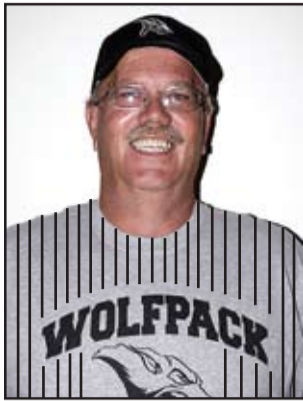




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*Time Out*



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**Sports Chatter**

• I heard if you wear stripes it makes you look thinner, hence my doctored photo this week. Do you think Queen Creek football fans will notice?

• The Prospectors ended up the number six seed in the final 4A-I power rankings and will host #11 seed (Glendale) Independence this coming Friday, November 13 in a first round playoff game beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Davis Field. If Apache Junction can get past Independence in the first round, they would advance to the second round on Friday, November 20 and play the winner of this Friday's #3 Scottsdale Saguaro vs. #14 Avondale Agua Fria game.

All five of the Desert Sky Region teams made the 4A-I State Tournament with Cave Creek Cactus Shadows seeded number two, Saguaro at number three, Apache Junction at number six, Queen Creek at number nine and Tempe McClintock taking the 16th and final seed.

• The Lady Prospector volleyball squad will be traveling south to Vail to face Cienega in the first round of the 4A-I State Volley-see *Time Out*, page B-3

**Apache Trail Triumphs In 1st Round Playoffs**

By Chuck Baker  
*The News*

What a difference a year makes. Playing just their second season of eight-man tackle football, the Apache Trail Wolfpack, seeded number two in the eight-team Arizona Charter Athletic Association "Class B" playoffs, totally dominated Arizona Charter Academy 54-0 this past Friday night at Prospector Park to advance to the semifinals this coming Friday at Phoenix Christian High School.

A year ago, in their inaugural season, Apache Trail went 2-6 and played their final game of the season

with just nine players. They had a full squad last Friday, led by quarterback Brian Mayfield, who completed 4-of-8 passes for 176 yards and three touchdowns and rushed five times for 98 more yards and another score.

Joe Rodriguez caught three of Mayfield's passes totaling 81 yards and two scores and carried the ball twice for 45 yards, including a 43-yard TD run. Mayfield's other TD throw came on the first play of the game and went 95 yards to speedy wide-out Jon Bohn.

The Wolfpack ran just 15 plays on offense the

entire game but racked up 319 yards of offense while their defense held ACA to only 48 total yards while coming up with three turnovers, two of those going for defensive scores.

Linebacker Kyle Webb led the Wolfpack defensive charge with four tackles, a fumble returned 34 yards for a touchdown and an interception. Bohn, who was in on five tackles, added a 27-yard interception returned for a score.

Also on defense for Apache Trail, Rodriguez was in on five tackles, Jim Croteau, Jacob Carpenter

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Apache Trail Wolfpack players Jordan Viramontes (right) and Brian Mayfield (left) combine for a tackle in last Friday's 54-0 playoff victory over Arizona Charter Academy played at Prospector Park

**Region Golf Results**

By Chuck Baker  
*The News*

Both the boys and girls golf teams from Apache Junction competed in their Desert Sky Region Tournament this past week.

In the boys tournament played at McCormick Ranch Golf Club in Scottsdale, the Prospectors finished fifth as a team out of eight schools and were led by Brandon Thunberg, who posted eighteen hole rounds of 93 and 91 and just missed qualifying for the State Championships by three strokes.

Also playing for Apache Junction were Luke Ribich who shot rounds of 96 and 95, Esai Victorio who shot rounds of 98 and 100, Nathaniel Gingrich with rounds of 112 and 103, and Cory Kreuzer who posted a round of 123 on day two.

The course at McCormick Ranch played over



Lady Prospector Lacey Chronister (above) and Prospector Brandon Thunberg (right) were the top players for Apache Junction at last week's girls and boys Desert Sky Region golf tournaments



7,000 and was a difficult challenge according to Prospector coach Steve Coulter.

"The pine trees, water, sand traps and rough were brutal for most of the players," Coach Coulter said.

Only two players in the

field of thirty-five posted a round in the seventies.

Queen Creek won the team competition, Cave Creek Cactus Shadows finished second and Tempe McClintock was third and

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**Lady Prospectors Sweep Kellis In Season Finale; Will play at (Vail) Cienega Tuesday, November 10 in first round of 4A-I State Tournament**

By Chuck Baker  
*The News*

The Lady Prospector volleyball team honored their ten seniors prior to last Tuesday's volleyball match with (Glendale) Raymond Kellis, the final match of the regular season, and then went out and swept the Lady Cougars in three straight games, 25-21, 25-11, 25-12.

With the win, Apache Junction finished their season with a 20-16 overall record including tourna-

ments, which is a terrific turnaround from their 11-23 record a year ago and the 5-23 record from 2007. The AJHS girls are now preparing for this week's 4A-I State Tournament beginning with a Tuesday, November 10 match at (Vail) Cienega in the first round.

Apache Junction is seeded number ten in the sixteen-team tournament while Cienega is the number seven seed and as the higher seed, is hosting the first round match. If Apache Junction can get past Cienega in the

first round, they would play again this Thursday, November 12 in the second round against the winner of the number two versus number fifteen seed, Cactus Shadows and Tucson Sahuaro, again with the higher seeded team hosting the match.

The 4A-I semifinals are scheduled for Saturday, November 14 at Chandler Hamilton High School and the State Championship match is slated for Monday, November 16 at Phoenix Brophy Prep. The first two



Senior Jessica Iniguez sang the National Anthem before last Tuesday's match

rounds at the higher seed will begin at 7:00 p.m. The semifinals are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at Hamilton HS and the championship match at Brophy Prep is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

In last Tuesday's win, senior middle blockers Jessica Iniguez and Kylie Bockskay combined for 15 kills and 11 blocks. Senior outside hitter Catalina Ovalle contributed three kills and 12 digs, junior outside hitter Sierra Aulik added two kills and eight digs, junior outside hitter Monica Geer had two kills and 12 digs, senior setter Katie Karbo dished out 19 assists to go with a service ace, and senior defensive specialist Diana Woodruff came up with 23 digs, giving her 522 digs

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**Prospectors In Football Playoffs**



Friday, November 13th  
AJHS vs. Independence  
7:00 p.m. (Davis Field)  
1st Round - 4A-I State

**Huynh 8th In State 50 Freestyle Finals**

Boys 400 freestyle relay (Huynh, Pennick, Adair and Hvidsten) crowned consolation champs

By Chuck Baker  
*The News*

Prospector senior Jim Huynh finished 8th overall in the State finals of the 50 yard freestyle at the 4A-I Championships held Saturday, October 31 at the Kino Aquatics Center in Mesa. Huynh, the only swimmer from Apache Junction to advance to a finals, swam a time of 23:04. Huynh had qualified for the finals by swimming a preliminary race time of 22:82 on Friday, October 30, which placed him as the sixth seed going into the 50 freestyle finals.

Both of the times from Huynh at the State Championships are faster than the previous school record time of 23:28 in the 50 freestyle set back in 2004 by Ryan Finn.

Huynh then joined up with Prospector teammates, Richard Pennick, Ty Adair and Mackenzie Hvidsten, all juniors, to win the consolation finals of the 400 yard



AJHS senior Jim Huynh finished 8th in the finals of the 50 yard freestyle at the 4A-I State Championships and then teamed up with juniors Richard Pennick, Ty Adair and Mackenzie Hvidsten to take first place in the consolation finals of the 400 yard freestyle relay

freestyle relay. The foursome combined for a winning time of 3:34.98. That time by the foursome would also be a new AJHS school record.

Also competing on October 31 in a consolation finals, Huynh finished 4th in the 100 freestyle with a time of 51:55 (another school record time), Hvidsten finished fifth in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:55.42, the girls 200 freestyle relay team of senior Clarissa Mohle, juniors Jade Lucin and Emily Cameron and freshman Jinny Vong finished sixth with a combined time of 1:56.12, and Hvidsten finished sixth in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 5:32.12, yet another school record time.

The girls 400 yard freestyle team of Mohle, Cameron,

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The ten seniors on the Lady Prospector volleyball team were honored prior to their match last Tuesday against (Glendale) Raymond Kellis. The AJHS girls defeated Kellis in straight games and will play this Tuesday in the 4A-I State Tournament.