



Time Out



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Athlete Of The Year?

If you are wondering about "athletes of the year" at AJHS for the 2007-08 school year, consider the following, listed by grade: Seniors Louie Crespo (football and track), Katie Corbin (volleyball and softball), Angelica Valtierra (volleyball, basketball and softball), Brianna O'Brien (volleyball and softball), Jeremy Loya (football and track), Ed Mayora (football and track), Tim Harlan (wrestling), Frankie Baker (cross country and track) and Josh Morgan (track), juniors Shane McCullen (football and track), Rusty Fernando (football and track), Jessica Iniguez (volleyball and tennis), and Mayra Castaneda (cross country, soccer and track), sophomores Nate Scola (football and baseball), Zane Morgan (cross country and track), Keisha McClincy (volleyball and track), Montanna Scott (cross country and track) and Mike Davalos (football and baseball), and freshmen Sierra Aulik (basketball and softball), Lindsey Skinner (softball) and Reba DePriest (softball).

AJHS Boys Crowned State Champs In Track & Field

Crespo wins individual title with record throw in discus; 4x100 relay also takes first with school record time

By Chuck Baker
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At the Desert Sky Region Track and Field Meet on May 2nd, the Apache Junction boys found themselves in a three-way battle for the team title along with Paradise Valley and Phoenix Shadow Mountain with only the 4x400 relay left to go. But after slipping to a fourth place finish in the

final race, the Prospectors had to settle for second place with 125.50 team points behind the 129 scored by Paradise Valley after their relay squad took second. Shadow Mountain ran fifth in the final relay and came in third in the team competition with 124 points.

So, how would the AJHS boys respond the following week at the 4A-I State Championships after their disappointing sec-

ond place finish at the region meet?

Led by senior Louie Crespo's record-breaking throw in discus of 163-06 feet to claim an individual state title and led by the Prospector's amazing 4x100 relay team of senior Josh Morgan and juniors Shane McCullen, Rusty Fernando and Bo Bankhead who ran to a first place finish with a school-record time of 42:79, the Apache Junction boys tallied 67 team points to win the 4A-I state team title on Saturday, May 10th at Mesa Community College.

It was the school's first team title at a State Track and Field Meet and it comes in the Prospectors very first season competing at the 4A-I level.

Tucson Sabino finished in second place with 57.50 points, Phoenix Thunderbird came in third place with 49 points and Paradise Valley, the team that edged out AJHS for the region title, tied for sixth place with 42 team points.

On the second and final night of the State Championships, Crespo and the relay squad each earned 10 team points for their first place finish. McCullen then tacked on 16 points by running second in both the 100 meters (11:11) and 200 meters (21:95), Morgan scored eight



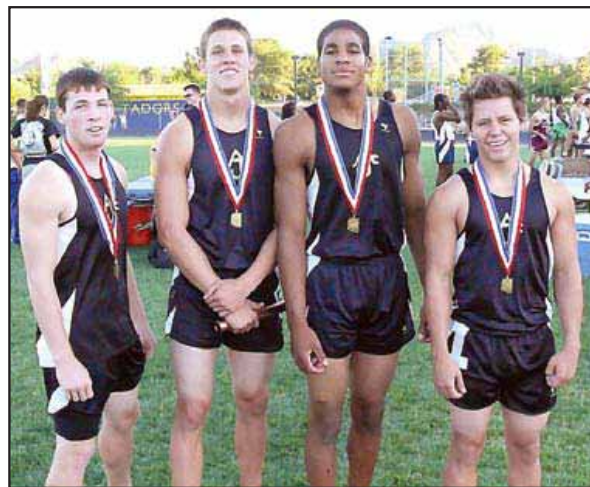
Apache Junction senior Louie Crespo shattered his own school record in discus at the 4A-I State Track and Field Championships held May 10th at Mesa Community College when he threw the discus 163-06 to win first place. Crespo's previous record was 158-00 set last season. Louie also placed second overall at State in shot put with a throw of 51-00.

points with his second place finish in long jump (21-09) and Fernando added a point with his eighth place finish in the 300 intermediate hurdles (42:06).

Those 45 points scored on Saturday coupled with the 22 team points tallied on Wednes-

day, May 7 when Crespo finished second in shot put (51-00), McCullen tied for second in high jump (6-02), senior Jeremy Loya placed fourth in shot put (46-07), and sophomore Zane Morgan ran 7th in

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The AJHS boys 4x100 meter relay team of (left to right) Josh Morgan, Shane McCullen, Rusty Fernando and Bo Bankhead were crowned State Champions on Saturday, May 10th at the 4A-I State Track and Field Championships after combining for a school-record time of 42:79 in the finals. The previous school record was set back in 2005 of 42:90 by the foursome of Sam Harlan, Aaron Quiroz, Alex Rodrigues and Morgan during his freshman year at AJHS.

Six Lady Prospectors Make All-Region Softball Team

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Six Lady Prospector softball players made the Desert Sky All-Region teams in the school's very first season of competition at the 4A-I level. Senior pitcher/shortstop Terra Ciesielski was chosen to the 1st Team, senior catcher Katie Corbin and freshman catcher/infielder Lindsey Skinner were both selected 2nd Team, and senior Brianna O'Brien, sophomore Chelsey Streibich and freshman pitcher/infielder Reba DePriest were selected Honorable Mention.

The AJHS girls finished their first season of 4A-I ball with a 19-15 overall record, which

included a 6-0 loss to second-ranked Scottsdale Chaparral in the first round of the 4A-I State Tournament. The AJHS girls also finished 6-6 overall in their first season of Desert Sky Region play.

Ciesielski went 10-9 as a pitcher this past season and struck out 131 batters in 101 innings pitched. At the plate, Terra batted .376 on the season and led the team with her 26 runs batted in, four triples and four homeruns.

Skinner batted .406 in her freshman season, a team high, and also collected a team best 39 hits while driving in 16 runs and scoring 23 runs, tied for the team high along with Ciesielski.



Senior Terra Ciesielski (left) was a 1st Team All-Region pick this season while senior Katie Corbin (right) was named 2nd Team



Corbin finished the season with a .333 average with a team-high 108 official at-bats, tallied 36 hits, scored 22 runs and led the team with her 13 doubles.

O'Brien batted .372 with 17

RBI, Streibich batted .340, drove in 19 runs and had a team-high 13 stolen bases, while DePriest went 7-4 as a pitcher with 64 strikeouts in 69

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New Athletic Director Chosen For AJHS

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Dwayne Folsom from Tacoma, Washington has been selected as the new Athletic Director/Assistant Principal at Apache Junction High School according to a press release issued by the AJUSD. The decision was confirmed by the AJUSD Governing Board at the May 13 meeting and was based on the recommendation of AJHS Principal Jim Denton.

Folsom will replace current A.D. Eric Rodine, who is stepping down after this school year and will be accepting a similar position in his home state of Minnesota. Rodine was athletic director at AJHS for two years.

Folsom comes to AJHS with a Masters of Education and Administrative Certification from the City University of Tacoma.

His undergraduate Degree in Arts, History was earned at Washington State University.

Folsom has been the Assistant Principal at Auburn Mountainview High School since 2005. Prior to his duties at Auburn, he was Assistant Principal at Peninsula High School in Gig Harbor, Washington between 2001 and 2005. Folsom has 17 years in education and has coached basketball for grades seven through twelve and was responsible for the supervision and evaluation of coaches.

At Auburn Mountainview, Folsom oversaw instructional practices for physical education and was responsible for hiring both certified and classified staff. Folsom coordinated state standardized testing at his former school, implemented a teacher mentor program, developed emergency and safety preparedness plans, and was



Dwayne Folsom of Tacoma, Washington was named the new athletic director at AJHS at the May 13 AJUSD Governing Board meeting

co-coordinator of collection of data for school improvement. His administrative experience also includes developing balanced budgets, organizing student activities, and student discipline.

Folsom is married and has two children.

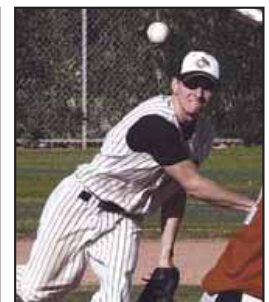
"I am looking forward to working with the students at AJHS," he said. "I feel that a strong match exists between my experiences and abilities and the requirements of this position."

Denton's recommendation of Folsom to the Governing Board was part of a selection process conducted by a committee of five including Denton, Assistant Principal Marl Blomgren and three AJHS teachers. There were 44 out-of-district candidates and 11 in-district candidates, eight of whom were interviewed before the final recommendations were made.

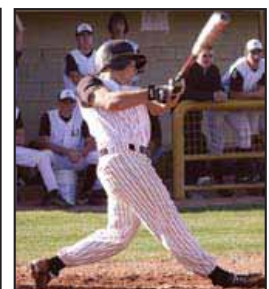
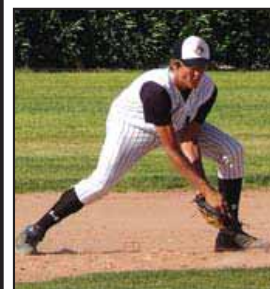
Folsom, responding via email, said he plans to arrive at AJHS sometime during the last week of June and added, "The staff and administrative team (at AJHS) that I have met so far have been great and supportive."

Prospector Baseball "Team Awards"

The Prospector varsity baseball team recently held their post season awards banquet and those players honored included senior David Gay (Prospector Award), sophomores Nate Scola and Mike Davalos (co-MVPs) and freshman Nick Saathoff (Most Improved Player). Congratulations to the AJHS players for their accomplishments.



Sophomore Mike Davalos (above and left) batted .400 this season and was named a team co-MVP while senior pitcher David Gay (right) picked up the Prospector Award



Freshman Nick Saathoff (above, left) was named the team's "most improved player" while sophomore Nate Scola (right) was chosen a co-MVP