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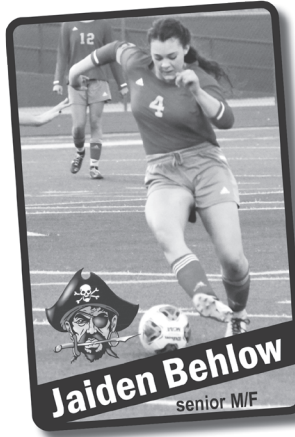


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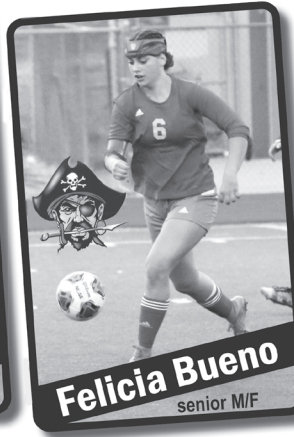
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Six Mingus girls soccer players earn region honors



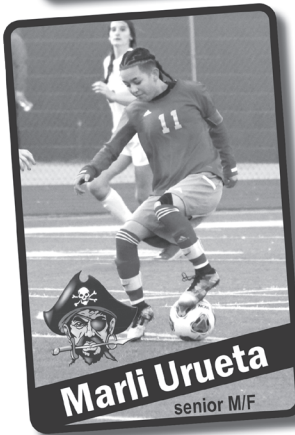
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Felicia Bueno
senior M/F



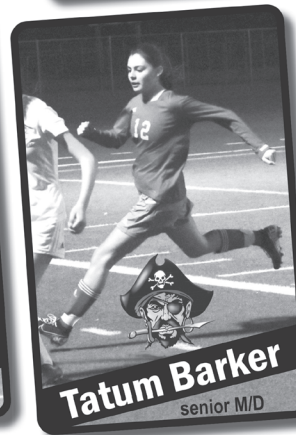
Gabriella San Felice
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Marli Urueta
senior M/F



Zoey Arwine
senior GK



Tatum Barker
senior M/D

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Staff Reporter

Mingus Union girls soccer was well represented in the 4A Grand Canyon recognitions. The Marauders had six players honored, two making first team All-Grand Canyon, two on the second team and two that were honorable mention. Senior midfielder Jaiden

Behlow and senior midfielder/forward Felicia Bueno were named first team All-Region. Senior defender Gabriella San Felice and senior midfielder/forward Marli Urueta made second team All-Grand Canyon. Senior Zoey Arwine and junior defender/midfielder Tatum Barker were honorable mention.

No. 1 Prescott nearly swept the awards, with Paul Campuzano, winning Region Coach of the Year, Emma Alvarez taking Region Offensive Player of the Year and Lily Jensen was Region Player of the Year. Maya Shearon from Flagstaff won Region Defensive Player of the Year. Prescott had the most All-Region players with seven and the most honored overall

with nine. Flagstaff had seven, with five on the All-Region teams and Mohave had six total honors and four All-Region. The Grand Canyon ended the regular season with three top five teams in Prescott, Flagstaff and Mingus Union and six of the seven Grand Canyon teams made the post-season, with four making it to the state tournament proper.

It's the second straight year that Behlow and Bueno were first team All-Region and Urueta was second. Bueno and Urueta were also second team in 2017-18. Last year San Felice was honorable mention. Also in 2017-19, Behlow was honorable mention. In 2016-17, Arwine was honorable mention as well.

Play ball! Spring training starts this week

By **JAMES KELLEY**
Staff Reporter

Major League Baseball Spring Training starts on Friday so here's a quick guide on the Cactus League.

The Cactus League begins play on Friday when the Kansas City Royals host the Texas Rangers. Then there's a full slate of action on Saturday.

Spring training is located in the Phoenix Area and from Friday to Mar. 24 there's at least one game every day.

Arizona Diamondbacks Joined the Cactus

League: 1998
Location: Salt River Fields, near Scottsdale

Interesting concession item: The Talking Stick Mega Dog is a half-pound, foot-long hot dog topped with slow-smoked pulled pork.

Co-tenants: Colorado Rockies

Fun fact: Salt River Fields is the first LEED Gold-certified sports venue in the country

Chicago Cubs Joined the Cactus League: 1952

Location: Sloan Park, Mesa
Interesting concession

item: The Chicago Dog
Fun fact: Sloan Park is known as "Wrigleyville West"

Chicago White Sox Joined the Cactus League: 1998

Location: Camelback Ranch-Glendale, Phoenix
Interesting concession item: 18-inch pizza slice

Co-tenants: Los Angeles Dodgers
Fun fact: The White Sox have spring training in Tucson, Texas, California, Louisiana and Indiana.

Cincinnati Reds Joined the Cactus League: 2010

Location: Goodyear Ballpark, Goodyear

Interesting concession item: Taquito dog, which is a foot-long hot dog wrapped in a flour tortilla with deep-fried cheese and topped with queso, guacamole and pico de gallo.

Co-tenants: Cleveland Indians

Fun fact: The Ohio team's train in Goodyear, which was founded by the tire company of the same name that is based out of Ohio.

Cleveland Indians Joined the Cactus League: 1947, returned

2009

Location: Goodyear Ballpark, Goodyear

Co-tenants: Cincinnati Reds

Fun fact: The Indians spring trained in Tucson from 1947 to 1992 at Hi Corbett Field, which is now the home of University of Arizona baseball. The Indians are managed by UA alum Terry Francona.

Colorado Rockies Joined the Cactus

League: 1993
Location: Salt River Fields, near Scottsdale

Interesting concession item: The Sonoran Hot

Dog is a quarter-pound hot dog wrapped in hickory-smoked bacon and slow-cooked on the grill. It is served on a freshly-baked bun and topped with pico de gallo, pinto ranch beans and mayo.

Co-tenants: Arizona Diamondbacks

Fun fact: Salt River Fields is the first spring training facility ever built on Native American land.

Kansas City Royals Joined the Cactus

League: 2003
Location: Surprise Stadium, Surprise

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UPCOMING

NAU men's basketball hosts Southern Utah on Saturday at 4 p.m. on Pluto TV



Arizona Coyotes host the Washington Capitals on Saturday at 8 p.m. on Fox Sports Arizona and ESPN+



Arizona men's basketball at Stanford on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. on Pac-12 Networks



ASU men's basketball at California on Sunday at 4 p.m. on ESPNU



NAZ Suns at the Canton Charge on Wednesday at 5 p.m. on ESPN+



Phoenix Suns at the Toronto Raptors on Friday at 5:30 p.m. on Fox Sports Arizona



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ROUNDUP

Camp Verde girls hoops wins region with sweep of No. 5 Valley Lutheran

By JAMES KELLEY
Staff Reporter

Camp Verde High girls basketball ended the regular season perfect and clinched the Central Region championship on Friday night.

The No. 1 Cowboys (26-2, 12-0 Central) beat No. 5 Valley Lutheran 61-46 on the road to win their 21st game in a row. Camp Verde finished with an 18-0 regular season record (tournament games don't count in the rankings) and have also won 21 of their last 22 games.

Still, Valley Lutheran only lost the two region games to Camp Verde so the Valentine's Day date was the de facto region championship.

The Cowboys held Valley Lutheran, who averages 55.3 points a game, to seven points in the second quarter and nine in the third.

On Tuesday night at No. 20 Glendale Prep, the Cowboys won 44-40.

Camp Verde opens the state tournament on Friday at a site in the Prescott area.

Camp Verde boys basketball wins region

Camp Verde High boys basketball rebounded on Friday to win the Central Region championship.

The No. 7 Cowboys (23-4, 11-1 Central) beat No. 40 Valley Lutheran 77-28 on Friday night on the road.

Sophomore point guard Cristoph Castro led the way with 18 points. Senior center C.J. Bast scored 12 and sophomore guard/forward Chino Salas-Zorrilla had 10.

Salas-Zorrilla had five



Camp Verde senior Jacy Finley scores against Sedona Red Rock at home. The Cowboys haven't lost since Dec. 13. VVN/James Kelley

steals and senior shooting guard Jason Collier had 10 rebounds.

The victory won the Central Region for the Cowboys as they finished tied 11-1 with Glendale Prep but won the tie breaker due to their 12-12A record.

On Tuesday the Cowboys lost 64-27 at No. 1 Glendale Prep. On Jan. 31 in Camp Verde, CV beat GP 65-58.

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Beaver Creek girls hoops wins Verde Valley League Tournament

Beaver Creek girls basketball capped the regular season by winning the Verde Valley League Tournament.

The Bobcats (14-2) averaged 40 points a game. Beaver Creek hosted the tournament and Sedona finished second and

Mountain View Prep third.

The Bobcats had five players earn all-tournament team honors led by Makela Martinez won Defensive MVP and Felicia Valenzuela was Offensive MVP. Marisol Salas-Zorrilla and Anahit Ruiz were first team all tournament. Sandra Sanchez-Oviedo was second team.

Beaver Creek's coaches, Micca Martinez and Jessica Richardson said "We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make the tournament a success."

Mingus boys soccer barely misses postseason

Mingus Union boys soccer season came to an end on Tuesday as they just missed out on the postseason.

The AA announced the 4A state play-in games and the Marauders narrowly missed out.

Mingus Union (5-5-2,

1-3-2 Grand Canyon) rose up to No. 25 in the final rankings but the play-in features teams ranked ninth to No. 24.

Casa Grande got the final spot.

Mingus boys basketball falls at Lee Williams

Mingus Union boys basketball lost their ninth game in a row in their season finale.

The No. 45 Marauders (4-23, 1-11 Grand Canyon) lost 59-37 at No. 22 Lee Williams on Tuesday night.

Marauder girls hoops end season winless

Mingus Union girls basketball dropped their season finale.

The No. 45 Marauders (0-21, 0-12 Grand Canyon) lost 51-28 at No. 26 Lee Williams on Tuesday night.

Camp Verde announces Phoenix Rising trip

Camp Verde Parks & Recreation is excited to announce their spring bus trip to see the Phoenix Rising vs. the Portland Timbers 2.

The home opener game will be played at the Casino Arizona Field in Scottsdale. Both teams are part of the professional United Soccer League.

The game will be on Saturday, March 7. The bus will leave the Community Center Gym, 51 E. Holloman St., at 5:00 p.m. and returns after the

game. Tickets are \$36 for adults (18 and up) and \$34 for youth (17 and under). (Tickets are greatly discounted.) We can accommodate up to 40 people on this trip.

Register on-line at <https://campverde.sportsites.com/player> or click the blue "Book Now" link on Town of Camp Verde Parks and Recreation Facebook page or find a link on our

homepage at campverde.az.gov. You will want to register early to guarantee your spot for this one! Registration deadline March 1, 2020.

Contact Camp Verde Parks & Recreation at 305 S. Main St., parks@campverde.az.gov or (928) 554-0827 for more information or reservations. — Camp Verde Parks & Recreation



MLB

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Interesting concession item: puffy tacos
Co-tenants: Texas Rangers

Fun fact: Surprise honors a different military branch before each Sunday game.

Los Angeles Angels
Joined the Cactus League: 1982

Location: Tempe Diablo Stadium, Tempe
Interesting concession item: batting helmet nachos

Fun fact: Tempe Diablo is built on top of a hill, is just blocks from two major freeways and is also minutes away from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Los Angeles Dodgers
Joined the Cactus League: 2009

Location: Camelback Ranch/Glendale, Phoenix
Co-tenants: Chicago White Sox

Fun fact: The Dodgers trained at the famous Dodgertown in Vero Beach, Florida from 1949 until 2008 when they joined the other western teams in the Cactus League.

Milwaukee Brewers
Joined the Cactus League: 1969

Location: American Family Fields of Phoenix, Phoenix

Interesting concession item: The Bratcho is a blend of nachos and a bratwurst

Fun fact: In the middle of the sixth inning, the Klemm's Sausage Race is held. Five racing sausages run from the right field corner to home plate.

Oakland Athletics
Joined the Cactus League: 1969

Location: Hohokam Stadium, Mesa
Interesting concession item: Mistiche Pretzels are a reference to A's legend Rollie Hingers.

Fun fact: Over half the

seating bowl of Hohokam is shaded for the entirety of the game.

San Diego Padres
Joined the Cactus League: 1969

Location: Peoria Sports Complex, Peoria

Interesting concession item: The foot-long "Ruthian" hot dog

Co-tenants: Seattle Mariners
Fun fact: This year's Spring Training hats feature a logo within a logo and when they placed the SD inside the Swinging Friar, some fans thought it looked like a swatsika, so soon after the Padres were wearing different hats.

Texas Rangers
Joined the Cactus League: 2003

Location: Surprise Stadium, Surprise

Interesting concession item: cool shaved iced "Snowie" in over 30 flavors

Co-tenants: Kansas City Royals
Fun fact: The playing field is named after the Surprise's first Parks and Recreation Director, Billy Parker. He played three years in the big leagues and hit a game-winning home run in his first MLB game.

game days for fans to come in and watch the team practice.

Seattle Mariners
Joined the Cactus League: 1977

Location: Peoria Sports Complex, Peoria

Co-tenants: San Diego Padres

Fun fact: Peoria Sports Complex was the first two-team spring training facility in baseball.

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VERDE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE



Feb. 18 – Mingus girls soccer state quarterfinals, TBD, 6 p.m.

Feb. 18 – Camp Verde girls basketball state play-in, TBD, TBA

Feb. 19 – Mingus girls basketball state first round, TBD, 7 p.m.

Feb. 19 – Camp Verde boys basketball state play-in, TBD, TBA

Feb. 20 – Mingus softball hosts Camp Verde and Winslow (scrimmage), 3:45 p.m.

Feb. 20 – Camp Verde softball at Mingus with Winslow (scrimmage), 3:45 p.m.

Feb. 21 – Mingus girls tennis hosts Sedona Red Rock (scrimmage), 3:45 p.m.

Feb. 21 – Camp Verde boys basketball state tournament first round, at Prescott Area, TBD

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Feb. 22 – Camp Verde baseball hosts Williams (scrimmage), 2 p.m.

Feb. 22 – Camp Verde boys basketball state tournament quarterfinals, at Prescott Area, TBD

Feb. 22 – Camp Verde girls basketball state tournament quarterfinals, at Prescott Area, TBD

Feb. 22 – Mingus baseball at Scottsdale Christian (scrimmage), noon

Feb. 22 – Mingus girls soccer state semifinals, at Gilbert Williams Field, 5 p.m.

Feb. 25 – Mingus girls soccer state final, at Gilbert Williams Field, 5 p.m.

Feb. 26 – Mingus boys tennis hosts Poston Butte, 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 26 – Mingus girls tennis at Poston Butte, 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 26 – Camp Verde baseball at Mayer, 3:45 p.m.

Feb. 26-29 – Mingus baseball at the Wayne DeCombs Pre-Season West Side Invitational, at Tolleson Union, TBA

Feb. 27 – Mingus girls tennis hosts Betty H. Fairfax, 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 27 – Mingus boys tennis at Betty H. Fairfax, 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 28 – Camp Verde baseball at Williams, 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

Feb. 28 – Camp Verde boys basketball state tournament semifinals, at Veterans Memorial Coliseum (Phoenix), TBD

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Feb. 28-29 – Mingus softball hosts Mingus Union "Not Just Another Tournament," TBA

Feb. 29 – Mingus track and field at the Thunder Invite, at Phoenix Desert Vista, 11 a.m.

Feb. 28-29 – Camp Verde softball at Mingus Union "Not Just Another Tournament" (Cottonwood), TBA

Feb. 29 – Camp Verde boys basketball state tournament championship, at Veterans Memorial Coliseum (Phoenix), TBA



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