

Time Out



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It's Showtime!

This Friday's AJHS Homecoming game vs. 5-0 Cactus Shadows is probably the Prospectors biggest game since the 4A-II semifinal game against Higley back in 2006. Cactus Shadows is #5 overall in the 4A-I power rankings while Apache Junction sits at the top of the rankings. It is also the first Desert Sky Region game for both teams. Kickoff is 7:00 p.m. at Davis Field.

Last season, AJHS, facing a fourth-and-seven with less than two minutes to play, ran the "43 rocket counter" for the first time in the season and Nate Scola went 29 yards for a game-winning TD, giving the Prospectors a wild 33-28 victory.

Andrew Jones, Clarissa Mohle Dual Winners

Just one meet left before regionals for AJHS swim & dive

By Chuck Baker
The News

Apache Junction swimmers Andrew Jones and Clarissa Mohle were both dual winners in last Tuesday's home swim and dive meet against (Chandler) Seton Catholic but it was not enough as the AJHS boys and girls teams came up a little short in the team competition.

Jones won the 50 freestyle with a time of 24:74 and then captured the 100 freestyle with a time of 57:17 but the Prospectors still lost

to Seton, 101-84.

Mohle took first place in the 100 butterfly with her time of 1:14.26 and then won the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:14.99 but the Lady Prospectors still lost to Seton, 108-62.

Other first place winners for Apache Junction included Ole Gabrielson in diving with 156.60 points and Mackenzie Hvidsten in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:07.40 for the boys, and Jinny Young in the 50 freestyle with a time of 30:41 for the girls.

Posting second place finishes for the AJHS boys were Richard Penick in the 100 freestyle (57:24) and in the 200 individual medley (2:18.05), John Simeonoff in the 100 backstroke (1:09.68), Charles Bauer in diving (126.10), Chris Richmond in the 500 freestyle (6:31.11) and both the 200 medley relay (2:00.23) and the 200 freestyle relay (1:50.36).

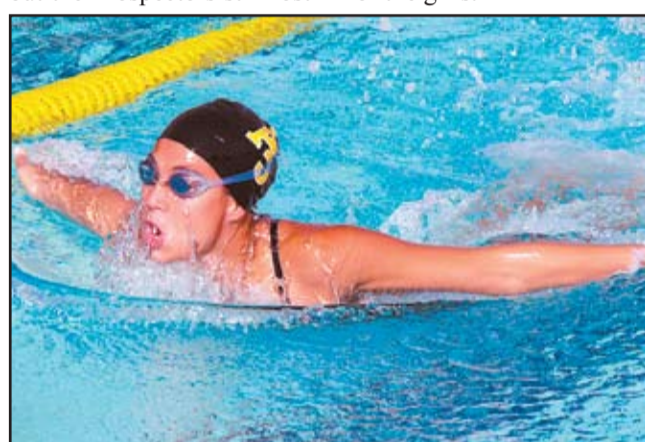
Second place finishes for the AJHS girls included Kacey Beyer in the 100 backstroke (1:19.52), Nicoletta Carbone in the 500 freestyle (6:55.61), the 200 medley relay (2:18.67) and the 400 freestyle relay (4:47.23).

Third places finishes for AJHS included Hvidsten in the 100 butterfly (1:14.08), Ty Adair in the 100 backstroke (1:13.86), Storm Hancock in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.73), Simeonoff in the 200 individual medley (2:29.52), Cody Ploense in the 500 freestyle (6:47.32),

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Apache Junction's Jordan Goats competes in the 100 butterfly at last Tuesday's home swim meet.



Lady Prospector Ashle Beyer competes in the 100 butterfly during last Tuesday's home meet versus Seton

Lady Prospectors De-Claw Sabercats

AJHS climbs to #2 in 4A-I power rankings

By Chuck Baker
The News

Playing perhaps their best of the season, the Lady Prospector varsity volleyball team clobbered Scottsdale Saguardo at home last Thursday by the scores of 25-17, 25-12, 25-7. The win was Apache Junction's second Desert Sky Region victory of the season, now 2-4 overall in region matches and 16-8 overall counting tournaments, and avenged the five-set loss to Saguardo from the week before.

Jessica Iniguez pounded six kills and added 11 blocks in the win. Catalina Ovalle contributed five kills and 12 digs, Katie Karbo handed out 18 assists to go with eight digs, six blocks



Sierra Aulik (in the back) does a jump serve in last Thursday's home match against Scottsdale Saguardo. Aulik and the rest of the Lady Prospectors came up with an impressive three-set sweep, moving up to number two overall in the 4A-I power rankings.

and two service aces, Kylie Bocskay added seven kills, Sierra Aulik came up with five kills and 11 digs, Monica Geer had three kills, six digs and six blocks and Diana Woodruff had 16 digs.

The Lady Prospectors also played a region match at Queen Creek on Tuesday and lost in one of the most exciting and closest matches of the season. Apache Junction won the first set 25-20,

Queen Creek took the second one 25-22, AJHS bounced back to win set three 25-19, Queen Creek then forced a fifth set tie-breaker with their

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Prospectors Bounce Back With 42-36 Win

AJHS Homecoming this Friday, October 9, vs. Cactus Shadows

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The Apache Junction Prospectors varsity football team rebounded from their loss to Cottonwood Mingus two weeks ago with a 42-36 victory in an exciting game last Friday night over the Phoenix Greenway Demons. The teams combined for over 800 yards of total offense but the Prospectors won the turnover battle with a pair of interceptions and fumble recoveries that were key in the come-from-behind victory.

The scoring started early for the Prospectors after Derek Hoffman recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff. Junior quarterback Roy Machuca threw a strike to fellow junior wide receiver David Fernando on a slant pattern for a 28-yard touchdown to give the Prospectors an early 6-0 lead with 11:07

left in the first quarter.

After a Greenway touchdown, the Prospectors drove down the field once again and running back Tanner Morgan found the end zone for a 13-yard score. After a Machuca run on the two-point conversion attempt, the Prospectors led 14-7 midway through the opening quarter.

Now to the second quarter, after giving up two Demons touchdowns and falling behind by a score of 21-14, Machuca dropped back to pass, and behind his offensive line without junior right tackle Patrick Hughes (who went down with an apparent shoulder injury in the first quarter), threw a perfect bomb over the Greenway free safety and into the arms of senior receiver Colt Grandstaff and he raced his way into the end-zone to tie the game at 21. However



Prospector defensive back Derek Hoffman returns the first of his two interceptions in Friday's wild 42-36 victory over Phoenix Greenway. (photo by J.J. Digos)

before halftime, Greenway found the end-zone again on their next drive, and after a fumble lost by the Prospectors, it seemed that the Demons might find the end-zone yet again, but the AJHS defense and mainly the secondary stepped up and held off the Greenway offense to enter the halftime break down by seven points.

After a scoreless third quarter, Hoffman intercepted a pass from the Greenway quarterback deep in Prospec-

tor territory. Then, 60-plus yards later on the ensuing drive, Nate Scola scored on a one-yard touchdown burst on fourth down to tie the game at 28-28 after a David Gamboa extra-point kick.

On the third play of the ensuing Greenway drive the Demons quarterback fumbled the snap and linebacker Morgan scooped up the ball and raced 35 yards to the end-zone, silencing

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Wolfpack Now Six-For-Six

Just 'howl' good are they?

By Chuck Baker
The News



Six games into just their second season of eight-man tackle football, the Apache Trail Wolfpack are a perfect 6-0, counting last Friday's 48-18 Homecoming Game victory over (Bullhead City) Mohave Accelerated Learning Center (M.A.L.C.) at Prospector Park.

And since was Homecoming for Apache Trail, perhaps it would be appropriate to say, "Welcome back, Jon Bohn."

Making his first appearance of the season after recovering from a pre-season high ankle sprain, Bohn, the speedy wide receiver/playmaker, who accounted for 511 receiving yards and nine total touchdowns in the Wolfpack's inaugural season in '08, might not have been at full strength on Friday, but at perhaps eighty-five per cent, he is still pretty good.

Early in the second quarter, Bohn hauled in a slant pass from quarterback Brian Mayfield and outran the M.A.L.C. secondary for a 79-yard touchdown to put the Wolfpack up 20-0.

Then, after M.A.L.C. scored its first touchdown to close the gap to 20-6, Bohn returned the ensuing kickoff 83 yards for another touchdown, helping Apache Trail to a 26-12 lead at intermission.

M.A.L.C. opened the second half with an impressive 16-play, 87-yard drive that ate up most of the clock in the third quarter and ended with a seven-yard TD run to make things a little interesting at 26-18.

But after that long drive by

M.A.L.C., the rest of the second half belonged to Apache Trail as they tacked on three more scores and went on to victory, improving to 6-0 in the "B Division of the Arizona Charter Athletic Association.

This is one game where statistics certainly didn't reflect the final score. In fact, in the third quarter, M.A.L.C. ran 19 offensive plays and gained 87 yards to one play for the Wolfpack for one yard, yet Apache Trail held a 14-6 edge in scoring.

After M.A.L.C. scored in the third quarter to close the gap to 26-18, they kicked off short not wanting to give Bohn another chance at a return but Apache Trail's Kyle Webb fielded the kick at his thirty, broke five tackles and returned the it to the end zone.

M.A.L.C. went three-and-out in their next possession and was back in punt formation when a high snap sailed over the punter's head and came to rest at the one-yard line.

Mayfield then took the Wolfpack's only snap of the quarter and tucked in behind his offensive line and scored on a sneak right up the middle to put the Wolfpack out in front, 40-18.

Apache Trail's Joaquin

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(above) Apache Trail quarterback Brian Mayfield (#7) follows his offensive line into the end zone for a one-yard TD in Friday's 48-18 victory over M.A.L.C.; (below) Mariela Felix is pictured during a halftime performance by the Apache Trail cheer squad.

