



Time Out



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Puppy-Love

Roll over. Now play dead. Good boy.

So much for the A.J.-Queen Creek Rivalry. Even after jumping out to a quick 14-0 lead, mostly behind two long pass completions, the Queen Creek Puppy Dogs, playing at home and on "senior night," didn't have much bite to them as the Prospectors rolled up a newspaper and smacked the Dawgs good last Friday night, dog-piling up 454 rushing yards (532 yards in all) and scoring the game's final 52 points.

I thought that "Princess," the QC bulldog mascot, looked rather spoiled and overfed as he led the team onto the field Friday. Somebody from South Ironwood knit a purple sweater for that tame hound. And take off the muzzle too. That flea-bag couldn't break the skin of a ripened banana.

About the only excitement during the second half of this game was watching the AJHS cheerleaders do push-ups for every one of the points the Prospectors scored. Lauren Stewart was impressive with her forty-nine push-ups, and following a David Gamboa field

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Prospectors Overcome Slow Start, Crush Rival Queen Creek, 52-14

By J.J. Digos
The News

Despite falling behind 14-0 early in the first quarter, the Apache Junction Prospectors varsity football team responded with 52 unanswered points and defeated their rival Queen Creek Bulldogs by a final score of 52-14.

In the first quarter, after falling behind to the Bulldogs by two touchdowns, quarterback Roy Machuca broke free on a 67-yard run to the Queen Creek six-yard line to close out the quarter. On the opening play of the second quarter, fullback Harrison Pomeroy pounded his way in to the end-zone to put the Prospectors on the scoreboard for the first time and after a David Gamboa kick, the score was 14-7, Bulldogs.

After the Prospector defense forced a punt, the Prospector offense was driving again. With 8:40 to go in

Desert Sky Region Swim Championships

By Chuck Baker
The News

Apache Junction High School swimmers and divers competed in the Desert Sky Region Championships this past week at Tempe McClintock High School, hoping for the chance to qualify for the 4A-I State Championships.

Competing on Friday in the preliminary races, Prospector junior Jim Huynh swam his way into two finals on Saturday both as a top seed and as a number two seed. Huynh swam the fastest time in the 100 yard freestyle heats with a 51:91, putting him as the one to beat in Saturday's finals. The top eight swimmers from Friday's preliminaries all advanced to Saturday's

finals while the nine through sixteen swimmers competed Saturday in the consolation finals. Results from Saturday's finals were not available when *The News* went to press.

There were five regions in the 4A-I division across Arizona that all held regional championships this past week. The region champion in each event earns an automatic bid to the State Championships, along with the next nineteen fastest times turned in from all of the region meets.

Also advancing to two Saturday morning finals was Lady Prospector senior Clarissa Mohle and sophomore Ashle Beyer, and Prospector juniors Mackenzie Hvidsten and Richard Pennick. Mohle finished with the fifth fastest

time in the girls 200 yard individual medley preliminaries with a time of 2:51.45 and also with the fifth fastest time in the 100 yard backstroke with her time of 1:14.79.

Beyer competed in the 200 yard freestyle and swam a time of 2:28.22, posting the fifth fastest overall time, and then competed in the 100 yard butterfly and swam a time of 1:18.27, which was the seventh fastest overall time.

Hvidsten swam a time of 5:53.42 in the boys 500 yard freestyle and posted the fourth fastest time and then swam a time of 2:04.20 in the 200 yard freestyle and finished with the sixth fastest time.

Pennick swam a time of 56:41 in the 100 yard free-



Lady Prospector sophomore Ashle Beyer competes in the 100 yard butterfly preliminary heat last Friday at Tempe McClintock High School where she finished with the seventh fastest time (1:18.27), earning a spot in last Saturday's Desert Sky Region finals

style, which was the third fastest overall time, and then swam a time of 2:10.78 in Friday's 200 yard freestyle, grabbing the eighth and final spot for Saturday's finals.

Also earning a spot in last Saturday's finals after their preliminary races on Friday were senior Nicoletta Carbone (500 freestyle, 6:43.31, 5th seed), freshmen Kacey Beyer (500 yard freestyle, 6:50.97, 6th seed), senior Brandy Jackson (100 yard breaststroke, 1:28.23, 7th seed), and junior Ty Adair (100 yard backstroke, 1:10.12, 8th seed).

Three other AJHS swimmers finished with the ninth fastest time in their respective event after Friday's preliminary heats and just missed advancing to Saturday's finals. Junior Emily Cameron swam the ninth fastest overall time in the girls 200 yard freestyle (2:34.43), freshman Chris Richmond swam the ninth fastest overall time in the boys 200 yard individual medley (2:42.05), and freshman Jinny Young swam the ninth fastest overall time

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Apache Junction juniors Jim Huynh (middle with dark "AJ" cap) and Richard Pennick (right, wearing AJ cap) are just beginning their 100 yard freestyle preliminary heat last Friday at Tempe McClintock HS. Huynh won the heat with a time of 51:91 and qualified as the top seed for last Saturday's finals while Pennick finished second in the heat with a time of 56:41 and as the third seed overall for Saturday's finals.

ATHS Wolfpack Suffer First Loss

Fall 44-28 to Mesa Heritage Academy in AzCAA showdown; guaranteed number two seed and will host a first round playoff game on Nov. 6th

By Chuck Baker
The News

The Apache Trail Wolfpack suffered their first loss of the season this past Thursday at Mesa Hohokam Park, dropping a 44-28 decision to the Heritage Academy Heroes in the big showdown for the Arizona Charter Athletic Association's regular season title.

With the win, Heritage Academy improved to 7-0 on the season in the AzCAA's "B Division" of eight-man tackle football and will be the number one seed when the eight-team playoffs begin on November 6.

With their first loss of the season, Apache Trail falls to 7-1 and even with one final regular season remaining this coming Friday in Quartzite versus Scholars Academy, the Wolfpack have locked up the number two seed for the AzCAA playoffs, which mean they will host a first round playoff game on Friday, Novem-

ber 6 at Prospector Park. The kids took the loss hard according to Wolfpack head coach Dave Wagner.

"I guess you could say that losing is a lesson too," Coach Wagner said following the game. "We kind of played sloppy the entire night. But now they (the players) know what it feels like. It definitely is an eye opener. It proves we are not invincible. Perhaps, this loss could turn out to be a good thing with the playoffs coming up."

In a wild first quarter, Apache Trail's Jon Bohn got things going with a 78-yard touchdown run on the game first's offensive play for an 8-0 lead.

Heritage responded with a five-play drive capped off by an 11-yard TD pass to tie the game, 8-8.

On their next possession, the Wolfpack needed just five plays to score again as quarterback Brian Mayfield tossed a 10-yard touchdown

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Prospector linebacker Tyler Bivins comes up with a tackle in Friday's 52-14 win over Queen Creek

the second quarter, Tanner Morgan took the hand-off from Machuca at the goal line and broke the plane of the end zone to tie the game, 14-14.

On the ensuing drive, Queen Creek completed two underneath slant passes to reach mid-field. However, AJHS senior cornerback Kyrel Parker stepped in front of the receiver on another slant pass and intercepted it, taking it back to the house for a 67-yard touchdown to give the Prospectors the lead at 21-14 with 5:05 remaining in the first half.

Coming out of the halftime break, the Prospectors drove down the field again and the drive was capped off by Pomeroy's second rushing touchdown of the night from ten yards out. The Prospectors lead swelled to 28-14 without an answer from the Queen Creek offense.

Once again after a strong effort to force a Bulldogs

punt by the Prospectors defense, Pomeroy and Machuca drove the offense down the field and this time they got into the end zone through the air. Machuca found senior wide receiver Derek Hoffman open down field for a 29-yard score. After Gamboa's kick, it was 35-14, Prospectors.

After another Q.C. punt

was forced by Nate Scola and the Prospector defense, Pomeroy was back to work on the offensive side of the ball. His speed and strength was too much for the 'Dogs defense to handle, and with 3:45 to go in the third quarter, Pomeroy took the hand-off from Machuca and broke

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Apache Trail Wolfpack defensive back Jon Bohn steps in front of a Heritage Academy pass attempt near his own goal-line for a big interception in last Thursday's game played at Hohokam Park in Mesa

<p>Boys Golf Regionals November 2, 3 McCormick Ranch Golf Club (Scottsdale) Tee Times 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Girls Golf Regionals November 3, 4 McCormick Ranch Golf Club (Scottsdale) Tee Times 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Cross Country Regionals (Boys & Girls) October 30 Freestone Park (Gilbert) Start Times TBA</p>
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