



**Apache Trail HS 2008 Homecoming**  
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*Time Out*



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**Confused (and Frustrated)**

To the individual who dropped off the anonymous letter written "after years of frustration" with AJHS football, signed "Frustrated Fan" and stating that "Chuck Baker wants us to believe that without (Shane) McCullen or (Nate) Scola, the team can't win," you must have us confused with that "other" paper in town that accepts and encourages anonymous jabs at sport's editors, AJHS coaches, AJHS players and other folks in our community. *The News* doesn't publish anonymous "slams" so "man-up."

**Region Week**

This week, the AJHS swim and dive teams and boys and girls golf teams will be competing in their Desert Sky Region events hoping to qualify for this year's 4A-I State Championships. The schedule and more details is available on page B-3. The cross country team (see related article on page B-2) still has one more meet to go before their October 31 region meet.

**JV Football Triumphs Again, 34-17**

By Chuck Baker  
*The News*

Trailing 3-0 after one quarter of play, the Prospector junior varsity squad came alive and defeated Paradise Valley 34-17 last Thursday



*Apache Junction junior varsity defender Tyler Bivins (#56) chases down the Paradise Valley quarterback in last Thursday's game. Bivins led the AJHS defense with 11 tackles and a half sack in their 34-17 win.*

at Davis Field, the team's second win in a row.

Quarterback Roy Machuca got the Prospectors on the board in the second quarter with two short touchdown runs along with a two-point conversion run to

give Apache Junction a 14-3 halftime lead.

Paradise Valley made it close in the third quarter scoring a touchdown on a seven-yard set up by an AJHS turnover to make the score 14-10 but Tanner Morgan answered immediately, returning the ensuing kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown to lift the Prospectors to a 20-10 lead.

Morgan then added a two-yard TD run late in the third quarter and Machuca found wide receiver David Fernando open in the end zone for a two-point conversion pass to give Apache Junction a 28-10 lead.

The Prospectors upped its lead to 34-10 when Morgan scored again, this time on a five-yard run in the fourth quarter and Paradise Val-

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*Members of the AJHS junior varsity cheer squad, from left to right, Jamie Hoyt, Nicole Outen, Brittani Roberts, Shelby Williams and Kelli Peterson, entertain the crowd at Davis Field during halftime of last Thursday's game*

**Paradise Valley Grinds Out 28-7 Win Over AJHS**

By Chuck Baker  
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Leading just 14-7 at halftime of its Homecoming Game last Friday night, fourth-ranked Paradise Valley decided to play smash-mouth football in the second half and ground out a 28-7 Desert Sky Region victory over Apache Junction to improve to 6-1 on the season. With the loss, the Prospectors fell to 6-2.

The Trojans rushed for 156 yards in the second half and added touchdown runs right up the middle on traps of 26 and 41 yards to match their two rushing TDs in the first



*Prospector quarterback Nate Scola has an eye on a Paradise Valley defender as he scrambles for yardage*

half of 27 and 16 yards, again off of traps right up the gut.

For the game, Paradise Valley ran for 273 yards on 42 rushing attempts and attempted only nine passes, completing five for an additional 39 yards.

Trailing 14-0 late in the second quarter and faced with a fourth-and-one from its own 44-yard line, the Prospectors pulled off a brilliant play, lining Shane McCullen up deep in the back field and then tossing a pitch to the left to the senior back. McCullen got a couple of key blocks around the corner and raced 56 yards down the left sideline for Apache Junction's only score.

McCullen finished the game with 130 yards on 14 attempts. The senior now has rushed for 4,109 yards in his AJHS career and it was the 42nd time McCullen has found the end zone.

Junior quarterback Nate

Scola added 50 yards on 11 rushing attempts but was 0-for-5 passing as the Prospectors were content to keep it on the ground. Junior Terry Eytcheson added 22 yards on just four tries and as a team, Apache Junction ran for 240 yards on 39 attempts but only had 55 of those yards in the second half.

On defense for the Prospectors, Danny Flores was in on nine tackles, Rusty Fernando was in on eight tackles, Stephen Hughes, McCullen, Matt Tomasetti and Justin Ferman were all in six tackles and Jeff Wyman, Scola, Cy Maughmer and Anthony Burkhardt were all in on five tackles.

Also on defense, linebacker Garret Johnson came up with a fumble recovery for the Prospectors.

Apache Junction returns home to Davis Field this coming Friday, October 24

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**Wal-mart Safety Fair Bike Raffle Winners**

The City of Apache Junction Parks and Recreation department would like to congratulate the winners of the Wal-mart Safety Fair Bike Raffle. On Saturday October 4, 2008, the Parks and Recreation Department hosted a booth at this year's Wal-mart Safety Fair to raffle a boys and girls bike that was donated by Wal-mart. The booth gave out bike safety information as well as raffling the bikes and helmets. This year's winners were Gabriel Parra, 8 years old and Marisol Ramirez, 12 years old, both pictures below. Congratulations on winning your new bike!



*Bike winner Gabriel Parra (submitted photo)*



*Bike winner Marisol Ramirez (submitted photo)*

**2008 Halloween Festival**

Halloween is coming up and the City of Apache Junction Parks and Recreation wants to make your night spook-tacular! We will be hosting our annual Halloween Festival from 5-8 p.m. at the Prospector Park Soccer Fields on Friday, October 31. This event is free to the community and is offered as a safe alternative to the traditional neighborhood trick or treating.

There will be lots of activities throughout the night for the whole family including a costume contest, a petting zoo, bounce houses, horse rides, and pumpkin carving contest, a ghost story reading, and fun kid games. Our Annual Costume Contest will begin at 6 p.m. sharp and will be divided by age groups. All ages are welcome to enter. Remember to use your imagination and be creative!

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**Up Next . . .**



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**Apache Junction vs. Saguaro**  
**Friday, October 24**  
**7 p.m. (Davis Field)**

**Last Meeting:** A year ago, then top-ranked Saguaro clubbed the Prospectors 55-0 behind five touchdown passes from QB Tim Ruben, who graduated. The Sabercats (7-0) are also the No. 1-ranked team this year and have another dandy QB in senior Cole Rarrick.

**Up Next:** The Prospectors hit the road for a Desert Sky Region contest at Cave Creek Cactus Shadows on Halloween Night with kickoff at 7 p.m.

**Long Week For AJHS Volleyball**

By Chuck Baker  
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It was a long and difficult past week for the Lady Prospector varsity volleyball team with losses to Desert Sky Region teams, Tempe McClintock, Scottsdale Chaparral and Scottsdale Saguaro, leading the AJHS girls with a 9-20 overall record and a 1-7 mark in region matches.

In last Tuesday's 26-24, 18-25, 25-21, 25-22 loss to McClintock, Cat Ovalle came up with 10 kills and seven digs for the AJHS

girls. Kylie Boesckay added seven kills and ten blocks, Jessica Iniguez had seven kills, nine digs and six blocks, Katie Karbo had 21 assists, 21 digs and nine blocks, Sierra Aulik came up with four kills and 22 digs, Diana Woodruff had 21 digs and Keisha McClincy added a kill.

In last Wednesday's 25-13, 21-15, 25-21, 27-25 loss to Chaparral, Aulik came up with seven kills and 17 digs, Ovalle had seven kills and 13 digs, Boesckay had four kills, Iniguez added three kills and 14 blocks, Karbo contributed nine

assists, 18 digs and four blocks, Woodruff came up with 29 digs, and Rachael McKay had a kill.

Last Thursday, Apache Junction fell to Saguaro 25-20, 25-16, 9-25, 25-21 as Iniguez led the way with eight kills and 15 blocks. Aulik added six kills and 21 digs, Boesckay had five kills and five blocks, Karbo dished out 12 assists to go with her 13 digs, Woodruff added 20 digs, Amber Thillmony had two kills, Tina Garcia had six digs and Ovalle added a kill.

The Lady Prospectors will play two away match-

es this week, at Peoria on Tuesday, October 21 and at Phoenix Shadow Mountain on Thursday, October 23. The freshmen team plays at 4:00 p.m. both days followed by the junior varsity at 5:00 p.m. and the varsity at 6:00 p.m.

**JV Goes 0-3**

The AJHS junior varsity team also dropped all three of its matches to fall to 5-6 overall on the season.

In the 25-19, 25-11 loss to McClintock, Amy Meagley and Bailey Reid each

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*Lady Prospector sophomore Sierra Aulik makes a nice two-handed play at the net for a point in last Tuesday's varsity volleyball match against Tempe McClintock. The AJHS girls have two away matches scheduled for this week, Tuesday, October 21 at Peoria and Thursday, October 23 at Phoenix Shadow Mountain.*