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Time Out



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**One Yard And A
Cloud Of Dust . . .**

This past Thursday, Apache Trail High School hosted their first-ever Wolfpack Black & Brown Spring Scrimmage on their new all-dirt field located just south of the school on Apache Trail. Although they play eight-man tackle football in the Fall, last week's scrimmage was played with the two-hand touch tackle and players were not wearing any pads.

A lot of work has already gone into the preparation of the practice field. Players and coaches used a Monday holiday to clear brush, rake up rocks and remove small trees. A couple of local businesses also pitched in to remove the larger trees and to grade the field.

Wolfpack Coach Dave Wagner says the field is working out OK but his players have complained about keeping their footing while wearing cleats.

The field is in need of some goal posts and turf but those items are not in the school's budget. Even if grass was to be added, there would be the expense of maintaining it.

I know the economy is tough right now but if you would like to help out the Wolfpack football program and are in a position to do so, you can contact the school's athletic director, John Anderson, at (480) 288-0337 or via email at John.Anderson@Leon-aGroup.com.

Apache Trail is coming off of their inaugural season of eight-man tackle football where they went 2-5 and had a chance to qualify for the post season in their final game, and this Fall, they will be joining the Arizona Charter Athletic Association for season number two, along with another local charter school, Imagine Prep, who will be playing their inaugural season in 2009.

**Lady Prospectors Off To Impressive Start In
Summer Hoops**

By **Chuck Baker**
The News

Apache Junction girls varsity basketball team got off to an impressive start in the Mesa Skyline Summer Hoops League, posting a pair of easy wins last Tuesday in the opening night of league play.

Apache Junction defeated Mesa Mountain View 38-24 in their first game and then scored the first 15 points in their nightcap against Mesa Westwood on their way to picking up a lopsided victory.

In the win over Mountain View, the AJHS girls were led by the play of Sierra Aulik, who finished with 11 points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals. Katie Karbo contributed 7 points and three rebounds, Jessica Iniguez netted 6

points and had two assists and two steals, Emily McGann also tossed in 6 points, Sara Cranmer added 4 points and four rebounds and also had a steal, assist and blocked shot, Kylie Bocskay added a bucket and grabbed four rebounds, and Diana Woodruff also scored a bucket and handed out an assist.

In their nightcap, the Lady Prospectors scored the first 15 points of the game and rolled to the easy win. McGann scored 12 of her game-high 14 points in the first ten minutes of the opening half and sat out much of the second half with the huge lead.

Aulik netted 10 points, all in the first half, and added three steals, two assists and two rebounds, Woodruff tossed in 7 points, Karbo



Lady Prospector Katie Karbo attempts a free throw in last Tuesday's Summer League game against Mesa Westwood played at Mesa Skyline High School.

netted 4 points and Monica Geer, Cranmer, Bocskay and Jade Yost all added 2 points. Melissa Ochoa didn't score but contributed three rebounds, two

steals, an assist and a blocked shot.

The Lady Prospector play another doubleheader this Tuesday, June 2, taking on Fairfax in a 6 p.m. game

and playing Desert Vista in an 8 p.m. All games are played at Skyline High School on Crismon Road

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Big Winner Of 1st 'Black & Brown' Scrimmage Is ATHS

By **Chuck Baker**
The News

Apache Trail High School hosted its first-ever Wolfpack Football "Black & Brown" Spring Scrimmage this past Thursday on its new all-dirt field just south of the school and although the Brown squad rallied for a 12-6 victory over the Black squad, the big winner was the Wolfpack football program which continues to make huge strides in just its second year of existence.

Playing an eight-on-eight, two-hand touch scrimmage, the Black squad

jumped out to a 6-0 lead on just the third play of the scrimmage when quarterback Chris Sheets found receiver Joe Rodriguez wide open in the end zone on a slant pattern.

After opening the scrimmage with an incomplete pass, Sheets hooked up with Rodriguez on a 54-yard pass play down the right sideline to set up the touchdown.

The Brown squad, on its second possession, came back to tie the game 6-6 when quarterback Brian Mayfield ran six yards around the right side untouched into the end zone.

On their final possession of the scrimmage, which for the most part was dominated by the two defenses, Mayfield gave the Brown team a 12-6 lead when he tossed a four-yard touchdown pass to Jon Bohn, his favorite receiver during their inaugural eight-man tackle football season in 2008.

The Black squad had one final drive to tie the scrimmage or even pull out a win with a successful score and point-after, but their last drive stalled at the opponents 16-yard line with back-to-back incomplete passes on two solid defensive plays by the Brown's Jordan Viramontes and Luis Perez to break up the pass attempts.

Mayfield completed just 3-of-11 passes in the scrimmage for 48 yards but added 87 rushing yards on 12 attempts. Wyatt Smith had a 37-yard reception, Viramontes caught a pass for seven yards, and Bohn's lone catch of four yards went for the TD.

Sheets completed 5-of-16 throws totaling 121 yards, all to Rodriguez, including the Black's lone touchdown.38 yards on seven carries and did throw an interception, picked off by

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In the trenches. Black squad team members (to the right) attempt to slow down the pass rush by the Brown squad members (in white jerseys) during last Thursday's Wolfpack Football Black & Brown Spring Scrimmage.



Black squad player Joe Rodriguez (#34, dark jersey) makes a terrific defensive play to break up this pass attempt to the Brown squad's Wyatt Smith in last Thursday's Wolfpack Football Spring Scrimmage played at Apache Trail High School. The Black squad's Danny Sepulveda (far right) is closing in on the play.



Brown squad quarterback Brian Mayfield scrambles for a six-yard touchdown run while Black squad's Will Haught gives chase in last Thursday's Wolfpack Football Black & Brown Scrimmage played at Apache Trail HS.

AJHS Girls Split Summer Softball Openers

By **J.J. Digos**
The News

Last Thursday night in Tempe, the Apache Junction High School Lady Prospector softball team opened up with their first pair of games in the Tempe Summer League at Kiwanis Park. It took one pitch for AJHS to grab a lead they would never surrender.

1st Team, All-Region shortstop Chelsey Streibich jumped on the very first pitch of the game against Phoenix Mountain Pointe and hit a line shot over the left fielder's head and she raced around the bases for the solo inside-the-park home run to give Apache Junction a quick 1-0 lead. After that, the Lady Pros-

pector "Gold" team tacked on another eight runs in the first inning and went on to post a 16-5 victory.

Junior-to-be Melissa Ochoa had a good pitching performance for the Gold team and the bats for the Lady Prospectors came alive as they tallied up 13 hits.

Streibich went 2-for-3 and had three runs batted in along with the lead-off home run. Senior Anjelica Montgomery also went 2-for-3 with a pair of singles. Junior catcher Lindsey Skinner drew a walk in her first at-bat and also drilled a double to the right-center gap collecting two RBIs. Senior

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Lady Prospector Autumn Rhodes takes a whack at a pitch in last Thursday's Tempe Summer League held at Kiwanis Park. Rhodes had two hits and a RBI in Apache Junction's 16-5 victory. (photo by J.J. Digos)

**AJHS Baseball Team
Opens Summer Play**

By **Chuck Baker**
The News

The Prospector baseball team opened up their Summer play with a game last Wednesday in Casa Grande and despite a good pitching performance from Josh Marsh, the Prospectors dropped a 12-2 decision.

Casa Grande scored five unearned runs in the first two innings off of several AJHS fielding errors, according to head coach Preston English.

Johnathan Hanson, Mike Davalos and David Sandoval had base hits for Apache Junction

in the loss, Davalos and Sandoval's both being doubles.

Apache Junction is using a combination of returning varsity players, junior varsity players and incoming freshmen this Summer and will play three home games this week. On Monday, June 1, Apache Junction will host Gilbert Mesquite. On Tuesday, June 2, Tempe McClintock comes for a visit and on Wednesday, June 3, the Prospectors will host Higley. First pitch for all three home games will be at 5 p.m.