City of Palms Classic

13 National champions / All-time

2025-26: Phoenix CIA-Bella Vista (Ariz.) 26-4 BIL, MAX … **Third place at City of Palms Signature Seres** … D.J. Wright

Top Players: Miles Sadler (5-11, G), Paul Osaruyi (6-9, C), Lyris Robinson (6-4, G)

The Bears shook off a 22-point loss to Prolific Prep in the City of Palms Classic to win both the EYBL Scholastic Tournament and season-ending Chipotle Nationals, under first-year head coach D.J. Wright, becoming the first Arizona team to finish No. 1 in the country. West Virginia-bound point guard Miles Sadler averaged 21.5 ppg during the conference tourney and 23.3 at the Chipotle Nationals.

2024-25: Miami Columbus (Fla.) 30-3 BIL, MAX … **City of Palms champion** … Andrew Moran

Top Players: Cameron Boozer (6-6, PF), Cayden Boozer (6-10, G); Caleb Gaskins (6-7, F), Jaxon Richardson (6-10, W), Cello Jackson (6-0, PG)

The Explorers started off as preseason FAB 50 No. 1 and navigated through a challenging national schedule to claim the first national titles by an FHSAA program, also becoming the first parochial school to capture the FAB 50 title since now-defunct St. Anthony (Jersey City, N.J.) in 2010-11. The Boozers led the program to four consecutive Class 7A state championships and a 117-16 four-year record.

2023-24: Montverde Academy (Fla.) 33-0 BIL, MAX … **City of Palms champion** … Kevin Boyle

Top Players: Cooper Flagg (6-6, F), Derik Queen (6-10, C); Liam McNeeley (6-7, F), Asa Newell (6-10, F), Robert Wright III (6-0, G)

Became the third team under coach Kevin Boyle (344-26 at MVA, 854-158 overall) to claim a FAB 50 title with an unbeaten record, matching the 2018 and 2020 Montverde squads. The Eagles closed out their season with the program's seventh Chipotle Nationals crown and were 24-0 against teams that were FAB 50-ranked at some point during the season, with only three games decided by single-digits.

2021-22: Montverde Academy (Fla.) 22-4 BIL, MAX … **City of Palms champion** … Kevin Boyle

Top Players: Dariq Whitehead (6-6, G), Malik Reneau (6-7, F); Dillon Mitchell (6-7, F)

Not quite as dominant as their predecessors two years earlier, the Eagles won their first three City of Palms games by an average 27-point margin before surviving Oak Hill Academy 60-55 in the championship game. The creation of the NIBC for national prep powers accounted for three of their four losses.

2019-20: Montverde Academy (Fla.) 25-0 BIL, MAX … **City of Palms champion** … Kevin Boyle

Top Players: Scottie Barnes (6-8, F), MaxPreps All-American; Cade Cunningham (6-6, G), MaxPreps All-American; Day'Ron Sharpe (6-10, C), MaxPreps All-American fifth team; Moses Moody (6-5, G), MaxPreps All-American honorable mention

Considered one of the greatest teams in high school history, the Eagles won three City of Palms games by an average 36.7 points, then beat IMG Academy 63-55 in the championship – their only single-digit winning margin of the season. Barnes, Cunningham, Sharpe and Moody were all taken in the first round of the NBA draft in 2021 with Cunningham going first overall.

2018-19: IMG Academy (Fla.) 31-1 BIL, USA, MAX … **Fifth-place at City of Palms** *(lost to Mountain Brook, Ala., 72-67)* … Sean McAloon

Top Players: Josh Green (6-6, G), MaxPreps All-American honorable mention; Jaden Springer (6-4, G, Jr), MaxPreps All-American honorable mention; Jeremiah Robinson-Earl (F), MaxPreps All-American; Armando Bacot (C), MaxPreps All-American

The Ascenders suffered a stunning 72-67 loss to Mountain Brook (Ala.) in the City of Palms quarterfinals, but rebounded to win the GEICO Nationals.

2015-16: Chino Hills (Calif.) 35-0 MAX, BIL, USA, NPP … **City of Palms champion** … Steve Baik

Top Players: Lonzo Ball (6-6, G), MaxPreps National Player of the Year; LiAngelo Ball (6-5, Jr, G), MaxPreps All-American honorable mention; LaMelo Ball, MaxPreps Freshman Co-Player of the Year; Onyeka Okongwu, MaxPreps Freshman Co-Player of the Year

An eye-opening 83-82 victory over Montverde Academy in the City of Palms quarterfinals propelled Chino Hills into the spotlight. Three players – Lonzo & LaMelo Ball, and Okongwu – reached the NBA.

2014-15: Montverde Academy (Fla.) 31-1 MAX, GR, USA, NPP … **City of Palms runner-up** … Kevin Boyle

Top Players: Ben Simmons (6-9, F), MaxPreps National Player of the Year

The Eagles suffered a 72-65 loss to Jaylen Brown-powered Marietta Wheeler in the City of Palms championship game, but ended the year with a GEICO Nationals championship against Oak Hill Academy.

2013-14: Montverde Academy (Fla.) 27-1* USA, NPP, SS … **City of Palms champion** … Kevin Boyle

Top Players: D'Angelo Russell, MaxPreps National Player of the Year; Ben Simmons, MaxPreps All-American

MaxPreps went with undefeated California state champion Mater Dei while three other media outlets chose the undefeated Eagles. Mater Dei's Stanley Johnson was the California state player of the year, while Montverde's Russell was the national player of the year.

2012-13: Montverde Academy (Fla.) 26-2 USA, NPP, SS … **City of Palms champion** … Kevin Boyle

Top Players: Kasey Hill, MaxPreps All-American; Dakari Johnson, MaxPreps All-American.

2012-13: Lone Peak (Highland, Utah) 26-1 USA, NPP, SS … **City of Palms runner-up** … Quincy Lewis

Top Players: Nick Emery, MaxPreps All-American; TJ Haws, MaxPreps All-American

For the second year, MaxPreps (Lone Peak) separated its national rankings into state association schools and academy schools. The Eagles lost to Findlay Prep and Paul VI, but handed Lone Peak its only loss – 66-45 in the City of Palms championship game – and ended the year with a win at the GEICO Nationals.

2004-05: Niagara Falls (N.Y.) 28-1 NPP, SS … **City of Palms champion** … Dan Bazzani

Top Players: Paul Harris, USA Today All-America second team (in 2006); Johnny Flynn (Soph, G), Parade All-American (in 2007).

Student Sports and the National Prep Poll both had Niagara Falls at No. 1, while USA Today chose Oak Hill Academy.

1994-95: New Orleans St. Augustine (La.) 37-1 USA, NPP, NSNS … **City of Palms champion** … Bernard Griffith

Top Players: Maurice Robertson, all-state first team; Eugene Edgerson, all-state second team.

The Purple Knights became the first team to earn a national championship from the state of Louisiana.

Note: NSNS - National Sports News Service, MP - MaxPreps, BW - Basketball Weekly, USA - USA Today, GR - Grass Roots, BIL - Ballislife, SS - Student Sports, NIT - National Invitational Tournament; NICT - National invitational Catholic Tournament, NPP - National Prep Poll.