Salome	1975
6.	41	Ben Singer	Valley Lutheran	2012
7.	39	Damian Jauregui	Bagdad	2012
T8.	33	Frank Kalogirou	Arete Prep	2018
T8.	33	Matt Luque	Trivium Prep	2017
T8.	33	Caleb Young	Gilbert Christian	2015
T11.	30	David Lozano	Williams	2019
T11.	30	Stefan Speno	Scottsdale Prep	2013
13.	25	Manuel Ramirez	Valley Lutheran	2014

14.	24	Tyler Mooberry	Glendale Prep	2013
15.	22	Kristian Sether	St. David	2013
16.	20	Andrew Dufek	Valley Lutheran	2011
T17.	19	David Novak	Tanque Verde	2010
T17.	19	Damian Jauregui	Bagdad	2009
T19.	17	Lorenzo Podoan	St. David	2021
T19.	17	David Lozano	Williams	2018
T19.	17	David Lozano	Williams	2017
T19.	17	Freddy Gibson	Bagdad	2006

### Extra Points (career)

1.	160	Arley McNeil	Patagonia	1985-88
2.	116	Damian Jauregui	Bagdad	2009-12
3.	89	Caleb Young	Gilbert Christian	2013-15
4.	82	Chuck Antoni	Salome	1977-80
5.	68	David Lozano	Williams	2016-19
6.	65	Stefan Speno	Scottsdale Prep	2011-13

### Field Goals (game)

T1.	3	Joel Rodriguez	Hayden vs. Baboquivari	2018
T1.	3	Joel Rodriguez	Hayden vs. NFL Yet	2018
T3.	2	Joel Rodriguez	Hayden vs. Ray	2018
T3.	2	Joel Rodriguez	Hayden vs. Arete Prep	2018
T3.	2	Caleb Young	Gilbert Christian vs Valley Lutheran	2014
T3.	2	Damian Jauregui	Bagdad vs. Salome	2012
T3.	2	Gotz Nieland	St. David vs. Ajo	2010
T3.	2	Julio Bravo	Salome vs. PDS	2009
T3.	2	Freddy Gibson	Bagdad vs. Mayer	2006

### Field Goals (season)

1.	10	Joel Rodriguez	Hayden	2018
2.	6	Damian Jauregui	Bagdad	2012
T3.	4	Caleb Young	Gilbert Christian	2014
T3.	4	David Novak	Tanque Verde	2010
T3.	4	Damian Jauregui	Bagdad	2010
T6.	3	Bryndon Buckley	Joseph City	2015
T6.	3	Ben Singer	Valley Lutheran	2012
T6.	3	Gotz Nieland	St. David	2010

### Field Goals (career)

T1.	10	Joel Rodriguez	Hayden	2016-18
T1.	10	Damian Jauregui	Bagdad	2009-12
3.	5	David Novak	Tanque Verde	2008-10
T4.	4	Bryndon Buckley	Joseph City	2015-16
T4.	4	Caleb Young	Gilbert Christian	2013-15

### Interceptions (game)

T1.	6	Joe Campbell	Seligman vs. Fredonia	1974
T1.	6	Mike Johnson	Mayer vs. Fredonia	1974
1.	5	Matthew McClelland	Arete Prep vs. Anthem Prep	2019
T2.	4	Romeo Valenzuela	Valley Lutheran vs. El Capitan	2017
T2.	4	Steven Ybarra	Superior vs. NFL Yet	2017
T2.	4	Tyler Willis	Mogollon vs. Scottsdale Prep	2011
T2.	4	Chance Hamilton	Duncan vs. Cibecue	2009
3			many times	



## Football Records - Individual (1A)

### Interceptions (season)

1.	14	Joe Campbell	Seligman	1974
2.	12	Tyler Willis	Mogollon	2011
3.	11	Paul White	Valley Union	1975
T4.	10	Aden Honegger	Mohave Accelerated	2021
T4.	10	Ralphie Valencia	San Manuel	2021
T4.	10	Sammy Lopez	Superior	2019
T7.	9	Brandon Garner	Hayden	2021
T7.	9	Matthew McClelland	Arete Prep	2019
T7.	9	Kendal Jeans	Bagdad	2012
T7.	9	Mike Johnson	Mayer	1975
T11.	8	Benjamin Loveall	Bagdad	2016
T11.	8	Scotty Finnerty	Bagdad	2016
T11.	8	Tanner Conover	Gilbert Christian	2014
T11.	8	Edward Beasley	Joy Christian	2011
T11.	8	Jerry Russell	McNary	1967
T16.	7	Jeremiah Toyota-Gill	St. David	2021
T16.	7	David Lozano	Williams	2019
T16.	7	Romeo Valenzuela	Valley Lutheran	2017
T16.	7	Stacey Kicheyan	Fort Thomas	2014
T16.	7	James Loveall	Bagdad	2013
T16.	7	Cameron Labban	Arete Prep	2012
T16.	7	Christian Rojas	Arizona Charter Academy	2012
T16.	7	Nathan Mayberry	St. David	2010

### Interceptions (career)

1.	25	Joe Campbell	Seligman	1973-75
2.	17	Mike Johnson	Mayer	1974-75
T3.	16	Sammy Lopez	Superior	2016-19
T3.	16	Tyler Willis	Mogollon	2009-11
T5.	14	James Loveall	Bagdad	2010-13
T5.	14	Nathan Mayberry	St. David	2008-10
T7.	13	Payton Reidhead	Mogollon	2018-21
T7.	13	Joel Gonzalez	Salome	2016-19
T7.	13	Kayleb Owings	Bagdad	2016-19
T7.	13	Benjamin Loveall	Bagdad	2013-16
T7.	13	Tanner Conover	Gilbert Christian	2011-14
T7.	13	Josh Wright	Gilbert Christian	2011-14
12	6 times			

### Highest Scores (by team)

118-0	Litchfield def. Peoria	1948
116-108	Seligman def. Canyon State Academy	2004
108-116	Canyon State Academy lost to Seligman	2004
103-21	Scottsdale def. Gilbert	1947
98-14	Joseph City def. Orme School	2011
96-54	St. David def. San Pasqual	2018
96-0	Joy Christian def. San Pasqual	2011
96-52	Arizona School for the Deaf def. Canyon State Academy	2004
95-27	Wickenburg def. San Carlos	1950
92-50	Gilbert Christian def. Arete Prep	2013
92-50	St. David def. Salome	1998
92-50	St. David def Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	1997
92-48	Benson def. St. David	1955
90-58	Bagdad def. Ray	2017
89-0	Anthem Prep def. San Pasqual	2018
89-18	Bagdad def. Mayer	2016
88-36	Valley Union def. Baboquivari	2016
88-14	Valley Lutheran def. Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	2015
88-20	Valley Union def. St. David	2015
88-37	Arete Prep def. Ajo	2013
88-20	Mogollon def. Rock Point	2010
88-38	Bagdad def. St. Paul's Prep	2008
88-20	Wickenburg def. Clarkdale	1950
88-25	Peoria def. Scottsdale	1944
86-0	Bagdad def. Anthem Prep	2017
86-8	Mogollon def. Scottsdale Prep	2011
86-30	Canyon State Academy def. Salt River	2006
86-39	Arizona School for the Deaf def. Western Christian	1978
86-14	Fedonia def. Grand Canyon	1975

### Highest Scores (by combined total)

224	Seligman (116) def. Canyon State Academy (108)	2004
150	St. David (96) def. San Pasqual (54)	2018
148	Bagdad (90) def. Ray (58)	2017
148	Bagdad (82) def. St. David (66)	2015
148	Arizona School for the Deaf (96) def. Canyon State Acad. (52)	2004
145	Gilbert Christian (81) def. Valley Lutheran (64)	2014
142	Arete Prep (80) def. Baboquivari (62)	2018
142	Gilbert Christian (92) def. Arete Prep (50)	2013
142	St. David (92) def. Salome (50)	1998
142	St. David (92) def Phoenix Day School for the Deaf (50)	1997
140	Benson (92) def. St. David (48)	1955
139	Valley Lutheran (83) def. Ajo (56)	2014
136	Salome (82) def. San Pasqual (54)	2017
136	Bagdad (80) def. St. David (56)	2016
135	Canyon State Academy (84) def. Superior (51)	2005
134	Salome (72) def. Valley Lutheran (62)	2009
132	Fort Thomas (80) def. Anthem Prep (52)	2016
130	Phoenix Day School for the Deaf (80) def. San Pasqual (50)	2019
130	Baboquivari (78) def. Hayden (52)	2015
130	Mayer (74) def. Salome (56)	2010
129	Rancho Solano Prep (67) def. Veritas Prep (62)	2011
128	Valley Lutheran (74) def. Mesa Prep (54)	2013
127	Bagdad (77) def. Canyon State Academy (50)	2004
126	Bagdad (88) def. St. Paul's Prep (38)	2008
125	Arete Prep (88) def. Ajo (37)	2013
125	Scottsdale Prep (85) def. Cibeque (40)	2001
125	Arizona School for the Deaf (86) def. Western Christian (39)	1978

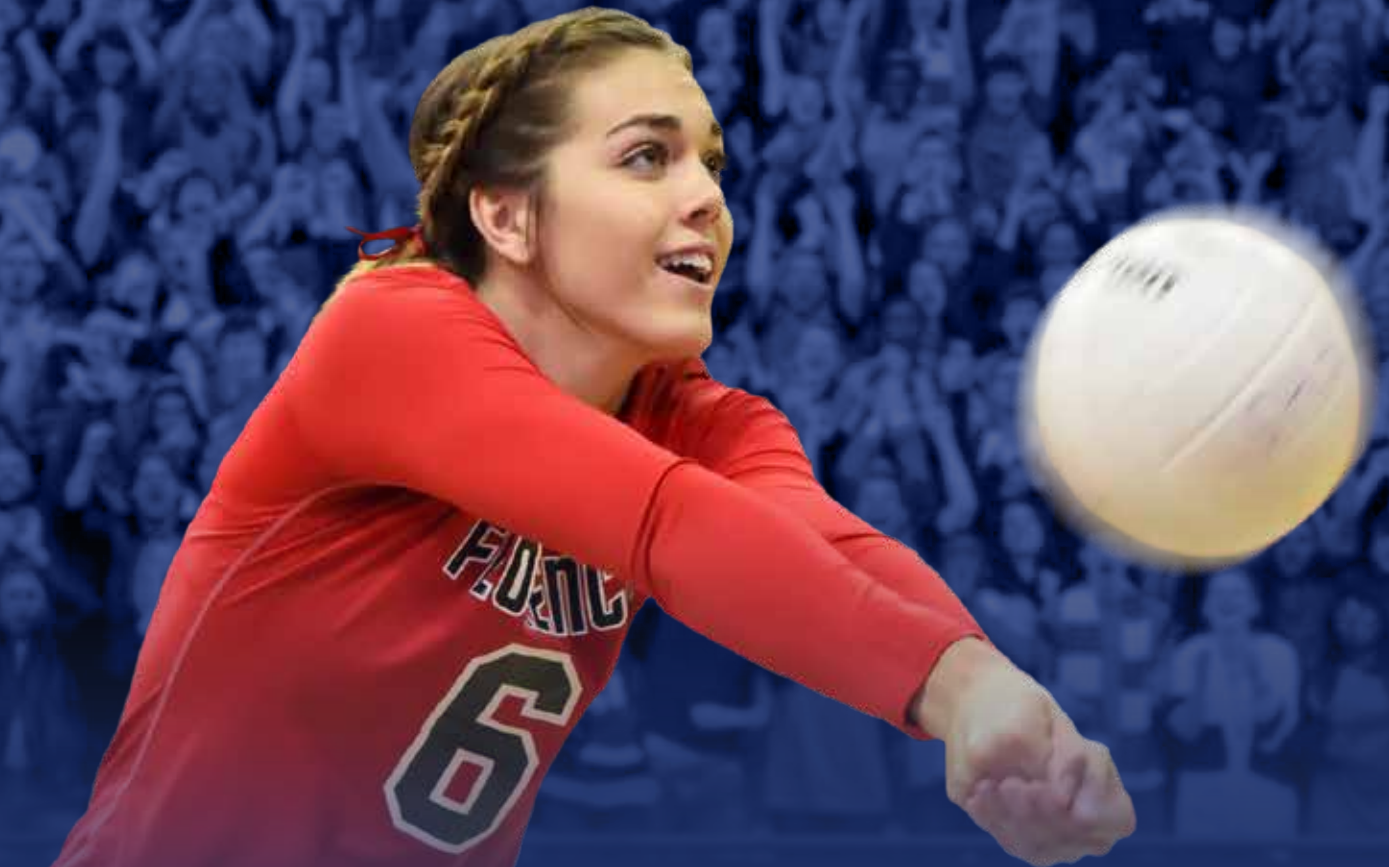
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