

Time Out



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The Art of Football

Oh, those witty McClintock art class students who came up with the catchy phrases on colorful signs hanging on the fence at Friday's game. There were the predicted ones such as "Pound The Prospectors" and "Attack AJ." Or the football savvy, "Punt The Prospectors."

Then there were those students who put a lot of thought into their signs, coming up with "A-Jax AJ" and "Astonish AJ" and how about "Petrify The Prospectors" or even Panic The Prospectors."

Then there was the sign "Peel The Prospectors" that really could have used an added picture or drawing to indicate just how the Chargers were going to do that, and a couple of other signs that didn't make sense, such as "Alligator AJ" and "Apple Pie Apache Junction."

But like always, there is the one student who didn't fully comprehend the class project and had to improvise by coming up with "Prevail Over The Prospectors" sign, the word Over an obvious last minute addition and then colored in the same as the word Prospectors as if planned out in advance.

Little did he or she know how dead-on their original intent was.

Eight Wins And Playoff Bound

AJHS seeded #10 in 4A-I power points; Projected to play at #7 Vail Cienega this Friday in first round

By **Chuck Baker**
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The Prospectors knocked off Tempe McClintock 34-10 last Friday in their regular season finale for their eighth win of the sea-

son against three losses, and at number ten in the final 4A-I power point rankings, just missed by two slots the chance to host a first round State Tournament game.

As the tenth seed, Apache

Junction is projected to open 4A-I tournament play this coming Friday, November 14 at #7 Cienega in Vail, Arizona, located southeast of Tucson. The Bobcats are 8-2 overall and coming off a 48-0 win over Tucson Flowing Wells last Friday.

Apache Junction and Cienega faced two common opponents this season in Scottsdale Chaparral and Avondale Agua Fria. Cienega lost to Chaparral 23-20 and defeated Agua Fria 48-14. The Prospectors defeated Agua Fria 48-6 this season and lost to Chaparral 31-12.

Last Friday night in Tempe, Apache Junction came out and totally dominated

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Shane McCullen runs through a huge hole on the left side that was created by center J.J. O'Malley, guard Shane Smith and tackle Stephen Hughes for a big gain in Friday's 34-10 win over McClintock.

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Apache Junction @ Cienega (Vail)

Friday, November 14

7:00 p.m. (4A-I State Tournament)

Last Meeting: The teams have never met as far as we know. Cienega is 8-2 and ranked #7 in power points. Apache Junction is 8-3 and ranked #10. The teams played two common opponents this season in Chaparral and Agua Fria. Cienega lost to Chaparral 23-20 and defeated Agua Fria 48-14. Apache Junction defeated Agua Fria 48-6 and lost to Chaparral 31-12.

Up Next: Winner advances to play the winner of #2 Chaparral vs. #15 Agua Fria on 11/21/08.

Halloween Carnival Results

(below) Overall Pumpkin Carving champ was Katelyn Beazley; (right) Funniest, Best Overall, Scariest and Most Creative pumpkins; (bottom right) 9 and 10-year-old Costume Contest winners (l-r) Holly Milosevich, Bobby Bauders and Trent Tyson (see all results, page B-2)



ATHS Wolfpack Go Down Fighting

By **Chuck Baker and Danielle Lowe**
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For all practical purposes, the Apache Trail Wolfpack-East Valley Panthers regular season finale played November 1 at Prospector Park was their playoff game. The winner of the game would grab the fourth and final playoff spot in the Arizona High School Football Federation league for charter schools and would face the #1-seed West Phoenix in the first round. West Phoenix is 8-0 on the season and winning by an average margin of 42-4.

Apache Trail came into the November 1 game with a 2-5 record and off of a two week bye. It wasn't until East Valley, once 3-1 in the AzHSFF, dropped their straight game on October 24 to fall to 3-4, that the Wolfpack found out the



Wolfpack receiver Wayne Dubrul is all alone on this 21-yard touchdown reception in the November 1 game versus East Valley played at Prospector Park. Dubrul totaled 157 receiving yards on five receptions in the 40-38 loss to the Panthers.

regular season final game had playoff implications. And what a game it turned out to be.

Despite losing their leading tackler and top offensive lineman Sean Evans to a shoulder injury in the

first half, the Wolfpack put up a terrific fight to the end before falling to the Panthers by just two points, 40-38, in a game that was decided to until a final on-side kick attempt.

Trailing 40-30 with 3:50 left in regulation, the Wolfpack needed two scores now to pull out a win.

Starting from their own 23-yard line, quarterback Brian Mayfield hooked up with wide receiver Wayne Dubrul for a 32-yard pass play, and then followed that up with a 42-yard touchdown toss to tight end Frankie Gonzalez. Mayfield then ran in a successful two-point conversion to cut the lead to 40-38 with just 1:13 to play.

The ensuing on-side kick traveled just a little too far

down field and the Panthers were able to recover at the Apache Trail 47, and after taking a knee on three consecutive snaps, East Valley survived with a 40-38 victory, ending the Wolfpack's inaugural season of eight-man tackle football.

Mayfield was outstanding in the finale, completing 17-of-31 passes for

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ATHS Wolfpack wide receiver Jon Bohn gets free around the left side for a 40-yard touchdown in the November 1 game versus East Valley. Bohn had eight catches in the game for 104 yards but the Wolfpack fell 40-38.

AJHS Volleyball Wraps Up Season

By **Chuck Baker**
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The Lady Prospector varsity volleyball team wrapped up its 2008 season this past week and although AJHS dropped both matches, the young team doubled up their win total from all of 2007 with 11 victories, swept Desert Sky Region opponent Paradise Valley this season, and said goodbye to its three seniors this past Wednesday in the home finale.

This past Tuesday, Apache Junction fell to Cave Creek Cactus Shadows 25-23, 25-13, 25-18 despite seven kills and 14 digs from Sierra Aulik. Kylie Boeskey also had seven kills for AJHS, Jessica Iniguez came up with six kills, Cat Ovale had four kills and nine digs, Diana Woodruff had 20 digs and Katie Karbo and Rachael McKay each added a kill.

In Wednesday's home final, AJHS said goodbye to seniors McKay, Tina Garcia and Rande Drennan before falling to Scottsdale Chaparral 25-17, 20-25, 25-18, 25-20. Ovale played one of her better matches of the season with 13 kills and 15 digs while Aulik contributed five kills and 21 digs. Iniguez added five kills and 10 blocks, Karbo dished out 17 assists to go along with 17 digs, Woodruff came up with 16 digs, and Keisha McClincy and Garcia both had a kill.

Apache Junction finished the season with an 11-23 overall record and a 2-10 mark in region matches. In 2007, the team won only five matches overall and just one against region opponents.

Ovale, a junior, led the team this season with her 168 kills. Iniguez, also a junior, led the team with her 242 blocks and her 17 service aces. Karbo, also a junior, handed out a team high 343 assists this season while defensive specialist Woodruff, a sophomore, had a total of 376 digs. Team leaders for the Lady Prospectors in 2008 were all underclassmen, which bodes well for next year.

Iniguez was also second on the team this season with her 133 kills, Aulik was second in digs with 353 and second with her 13 aces, and Boeskey was second overall in blocks with 165.

Boeskey and McClincy are also juniors and will be back for one more season while Aulik and Monica Geer are sophomores with a valuable season of varsity volleyball under their belts. The team's coaches were Mandy Gamboa and Jake Heermans.

JV Wraps Up

The AJHS junior varsity team fell to Cactus Shadows 27-29, 25-20, 15-1 on Tuesday as Amber Thillmony came up with nine kills and eight digs, Bailey Reid and Amy Meagley each had three kills, Alyssa Aranda had eight digs, Alissa Harmon had six digs, and Chayla Langley, Aranda and Anjelica Otero all had a service ace, and the team lost to Chaparral 25-19, 25-9 on Wednesday as Harmon contributed six assists, four digs and two blocks, Thillmony had five service points, five digs and a kill, Meagley came up with two kills and two blocks, Reid added a

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Apache Junction's three senior volleyball players, (left to right) Rande Drennan, Tina Garcia and Rachael McKay, are introduced to the crowd along with their family members before last Wednesday's home finale