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Time Out



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Welcome To My Nightmare

Lately, I've been having this recurring dream where I am out playing a round of golf and arrive at this unusual tee box. Sometimes it is located inside a cave, a tiny room or even an elevator. Other times, the tee box is on a tiny patch of grass high up on a cliff or on some extremely uneven ground with trees, ball washers and tee signs all bunched up together.

The recurring theme lies with the difficulty I have in trying to make a full swing. A common result is that I will swing and miss repeatedly or attempt several times to tee up the ball in another spot, all without success as groups of golfers playing behind us catch up and look on with growing impatience.

Anxiety begins to sit as I struggle to make contact with the ball or just to get off a swing and I realize I am holding everyone up. That harder I try, the worse it gets.

The latest version (happened last Friday night) has me playing a round on a military base. The tee area is about a two-foot deep rut on a small dirt path with platoons of soldiers marching by in front of me. Not only am I having trouble making contact with a ball well below my feet and inside this rut but I have to time my swing in between groups of passing soldiers.

I don't know why I am having this dream (or some would call it a nightmare) nor do I know the significance of it. I do know that I haven't played a decent round of golf in two years, despite my recent and first hole-in-one.

I don't know which came first - the lousy golf or this lousy nightmare. But I would like for both to go away. Does anyone know how to reach Charlie Mitchell now that he has retired?

Prospectors Tip Off Summer Hoops

By Chuck Baker
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The Prospector basketball squad is in full swing in the Mesa Skyline Summer League playing three games this past Wednesday, including a split-squad double dipper that may have left both teams short-handed.

After taking on Tempe

with a full roster in the early game scheduled for 5:00 p.m. and because a team did not show up for the 7:00 p.m. games, Apache Junction split up into two separate squads, one playing against Skyline in the regularly scheduled 7:00 p.m., the other taking on the same Tempe team by replacing the school that didn't show up.



Richie Pagels puts up a short jump shot in last Wednesday's Summer League game against Tempe.

Apache Junction fielded a team of seven players against Skyline and after playing the Coyotes close in the first half, trailing by just six, 30-24, starting center Lawrence Johnson scored his first bucket of the game just seconds into the second half but then went down an ankle injury on the defensive side of the court and sat out all but the final two minutes of the second half.

That injury to Johnson left squad number one with just six available players and no center on the court. As a result, the Prospectors struggled inside the paint and rebounding in the second half as Skyline pulled away for a 62-41 victory.

Apache Junction's backup center, Paul Miles, was on the other court playing Tempe in a 7:00 p.m. along with Armando Zuniga, T.J. Johnson, Richie Pagels, Jared Kraps and Jeremy Abbatacola. This squad,



Apache Junction's Colt Grandstaff makes an acrobatic move to battle for this rebound in last week's Summer League game versus Tempe played at Mesa Skyline HS.

minus the starting back-court of Colt Grandstaff and Mike Cano who were playing the Skyline game, struggled against Tempe's quickness and trapping defense and lost their game

71-29. In that second game against Tempe, Pagels and Zuniga each scored 10 points for Apache Junction.

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Summer Baseball In Full Swing

By Chuck Baker
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The Summer version of the Prospector baseball team hosted three games this past week and will hit the road for four away contests this week in a very busy start to the Summer season.

On Monday of last week, Apache Junction jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first inning over Gilbert Mesquite, led 7-2 through four innings, but couldn't hold for a win as Mesquite rallied late for a 16-8 victory.

The Prospectors scored quickly and often in the first as Nick Saathoff singled, Mike Davalos dou-

bled and Josh Mullenix singled in both Saathoff and Davalos.

Martin Fahey and Tyler Tyson threw drew base-on-balls to lead the bases, David Sandoval singled in Fahey, John LaChapelle was hit by a pitch to send Mullenix home, and Tyson and Sandoval both scored when Johnathan Converse reached base on a throwing error.

Apache Junction added a run in the second inning when Saathoff doubled and Mullenix singled for his third RBI and a 7-0 AJHS lead through two innings.

Tyson started on the mound for Apache Junction was outstanding



Pitcher John LaChapelle delivers a pitch to home plate in last Monday's Summer game against Gilbert Mesquite.

through the first two innings, allowing no hits while striking out three. Mesquite did collect a pair of hits off of Tyson to score two runs in the third inning but then Tyson struck out three in a row to end the inning, finishing his three-inning stint with six strikeouts.

LaChapelle came on and pitched a scoreless fourth inning but was the victim of three defensive errors in a seven-run, fifth inning as Mesquite took a 9-7 lead. Only one of the seven runs allowed by LaChapelle was earned.

Apache Junction scored a run in the last half of the fifth inning as LaChapelle

single and later scored on a wild pitch.

The Prospector defense had another rough outing in the sixth inning, this time committing four errors as Mesquite tacked on six more runs and went on to double-up Apache Junction on the final scoreboard.

Mullenix added a third base hit in the fourth inning and reached base in the sixth inning with a walk to cap off a great day at the plate. Also for Apache Junction, Blaine O'Brien came off the bench to single in the fifth inning.

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AJHS outfielder Nick Saathoff makes the play on this fly ball in last Monday's Summer game against Gilbert Mesquite as second baseman Johnathan Hanson (#4) looks on.

Lady Prospectors 3-1 In Summer Basketball

By Chuck Baker
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The Lady Prospector varsity basketball team picked up an impressive 33-27 victory over Laveen Fairfax this past Tuesday but they also suffered their first loss of the Mesa Skyline Summer League, dropping a 50-40 decision to a tough Phoenix Desert Vista squad. The split gives the AJHS girls a 3-1 record in the Summer league after two weeks. Desert Vista has yet to lose at 4-0.

In the win over Fairfax, Apache Junction scored the first ten points of the game in the first five minutes and never looked back. Fairfax was able to get as close as six points in the second half, which ended up being the final margin.

Sierra Aulik had another solid all-around game for



Kylie Bocskay pulls down a rebound in last Tuesday's Summer League game against Fairfax.

Apache Junction, tossing in 12 points to go with five steals and three assists. Katie Karbo netted 11 points and grabbed eight rebounds, Jessica Iniguez scored 4 points and pulled down four rebounds, and

Emily McGann, Diana Woodruff and Kylie Bocskay all scored 2 points. Woodruff also added four rebounds and an assist and Sara Cranmer picked in with three rebounds.

Apache Junction got

off to another quick start in the game with Desert Vista, leading 7-0 the first four minutes of the opening half but Desert Vista rallied to tie the game at halftime, 25-25, and then pulled away in the second half for the 10-point win.

McGann got off to a great start in the game, tossing in 14 first-half points, including knocking down a pair of three-pointers. She finished the game with 19 points.

Iniguez tossed 7 points in the Desert Vista loss, Aulik and Woodruff each added 6 points and Karbo pitched in with 2 points and six rebounds.

The varsity girls play two more games this Tuesday, June 9, taking on Skyline at 6:00 p.m. and playing Mesa Mountain View at 8:00 p.m. All Summer league games are played



Jessica Iniguez grabs a rebound in last Tuesday's game against Fairfax.

at Skyline High School on Crismon Road and admission is just \$1.00

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Maughmer
Rated #1

Scout.com ranks
Cy Maughmer
#1 in Arizona,
#67 in nation

By Chuck Baker
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According to the recruiting organization *Scout.com*, Apache Junction senior-to-be Cy Maughmer is rated the No. 1 defensive tackle in Arizona for the Class of 2010 players and No. 67 in the nation. Cy is listed as a three-star recruit already generating interest from such colleges as Air Force, Arizona, Arizona State, New Mexico State and Portland State, with an official offer from Air Force.

Maughmer, listed at 6-0.5 and 282 pounds, runs a 5.48 40-yard dash based on a recent Phoenix combine, recorded 47 tackles, six sacks and three fumble recoveries as a junior for last year's 8-4 Prospector football team.

According to *Scout.com* and *24-7football.com* Southwest Recruiting Analyst Jason Jewell, "Maughmer's highlight reel is impressive. You see an active DT/NT that uses his hands well and plays with a great motor. He is strong and plays with a nice base."

The Arizona-based *24-7football.com* version of *Scout.com* also has Maughmer ranked as the No. 17 overall recruit from Arizona for 2010 players.



Apache Junction's Cy Maughmer as pictured on Scout.com.