



Time Out



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Family First

I hope you can understand me booking out of town early last week for a reunion with two brothers, their wives and several nephews and nieces in Las Vegas over the weekend. As a result, I wasn't able to get any Friday scores in this week's edition.

I haven't seen these two brothers in years (two others won't be attending) and it's been even longer since I last saw some of my nephews and nieces, so I hope you can understand.

We have tee times Saturday morning at Nellis AFB for the "Baker Vegas Invitational" and I hope I don't embarrass myself. Last time out with my Thursday group, I cluelessly hacked my way to a round of 93, about the same number of votes the Recall Team garnered in last week's election, neither of which is very good.

I haven't lost to my brothers in a very long time but I am worried about this go-around.

More Sports Photos?

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Lady Prospectors Beat P.V. In Tennis

By Chuck Baker
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The Lady Prospector tennis squad came up with an impressive 8-1 victory over fellow Desert Sky Region foe Paradise Valley last Tuesday, the team's second win of the season.

In singles play, Nicoletta Carbone and Kylie Bocskay both pitched shutouts winning 6-0, 6-0, Nicole Vandelaare won her match 6-1, 6-0, Anna Ramos prevailed 6-1, 6-1, Katie Karbo picked up a 6-3, 6-1 victory and Jessica Iniguez, playing number one singles, lost a hard fought 7-6, 6-4 decision.

Iniguez paired up with



Anna Ramos hits a backhand shot during last Tuesday's AJHS vs. Paradise Valley varsity tennis matches.

Karbo in doubles and the duo earned an 8-2 decision, Bocskay and Carbone blanked their Paradise Valley counterparts 8-0, and the doubles team of Vandelaare and Ramos won their match 8-1.

The AJHS girls also hosted Cave Creek Cactus Shadows this past Thursday but results were not available by press time.

The Lady Prospectors will take this week off for spring break and return to the court on Tuesday, March 24, to host Tempe McClintock in a match that begins at 3:30 p.m. Apache Junction will also play at Scottsdale Chaparral on Friday, March 27.

Boys Tennis

The Prospectors dropped an 8-1 decision to Paradise Valley last Tuesday with the lone win coming in doubles from Isaac Sortais and Daniel Bos who teamed up for an 8-3 tri-

umph.

In singles action, Bos dropped a 6-4, 6-3 decision, Sortais and Devin Vandelaare fell 6-0, 6-3, Matt Meadows lost 6-0, 6-1 and Ty Adair fell 6-0, 6-0.

In the other doubles match (one was forfeited by AJHS), Vandelaare and Meadows lost by an 8-2 score.

The AJHS boys, like the girls, are off this week for spring break, and return to action on Tuesday, March 24, at Tempe McClintock. The Prospectors also host Scottsdale Chaparral on Thursday, March 26, and both matches get under way at 3:30 p.m.

Track Teams Run Past Williams Field

By Chuck Baker
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Both the boys and girls track and field teams from Apache Junction ran past their Williams Field counterparts in last Wednesday's meet held in Gilbert. The Prospectors downed the Black Hawks 95 to 46 while the Lady Prospectors defeated the Lady Black Hawks 77 to 43 in head-to-head competition.

First place finishers for the AJHS boys included Rusty Fernando in the 110 meter high hurdles (15:29) and in the 300 meter intermedi-

ate hurdles (42:06), Brian Steward in the 200 meters (23:83), Zane Morgan in the 400 meters (52:30), Casey Althoff in the 800 meters (2:17.10), Andrew Frost in the 1600 meters (5:00) and also in the 3200 meters (time not legible) Cy Maughmer in shot put (45-04), and Stephen Hughes in discus (138-03). The AJHS boys also swept all three relays, winning the 4x100 in a time of 44:49, 4x400 in a time of 3:46.11, and the 4x800 with a time of 9:19.22.

First place finishers for the Lady Prospectors were

Melissa Hernandez in the 100 meter hurdles (18:97) and also in the 300 intermediate hurdles (57:93), Montanna Scott in the 3200 meters (13:19.08), Breanna Felix in high jump (4-04), and Keisha McClincy in shot put (30-02) and in discus (96-03).

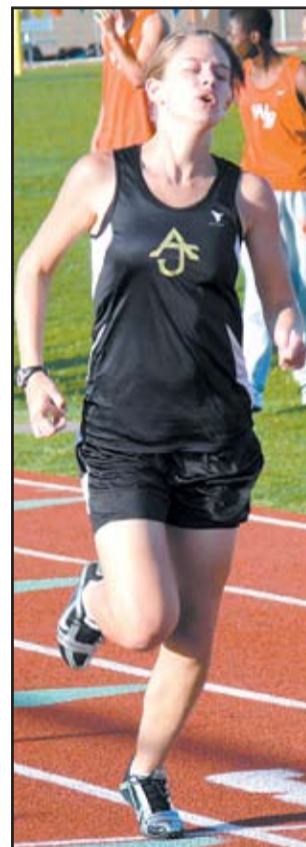
The previous week, McClincy set a personal record in shot put with a throw of 33-06 at the Superstition Relays hosted by AJHS on March 7.

The AJHS girls, like the boys, swept the three relay races winning the 4x100 with a time of 1:01.16,

the 4x400 with a time of 4:59.40, and the 4x800 with a time of 11:52.46.

Second place finishers for the Prospectors included Brian Steward in the 100 meters (11:71), Andrew Duarte in both the 100 hurdles (16:57) and 300 hurdles (48:71), Ryan Golden in the 400 meters (53:17), Colt Grandstaff in the 800 meters (2:22.00), Althoff in the 1600 meters (5:15), Armando Zuniga in the 3200 meters (time not legible), Ole Gabrielson in pole vault (9-00), and

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(above) Lady Prospector Lauren Smith is feeling the effects after she crosses the finish line of the 400 meter race during last Wednesday's meet held at Williams Field High School in Gilbert. Smith ran a time of 1:07.53 and finished second overall in the race.



Apache Junction long jumpers, from left to right, Ryan Golden, Jaron Kuerz and Chris Novak compete in last Wednesday's track and field meet held at Williams Field High School in Gilbert.

AJHS Girls 6th In Tempe Tourney

By Chuck Baker
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Playing in the tough McClintock/Marcos de Niza Tempe Softball Tournament this past week, the Lady Prospectors ended up taking sixth place overall, winning their first two games but then dropping their final three.

Apache Junction opened "pool play" on Saturday, March 7, with a 13-3 victory over Mesa Westwood, then defeated Marcos de Niza 11-2 on Monday before dropping a 12-2 decision to Chandler Hamilton and an 11-0 decision to Tempe Corona Del Sol.

After going 2-2 in pool play, Apache Junction was the third seed in their bracket and took on the third seeded

team from a separate bracket, Tempe, on Tuesday in the 5th-6th place game and fell by the score of 8-3.

Hamilton and Corona Del Sol are both 5A-I powerhouses who ended up the number one and two seeds from Apache Junction's bracket. Hamilton went on to take first place in the tournament beating Phoenix Xavier Prep 4-3 in the title game, and Corona Del Sol took third place overall with their 9-3 victory over Chandler Perry in the 3rd-4th place game.

In the win over Westwood, also a 5A-I division school, Sara Cranmer batted 2-for-3 at the plate with a double and three RBI to lead the Lady Prospectors. Autumn Rhodes and Sierra Aulik



Lady Prospector Rande Drennan comes up with a nice stretch at first base to get this Marcos de Niza runner out in last Monday's Tempe tournament game.

both went 1-for-3 and drove in two runs, Shelby Olson went 2of-3 with two runs and a RBI, Rande Drennan was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and a RBI, Ashley Nordstrom and Chelsey Streibich each went 1-for-2 and scored twice and Tina Garcia added a RBI.

Olson picked up the win on the mound, tossing six innings, allowing just one hit and one earned run and struck out nine Westwood batters.

In last Monday's 11-2 victory over Marcos de Niza, a 5A-II division school, Aulik hit a triple and drove in three runs, Streibich went 3-for-4 and scored four runs, Olson went 3-for-4, knocked in two runs and tossed a com-

plete-game, three-hitter allowing no earned runs while striking out seven, Lindsey Skinner was 2-for-4 with two RBI, Cranmer went 1-for-3, scored two runs and drove home two runs, Drennan was 1-for-4 with two runs scored and Garcia had a single in two at-bats.

The game was tied 2-2 after four innings when Rhodes and Streibich drew walks to lead off the fifth inning. Drennan then laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt and a Marcos de Niza throwing error on the play opened the flood gates for AJHS to score six runs.

Rhodes scored on the throwing error, Skinner

AJHS Batsmen Fall To Williams Field, 13-2

By Chuck Baker
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The Prospector varsity baseball team fell to the Williams Field Black Hawks by a 13-2 score last Thursday in Gilbert in a game shortened to four and a half innings because of the ten-run rule.

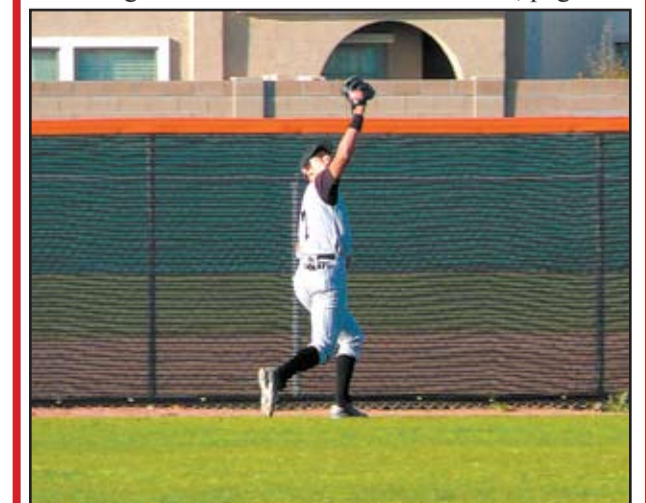
Williams Field out-hit Apache Junction only eight to six in the win but were helped out by 12 walks issued by Prospector pitchers. The Black Hawks also had nine stolen bases as a team, including a theft of home

plate. The Prospectors jumped out to a 2-0 lead batting in the top half of the first inning when Ryan Sparks scored from third base on a botched run-down by Williams Field, and then Nick Saathoff came home to score on a sharp single up the middle by Ryan Howard.

Williams Field came back with one run in the last half of the first and scored four more in the second inning without collecting a hit.

The Black Hawks added

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Prospector center fielder Mike Davalos runs down this long fly ball near the warning track for an out in last Thursday's game against Williams Field.



Ashley Nordstrom is off to a great start to the 2009 season and was batting over .400 heading into last week.

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