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seeding meeting for the State tournaments was held this past Saturday after *The News'* deadline.

If the AJHS girls stay the number eleven seed, they would have to play Tuesday at the sixth seed, which as of last Friday, was Phoenix Shadow Mountain. If the Lady Prospectors win their first round team State match, they would play again in the second round on May 4. You can probably log onto the website www.aiaonline.org today and view the official bracket for the 4A-I State Team Tournament.

Both the boys and girls from Apache Junction had impressive performances at the regional tournament and all four singles entries, two boys

and two girls, and all four doubles entries, again two boys and two girls, all won their first round matches.

For the AJHS boys, Leonard Melcher and Ty Adair played singles. Melcher defeated his Gilbert Campo Verde opponent 7-5, 7-5 in the first round before falling 6-0, 6-0 to the number two seed from Cactus Shadows in the second round. Adair beat his Poston Butte opponent 6-3, 6-3 in the first round and lost a 6-2, 6-0 decision to a Cactus Shadows foe in round two.

In boys doubles at the region tournament, the team of Steve Yates and Daniel Bos won their first round match over a team from Poston Butte by the scores of 6-1, 6-0. But they lost a close one in the



The doubles team of Steve Yates (left) and Daniel Bos compete in last week's Desert Sky Region tournament

second round, 6-1, 6-7, 7-6 (tie-breaker), to the number four seeded team from Queen Creek in the second round. The other boys doubles team from AJHS, Shane Smith and Matt McMahon rallied for a 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 victory over a

match 6-1, 6-0 to an opponent from Saguardo but then lost a 6-2, 8-6 decision to the fourth seed from Cactus Shadows in the second round. Anna Ramos won her first round singles match 6-3, 6-3 over an opponent from Poston Butte but fell 6-4, 6-0 to the number three seed from Saguardo in round two.

The other girls doubles team of Catalina Ovalle and Julissa Villaverde came close to joining Iniguez and Bockskay at the State tournament and played some exciting matches. They won their first round match 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (tie-breaker) over a team from Saguardo and then prevailed 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (tie-breaker) over the third-seeded team from Cactus Shadows in round two. They dropped a 6-2, 6-1 decision to the second-seeded

team from Queen Creek in the semifinals and in the 3rd-4th place match, with third place advancing to State, Ovalle and Villaverde fell 6-2, 6-3 to a fourth-seeded team from Cactus Shadows.

The All-Region teams were announced at last week's tournament. Iniguez was named to the 1st Team, Ramos and Carbone were chosen for the 2nd Team, and Ovalle, Bockskay, Villaverde and Bos were named Honorable Mention.

J.V. Results

The AJHS girls junior varsity team finished their season last week with a win over Poston Butte. Kayla Brown picked up an 8-4 in singles and Mandi Johnson came out on top 8-1. In doubles, Joy Moreno and Monica Lawson teamed up for an 8-3 win.

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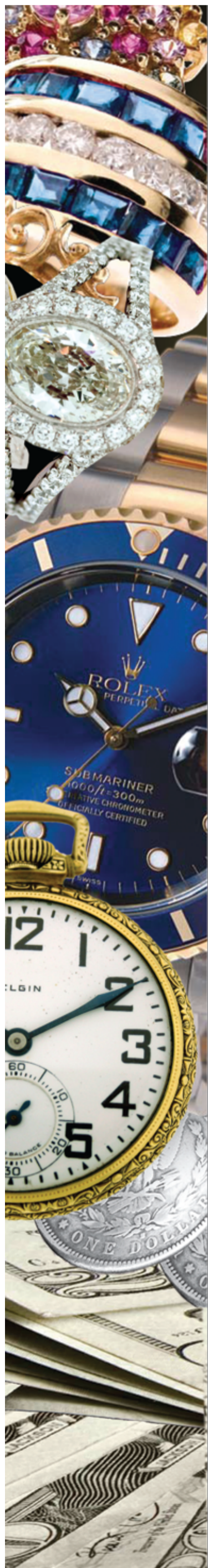
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