

*Time Out*



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**Flower Child**

That's me above with the yellow carnation that AJHS senior Rachael McKay gave to me at last Thursday's home volleyball match while thanking me for my coverage of Lady Prospector volleyball this season. There are a lot of terrific young ladies on the AJHS volleyball team but I would have to say that my Rachael is my favorite Lady Prospector today.

I'm not sure if I have to declare the carnation with the IRS as a gift received but it is AJHS student-athletes like Rachael that make my job a very rewarding one.

**Second Chance**

Once thought their inaugural season of eight-man tackle football was going to end on a sour note, the Apache Trail Wolfpack were given a second chance thanks to three consecutive losses by East Valley High, their opponent in their final regular season game last Saturday night at Prospector Park.

Apache Trail (2-5) could actually end up tying East Valley High (3-4) in the win column with a victory that would land them in the AzHSFF playoffs in their very first season.

While the results were not available at press time, win or lose, *The News* would like to welcome the ATHS Wolfpack to football circles in Apache Junction and congratulate the players and coaches on a solid first season.

**More Football**

Every single Black and Gold Youth Football League team secured a spot in their respective post season playoffs that began this past weekend and four of them earned home field advantage.

Way to go kids. This is the future of Prospector (and Wolfpack) football and the future looks bright.

**13 Swimmers & Divers Advance To 'State'**

Including sophomore Jim Huynh who competed in two relays, the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke

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A total of thirteen swimmers and divers from Apache Junction qualified for and competed in last weekend's 4A-I State Championships held at the Mona Plummer Aquatic Center on the campus of Arizona State University, including sophomore Jim Huynh, who competed in

four separate events.

Huynh competed on both the boys 200 and 400 freestyle races and swam the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke in individual events.

Joining Huynh on the freestyle relay squads were senior Cody Beck, junior Andrew Jones and sophomore Mackenzie Hvidsten.

Also competing at last weekend's State Champi-

onships was the AJHS boys 200 medley team of junior John Simeonoff, sophomore Keaton Tenborg and freshmen Ty Adair and Richard Pennick, the girls 200 and 400 freestyle teams of seniors Lindsey Adair, Nicole Henry and Cecilia Kruser along with junior Clarissa Mohle, and junior diver Ole Gabrielson.

Only the boys 200 freestyle squad was able to advance to last Saturday's second and final day of the State Championships. The foursome of Huynh, Beck, Jones and Tenborg finished with the 15th fastest time of 1:39.99 after Friday's preliminary heats and were scheduled to compete on Saturday in the Consolation Finals of the 200 freestyle relay. Their time was better than the 1:42.20 they swam at the Desert



The AJHS boys 200 and 400 freestyle teams competing at the 4A-I State Championships included (left to right) Andrew Jones, Jim Huynh, Mackenzie Hvidsten and Cody Beck.



The boys 200 medley relay at the 4A-I State Championships included (left to right) John Simeonoff, Keaton Tenborg, Ty Adair and Richard Pennick.



The AJHS girls 200 and 400 freestyle relay team at the State Championships included (left to right) Nicole Henry, Cecilia Kruser, Lindsey "Lu Lu" Adair and Clarissa Mohle.

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**AJHS Volleyball Teams Sweep Paradise Valley**

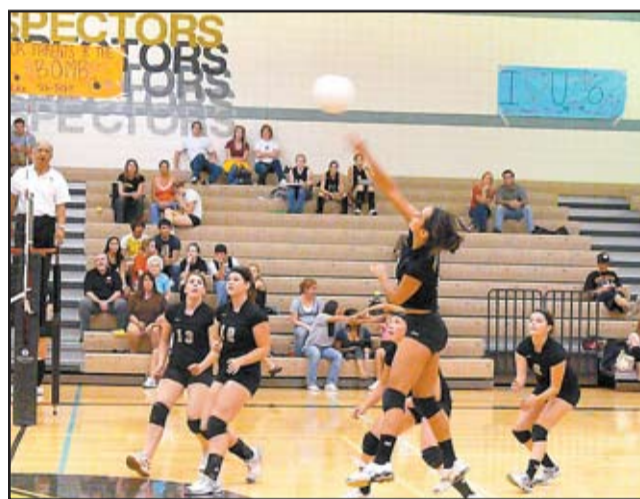
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Apache Junction's girls volleyball teams swept Paradise Valley last Thursday with the varsity, junior varsity and freshmen teams all winning.

The Lady Prospector varsity squad prevailed 25-14, 20-25, 25-16, 25-16, the junior varsity team rallied for a 23-25, 25-23, 15-10 victory while the AJHS freshmen girls rolled to an easy victory, 25-9, 25-7.

The win for the Lady Prospector varsity team improves their record to 11-21 on the season and gives the AJHS girls their second Desert Sky Region victory of the season.

Jessica Iniguez led the way with seven kills, eight blocks and a service ace. Sierra Aulik contributed six kills and 12 digs, Cat Ovalle added five kills and seven digs, Katie Karbo handed out 16 assists to go with her 15 digs, defensive specialist Diana Woodruff came up with 21 digs, Kylie Boeskey had two kills and eight blocks and Keisha McClincy also had two kills.



Apache Junction varsity volleyball player Cat Ovalle pounds a kill attempt during last Thursday's match against Paradise Valley while teammates (left to right) Keisha McClincy, Katie Karbo, Sierra Aulik and Randee Drennan look on.

The Lady Prospectors wrap up their season with two matches this week, Tuesday, November 4, at Cave Creek Cactus Shadows, and Wednesday, November 5 at home versus Scottsdale Chaparral. 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.

**J.V. Rallies**

After losing game one and trailing 23-21 in game two of their match with Para-

dise Valley, Norelle Justice stepped to the service line and reeled off four straight service points that ended with an ace skipping off of the top of the net as AJHS rallied for a 25-23 win. Then down 10-9 in the third and deciding game to fifteen points, it was MacKenzie Miller at the service line who reeled off six straight service points, including two aces, giving the Lady Prospector junior varsity team the comeback

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**AJHS X-Country Region Meet**

Lauren Smith just misses State qualifying by one spot

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Apache Junction's cross country runners competed this past Friday in the Desert Sky Region Meet

held at Sweetwater Park in Phoenix and junior Lauren Smith (pictured) missed qualifying for the 4A-I State Championships by just one spot in the girls race, officially

finishing 11th overall with a time of 19:23. The tenth and final State-qualifying time was turned in by Allie Herriot of Scottsdale Saguaro with her time of 19:23, just seven seconds faster than Smith.

The best finish by an AJHS boy came from junior Colt Grandstaff, who ran 17th overall with a time of 16:18.

Also in the girls race, Montana Scott ran 21st overall with a time of 20:33, Mayra Castaneda was 35th with a time of 21:51, Kristin Whitten was 38th with a time of

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**Great Play Call Lifts A.J. To 7th Win**

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Quarterbacks coach Jerry Paterson said he suggested it from up in the press box. Head coach Rich Milligan says it was his idea and he ran it by his junior quar-

terback Nate Scola during a time-out before facing a fourth-and-seven with just under two minutes left in regulation. Scola says the play was made up there on the spot. Coach "P" added that the team first came up with the idea recently on

the practice field to fake out defensive coordinator's Justin MacDonald's overly aggressive defense. Coach "Mac," ejected from the game for arguing a call early in the third quarter, wasn't around to see it.

For the first time this season, the Prospectors ran the play known as "43 rocket counter, quarterback keeper," and did so to perfection, completely faking out the Cactus Shadows defense as Scola ran 29 yards for a game-winning touchdown in last Friday's 33-28 victory over Cactus Shadows played in Cave Creek. The win gave the Prospectors their seventh victory of the season against three losses, the most wins by an AJHS team since the 1980s.

Oh, let's not forget that

senior defensive end Rusty Fernando came up with three sacks totaling 23 yards in losses on Cactus Shadows' final drive, or that junior running back Terry Eytcheson rushed for 176 yards and two TDs on 24 carries, or that senior Bo Bankhead had over 100 yards returning kicks and punts, or that junior defensive back Derek Hoffman played some brilliant pass coverage, or that sophomore kicker David Gamboa was 3-for-3 on PATs and added two, 26-yard field goals.

All this helped the Prospectors overcome 14 penalties for 115 yards in losses, the loss of running back Shane McCullen in

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Sophomore kicker David Gamboa boots the first of his two field goals in Friday's 33-28 win over Cactus Shadows as quarterback Nate Scola gives a good spot.

**Up Next . . .**



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**Apache Junction @ Tempe McClintock**  
Friday, November 7  
7 p.m. (TMHS)

**Last Meeting:** Apache Junction fell to McClintock in their 2007 season finale 28-14 but finished 6-5 overall and qualified for the 4A-I State Tournament as a number 13 seed. McClintock, with the win, also qualified for the tournament as the 16th and final seed.

**Up Next:** The Prospectors play the waiting game to see where they fall in the final 4A-I Power Point rankings, if they made the 4A-I 16-team tournament, and who and where will they play in the first round.