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Time Out



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Fantasy Blues

My fantasy football team known as MSU (it stands for Mesquite Street Unplugged and even though I no longer live on Mesquite Street, I kind of like the way the three letters look together) is off to an embarrassing 0-6 start to the Apache Junction Fantasy Football League despite being a computer "favorite" in each of my games thus far. Needless to say, I'm taking a lot of abuse from guys like Jared, Little Jerry and Steve Jr., owners who are accustomed to 0-6 starts but are faring much better than me this go around.

Obviously, my team is headed for the Lower Division playoffs and The Little Super Bowl, which is a rarity for MSU. How quickly league owners forget that I won the regular league title just last season and have won two Super Bowl titles and four league titles, all in separate years.

The AJFFL has been around for some twenty-six years and even though past records are not complete, I would guess that I have finished in the Upper Division nineteen or twenty times.

It may be time for me to cut my losses this year, but I still keep alive hopes that teams like BS Crew and Pros of Pain hit a losing streak and end up in the Lower Division just like me and we meet again in the playoffs.

Real Football

Both Apache Junction and Apache Trail have big football games this week, AJHS at Queen Creek and ATHS at Mesa Heritage. Good luck to both.

Prospector 'D' Shines In 33-3 Win

Forces nine turnovers in victory over McClintock

By J.J. Digos
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Holding Tempe McClintock to 31 yards rushing and forcing nine Chargers turnovers, the Prospector defense showed its mettle and toughness against the running game in their 33-3 victory Friday night at McClintock High School to im-

prove to 6-2 on the season. It was a complete and balanced effort for the Prospectors with the tough defense and the efficient offensive attack.

In the first quarter, following a 50-yard pass completion from junior quarterback Roy Machuca to senior wide receiver Kyrel Parker to put the Prospectors inside the

five-yard line, running back Tanner Morgan took the handoff from Machuca and reached the ball into the end zone for a touchdown and a 7-0 lead.

Fast forward now to the second quarter and this time the Prospectors used the aerial attack to find the end zone with Machuca hitting Morgan in stride on a "wheel route" and Morgan ran away from the McClintock defense for 22 yards and his second touchdown of the night. With 3:04 to go in the first half, the Prospector lead was 14-0.

On the ensuing McClintock possession, a lateral pass was dropped by the Chargers wide receiver and it was Parker picking up the fumble and taking it back to the house for the defensive touchdown to lift Apache Junction to a 20-0 lead at halftime.



Apache Junction wide receiver Colt Grandstaff hauls in a 36-yard reception in Friday night's game at Tempe McClintock (photo by J.J. Digos)



Prospector defensive back Kyrel Parker makes a stop on this McClintock ball carrier in Friday's game. Parker had a big night for AJHS with a pass reception for 50 yards and five tackles, three pass deflections, two interceptions and a fumble recovery returned for a touchdown on defense as Apache Junction rolled to a 33-3 win. (photo by J.J. Digos)

Coming out of the half, the Prospector defense continued to play stout and senior outside linebacker Nate Scola recovered another fumble on the second play of the McClintock drive. On the next play, the Prospectors

showed some trickery with Scola taking the toss from Machuca and then throwing deep to fellow senior Derek Hoffman, who made a nice adjustment on the ball while

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Lady Prospectors Split Region Volleyball Matches

By Chuck Baker
The News

The Lady Prospector varsity volleyball team split their two Desert Sky Region matches this past week, rallying from behind on the road to knock off Tempe McClintock 21-25, 25-12, 25-27, 25-15, 15-11 behind a combined 29 kills from middle blockers Jessica Iniguez and Kylie Bocskay, but then losing at home to Queen Creek, 21-25, 25-21, 25-17, 25-18 to finish the week with a 17-11 overall record and a 3-6 mark in region matches.

Iniguez came up with 15 kills and 14 blocks in the win over McClintock while Bocskay had 14 kills to go with four blocks. Catalina Ovalle added six kills and eight digs, Monica Geer had four kills and 18 digs, Katie Karbo dished out 30 assists to go with 15 digs and five blocks, Sierra Aulik had

a kill and 25 digs, Diana Woodruff came up with 21 digs, Allyssa Aranda added five digs and Amber Thillmony had four digs.

In the loss to Queen Creek, Bocskay pounded down 10 kills and added seven blocks, Iniguez had six kills to go with 12 blocks, Aulik also had six kills and added nine digs and five blocks, Karbo had 19 assists, six blocks and five digs, Ovalle added four kills and 17 digs, Geer had three kills and 10 digs and Woodruff had another 19 digs.

The AJHS girls will be competing this Friday and Saturday in the Gilbert Highland Tournament and have one regular season match remaining on Tuesday, November 3 versus Glendale Raymond Kellis in a special start time of 5:30 p.m. The match with Kellis will also be "Senior Night" for the Lady Prospectors as they honor the ten

seniors on this year's squad, Iniguez, Bocskay, Karbo, Ovalle, Woodruff, Thillmony, Aranda, Chayla Langley, Amy Meagley and Monique Thomas.

Apache Junction is currently sitting in the number six spot in the 4A-I power rankings, which should almost guarantee them a berth in the State Tournament. The top sixteen teams in the final rankings all advance to this year's State Tournament.

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The Lady Prospector junior see **V-ball**, page B-6



Apache Junction outside hitter Sierra Aulik (#7) pounds down one of her six kills in last Thursday's home match against Queen Creek. The AJHS girls split two region matches last week and will be competing in the Gilbert Highland Tournament this Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24. The team's final match of the regular season will be at home on Tuesday, November 3, versus Glendale Raymond Kellis, which will also be "Senior Night" where the team's 10 seniors will be recognized.

Elks' Soccer Shoot-Out Winners

On Sunday, October 11, seven of the Apache Junction Elks Soccer Shoot-Out local finalists competed at the Arizona Eastern District competition held in Tempe. Congratulations to first place winner Maya Richardson in the 7-and-under girls division, and also to Clayton McCarthy for first place in the boys 9-t10 division.

Second place honors went to Connor Brennan in the boys 12-13 division, Conner Anderson in the boys 8-9 division and Colton Frisbee in the boys 7-and-under division. Third place honors went to Kylie Earl in the girls 10-11 division.

The AJ Elks Lodge #2349 would like to thank the Apache Junction School

District for supporting the Elks with this program, and also thank participant Jessica Layman, and our alternate shooters, Cherise Davis, Alexandria "Charlie" Anderson and Dylan Brennan for their support at

Sunday's event. First place winners, Maya Richardson and Clayton McCarthy, will represent Eastern Arizona at the upcoming Arizona State Soccer Shoot-Out final to be held in November.



Top row, left to right, Kylie Earl, Connor Brennan and Clayton McCarthy, and bottom row, left to right, Colton Frisbee, Conner Anderson and Maya Richardson

American Legion Post 27 Teams Up With Local School



The Apache Junction American Legion Post 27 teams up with Four Peaks Elementary School at the lanes; Yes, the bowling lanes of East Mesa Bowl. Twenty-one students at FPES were invited by Post 27 to participate in a junior's bowling league. A Bowling Unit was first introduced in Physical Education classes as a life-long learning activity; the students were taught fundamentals, skills and the mathematical awareness used in the scoring process. After the unit was complete, the fourth and fifth grade students were invited to become members of the Four Peaks Better Bowling team offered at 7:00 a.m. in the morning as an enrichment program. Thus, the team was formed and the search for a sponsor was under way.

The American Legion, committed to community service, agreed that sponsoring the junior bowlers was a good idea. Most of the children had never experienced participation in a league nor bowling at the lanes. It is definitely a win-win situation for the children at FPES. The junior bowlers want to extend a warm "thank you" to the American Legion Post 27 for taking a positive interest in their education. (submitted photo)

Apache Trail To Battle Heritage Academy For AZCAA League Title

Apache Trail Wolfpack will take on the Heritage Academy this coming Thursday, October 22 in eight-man tackle football at Mesa's Hohokam Park with the Arizona Charter Athletic Association Class "B" Division title on the line.

Both teams come into the game with 6-0 records in Class "B" games while ATHS is actually 7-0 overall counting their 42-24 victory over Chandler El Dorado, a Class "A" Division team. Both teams have already wrapped up a post season

playoff spot and are meeting for the regular season division title. Kickoff will be at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday.

The Wolfpack, coached by Dave Wagner, Greg Garland and Jon Brown, are in just their second season of eight-man tackle football and went 2-6 in their inaugural campaign in 2008. In their seven wins this season, the Wolfpack have outscored their opponents 312-150.

For more information about the league, visit the website www.azcaa.com.



Apache Trail (6-0) versus Heritage Academy (6-0) Thursday, October 22 Mesa Hohokam Park 7:00 p.m. Kickoff