

## State Champions!



*Chaparral Firebirds Baseball  
2011 5A-II State Champions!*

### Firebirds defeat Perry for title

You couldn't write a better ending to the season with **Chaparral** winning their ninth state title in the school's history with a **10 – 3** victory over **Gilbert Perry** Saturday night at Phoenix Muni Stadium.

**The Firebirds** relied on a powerful offense that delivered all season long, and eight different players contributed to the teams 11 hit total.

The Pumas got on the board first on a **Chris Spelts** rbi single in the third for a **1 – 0** lead.

But **Eric Brossart** got the rally started again with a lead-off single then scored the first run as the **Firebirds** took control in the third inning with seven runs on six hits to take a **7 – 1** lead. **Joey Bielek** doubled and scored; **Jordie Hien** was hit and scored; **Nick DeRegis** drove in two runs on a triple and scored; **Colby Targun** drove in a run; **AJ Schillinger** singled and scored; **Nick Diamond** singled and scored; and **Kyle Toth** drove in two runs on a triple then scored.

**Starting pitcher Nick Diamond** limited the **Pumas** to three hits thru four innings before giving up two runs on hits by **SS David Walker, 3B Wil Schommer, & C Alex Burridge** in the fifth. But **Diamond** refused to come out of the game and got the next three batters to end the fifth leading **7 – 3**.

Perry's ace **Jaren Drummond** was finally chased in the sixth, and the top of the **Firebird** batting order came through again with four straight singles by **Bielek, Hein, DeRegis, & Targun** to tack on three insurance runs for a **10 – 3** lead.

**Peter Lenstrohm** entered in the sixth and dominated the **Pumas** line-up, facing only seven batters to get the final six outs, giving up one hit while striking out two including the final batter.

### **Congratulations to the Firebirds & Coach Messina on a fabulous season!**

Graduating Seniors – Thank you for your leadership contribution to the team and Good Luck in your athletic & academic endeavors.

My final words in the last edition of this year's Flash –

*That's Firebird Baseball!*