



Time Out



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No E-mails, Please

Before you decide to fire off a nasty e-mail complaining about the lack of swimming and cross country coverage from last week, you should know that I only received team scores from last week and no individual results.

Tough Luck Kid

Prospector senior Mike Taylor just might be the best AJHS running back you never got to see. In each of the last three seasons, Mike went down with an injury, including last Friday night in the Raymond Kellis game in Glendale.

During his sophomore year while playing for the junior varsity, Mike was just a few yards shy of reaching 1,000 rushing yards for the season when he tore the ACL in his left knee and missed the team's last few games.

As a junior, we saw flashes of brilliance from Taylor while giving All State back Shane McCullen a breather until he injured his leg in the team's 7th game and missed a couple of games.

Last Friday at Raymond Kellis, Mike went down in the first quarter following a run and hobbled to the sideline. Based on the way he was moving, I was surprised to see him back out on the field later in the first half when he went down a second time, and this time, he had to be carted off the field.

The latest injury comes after Mike had run for 115 yards and a score on just nine carries in the September 5 win over Agua Fria, and this one, happening to the same left knee, didn't look good but we are all keeping our fingers crossed.

Tops In Nation

Prospector coach Rich Milligan passed along an email on Saturday that says the Prospectors lead the nation in team rushing according to www.max-preps.com.

AJHS Swim & Dive

By Chuck Baker
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Both the boys and girls swim and dive teams from Apache Junction High School hosted their first two home meets of the season last Tuesday and Thursday and finished second on Thursday with three schools competing.

In the boys competition, Phoenix Shadow Mountain took first place with 61

team points while AJHS came in second with 38 team points and Glendale finished a distant third with three team points.

In the girls competition, Shadow Mountain scored 54 points to finish first, Apache Junction garnered 37 for a second place finish and Glendale was third with seven team points.

Individual race results or any results from Tuesday's home meet against Scotts-

dale Saguro were not reported when *The News* went to press.

The AJHS swim and dive teams will return home this Tuesday, September 16, hosting Sandra Day O'Connor and Cottonwood Mingus. The meet is scheduled to begin around 3:30 p.m. The team's next meet will be on Wednesday, September 24, at Tempe McClintock and additional home meets are scheduled for September 25 against Cave Creek Cactus Shadows and October 2 against Phoenix Christian and Coolidge.

More pictures from last Tuesday's home meet are shown on page C-6 of this edition of *The News*.

(At left) AJHS swimmer Cody Beck competes in the 100 freestyle race at last Tuesday's home meet.



Lady Prospector swimmer Nicole VanDeLaare competes in the 200 individual medley in last Tuesday's home meet against Scottsdale Saguro.

AJHS Boys Golf Team In Full Swing

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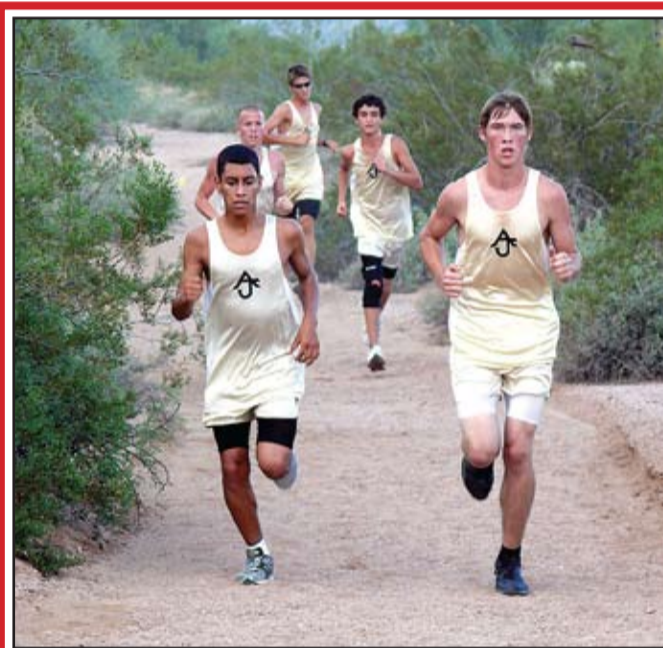
The Prospector golf team's 2008 season is in full swing with matches and tournaments. This past Tuesday, the AJHS boys finished second in a

three-team match played at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Tempe. Higley finished first as a team with a 139 score, Apache Junction came in second with a 159 team score and

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Prospector golfer Tyler Smith tees off during a recent home match played at Apache Creek Golf Club.



Off And Running

The AJHS cross country teams held their only home meet this past Wednesday at Prospector Park and in this picture, five Prospectors were captured running together on the course at Prospector Park, including Antonio Juarez (front left), Colt Grandstaff (front right), Andrew Frost (second left), Armando Zuniga (second right) and Jimmy Olson (back).

Prospectors Topple Kellis 56-0 For 3-0 Start

By Chuck Baker
The News

Prospector head football coach Rich Milligan knew that this year's offensive line was smaller than last year's with not nearly as much depth due to losses stemming from graduation. He spent the off-season searching college offenses trying to find one that would minimize the team's shortcomings and liked what he saw from former Navy coach Paul Johnson.

Johnson used what he called the "flexbone" offense at Navy that normally features two running backs lined up in the slot as flankers with one of them coming in motion on most snaps. The offense is similar to an option-style one and relies very heavily on the quarterback, and in this



Prospector junior running back Terry Eytcheson (#34) gets a nice block down-field from wide receiver Derek Hoffman on this 11-yard run in Friday's game against Raymond Kellis. Eytcheson, getting more carries because of an injury to senior Mike Taylor, made the most of it, running for 107 yards and two scores on just eight-attempts in Apache Junction's 56-0 win.

case, that would be Prospector junior Nate Scola.

Three games into the 2008 season, the flexbone is beginning to flex some pretty impressive muscles. For the third game in a row, the Prospectors rushed for more than 450 yards and last Friday night in Glendale came away with their third easy win of the season, blanking Raymond Kellis 56-0.

Apache Junction had racked up 305 yards on the ground in the first half alone and held a commanding 35-0 lead at intermission and they put it on cruise control the entire second half.

Aside from two lost fumbles in the third quarter and three other fumbles that were not lost, plus a possible season-ending injury to senior running back Mike Taylor, Apache Junction's offense was nearly perfect with 47 rushing attempts for 521 yards.

Senior All-State back Shane McCullen led the way with 168 yards on just nine carries and scored on runs of 75 and 46 yards.

Junior Terry Eytcheson, getting more carries because of the injury to Taylor, made the most of his opportunities, running for 107 yards on eight carries with touchdown runs of 30 and 21 yards.

Scola ran 10 times for 87 yards and had a 45-yard scoring run, senior fullback Justin Ferman tacked on 65 yards on eight attempts that included a 31-yard touchdown run, backup quarterback Mike Davlas had 35 yards on three carries, and backup fullback Garret Johnson rushed four times for 30 yards and had a 14-yard scoring run.

While Apache Junction was chewing up big chunks with their ground game, Raymond Kellis couldn't

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Apache Jct. vs. Queen Creek
Friday, September 19th
(7 p.m.) @ Davis Field

Last Meeting: Apache Junction then-junior Justin Ferman was a hero after scoring a touchdown with 2:12 left in the game to put A.J. up 20-13, and then after Queen Creek a TD with just :57 left, Ferman intercepted the two-point conversion pass to preserve a 20-19, AJHS win. Queen Creek might be Apache Junction's biggest rivalry.

Next Week: The Prospectors host Scottsdale Chaparral in their 2008 Homecoming Game.

Pick A Medal – Lost Dutchman Marathon

The Lost Dutchman Marathon Committee is holding a contest where LDM participants can vote to choose which of three finisher medals (see options below) they would like to see issued for the 2009 race on February 15, 2009. To vote, visit the race website at www.lostdutchmanmarathon.org.

Option "A"

Rectangle with Spinner Oval Arizona



Option "B"

Spinner medal, unusual and uniquely different from previous Lost Dutchman Marathon Medals



Option "C"

Traditional Lost Dutchman Marathon Oval Medal. Arizona-shaped medal, similar to last year.

