



Time Out



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Region Track Meet

The all-important Desert Sky Region Track and Field Meet with 4A-I State-qualifying at stake will be held this Tuesday, May 5, and Friday, May 8, at Phoenix Shadow Mountain High School, 2902 E. Shea Blvd. On Tuesday, field events begin at 5 p.m. and running events start up at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, some field events start as early as 1:30 p.m. while running events, all finals, begin at 4:30 p.m.

Playoff Bound?

As of this past Saturday morning, the AJHS girls were listed No. 18 in the 4A-I power points for softball with two games to go in the regular season, today versus Chaparral at home, and Tuesday versus Chaparral in Scottsdale. Chaparral (14-1) is listed No. 5 in the rankings.

The top 16 teams in the final power rankings make the State Tournament. Currently, Prescott (9-14) is listed No. 17, Glendale Apollo (10-7) is No. 16, Tucson Desert View (10-8) is No. 15, and Marana (10-8) is No. 14. Only Apollo has a game remaining in the regular season, the others are done.

I don't profess to understand how the AIA power rankings work, so I can't tell if you AJHS needs an upset win against Chaparral this week to get into the State Tournament, which begins this Saturday, but in all likelihood, they do.

May 8 Golf Tourney To Benefit CAC Athletics

Vaquero Foundation event to be held at Southern Dunes Golf Club

MARICOPA, Ariz. - Registration is underway for the first Central Arizona College Vaquero Foundation Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday, May 8, at the Southern Dunes Golf Club in the city of Maricopa.

"This is a terrific golf course and we are expecting to have just a great time with friends and members of the community," Jeff Thies, the director of athletics, said. "And all of the net proceeds go to a great cause - Vaquero athletics."

The four-person best ball scramble format will begin at 2 p.m. with a shotgun start. The cost of the event is

Lady Prospectors Sweep McClintock

Playoff chances improve; may still need a win vs. Chaparral this week

By Chuck Baker
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First, the good news. With a sweep of Tempe McClintock last week, the Lady Prospector varsity softball team improved to 15-14 overall and 5-5 in the Desert Sky Region and greatly helped their post season playoff chances with just two games to go in the regular season.

The bad news? The AJHS girls may still need at least one win this week against Scottsdale Chaparral (20-7, 9-1) in their final home-and-away series of the regular season and may even have win both to clinch a playoff spot.

The top 16 teams in the final 4A-I power point rankings qualify for the 4A-I State Tournament, which begins this coming Saturday, May 9, at the site of the higher seed. As of this past Saturday, Apache Junction was listed No. 18 in the rankings. Because their two game sweep over Mc-

Clintock (4-14, 2-10) didn't award them many power points due to McClintock's weak won-loss record, the AJHS girls likely need at least one win this week against the No. 5 team in the rankings, Chaparral.

The home game between Apache Junction and Chaparral is being played today, Monday, May 4, and the two teams hook up tomorrow, Tuesday, May 5. First pitch for both will be at 4 p.m.

If Apache Junction does qualify for the State Tournament, the first round game will be played this Saturday. AJHS fans may have to contact the school's athletic department later this week to see if the AJHS girls made the playoffs and where and when they would play.

In last Tuesday's 9-6 win over McClintock, Chelsey Streibich carried the big stick for AJHS, banging out four hits in five trips to plate and driving in three runs. One of Streibich's hits was



Shelby Olson delivers a pitch to catcher Lindsey Skinner during last Thursday's 14-3 win over McClintock.

a triple.

Sierra Aulik went 1-for-3 and drove in a pair of runs, Shelby Olson was 1-for-4 and also knocked in two runs, Katie Stout went 3-for-4 with a double, RBI and two runs scored, Lindsey Skinner was 2-for-3 and also scored twice, and Ashley Nordstrom went 1-for-2 with two runs scored and a RBI.

Olson went the distance on the mound and scattered seven hits, gave up three

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Propector Baseball Season Comes To A Close This Week

AJHS plays at Chaparral today, Monday, May 4; Will host Firebirds on Tuesday, May 5

By Chuck Baker
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The Prospector varsity baseball team will wrap up their 2009 season with a home-and-away series versus Scottsdale Chaparral today and tomorrow, playing in Scottsdale on Monday, May 4, and hosting the Firebirds on Tuesday, May 5. First pitch for both games will be at 4 p.m.

Last week, Apache Junction gave a solid effort in two Desert Sky Region losses against Tempe McClintock, falling 5-2 on

Tuesday at home, and 4-1 on Thursday in Tempe.

In Tuesday's game, Ryan Howard came up with another solid effort from the mound, scattering nine hits in his seven-inning, complete game outing, allowing just three earned runs while striking out seven McClintock batters.

The game was close throughout with McClintock holding a 2-1 edge through four innings before adding one run in the fifth and two unearned runs in the sixth.

Trailing 2-0 and batting in the bottom of the third inning, Nathan Higginbottom got the Prospectors on the scoreboard with one swing of the bat, drilling a solo homerun deep to right field to close the gap to 2-1.

Higginbottom would add an infield single in the sixth

inning and Mike Davalos scored Apache Junction's second run on a McClintock throwing error in the inning to make the final score 5-2.

Apache Junction's only other hit in the game came off the bat of Nick Saathoff, a sharp single to right field in the second inning.

Davalos had reached base in that sixth inning after being hit by a pitch, stole second and then moved to third on Higginbottom's infield single. Davalos was just the fourth Prospector batter to reach base safely in the loss.

In Thursday's loss at McClintock, no individual player stats or highlights were available or posted yet on the www.maxpreps.com website. With the two losses, Apache Junction fell to 3-19-1 overall on the season.



With this one swing of the bat, Nathan Higginbottom put the Prospectors on the score board against Tempe McClintock last Tuesday, ripping a solo homerun deep to right field. It wasn't enough however, as Apache Junction fell 5-2 to the Chargers.

A.J. Sophomores And Freshmen Showcased In Payson Track Meet

By Chuck Baker
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Underclassmen track and field athletes from fifteen different high schools were showcased at the Payson "Sophomore-Freshmen" Track and Field Meet held April 25th, including several from Apache Junction.

While Apache Junction did not have any first place overall finishers at the meet, they did have three second place finishes from sophomores, three from freshmen, and the boys 4x100 mixed relay team (sophomores and freshmen combined) also posted a second place overall finish.

Harrison Pomeroy came up with one of the second place finishes for sophomores, running a time of 12:37 in the 100 meters to place second overall out of twenty-four runners.

The other two second place finishes for AJHS sophomores came from Melissa Hernandez in hurdles where she ran a time of 18:94 in the 100 meter hurdles and a time of 52:24 in the 300 meter hurdles and placed second overall in both.

The three freshmen second place finishes came

from sprinter Bryan Steward in the 100 meters with a time of 12:04 and in the 200 meters with a time of 24:45, and from long jumper Devohn Hendrieth, who placed second overall out of sixteen jumpers with his leap of 17-01.

Results from other AJHS sophomore boys at the Payson Meet include Tanner Morgan running third overall in the 100 meters (12:40), Augustine Mares running fourth overall in the 100 meters (12:43), Morgan running fourth

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AJHS freshmen Bryan Steward had two second place finishes at the Payson Track Meet.

A.J. Chamber Golf Tournament May 9

The Annual Golf outing presented by the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Allied Waste is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2009, 7:30 tee time at Mountain Brook Golf Course in Gold Canyon.

This popular event is a four person scramble and the \$95 per person entry fee includes a golf shirt, continental breakfast, lunch, contest holes, putting contest and really great prizes. Team entries receive a \$30 discount if paid by May 1.

Sponsorships are also available and range from \$125

for a tee sign to \$3,000 for a shirt sponsor. A great opportunity for your business is a \$500 sponsor which includes a four person team along with a tee sign on the course as well as mention in the program and Chamber Web site.

For information about the tournament, to request a registration form, sponsorship form or just find out more information, call the chamber at 982-3141 or log on to www.apachejunction-coc.com. Funds from the Golf Tournament assist with the Chamber's High School Scholarship program.



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