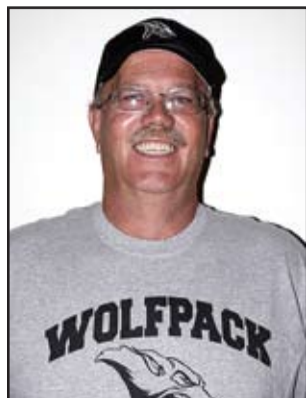




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Time Out



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Did you happen to catch last Friday's 42-10 victory by Scottsdale Chaparral over 5A-I power Mesa Mountain View? For years, Chaparral was a member of the 4A-II East Sky Region and 4A-I Desert Sky Region beating up on opponents like Apache Junction every year. They moved up to 5A-II this year and laid a whoopin' on Mountain View Friday night, which was ranked No. 4 in the state in the 5A-I division.

A year ago, in their final year of 4A-I, Chaparral beat the Prospectors 31-12 to spoil A.J.'s Homecoming night.

Think there's much of a difference between 4A and 5A schools now? Bring on 5A-I Mountain View. AJHS is ready!

A.J. Boys Swim Team Sinks Cactus Shadows

By Chuck Baker
The News

Led by individual first place finishes in diving and the 100 freestyle from Andrew Jones, the Prospector swim and dive team defeated Cave Creek Cactus Shadows 109-74 in last Tuesday's home opener for Apache Junction.

Jones tallied 173.8 points to take first in diving and then turned in a time of 57:47 to capture the top spot in the 100 freestyle. Jones also swam a leg of the boys 200 freestyle relay which finished first with a combined

time of 1:46.50 and the boys 200 medley relay, along with John Simeonoff, Storm Hancock and Jim Huynh, which finished first with a combined time of 1:57.76.

Also coming up with a first place finish for the AJHS boys were Cody Ploense in the 200 freestyle (2:25.22), Richard Penick in the 50 freestyle (24:46), Huynh in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.28), Ty Adair in the 500 freestyle (6:40.31), and the boys 400 freestyle relay with a combined time of 3:56.31.

Second place finishers for the AJHS boys included Nate

Rees in the 200 freestyle (2:25.39), Chris Richmond in the 200 individual medley (2:46.83), Jordan Goats in the 50 freestyle (28:20), Huynh in the 100 butterfly (1:00.50), Ploense in the 500 freestyle (6:40.58), Simeonoff in the 100 backstroke (1:09.75), and the boys 400 freestyle relay (4:28.88).

In the girls competition, Cactus Shadows took first place with 107 team points and Apache Junction scored 76 points to finish second.

For the Lady Prospectors, Jinny Young took first place

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Prospector swimmer Nate Rees competes in the 200 individual medley in last Tuesday's home meet.

Lady Prospectors Enjoy 3-0 Week

By Chuck Baker
The News

The Lady Prospector varsity volleyball squad continued their impressive start to the 2009 season, tacking on three more regular season wins this past week to improve to 5-0 overall. Counting the Notre Dame Prep Tournament played September 4 and 5 where the AJHS

girls went 3-3, Apache Junction is now 8-3 overall.

Apache Junction defeated Higley 18-25, 25-9, 25-19, 25-15 on Tuesday behind 11 kills and 11 blocks from Jessica Iniguez, downed Avondale Agua Fria 25-12, 25-12, 25-20 on Wednesday behind 10 more kills by Iniguez and eight kills from Kylie Boc-

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Lady Prospector swimmer Nicoletta Carbone competes in the 100 meter butterfly in last Tuesday's home meet against Cactus Shadows.

ATHS Wolfpack Improve To 3-0

By Chuck Baker
The News

In just their second season of eight-man tackle football and only three games into the 2009 season, the Apache Trail Wolfpack exceeded their win total from last year's inaugural campaign by beating the Desert Hills Cougars 28-24 last Friday at Prospector Park to improve to 3-0. Apache Trail went 2-6 a year ago and are perfect thus far in '09 playing in the Arizona Charter Athletic Association.

The Wolfpack struck first when quarterback Brian Mayfield ran 66 yards on the second play of the game to put Apache Trail up 8-0.

Apache Trail stretched its lead to 16-0 in the open-

ing quarter when Mayfield struck again, this time with his arm, tossing a 44-yard touchdown to Kyle Webb. Another two-point run by Mayfield put the Wolfpack up 16-0.

Apache Trail increased its lead to 22-0 by scoring first in the second quarter on a 59-yard TD toss from Mayfield to Joe Rodriguez and appeared to be in total control. But give the Cougars credit as they never gave up and made things very interesting the rest of the way.

Desert Hills got on the board late in the second quarter with a seven-yard touchdown pass and trailed 22-8 at intermission.

The Cougars then pulled to within 22-16 with a 10-yard touchdown run in



Apache Trail defensive back Chris Sheets (right) lines up in front of a Desert Hills wide receiver in Friday's game at Prospector Park. Sheets did a nice job all night with tight man-to-man pass coverage.

the third quarter, but the Wolfpack responded with a long 10-play drive topped off by a 17-yard touchdown run from Mayfield early in the fourth quarter to go up

28-16, this time missing the two-point conversion.

Desert Hills fought back and pulled to within 28-24

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Prospectors Roll Over Agua Fria, 42-22

By J.J. Digos
The News

Two weeks ago it was about the defense. This past Friday night, it was the offense for the Apache Junction Prospectors that stole the show, running all over the Agua Fria Owls defense. Overall, the Prospectors amassed 356 total offensive yards, with 274 of that coming again from a potent rushing attack.

Leading the way on offense again was senior fullback Nate Scola. He had 17 carries and ran for 135 yards and three touchdowns, giving the senior back eight TDs in the Prospectors 3-0 start of 2009. Junior Harrison Pomeroy carried the ball for the Prospector offense eight times and racked up 67 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns. Terry Eytcheson ran for 28 yards on three carries. Tanner Morgan and quarterback Roy Machuca each carried the ball four times and ran for 24 and 17 yards respectively. Also recording carries was sophomore Parker Rathjen who gained

ten yards on a pair of runs late in the game.

The passing offense came to life Friday evening for the Prospectors. Machuca went 5-for-5 through the air for 49 yards and Tanner Morgan completed a 33-yard pass on a botched punt attempt in the 4th quarter. David Fernando caught a pair of Machuca's passes for 32 yards, Matt Tomasetti caught the 33-yard pass from Morgan on the bad punt attempt, and Scola caught a pass from Machuca, gaining 13 yards on the play.

The Prospectors scored touchdowns on 6-of-7 drives during the night. The only drive they didn't score on was in the 4th quarter with less than two minutes remaining in the ball game.

In the first series, the Prospectors drove down the field and Pomeroy scored on a two-yard run to give the AJ offense an early 7-0 lead with 8:02 left in the first quarter.

After an Agua Fria touchdown, the Prospectors marched down the field over the Owls' defense again, and



Prospector junior linebacker Harrison Pomeroy makes a stop on this Agua Fria ball carrier in last Friday's game at Davis Field. (photo by J.J. Digos)

two minutes later, with 4:26 left in the quarter, Scola took a handoff from Machuca, broke a tackle attempt by an Agua Fria linebacker, and sprinted into the end zone, a 13-yard scoring dash that gave the Prospectors a 14-7 lead after another successful PAT kick by junior kicker David Gamboa.

After a defensive stop by the stingy Prospectors defense and a good punt return by Fernando, with 11:25 left

in the first half, Pomeroy found the end zone for the second time on the night, scoring on a counter play from nine yards out. The Prospectors lead after a Gamboa PAT grew to 21-7.

With 1:22 left before halftime, once again, it was Scola finding the end zone for the Prospectors. He took a handoff on a dive from his quarterback, cut to his right

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Apache Junction southpaw Kylie Bocskay (#10) took an assist from Katie Karbo (#12) and pounded down this kill during a recent home match against Desert Edge.

AJHS Golfers Win 1st Match Of Season

By Chuck Baker
The News

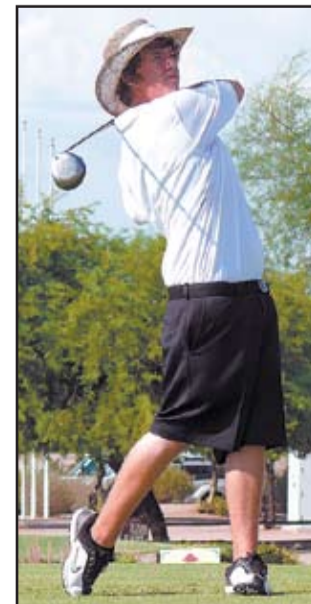
The Prospector golf team picked up their first win of the season defeating Camelback, Tempe and Combs high schools in a four-way match played last Tuesday at Apache Creek Golf Club.

Apache Junction, led by a 37 from Luke Ribich on the front nine, shot 173 as a team to easily finish ahead of Camelback (205), Tempe (208) and Combs (227).

Other scores from Apache Junction players included a 43 from Nathaniel Gingrich, 45 from Brandon Thunberg, 48 from Esai Victorio and 49 from Jon Kulas.

Apache Junction will tee it up twice this week, playing at Notre Dame Prep on Tuesday, September 15 with Glendale Cactus the third team, and will host Scotts-

dale Coronado and Chandler Basha on Thursday, September 17 teeing off at 3:30 p.m. at Apache Creek Golf Club.



Prospector Jon Kulas watches his tee shot on the first hole at Apache Creek Golf Club during the A.J. Invitational played Sept. 3.