



Time Out



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No Tiger In This Tank

I am not a big Tiger Woods fan. And just between me and you, as I watched eight hours of taped British Open coverage on TNT last Friday (technically, it's no longer called the British Open – now it's "The Open Championships"), I was pulling against Tiger for making the cut, which I am pleased to report, he failed to do for only the fifth time in his PGA career, missing the 36-hole, +4 cut by just a single stroke.

I am not a mean person by nature. I'm just sick of all

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AJHS Volleyball Cools Off

By **Chuck Baker**
The News

After beginning the Phoenix College Summer Volleyball League with three wins on July 7, the Lady Prospectors ran into some tough competition this past Tuesday, losing two of their three matches.

Apache Junction opened with a match against perennial 4A-1 powerhouse

Glendale Cactus and put up a great effort but fell by the scores of 25-20 and 25-22. Cactus was the 2006 4A-1 State Champs, lost in the 2007 semifinals despite being the tournament's top seed, and lost in the State finals a year ago.

In the second game against cactus, the teams were tied 21-21 in a see-saw battle before Cactus pulled it out in the closing seconds.

Katie Karbo led the charge for Apache Junction with her 11 assists, four service points, three blocks and three digs. Kylie Bocskay added five kills and four blocks, Jessica Iniguez contributed five service points, two kills and two blocks, Diana Woodruff came up with eight digs, Monica Geer had a pair of kills, Sierra Aulik had four service points, two blocks and a kill, and Allysa Aranda added three service points.

Next up for the AJHS girls was a match with Mesa Westwood, a number eleven seed in last year's 5A-I State Tournament. Apache Junction had the lead late in all three games before falling 25-23, 26-28, 15-12 (tie-breaker).

Apache Junction appeared to be in control in game one with a 23-19 lead but then made some unforced mistakes allowing Westwood to rally to pull it out.

The AJHS girls led 24-21 in game two before holding on for a 28-26 win, and led



Lady Prospector Siobhan McKay (right) puts up a set in last Tuesday's match against Mesa Westwood during the Phoenix College Summer League.

11-10 in game three before losing by three points.

Iniguez played a terrific match with 10 kills, three blocks and five service points. Bocskay added five kills, Ovalle had eight service points and four kills, Karbo handed out 10 assists, Amy Meagley contributed four service points and three digs, Woodruff added four service points

and three digs, Morgan Myers also had four service points and three digs, Geer tallied two kills and two service points, and Aranda had three service points.

The AJHS girls closed out the night with a 25-20, 25-20 victory over Williams Field, their second

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AJHS defensive specialist Diana Woodruff (in white) makes an acrobatic move to come up with this dig in last Tuesday's match against Williams Field.

Horseshoe Tourney To Benefit Mighty Mite Predators Football

A Horseshoe Tournament to benefit the 2009 Mighty Mite Predators youth football team from the Black and Gold Youth Football League will be held on Saturday, August 1st at the Firehouse Bar & Grill in Gold Canyon. Registration for the tournament begins at 2:00 p.m. and the tournament gets underway at 3:30 p.m. The cost to enter is \$20 per team and prizes will awarded to the top three teams.

Proceeds from this tournament go to help pay for uniforms and league fees for members of the Mighty Mite Predators youth foot-

ball team for players seven and eight years of age.

In addition to the team prizes, there will be raffle drawings throughout the day and evening, Happy Hour offered from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and lighted horseshoe pits. Firehouse Bar & Grill is located at 8654 Topaz Road in Gold Canyon, off of Kings Ranch Road.

The Black and Gold Youth Football League is the local branch of the Pinal County Youth Football Federation. The program offers both tackle football and cheer-leading and first practices for the 2009 season are slated to begin on July 27.



Firehouse Bar & Grill
(Gold Canyon)
3:30 p.m. Start

For more information, visit their website at www.bgyfl.com.

For more information about the tournament, con-

tact Eddie Fernandez at (480) 671-7472, Tommy Lopez at (520) 560-8880, or Brandon Acedo at (480) 982-2573.

Prospector QB/LB Nate Scola Featured On Scout.com

By **Chuck Baker**
The News

Apache Junction senior-to-be Nate Scola has been generating quite a bit of interest from college football coaches and recruiters and was recently featured on the www.Scout.com website's Arizona version, also known as www.24-7football.com.

According to a story written by Armsports.com staff and dated July 14, 2009, Nate "has been hard at work training in the 111 degree temperature of the desert. He's got football and his future on his mind. Scola is very interested in Army and Air Force and has also been hearing from Brown, Princeton, Northern Arizona, Portland State, North Dakota State, Utah State and Fresno State."

The article also mentions that Nate recently drew the praise of the Army coach, who said "he likes what he sees."

he also plays a linebacker position.

On the 24-7football.com Web site, Nate, listed at 5-10 and 208 pounds, is mentioned as a top recruit as an outside linebacker. He runs a 4.87 40-yard dash and has been a regular participant in high school football combines held in Arizona and California.

Nate might not impress you with his throwing arm but that is by design. The Prospectors are not a passing team. In fact, all of last season, Nate attempted just 48 passes, completed 16 for 329 yards and three touchdowns.

Scola is a terrific runner and decision-maker executing the "Flexbone" option offense run by the Prospectors and has great field presence. He ran for 786 yards on 144 rushing attempts in 2008 and led Apache Junction with 10 rushing touchdowns.

As a linebacker, Nate was third on the team a year ago with 76 tackles, also recorded two sacks and added an interception. As a sophomore linebacker on the varsity squad, Nate was involved in 95 tackles, also third overall on the team.



Prospector quarterback/linebacker Nate Scola as he appears on the Scout.com Web site (above) and pictured throwing a touchdown pass during a 2008 Summer Passing League scrimmage (right). The senior-to-be has been generating quite a bit of interest from college football teams and recently drew the praise of Army coaches.



He even caught seven passes as a receiver during the 2007 season and shared quarterbacking duties with former Prospector Daniel Ambrosio, now a quarterback at Wabash College in Indiana.

Not bad numbers for a football player two inches shy of six feet and one who rarely gets a break on the sidelines during a game. But don't his size fool you. Nate is one of the hardest hitting players for the

Prospector defense. Scola helped lead the Prospectors to an 8-4 overall record in 2008 and into the first round of the 4A-I State Tournament. Apache Junction will open the 2009 season on Friday, August 28, hosting Prescott Bradshaw Mountain.

Apache Junction will play a 10-game schedule in 2009, one game fewer than in the past few sea-

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