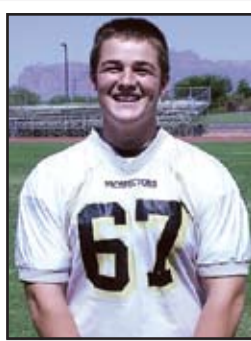
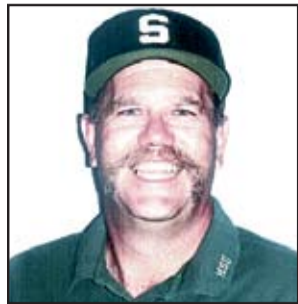




**A.J. Football Players Shine At Combine,** see story, page C-2



# Time Out **AJHS Volleyball Ends Summer With A Bang**



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A busy Summer of workouts, speed camps and practices got even busier for members of the Lady Prospector volleyball team in their final week of Summer prep with not one, but two tournaments played over six days involving more than 30 matches and with the AJHS girls bringing home two championship trophies.

On Sunday, July 13, the Lady Prospectors headed to Laughlin, Nevada for the Colorado River Volleyball Camp and Tournament and played 21 "pool play" matches the first three days of the camp at both Needles High School in California and River Valley High School in Bullhead City.

After going 9-12 overall in pool play, Apache Junction then competed in a single elimination, Silver Bracket tournament on Thursday, July 17 at Needles HS.

The Lady Prospectors opened with a 25-10, 25-9 win over Chinle and then defeated Tempe Prep 25-18, 25-16 to advance to the championship match against Snowflake.

In a very close match, the teams traded the first two games with A.J. winning 25-23 and Snowflake also pulling out a 25-23 win, and then in the third and deciding game, Apache Junction prevailed 15-13.

"It was a nail-biter," said AJHS head coach Mandy Gamboa. "The girls played their hearts out, especially when you consider that we were using a new lineup on the court."

The team members for AJHS included seniors Tina Garcia, Randee Drennan and Rachel McKay, juniors Kylie Bocskay, Katie Karbo, Cat Ovalle, Chayla Langley, Alyssa Aranda, Amy Meagley and Diana Woodruff, and sophomores Sierra Aulik and Monica Geer.

"We used this tournament to test our new lineup on the court," said Gamboa.

## Sports Chatter

Overall, it was a pretty impressive Summer for AJHS teams with the volleyball team winning tournaments in California and in Florence, the softball team finishing runner-up in the Tempe Summer League, the Prospector offensive linemen winning the annual Linemen Olympics held during the Passing League, the baseball team picking up a few wins, the girls basketball team traveling to Oregon for a tournament and others like wrestlers, cheerleaders, boys basketball players and soccer players staying busy with camps, leagues and workouts.

But it remains to be seen how Summer success will translate into Fall success when the second season of 4A-I play officially gets underway when the AJHS football teams opens up August 29 taking on Flagstaff Sinagua inside the Walkup Dome on the campus of Northern Arizona University.

Many believe this could be out final year of 4A-I level play for a while as we may be dropping back down to 4A-II in 2009. Apparently, when the new Combs District high school opens in 2009, we are expected to lose a couple hundred students and growth in the AJUSD is unlikely to make up the difference.

Here are some things to watch for in 2008-09.

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*The AJHS girls squad of (left to right) Jessica Iniguez, Sierra Aulik, Diana Woodruff, Kylie Bocskay, Katie Karbo and Monique Thomas pose with the championship trophy after going undefeated and winning the Florence High School volleyball tournament played on Saturday, July 19th. A seventh player, Cat Ovalle, had to leave the tournament early due to a family obligation. The squad was coached by Mandy Gamboa and Jake Heermans. (photo courtesy of Dianna Karbo)*



*Tournament Champs! The Lady Prospector volleyball team lets everyone know they truly are No. 1 after winning their division tournament at the Colorado River Volleyball Camp held two weeks ago. Apache Junction defeated Snowflake in the championship match. Team members included seniors Tina Garcia, Randee Drennan and Rachel McKay, juniors Kylie Bocskay, Katie Karbo, Cat Ovalle, Chayla Langley, Alyssa Aranda and Diana Woodruff, and sophomores Sierra Aulik and Monica Geer. The AJHS girls are coached by Mandy Gamboa and Jake Heermans. (photo courtesy of Dianna Karbo)*

## The Little Giants Go 'Big'

Former AJHS quarterback Daniel Ambrosio to head to Wabash College

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Former Apache Junction High School quarterback Daniel Ambrosio was listed at 6-4 in the AJHS 2007 Fall Sports Program football team roster so it might seem a bit odd that Ambrosio will be continuing his football career this Fall playing for the "Little Giants."

But when Ambrosio reports to Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind., for a mini-football camp on Aug. 16, the former Prospector QB will begin his collegiate career



*Six foot, four inch former Prospector quarterback Daniel Ambrosio will be heading to Indiana in August to continue his playing career for the Wabash College "Little Giants," a NCAA Division III school (submitted photo) playing for the NCAA Division III Little Giants, a team ranked No. 4 in the preseason poll. Wabash College is no-1 in the nation by USA Today* see **Wabash**, page C-3

## AJHS Football To Scrimmage Washington HS On August 21st

Apache Junction High School varsity and junior varsity football teams will scrimmage against Washington HS on Thursday, August 21 at Davis Field. These will be controlled scrimmages with each team running a set number of plays on offense. Complete 2008 AJHS Fall sports schedules are available at [www.ajhs.ajusd.org](http://www.ajhs.ajusd.org) by clicking on "Sports" icon and then "Fall Sports Schedules" icon.

### 2008 AJHS Varsity Football Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Thur.	8/21	Washington*	Home	7:00
Fri.	8/29	Sinagua**	Away	TBD
Fri.	9/5	Agua Fria	Home	7:00
Fri.	9/12	Raymond Kellis	Away	7:00
Fri.	9/19	Queen Creek	Home	7:00
Fri.	9/26	Chaparral ***	Home	7:00
Fri.	10/3	Independence	Away	7:00
Fri.	10/10	Shadow Mtn.***	Home	7:00
Fri.	10/17	Paradise Valley***	Away	7:00
Fri.	10/24	Saguaro***	Home	7:00
Fri.	10/31	Cactus Shadows***	Away	7:00
Fri.	11/7	McClintock***	Away	7:00

\* scrimmage game;

\*\* AJHS game is one of four games played inside Walkup Dome on campus of Northern Arizona University as part of the 2008 Kickoff Classic;

\*\*\* denotes Desert Sky Region opponent

2008 AJHS Homecoming: 9/26 vs. Chaparral

## Ultimate Lifeguard Challenge



*The Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Department sent two teams of lifeguards to compete in the American Red Cross Ultimate Lifeguard Challenge held Monday, July 21, and sponsored by the University of Phoenix. One all-boys team of Richard Simeonoff, Colin McGann, Erik Thunberg and Traston Yates competed as did one co-ed team of Ashley Nagle, Robert Mohle, Clarrisa Mohle and Matt Tomasetti. In the "distressed swimmer rescue" event, Robert Mohle ended up placing 3rd overall out of twenty-five entries. Mohle, who competed on last year's Apache Junction High School swim team and qualified for the 4A-I State Championships in three events, will continue his swimming career at Grand Canyon University this coming Fall. In the top right photo, the A.J. lifeguards are (left to right, standing) Simeonoff, Robert Mohle, McGann, Tomasetti, Nagle and Clarrisa Mohle and (left to right, kneeling) Erik Thunberg and Traston Yates. In the bottom left photo, the all-boys squad pictured left to right are McGann, Simeonoff, Yates and Thunberg, and pictured left to right in the bottom right photo is the co-ed squad of Tomasetti, Robert Mohle, Clarissa Mohle and Nagle. (all photos courtesy of Bob Mohle)*

