



Time Out



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The New Me

I got tired of people telling me I should get rid of the photo of me "from my college days" and replace it with a more "realistic" one so here's the new me. For the record, that old photo was taken when we started up the newspaper so the oldest it could be is 11 years. And note how my MSU letter-jacket still fits me like a glove. OK, maybe an O.J. Simpson glove. And thanks to my family for helping me get and out of it for this photo.

AJHS History

I received an e-mail from William Jones (Class of 1989) who says the 1984 Prospector football team started their season 9-0, losing their final game of the regular season to Parker, and then losing in the first round of the playoffs to Round Valley to finish 9-2 overall. Jones adds that the 1984 Prospectors beat Mesa Mountain View, Dysart and Buckeye that year with Dysart and Buckeye both ranked in the top five in 2A while Mountain View was ranked in 3A (AJHS was Class A in '84).

A check of the 1984-85 AJHS yearbook shows the see *Time Out*, page C-2

Big Plays Doom ATHS Wolfpack

Kickoff return for TD, interception return for TD prove costly in 20-6 loss to Arizona Charter Academy

By Danielle Lowe and
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The Wolfpack from Apache Trail High School came up with a tremendous effort in their game against the Arizona Charter Academy last Friday night in Glendale but two big plays by the Titans proved costly, leading ACA to a 20-6 victory, dropping Apache Trail's record to 2-3 overall in their inaugural season of eight-man tackle football.

The Wolfpack scored first last Friday when quarterback Brian Mayfield tossed a 60-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Jon Bohn but the Titans bounced back

(at right) Whether it's eight-man or 11-man football, it is still a game of X's and O's as demonstrated here from Apache Trail Wolfpack assistant coach John Anderson

with a touchdown and two-point conversion to grab an 8-6 halftime lead.

In the second half, the team's played a pretty even but an 80-yard kickoff return for one score plus an 80-yard interception returned for a second score, carried the Titans to victory.

Mayfield came up with another outstanding game for Apache Trail, completing 9-of-26 passes for 197

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The Wolfpack players are all ears as they listen to the coaching staff prior to one of their recent games. Photo taken from <http://picasaweb.google.com/wolfpackfootball08>

where you can view pictures from other games.



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Apache Trail
vs
West Phoenix
Friday, October 3
(7 p.m.)
Glendale Youth
Sports Complex

Lady Prospectors
Drop Wild Region
Match To Saguaro

By Chuck Baker
The News

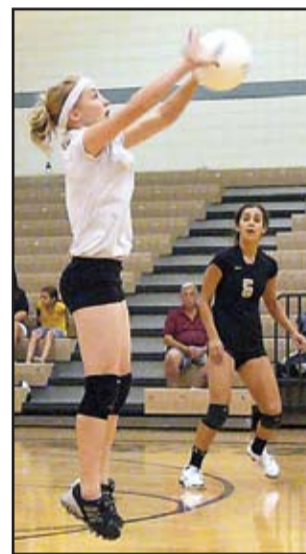
For the second week in a row, the Lady Prospector varsity volleyball team played a close and wild Desert Sky Region match only to come up on the short end. This past Tuesday, Apache Junction won the first two games against Scottsdale Saguaro, 26-24 and 25-16 but then the Lady Sabercats rallied to win the next two games, 25-19 and 25-21, and then won the fifth game tiebreaker 15-6, dropping Apache Junction's record to 7-9 overall and 0-2 in region play.

The week before, Apache Junction lost a three-game match against region foe Tempe McClintock and all three games were decided by five points or less.

In the loss to Saguaro, Kylie Boeskey came up with nine kills and 13 blocks to lead the AJHS girls. Jessica Iniguez added seven kills and 11 blocks, Catalina Ovalle had eight kills to go with her 22 digs, Sierra Aulik contributed five kills and 20 digs, Katie Karbo handed out 24 assists and had 16 digs, Diana Woodruff had 22 digs, Rachael McKay pitched in with 10 digs, and Keisha McClincy added two kills and six blocks.

On September 19, the Lady Prospectors also competed in the Estrella Foothills Tournament and went 2-4 overall with wins over Raymond Kellis and Estrella Foothills and losses to Fountain Hills, Camp Verde, Thatcher and Raymond Kellis.

Apache Junction will play two more region matches this week, hosting Phoenix Shadow Mountain on



AJHS' Diana Woodruff comes up with a kill during a recent home match.

Tuesday, September 30, and playing at Paradise Valley on Thursday, October 2. The freshmen team plays at 4 p.m. both days followed by the junior varsity at 5 p.m. and the varsity at 6 p.m.

JV Falls To Saguaro

The Lady Prospector junior varsity team dropped a 25-11, 25-16 decision to Saguaro last week to fall to 3-3 overall on the season. Amy Meagley had two kills for AJHS, Alissa Harmon added three digs and a service ace, Amber Thillmony had two digs and a service ace, Bailey Reid and Allisa Baker each added a kill and Allyssa Aranda came up with five digs.

Freshmen Win

The AJHS freshmen team defeated Saguaro 25-12, 20-25, 15-12 last week to improve to 4-2 on the season. Alexa Jimenez had three kills, two digs and a block to lead A.J. Breanna Milkey added a kill and five digs, Siobhan McKay

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Golfer Smith Earns Medalist Honors

By Chuck Baker
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Apache Junction High School golfer Tyler Smith earned medalist honors at last week's three-team match played at Nick Faldo Course at the Marriot in Cave Creek. Smith posted a round of 39 and led the Prospectors to a second place team finish.

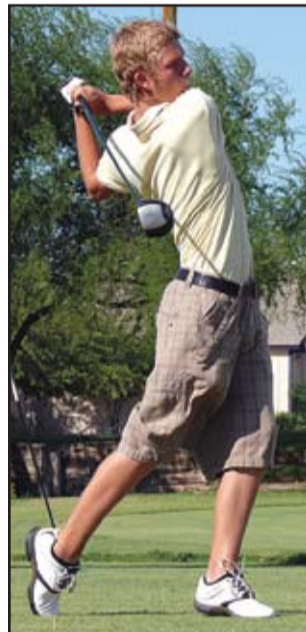
Paradise Valley won the match with a 172 team score, AJHS tallied a 189

team score for second and Tempe finished a distant third with their 262 team score.

Other scores from AJHS golfers included a 46 from Luke Ribich, 52's from Boston Chavez and Brandon Thunberg and a 53 from Nathaniel Gingrich.

"Tyler made a nice birdie at the par five, ninth hole after hitting a sand wedge to six feet from the pin

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Prospector golfer Tyler Smith tees off.

Firebirds Spoil A.J.'s Homecoming

By Chuck Baker
The News

For most of the first half of last Friday's Homecoming Game at Davis Field, the Prospectors had their football fans believing an upset of 2nd-ranked Scottsdale Chaparral was in the making. Funny, how a football bounces. And it was one of those awkward bounces that awoken the Firebirds and helped lead them to a 31-12 victory, spoiling Apache Junction's 2008 Homecoming.

In a battle of unbeaten

(both teams were 4-0 entering last Friday's game), neither team was able to muster any offense through most of the first half until a short punt in the second quarter gave Apache Junction great field position at the Firebirds 31-yard line.

Now facing a third-and-17 from the Chaparral 20-yard-line, Prospector junior quarterback Nate Scola scrambled out of the pocket and ran all the way to the Chaparral one-yard-line, setting up a first-and-goal. Senior fullback Justin Ferman then took a handoff from Scola

and plunged into the end zone, giving Apache Junction a 6-0 lead with 7:33 to go in the second quarter. Thanks to a ton of first-half mistakes by the Firebirds, the lead looked as though it just might hold up, until that awkward bounce.

After a defensive stop by AJHS near mid-field, Chaparral got off a short punt that caromed off of the back of a Prospector player heading to block for a possible return and Chaparral recovered the ball at the Apache Junction 18-yard line. That one bounce seemed to awaken the Firebirds, who went on to score 31 unanswered points.

The Prospector defense held Chaparral to a field goal after the awkward bounce making the score 6-3 but when the Firebirds

got the ball back with 1:35 left before intermission, the Firebirds executed their two-minute offense to perfection and scored a go-ahead touchdown with 00:56 left in the second quarter.

Chaparral quarterback Spencer Stone completed four straight passes on the drive and set up a three-yard TD run by Dwayne Garrett, lifting Chaparral to a 10-6 lead at halftime.

Apache Junction got the ball to begin the second half and drove from their own 10-yard-line to midfield but then fumbled the ball away.

Chaparral recovered at mid-field and Garrett reeled off a 43-yard touchdown run to give Chaparral a 17-6 lead.

On its next possession, see **AJHS**, page C-3



Prospector defensive lineman Cy Maughmer flattens a Chaparral running back on this play in last Friday's 31-12 Homecoming Game loss to the Firebirds.



Lady Prospector middle blocker Jessica Iniguez (#14) comes up with a kill during a recent home match. Iniguez had seven kills and 11 blocks in last Tuesday's wild match against region opponent Scottsdale Saguaro.

Up Next . . .
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Apache Junction vs. Glendale Independence
Friday, October 3rd
(7 p.m.) @ Independence
Last Meeting: Apache Junction defeated Independence 28-7 but only led 14-7 at halftime. QB Nate Scola ran for 57 yards on eight carries and completed 6-of-9 passes for an additional 119 yards in the win.
Next Week: The Prospectors return home to host Phoenix Shadow Mountain in a region game.