



Time Out

State Track Wrap Up

More controversy leaves AJHS boys 4x800 relay out of State just like the girls were



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Class Of '09

I just wanted to say thanks to the seniors at Apache Junction High School for the honor and privilege of covering their sports endeavors during the past four years.

In this group of outstanding young men and women are future doctors, scientists, successful business persons, teachers, artists, engineers, and who knows, perhaps a sports editor.

Clarification

I guess some people were confused about those golf shoes given to me by Bobby Jones, thinking they came from "The" Bobby Jones, who in 1930, won the U.S. and British Open and Amateur championships in the same year, a "Grand Slam" triumph referred to by the Associated Press as the "all-time achievement in sports history."

The shoes I was wearing when I recorded my first hole-in-one were given to be Robert "Bobby" Jones, my friend and attorney who lives in Mesa.

Sorry for the confusion.

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The News

A second relay team from Apache Junction was kept out of the 4A-I State Track and Field Championships held May 13 and 16, making it four separate events where AJHS runners did not receive the at-large bids they deserved.

The AJHS boys 4x800 meter relay squad of Colt Grandstaff, Armando Zuniga, Andrew Frost and Zane Morgan joined the AJHS girls 4x800 relay team which was also kept from competing at State even though both teams had earned the right to compete based on their performance at the State-qualifying Desert Sky Region Meet held May 3 and 5 at Phoenix Shadow

Mountain High School.

Instead, the boys relay team from Scottsdale Saguaro received the at-large bid and advanced to the State Championships, even though they finished behind the AJHS foursome at the region meet.

The relay team from Apache Junction had finished 6th at the region meet with a time of 8:30.63. The team from Saguaro ran 7th at the region meet with a time of 8:54.50, and received the at-large bid to State. At the State Championships, the Saguaro squad ran 14th overall with a time of 8:42.41.

The way qualifying for the State Championships is suppose to work is the top three finishers in each event from all five 4A-I regions from across the State

receive automatic bids to State. Because their are eighteen spots available at State, three at-large bids are awarded based on the fastest times turned in at the region meets. As it turned out in this case, all three of those at-large bids went to teams from the Desert Sky Region Meet, Phoenix Shadow Mountain, who ran fourth, Paradise Valley, who ran fifth, and Saguaro, who ran seventh.

The Apache Junction boys, who ran sixth, were somehow overlooked just as the AJHS girls 4x800 relay team was.

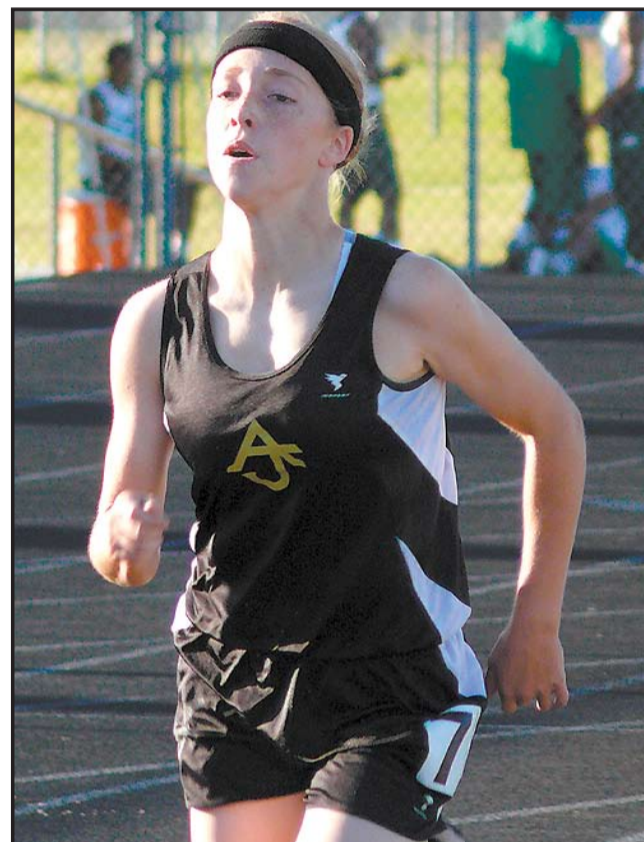
In addition to the two AJHS relay teams being overlooked for an at-large bid, two individual runners from Apache Junction, Diana Woodruff in the 1600 meters, and Montana Scott in the 3200 meters, had also been overlooked when the State Championships heat sheets were published the first day of State. But in both of these instances, and because of inquiries from AJHS coaches to Arizona Inter-scholastic Association officials, both Woodruff and Scott showed up at the State Championships and were given the chance to compete.

Woodruff competed on the second and final day of State on May 16 and ran 13th overall with a time of

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(above) Apache Junction junior Trevor Berner competes in the discus finals on the second and final day of the 4A-I State Track and Field Championships held Saturday, May 16 at Mesa Community College.



(above) Diana Woodruff, shown here competing in the 1600 meters at the Desert Sky Region Meet on May 5, ran 13th overall in the State Championships 1600 meter finals on May 16 with a time of 5:40.



Apache Junction's Zane Morgan (inside track with black jersey and "AJ" logo), running here in the State Championship finals of the boys 800 meters, set a new school record in the event with a time of 1:58.25, breaking his own mark of 1:58.98 he ran at the Desert Sky Region Meet the previous week.

AJHS Summer Sports Heat Up This Week

Baseball

The Prospectors are fielding two teams in a Summer League that includes twelve games and some tournaments beginning this Wednesday against Casa Grande. The "Gold" team will mostly feature next year's varsity team while the "Black" team is made up of younger players.

Gold Team Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
May 27	Casa Grande	A	7pm
June 1	Mesquite	H	5pm
June 2	McClintock	H	5pm
June 3	Higley	A	7pm
June 8	McClintock	A	5pm
June 9	Mesquite	A	5pm
June 10	Marcos DN	A	5pm
June 11	Skyline	A	7pm
June 15	Will. Field	A	5pm
June 16	Higley	H	5pm
June 17	Corona DS	H	5pm
June 24	Will. Field	H	5pm

(Tournaments - June 19-21 @ Blue Ridge; June 25-27 @ Mesa Mtn. View)

Black Team Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
May 27	Casa Grande	A	5pm
June 1	Mesa	A	5pm
June 2	McClintock	A	5pm
June 4	Higley	A	5pm
June 8	McClintock	H	5pm
June 9	Mesa (Fr.)	H	5pm
June 15	Will. Field	H	5pm
June 16	Combs	A	5pm
June 22	Valley Chr.	A	5pm
June 23	Combs	H	5pm
June 24	Skyline	H	5pm
June 29	Will. Field	A	5pm

(Tournament - June 13-14 USSSA State)

Boys Basketball

The Prospectors will be conducting practices Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. all during June, will host a Youth Summer Camp through A.J. Parks and Recreation, and will compete in the Mesa Skyline Summer League on Wednesday nights although a schedule was not yet available. Interested participants can contact Coach Dale Richardson via email at drichard@ajusd.org

Girls Basketball

The Lady Prospectors will be fielding a varsity team and a junior varsity team in the Mesa Skyline Summer League that starts up on Tuesday, May 26, and the Skyline Shootout Tournament scheduled for May 30. All Summer League games are played on Tuesdays at Skyline HS on Crismon Road in Mesa.

Varsity Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
May 26	Mtn. View	S	6pm
May 26	Westwood	S	8pm
June 2	Fairfax	S	6pm
June 2	Desert Vista	S	8pm
June 9	Skyline	S	6pm
June 9	Mtn. View	S	8pm
June 16	Westwood	S	6pm
June 16	Fairfax	S	8pm
June 23	Desert Vista	S	6pm
June 23	Skyline	S	8pm

(Tournament - May 29 @ Skyline: AJHS vs. Westwood at 4pm; AJHS vs. Corona del Sol at 7pm; May 30 @ Skyline: AJHS vs. San Carlos at 11am; AJHS vs. Perry at 2pm)

Junior Varsity Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
May 26	Az Luth.	S	5pm
May 26	Chandler 2	S	7pm
June 2	Valley Chr.	S	5pm
June 2	Hamilton	S	7pm
June 9	Chandler 1	S	5pm
June 9	Az Luth.	S	7pm
June 16	Chandler 2	S	5pm
June 16	Valley Chr.	S	7pm
June 23	Hamilton	S	5pm
June 23	Chandler 1	S	7pm

(Tournament - May 29 @ Skyline: AJHS vs. Mtn. View 1 at 5pm; AJHS vs. Mtn. View 2 at 7pm; May 30 @ Skyline: AJHS vs. Skyline at 10am; AJHS vs. Fairfax at 1pm)

Football

As of press time for this edition, *The News* had yet to receive any details about the Prospector Summer football program which likely will include weight training and speed camps, the Summer Passing League and Linemen Olympics. Interested participants can contact Coach Rich Milligan via email at rmilliga@ajusd.org.

Softball

The Lady Prospector mixture of varsity and junior varsity players will be playing in the Tempe Summer League, starting up this Thursday, May 28. Following a ten game league schedule, the AJHS girls will compete in the post season tournament on June 25. Games will either be played at Kiwanis Park (K), 6005 S. All-American Way, or at Connolly Middle School (C), Broadway Road and River Street and each night game times are 6:30 and 8:15 p.m.

Varsity Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
May 28	Mtn. Pointe	K	6:30
May 28	Marcos DN	K	8:15
June 2	Desert Ridge	K	6:30
June 2	Marcos DN	K	8:15
June 4	Mtn. View	C	6:30
June 4	Notre Dame	C	8:15
June 11	Desert Vista	K	6:30
June 11	Will. Field	K	8:15
June 16	Notre Dame	K	6:30
June 16	Mtn. View	K	8:15
June 25	TBD	TBD	6:30
June 25	TBD	TBD	8:15

Boys Golf

Several members of the AJHS boys golf team will be competing in the Southwest Section PGA Junior Summer Golf Tour in the Salt River Region which begins on June 8 at Toka Sticks Golf Course in Mesa. Any players interested in participating should contact Coach Steve Coulter via email at scoulter@ajusd.org.

Cross Country

The AJHS cross country teams will hold Summer practices Monday through Friday starting at 5:30 a.m. in front of the north gym beginning May 26 and runners will also compete in five Arizona Road Racers Summer series races beginning Memorial Day weekend. Interested participants should contact Coach Gabe Bolton via email at gbolton@ajusd.org.

Volleyball

The Lady Prospector volleyball program has a busy Summer planned with speed camp and workouts, a Youth Camp coordinated through the Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Department, the Phoenix Volleyball Festival June 27-30 at the Phoenix Convention Center (CC), a league on Tuesdays in July held at Phoenix Community College (PCC) and possible tournaments.

June Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
June 1	Speed Camp	AJ	5:30
June 2	Speed Camp	AJ	5:30
June 3	Speed Camp	AJ	5:30
June 8	Speed Camp	AJ	5:30
June 9	Speed Camp	AJ	5:30
June 10	Speed Camp	AJ	5:30
June 15	Youth Camp	AJ	10:00
June 15	Speed Camp	AJ	5:30
June 16	Youth Camp	AJ	10:00
June 16	Speed Camp	AJ	5:30
June 17	Youth Camp	AJ	10:00
June 17	Speed Camp	AJ	5:30
June 18	Youth Camp	AJ	10:00
June 23	Open Gym	AJ	2:00
June 24	Open Gym	AJ	2:00
June 25	Open Gym	AJ	2:00
June 26	Open Gym	AJ	2:00
June 27	Volleyball Fest	CC	TBD
June 28	Volleyball Fest	CC	TBD
June 29	Volleyball Fest	CC	TBD
June 30	Volleyball Fest	CC	TBD

June Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
July 1	Speed Camp	AJ	5:30
July 6	Speed Camp	AJ	5:30
July 7	League at PCC	PCC	5:30
July 8	Speed Camp	AJ	5:30
July 13	Speed Camp	AJ	5:30
July 14	League at PCC	PCC	5:30
July 15	Speed Camp	AJ	5:30
July 21	League at PCC	PCC	5:30
July 28	League at PCC	PCC	5:30

(possible tournament: July 15-19 in Oxnard, CA; possible tournament July 18 in Florence, AZ)

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