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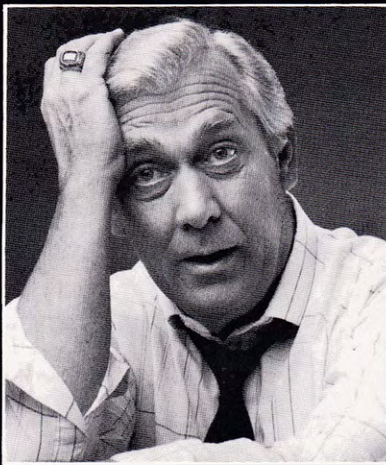


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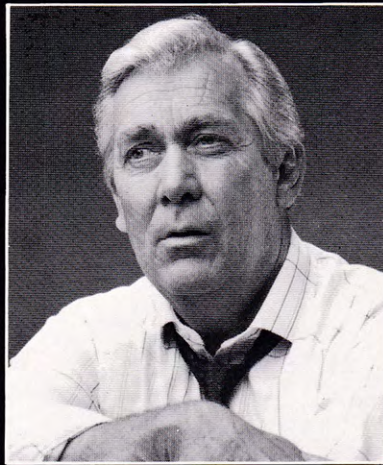
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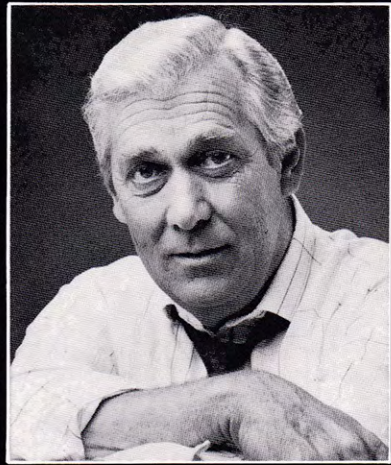
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**Andy Bartle**  
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**Bruce Griffin**  
Track

**Robert Haga**  
Track

**Paul Hegarty**  
Track

**James Herman**  
Track

**Jay Moore**  
Track

**Michael Worth**  
Track

### "Scholar-Athlete Team Awards"

(Minimum 3.1 GPA as a Team)

Cross Country

Tennis

**Brian Gray**  
**R.J. Jackson**  
**Mike McKenzie**  
**Paul Mulligan**

**Jay Ross**  
**Paul Silva**  
**Curtiss Smith**  
**Gary Tribolet**

**Craig Cook**  
**Brian Gustason**  
**Eric Gustason**  
**D. Robert Harbison**  
**Michael Krogh**  
**Todd Master**

**Kenley Remen**  
**Dennis Roberts**  
**Mark Taylor**  
**John Watson**  
**Christopher Yeung**  
**Brian Ryede**

### National Merit Scholars

**John A. Beckwith**  
**Marc C. Engelsgerd**  
**Andrew R. Hume**

**Josef D. Schranz**  
**Joseph T. Sophy**  
**Matthew A. Stephenson**

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**Roger A. Brown**

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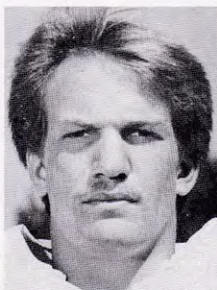
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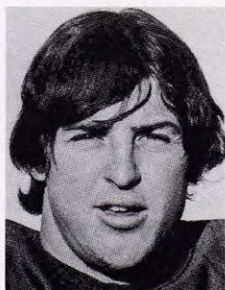
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1976 .. Fred Freeman, Westwood, T  
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1974 .. Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, RB  
1973 .. Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, WR  
1972 .. Don Woods, Mesa, SE  
1971 .. Greg Daly, Mesa, RB  
1970 .. Dick Harris, Westwood, WR  
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1968 .. Benny Alvarez, Mesa, RB  
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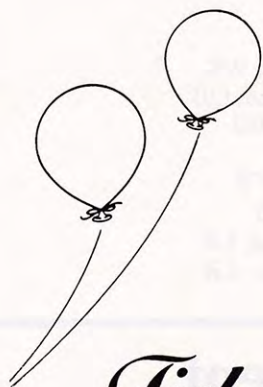
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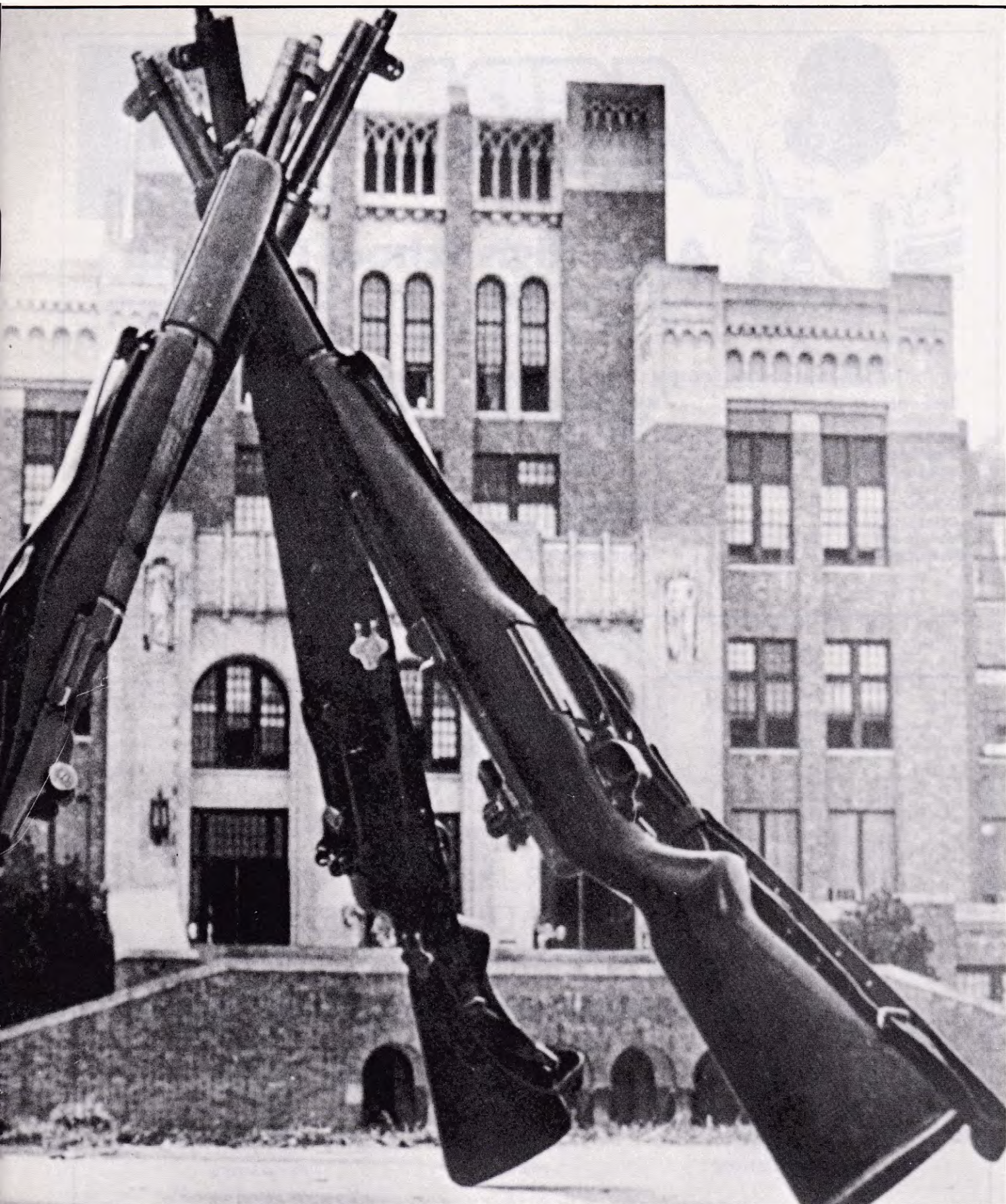


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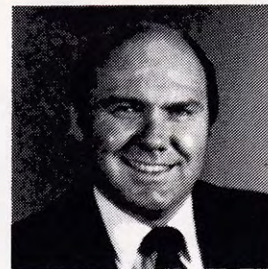


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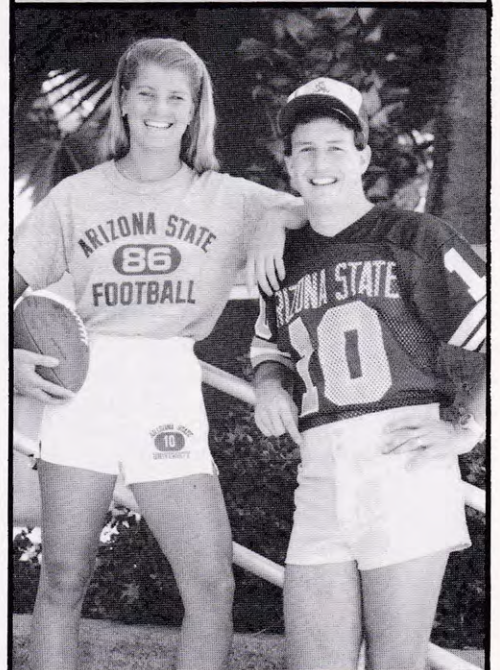
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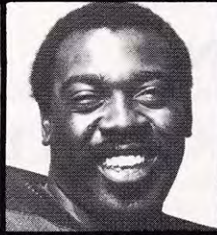
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1980 .. Jimmy Williams, Tempe  
1979 .. Todd Shell, Mesa Mountain View  
1978 .. Kurt Whiteman, Scottsdale  
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1967 .. Jeff Quinn, Mesa Westwood  
1966 .. Jay Ray Rokey, Mesa Westwood  
1965 .. Bill Owsley, North Phoenix  
1964 .. Ron Hendrix, Phoenix Camelback  
1963 .. Dana Woudenberg, Scottsdale Arcadia  
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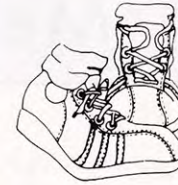
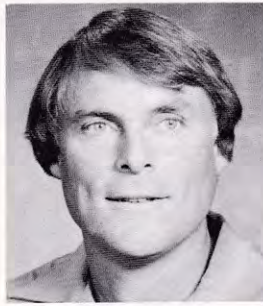
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# The Class of '58!

Whatever happened to the Class of '58? We didn't have one at our high school. Scottsdale Arcadia wasn't built until 1959. But they had one at Central High in Little Rock, Arkansas. And what a class!

Our class was a good one. We had our 10-year reunion at the Camelback Inn in Phoenix. Our 20-year bash at the Fiesta Inn in Tempe. We had a blast. Like all reunions, we spent most of the time lying about all the crazy things we did our senior year.

But compared to the Class of '58 at Little Rock Central, our reunions were church gatherings. They had their 30-year celebration this summer. I almost went.

Little Rock Central is, without a doubt, the most historic high school in the South. It's probably the most famous in the nation. "Boys Town and Little Rock Central, based on academic and athletic success, as well as historical value, are the two most famous high schools in the United States," said Art Johlfs of the National Sports News Service in 1978.

Art's probably right.

No high school in the country has won more overall state championships in team sports than Central. In December of 1986, when Coach Bernie Cox's football legions beat Fort Smith Northside for the Class AAAA title, it was the Tiger's 30th state football championship. Their track teams, coached by such legends as Earl F. Quigley and Clyde Horton, have won a national record 50 state championships.

So, big deal. How big is the state of Arkansas, anyway? But wait. It gets better. If you've never heard of Little Rock Central, you probably flunked history. Go dig out an old high school history book. The Tigers are in it. The current stone structure was built in 1927. Unlike Phoenix Union High School, Central can't be torn down. It's a member of the National Historical Society.

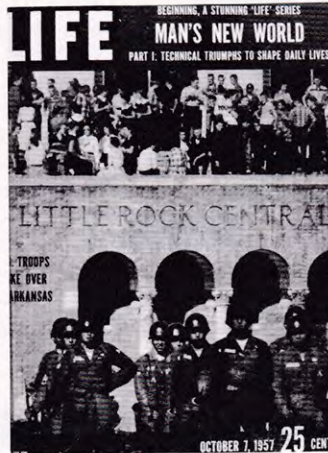
In September of 1957, nine black teenagers ("The Little Rock 9") enrolled at all-white Central High. President Eisenhower made it possible by making it "the law." All public schools in America could no longer be segregated. But in defiance, Gov. Orval Faubus put up a couple of road blocks. He activated the local National Guard and instructed them to, a) circle Central High (two city blocks square and five stories high), and b) let no black students enter the school. You can still read about it. Just go to your local public library and look at an old *Life* magazine. Or *Time*. Or *Newsweek*.

President Eisenhower solved the problem, sort of. Late at night he sent in exactly 1,100 army troops from the 101st Airborne Division, out of Kentucky. The Screaming Eagles. This is the division - with the famous eagle shoulder patch - which occupied Hitler's Adlershorst at Berchtesgaden. Real live troops. No weekend warriors. They also had two things to do: a) restore law and order in Little Rock, and b) escort the young black students to class each day. The soldiers lived on the campus for nine months. In tents. Wow! Just think of it. What a school year. When was the last time the United States Army pitched a tent on your campus? They escorted each black student to class every day. I recently walked up the steps and into the classrooms. It gave me the chills.

Apparently, there were very few problems with the student body - 2,000 strong - as only five white students walked out in protest. It was the parents who raised hell. Adults. And a lot of them didn't even live in Arkansas. Both black and white students, and the U.S. Army, helped cheer for the football team each Friday night. The soldiers called 10,000-seat Quigley Field "Fort Central."

I'd really like to go to one of their reunions. The Class of '58 at Little Rock Central. Probably the most historic graduating class in American high school history.

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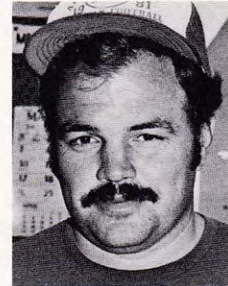
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Year-after-year, they produce many of the top major college football prospects in their city. These high schools are really talented. Especially at the skill positions. Speed city!

In Phoenix, along with Houston the fastest growing metro region in the country, the school is South Mountain High, located at 5401 South 7th Street. The Rebels, oops ... Jaguars, are really talented.

Last year, four different South Mountain graduates — at one time or another — started on four different National

Football League teams: Tight end Steve Jordan, a Pro Bowl selection with the Minnesota Vikings, linebacker Byron Evans of the Philadelphia Eagles, defensive back Manny Hendrix of the Dallas Cowboys, and defensive back Terry Wright of the Indianapolis Colts. Only three other high schools in the nation can match that.

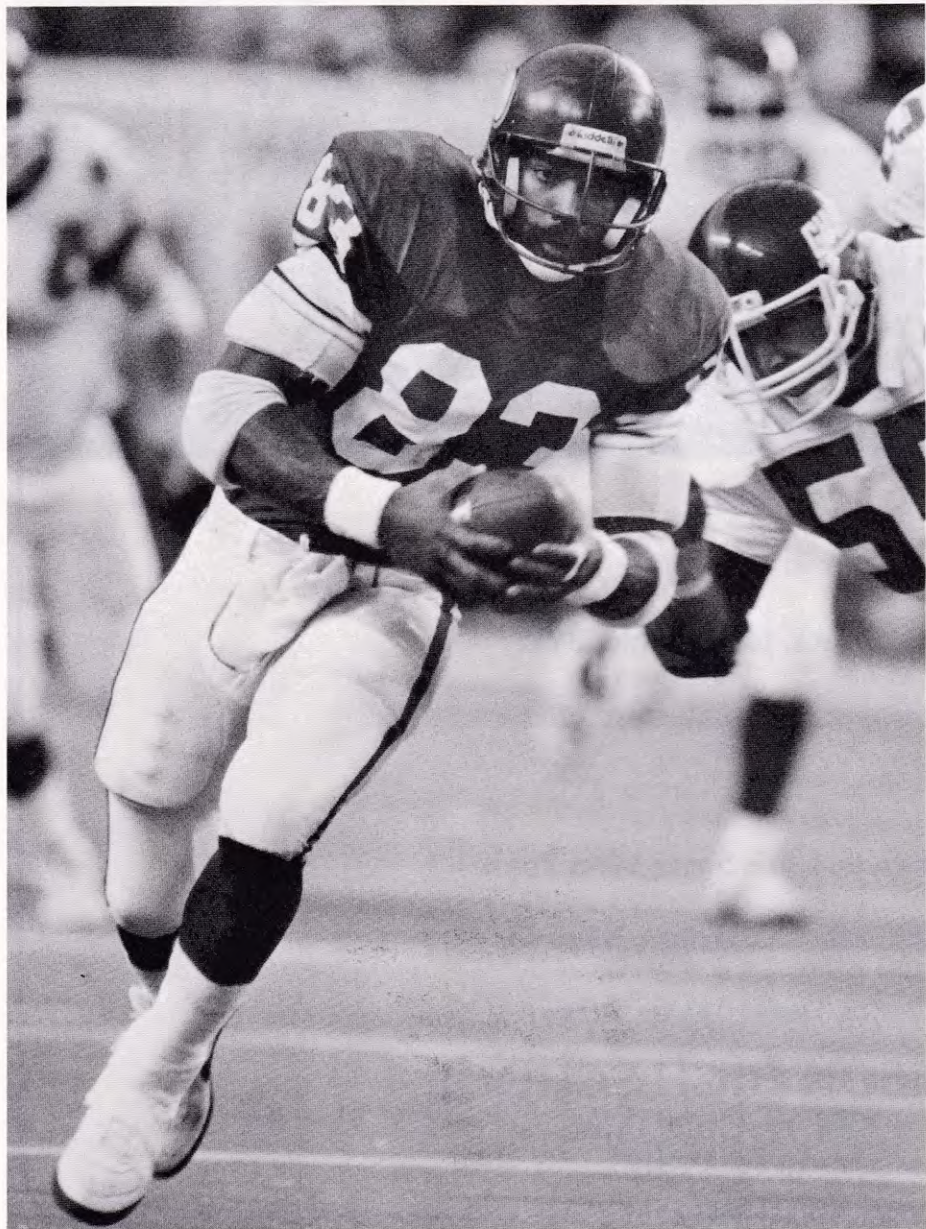
Wright's younger brothers, T.C. and Toby, have been recent standouts at Mesa Dobson High School. Ironically, of the four above, only Evans earned any kind of all-state recognition while in high school. And that was by the *Arizona Daily Star* in Tucson. The local Phoenix newspapers almost ignored Evans' talents, placing him on their second team (see chart) in 1981.

But head coach Larry Smith and his staff at the University of Arizona didn't. In fact, when the Wildcats upset Arizona State 16-13 in Tempe in 1985, knocking the Devils out of the Rose Bowl, ASU mentor John Cooper told the news media after the game, "Whoever let that linebacker (48) get out of Phoenix should have his brain examined."

That triumph was especially sweet for Evans, who was passed over by ASU recruiters during the Darryl Rogers regime. The South High grad stripped a ball loose from Anthony Parker on a punt return late in the game and Arizona scored on the play. For whatever reason, very few South High grads have attended Arizona State.

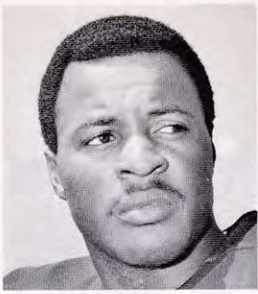
"It's a great feeling," said Evans, a first-round pick of the Eagles two years ago. "I grew up three minutes from here (Sun Devil Stadium) and they overlooked me. For our team to come in here and perform like this with everything that was at stake is fantastic."

Wright, a 6-foot, 195-pounder, played at Scottsdale Community College for two years and Temple for two years. Hendrix, a point guard for South's talented basketball teams, didn't even play football in college (Utah). But the Cowboys saw his potential. Ironically, in his senior year at South, Hendrix had two punts and three kickoffs for touchdowns (5) erased by penalties.

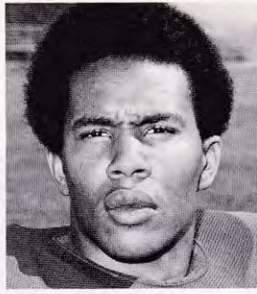


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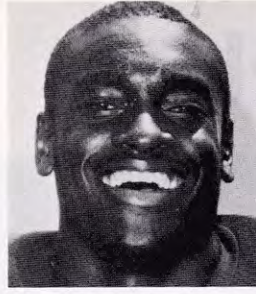
Last year Steve Jordan, a Pro Bowl selection at tight end, was one of four former South High grads starting at one time or another on NFL teams.



**Bob Wallace,**  
**Chicago Bears**



**Calvin Demery,**  
**Minnesota Vikings**



**Byron Evans,**  
**Philadelphia Eagles**

By Barry Sollenberger

## South High School All-Staters:

### Position/Player/Size/Year

QB .. Rod Pitts, 5-11, 160, 1959  
 QB .. Perry Johnson, 6-1, 175, 1977  
 QB .. Trent Hutchinson, 6-3, 185, 1980  
 RB .. Jim Stout, 6-0, 185, 1957  
 RB .. Dornell Nelson, 6-0, 175, 1958  
 RB .. Bob Olson, 5-9, 195, 1959  
 RB .. Earliest Nelson, 5-10, 180, 1963  
 RB .. Moody Jackson, 6-1, 165, 1966  
 RB .. Ben Anderson, 5-9, 185, 1966  
 RB .. Robert Johnson, 5-9, 170 (jr), 1968  
 RB .. Carlos Johnson, 5-10, 170, 1974  
 RB .. Lavon Worley, 5-7, 175, 1986  
 RB .. Greg Newman, 5-11, 185, 1972  
 SE .. George Heard, 6-1, 175, 1958  
 SE .. Randy Von Meter, 6-0, 175, 1958  
 SE .. Morrison Warren, 6-1, 180, 1960  
 SE .. Bob Wallace, 6-2, 195, 1963  
 SE .. Calvin Demery, 6-2, 190, 1967  
 WR .. Billy Bracken, 5-10, 165, 1975  
 WR .. Michael Greer, 5-10, 175, 1980  
 OG .. Joe George, 5-8, 215, 1957  
 OG .. Mike Girard, 6-1, 200, 1958  
 OG .. Chester Ray, 5-11, 160, 1959  
 OG .. Ted Lawrence, 6-2, 200, 1960  
 OG .. Bill Bennett, 5-9, 195, 1962  
 OG .. Howard Kirk, 5-9, 188, 1963  
 OG .. Ron McElwee, 6-0, 197, 1964  
 OG .. Willie Smith, 5-9, 191, 1967  
 OG .. Tim Kelson, 5-9, 180, 1968  
 OG .. Furman Brown, 5-11, 190, 1975  
 OC .. Stacy Ostland, 6-1, 190, 1958  
 OT .. Roy Moore, 6-1, 220, 1957  
 OT .. Joel Simpson, 6-3, 230, 1957  
 OT .. Mike Clark, 6-6, 235, 1972  
 OT .. James Gibson, 6-0, 220, 1976  
 OT .. Theo Johnson, 6-2, 225, 1986  
 LB .. Joe Austin, 5-11, 178, 1961  
 LB .. Dennis White, 5-9, 165, 1963  
 LB .. Paul Warren, 6-4, 195, 1967  
 LB .. Nathan Beck, 5-9, 160 (jr), 1975  
 LB .. Byron Evans, 6-3, 215, 1981  
 LB .. Barry Waggoner, 6-2, 230, 1984  
 DL .. Tom Ross, 6-1, 190, 1957  
 DL .. Bill Cleckner, 6-0, 180, 1963  
 DL .. Raul Valenzuela, 6-1, 205, 1964  
 DL .. Tommy Newton, 5-11, 210 (jr), 1971  
 DL .. Jim Mitchell, 5-10, 295, 1972  
 DL .. Glenn Jackson, 5-10, 218, 1975  
 DL .. Tony Battiest, 6-4, 235, 1984  
 DL .. Shelby Roberson, 6-4, 210, 1986  
 DL .. Dwight Williams, 6-2, 225 (jr), 1987  
 DB .. Jimmy Jones, 5-8, 155 (jr), 1960  
 DB .. Charles Echols, 5-8, 165 (jr), 1965  
 DB .. Felix Kelson, 6-1, 165, 1976  
 DB .. Marcus Glover, 6-1, 180, 1987  
 DB .. Wayne Warren, 5-10, 165, 1968  
 DB .. Jim Stokes, 6-1, 185, 1970  
 DB .. Tommie Wright, 6-0, 165, 1978

*Arizona Republic, Phoenix Gazette,  
 Arizona Daily Star first & second team  
 all-stars from Phoenix South Mountain  
 High School, 1955-87.*

Jordan, son of the late Phoenix Carver coach, Leon Jordan, graduated from Brown University. In 1986, he caught six TD passes, 2nd in the NFL for tight ends (behind Todd Christensen of the Raiders). He was a three-year starter in college and caught 74 passes for 1,330 yards and eight touchdowns. At South, he played quarterback and tight end, winning two letters in football and three in tennis.

But between the four of them (Evans, Wright, Hendrix, Jordan), during their entire high school careers, they scored a total of seven (7) touchdowns ... that counted.

Jordan caught two scoring passes in 1977, both from Steve Owens. Playing quarterback in 1981, Evans scored once. He completed 53 of 108 passes for seven touchdowns. Hendricks scored four

### **"Whoever let that linebacker get out of Phoenix should have his brain examined."**

official touchdowns in 1981. Timmy Wright didn't score a point as a Rebel, but brother Tommy recorded the two longest punt returns in South history: 90 yards vs North Phoenix; 80 yards vs East Phoenix, both in 1978.

South Mountain, like talent-rich Dallas South Oak Cliff in Texas, has never won a state championship in football - outright. They tied Yuma Union, 7-7 in the first A.I.A. finals in 1959, and lost to Scottsdale Coronado, 17-12 in 1976. Both games were played at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, and both teams were coached by Earl Clupper.

"In my opinion we should have won it twice," said Clupper, who was 138-75-8 at South between 1959-80. "We were loaded in 1963. But before the state semifinals with Mesa, President Kennedy was shot. The game was delayed a week. But school officials wouldn't let us practice. Mesa practiced and it showed. They beat us 20-14 and we didn't get a first down until the fourth quarter.

"Three years later we had the best team in Phoenix," continues Clupper. "We beat Maryvale 24-0 and they went in our spot to the playoffs. We had to forfeit some of our games. Somebody in the front office left three of our kid's names off the roster. It was ridiculous. Coach Mutt Ford's team over at Westwood had to go into overtime to beat them (Maryvale). It was heartbreaking for the kids."

**S**outh Mountain High School opened in 1953. So did Phoenix Camelback. Together, they were the 6th and 7th schools in the Phoenix Union School System, trailing Phoenix Union, Carver, North, Tech and West. Union, Carver, Tech and West are closed. South, with an enrollment of 2,400 students today, was originally called the Rebels, and appropriately so. But following the 1984-85 school year, the mascot was changed to Jaguars. The school has changed drastically since it opened.

"South is a tough, tough place to coach and teach," insists Ken Stites, head football coach at Mesa Community College, and a South Mountain graduate. "It has really changed. The neighborhood has changed. There are many more minority kids. A basketball player was shot to death on campus once, I recall.

"Coach Stovall has done a great job with the kids down there," adds Stites, who built a great record himself at Phoenix College before transferring to Mesa. "Hats off to him. He's perfect for those kids. They all have respect for him. He still lifts weights. Right with the kids. Heck, he's probably the strongest guy on campus."

The coach in mention his Bill Stovall, entering his third season as head man. The former mentor at Santa Cruz High in Eloy had been an assistant for years at South, but took over the top job in 1986 when Jerry McCarty was forced out after one season, a 4-6 finish in 1985.

In 1986, the Jaguars finished 9-2 after falling to Mesa, 24-6 in the first round of the Class AAA playoffs. They scored more points (332) than any team in

# First Class Ticket



**P**oor Nebraska. The mighty Cornhuskers are batting .250 in Sun Devil Stadium; .000 in Fiesta Bowl games. When Florida State beat Tom Osborne's crew on January 1, 1988, it was the Big Red's third loss in as many tries in the Tempe bowl game.

Since 1971, Nebraska is one of only three different schools to play in three or more Sunkist Fiesta Bowls. Only Arizona State (5-1) and Penn State (4-0) have played in more.

Nebraska's only victory on the Tempe turf was a 35-28 regular season win over ASU on September 26, 1987. In Fiesta Bowls, they have dropped games to ASU in 1975, Michigan in 1986 and Florida State.

Arizona State, which has called Sun Devil Stadium home since 1958, and Penn State fought it out on Christmas Day, 1977. The visitors from the East won, 42-30. That was the Devils' only loss in six tries in the Fiesta classic. They last appeared on January 1, 1983, when they upset Oklahoma and frosh sensation Marcus Dupree, 32-21. In that game, Dupree rushed for 245 yards, a record which still stands.



*Oklahoma's Mickey Hatcher, from nearby Mesa High, grabs this pass against Wyoming in Fiesta Bowl VI, a 41-7 Sooner win.*

Ironically, there was no Fiesta Bowl game in 1981. The game, usually played on or around Christmas Day, was moved to January 1. Penn State beat USC, 26-10.



*ASU's Junior Ah You, a former star at Hawaii's Kahuku High, decks Florida State QB Gary Huff in Fiesta Bowl I. ASU won this one 45-38.*

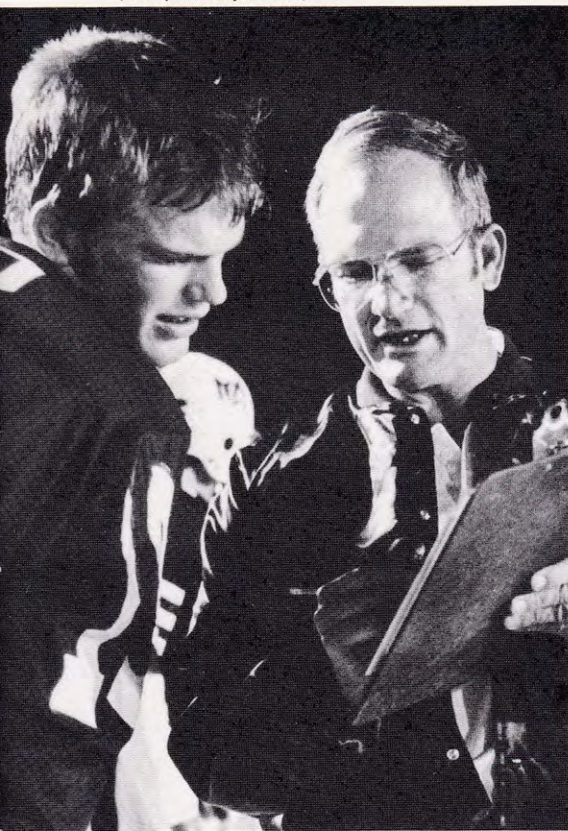
The University of Arizona, Miami, USC, Wyoming, Missouri, BYU and Arkansas have played in, but never won a Fiesta Bowl game. However, Arkansas tied UCLA 10-10 in 1978 in their only appearance. The Bruins from Los Angeles beat Miami, 39-37 in probably the best-ever contest in 1985. Miami's other appearance came in 1987, when Penn State beat them 14-10 for the national championship.

On December 27, 1971, Arizona State beat Florida State, 45-38 in Fiesta Bowl I. Woody Green scored the go-ahead touchdown with only 34 seconds left. Current Dallas Cowboy quarterback Danny White was the Devils' signal caller. A crowd of 51,098 witnessed the game, as the upper deck had yet to be built on Sun Devil Stadium.

Five of the last seven games have attracted crowds of more than 70,000. Exactly 73,098 paid to see Penn State battle Miami two years ago for the national crown. Just one day earlier, local ASU fans had been in Pasadena, watching the Sun Devils defeat Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

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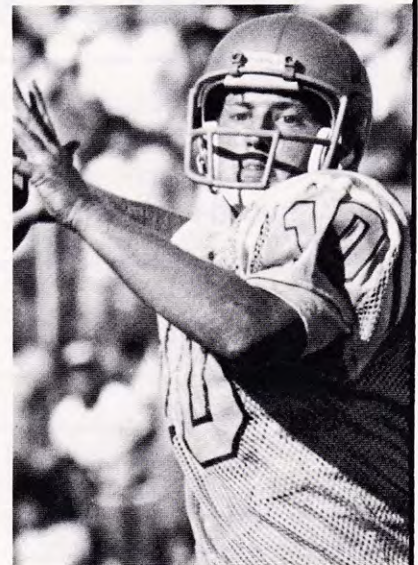


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# The Cards Heat Up



**G**ene Stallings, the respected architect behind a rebuilding program that has elevated the Cardinals into playoff contention, begins his third season as the club's head coach.

A disciple of two of the greatest football coaches of all-time, Stallings previously served 12 years (1953-64) as a player and coach under Paul "Bear" Bryant at Texas A&M and Alabama, and another 14 (1972-85) as Tom Landry's assistant in Dallas.

Ironically, a 21-16 loss to Dallas in the '87 season finale deprived St. Louis

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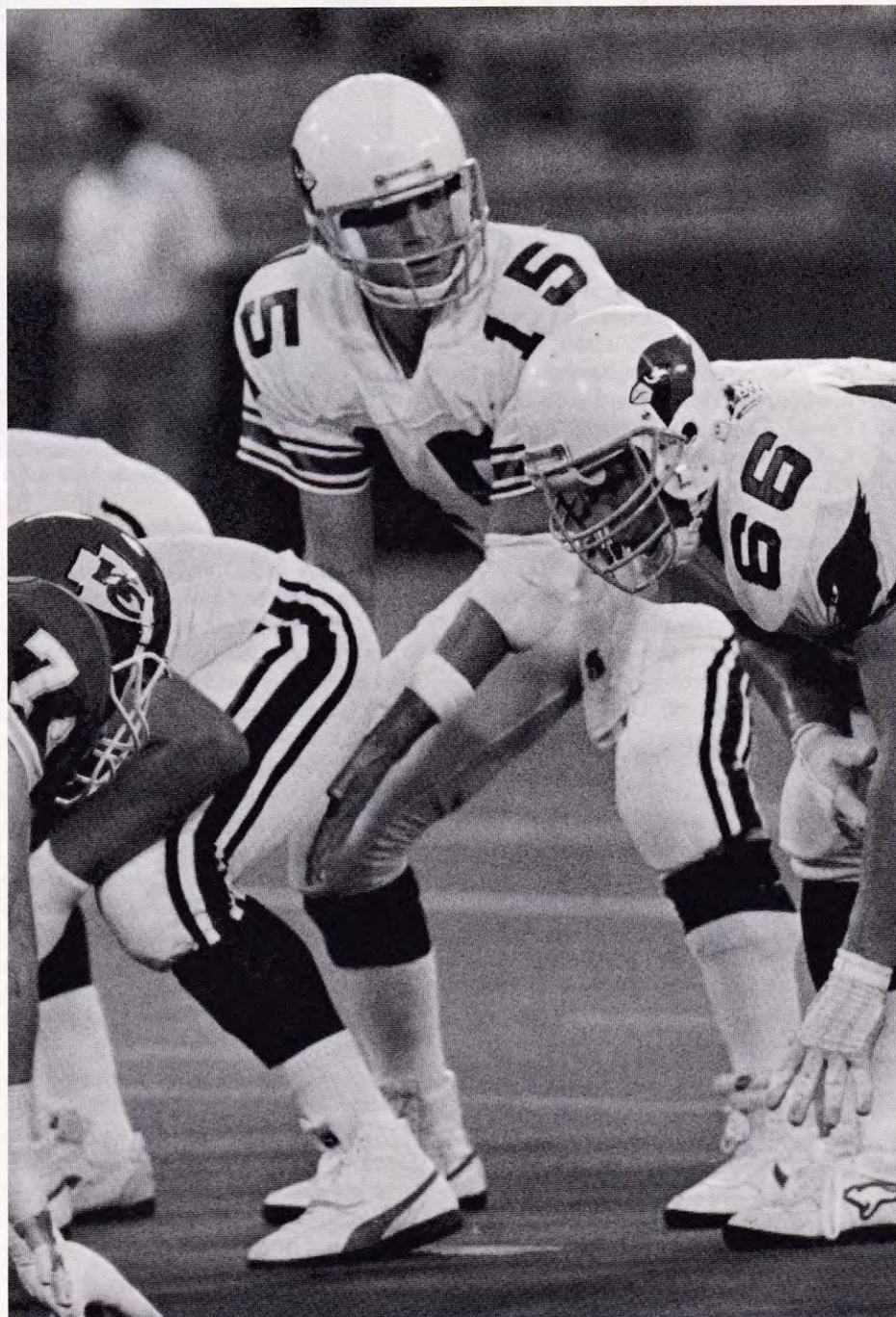
**"I think the move will excite the football team. Playing in front of a sellout crowd every home game excites all of us."**

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of its first playoff berth in five years. But Stallings' club regained respectability in the process. Their seven wins were the most by a Cardinals team since 1984, winning three straight road games for the first time since 1982. Also, St. Louis beat the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants, 27-24 in their home season finale. The Cards' offense ranked sixth among NFL teams, averaging 355.1 yards and 24.1 points per contest.

The treacherous world of the NFC East has produced the last two Super Bowl champions, Washington and New York. But Stallings' club will be playing more than Redskins and Giants this fall. They'll be playing the transition game as well.

The Cardinals closed the curtain on a 27-year stay in St. Louis and moved the



*Neil Lomax, a Pro Bowl pick, passed for 3,387 yards.*

franchise to the Grand Canyon State. "I think the move will excite the football team," said Stallings in May. "Playing in front of a sellout crowd every home game excites all of us. The thing that concerns me just a little bit is the distraction of the off-season program. We need to have some place we can call home, and get started. The quicker we can do that, the better off we're going to be."

Quarterback Neil Lomax, who earned Pro Bowl honors for the second time in his seven-year career, returns to engineer a Cardinal offensive unit that's loaded with talent. Completing nearly 60% of his passes for 24 touchdowns (only 12 interceptions), the 6-3, 215-pound signal caller led the NFL with 3,387 yards passing. His 457 yards against San Diego was the second highest in franchise history (see Big Days). Ironically, his

(Herb Weisman)

## BELIEVE-IT-OR-NOT!

**I**n case you've been locked in a closet for six months, the National Football League has a franchise in Phoenix now. They call themselves the Cardinals. They used to reside in cities like Chicago and St. Louis. Knock real hard on your closet door. A neighbor might let you out. Ripley would have fun with this one. Believe-it-or-not, the Cardinals are the 6th professional football team to call Phoenix their home. Honest! Here's a short history lesson on the five previous suckers:

On November 27, 1940, almost one year before Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, the Hollywood Bears of the Pacific Coast Professional Football League beat the Phoenix Panthers, 20-13 in the mud, before 6,000 paid fans at the state fairgrounds in Phoenix.

Officially, it was the first-ever pro football contest played in Arizona. The league, loaded with former college stars from the west and southwest, had five teams: Los Angeles Bulldogs, Oakland Giants, San Diego Bombers, Hollywood and Phoenix.

Ed (Crazy Legs) Stark, a former star at Oklahoma Baptist, was the Phoenix' player-coach. The Panthers' quarterback was "Texas" Ernie Lain, a former star at Rice. The fullback was 215-pound Ray Clemons, the NFL's leading punter in 1939 with the Detroit Lions. Mark Kalastro, a 205-pound guard, was a member of Arizona State's 1940 Sun Bowl team.

But Hollywood was stocked with talent of its own, including UCLA greats like Kenny Washington and legendary Woodrow Wilson Strode. They played in the PCPFL because the NFL wouldn't let them in. They were black. If "Woody" Strode's name rings a bell, you must be a movie buff. He's best known for fighting Kirk

(Arizona Republic)



In 1971, Phoenix' Moody Jackson bulls his way into the end zone during a 55-17 rout of the Mustangs.

Douglas in the gladiator camp in the award winning movie, *Spartacus*.

The Phoenix franchise folded after one month. "We wanted to sell stock," said Stark years later. "We never got that far. It was too bad. There were a lot of great players in the league. The NFL wouldn't let black kids in. We had some good ones. They (NFL) didn't have anybody who could carry Washington or Strode's socks."

In 1957, "Chink" Coleman, a local football coach at Phoenix St. Mary's who played for Knute Rockne at Notre Dame, founded the new Western Professional Football League. Besides Phoenix, original members resided in Tucson, El Paso and San Francisco. Coleman was elected league president, and George Ahee, the Tucson Cowboys' president and coach, was elected vice president. They made plans to expand to eight teams in 1958.

They never made it.

"When Chink first issued a call for players, guys came out of the wood-

work," recalled Wilford "Whizzer" White, former Arizona State All-American and father of Dallas Cowboy quarterback, Danny. "Everybody who never had a chance to play pro ball and thought they were good turned out."

By then, White had finished his pro career in the NFL and CFL, and Coleman persuaded him to sign on as a player-coach. It was done to capitalize on White's gate appeal. The team was named the Suns—one decade before the NBA moved to town. Their 14-game schedule included several non-league games with service teams.

The Suns started out playing at old Phoenix Municipal Stadium in south Phoenix, but soon moved to Jackrabbit Stadium in Mesa, and Phoenix Union's Montgomery Stadium at 7th Street and Van Buren. Crowds were poor until the Tucson Cowboys came to town.

"We had a riot down in Tucson when we played there," recalled White

468 against Washington in 1984 is tops.

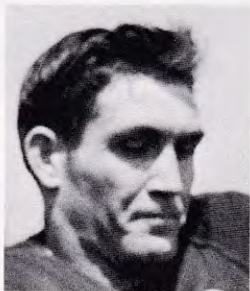
The Cardinals offense also includes such thoroughbreds as tackle Luis Sharpe, wide receivers J.T. Smith and Roy Green, running backs Stump Mitchell and Earl Ferrell, and tight end Robert Awalt. Sharpe, a 6-4, 260-pound interior lineman, joined Lomax on the NFC's Pro Bowl team. Smith led the league in both catches (91) and reception yardage (1,117) enroute to all-pro

honors. Green, the club's No. 4 all-time receiver with 357 catches for 5,852 yards, averaged 17.0 yards per grab, catching 43 aerials for 731 yards.

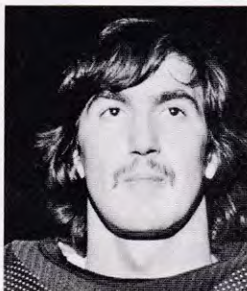
In the backfield, halfback Mitchell (781 yards) and fullback Ferrell (512 yards) kept pressure off Lomax and his star wideouts. Tight end Awalt, voted NFL Rookie of the year by *Sporting News*, caught 42 passes for 526 yards and six touchdowns in nine games.

A 10th-round draft choice from BYU in 1986, Vai Sikahema has firmly established himself as one of the league's premier double-threat return specialist. He's ranked among NFC's top six in both categories in each of his first two pro seasons, earning Pro Bowl honors both years. He averaged 12.5 yards on punt returns (3rd, NFC) and 22.4 yards on kickoff returns (6th, NFC).

"I'm probably the slowest return man



**Whizzer White,**  
Phoenix Suns



**Joe Spagnola,**  
Phoenix Blazers



**Woody Strode,**  
Hollywood Bears

years later. "People came out of the stands trying to fight us. They had never beaten me during my college career."

During an exhibition game with Ft. Huachuca out of Sierra Vista, Phoenix' giant fullback Don Beasley, a former all-stater at Mesa High and all-Border Conference star at Arizona, was ejected for punching the opponents' Vern Friedli, a 5-9, 175-pound defensive back. Friedli currently is the head coach at Tucson Amphitheater High School. "The fight lasted one second," laughs Friedli. "I never knew what hit me."

The Suns disbanded shortly thereafter, and the WPFL folded with them.

On August 14, 1971, the Phoenix Blazers of the now-defunct Southwestern Professional Football League,



routed the Pasadena Chiefs, 44-0 before 13,439 fans at Phoenix Union's Montgomery Stadium. It was the stadium's largest crowd in more than a decade, and the last great collection of football fans the giant complex ever saw.

Both are gone.

The franchise lasted three years. Legendary pro star Ollie Matson was commissioner of the league. Howard H. Sherman, M.D. of Phoenix was the league's president. The Blazers' gate attraction was QB Joe Spagnola, a former Arizona State star who guided the Devils to an historic 48-26 win over North Carolina in the 1970 Peach Bowl. At one time or another, the WPFL had teams named Tucson Mustangs, Denver Oilers, Las Vegas Mustangs, New Mexico Thunderbirds, Oklahoma City Wranglers, San Antonio Toros and Southern California Razorbacks, to name a few. Dallas-Fort Worth, Fresno, Orange County and Fullerton also had teams.

Then came the United States football League in 1983, and the Arizona Wranglers/Outlaws. They had owners like Jim Joseph, Edward B. Diethrich, M.D., and William R. Tatham, Sr. Doug Shively, George Allen and Frank Kush were the coaches. They tried playing in the spring/summer. The Phoenix Blazers tried that once, also.

Neither made it.

in the NFL," says the local favorite, who prepped at nearby Mesa High. "I can't think of any reason for me doing as well as I have except for the blocking."

Defensively, Stallings faces a reclamation project of sorts. In 1987, the Cardinals hovered near the bottom of most NFL rankings. They ranked 23rd in points allowed (24.5) and 25th in both overall yards (358.9) and passing yards (225.5) surrendered. However, the

Cards did induce 33 turnovers, a turnaround from 22 in 1986.

But, a nucleus of solid defenders return, led by the safety tandem of Leonard Smith and Lonnie Young. Smith, an all-league choice by *Football News*, has led the Cards in tackles in each of the past three seasons with 344 stops. Young, a 12th-round draft pick in 1985, swarmed for 87 tackles and was involved in eight turnovers.



**"I'm probably the slowest return man in the NFL. I can't think of any reason for me doing as well as I have except for the blocking."**

Up front, Freddie Joe Nunn provides the Cardinals with a ferocious pass-rusher. Nunn, who switched from outside linebacker to defensive end, dumped enemy quarterbacks 11 times to rank 4th among NFC sack leaders. Two-time Pro Bowler E. J. Junior, plus promising youngsters Niko Noga and Anthony Bell, should once again man the linebacker positions.

Stallings also welcomes back defensive end David Galloway and safety Tim McDonald, two high-impact players who missed most of last season with injuries. Galloway swarmed for 70 tackles and five sacks at nose tackle in 1986, while McDonald was the club's second-round draft choice from USC last year. He, like several of his teammates, is no stranger to Sun Devil Stadium, having played against Arizona State during their college days.

"We went to the 4-3 defense last year primarily because we wanted to pressure the quarterback more," reasons Stallings. "Moving Galloway to end might accomplish that. But he got hurt in the preseason and we never got to see what he can do at that position. We're still considering a switch back to the 3-4 this fall.

"For the second straight year we played pretty well against the run. But we didn't force the turnover the way we need to. We weren't aggressive enough in pressuring the quarterback, and we were very poor in giving up big plays on third down. Those are some areas we're really going to have to concentrate on."

Getting used to the heat is another.

# Big Days

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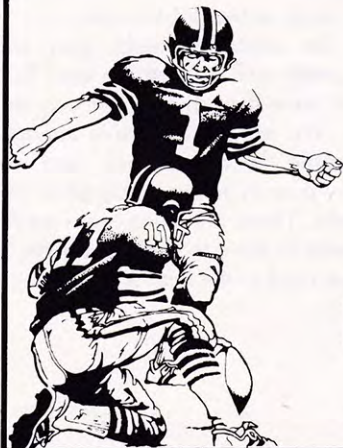
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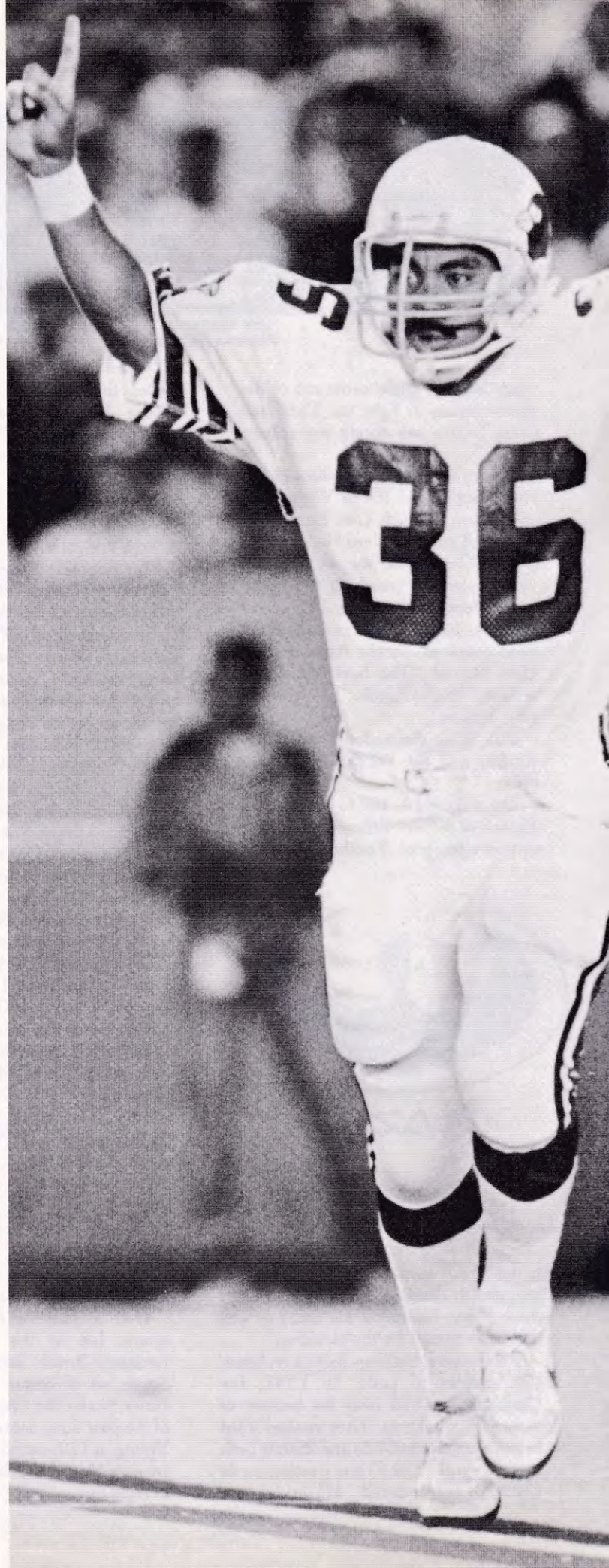
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- 88 .. Phil Sarboe vs New York Giants, 1935 (TD)
- 86 .. Chuck Latourette vs New Orleans, 1968 (TD)
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- 84 .. Kenny Hall vs Pittsburgh, 1959
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- 74 .. Billy Stacy vs New York Giants, 1959 (TD)
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- 256 .. Sonny Randle vs New York Giants, 1962
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- 198 .. Sonny Randle vs Cleveland, 1965
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- 81 .. Mike Wood vs New York Giants, 1978
- 75 .. Carl Birdsong vs Philadelphia, 1981
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- 66 .. Carl Birdsong vs Green Bay, 1985
- 66 .. Carl Birdsong vs Atlanta, 1981
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# History Lesson

**T**he Cardinals, a charter member of the National Football League, boast the distinction of being the oldest continuously run pro football franchise in the nation. St. Louis had been their home for the past 27 years, having moved from Chicago in 1960.

Twelve former members of the Cardinals have been enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio: Charles Bidwell, Guy Chamberlin, Jimmy Conzelman, Paddy Driscoll, Walt Kiesling, Curley Lambeau, Dick "Night Train" Lane, Ollie Matson, Ernie Nevers, Jim Thorpe, Charley Trippi and Larry Wilson.

Founded by the late Chris O'Brien in 1898, the team began as a group which gathered to play football on Chicago's south side. The team gained longstanding identification when O'Brien, finding a bargain, bought used jerseys from the University of Chicago.

The jerseys were faded maroon in color, promoting O'Brien to declare, "That's not maroon, it's Cardinal red." And with that statement, the club's permanent nickname was born.

With the team's popularity growing in the Chicago area, the Cardinals eventually became one of 11 charter members of the American Professional Football League, forerunner of the NFL in 1920. Under new head coach Norman Barry, the 'Cards outdistanced a field of 20 teams to win their first NFL title in 1925.

In 1929, player-coach Ernie Nevers scored 40 points on six touchdowns and four extra points in an historic 40-6 win over the rival Bears on Thanksgiving Day. The game was played at historic Soldiers Field. Nevers retired in 1932 after three seasons. His departure marked the arrival of new club owner, Charles W. Bidwell, Sr., a vice president of the Bears. He purchased the Cardinals for \$50,000, and divested himself of his Bears' holdings.

The team sorely missed Nevers' magic on the field and endured difficult years in the 1930's and early 1940's. Success arrived again in 1947. Coached by Jim Conzelman and featuring a "dream backfield" of Paul Christman, Marshall Goldberg, Pat Harder and Charley Trippi, the Cardinals won the Western Division title and beat Philadelphia, 28-21 in the NFL finals.

But owner Bidwell had died in April and missed the Cardinals' first NFL crown in 22 years. Bidwell's widow,



*Mike Dawson, a former prep All-American at Tucson High, started seven consecutive years for the Cardinals, 1976-82.*

Violet, assumed control of the franchise. Upon her death 15 years later, control moved to sons Charles W., Jr. and William V. In 1972, William and his family gained sole ownership, with William becoming managing general partner. On July 1, 1979, incorporation of the company was accomplished with Bidwell continuing as chief executive officer.

(Of little importance to anyone was a single play on November 1, 1959. During a game against Pittsburgh, little-known Cardinal Kenny Hall, from Sugar Land, Tx., returned a Steeler punt 84 yards for a touchdown, the 3rd longest in franchise history at the time. Hall played only three years in the NFL, but to this day is the most prolific scorer (899 points) and rusher (11,232 yards) in the history of American high school football. Ironically, Hall's 104-yard kickoff return for Houston against the New York Titans

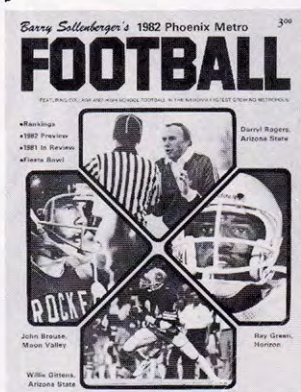
in 1960 is an Oiler club record today.)

The Cardinals brought their first championship to St. Louis in 1974, capturing the NFC Eastern Division flag under head coach Don Coryell, and advancing to the playoffs with a 10-4 record. However, they lost to the Minnesota Vikings, 30-14 in their first playoff appearance since 1948. They repeated as division champs in 1975, but another playoff loss, 35-23 to Los Angeles, ended any Super Bowl hopes.

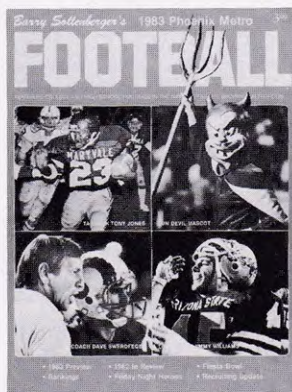
The Cardinals next appeared in the playoffs in 1982, when coach Jim Hanifan's club lost a first-round game at Green Bay, 41-16. In 1984, an offensively explosive St. Louis team narrowly missed the playoffs - and the NFC East title - with a 9-7 record. However, the Cards stumbled to a 5-11 mark in 1985, prompting Hanifan's dismissal, and the owners hired long-time Dallas assistant Gene Stallings. ■

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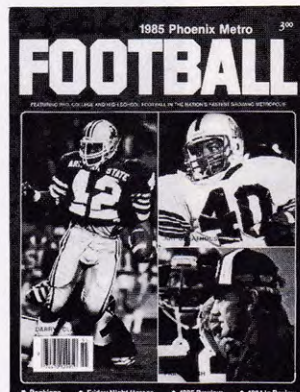
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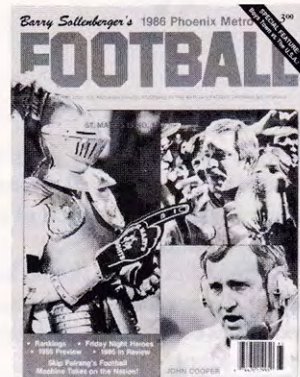
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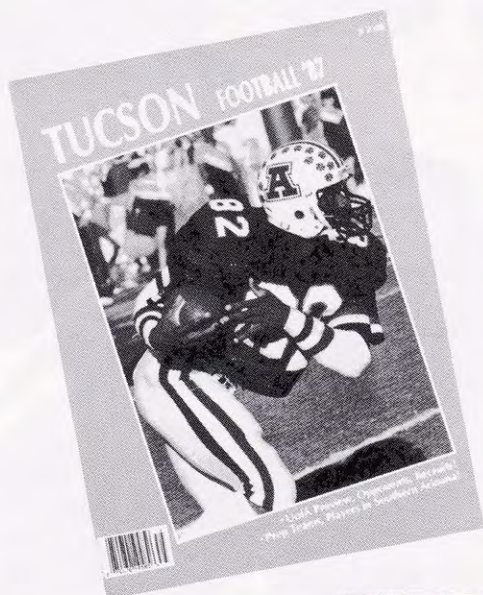
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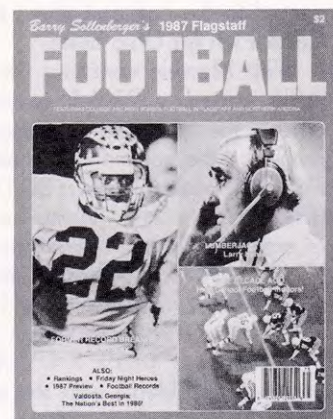
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# Devils' Goal: Another B

**I**f your favorite team goes bowling in December or January, it means one thing for sure: They had a heck of a good fall. That's fall ... the season.

Arizona State fans should know. In the past three seasons, ASU has played in three consecutive bowls: Holiday, Rose and Freedom.

They lost to Arkansas 18-17 in the 1985 Holiday Bowl in San Diego, beat Michigan 22-15 in the Rose in Pasadena, then beat Air Force 33-28 in the Freedom in Anaheim last December. All three ASU teams were coached by John Cooper, who now resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Larry Marmie, Cooper's defensive coordinator for all three seasons, became ASU's 19th coach on January 5. He was named to the post just seven days after Cooper left for Ohio State.

With Marmie coaching the defense, ASU posted a 25-9-1 record (.750) during the past three seasons. That record is the second-best mark among Pac-10 schools (UCLA is 27-7-2) during that period. In fact, Marmie has a streak of nine straight bowl games in which he has coached - four at North Carolina, two at Tennessee and three at ASU.

The Sun Devils will return 32 lettermen from last year's 7-4-1 club which had more problems with the injury bug than the opposition. Fifteen lettermen have left by way of graduation or the NFL draft. Priorities include finding depth on the defensive line and at inside linebacker, and establishing depth on the offensive line and at wide receiver.

The kicking game might be one of the best in the league. Senior Mike Schuh (6-1, 178), a former all-stater at nearby Mesa Mountain View, averaged 42.7 yards per punt and stopped 30 of his 65 punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line. Junior Alan Zendejas (5-8, 186) booted 15 of 19 field goals last year, including 30 of 31 extra points. Kickoff returns could possibly be handled by David



*Little David Winsley dives over the line against UTEP. Devils won game, 35-16.*

# owl!



(Arizona Republic)

## Lonnie Collins

Winsley, Victor Cahoon or Kirk Wendorf. Punt returns might be handled by sophomore Nathan LaDuke, if he's healthy.

Fans will see only six home games this fall. They usually see seven. And for the first time in history, have to share Sun Devil Stadium with the National Football League. But again, ASU is expected to lead the Pac-10 in attendance, averaging over 70,000 per home game. The '88 opener on September 12 presents an interesting matchup, as Illinois will be guided by transfer quarterback Jeff George, the national high school player of the year in 1985. ASU beat Illinois 21-7 before 70,060 fans in Champaign last year.

After facing former WAC foe Colorado State in Tempe, ASU will make its first-ever visit to Lincoln, facing Big-8 toughie Nebraska. The schools are 1-1 on the gridiron, after the Cornhuskers beat the Devils, 35-28 last September to even the series.

Following a home contest with Lamar from Texas, ASU opens Pac-10 play by hosting Washington. Then comes the "critical" portion of the schedule, according to Marmie. Three straight road games against Stanford, Washington State and Oregon.

"If we want to have a successful season we must perform well during that road stretch," insists the new head coach. "In 1986, we won two straight road games against Washington State and California which proved to be the key to our season. We also won back-to-back games in Los Angeles."

Then, ASU returns home for tilts with Oregon State and defending Pac-10 champ USC. After an open date on November 19, the Devils invade Tucson for their annual rivalry with Arizona. The Devils haven't beaten the Cats in five consecutive tries. Last year's classic ended in a 24-24 tie.

Marmie is glad to have quarterback Daniel Ford returning, along with three starters in the offensive line. Ford, in his first starting role, passed for 1,756 yards and 12 touchdowns. He completed only 49% of his passes and threw 15 interceptions, but finished strong and earned MVP honors in the Freedom Bowl win over Air Force. Challenging Ford will be sophomore Paul Justin and redshirt freshman Bobby Valdez, the state player of the year in 1986 at Tucson Sunnyside High School.

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**"In 1986, we won two straight road games against Washington State and California which proved to be the key to our season."**

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The offensive line has been a strength for three years. It should continue to be strong again, with tackles Scott Kirby (6-6, 287) and Fedel Underwood (6-4, 270), and center Steve Spurling (6-2, 270) back. Kirby and Underwood have the ability to earn post season honors.

Competing for the guard spots are seniors Doug Larson (6-4, 254) and Randy Jefferson (6-3, 253), along with Scott Claypoole (6-4, 255) and Tony Sherman (6-5, 260). Eddie Grant (6-3, 248) will share the center spot with Spurling. A pair of redshirt sophomores, Michael Simmons (6-7, 315) and Mark Hayes (6-7, 260), are backup tackles. However, Simmons is still battling a back injury.

Gone from the backfield are Rose Bowl stars Darryl Harris and Channing Williams. The Devils have lots of running backs, but not much experience. Harris and Williams did too good a job during their careers in Tempe.

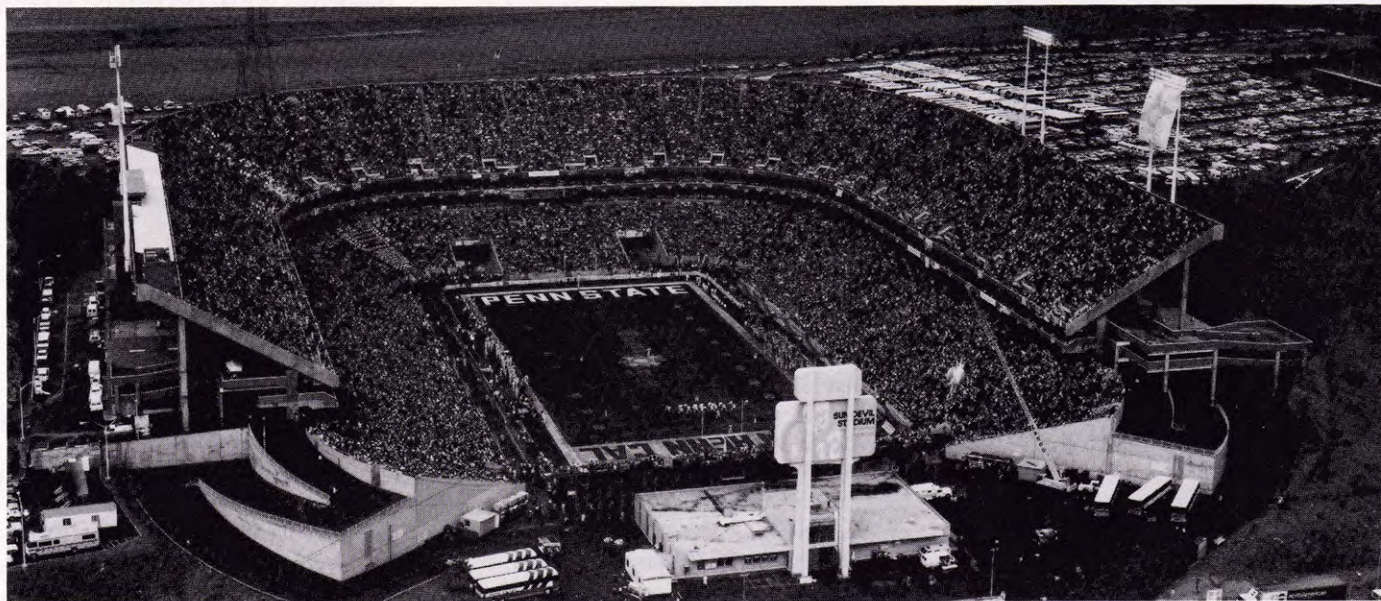
At tailback, junior David Winsley (5-5, 190) and soph Victor Cahoon (5-11, 181) have the most experience. They'll be challenged by junior Greg Rice (5-11, 183) and JC transfer Bruce Perkins (6-2, 215). Rice could be a real sleeper, while Perkins was the leading rusher in the NJCAA ranks last fall at Butler Community College in Kansas.

The fullback position will belong to either Kirk Wendorf (6-0, 200), Keith Bowen (6-1, 210) or Kelvin Fisher (5-11, 190). "Wendorf would have to be considered our most experienced back," says Marmie. "Toward the end of last season he started to emerge. It will be interesting to see the backs develop."

Like running back, the receiver position has lots of depth, but little



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Sept. 17 .. ASU vs. Colorado State	Nov. 13 .. Phoenix vs. N.Y. Giants
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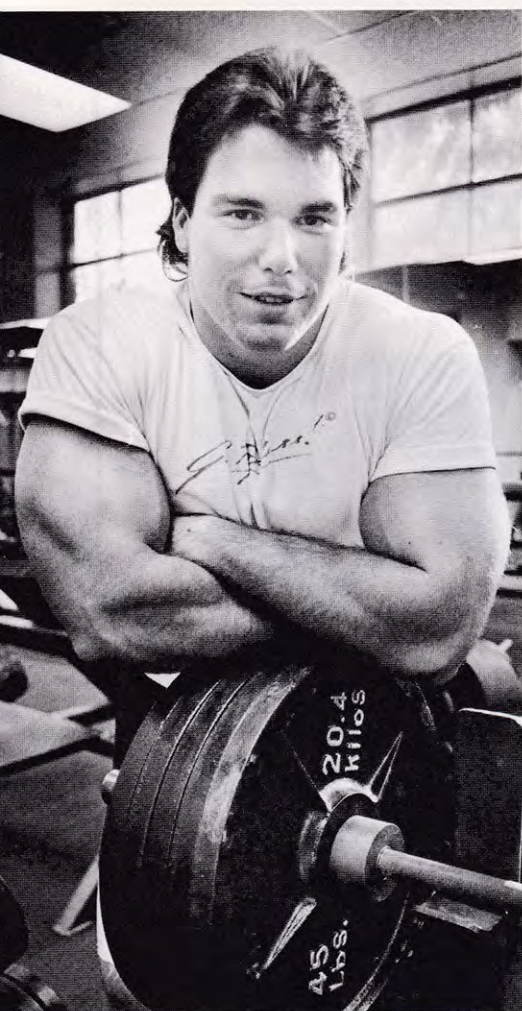


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experience. Seniors Chris Garrett (6-4, 205) and Tony Johnson (5-11, 180), who shared flanker duties last year, have taken over the No. 1 spots at split end and flanker. Garrett caught 20 passes last fall, four for touchdowns, while Johnson caught 17 for one score. Leland Adams, Lynn James and Steve Martin are backups. Martin had a brilliant prep career in Tucson, but has been slowed by injuries since moving to Tempe.

All three tight ends return. Senior Gary Knudson (6-4, 246) started eight games. Ryan McReynolds (6-7, 244) and Scott Veach (6-4, 238) are talented replacements.

In his first year at the helm, Marmie has the unenviable task of replacing starters and depth along the defensive front and at linebacker. Playing injury-free football will be a key factor.

The spring two-deep chart had only one returning starter up front, DE Saute Sapolu (6-3, 255). Two former walk-ons, David Neumore (6-4, 270) and Greg Joelson (6-3, 241), line up at tackle and end, respectively. Backing them are

redshirt freshman Shane Collins (6-4, 250) at end and sophomore Andre Lacey (6-4, 265) at tackle. Collins was one of the top high school shot putters in the nation in Bozeman, Montana.

Much-heralded nose guard Richard Davis (6-0, 259), the strongest player on the team, was penciled in as the top man before breaking his elbow (for the second time) in spring scrimmage. His future in football is unknown. Jeff Johnson (6-4, 255) has moved over from linebacker and JC transfer Don Chuhlantseff (6-3, 245) has promise.

There is experience at first-team linebacker. But very little after that. Sophomore Drew Metcalf (6-2, 223) and junior Mark Tingstad (6-1, 206) are starters. Scott Woodford (6-2, 220), Eric Berry (6-3, 216) and Dwayne King (6-1, 215) provide backup. Scott Walker (6-2, 235) is a junior college transfer.

Both starters return at strong safety and devil back: Robby Boyd (6-2, 210) and Rodney Dillard (6-3, 225). Both are seniors. Junior Brett Johnson (6-0, 202) and sophomore Terence Johnson (6-3,

223) back them up. Listed No. 1 at right cornerback is sophomore Eric Crawford (6-0, 169), who started five games as a true freshman last year. But he underwent shoulder surgery in the spring and missed nine practices. Eddie Stokes (5-10, 160) is at the other corner. Floyd Fields (6-2, 192) is the free safety. Safeties Nathan LaDuke and Jeff Mahlstede missed spring drills with injuries. LaDuke was named national freshman defensive back of the year by Sporting News.

"Crawford, Fields and LaDuke played for us last season as true freshmen when they really weren't ready," says Marmie. "That happens sometimes. But now they will enter fall drills as three of our most experienced defensive backs. If they stay healthy.

"One reason we hired Denny Brown as our defensive coordinator was that West Virginia's defense was very similar to ours," concludes Marmie. "But I thought their pressure game was better than ours. He will bring some new ideas to us."

## DEVIL NEWCOMERS High School

Position/Name	Hometown/School
QB .. John Bonds, 6-5, 200	Phoenix St. Mary's, AZ
QB .. Kurt Lasher, 6-2, 190	Fresno Hoover, CA
RB .. Kevin Galbreath, 5-11, 178	Phoenix Maryvale, AZ
RB .. Tom Harkrader, 6-1, 185	Middletown, OH
RB .. Jeff Simoneau, 6-2, 235	Smith Center, KS
WR .. Eric Guliford, 5-9, 160	Peoria, AZ
WR .. Kevin Snyder, 5-9, 160	Fontana, CA
WR .. Byron Reeves, 5-11, 175	Carson, CA
TE .. Bob Brasher, 6-5, 210	San Diego Point Loma, CA
OL .. Pat Fresch, 6-7, 285	Palos Verdes, CA
OL .. Jay Gilliam, 6-5, 240	Ardmore, OK
DL .. Brian Hooks, 6-4, 240	Tempe Marcos de Niza, AZ
DL .. Mike Thompson, 6-3, 270	Benton Marshall, KY
DL .. Mike Alexander, 6-4, 225	Wilmington Banning, CA
DL .. Jim Watson, 6-4, 255	Morris, IL
LB .. Israel Stanley, 6-3, 235	San Diego Point Loma, CA
LB .. Greg Kordes, 6-4, 215	Chicago De La Salle, IL
LB .. Brett Wallerstedt, 6-1, 215	Manhattan, KS
LB .. Ivory Irvin, 6-5, 215	Oakland McClymonds, CA
LB .. Dereck Moore, 6-5, 195	Dayton Meadowdale, OH
DB .. Kevin Miniefeld, 5-10, 165	Phoenix Camelback, AZ
DB .. Larry Marmie, Jr., 5-9, 185	Tempe Corona del Sol, AZ
DB .. Arnold Laws, 6-2, 195	Rancho Cordova, CA
DB .. Adam Braas, 5-11, 180	El Toro, CA

## Junior College

RB .. Bruce Perkins, 6-3, 220	Butler, KS
DL .. Don Chuhlantseff, 6-4, 245	Fresno, CA
LB .. Scott Walker, 6-2, 225	San Diego Mesa, CA
DB .. Eddie Stokes, 5-10, 170	Cerritos, CA
DB .. Mark Smith, 6-1, 197	Citrus, CA
DB .. Lawrence Hubley, 6-0, 175	Cerritos, CA



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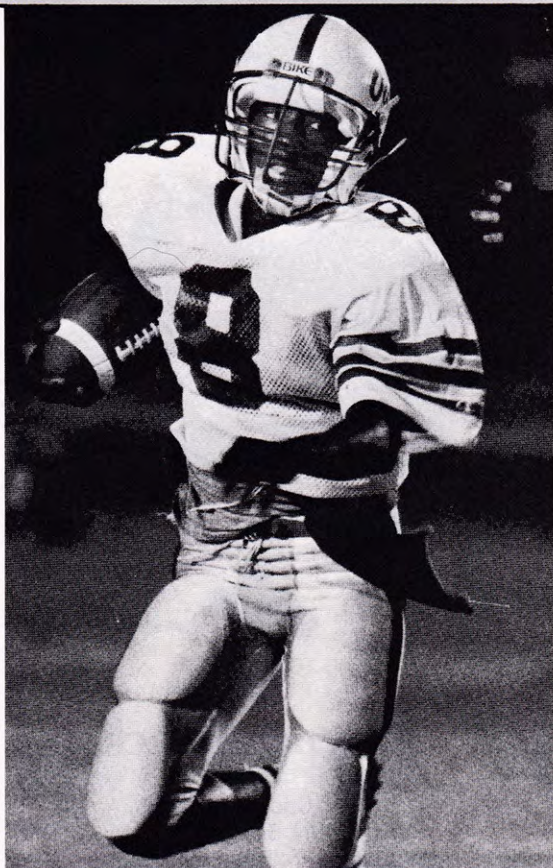
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Halfback Kenny "Pee Wee" Brown, Agua Fria.

*This is Phoenix Metro Football Magazine's checklist of outstanding varsity players for the 1988 high school football season.*

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OL .. Chris Muti, Dobson, 6-3, 250  
OL .. Derek Hankins, South Mountain, 6-3, 210  
OL .. Eric Ipock, Peoria, 6-4, 303  
OL .. Mike Hungerford, Moon Valley, 6-3, 235  
OL .. Dustin Rash, Mountain View, 6-3, 215  
OL .. David Craig, Trevor Browne, 6-3, 230  
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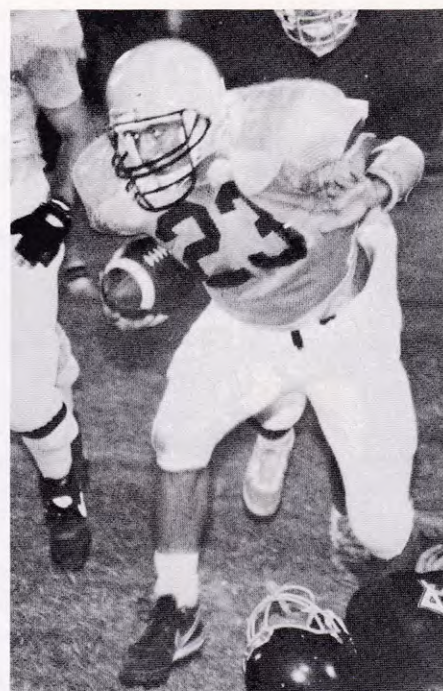
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(Dobson High School)

On this sunny afternoon, Dobson's football legions trampled Mountain View.

## Banner Year for the EVL

**T**he Arizona Interscholastic Association (A.I.A.), the governing body of high school sports, calls it the Central Division. Sports writers in Mesa and Tempe call it the East Valley League (EVL).

This annoys sports writers in Phoenix.

No matter what they call it, high school sports southeast of the Salt River is on a roll, especially in Mesa. For the first time in history, two Mesa schools fought for the state football championship, as Dobson beat defending champ Mountain View 35-14 at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe.

The paid crowd of 20,036 at the AAA finals was the second highest in state history; exactly 20,800 watched Phoenix Central upset St. Mary's 14-7 in 1969. The AAA double-header finals have become so popular that the Arizona title games last fall outdrew the Texas 5A championship game between Plano and Houston Stratford. Both state's big-school finals were televised.

When the 1987-88 school year climaxed, Mesa schools combined to

capture 10 state titles in team sports. That's half of the team championships which are up for grabs in AAA competition. "We're always competitive, but this year just happened to be very good for us," said Lionel Goar, Mesa athletic director. "We have good, solid programs at all levels."

An all-Mesa finals assured the city its 14th state football crown since Mesa shared the honors in 1928 after a 6-6 tie with Phoenix Union. Ironically, it was a rematch; Mountain View won the regular season battle, 14-13. And the champion Mustangs, coached by former Tulane assistant Mike Clark, lost a 26-12 slugfest with Mesa. Western Athletic Conference power BYU gobbled up two of Dobson's stars, halfback Josh Arnold and tight end Steve Holmes.

But the best -and most talented - football team in Arizona last year was probably Peoria, the Class AA (now called AAA-2) state champs. Major college recruiters had a field day with Peoria, located west of Phoenix ... on the way to Wickenburg.

No less than six Panthers signed college football scholarships: WR Eric Guliford with Arizona State, TE Steve Good with Stanford, linebacker Dusty Weiland with Iowa, guard Scott Peterson with Nebraska, halfback Marvin Johnson with New Mexico State, and DB Ervin Cutright with Nevada-Reno. So talented was Peoria that quarterback William Babb was the leading batter when the Panthers beat Tucson Desert View, 6-5 in the state baseball finals.

Florence, home of the state prison, beat Phoenix Christian 35-19 for the Class B championship. Phoenix Christian finished the season 9-3. It was the Cougars' third appearance in the finals in four years. Coach Walt Beamis is 145-67-4 as a head coach. His first year at the small Phoenix school was 1962, and his club finished 8-2.

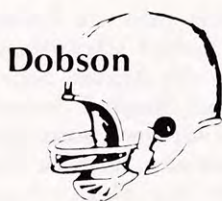
No Phoenix area school made it to the Class C finals, which plays 8-man ball. Patagonia (11-0) beat Valley Union from Elfrida, 36-18 in the title game played at the Phoenix Indian School.



(Arizona Republic)

St. Mary's Seth Carr (41), son of former Green Bay Packer all-pro linebacker Fred Carr, tries to get past Greenway's Derek Michlitsch (81).

## Another Mustang Stampede?



**D**obson had been knocking on the door for three years. After three consecutive 6-4 clubs failed to reach the playoffs, the Mustangs finally blew the door down. Coach Mike Clrak's crew finished a near-perfect (12-2) season with a 35-14 win over rival Mountain View in the AAA finals.

The future looks bright. Sixteen lettermen with playoff experience are back. The school has close to 4,000 students. One of those is senior Toby Wright (6-1, 190), one of the best defensive backs in the Valley. Wright, whose brother Timmy is a starting cornerback for the Indianapolis Colts, picked off seven enemy passes last fall. He also caught 22 from his own quarterback, so he's a two-way threat. He's quick (4.6) and strong (power

cleans 250 pounds).

In fact, Dobson may have the best secondary in AAA ball. Joining Wright will be Eric Starkey (5-10, 185, 4.7), Thelbert Withers (5-11, 180, 4.5) and Jason Smith (6-0, 180, 4.6). Withers is the lone junior. Last year the state champs intercepted 19 enemy passes.

If you win championships with defense and good linemen, Dobson is set again. Clark has two premier tackles in Dion Dixon (6-4, 240) and Chris Muti (6-3, 250), both two-way performers. Center Greg Dayoob (6-1, 230), guard Rusty Kilpatrick (6-0, 205), guard Hon Yu (5-8, 190) and tackle Robbie Plunkett (6-3, 240) are other top-notch linemen. Leon Saunders, Luke Davis and Eric Kilpatrick make up the linebacker corps.

Although Ray Lewis (6-1, 180) is only a junior, the staff is looking for a good season from him. Brent Gibbons is a quality tight end and Keith Walls is a promising junior halfback.

Until somebody proves otherwise, Dobson is a good preseason pick. And the Mustangs have been there before.



Sometime this fall, Karl Kiefer will win his 200th football game as McClintock's head coach. The Chargers' head man is 195-60-3 in the profession; all at McClintock. Only five other coaches in Arizona have won 200 games.

Last fall, Kiefer's Chargers finished 8-4, 9-3 on the field. A win over Gilbert was later forfeited. "It was a great year for us again," says the head coach. "We won nine games on the field and made the playoffs for the fifth straight year. We should have another good team."

They will, if the Chargers can find a quarterback. Their passing game has been average at best. They've won on defense, a running game and tradition. Split receiver Scott Korkosz (5-11, 165) can catch anything in the neighborhood. But a lot of his passes haven't been in the

neighborhood. Sports writers can't even spell his name right. But he's one of the best receivers in the Valley.

Center Todd Smith (6-2, 230) will anchor McClintock's line. Smith will be joined by teammates Robert Ball (5-10, 190), a RB/LB/kicker, Brent Henze (5-11, 165), a WR/DB/punter, Chad Ross (6-1, 200), a TE/LB/kicker, and tackle Mike Wolfe (5-10, 230) as McClintock's premier seniors. The kicking game appears stronger than ever.

Frank Brandon, Doug Buggle, John Lyle, Steve Moore, Jason Reif, Doug Scholz, Jeff Thies and Robby Waddell are eight additional seniors who logged playing time in '87. Only Buggle (6-2, 200) tips the scales at 200 pounds.

McClintock dropped a 10-8 heart-breaker to Dobson last year. But if they plan on knocking off the state champs this fall, they must get some help from these key juniors: Jason Anderson, Brian Drew, Jody Estes, Bruce Kilby, David Matthews, Dan Moore, Robbie Wheaton and Chris Colter. Anderson, Matthews, Moore and Colter are also good kickers.



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## 1988 Phoenix Metro Top 20

1. Dobson Mustangs
2. Moon Valley Rockets
3. St. Mary's Knights
4. McClintock Chargers
5. South Mountain Jaguars
6. Greenway Demons
7. Mountain View Toros
8. Cactus Cobras
9. Westwood Warriors
10. Mesa Jackrabbits
11. Agua Fria Owls
12. Saguaro Sabercats
13. Peoria Panthers
14. Alhambra Lions
15. Brophy Prep Broncos
16. Trevor Browne Bruins
17. Shadow Mountain Matadors
18. Chaparral Firebirds
19. Corona del Sol Aztecs
20. Gilbert Tigers

Mountain View, located in Mesa. The Toros have won 82% of their games since the school opened in 1976. They are 114-24-1 on the gridiron. Every game has been coached by Jesse Parker.

Mountain View finished 11-3 after falling to Dobson in the AAA finals. They had beaten the Mustangs earlier in the season. Seventeen letterman are back. But only seven were starters, four on offense and three on defense. Also, the Toro's will lose about 600 students to the city's newest school, Red Mountain.

The defensive starters include FB/LB Brent Blackeman (5-9, 180), one of the few three-year starters in Toro history, plus DE Nate Werner (6-3, 210) and CB Jim Leeper (6-2, 175), who can do just that.

On the offensive side of the ball comes tackle Dustin Rash (6-3, 215), the school's top prospect, plus SE Troy Smith (5-11, 160), TB Lance Smith (5-10, 170), and WB Kyle Hiatt (5-9, 165).

The remainder of the returning lettermen include Chris Lee, Scott Phillips, Robert Judd, Roy Earl, Craig O'Donnell, Mike Combs, Bill Boyd, John Davis, Luis Vasquez and Kevin Dick. Lee is the biggest at 6-0, 210, O'Donnell will be the team's quarterback, and Vasquez will do the punting. Two transfers to watch are seniors Terrell Edwards (6-2, 200) from California, and Willie Del Ric (6-2, 195) from Tucson, both defensive ends.

"We should have an outstanding team, especially if O'Donnell can perform well at QB," warns Parker, 164-50-3 in the prep ranks. "We look to run the ball more effectively, and should have a little more size overall, but nothing exceptional. Our second place finish last year should provide excellent motivation."

The Toro's '88 opener is a dandy. They host Tucson Amphitheater and sensational Michael Bates on September 9. Bates is considered one of the nation's premier halfbacks. Last fall he averaged 10.2 yards a carry, rushed for 1,404 yards and scored 22 touchdowns. Last spring he ran 100 meters in 10.39 seconds, 200 meters in 20.68, and the 110 high hurdles in 13.70 (13.5 hand timed).



Consistency is the name of the game at Westwood. The Warriors, coached by

Jerry Loper, have recorded three consecutive 9-3 seasons. That's three playoffs games per year.

Only 13 lettermen are back, but the JV and junior teams combined for an 11-5 record, so help is on the way. Senior Mike Oman (5-10, 180) is the quickest among a good crop of strong, but not very big linemen, including Chris Gump, Scott Lavender, Mike Clark, Jason Watson, Chris Ochoa, Steve Colegrove, Jeff Webb and Robert McKane.

Ruben Sanchez (5-9, 160) and Mark Jorgensen (6-1, 180) will share quarterback duties. Jorgensen is a junior. The rest of the skill positions belong to athletes like Zane Dickey, Larry Davila, Dan Libhart, Todd Nevin and Brent Weinberg, the Warriors' kicker.



Jim Rattay, the Jackrabbits' head coach since 1985, won his 100th varsity game last fall and is 105-24-5 in Ohio and Arizona. If he stays in the Grand Canyon State a few more years he can help Mesa win a record 500 football games. The 'Rabbits are 470-208-36 since 1920.

This year could be tough. Only seven letter winners, four starters, return from a 7-3 club. Linebacker Mike Lawson (6-2, 215) was the team's second leading tackler last year. Guard Shane Roach (5-11, 190), like teammate Lawson, plays both sides of the line. So does lineman Matt Hiatt (6-2, 205), the quickest of the three with 4.8 forty speed.

Two talented skill players include RB/DB Martin Wilson (5-10, 185) and WR/DB Alfred Brown. Brown was a member of Mesa's state champion 400 meter relay team (41.68), and ran 100 meters in 10.9 seconds. Wilson is a tough defensive player.

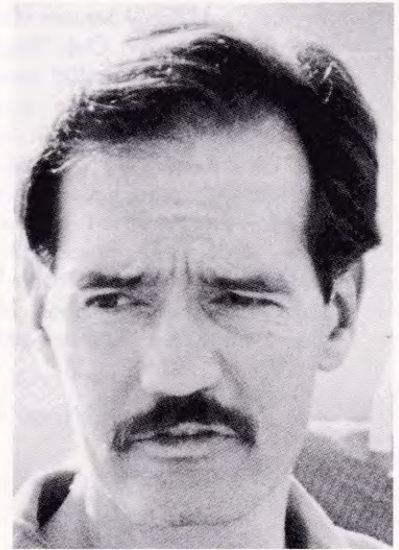
But if Mesa is to win seven games again they'll need a good season from seniors Scott Anderson, Brandon Arnett, Curt Ashcroft, Greg Boney, Danny Castillo, Tony Curtis, John Dean, Mel Faraoni, Troy Gaudeau, Kyle Hesting, Dennis Hughes, Arthur Landry, Justin Langston, Barry Larson, Curt Linbloom, David Loera, Darrin Moore, Eric Muncy, Jeff Raymond, Brian Romero, Bill Stevenson, Steve Van Cooney, Doug Wancura and Sean Washington.



JERRY LOPER, WESTWOOD



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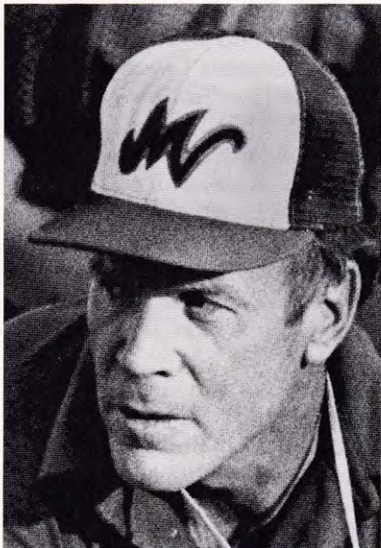


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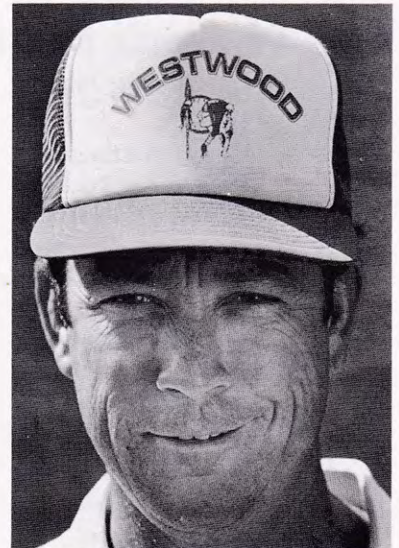
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## Corona del Sol



Gary Venturo is hoping his second season in Tempe is more rewarding than the first. The former ASU grid star finished 1-9 at CDS last fall, but got a late start and took over a program which was 2-18-0 in 1985-86.

"Last year we were very young," says Venturo, who greets 16 returning lettermen. "We will be competitive in our league this year."

That won't be easy, but the Aztecs have no place to go but up. However, CDS does have two of the better players in the EVL: tackle Guy Hayenga (6-3, 230) and defensive back Mike Hestrin (6-0, 185). Both are seniors.

How well CDS fares depends upon senior leadership generated by Chris Notarpole, Eric Muench, Mark Figueroa, Kevin Hetrick, Greg Okonowski, Kevin Austin, Aram Chavez, Aaron Decker, Matt Hampton and John Hamann. Most are linemen and half of them tip the scales at 200 pounds. Four juniors should make an impact: QB Jackie Mori, LB Ron McCook, OT Manny Carbajal and WR Jay Cano.

## Gilbert



Gilbert, long a power in Class AA, moved up to AAA and struggled through a 2-8 campaign. "We played well enough in a number of games but lacked confidence to finish," expalins Rick Dunn, winner of 72% of his games. "The season was disappointing."

This one should be better. But the Tigers' success depends on how well their underclassmen mature. The frosh and sophomore classes were tough. Although the JV unit finished 4-4-0, two of their better players, Shawn Dunn and Ron Thornton, played with the varsity.

Top players in camp appear to be halfback Joe Dodgson (5-8, 180) and TE/LB Brandon Hellman (6-4, 195). Both run 40 yards in 4.7 seconds. Center Zeke Bricker is a three-year starter. Wide receiver Shawn Gift runs 40 yards in 4.5 seconds. Quarterback Troy Clare, tackle Phil Camacho, linebaker Steve Shepherd and safety Shawn Dunn are quality players.

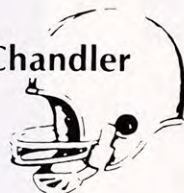
## Tempe



Former head coach Jim Murphy is back in charge of the Buffaloes. Between 1978-81, Tempe went 26-18-0 under Murphy (.590), reaching the AAA semis in 1980. "We'll be young but we have high expectations," says Murphy.

Three seniors, Joe Quihuis (5-11, 185), Nacho Hernandez (5-11, 210) and Kevin Jackson (5-10, 155) have to carry the load. But they'll need help from juniors Jerome Moss, Dan taplin, Ty Armstead, Steve Douglas and Blain Comeaux. Although size and experience are a weakness, speed will be a team strength.

## Chandler



Chandler is singing the blues. Recently, a failed bond election killed the programs in the lower junior high levels. That won't help the Wolves' varsity down the road.

"Our biggest problem at this point is finding out which players make good enough grades to be eligible to play," says Delvin Schutes. "We have much tougher grade requirements than most school districts."

Biggest loss from the varsity was QB/DB Tyronne Byrd, who picked up his diploma and headed for Nebraska. Last spring, Byrd ran 200 meters in 21.07 seconds and was a member of Chandler's speedy (42.4) 400 meter relay team. But so was sophomore Tony Rome (5-9, 160) and he's back. Rome started in the secondary and ran 100 meters in 10.8 seconds.

Another sophomore starter was DB Jeff Clark (6-1, 170), probably the Wolves' signal caller this fall. But the team leaders appear to be senior center Mike Cooley (6-1, 190) and LB/FB Robbie Henderson (6-3, 200). Keep an eye on these two transfers: Matt Turkelson (6-1, 245) and Denny Brunia (6-3, 210), from Nebraska and Wisconsin.

## Marcos de Niza



Another first-year coach with a tough assignment is Willie Dudley at Marcos de Niza. The former Mountain View coach has agreed to try and rebuild the Padres' program, 38-43-2 (.469) since 1980. Three years ago, MDN lost to rival McClintock, 70-7. Ironically, Dudley graduated from McClintock. Nineteen lettermen return, but the junior varsity finished 2-6-0.

Top prospects appear to be senior QB Jim Mancuso (5-11, 175) and DB Scott Bell (6-0, 175). The rest of the better players appear to be Bill Makedonsky, Rob Bejarano, Mark Wood, Jon Gompert, Lance Varney, Shane Boisjolie, Dave Colborn and Bruce Barro. The last two are juniors.

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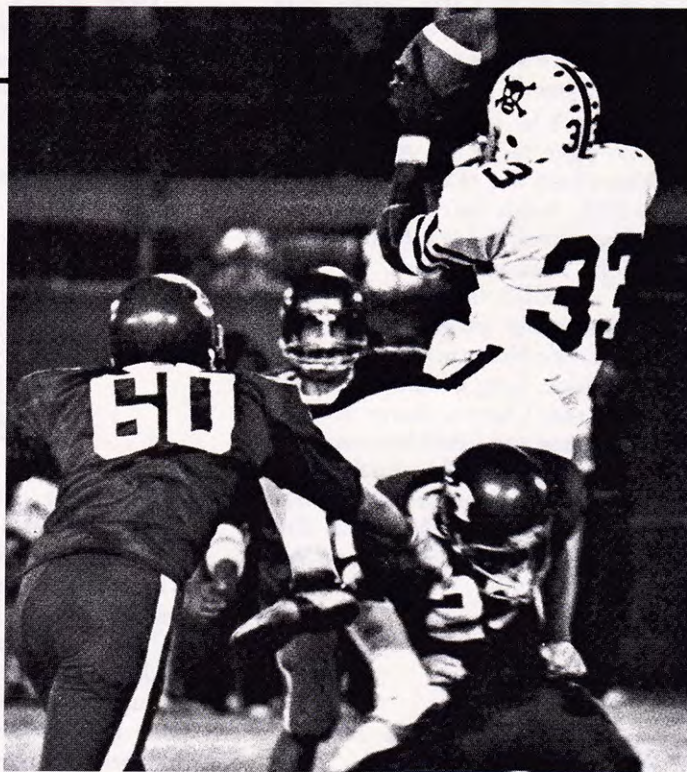
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## Red Mountain



This fall, Red Mountain officially becomes the 5th high school in the Mesa School System. Jimmy Jones, an assistant at rival Westwood, is the Mountain Lions' new head coach. However, this season his new club will play an independent schedule, facing Globe, Casa Grande, Phoenix Washington, San Manuel, Superior, Hayden and Mingus Union in Cottonwood. The JV team will play six games. Jones, a former state decathlon champion, compiled a 34-21-1 record in six years at Bullhead City Mohave and Phoenix Cortez.

## Moon Valley



Two years ago, three sophomores started on a near-perfect Moon Valley team which lost to Mountain View in the state championship game: Mark Brown, Mike Hungerford and Bob Green. Coach Earl Putman, winner of 152 games with the Rockets, says they are part of the strongest graduating class ever at Moon Valley.

Fortunately for Rocket fans, Brown, Hungerford and Green haven't graduated yet. When they were sophomores, Moon Valley finished 13-1 after Mountain View ruined their party at Sun Devil Stadium. Last fall Putman's crew finished 9-3. Brown (6-0, 180) is a tailback but is being recruited as a defensive back. Hungerford (6-3, 230) is an offensive tackle and defensive end. Green (5-9, 205) plays fullback and linebacker.

Putman won the state championship in 1982 with an exceptional high school line. He has that again, with the likes of Tim Ekstrom (6-2, 205), Matt Lind (6-1, 210), Dan Wargola (5-10, 180), Terraine Echols (5-10, 185), Dan Warner (6-2, 190), Scott Eppers (6-1,

## Active Phoenix Metro Coaches Checklist

Winning Percentage	Current School	Overall Record	Years
.816	Larry Fetkenhier, Cactus	40-9-1	5
.814	Jim Rattay, Mesa	105-24-3	12
.768	Karl Kiefer, McClintock	195-60-3	23
.766	Jesse Parker, Mountain View	164-50-3	19
.756	Pat Farrell, St. Mary's	90-29-1	10
.750	Doug Clapp, Peoria	21-7-0	2
.727	Rick Dunn, Gilbert	48-18-1	6
.719	Richard Hoyt, Independence	92-36-2	13
.684	Walt Beamis, Phoenix Christian	145-67-4	26
.683	Jerry Loper, Westwood	157-73-9	25
.675	Dave Leikvold, Cortez	110-53-4	18
.673	Tom Wheatley, Agua Fria	66-32-2	9
.667	Tim Longsdon, Buckeye	104-52-3	16
.661	Earl Putman, Moon Valley	152-78-5	22
.652	Mark Matheson, Ironwood	15-8-1	2
.648	Bill Mitton, Trevor Browne	118-64-1	15
.633	Gerry LaBelle, Cactus Shadows	19-11-1	3
.621	Buck Hall, Maryvale	54-33-1	8
.613	Jim Bevell, Chaparral	19-12-1	3
.607	Mike Clark, Dobson	68-44-3	11
.600	Bob McClintock, Dysart	6-4-0	1
.591	Jim Murphy, Tempe	26-18-0	4
.571	Paul Hoffland, Phoenix Alhambra	113-85-4	20
.567	Jim Jones, Mesa Red Mountain	34-21-1	6
.555	Steve Chisman, Phoenix Washington	5-4-1	1
.555	Bernon Benson, Valley Christian	121-97-6	26
.555	Bob Keller, Scottsdale Saguaro	82-66-1	14
.531	Tim Sanford, Phoenix Brophy Prep	17-15-1	3
.529	Gregg Parrish, Phoenix Greenway	37-33-3	7
.512	Jim Dean, Scottsdale Christian	44-42-2	9
.508	Joe Corte, Scottsdale Coronado	66-64-2	13
.500	Tom Goodwin, Tolleson	11-11-0	2
.500	Delvin Schutes, Chandler	36-36-0	7
.500	Tony Valenzuela, Deer Valley	10-10-0	2
.490	Bill Stovall, Phoenix South Mountain	50-52-8	11
.483	Jay Phillips, Scottsdale Arcadia	14-15-2	3
.432	Dick McKivergan, Phoenix Shadow Mountain	48-63-2	11
.425	Pete Kellen, Phoenix Camelback	17-23-1	4
.400	Tim Evans, Phoenix Sunnyslope	4-6-0	1
.344	Gary Venturo, Tempe Corona del Sol	33-63-1	10
.333	Steve Mallernee, North Phoenix	3-6-1	1
.300	Mike Brown, Phoenix Thunderbird	3-7-0	1
.276	Doug Shaffer, Scottsdale Horizon	8-21-1	3
.263	Steve Combs, Apache Junction	5-14-0	2
.200	Bob Lambie, Paradise Valley	2-8-0	1
.118	Scott Refner, Chandler Seton Catholic	2-15-1	2
.111	Matt Conte, Phoenix Gerard	1-8-0	1
.077	Tom Hernandez, Glendale	3-36-0	4

210), Kurt Behrens (5-10, 165), Jeff Wisch (6-1, 210) and Kyle Korte (5-10, 185) in the trenches. Wisch and Korte are MV's centers.

The rest of the skill slots will be filled by Mike Fenton, Art Cordova, Jeff Wintch, Eric Carmello, Robbie Figueroa, Tom Evangelist, Clint Barrow and Adam Lodge. Moon Valley opens its '88 campaign on city-wide TV against Tempe McClintock.

## St. Mary's

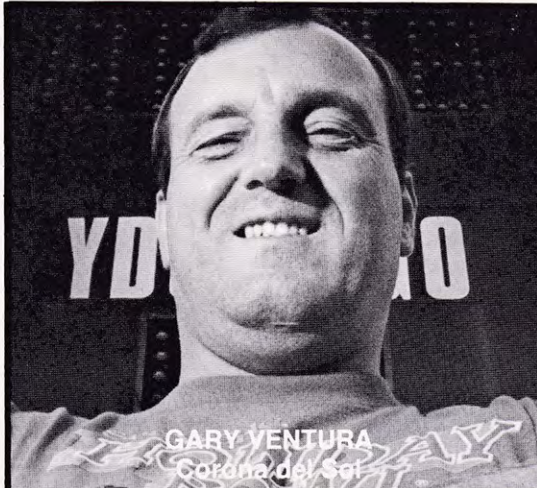


The next Phoenix area coach to win 100 games will be Pat Farrell, at downtown St. Mary's. Oops ... St. Mary's moved. The famous catholic

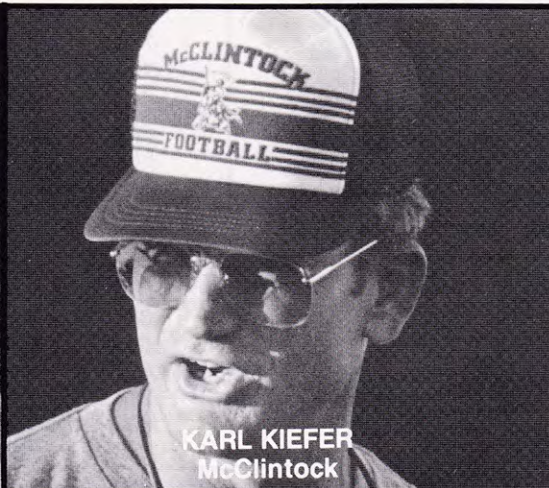
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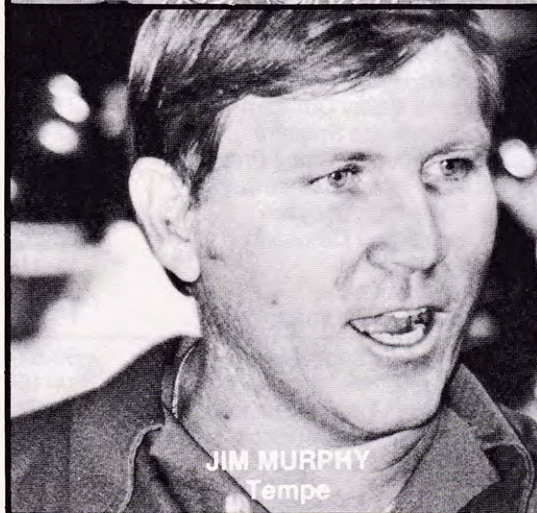
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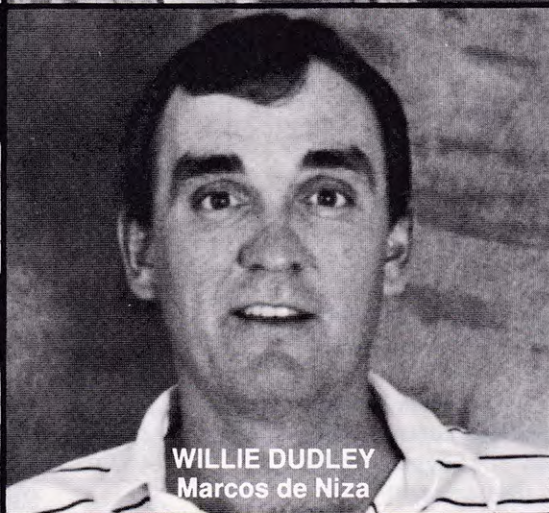
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To reach that magic 100 barrier, Farrell's Knights must win 10 games. He is 90-29-2 since 1978. But his last four clubs have won 10 or more games (12-2, 14-0, 10-2, 11-2), so he has a chance.

If quarterback John Bonds was back, St. Mary's would be everybody's pick to win it all. But Bonds is at Arizona State and the Knights are QB hunting. And rumor has it they didn't find one in the summer passing league.

"Our strengths will be our running game and defensive front," claims Farrell. "We have to fill holes in our passing game, secondary and kicking game to create the balance needed for a successful season. Our gymnasium will be under construction, so we will be without lockers, weights and training facilities."

But just about everything else returns, including 23 lettermen from that 11-2 club which lost a real head-knocker (21-18) to Mountain View. The Knights will again have one of the best running games in the Skyline, with fullback Damon Pieri (6-0, 180) and Seth Carr (6-0, 175) back. Carr is the son of former Phoenix Union great, and Green Bay Packer all-pro linebacker, Fred Carr.

Skill players returning include halfback Steve Neal, linebackers Mike Simon and Mike Spatola, and potential signal callers Gavin Grant and Mike Espinoza, a 6-1, 175 pound junior. The Knights have good size with tackles Brian Musselman (6-0, 215) and Matt Taylor (6-2, 225), and quickness in guards Thom Martinez (5-10, 190) and Rich Espindola (5-11, 185).

## Greenway



Greenway finished 8-3 last fall and was one point away from the Skyline Division championship. "We had a great season, but our goal is to be champions," says Gregg Parrish, 26-24-2 at the Phoenix school. "With a few breaks we could be another contender."

The Demons' finish was the best since Parrish's 9-2 club in 1983. If they stay healthy they could match that mark. Twenty lettermen and a 7-1 JV club back it up. Greenway has two of the top players in the league in WB/DB Mike Salmon (6-1, 190) and C/LB Brett Pendgraft (6-4, 195). Salmon was all-league both ways as a junior and is an

excellent kicker. Pendgraft was an all-league linebacker.

Fullback Aaron Adams (5-8, 170) was the Demons' leading rusher and scorer as a sophomore. Junior halfback Winston Weems (6-0, 175) started 11 games at strong safety. Randy Orr (6-3, 190) and Bill Tothorow (6-3, 200) both started at tight end. Pat Riley (5-11, 230) and Mike Vaughn (6-0, 190) started in the interior line. Mike Lyall (5-

9, 180) was the team's leading tackler at linebacker. Brendon Winsor (5-9, 160) and Dave Walker (5-9, 165) started in the secondary.

The Demons' secret weapon might be split end Brian Walton (6-2, 180), son of former ASU grid great and Detroit Lion star, Larry Walton. The younger Walton, playing on the JV squad last fall, caught 13 TD passes in his first season of football.

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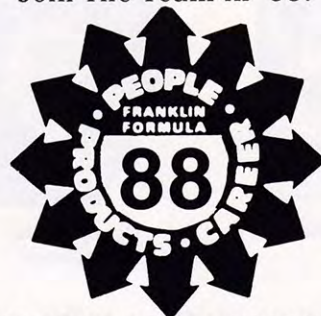


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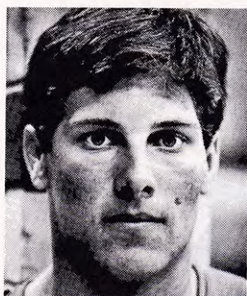
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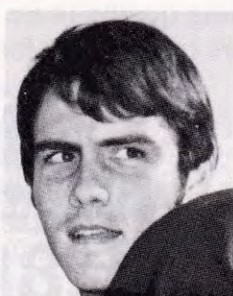
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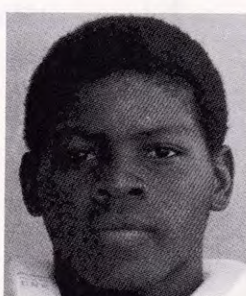
## Salutes The Phoenix Metro Players of the Year



**Nathan LaDuke,  
Alhambra**



**Danny White,  
Westwood**



**David Mitchell,  
St. Mary's**



**John Walker,  
Marcos de Niza**

1987 .. Kevin Galbreath, Maryvale, RB  
 1986 .. Nathan LaDuke, Alhambra, QB/DB  
 1985 .. Cleveland Colter, Jr., McClintock, RB/DB  
 1984 .. Steve Belles, St. Mary's, QB  
 1983 .. John Walker, Marcos de Niza, QB  
 1982 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, RB  
 1981 .. Frank Rudolph, Coronado, DE  
 1980 .. Jimmy Williams, Tempe, LB  
 1979 .. Todd Shell, Mountain View, LB  
 1978 .. Rory Barnett, Trevor Browne, RB (jr)  
 1977 .. Mike Pagel, Washington, QB  
 1976 .. Greg Brady, Coronado, QB  
 1975 .. Brian Felix, Phoenix Union, RB/DB  
 1974 .. David Mitchell, St. Mary's, RB (jr)  
 1973 .. Rob Wilson, Coronado, QB/DB  
 1972 .. Keith Sobraske, Coronado, DT  
 1971 .. Fred Mortensen, Tempe, QB  
 1970 .. Bob Breunig, Alhambra, FB/LB  
 1969 .. Danny White, Westwood, QB  
 1968 .. Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, QB  
 1967 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, FB  
 1966 .. Bob Soza, Westwood, TB  
 1965 .. Bill Dunning, Mesa, RB  
 1964 .. Richard Griffen, Westwood, T  
 1963 .. Earliest Nelson, South Mountain, RB  
 1962 .. Everett Rollins, Arcadia, RB  
 1961 .. Andy Livingston, Mesa, RB  
 1960 .. Ted Lawrence, South Mountain, G

1959 .. Bob Olson, South Mountain, FB  
 1958 .. Lewis Albright, Scottsdale, RB  
 1957 .. Eddie Wilson, Chandler, QB  
 1956 .. Warren Livingston, Mesa, RB  
 1955 .. George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, RB  
 1954 .. George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, RB (jr)  
 1953 .. Kenny Aycock, North, RB  
 1952 .. Jack Stovall, St. Mary's, E  
 1951 .. Bob Black, Phoenix Union, E  
 1950 .. Don Beasley, Mesa, FB  
 1949 .. Danny Seivert, St. Mary's, RB  
 1948 .. Gene Brown, Phoenix Union, FB  
 1947 .. Dan Russell, Mesa, QB  
 1946 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, RB  
 1945 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, RB (jr)  
 1944 .. Bill Yeoman, Glendale, C  
 1943 .. Bill Yeoman, Glendale, C (jr)  
 1942 .. Jim Nafziger, North, FB/LB  
 1941 .. Auldrick Imboden, Mesa, E  
 1940 .. Pat Higgins, St. Mary's, RB  
 1939 .. Loren La Prade, Phoenix Union, T  
 1938 .. Horace Griffen, Jr., Mesa, QB  
 1937 .. Norris Enloe, Mesa, E  
 1936 .. Charles Orme, Phoenix Union, T  
 1935 .. Wayne Pitts, Glendale, FB  
 1934 .. Paul Callow, Phoenix Union, QB  
 1933 .. Virgil Vance, Phoenix Union, T  
 1932 .. Bill Kajikawa, Phoenix Union, QB

## “First Class Ticket”



Brophy Prep, in Tim Sanford's third season, finished 9-4 after falling to Dobson in the AAA semifinals. It was the Broncos' best finish in a decade. Just like Greenway, Brophy returns 20 lettermen and produced a 7-1 JV team.

"Last year we peaked at the right time and surprised two good teams (Maryvale and Westwood) in the playoffs," says Sanford. "Our chances of making the playoffs again could be good if some of our younger players mature quickly."

The Broncos are set a QB, where starter Troy Hudocko (6-1, 160), a lefty with 4.6 forty speed, returns for one more year. And tackle Tyrone Chavez (6-2, 225) is one of the best linemen in a real tough league. Matt Watkins, Matt Garson, Tom Rush and Derek Schaefer are other good linemen. Brian Leonard, Chris Woolery and Eric Milo are tough running backs.



It's been five years since Shadow Mountain has had a winning season, but Dick McKivergan's crew could break the ice this fall. "We have a good chance," predicts the Matadors' head coach. "We should be tough on defense."

The strongest link in the defense will be the line, anchored by the likes of tackle Matt Evans (6-3, 230), G/LB Mike Swayda (6-2, 220) and C/DT Joe Cajic (6-5, 275). Last spring, Cajic had the best throws in the state in the shot put (52-2) and discus (168-0) for sophomores.

Shadow Mountain also returns good size and quickness with returning lettermen like Rob Peragine (6-4, 215), Rick Verbailitis (6-2, 215), Ken Wicht (5-10, 195), O.A. Kinney (5-10, 175), Jeff Klopfenstein (5-11, 180), Sean Gregg (6-0, 185), Barry MacBan (6-0, 185), Gary Wolf (5-8, 160), Gregg Quinn (5-9, 160) and Bobby Adams (6-2, 170). Quinn and Cajic are the only juniors.



Horizon could easily have been 5-5 last year, but the Huskies lost three games by less than seven points and finished 2-8. "We had trouble getting the ball into the end zone," says Doug Shaffer, entering his 4th fall at the Scottsdale school. "We expect to be a much better team and contend for one of four playoff spots."

Horizon has a possible major college prospect in SE/FS Troy Sollars (6-2, 170), a senior with 4.7 speed. Six good seniors with varsity experience include WR/DB Enoch Borozinski, QB Jason Delmonte, FB Billy Butt, OG Gary Keidel and linebackers Dave Cooper and Dave Friedman. Rob Waldrop, Art McDonald, Chris Miller, Brian Voeller and Ken Jeske are promising juniors who should start. Top newcomers from the JV team (6-2-0) include Dave Kulaga, Mathis Grier, Kevin Cullop, Jeff Taylor and Kevin Naughton.



The Chiefs improved from 1-9 to 3-7 in Mike Brown's first year. Sixteen letter winners are back, with linebacker Andy Taylor (6-0, 200) leading the pack. The Chiefs also got game experience from tackle Steve Averett (6-2, 220), fullback Richard Arbogast (6-0, 190), quarterback Joe Libman (6-0, 175) and deep back Nathan Warren (6-0, 170). The last three are juniors.



Apollo, 4-6 last year, recorded their first losing season since 1978. The Hawks will be inexperienced at almost every position. "We'll be hard pressed to challenge for a playoff spot," insists Rudy Pacheco, whose Hawks lost 11-7 to Phoenix St. Mary's in the 1985 state finals.

Three of the better Hawks in camp are WB/DB Steve Decker, RB/NG Joe Mendell and RB/DB Joe Limon. All three started on defense. Not a single offensive starter returns, but Apollo fans can expect good things from kicker Reza Chapman, guard Chris Fitzmaurice, TE Jeff Gil, RB David Leyva, guard Rob McCormick, guard Tim Ray, tackle Byron Ringen, tackle LaMorris Jamison-Warren and center Tony Stazzone.



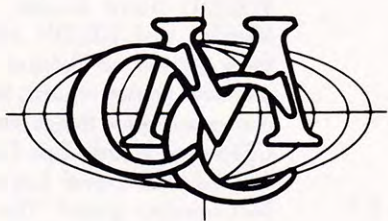
Paradise Valley has batted .500 only twice in the past 12 years. Last fall the Trojans finished 2-8 and things must improve in the trenches for the won-loss record to do the same. If Bob Lambie's running game comes around and the line puts on some weight, PV could be a real sleeper.

In quarterback Robert Brouse (5-11, 165) and stocky flanker Donnie Yantis (5-10, 200), Lambie has a top-notch pitch and catch team. Last fall Brouse completed 121 of 218 passes for 1,444 yards (56%) and five touchdowns. Yantis caught 38 passes for 579 yards and five scores. He averaged 15.2 yards per catch. They should throw to him more often.

Tackle Joe Phillips (6-3, 195) is a good one. But the Trojans must get help from the likes of Matt Misino, Joe Lewis and Trip Price before a .500 season is within reach. Little (5-8, 140) junior halfback Tony Thomas and big (6-3, 250) sophomore tackle Robbie Morrison are top newcomers.



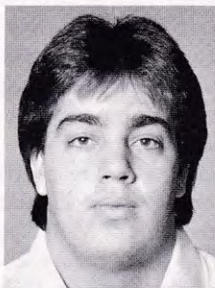
South Mountain posted a 6-4 record in 1987, winning their final three games with no possibility of a playoff berth on the horizon. "They showed real courage by doing that," says second-year mentor Bill Stovall, 15-6-0 in two years with the Jaguars. South suited up only 19 players in their 24-22 upset of undefeated



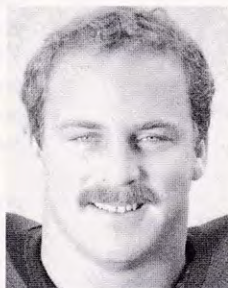
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1986 .. Scott Reutter, Moon Valley, LB/K  
1985 .. Gary Pay, Apollo, T  
1984 .. Jason Wisch, Moon Valley, C  
1983 .. Tim Hicks, Sunnyslope, LB  
1982 .. Richard Bear, Moon Valley, T



**Richard Bear**  
Moon Valley



**Dave Wood**  
Washington

1981 .. Jim Bear, Moon Valley, T  
1980 .. John Knight, Apollo, LB  
1979 .. Dave Wood, Washington, TE/PK  
1978 .. Matt Kohl, Washington, DL  
1977 .. Mike Pagel, Washington, QB  
1976 .. Tim Little, Thunderbird, C  
1975 .. Mike Candelaria, Cortez, LB  
1974 .. Mike Candelaria, Cortez, OT (jr)



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Washington all-state QB Mike Pagel.

1973 .. Tom Bowers, Cortez, RB  
1972 .. Rick McCleer, Cortez, LB  
1971 .. Mike Larson, Cortez, DL  
1970 .. Bryan Pringle, Sunnyslope, HB  
1969 .. Ed Hartman, Cortez, HB  
1968 .. Steve Combs, Washington, T  
1967 .. Steve Combs, Washington, T(jr)  
1966 .. Tim Bechtel, Washington, G  
1965 .. Bill Bodine, Glendale, B  
1964 .. Mike Danielek, Glendale, C  
1963 .. Sam Maya, Glendale, QB  
1962 .. Art Duncan, Glendale, E  
1961 .. Elby Bushong, Washington, QB  
1960 .. Bob Morris, Glendale, T  
1959 .. Jim Bryant, Sunnyslope, T  
1958 .. Tom Fielding, Glendale, HB  
1957 .. Johnny Lopez, Glendale, QB  
1956 .. Kent Horne, Glendale, T

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## Scottsdale Saguaro.

The Jaguars will again field a rugged and speedy defensive unit, led by strong safety Seyon Albert (5-11, 185, 4.5), DE Derek Hankins (6-3, 210, 4.6) and DT Dwight Williams (6-1, 220, 4.8), an all-stater as a junior. The rushing department will be led by senior Devon Robinson (6-0, 215), who has rushed for 2,453 yards during three seasons on the varsity.

Barring key injuries, South could register their third consecutive winning season. An early evaluation will come in their opoener against Trevor Browne, a school the Jaguars haven't beaten in football since 1972. "Our weakness will be inexperience at key positions and lack of depth," warns Stovall. "But if the kids work hard in the summer we will be strong in the fall."

Saguaro



Exactly 17 squad members from a strong 8-3 club return at Saguaro, where Bob Keller enters his 15th year at the Scottsdale School. Keller has seen many changes since 1974 (9-2), including switching the school from the Central Division to the Phoenix Metro.

"It looks very good for us," warns the veteran coach. "The line and our running game will be a strength. So will our linebacking. Injuries forced us to throw too much last fall. We had an unbeaten JV team. We should be bigger, faster and stronger."

One of those big (6-1, 195), fast (4.6) backs is senior Andy Davis. He rushed for 805 yards in nine games, leading the city of Scottsdale with nine touchdowns and 58 points. He averaged 6.0 yards per carry and could almost double those stats if the Sabercats' ground game clicks.

Although short, senior Fred DiQuattro (5-10, 200) is one of the region's quickest and strongest guards. The rest of the line consist of guard Cody Nelson (5-9, 200), guard Tony Hofer (6-0, 200), tackle Ken Saphiere (6-3, 230), tackle Chris Whitmer (6-0, 200), tackle Chris Ciummo (6-0, 205), tackle Bart Mosley (6-1, 190) and TE Jeff Locke (6-1, 190).

Skill positions will be manned by RB Chris Kopp, DB Chris Bengstrom, DB Matt Jones, DB Cody Goff and LB Jeff Wareing. Junior varsity players who should contribute include Jim McCalmont, Jeff Domer, Chris Miller, Jeff

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Alhambra



Some key injuries and some close games early in the season helped contribute to a 4-6 record at Alhambra, and the Lions missed the playoffs for the first time in three years. Coach Paul Hoffland starts his 21st year in the

profession; 113-85-4 in Ohio and Arizona.

Adam Jerousek started the last half of the season at QB and gave Alhambra another dimension. Besides running the option well, Jerousek also threw the ball with consistency and helped win three of the Lions' last four games. Guard Kevin Carrillo (5-6, 175), DB Marlon Turner (5-11, 177) and junior tackle Mark Smith (6-5, 268) are all-league potential. Smith could develop into one of the best offensive linemen in the state.

Other returners include tackle Chris Chriastian (6-4, 210), center Robert Milton (5-9, 187), TE Craig Scholl (6-3, 190), RB Tim Smith (5-10, 185), RB Mike Dixon (5-11, 185), SS Lee Elton

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- Six league titles in past 10 years!
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(5-9, 165) and FS Robert Lama (5-9, 162). All seven are two-way performers. Brad Lee, Dan Firth, Fred Lama and Scott Corum are additional lettermen with game experience. Prospects from the junior varsity include Art Garcia, Dennis McCarty, Paul Reilly, Leamus Staton, Duane Espinosa, Jihad Turk, Mike Childers and David Schragel, a 6-0, 205-pound two-way tackle.



The Bruins, coached by Bill Mitton, won 10 games again and played two playoff encounters: 26-21 win over Greenway and a 21-0 loss to Mountain View. Fifteen lettermen with playoff experience are back, with QB Brian Gorman (5-11, 175) and tackle David Craig (6-3, 230) key performers. Jerome Padgett (5-11, 195) will touch the ball first on each play from center. Fullback Robert Davenport (5-9, 190) is hard to stop. Brian Troxel (6-0, 200), Shea Smith (6-0, 193) and Roman Reyes (5-10, 180) give Trevor Browne the best linebacker crew in the league. Scott Durham (6-1, 225) is another good tackle. Tony Simpson (6-0, 180) splits time at end and defensive back. Manny Loya (5-10, 180) and Mike Mila (6-0, 170) join him in the secondary. All are seniors with good speed and strength.



Chaparral, 6-4 a year ago, could reach the playoffs after a two-year layoff. The two key performers are QB Mike Millbranth (6-0, 180) and speedy target Scott Mettham (5-10, 170), both seniors. Mettham hauled in 28 catches for 440 yards, averaging 15.7 yards per catch. His seven touchdowns led Scottsdale's receivers. If Millbranth stays healthy he could be one of the region's top passers.

But for the Firebirds to reach the playoffs, they must get help from a 5-2-1 JV unit and strong leadership from seniors Mark Wilson, Kevin Niezgodzki, Steve Orrick, Dan Holish, Bryan Hayes, Martin Garcia and Cory Hibbert. All are two-way performers and must stay healthy.



Maryvale has been on a roll. In the past three years, Buck Hall's Panthers have gone 9-2-1, 9-4 and 10-1. Last year he produced the state player of the year, halfback Kevin Galbreath, a prep All-American now at Arizona State. He was hurt in the first round of the playoffs, a heart-breaking loss to Brophy Prep.

But this time around the Panthers return only one full-time starter, tackle Frank Garcia (6-2, 260), and will field the most inexperienced team in the city. Center Scott Kealer (6-0, 225), tackle Ruben Williams (6-1, 240), tackle Alton Washington (5-10, 210) and guard Danny Willey (5-11, 190) must carry the load. They'll need help from QB Joey-Bolek, RB Taris Wiley and juniors Steve Seyers, Sam Melvin, Mark Marks and Shawn Roberts.



Coronado has fallen upon hard times. The Dons have gone five straight years without a winning season, but 1988 could be the best since 1982 (7-3), with 27 lettermen returning. "We're very excited about our experienced players," says Joe Corte, who joined the Dons from now-closed Scottsdale High. "We have good size but average speed."

The biggest Don in camp is a junior, 6-4, 230-pound tackle Pat Hurley, a strong player with 5.0 speed. Three key seniors are WR/LB Ryan Freeburg (6-2, 185), RB/LB Matt Bitter (5-11, 190) and RB/LB Dave Ziton (5-11, 190). Mike Anaya, Todd Fishel, Tony Green, Artie Long, Mike Rea, Blair Thompson, Mike DePinto, Kevin MacDonald, Brian Patterson, Matt Schmidt and Dave Turas are returning regulars.

Depth, a real problem in a school with a declining enrollment, shouldn't be a problem this time. And the Dons have good size up front with lettermen like Jay Elsey (5-10, 235), Pat Hurley (6-4, 230) and Jim Murray (6-0, 220) on the roster. Hurley is a junior.



Last season the Spartans returned to the playoffs for the first time since 1980. They return only nine lettermen, but several key players from the JV team should give the varsity another quick, young team.

Quarterback Brandon Green (6-0, 170), FB Aaron Maxwell (5-10, 190) and junior tackle Charles Blevins (6-0, 205) have size and speed. Kevin McLemore (6-2, 170) is a back with 4.6 speed. But linemen like Vincent D'Aliesio, Leo Jaramillio, Mike Beal, Mike Martin and Manuel Vidaure are small. None weigh more than 200 pounds.



First-year coach Gary Cook will have his hands full at Phoenix Central, which has won only four games in three years. Cook has coached in Detroit and recently Casa Grande, before taking over for retired George Endress, who originally started in Phoenix at now-closed Phoenix Tech. Cook will have six tough Bobcats to build his program around: MLB Jesus Saucedo (6-0, 190), QB Mark Carr (6-1, 170), RB Fred Hawkins (5-9, 150), RB Eric Blackwell (5-9, 150), and guards Dennis Woods (5-11, 165) and David Dunham (5-11, 165).

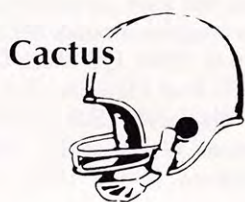


Nobody has a tougher coaching job than Rick Molina at Carl Hayden, where the Falcons haven't had a winning season in football for 16 years. Back in 1971, CHHS went 5-4-1 under Don Klostreich, but hasn't broken .500 since. Molina has 11 letter winners from a 2-8 club. But 108 prospects turned out for spring ball. Four of the best appear to be OG/LB Daniel Meador (5-8, 160), OG Craig McKinney (5-10, 210), and linebackers Deneil Byrd (5-9, 190) and Miles Russell (5-11, 195).

## Class AA (AAA-2)



Halfback Derrick Ray rushed for 1,775 yards, scored 31 touchdowns and 188 points.



**S**omebody is doing a real good job at Cactus. That somebody is Larry Fetkenhier. Since taking over for Ron Horn in 1984, the Cobras have averaged 10 wins per season. Fetkenhier is 40-9-1 in four seasons, an .816 winning percentage (see chart). Two of his teams have played in the state title game.

If Cactus stays healthy, this could be their year. They fell to powerful Peoria, 28-6 in the state finals, after upsetting the state champs, 28-14 earlier in the season. Big Bret Powers (6-6, 210) steps in to take over at quarterback. He has all the tools and completed 58% of his passes as a backup. But the real threat is tailback Derrick Ray (5-9, 163), the city's second leading rusher and top scorer in 1987. Ray rushed for 1,775 yards, scored 31 touchdowns and 188

points, best in the Valley. His touchdown production broke a 1966 city record set by Westwood's Bob Soza (see record section).

If DB/P Tony Angelo (6-1, 173), OT Todd Shannon (6-2, 238), WR/K Kyle Pooler (5-9, 151), LB Justin Kelly (6-0, 191), WR Jim Delung, TE Jim Cuthbertson (6-2, 198), LB Jeff Combs (6-0, 177), DT Diego Suazo (5-10, 231) and junior FB Ryan Christopherson (5-10, 201) stay healthy, Cactus could very easily return to the state finals.

They aren't the Cobras' only weapons. Wide receiver Brian Stewart, center Dave Moore, guard Bret Cheney (6-2, 232), tackle Chad Smith (6-2, 238) and split end Alex Bryant, a junior with 4.6 speed, are good football players. Yes, Cactus has a bunch of them.

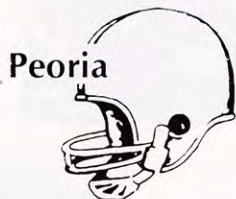


Last year was another good one for Agua Fria, where the Owls won 12 of 13 games and almost reached the state finals for the second consecutive time. Although Tom Wheatley's crew lost a lot to graduation, Agua Fria is still a threat. This year the Owls have two returning starters on offense: Darian Mellon (5-11, 195), a 1st team all-state center, and speedy (4.6) Kenny Brown (5-10, 164) at tailback. Brown rushed for 1,099 yards and scored 102 points as a junior.

Key returners on offense include Alfie Alvarez, a 230-pound tackle who can squat 570 pounds, and tackles Shane Porter, Jesus Bravo, Mike Chavez and guard Tim Wiley, at 175 pounds the only one under 200. Guard Pat Robinson, up from the JV squad, looks good. Backup

QB Todd Reib (6-0, 160) has real good (4.6) speed. Although only 170 pounds, Larry Gonzales will take over at fullback. Keith Huckaby (5-9, 183) should be the wingback. Every one of them will go both ways.

The Owls have played 40 games in the past three years: 10-3, 12-2, 12-1, a better winning percentage than two-time state champ Peoria. The coaches feel that any success this year will be based on leadership of the senior class and the teams' desire to work. Quality depth is a major problem.



Peoria, two-time state champions, lost heavily to graduation, where their top players ended up at schools like Arizona State, Nebraska, Stanford, Iowa and New Mexico State. Coach Doug Clapp's club finished 12-2 and beat rival Cactus 28-6 in a Class AAA double-header at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe. It will take a real team effort to return.

Ironically, the biggest Panther in camp returns, all-state tackle Eric Ipock (6-4, 303), a mjaor college prospect. The quarterback should be senior Bryan Lundberg (6-0, 185), a defensive back last fall. Nathan Ducharme (6-1, 210) is a tough DE/LB, depending upon the formation. And DE/TE Robby Rodriguez (6-5, 210) is a possible college prospect.

Peoria, a fast growing region of the Valley, is bolstered by transfer Casey Cernak, a 6-1, 220-pound OG/LB. Jamie Esh (6-0, 180, 4.6) and Dan Clark (5-11, 170, 4.6) are the Panthers' new tailbacks, replacing all-stater Marvin Johnson. The rest of the senior class includes LB/OG Shawn Sullivan, LB Jeremy Leal, OC Richie Steg, TE/DE Kirk Monroe and WR Steve Gutierrez, to name a few. Three juniors to watch are WR/CB Randy Johnson, and 230-pound tackles Juan Antonio Perkins and Benito Martinez.

"We'll be a very inexperienced group, just like two years ago," warns Clapp. "We have some talented individuals. We've established great pride and tradition. But our young players need to realize that the other teams will be out to beat us. It's going to be a real challenge."

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1981 ..	Scott Shill, Corona del Sol	132
1980 ..	John Knight, Apollo	140
1979 ..	Brian Evans, Saguaro	108
1978 ..	Vai Sikahema, Mesa (jr)	112
1977 ..	David Hinds, McClintock	114
	Joey Lumpkin, Scottsdale	114
1976 ..	Andy Arredondo, McClintock	108
1975 ..	Brian Felix, Phoenix Union	134
1974 ..	David Mitchell, St. Mary's (jr)	132
1973 ..	Ronnie Bonner, Westwood (jr)	144
1972 ..	Mark Nickells, Saguaro	126
1971 ..	Gil Gillenwater, Arcadia	102
1970 ..	Brian Pringle, Sunnyslope	115
1969 ..	Ed Hartman, Cortez	144
1968 ..	James Richards, Cortez	114
1967 ..	Tim Smith, St. Mary's	157
1966 ..	Bob Soza, Westwood	174
1965 ..	Larry Tate, Peoria	165
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1962 ..	Pat McGinty, Arcadia	110
1961 ..	Andy Livingston, Mesa	129
1960 ..	Quentin Gregory, Arcadia	150
1959 ..	Bob Olson, South Mountain	121
1958 ..	Lewis Albright, Scottsdale	109
1957 ..	Richard Molina, Mesa	120
1956 ..	Mike Tiffany, St. Mary's	141
1955 ..	George Greathouse, PUHS	90
1954 ..	George Greathouse, PUHS	132
1953 ..	George Greathouse, Carver (so)	116
1952 ..	Lafayette Winrow, Carver (jr)	120
1951 ..	Wayne Geddes, Scottsdale	106
1950 ..	Don Beasley, Mesa	102
1949 ..	Marvin Williams, Tempe	126



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Arcadia won seven games and lost two during the regular season, but gave up five wins when they discovered they had

played a player who wasn't enrolled in five credit classes. Still, their original 7-3 finish after the playoffs was their best finish in 16 years. Their 1971 club went 7-3 but didn't go playoff hunting. "We should be tough this year if we can get our paper work straight," smiles head coach Jay Phillips. His Titans return 11 regulars and help is on the way from a

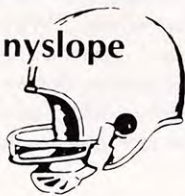
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6-2-0 JV squad.

Arcadia's success resides in the hands of four seniors: HB/LB Phil Touati (6-1, 190), FB Pat Touati (6-1, 195), Phil's twin, OG Chris Burgoon (6-2, 200) and LB Kelly Gold (6-1, 160). All four landed spots on the Scottsdale all-city team as juniors. But a major problem facing the Titans each season is their schedule - tough as nails with the likes of Peoria, Cactus and Agua Fria.

### Sunnyslope



After three straight trips to the playoffs, Sunnyslope took a year off (4-6) and gave the rest of the league a break. However, Tim Evans, now in his second year, would like to get back to tradition, where the Vikings went 7-3-1, 11-2 and 11-1 between 1984-86. "We have great potential with a real good junior class," says Evans.

The Vikings' strong teams of the past had good, tough linemen, and that could be a trademark this season with OG/LB Tim Mayfield (6-2, 195), OT/DT Don Haugen (6-2, 220), DE/TE Kevin Dyer (6-0, 185), OG/LB Kent Lindner (5-8, 170), and two-way tackles Bryan Bellaire (5-10, 180) and Chuck Irwin (6-0, 200). Skill positions will be filled in by Tim Willis, Lowell Kerns, Trey Smiley, Brett Weiss, Tony Drapar and Chris Werring, to name a few.

### Tolleson



Tolleson's four losses last year were no embarrassment: Peoria, Cactus, Agua Fria and Prescott. "Once again, I feel very optimistic about our chances," says Tom Goodwin, 11-11 in two years with the Wolverines. "We are looking for our best season from our defense, and we hope our offense will come around."

Tackle Soontorn Gonzales (5-11, 205) is a top-notch lineman; Andy Chavez (5-10, 175) a top-notch defensive back. They've got lots of help from 17 letter winners: QB David Strudwick, QB Steve Huneycutt, DB Chris LeBlanc, FB Manny Rincon, WR Carl Abramsen, OT Jake Taylor (6-4, 225), DT Pete Nakapaahu (6-2, 210), DE Chris

Penney (6-2, 205), OG Everett Henegar (6-2, 235) and DE Eric Harper (6-2, 200). This Tolleson club appears bigger and stronger than those in the past.

### Casa Grande



Rod Purdom, the Cougars' former wrestling coach, is now in charge of the football program. He replaces Gary Cook, who resigned to take over the program at Phoenix Central. Although located in southern Arizona, Casa Grande plays all their games against Phoenix schools. The Cougars finished 2-7 last fall and need help from these four if improvement is the name of the game: LB/G Robert Hoopes (6-0, 200), DB Bill Hatton (5-11, 160), and running backs Lance Moreno (5-9, 150) and Mike Scott (5-9, 150), both juniors.

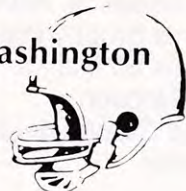
### Cortez



Although Cortez finished 6-5 and made the playoffs, Dave Leikvold considered the season disappointing. "It should have been better," says the veteran coach. "We have lots of questions this year. Our line will have to carry us."

Tackle Damien Barr (6-4, 235) could be a good one. Other Colts with promise include G/LB Bryan Rossi (6-1, 190), C/DT Steve Estrada (6-1, 230), OT/LB Shawn Cage (6-1, 190) and QB/DB Brent Hulbert (5-10, 160), to name a few. Cortez went 9-3 in 1986, best record at the school since 1972 (9-2), but that will be tough to match in '88.

### Washington



The Rams graduated a good group of kids from a competitive 5-4-1 club. "We will be very young, possibly getting some help from a good sophomore group," says Steve Chisman. The game starts at quarterback and Washington is set with senior Donny Simmons (6-1, 170).

Junior Rob Potts (5-10, 160) started as a sophomore. Lettermen like Pete Davinson, Mark Bednorz, Eli Krueger, Mike Golden and Eric James are small but quick. Newcomers to the varsity include Jim Wilkin, John Salas, Art Casillas, Eric Floyd, Wade Collins, John Edwards, Keith Yoos, Stone Connally and Ameen Lucas. Wilkin (6-1, 215) and Yoos (6-2, 235) are the biggest Rams in camp. Every newcomer except Edwards is a junior. The future looks bright.

### Prescott



Although located in northern Arizona, half-way to Flagstaff, Prescott plays in the Phoenix Skyline AAA-2, originally called the AA-North. It's confusing. But Bill Gahn's Badgers have been that way lately, confusing their opponents during an 11-2 season.

The Badgers have a strong group back, 21 lettermen to be exact, including big lineman Sam Austrino (6-1, 250), one of the best in the league. Although smaller, guard Thad Rummage (5-7, 190) is a good one, along with DE Jason Ewald (6-0, 180). The backfield looks sound with Chad Cook (5-10, 165), Eric Hardt (5-10, 160) and junior QB/DB Mike Henwood (5-9, 160), a letter winner as a sophomore. Last fall the Badgers' JV club went 9-0-0 even though five sophomores played on the varsity.

### Independence

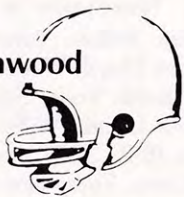


Independence finished a 3-7 season playing their two best games at the end. "Kicking off troublesome seniors made a big difference in overall team attitude," says second-year coach Rich Hoyt, 92-36-2 in the business. "We are still a long ways away. But we are very excited about the '88 freshmen class."

The varsity does have a few quality players, including free safety Jason Peters (6-6, 195), a senior with 4.7 speed. Such lettermen as Brian Patch, Jason Thomason, Bill Sanders, Troy Caratachea, Randy Pape and Brian O'Halloran must show senior leadership. Tailback Carl Mason, lineman Jesse

Rodriguez and tackle Ray Campos (5-10, 260) are promising juniors. The JV squad finished 5-3-0, so that too is promising.

### Ironwood



Ironwood, coached by Mark Matheson, played a JV schedule in its second year and jumps into varsity competition with a junior-dominated club. Running back Brady Skidmore (5-11, 170) and tackle Merl Sails (6-2, 190) are potential all-league selections before they pick up their diplomas.

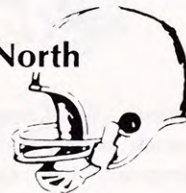
### Apache Junction



Apache Junction, coached by former Santa Cruz assistant Steve Combs, returns only 10 squad members from a 2-7 outfit and the schedule is murder:

Peoria, Cactus, Safford, etc. The staff was glad the season ended and looks forward to '88 with lots of young players with good attitudes. Top of the list comes tackles Charlie Huston (6-2, 210) and Tom Przybyszewski (6-2, 205), and senior Jeff Blankenship (6-0, 188), a talented punter. Przybyszewski is a junior.

### North



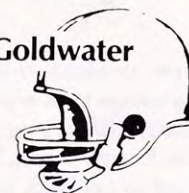
The Mustangs are one player away from starland. Although they finished 3-6-1 last fall, North has one of the league's premier backs (if he comes out for football), and a huge, physical line. Senior wingback Donnell Thompson (6-1, 185), the Class AA player of the year in basketball, is the key player. Last spring, Thompson ran 100 meters in 10.72 seconds, 200 meters in 21.81, and anchored North's speedy (42.9) 400 meter relay. Joe Beamont (6-4, 255), David Clark (6-1, 240), Andy Hoffman (6-1, 260), Chris Fink (5-11, 210) and Jason Scott (6-3, 275) form the city's biggest front wall.

### Glendale



Glendale saw a vast improvement in every aspect of their program, according to head coach Tom Hernandez. "Our running and passing game was established, and we had sound play from our players," he said after his 4th year at the city's oldest school. "We earned respectability. Our biggest strength is returning all our skill people. But we lost our line." Jim Lee, Jim Huehn and Chad Roth are three good skill players, to name a few.

### Goldwater



James Hepting has been named the new head coach at Goldwater High School, replacing Jim Sherman. The Bulldogs finished 2-8 in their second year of play. Hepting was the offensive coordinator the past seven years at nearby Deer Valley. This will be his first head coaching job. ■



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Cactus Shadows all-state backfield: Steve Hall (22) leads Sean Reeder (46).

## Falcons' Title Hopes Soar



**C**ave Creek, located north of Phoenix, is growing in leaps and bounds, and so is the local high school football program. Since Gerry LaBelle took the head job in 1985, Cactus Shadows High School has gone 5-5, 6-4-1 and 8-2 on the gridiron. Last fall, 10 Falcons earned all-league (B-North) honors and four earned all-state recognition. The offense produced two 1,000-yard rushers, senior Steve Hall (1,131) and junior Sean Reeder (1,318).

Reeder, who also scored 15 touchdowns, averaged 11.9 yards per carry and is back. So is QB Guy McAtee, who accounted for four rushing touchdowns and 762 yards. He completed 58% of his passes and tossed eight scoring strikes. The above three helped CSH average 381 yards total offense per game.

But the Falcons dropped their final league game, 19-16 to Camp Verde on the road, and their first playoff game, 14-13 at Willcox. That ruined their winter. Entering the Camp Verde game, CS was ranked No. 1 in the state for the first time in the school's four-year history. However, 19 lettermen are back and the young Falcons had winning teams on all levels.

Running back Reeder (5-10, 171) has 4.55 speed, has scored 33 touchdowns, and rushed for more than 3,000 yards. Raul Valenzuela (6-0, 209), an all-league linebacker, may be converted to tackle. He's the son of the former South Mountain all-state tackle of the same name. Ted Arent (5-9, 213) and Charles Nicolai (6-2, 220) will fill in at tackles. Clint Butler, Dan Mattheis, Trevor Foster, Jeremy Hallsey and Scott Hubler will make up the other members of the line.

Junior Chris Colson (5-10, 172) is the running mate for Reeder. On the right halfback side of the Falcons' T, LaBelle will shuttle senior Trevor Crane (5-7, 151) and sophomore Brian Skinner (5-

11, 176). Other returning veterans who must play an important role are seniors Peter Burger, Jason Clement, Bishop Fresh, Keith Moore and Lee Toone. Jamie Burger, Matt Fraley and David Miller are promising newcomers.



Phoenix Christian finished 9-3 after falling to Florence, 35-19 in the Class B title game - their third appearance in the finals in the past four years. Coach Walt Beamis, 145-67-4 as a varsity coach, has another excellent senior class, but depth will cause some problems. Top prospects appear to be G/LB James Stair (6-2, 195), QB/DB Brian Wickersham (6-3, 175), OT/DT Bob Osorio (6-0, 215), E/DB Dave Follett (6-1, 176), TE/DT P.J. Hopkins (6-6, 215) and center Brian Beachy (5-9, 190). All are seniors.

## Buckeye



Injuries led to frustration and a 3-7 season at Buckeye. This fall's optimism centers around the varsity game experience the Hawks' young players got during the second half of the season. Since Tim Logsdon arrived on the scene in 1980, Buckeye had averaged eight wins per season, until last year. He is 104-52-3 (.667) as a varsity coach. Also, the JV team finished 7-1-0, so help is on the way.

QB/DB Phillip Echeverria (26 career interceptions) will be the toughest graduate to replace. Returning players include Kevin Kirkpatrick, David Cumbach, Jason Gibson, Scott Thrasher, Justin Lusk, Joe Willard, Tom Vanosdell, Travis Landers, Scott Hansen, Virgil Ray, Jose Canez, Sean Allen, Jason Vanosdell, Blue Heximer, Richard Lopez and Labe Cooper. Lopez is the biggest (6-0, 210) Hawk in camp. Cooper is the smallest (5-4, 120).

## Bourgade



Things have improved at Bourgade. The Golden Eagles finished 7-3 last fall and the JV squad went 5-2. Fans had been used to seeing the varsity finish 3-6, or worse yet, 2-7. Junior Tony Gomez (5-8, 170) and senior Ken Klaus (6-1, 185) will battle for the quarterback slot. However, Gomez is a good running back; Klaus a good wide receiver. They'll both play somewhere. Both have 4.8 speed. Two other juniors with promise are FB Joe Aser (6-1, 185) and OG/LB Wayne Dickman (5-8, 175). The Eagles open their season against rival Gerard Catholic, at the Redcoats home park.

## Arizona Lutheran



Arizona Lutheran, one of the smallest Class B schools in Phoenix (enrollment-wise), returns 10 starters on defense. "That will be our strength," says first-

year coach Douglas Lange. "We believe we can contend for the B-West championship this year."

The Coyotes will use quickness on offense to attack with roll-out passes, traps and sweeps. Two all-league performers return: OG/LB Jon Sonntag (5-10, 200) and WR/LB Chris Valdez (5-10, 150). Center Eric Richter (6-0, 200), DE/FB Barry Muenkel (6-2, 195) and DT Charlie Treveno (6-3, 240) makes the Academy one of the bigger Class B schools in the Valley.

## Western Christian



Senior Mike Yaeger (5-11, 180), a FB/LB, will have big shoes to fill at Western Christian, since four-year all-league linebacker Jeff Smith graduated. The Eagles' offense will center around the passing abilities of junior Derek Wahlstrom (6-3, 160). Quick Johnny Walker (5-9, 150) will be his primary target. Defensive end Billy Rude (6-3, 195) will be head coach Phil Adams' biggest player. He's strong and aggressive. Junior Lance Robertson (5-9, 190) is the team's center and nose guard. Western Christian competes in the C-North Division, playing 8-man ball.

## Valley Christian



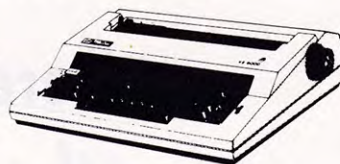
Another local school playing 8-man football is Valley Christian, located in Tempe. The Trojans enter their second year of varsity play with veteran coach Bernon Benson owning a 121-97-6 career record. This will be his 27th year in the profession. "An improved record should result from improved blocking and tackling, and improved team speed," says the head coach.

Quarterback Scott Yarbrough (6-1, 150) will lead the offense, and Joel Van Sant (6-3, 212) will hike the ball to him. Yarbrough is a good roll-out QB, with good speed, and this year stands behind a much improved offensive line. He and senior Pete Bina (5-9, 125) are the Trojans' top defensive backs. Other players with promise include Wes Sparling, Geoff Kuzmich, Darrin De Velder, Jeff Juarez, Pete Smith, Luke Benedict, Oeung Ner, Sean McMahan, Adam Haynes and Chris Dobson. Only center Van Sant tips the scales at 200-plus pounds. ■

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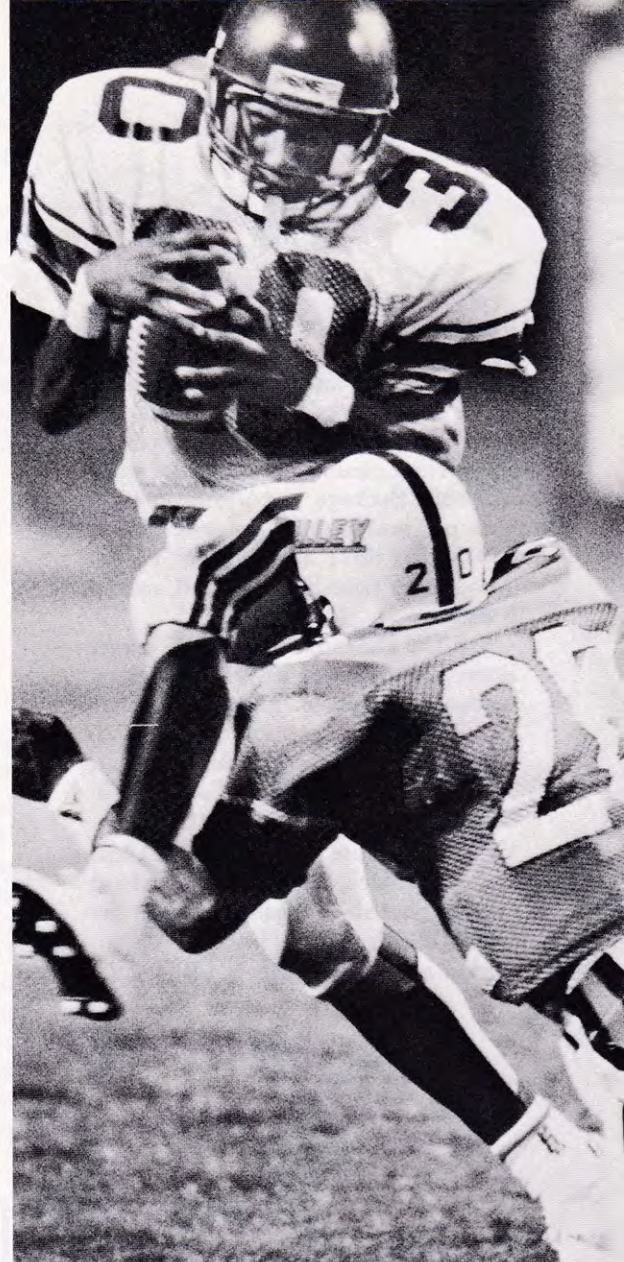
## PHOENIX METRO LIST:

### Offense

Player/High School	College Choice
QB .. John Bonds, St. Mary's, 6-5, 200	Arizona State
QB .. Darrell Bevell, Chaparral, 6-1, 175	Northern Arizona
QB .. Tony Werstler, Saguaro, 6-2, 185	Northern Arizona
RB .. Kevin Galbreath, Maryvale, 5-11, 178	Arizona State
RB .. Marvin Johnson, Peoria, 5-9, 175	New Mexico State
RB .. Josh Arnold, Dobson, 5-11, 185	BYU
RB .. Terry Thornton, Westwood, 6-0, 180	Rice
RB .. Sylvester Mabry, St. Mary's, 5-8, 170	Colorado State
WR .. Eric Guliford, Peoria, 5-9, 160	Arizona State
WR .. Orlando McKay, Mesa, 5-10, 170	Washington
TE .. Steve Good, Peoria, 6-5, 215	Stanford
TE .. Steve Holmes, Dobson, 6-5, 225	BYU
OG .. Scott Peterson, Peoria, 6-6, 220	Nebraska
OT .. Mike Hooper, Apollo, 6-4, 245	Colorado State

### Defense

LB .. Ty Parten, Horizon, 6-5, 220	Arizona
LB .. Tucker Smith, McClintock, 6-2, 202	Northern Arizona
LB .. Neil Begalman, Saguaro, 6-2, 200	Air Force
LB .. Roger Brown, Brophy Prep, 6-4, 220	Santa Clara
LB .. Jeremiah Clark, Mesa, 6-4, 220	Nebraska
LB .. Dusty Weiland, Peoria, 6-2, 210	Iowa
DL .. Brian Hooks, Marcos de Niza, 6-4, 240	Arizona State
DL .. Mike Bundy, Tempe Union, 6-4, 255	Arizona
DL .. Dave Schlagel, Mountain View, 6-3, 224	Northern Arizona
DB .. Kevin Miniefeld, Camelback, 5-10, 165	Arizona State
DB .. Larry Marmie, Jr., Corona del Sol, 5-9, 185	Arizona State
DB .. Tyrone Byrd, Chandler, 6-0, 175	Nebraska
DB .. Bart James, McClintock, 5-11, 180	Nebraska
DB .. Ervin Cutright, Peoria, 6-1, 180	Nevada-Reno
DB .. Barry Julian, Marcos de Niza, 6-2, 190	Arizona

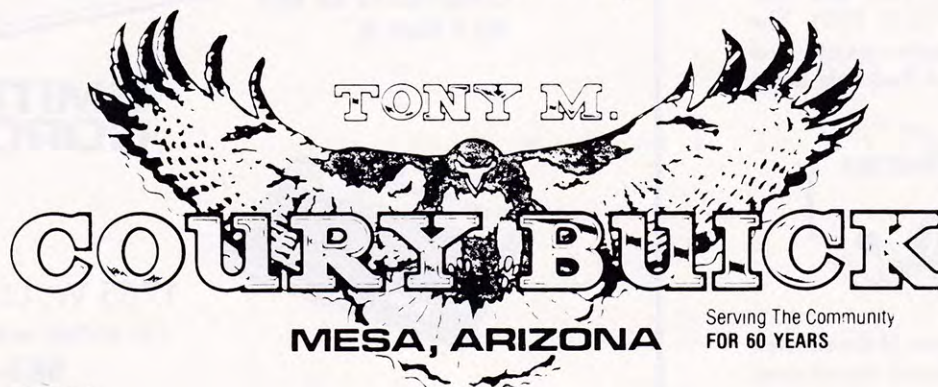


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Plano, with Tommy Kimbrough (center) at the helm, has won back-to-back titles in Texas 5A football

## Plano's Hit Parade

By ART JOHLFS

On the north edge of Dallas is the community of Plano, currently the high school football capital of Texas. Coached by Tom Kimbrough, the Wildcats finished 16-0 in 5A competition, winning their 6th state title in seven different attempts.

They became the first Texas school to repeat as state champs in the large school class since Austin Reagan turned the trick in 1967-68. The Wildcats have now won state crowns in Classes 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A. They finished second to Houston Stratford in 1978.

Kimbrough's 'Cats finished their '87 campaign with a 28-game win streak and the No. 1 ranking in the nation, selected annually (since 1927) by the National Sports News Service. Other top-notch clubs in the country included Pennsylvania powers Pittsburgh North Hills (13-0) and Central Bucks West of Doylestown, winner of 43 games in a row.

The Texas 4A champ was West Orange Stark (15-0), while Kansas City Rockhurst (12-1) won their 5th state crown. During the regular season, the Missouri 5A champs won a wild 25-20 game with the Arkansas 4A winner, Fort Smith Northside. Creighton Prep of Omaha won its third consecutive Nebraska title; 11th since 1955.

National power Honolulu St. Louis has won 22 games in a row; five state

championships since 1955. Calvin Lee has coached the last three. Hawaii continues to lead the nation in attendance at championship games, averaging 24,282 per title game during the past

decade. The largest crowd: 32,812 at the 1978 finals, won by Waianae.

Little Rock Central finished 9-1-1 in Arkansas after falling in first round action in the state 4A playoffs. The Tigers will soon become the first American high school to win 700 football games. Little Rock has won 30 state championships; national record is 37 by Sioux Falls Washington, South Dakota.

Coach Pete Adkins of Jefferson City, Missouri, 310-55-4 prior to '87, continues to move up the ladder and is 5th on the all-time win list, third at the same school. Adkins first state crown came in 1959. Eleven different Adkins-coached teams have finished undefeated, and between 1958-66, won 71 games in a row.

Derek Brown, a 6-7, 235-pound tight end from Merritt Island, Florida, was selected national player of the year. Kimbrough was the coach. Rockhurst's win over Fort Smith Northside won game of the year honors, while Valdosta's loss to Columbus Carver in the Georgia quarterfinals won the "upset" award.

Two interesting high school all-star games in June saw Georgia defeat Florida 38-32, and Alabama beat Mississippi 24-21. Georgia, ahead 38-7 after three quarters, evened the series at 2-2. Alabama won on a 22-yard field goal in overtime.

### 1987 Top 20 Poll

- 1 .. Plano, TX (16-0)
- 2 .. Jefferson County, TN (15-0)
- 3 .. Pittsburgh North Hills, PA (13-0)
- 4 .. Fontana, CA (14-0)
- 5 .. Central Bucks West, PA (11-0)
- 6 .. Brockton, MA (11-0)
- 7 .. Alexandria Williams, VA (14-0)
- 8 .. Union, NJ (11-0)
- 9 .. Cincinnati Princeton, OH (12-1)
- 10 .. Lawton, OK (14-0)
- 11 .. Tallahassee Godby, FL (14-0)
- 12 .. Pascasoula, MS (14-0)
- 13 .. West Orange Stark, TX (15-0)
- 14 .. Garner, NC (15-0)
- 15 .. Arkadelphia, AR (14-0)
- 16 .. Pensacola Pine Forest, FL (13-1)
- 17 .. Kansas City Rockhurst, MO (12-1)
- 18 .. Honolulu St. Louis, HI (11-0)
- 19 .. Omaha Creighton Prep, NB (11-1)
- 20 .. Valdosta, GA (12-1)



# PHOENIX METRO FOOTBALL RECORDS

## TOUCHDOWNS(SEASON)

- 31 .. Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1987 (jr)
- 30 .. Marvin Johnson, Peoria, 1987
- 29 .. Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
- 29 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
- 26 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
- 25 .. Quentin Gregory, Arcadia, 1960
- 25 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1967
- 25 .. Paul Kasprzyk, Mtn. View, 1983
- 25 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985

## TOUCHDOWNS(CAREER)

- 63 .. George Greathouse, Carver/Phoenix Union, 1952-55
- 61 .. Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
- 60 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1964-67
- 54 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1981-83
- 52 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
- 47 .. Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
- 46 .. Lowell McDonald, Glendale, 1941-44
- 43 .. LaFayette Winrow, Carver, 1950-53
- 41 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1983-85
- 41 .. Reggie McGill, St. Mary's, 1984-86
- 41 .. Marvin Johnson, Peoria, 1986-87

## TOUCHDOWNS(GAME)

- 6 .. Cotton Rieman, Phoenix Union, 1928
- 6 .. Art Holbrook, Glendale, 1936
- 6 .. Bill Crabtree, Agua Fria, 1952
- 6 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
- 6 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
- 6 .. Art Greathouse, McClintock, 1984(jr)
- 6 .. Darren Woodsen, Maryvale, 1986

## POINTS(SEASON)

- 213 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985
- 188 .. Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1987 (jr)
- 181 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
- 180 .. Marvin Johnson, Peoria, 1987
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- 344 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1981-83
- 303 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1983-85
- 289 .. Lowell McDonald, Glendale, 1941-44

## POINTS(GAME)

- 36 .. Cotton Rieman, Phoenix Union, 1928
- 36 .. Art Holbrook, Glendale, 1936
- 36 .. Bill Crabtree, Agua Fria, 1952
- 36 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
- 36 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
- 36 .. Art Greathouse, McClintock, 1984(jr)

## RUSHING YARDS(SEASON)

- 1,991 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
- 1,952 .. Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1981
- 1,927 .. Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
- 1,913 .. David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1974(jr)
- 1,912 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
- 1,854 .. Kevin Galbreath, Maryvale, 1986(jr)
- 1,812 .. Marvin Johnson, Peoria, 1987
- 1,775 .. Derrick Ray, Cactus, 1987 (jr)
- 1,771 .. Remy Carrasco, Gilbert, 1985
- 1,720 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1967

## RUSHING YARDS(CAREER)

- 4,551 .. George Greathouse, Carver/Phoenix Union, 1952-55
- 4,417 .. Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58
- 4,307 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
- 4,050 .. Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
- 3,828 .. Reggie McGill, St. Mary's, 1984-86
- 3,632 .. David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1973-75
- 3,561 .. Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1978-81
- 3,520 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1964-67

## RUSHING YARDS(GAME)

- 358 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
- 344 .. Brian Pringle, Sunnyslope, 1970
- 339 .. Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972(so)
- 327 .. Jim McQuinn, Central, 1976
- 314 .. Vai Sikahema, Mesa, 1978
- 307 .. Chuck Bishop, Judson, 1964
- 306 .. Eric Parham, Marcos de Niza, 1981

## CARRIES(GAME)

- 44 .. Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1975
- 43 .. Forrest Valore, Trevor Browne, 1975
- 40 .. Craig Amack, Tempe, 1974
- 39 .. Gus Armstrong, St. Mary's, 1976
- 37 .. Steve Romero, Mesa, 1970
- 37 .. Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1973(jr)
- 37 .. Gus Armstrong, St. Mary's 1975
- 37 .. Larry Muckerman, Brophy Prep, 1964

## AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY

- 12.6 .. Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955(jr)
- 12.5 .. Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1957(jr)
- 12.3 .. Rick Kelton, Gilbert, 1974
- 12.0 .. Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1956(so)
- 11.9 .. Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1958
- 11.9 .. Sean Reeder, Cactus Shadows, 1987 (lr)

- 10.8 .. Jerry Lamb, Chanadler, 1955(jr)
- 10.7 .. Everett Rollins, Arcadia, 1962
- 10.0 .. Earliest Nelson, South Mtn., 1963

## AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY(CAREER)

- 12.3 .. Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955-58

## LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN

- 99 .. Sammy Johnson, Mesa, 1952
- 99 .. Craig Ponczak, Gerard, 1964
- 99 .. Jerry Harper, Chaparral, 1980
- 99 .. Tom Collins, Apollo, 1985
- 99 .. Randy Carr, Central, 1986
- 98 .. Marvin Davis, Tempe, 1950
- 98 .. Jim Rawlins, Tempe, 1950
- 98 .. Danny Arredondo, Tempe, 1952

## RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

- 181.0 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
- 173.8 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
- 162.1 .. Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1981
- 160.6 .. Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
- 157.6 .. George Greathouse, PUHS, 1954(jr)
- 151.5 .. Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1977

## PASSING YARDS(SEASON)

- 2,539 .. Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1985
- 2,233 .. Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1984
- 2,170 .. Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983(so)
- 2,035 .. John Bonds, St. Mary's, 1987
- 2,033 .. William Babb, Peoria, 1987
- 2,011 .. Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1974
- 1,984 .. Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1973(jr)
- 1,951 .. Chuck LeVinus, Cactus, 1984
- 1,947 .. Kevin Smith, Saguaro, 1978(jr)

## PASSING YARDS(CAREER)

- 6,346 .. Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-85(3)
- 4,712 .. Scooter Molander, CDS, 1982-84
- 4,596 .. Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1982-84
- 4,135 .. William Babb, Peoria, 1985-87
- 4,007 .. Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1969-71
- 3,995 .. Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1973-74(2)
- 3,597 .. Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969-71
- 3,573 .. Joe Carter, Paradise Valley, 1984-86

## PASSING YARDS(GAME)

- 404 .. Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971
- 403 .. Rick Johnson, PV, 1983
- 385 .. Rick Savale, Arcadia, 1966
- 380 .. Bob Pitre, Arcadia, 1975
- 365 .. Todd Sheridan, Arcadia, 1982
- 351 .. Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1971
- 351 .. Kerry Kersting, Alhambra, 1978

## TOUCHDOWN PASSES(SEASON)

- 24 .. Chris Calcagno, Gerard, 1974



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**Peoria's Marvin Johnson, now at New Mexico State, runs for his 1st of four touchdowns in first half against Sunnyslope. Johnson scored 30 TDs and 180 points for state champions.**

23 .. Greg Hubbell, Central, 1972  
23 .. Chris Stanfield, Mesa, 1981  
23 .. William Babb, Peoria, 1987  
22 .. Bill Mannion, St Mary's, 1967  
22 .. Chris Skelly, St. Mary's, 1974  
21 .. Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969(so)

#### **TOUCHDOWN PASSES(CAREER)**

51 .. Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-85(3)  
45 .. Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969-71  
40 .. Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, 1966-68  
40 .. Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1982-84  
37 .. Chris Calcagno, Gerard, 1972-74  
37 .. William Babb, Peoria, 1985-87  
36 .. Horace Griffen, Mesa, 1936-38  
36 .. Tom Campell, Seton, 1967-69

#### **TOUCHDOWN PASSES(GAME)**

6 .. Duncan Brown, Mesa, 1924  
6 .. Charlie Beal, Mesa, 1943  
6 .. Gary Carpenter, North, 1968  
5 .. Gilbert Martinez, Chandler, 1958  
5 .. Ted Blake, Sunnyslope, 1965  
5 .. Pete Harter, Chandler, 1965  
5 .. Randy Holmes, Peoria, 1968  
5 .. Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971  
5 .. Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1971  
5 .. Shawn Gilbert, Agua Fria, 1982  
5 .. Scooter Molander, CDS, 1982  
5 .. Jeff Zygmunt, Deer Valley, 1984

#### **LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS**

98 .. Ken Butler to Ralph Flores,  
Sunnyslope, 1960

97 .. Al Eliserio to Al Dossie,  
Phoenix Union, 1976  
97 .. Steve Belles to Chris Buford,  
St. Mary's, 1982  
95 .. Carey Palmer to Mickey Hatcher,  
Mesa, 1973

#### **CATCHES(SEASON)**

68 .. Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985  
66 .. Brant Williams, Independence, 1986  
64 .. Scott McLouth, Gilbert, 1985  
61 .. Bryan Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1983(jr)  
60 .. Bill Sorcineli, Camelback, 1964  
59 .. Travis Ligons, Cactus, 1984  
58 .. Ed Flores, Arcadia, 1976  
58 .. Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984  
58 .. Ernie Salazar, PV, 1986 (jr)

#### **CATCHES (CAREER)**

119 .. Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75  
117 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1983-85  
95 .. Travis Ligons, Cactus, 1982-84  
92 .. Rich Groppenbacher, McClintock,  
1982-84  
90 .. Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1964-66

#### **CATCHES(GAME)**

16 .. Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973  
12 .. Brad Anderson, Alhambra, 1978  
12 .. Adam Mesa, Gilbert, 1982  
12 .. Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984  
12 .. Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984  
11 .. Mark Gonzales, Tempe, 1984  
11 .. Dale Lyons, Arcadia, 1974

11 .. Pete Klaass, PV, 1983(jr)  
11 .. Andy Teilborg, Sunnyslope, 1984

#### **RECEIVING YARDS (GAME)**

302 .. Pete Klaass, PV, 1983(jr)  
296 .. Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971  
270 .. Keith Rawls, CDS, 1982  
226 .. Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971  
225 .. Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962  
224 .. David Donahue, McClintock, 1982  
220 .. Todd Young, MDN, 1983(jr)

#### **RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON)**

1,226 .. Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973  
1,090 .. Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971  
1,090 .. Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985  
1,038 .. Rick Molina, Tempe, 1971  
1,014 .. Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984  
1,008 .. Pete Klaass, PV, 1983(jr)

#### **RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER)**

2,172 .. Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75  
1,733 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock,  
1983-85  
1,585 .. Rich Groppenbacher, McClintock,  
1982-84  
1,488 .. Rick Molina, Tempe, 1970-71(2)  
1,470 .. Travis Ligons, Cactus, 1982-84  
1,404 .. Eric Guliford, Peoria, 1985-87

#### **TD CATCHES (SEASON)**

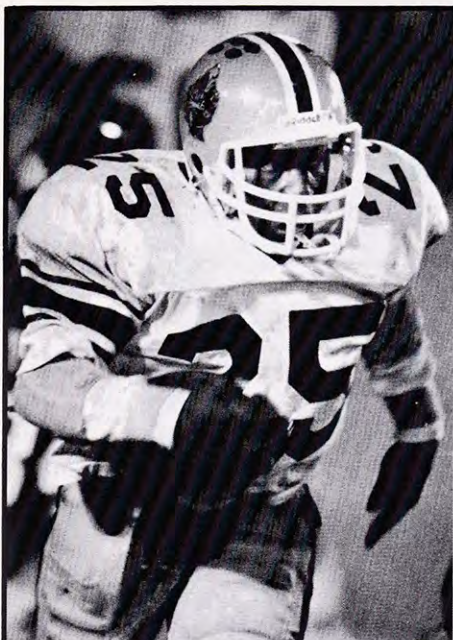
14 .. Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1974(jr)  
14 .. Dewey Horton, Gilbert, 1977  
13 .. Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924



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*Eric Parham, Marcos de Niza.*

- 13 .. Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
- 13 .. Rick Molina, Tempe, 1971
- 13 .. Mike Baker, Gerard, 1974
- 13 .. James Sosinski, McClintock, 1980

#### TD CATCHES(CAREER)

- 29 .. Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
- 19 .. Dick Harris, Tempe/Westwood, 1968-70
- 18 .. Jesus Tirado, Marcos de Niza, 1972-74
- 17 .. Rick Molina, Tempe, 1970-71

#### TD CATCHES (GAME)

- 4 .. Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
- 4 .. Cecil Crouch, Mesa, 1943
- 4 .. Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962
- 4 .. Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
- 4 .. Dan White, West, 1967
- 4 .. Dick Harris, Westwood, 1969(jr)
- 4 .. Jesus Tirado, Marcos de Niza, 1974

#### AVERAGE YARDS PER CATCH

- 37.7 .. Tom White, Saguaro, 1975
- 35.9 .. Pete Weidner, Tempe, 1984
- 28.3 .. Randall McDaniel, Agua Fria, 1982
- 27.8 .. Robert Hailey, Trevor Browne, 1983
- 26.1 .. Chris Buford, St. Mary's, 1981(jr)
- 25.1 .. Ruben Gomez, Corona del Sol, 1980

#### INTERCEPTIONS(SEASON)

- 15 .. Mike Vere, Bourgade, 1972
- 14 .. Mickey Bell, Cactus, 1979
- 14 .. Andy Zwingle, Peoria, 1979
- 13 .. Shawn Benson, Mesa, 1981
- 13 .. Scotty Malm, PC, 1986
- 12 .. Bill Diple, Arcadia, 1965(jr)
- 12 .. Scott Hutson, Mtn. View, 1983
- 12 .. Rhon McKinney, North, 1986

#### INTERCEPTIONS (CAREER)

- 26 .. Phillip Echeverria, Buckeye, 1985-87(3)
- 20 .. Rhon McKinney, North, 1985-86(2)
- 19 .. Bill Diple, Arcadia, 1965-66(2)
- 17 .. Dick Harris, Tempe/Westwood, 1968-70(3)
- 17 .. Steve McDowell, Gilbert, 1983-85

#### INTERCEPTIONS(GAME)

- 5 .. Dick Gwinn, Judson, 1964
- 4 .. Ned Newell, Mesa, 1921
- 4 .. Albert Guthrie, Mesa, 1921
- 4 .. Craig Cardon, Mesa, 1966
- 4 .. Pat Farrell, St. Mary's, 1969
- 4 .. Dick Harris, Westwood, 1970
- 4 .. Mark Oligschlaeger, Bourgade, 1972
- 4 .. Brett Baker, Saguaro, 1974
- 4 .. Vince Martinez, Tempe, 1981
- 4 .. Steve McDowell, Gilbert, 1983

#### LONGEST RETURN(INTER.)

- 105 .. T.C. Richmond, Agua Fria, 1985(jr)
- 103 .. John Heffton, Moon Valley, 1980
- 102 .. Quincy Fowler, St. Mary's, 1941
- 102 .. Elby Bushong, Washington, 1961
- 102 .. Chris Enos, Cortez, 1982
- 100 .. Benny Garcia, Agua Fria, 1962
- 100 .. Mike Smith, PC, 1962
- 100 .. David Given, McClintock, 1975
- 100 .. Scott Lubow, Shadow Mtn., 1984

#### FIELD GOALS(SEASON)

- 19 .. Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1985
- 13 .. Phil Insalaco, PC, 1984
- 11 .. Matt McKinney, Saguaro, 1978
- 11 .. Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1984(jr)
- 11 .. Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, 1985(jr)

#### FIELD GOALS(CAREER)

- 36 .. Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1983-85
- 26 .. Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, 1984-86
- 16 .. Phil Insalaco, PC, 1982-84
- 15 .. Monte Varah, Saguaro, 1973-75
- 14 .. Richard Jones, Chaparral, 1981-82

#### FIELD GOALS(GAME)

- 4 .. Lawrence Bever, Phoenix Union, 1925
- 4 .. Phil Insalaco, PC, 1984

#### LONGEST FIELD GOAL

- 54 .. Bob Facio, Gerard, 1977
- 54 .. Chuck Hunzinger, Deer Valley, 1984
- 54 .. Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, 1986
- 52 .. Lee Pistor, Central, 1973
- 52 .. Benny Moreno, North, 1977
- 52 .. David Ohton, Alhambra, 1977
- 52 .. Scott Reutter, Moon Valley, 1984(so)
- 52 .. Steve Rausch, Dobson, 1987

#### PATS(SEASON)

- 69 .. Tony Camino, Peoria, 1987
- 63 .. Frank Coen, McClintock, 1980
- 58 .. Barry Duncan, Moon Valley, 1982
- 52 .. Frank Coen, McClintock, 1979(jr)
- 52 .. Rich Groppenbacher, McClintock, 1983(jr)
- 52 .. David Smith, Maryvale, 1986

#### CONSECUTIVE PATS

- 53 .. Tony Camino, Peoria, 1987

#### PATS (CARRER)

- 134 .. Rich Groppenbacher, McClintock, 1982-84
- 115 .. Frank Coen, McClintock, 1979-80
- 111 .. Tony Camino, Peoria, 1985-87
- 88 .. Tony McClure, McClintock, 1976-77
- 88 .. Barry Duncan, Moon Valley, 1981-82

#### PATS (GAME)

- 15 .. Danny White, Westwood, 1969
- 11 .. Ed Brooks, Phoenix Union, 1914
- 10 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985

#### LONGEST PUNT

- 99 .. Walter Williams, Mesa, 1925 (national record)
- 84 .. John Durso, Arcadia, 1976
- 80 .. Justus Goebel, Phoenix Union, 1910
- 77 .. Doug Pasanella, Paradise Valley, 1978
- 75 .. Oscar Reynolds, St. Mary's, 1939
- 75 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1945(jr)
- 75 .. Dennis Goettl, Central, 1973

#### PUNTING AVERAGE

- 47.5 .. Jeff Skousen, Mesa, 1922
- 47.0 .. Jim McCann, North, 1965
- 46.0 .. Pat Hawbaker, St. Mary's, 1971
- 45.9 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1945(jr)
- 45.7 .. Kevin Rutledge, Gilbert, 1976
- 44.6 .. Pat Hawbaker, St. Mary's, 1971
- 44.5 .. Mike Springer, Mtn. View, 1982

#### LONGEST FUMBLE RECOVERY(TD)

- 101 .. Ray Elzey, Phoenix Union, 1941
- 99 .. Sam Houston, St. Mary's, 1944
- 98 .. Robert Taylor, Carver, 1950
- 98 .. Harry Trotter, Phoenix Union, 1975

#### LONGEST PUNT RETURN(TD)

- 100 .. Larry Royse, Tempe, 1966
- 100 .. Tom Ribaudo, East, 1967
- 97 .. Ron Phifer, Camelback, 1955

#### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN(TD)

- 99 .. Lavell Blackburn, Mesa, 1926
- 99 .. Alec Austin, Shadow Mountain, 1976
- 99 .. Major Farris, Carl Hayden, 1976
- 99 .. Freddy Sanchez, Peoria, 1979
- 99 .. Tom Peck, McClintock, 1981
- 99 .. Byron Autry, CDS, 1985
- 99 .. Terry Thornton, Westwood, 1986

#### LONGEST RETURN(BLOCKED FG)

- 97 .. Percell Lewis, Carl Hayden, 1967



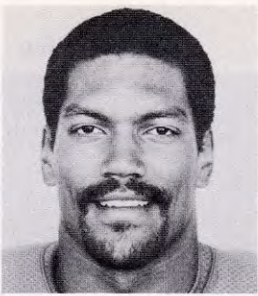
*Steve Belles, St. Mary's.*



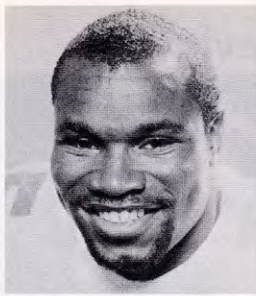
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SOUTH HIGH (from pg. 13)

## **We put SPORTS in the palm of your hand**

South history. Senior Lavon Worley rushed for 1,458 yards, erasing a school record which had stood since 1963. Earliest Nelson, a prep All-American who is currently a security guard at South, was the old record holder.

"It's been a lot of hard work, but we're getting there," says Stovall, 15-6-0 (.714) in two years at the controls. "Our underclassmen have played well. But the

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**"Before the state semifinals with Mesa, President Kennedy was shot. The game was delayed a week. But school officials wouldn't let us practice."**

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most improvement has been in the weight room. Weights had never been emphasized before. And when we took our physicals at the Center for Sports Medicine last spring, we had the largest turnout in years.

"We won nine straight games in 1986, but we finished weak," he adds. "We lost our last regular season game to Maryvale, then played bad against Mesa. The playoffs were something new to the kids. But we were real proud of our players. Last year they finished strong. We upset Scottsdale Saguaro 24-22, and beat Alhambra 50-21 in our last game. We hope it carries over."

South's first head coach was Thomas "Shanty" Hogan. Their football debut came on September 8, 1953, a 12-8 loss to the Phoenix Indian School. Leon

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*(South High School track & field records: 100 yard dash: 9.4; 220 yard dash: 20.5; 440 yard dash: 48.3; 120 high hurdles: 14.0; 180 low hurdles: 19.2; 440 yard relay: 41.5; 880 yard relay: 1:26.9; one mile relay: 3:17.1; long jump: 23-6; high jump: 6-8; pole vault: 15-6; discus: 187-7.)*

Taylor scored the school's first touchdown on a two yard run.

Hogan, who later became a coaching legend in the junior college ranks at Phoenix JC, compiled a 32-13-3 varsity record (.711) in five seasons. He was a prep standout in New Mexico at Albuquerque High, and a college star at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Before taking the South job, he was head coach at Casa Grande Union High School, and his 1950 club finished 10-0.

In 1955, Hogan's Rebels recorded one of the greatest upsets in Arizona history, a 14-13 win over a Phoenix Union club rated one of the nation's best. He was 8-1-1 in 1958, his final year; a 21-20 loss to West Phoenix on Thanksgiving Day cost the Rebels the state crown.

Surprisingly, South has had only five different head coaches: Hogan, Clupper, Moody Jackson, McCarty and Stovall, in that order. But they have had hundreds of talented, gifted players. Running backs like Dornel Nelson, Bob Olson (state player of the year), Earliest Nelson, Joe Jackson and Robert Johnson, to name a few. Receivers like Morrison Warren, Bob Wallace and Calvin Demery. Great linemen like Ted Lawrence (state player of the year), Raul Valenzuela, Mike Clark, Glenn Jackson and Carl Johnson, at 6-4, 255 a starting tackle on Nebraska's back-to-back national championship teams in 1970-71.

Entering his third season as head coach, Stovall will have four of the premier prospects in the city: Running back Devon Robinson (6-0, 215), defensive back Seyon Albert (5-11, 185) and tackles Dwight Williams (6-1, 220) and Derek Hankins (6-3, 210).

Robinson has already scored more touchdowns (30) than any Rebel/Jaguar before him. Last fall he scored a school record 16 touchdowns, rushed for 1,204 yards and scored 112 points. His four touchdowns against Yuma tied a record set by Kenny Jones in 1978. "Everybody thought he was going to be a good one when he was a sophomore," claims Jerome Blanton, sports editor of the *Arizona Informant*. "But if he stays

healthy he'll be the best back South's ever had here."

When it comes to the state playoffs it's a numbers game. In recent years, schools from the East Valley League (EVL) have dominated the playoffs. That's the schools on the other side of the Salt River, in Mesa, Tempe and Gilbert. But the four Mesa schools, with junior high feeder systems, have an average enrollment of 3,400 students - in three grades.

Each year, if South Mountain High School had that many students, the race for the AAA football championship might be for second place.

Go Rebels! Or Jaguars ...

## It's Mesa All The Way

If Mesa doesn't win the state community college race, it'll be an upset. The Thunderbirds return 30 squad members from last year's 7-3-1 co-champs which tied Phoenix for the crown. They won a playoff game with Phoenix for the right to play in the Valley of the Sun Bowl on Turkey Day.

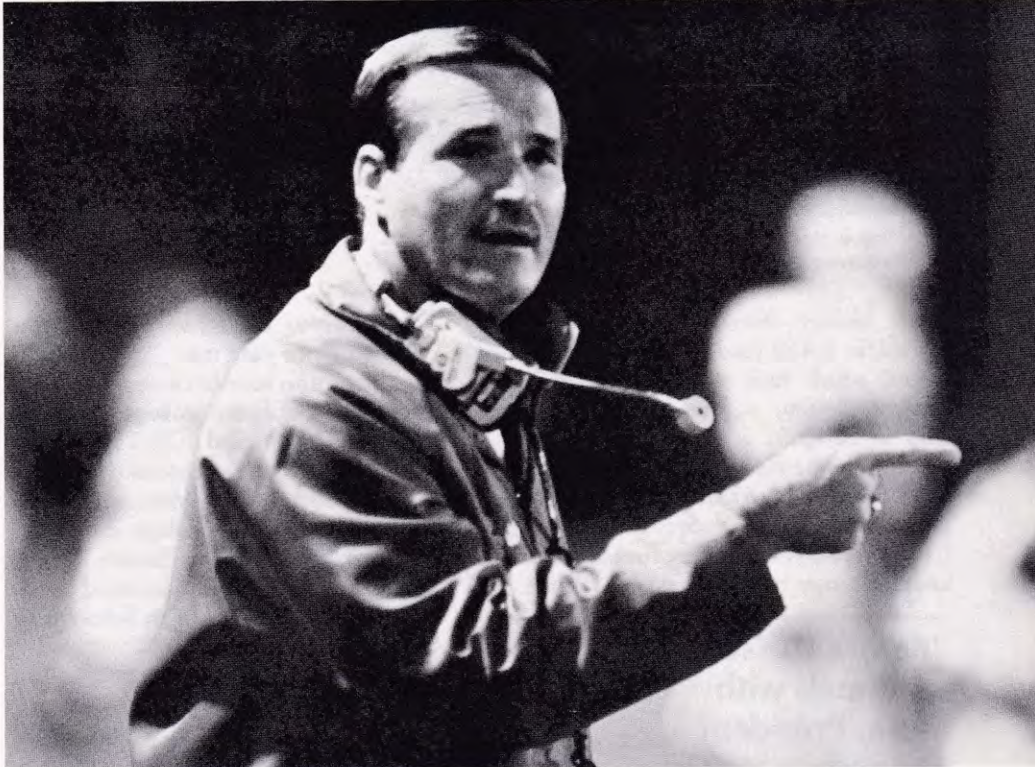
"We played to our potential," says Ken Stites, who moved over from Phoenix and has an 84-29-5 log in the JC ranks. "We should be a better overall team. But it might not reflect by wins and losses."

Mesa is loaded up front. Vince Pershing (6-2, 250), Jim Roe (5-9, 210), Eric Valliere (5-10, 220), Mark Miller (6-3, 250) and Kurt Haws (6-4, 225) are experienced offensive linemen. Big Steve Wise (6-3, 230) rotates from tight end to wingback. Kyle Ide (6-2, 190) also plays wingback.

The defense is solid with NG David Thomas (6-0, 250), DE Jerome Jeffcoat (6-5, 240), LB Brian Fernau (6-2, 225), LB Brent Hatfield (6-0, 210), CB Robert Summerlin (6-0, 180) and SS David Jones (6-2, 205). Newcomers from the prep ranks include HB T.C. Wright (5-9, 180) from state champ Mesa Dobson, FS Rick Flaherty (6-1, 195) from Mesa Westwood, and HB Robbie Clemmens (5-8, 165) from Tempe McClintock.

If Mesa falls down Phoenix will be there to pick up the pieces. Although the Bears went 6-3-1 and return 21 letter winners, only six starters (3 defense/3 offense) are back. Since the Bears play in an extremely tough league, the incoming frosh class is important, because so many positions are wide open.

Since the offense starts at quarterback, Phoenix is set if sophomore Kent Kiefer, a transfer from Arizona State, stays healthy. While at Tempe McClintock, Kiefer passed for a state record 6,346 yards during his career. Kiefer's favorite



Pat Lavin, in his second year at PC, points the way.

target might become Mike Richmond (5-8, 150), a speedy wide out with good hands. He's one of the best in the league. Sophomore Ernie Hart (6-8, 315) is one of the biggest JC tackles on the planet. David Reagan (6-2, 205) is the Bears' cat-quick safety with 4.6 speed.

Lavin, in only his second year at PC, is 112-41-3 as a varsity coach in high school and junior college. He and his assistants did an excellent job of recruiting locally, getting verbal commitments from many of the top JC prospects from schools such as South Mountain, Trevor G. Browne, Maryvale and St. Mary's, to name a few. Usually, those schools are loaded with skill players. The weight room will take care of the line.

Their record shows 3-6 last year, but Glendale improved greatly, they just couldn't win the close games. Just like Mesa, Glendale returns 30 squad members, more than half the team. Second-year coach Joe Kersting has two of the best players in the state in defensive back Phillippi Sparks (6-0, 180), a Phoenix Maryvale product, and running back Conrad Swanson (6-0, 195), a Glendale Apollo graduate.

The Gauchos return a lot of experience and it shows on the roster: OL Gary Marak (6-3, 255), OC Dennis McCabe (6-2, 240), LB Tom Valenzuela (6-2, 230), DL Robert Alley (6-3, 230), OL Sam Newton (6-6, 295), LB Bill Hintze

(6-2, 230), QB Mike Hintze (6-2, 200), TE John Thompson (6-3, 200), DB David Aros (6-1, 198), DB Mike Smith (5-10, 190), RB Robert Latona (5-9, 195) and split receivers Art Caswell (5-10, 165) and Damond Mays (5-10, 165), burners with 4.4 and 4.5 speed respectively.

Kersting and his staff also landed a good crop of incoming freshmen, including QB William Babb (6-1, 170) of state AA champ Peoria, and tough RB/LB Billy Bell (5-10, 185) from Phoenix Trevor Browne. Babb was also an infielder for Peoria's state championship baseball team.

Scottsdale had its problems last fall, finishing 1-7-1 in Shane Bates' first year at the helm. But the Artichokes lost a lot of signees with the late change in the coaching staff, and never really regrouped. "We should be a lot more competitive this year," insists Bates. "We'll need some help from our incoming freshmen. That might be a key."

His club returns 32 sophomores, more than any school in the state, so game experience is a plus. At least five players have earned preseason recognition, including tackle Vincent Byrd (6-4, 240), a product of Eloy Santa Cruz, back Spencer Colter (6-0, 190) from Tempe McClintock, and veteran players Mike Mason (6-1, 235), Bill Hardy (6-4, 240) and Dwight Meyer (6-3, 190). ■



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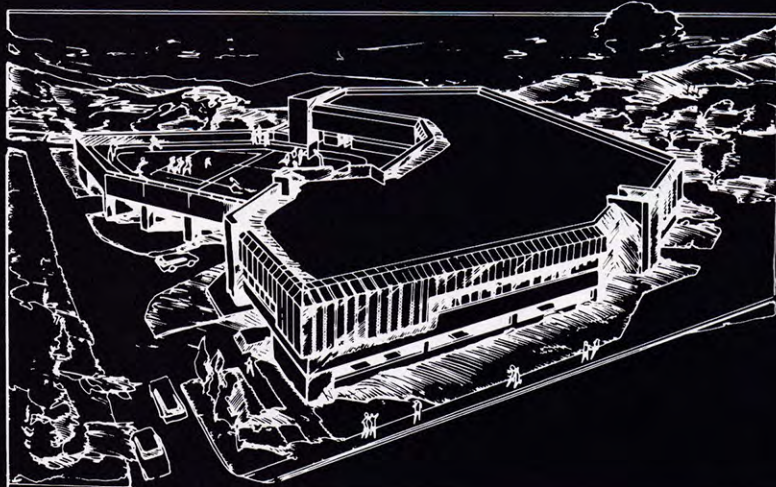
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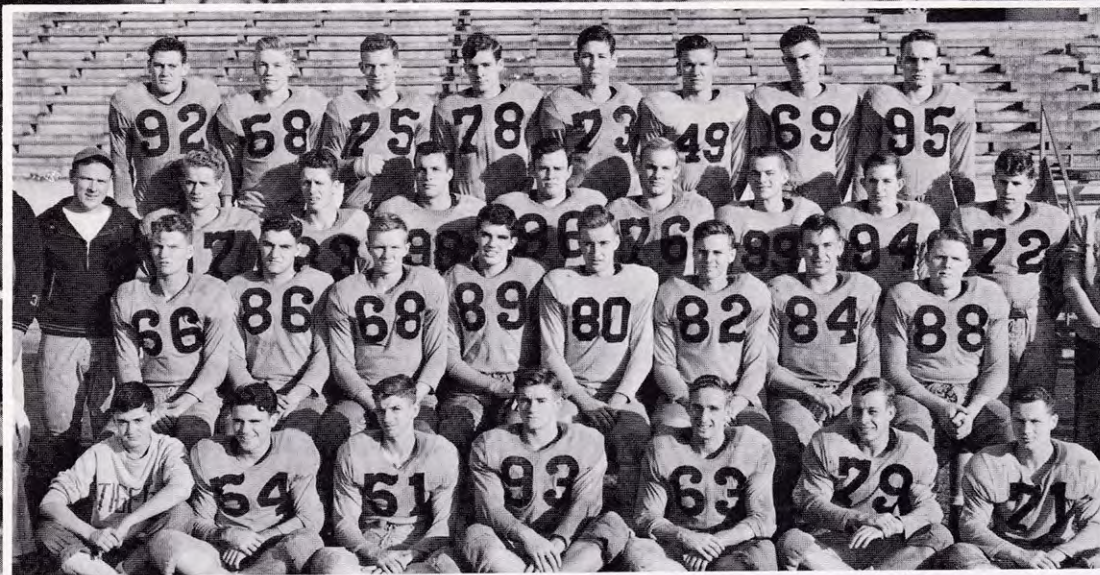
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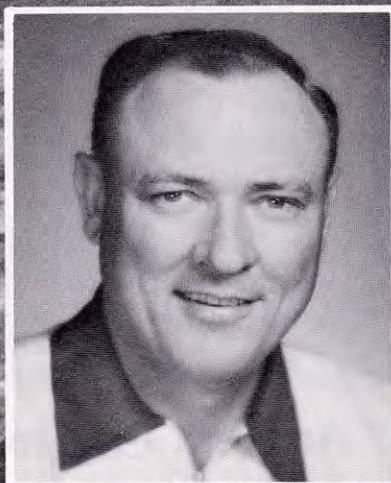


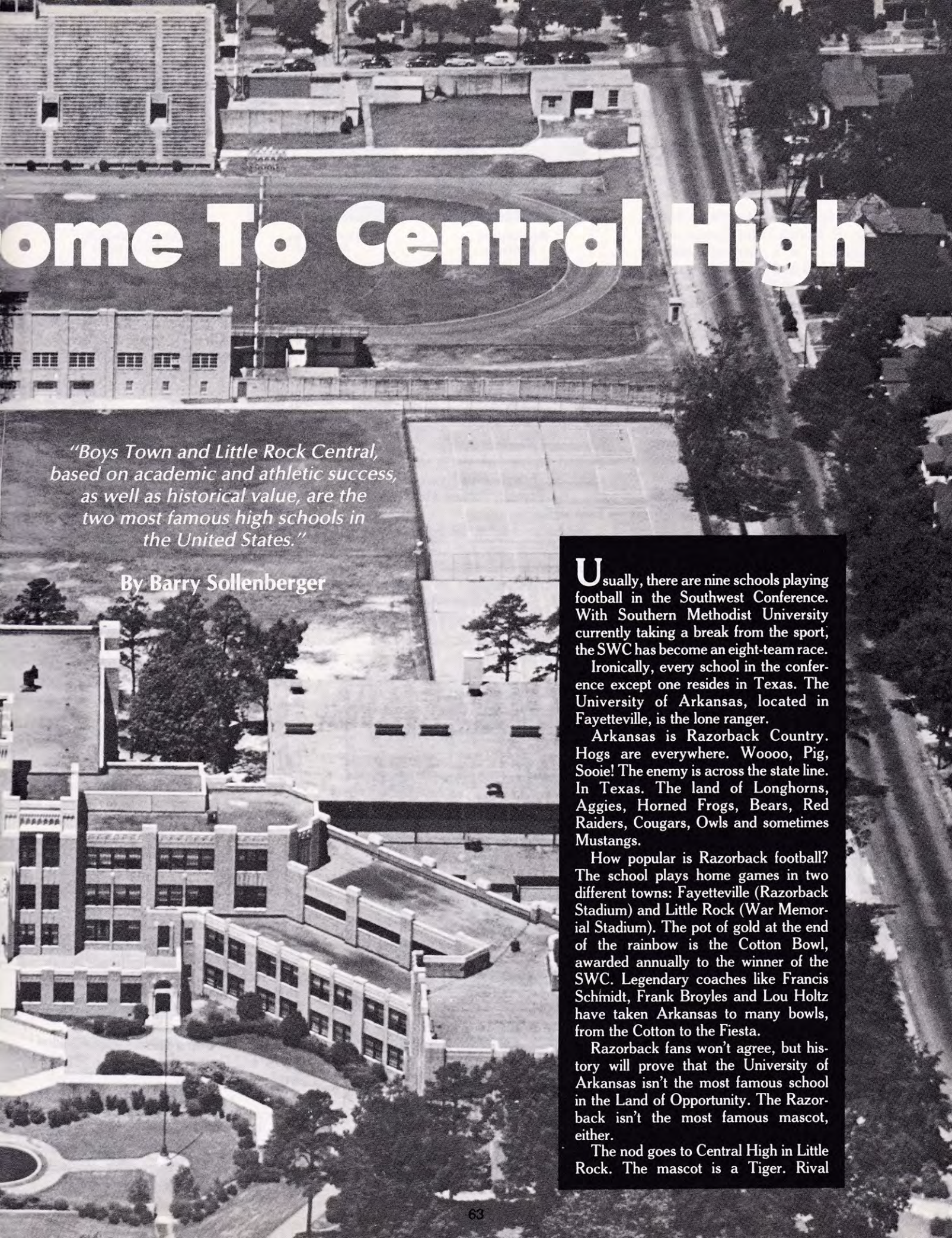
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An aerial photograph of the Central High school campus. The image shows a large, multi-story school building with a flat roof and numerous windows. To the left of the building is a large, open field, likely a football field, with a visible yard line. To the right of the field is a tennis court. In the foreground, there are several trees and a paved area. The overall scene is a typical high school campus layout.

# ome To Central High

*"Boys Town and Little Rock Central, based on academic and athletic success, as well as historical value, are the two most famous high schools in the United States."*

By Barry Sollenberger

Usually, there are nine schools playing football in the Southwest Conference. With Southern Methodist University currently taking a break from the sport, the SWC has become an eight-team race.

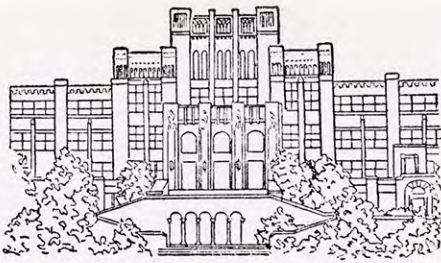
Ironically, every school in the conference except one resides in Texas. The University of Arkansas, located in Fayetteville, is the lone ranger.

Arkansas is Razorback Country. Hogs are everywhere. Woooo, Pig, Sooi! The enemy is across the state line. In Texas. The land of Longhorns, Aggies, Horned Frogs, Bears, Red Raiders, Cougars, Owls and sometimes Mustangs.

How popular is Razorback football? The school plays home games in two different towns: Fayetteville (Razorback Stadium) and Little Rock (War Memorial Stadium). The pot of gold at the end of the rainbow is the Cotton Bowl, awarded annually to the winner of the SWC. Legendary coaches like Francis Schmidt, Frank Broyles and Lou Holtz have taken Arkansas to many bowls, from the Cotton to the Fiesta.

Razorback fans won't agree, but history will prove that the University of Arkansas isn't the most famous school in the Land of Opportunity. The Razorback isn't the most famous mascot, either.

The nod goes to Central High in Little Rock. The mascot is a Tiger. Rival



schools have names like Pine Bluff, Fordyce, El Dorado, Hot Springs and Fort Smith. It is a land of Zebras, Redbugs, Chicks and Wampus Cats.

"Boys Town and Little Rock Central, based on academic and athletic success, as well as historical value, are the two most famous high schools in the United States," insisted Art Johlfs of the National Sports News Service in 1978, after hearing that legendary Boys Town football coach Maurice "Skip" Palrang had died in Omaha, Nebraska.

No high school in America has won more state championships in team sports than Little Rock Central. The Tigers have been champions on the athletic field and in the classroom. Every major magazine, from *Sports Illustrated* to *Life* to *Newsweek*, has featured Central High.

Coaches like Earl Quigley, Clyde Van Sickel, Raymond Burnett, Wilson Matthews, Gene Hall, Joe Fred Young and Bernie Cox have become household names in the South. Teenagers like Alvin Bell, Ralph LaForge, John Hoffman,



**Paul Bryant,  
Fordyce**



**Don Hutson,  
Pine Bluff**



**Clint Castleberry,  
Atlanta Boys**

Bruce Fullerton, Brooks Robinson, Houston Nutt and Derek Russell have worn the Tigers' colors. And they wore them well.

In 1915, the *Arkansas Gazette* selected its first official all-state football team. Since that date, exactly 208 Tigers have earned first-team plaques. That's first-team! Nineteen different Tigers have earned player of the year honors, including future pros Ivan Williams, Douglas Wycoff, Johnny Hoffman and Fred Williams.

No high school in the South has sent more players into the college football ranks than Little Rock Central. Football rosters from schools at Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech, Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky are dotted with Central grads.

Hundreds of them.

So popular was Little Rock Central, entertainers like Bing Crosby ('53) and Cecil B. deMille ('54), to name just a few, helped select winners in the annual "Tiger Beauty Contest." Hollywood has produced movies about the school. Stories have been written.

**W**ithin a decade, Little Rock Central will become the first high school in the United States to win 700 football games. The first game was played in 1894. Since 1907, the Tigers have won 30 state championships in that sport. Only Washington High in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has won more (35). Two different teams, their 1946 club coached by Burnett, and a 1957 powerhouse coached by Matthews, were ranked No. 1 in the nation by the National Sports News Service in Minneapolis.

The success of football under the late Earl Quigley was so overwhelming that school officials organized a cross-country schedule which rivaled college teams. Central didn't just beat up on Arkansas schools. They beat up on everybody. From Chicago to Dallas. From New Orleans to Atlanta. The Bengals played the best.

Teams coached by the likes of Quigley and Matthews played 163 games (see chart) against high schools all over the South and Midwest, winning 70% of their games. The competition was top-notch. The talent was awesome. Famous schools like Birmingham Ensley, Chicago Lindblom, East St. Louis, Wichita Central, Louisville Male, New Orleans Warren Easton, Baton Rouge Istrouma, Joplin Central, Oklahoma City Classen, Tulsa Central, Texarkana and Memphis Central dotted the schedule.

Athletes like Fred Brickell, Billy Hicks, Clark and George Jordan, Paul "Bear" Bryant, Don Hutson, Lynwood "School-boy" Rowe, Billy Cannon, Sidney Moncrief and Keith Jackson, to name just a few, have crossed the Tigers' path - in football, basketball or track & field. They played for teams with mascots called Yellowjackets, Purple Pounders,

## Little Rock vs the U.S.A.

### ALABAMA (5-2-0)

Bessemer	1-1-0
Birmingham Ensley	2-1-0
Gadsden	2-0-0

### GEORGIA (1-1-0)

Atlanta GMA	1-0-0
Atlanta Tech	0-1-0

### ILLINOIS (3-1-0)

Chicago Lindblom	2-1-0
East St. Louis	1-0-0

### KANSAS (1-2-0)

Wichita Central	1-2-0
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### KENTUCKY (9-5-0)

Louisville Male	1-1-0
Louisville Manual	0-2-0
Paducah Tilghman	8-2-0

### LOUISIANA (16-9-1)

Baton Rouge	1-0-0
Baton Rouge Istrouma	4-4-0
Huntington	1-0-0
New Orleans Warren Easton	6-0-0
Shreveport Byrd	3-5-1
West Monroe	1-0-0

### MISSISSIPPI (7-0-0)

Clarksdale	2-0-0
Greenville	3-0-0
Tupelo Military Institute	2-0-0

### MISSOURI (11-1-0)

Joplin Central	2-1-0
Popular Bluff	2-0-0
Springfield	5-0-0
St. Louis Cleveland	1-0-0
St. Louis Soldan	1-0-0

### OKLAHOMA (15-5-1)

Muskogee	5-0-0
Norman	2-0-0
Oklahoma City Capitol Hill	1-1-0
Oklahoma City Central	0-2-0
Oklahoma City Classen	4-0-0
Sapulpa	1-0-0
Tulsa Central	3-2-1

### TENNESSEE (32-16-3)

Chattanooga Central	0-1-0
Knoxville Central	1-0-0
Memphis Carver	1-0-0
Memphis Central	24-13-3
Memphis Christian Brothers	2-1-0
Memphis Southside	1-0-0
Memphis Treadwell	1-1-0
Memphis University	1-0-0
Memphis Washington	1-0-0

### TEXAS (10-9-1)

Dallas Adamson	1-0-0
Dallas Bryan Street	1-0-0
Dallas Wilson	1-0-0
Texarkana	7-9-1



**Billy Cannon,**  
*Baton Rouge Istrouma*

Hornets and Braves. Unfortunately, it took an act of congress to put Central on the map. That's the big map. The whole United States. In 1955, the Little Rock School District adopted its original school desegregation plan - to begin at the high school level in 1957. Orval E. Faubus, who was the Arkansas governor at the time, still insists he was acting responsibly 30 years ago when he ordered out the Arkansas National Guard to block the entrance of nine black students to Central High.

Faubus said the initial reason he called out the National Guard was "not as an integrationist or segregationist move but to keep the peace, and maintain law and order." He added, "Then, as I watched the developments, it seemed very clear that the best way, the most effective way to maintain order at the time was to bar the black students from the school on a temporary basis."

During the 1957-58 school year, with more than 1,000 Federal troops bivouacked on campus for nine months, Central won the Arkansas state championship in almost every major sport. "Considering adverse conditions during the season - bad weather and the distracting effects of the integration troubles - it was wonderful that the team got through unbeaten," said Matthews after finishing a 12-0 football campaign with a 33-game winning streak.

But when it came to high school football, Little Rock Central had already made its mark. The seed was planted more than 50 years earlier. When the country was far less populated and fewer high schools existed, Earl Quigley's Tigers competed in national tournaments for basketball and track & field. His football teams played schools as far away as Chicago. And Central was not Arkansas' only schoolboy juggernaut. The Zebras at Pine Bluff, like the Tigers, were also a national power - in every sport.

*\*National record: 35,000 fans witnessed the 1985 Texas state meet at Memorial Stadium in Austin.*

## QUIGLEY LEGACY



**T**he late Earl F. Quigley guided Little Rock High School, as head coach and athletic director, from 1914 to 1955. As the Tigers' track coach, his teams won 18 consecutive state titles, almost every state meet held during his 30 years at the helm. World War II forced cancellation of the state track meet for two years, or his record would have been more impressive. During one stretch his teams won 98 of the 100 track meets they entered.

Quigley's track squads were featured three times in *Ripley's* "Believe It Or Not," when they won 50 consecutive meets, when they went 15 years without defeat, and when they won 97 consecutive meets. With the largest school in the state, Little Rock had considerable manpower advantages over its opponents. In track, that advantage was most thoroughly harnessed.

In track & field, as well as football, basketball and baseball, he built Central High into a national power. In 1926, his sophomore javelin thrower, Douglas Graydon, won the event at the National Interscholastic Championships in Chicago. His toss of 199-5 was witnessed by 15,000 spectators, the largest crowd at the time to witness a high school track meet.\* One year later, Graydon became the first schoolboy ever to throw the javelin past 200 feet (202-9). Quigley studied under national leaders in each sport. He attended coaching schools to hear Pop Warner, Knute Rockne, A. A. Stagg and Howard Jones lecture on football, and Tom Jones of Wisconsin, Archie Hahn of Michigan and Dean Cromwell of California talk about track.

His football teams posted 134 wins, 61 losses and 12 ties, winning seven state championships. His 1919 club was tied 0-0 by Memphis Central in Tennessee, but still managed to average 50.5 points per game after drubbing Paragould, 90-0 in a post-season mismatch. The Tigers' top player was quarterback Alvin Bell, later a star football and basketball player at Vanderbilt. Bell's eight (8) touchdowns during a 174-0 rout of Russellville is a Tiger school record which has lasted for 68 years. Quigley's football teams, like those after him, played schools all over the South. Two of his teams played schools in Chicago. When Quigley's 1921 unbeaten football machine upset national power New Orleans Warren Easton, the Louisiana champions had been unbeaten against high school competition for 12 years.

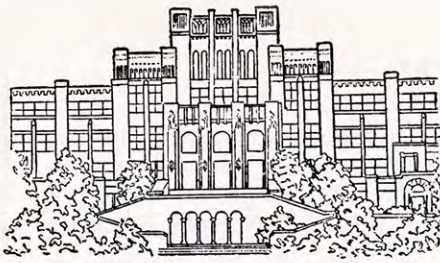
Quigley's basketball teams won over 75% of their games and captured six state titles between 1915 and his last club, which beat Springdale 53-29 in the 1944 finals. An earlier 1918 squad finished 24-1 and averaged a national record 68 points per game to their opponents 18. His baseball teams went 207-37 (.848) according to school records, and were state champs nine times before the school system dropped the sport. His 1920 state champions finished 34-1, their only loss a 5-4 thriller to Fort Smith in 10 innings. The loss snapped a 27-game Bengal winning streak.

The legendary coach's overall winning percentage in football, basketball, baseball and track, and his 40 state championships is one of the truly great records in all of sports.

Quigley came from Wisconsin and joined Little Rock High in January, 1914. He resigned 41 years later. He wired in his resignation from Hawaii, while on one of his customary summer tours. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I.

He died April 1, 1972, at age 81, after undergoing surgery for a malignancy in his chest.

"The death of Mr. Quigley is a passing of an era," said J. W. (Jess) Matthews, a former instructor and principal at Little Rock during Quigley's tenure. "He was a great conditioner of men. He made high school sports in Arkansas what it is today. He will be missed." ■

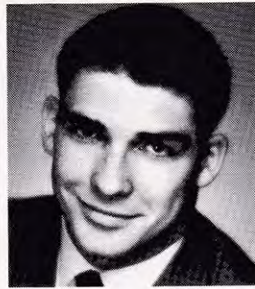


In 1923, with all games played at historic Kavanaugh Field, another Quigley football machine finished 11-0-0 after beating such schools as East St. Louis (48-14), Springfield, Missouri (73-0), and New Orleans Warren Eastin (27-6). Were they tested? You bet, 3-0 by Pine Bluff.

For the next five years, Pine Bluff football teams, coached by Foy Hammons and Allan Dunaway, went 57-6-0 on the gridiron, winning one mythical national crown and four state championships. Playing 15 minute quarters, Hammons' 1925 club finished 16-0 and to this day is considered the greatest Arkansas high school team in the first half of the 20th Century.

They beat Ohio toughie, Dayton Stivers, 61-0 on December 5, 1925, ending their season. All-state halfback Billy Hicks scored a state record 42 touchdowns and 286 points. He and his Pine Bluff teammates scored 103 touchdowns to their opponents' three! The defense blocked 13 punts. And prior to the Dayton Stivers game, Pine Bluff had already established a national record by rushing and passing for 7,611 yards. It lasted until 1953, when Sugar Land, Texas totaled 8,375.

And during that era, Pine Bluff jumped all over Quigley's Tigers: 33-0, 23-0, 7-0, 26-2 and 7-0, the final in 1928 watched by a state record 10,000 fans in Little Rock. But in 1927, Little Rock finished a 7-2-1 season with a 37-0 win over Wichita Central, Kansas, "a great national power athletic program, espe-



**Bruce Fullerton,**  
Little Rock Central



**Keith Jackson,**  
Little Rock Parkview



**Mark Hutson,**  
Ft. Smith Northside

cially in basketball and track," according to the *Arkansas Gazette*. It was Pine Bluff which had become a real menace.

In 1930, the best high school football in America was probably played in Arkansas. The *Gazette's* all-state team resembled a college and pro lineup. Quigley had 132 candidates out for football at Little Rock. They opened their season with a 45-0 win over Clarkville, the first ever night game in Little Rock. Central finished 9-2-0. They lost to Louisiana state champ Shreveport Byrd, 18-13. And Fordyce, among the great teams in Arkansas history, crushed the Bengals, 34-0 before 10,000 spectators at Kavanaugh Field.

Central closed out the season with a 33-13 win over Chicago Lindblom. But the state championship was awarded to Van Buren (11-0), which beat Bentonville 120-0, and University High 103-0 during the season. El Dorado had tied Fordyce in the mud, 6-6.

The *Gazette's* all-state team was awesome, including quarterback Lynwood "Schoolboy" Rowe, who scored six touchdowns and kicked six extra points during a 68-6 rout of Pine Bluff. He pitched as a teenager with the Detroit Tigers. The Jordan twins, Clark and Claude, joined Little Rock's Ralph LaForge in the backfield. LaForge, "the most dangerous runner ever to gallop under the Bengal banner," according to the *Gazette*, was selected player of the year after scoring 28 touchdowns and 182 points. He later starred at Arkansas.

The tackles included Clyde "Pee Wee" Williams, a 210-pound Little Rock senior who later starred at Georgia Tech, and legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant, a 185-pounder who helped make Fordyce one of the best teams Arkansas ever produced ... that didn't win a state championship. End Don Hutson of Pine Bluff, who caught five TD passes against North Little Rock, made second team. It must have been a tough squad. Hutson, after teaming with Bryant at Alabama, spent more than a decade in the NFL with the Green Bay Packers.

Little Rock finished an 8-3 campaign in 1931 with a 31-0 shutout of Dallas Wilson. Percy Davidson, a former Tiger currently enrolled at USC, appeared in the motion picture *The Spirit of Notre Dame*. While Pine Bluff, El Dorado, Hot Springs and Blytheville battled Little Rock for state honors, Searcy halfback Roy Fisher earned national acclaim. The "Blonde Blizzard" scored 181 points in 1933, 205 in 10 games in 1934.

The 1935 season was Quigley's 21st as head football coach and his last. The Tigers dropped their opener, 10-0 to Clarksville. They also dropped games to out-of-state foes Shreveport Byrd and Oklahoma City Central, but managed to beat one-time menace Memphis Central, 25-13. Quigley's last game was a 13-6 triumph over North Little Rock, played on Thanksgiving Day. The Tigers finished 5-5-1, but the grand old coach went out a winner.

A new stadium on the current grounds greeted Clyde Van Sickle. In five short years Sickle, one of the best linemen in Razerback history, compiled a 41-9-5 log (.820) in Tigerville. His 1937 boys lost a 7-6 squeaker to state champ Pine Bluff, played before 10,500 fans in Little Rock, a record crowd for a high school or college game in Arkansas. North Little Rock fell 15-7, before 8,000 at Quigley Field. But Dunbar High, the all-black school in town, was never scheduled.

Van Sickle's only state championship team came in 1938, when a 10-0-1 season was marred only by a 14-14 tie with who else - Pine Bluff. The bitter rivals fought to a standoff before 13,000, another state-record crowd. But the most interesting game in the South was played in Baton Rouge, where Louisville Manual beat New Britain, Ct., 28-20 for the "national championship of high schools," before 8,000 paid spectators.

The former University of Arkansas star had a shot at the 1939 state crown, but high hopes turned to low when all-state halfback Howard Hughes accidentally sawed off a finger at midseason. Sickle's next-to-last club finished 9-1-1

## Tiger Log

### Big Days

174 vs Russellville (0), 1919  
137 vs Augusta (6), 1913  
111 vs Stuttgart (0), 1919  
110 vs England (0), 1926  
105 vs Arkadelphia (0), 1933  
90 vs Paragould (0), 1919  
80 vs State Normal (0), 1909  
77 vs McGehee (0), 1928  
76 vs Hot Springs (0), 1928  
75 vs Camden (0), 1921  
74 vs Lonoke (6), 1920  
73 vs Springfield, Missouri (0), 1923  
73 vs Van Buren (0), 1933  
70 vs El Dorado (0), 1920  
70 vs Memphis University (0), 1927



**Derek Russell,  
Little Rock Central**

after a scoreless tie in Pine Bluff in the mud. Little Rock's 104-piece marching band destroyed the field at halftime.

From Jonesboro came Clarence Geis, but like all coaches and students throughout the land, the decade was almost ruined by World War II. Little Rock lost teachers and students alike to the military. It took its toll. On November 24, 1944, Clint Castleberry, a sensational high school star from Atlanta's historic Boys High, was killed in Europe. The name Castleberry is a family football legend in the South.

Between 1944-46, Raymond Burnett put Little Rock back on the football map. In three years as head coach his teams won two Arkansas titles, one mythical national crown, and compiled a near-perfect 32-2-2 record.

North Little Rock, of all people, ruined a near-perfect finish in 1944, upsetting the Tigers 13-7 on Turkey Day. Still, Little Rock produced the state MVP, all-South fullback John Hoffman, a 6-1, 196-pounder who later played with the Chicago Bears. In 11 games, Hoffman scored 24 touchdowns and 178 points.

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Burnett-coached teams were unbeaten against out-of-state foes, including wins over Memphis Central, Greenville, Miss., and New Orleans Warren Eastin. The later win came in the 1946 Toy Bowl, a 21-7 Tiger victory at City Park in New Orleans, before 8,000 fans. Gene Hall, a second team all-state selection, scored all three touchdowns: 63 pass interception, 53 yard run, 88 yard run. The

Tigers closed out Burnett's short career with a 14-0 record, outscoring the opposition 578 to 38. Fifteen years later Hall became the Tigers' head coach.

**T**oday, Wilson Matthews is an associate athletic director at the University of Arkansas. When Frank Broyles became the Razorbacks' head coach in 1958, the first assistant he hired was Matthews, out of Little Rock Central.

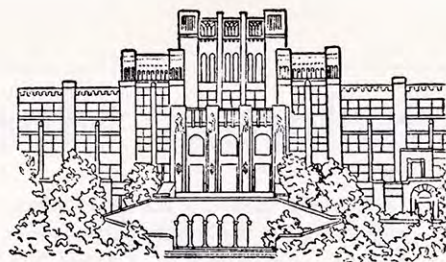
One of the state's legendary coaches at the high school and college level, Matthews coached Broyles' defensive ends and linebackers for 11 years. But his accomplishments at Central High have become legend.

His teams won 10 state championships in 11 years. His 1957 club, with All-American's Bruce Fullerton and Billy Hicks, was ranked No. 1 in the nation by the National Sports News Service in Minneapolis. Matthews-coached teams at LRC established an 111-14-3 record (.888), losing only three games to Arkansas schools.

In 1944, he was 7-3 as head coach at Rogers High. One year later, the former Arkansas Tech guard was an assistant to Raymond "Rabbitt" Burnett at Central, and the Tigers went 8-1-2 and 14-0 with Matthews on the staff. He became head coach in 1947 and won his first state crown with a 12-0-1 record (tied El Dorado 0-0 in the mud), beating Springfield, Missouri, 33-0 in the process. The Tigers had gone 31 games without defeat. With their 112-piece band marching at halftime, Central's football legions trampled opposition from five different states.

Little Rock High finished 9-1-1 in 1948 and produced *Sporting News'* national lineman of the year, center Henry Fitzgibbon. Three big wins were 19-0 over Oklahoma City Classen, 14-6 against Louisville Male, (before 9,000 fans on homecoming), and 46-7 over North Little Rock before 11,000 on Thanksgiving Day. Central went 10-1-0 in 1949, losing 14-7 to Male in the rain. They beat Mississippi power Tupelo, 21-20 in an interstate battle.

They finished 10-2-0 in 1950, falling to Texas rival Texarkana 7-6, and Kentucky toughie Paducah Tilghman, 12-9. The Bengals scored on runs from one to 99 yards during a 52-13 rout of Oklahoma City Classen, beat Gadsden, Alabama, 45-14, and embarrassed Norman, 65-7 on the campus of the University of Oklahoma. Central slipped to 9-3-0 in 1951, but a 14-13 loss to North Little Rock was the last loss by a Matthews-coached team to an Arkansas school.



His 1955 squad began the season with losses to Memphis Treadwell, Baton Rouge Istrouma and Texarkana, Texas. They were the last defeats Central had under Matthews - against anybody. Istrouma beat the Bengals, 19-7. The Indians' fullback, Billy Cannon, rushed 25 times for 125 yards and a touchdown. The 190-pounder ran 100 yards in 9.7 seconds while in high school, and four years later won the Heisman Trophy at LSU. Also, athletic director Quigley retired before the season started. When the Tigers defeated North Little Rock in November, Quigley wasn't in the stands. He had missed his first game between the two schools in 42 years because of an automobile accident.

Starting with a 41-0 win over Hot Springs in 1955, and finishing with a 40-7 triumph over North Little Rock in 1957, Central won 33 games in a row. Thirteen out-of-state foes fell, including back-to-back wins over Baton Rouge Istrouma. Magazines like *Sports Illustrated*, *Life* and *Newsweek* featured the Tigers.

Unnoticed was an incident in Kentucky on September 6, 1956. At Sturgis High School, 30 National Guardsmen, with fixed bayonets and riot guns, formed a protective wall against 500 whites as nine black students entered and left for school. A similar incident would haunt Little Rock one year later.

The year was 1957.

"I guess Little Rock will probably have the best team in the country," said Bill Stancil at Fort Smith. "I don't think I've ever seen such material on a high school team," added Pine Bluff's Marcus Kaufman.

Nobody ever had a school year like Little Rock Central did in 1957-58. In more ways than one.

"I was in the National Guard then," explains Gene Hall years later. "It was Matthews' last year and I was an assistant. I came home from football practice and my wife was the first to tell me the news. The governor had activated our unit. We were supposed to surround the school to keep nine black students out. Since I was a teacher at Central, I went to my commanding officer and asked for a desk job.

# Fullerton: More Famous Than Faubus

Three decades ago, the best-known high school in the South, perhaps the country, was Little Rock Central, for its incredible athletic program and its international notoriety over the integration issue.

Central's biggest names during that period were not Governor Faubus or President Eisenhower, but its star halfback Bruce Fullerton and head coach Wilson Matthews.

Today, Matthews works in the athletic department at the University

when I went to college at Arkansas it became more business than fun. I sort of lost interest. Also, I got a pilot's license as a teenager. I always wanted to fly."

Fullerton was a 6-1, 185-pounder at Central who ran 100 yards in 9.9 seconds. In those days, there weren't too many that big who could run so fast, particularly with Fullerton's balance. Coach Matthew's Tigers won 33 games in a row with Bruce in the lineup. Of those 33 wins, five

Chicago Bears) scored at the school in 1944.

"I covered Bruce Fullerton's high school games when Central was playing Tilghman High in Paducah, Kentucky," said popular sports writer Bill Carter. "I haven't seen teams to compare with those since.

"At that time, until Hall High opened in 1957, Central was the only public high school in Little Rock, so it had a tremendous enrollment," adds Carter. "There were complete schedules for the freshmen and sophomore teams, as well as the varsity. Only once can I remember a sophomore being a starter on the varsity. Even Fullerton didn't become a regular until he was a junior."

"We lost our first three games in 1955, when I was a sophomore," recalls Fullerton. "Baton Rouge Istrouma and Billy Cannon (Heisman Trophy winner) beat us. We lost our opener to a team from Memphis, then Texarkana beat us in Texas. Then we won 33 straight. We had great players and coaches. I had a lot of help."

Central was just as dominating in track. Fullerton ran the 100 (9.9), 440 (49.2) and 880 relay (1:27.9), the fastest half-mile relay in the country in 1958. "I think some of our track records still stand," he says. They don't. But Central's school track records are some of the best in the land. Today, the 100 is 9.5, the 440 is 48.2, the half-mile relay 1:26.2.

"I remember covering the Central-Tilghman game in Little Rock in 1957, and having to go through the cordon of National Guardsmen who had taken over the school grounds during the infamous integration crises," says Bill Carter.

"I don't have any dramatic memories of those days," adds Fullerton of the tense situation that was given international publicity. "I guess I was just too busy with school and athletics to be aware of all that was going on. The media blew a lot of it out of proportion. There were never any riots on campus, like many people think."

"I'm sure it had an impact on the student body, perhaps more on the parents," concludes one of Central's most famous graduates. "But it had none on the athletic program that I remember. I was never personally involved in it." ■



(Little Rock High School)

**Bruce Fullerton, *Sporting News*' 1957 Player of the Year.**

of Arkansas, in Fayetteville. But whatever happened to Bruce Fullerton, a 1957 first-team high school All-American who played on what may have been the best team in the land? Bruce and his family now live in Cordova, near Memphis. He recently retired from the Air Force, after 20 years, as a lieutenant colonel.

"High school football at Little Rock Central was a lot of fun back then," says Fullerton, who had a tour of Viet Nam while in the Air Force. "But

were against powerhouse schoolboy programs from Tennessee, three from Kentucky, and two each from Texas, Louisiana and Alabama.

In 1957, Elvis Presley's movie *Jailhouse Rock* was a real hit in the South, but Bruce Fullerton and Central High were a bigger hit in Little Rock. For each home game, between 500 and 1,000 troops from the 101st Airborne Division watched the Tigers play. Fullerton scored 27 touchdowns, three more than John Hoffman (a la

"Then President Eisenhower sent in his troops. There were soldiers everywhere. They were in the halls and on the steps. For nine months. They escorted the kids to classes. They were in our locker room at times. But they really supported us on Friday nights. They were in the stands. Hundreds of them. They called the school Fort Central."

While Federal troops were patrolling the front of the school, Quigley Stadium was rocking on Friday nights out back. The Tigers climaxed a perfect 12-0 season with another win over North Little Rock, ending Matthews' magnificent term at Central. "They're a powerhouse," said coach Jimmy Albright of North after the game. "We were badly outmanned."

Matthews, like Quigley, was a serious student of the game. He visited spring practice weeks at Arkansas, Georgia Tech, Oklahoma, LSU, and other colleges, looking for tips and trends to benefit his teams. He used ball-carrying drills that Bobby Dodd originated at Georgia Tech, a weight-lifting program after one at LSU, plus many of his own methods. His practice sessions were broken down to the minute.

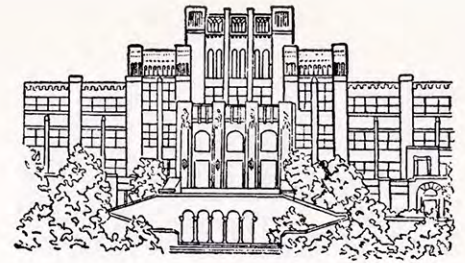
"Success didn't come my way because I'm a great coach" said Matthews at his

last sport banquet after accepting the Arkansas job. "I had an administration that believed in athletics, the finest equipment money could buy, support from a faculty and student body second to none, and above all, the high-type athlete who was willing to pay the price to win."

"In Wilson Matthews we are getting one of the nation's finest high school coaches, a man who would be an asset to any collegiate staff," said 33-year old Frank Broyles. "I'm amazed by the wonderful record of Little Rock Central. The people of the state, nation and everywhere know of this and it's a tribute to the leadership here that such a program has been emphasized over the years."

Assistant Gene Hall became the first graduate of Central to ever hold the head football post. In 1946, he had scored 24 touchdowns for the Tigers' 14-0 club which won the Toy Bowl in New Orleans. He was an outstanding back at Arkansas Tech for four seasons.

But problems loomed on the horizon. For the first time ever, Central's enrollment was hurt by transfers moving to new Hall High School. Then Governor Faubus, still fighting the intergration problem, closed all the public schools in



Little Rock. Although students attended schools outside the district, Central kept their football team in tact and finished 8-3-1 in Hall's first campaign.

However, Central finished 4-6-0 in 1959, losing their first-ever game with Hall, 16-13. Hall (the school) finished 10-1-0. Hall (the coach) went on to compile an 82-45-7 won-loss record in 12 years. His 1960 team was outstanding, going 12-0 and recording eight shutouts. They beat both out-of-state foes they faced: Texarkana 18-7, and Memphis Central, 32-0. But after that, Pine Bluff, North Little Rock and Fort Smith Northside ruled the state.

In 1970, one year after Hall left, Central finished 1-8-1, the worst record since the school opened in 1894. Only one Bengal, linebacker Joey Shelton, earned all-state honors. He set a school record against rival Hall on Thanksgiving Day with a 92-yard punt from

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scrimmage.

But everything had changed. Especially the neighborhood. Little Rock had grown. Games with teams from Memphis, Baton Rouge and Oklahoma City were replaced with local names like Parkview, Ole Main or Forrest City. While dramatic changes had occurred, racial imbalances had persisted and in a sense had come full circle. Ratios of white students to black had flip-flopped.

Between 1970-74, two different coaches, Jerry Welch and Joe Fred Young, went 29-22-3. Football in Arkansas was no longer controlled by a dynasty. Young's team almost won it all in 1974, his last as skipper. The Tigers dropped a 31-21 thriller to state champ Parkview to finish 10-1-1. Before 9,000 fans at Quigley Field, junior QB Houston



Coach Bernie Cox gets a victory ride after state championship win over Fort Smith Northside at War Memorial Stadium.



Nutt hit 23 of 39 passes for 342 yards in a losing effort. Then came Bernie Cox.

"Everyone has hopes and big aspirations," said the former assistant to Joe Fred Young for three years. "I just hope I can prepare myself for this job. This school has a lot of tradition."

Central hadn't won a state football title in 15 years. By 1975, the school had turned a lot of coaches into ex-coaches. Then Jesse W. Matthews, principal at Central during the infamous intergration crises, died at age 75. He had been principal when the school made its name change for 1953-54, from Little Rock High to Little Rock Central, and was later dismissed after 1957-58 by the local school board. However, he was later recalled by special election.

For whatever reasons, Central's football fortunes changed for the better.

Having Houston Nutt, "the best quarterback in Arkansas in more than a decade," in the lineup didn't hurt. Both he and receiver Robert Farrell earned prep All-America acclaim and guided Central through a 12-0 season in '75.

In 1984, the city of Little Rock placed three youngsters on *Parade's* All-America high school football team. And Parkview High produced the state player of the year for the second year in a row, halfback James Rouse, a three-time all-stater who rushed for 4,383 yards and 48 touchdowns. One year earlier the winner was Parkview's Keith Jackson, later an All-American end at Oklahoma. Central High finished 7-5 each year with Barry Switzer's son Greg in the lineup.

Since his initial unbeaten campaign, Cox-coached clubs at Central have won five state championships and compiled a 114-29-7 record (.797). In 1986, Central beat Fort Smith Northside, 24-7 at War Memorial Stadium for the school's 30th state championship since 1907. Wide receiver Derek Russell, a sensational athlete who clocked 13.4 seconds over the 110-meter high hurdles, was the state player of the year.

"We had only three coaches working

throughout the playoffs," said Cox. "Believe it or not, we did it without having someone in the press box relaying information."

"We've played in three different states and each has complimented our kids on their behavior," he added. "We have a super bunch of kids and they respect the school. All of them are from fine families. In our situation, we never say you, it's we."

In 1962, President Kennedy sent Federal marshals to the University of Mississippi after Gov. Ross Barnett refused to allow James Meredith to enroll there. Sound familiar? You can read about it in your school history book.

And you can read about Central High. But keep in mind that the crises at Little Rock in 1957 was the exception and not the rule. Unfortunately, it was the first time most of America had ever heard of Little Rock Central. We had never heard of gentlemen like Earl Quigley, Clyde Van Sickle, Raymond Burnett or Wilson Matthews, much less youngsters like Alvin Bell, Johnny Hoffman or Bruce Fullerton.

It's a shame.



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**1** This state annually leads the nation in attendance at their state championship football games:

- a) Pennsylvania
- b) California
- c) Hawaii
- d) Texas
- e) Florida

**2** Which year was there no Fiesta Bowl game?

- a) 1971
- b) 1987
- c) 1981
- d) 1975
- e) 1973

**3** Founded in 1909, it's believed to be the oldest active high school football league in the nation:

- a) Chicago Public League
- b) Los Angeles City League
- c) Chicago Catholic League
- d) Interscholastic League Honolulu
- e) Oakland Bay League

**4** This team was never a pro football franchise in Phoenix:

- a) Phoenix Blazers
- b) Phoenix Cowboys
- c) Phoenix Panthers
- d) Phoenix Suns
- e) Arizona Wranglers

**5** With an official seating capacity of 16,000, this is the largest football stadium on a high school campus in the 4-corner states:

- a) Tucson Amphitheater
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- d) Hobbs, New Mexico
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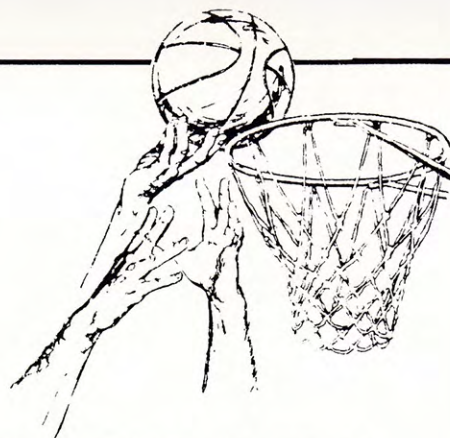
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**ANSWERS:** 1) Hawaii; California and Pennsylvania don't have state football championships; 2) 1981; 3) Interscholastic League of Honolulu; 4) Phoenix Cowboys; 5) Hobbs, New Mexico. PHOTO: Former South Mountain and Arizona star Byron Evans, now with the Philadelphia Eagles.



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