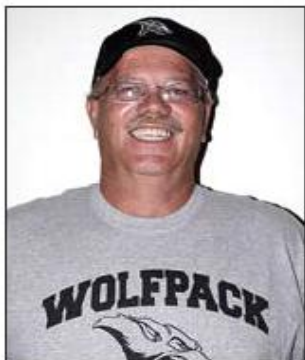




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*Time Out* **Apache Trail Wolfpack Start 1-1**



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There are many times throughout a year when I truly wish we were able to publish a 24-page newspaper edition because of all of the local sports programs going on. This was one of those weeks. I wasn't able to cover/or publish articles about

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*The News*

The Apache Trail Wolfpack off are off to a 1-1 start to their 2011 season of the Charter Athletic Association's eight-man tackle football, including a 12-0 victory over Mesa Prep on Saturday, August 27, and last Friday's 22-6 loss to Gilbert Desert Hills in their home opener. While 1-1 overall, the Wolfpack have yet to play a 2A conference game. That won't happen until Thursday, September 15 when they travel to Tucson to take on Allsport Academy.

In their 12-0 victory over 1A Mesa Prep, Kris Stein ran for 128 yards on 19 carries and scored both of Apache Trail's touchdowns. Brian Gutierrez added 39 yards on 10 carries and Shane Wlotzko picked up 25 yards on five carries.



*Wolfpack quarterback Brian Gutierrez (right) pitches the ball to Joe Ramos on an option play last Friday*

The Wolfpack added 32 yards through the air on 3-of-9 passing and the offense lost eight fumbles in the game, each one on Mesa Prep's side of the field.

The star of the August 27

game was Apache Trail's defense, which limited Mesa Prep to just three first downs the entire game, one via a penalty and another off of a fake punt.

Stein led the defense with

six tackles. Wlotzko had a big effort with five tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery. Alan Keeton had four tackles, Gutierrez had three tackles and an interception, Kyle Scholz was in on three tackles, and Ed Walters came up with a fumble recovery.

In last Friday's 22-6 loss to Desert Hills, a larger 3A division school, the Cougars totaled 321 yards of offense and 243 of that came on five offensive plays, including touchdown runs of 80, 43 and 37 yards. Outside of those five long plays, the Wolfpack defense actually turned in a pretty solid effort.

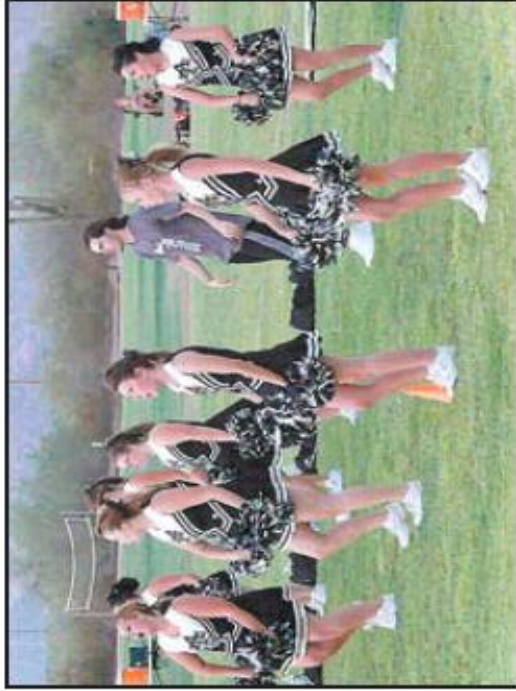
The Apache Trail offense managed 98 rushing yards and 87 more through the air, giving them 185 yards of total offense. Gutierrez had 51 yards on eight rushing attempts and completed 6-of-20 passes for 50 more but



was also picked off twice.

On defense for Apache Trail, Stein was in on seven tackles, Del Mathews was in on four tackles, including a sack for a 13-yard loss, Jacob Botamer was in on five tackles and nearly had an interception, Robert Scott was in on three tackles and added a fumble strip and recovery, Keeton had an interception at the goal-line, and Sean Kencharek, Scholz and Kevin Apodaca were in on two tackles.

The Wolfpack lost start-see **'Pack**, page A-12



(above, top) *The Apache Trail Wolfpack cheerleaders perform during Friday's game at Prospector Park;*

(above, bottom) *Wolfpack player Cole Pordon returns a kickoff against Desert Hills last Friday night.*

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ing linebacker Wlotzko on the game's second play with a possible broken thumb. Also in the game, Stein was knocked out of the game twice and missed multiple snaps on both sides of the ball. Outside of those five big offensive plays by Desert Hills, the Wolfpack defense limited the Cougars to just 78 yards on 22 additional offensive plays.

Apache Trail also took on Desert Hills minus head coach Greg Garland, who missed the game due to a health matter. *The News*, along with Wolfpack fans and players, wish for a speedy recovery for Coach Garland.

This Friday, Apache Trail will host crosstown rival Imagine Prep @ Superstition in a game at Prospector Park. Kickoff is at 7:00 p.m. Imagine Prep is a 1A school and two weeks ago, in their season opener, lost to the same Desert Hills team, 40-20. The Panthers had a bye this past Friday.

Apache Trail won the C.A.A. "Class B" state championship title back in 2009, going 11-1 overall.

They finished 3-6 in the division last year, falling in the first round of the state playoffs. Imagine Prep, playing their inaugural season of eight-man football last year, went 5-6 overall and lost in the semifinals of the 1A state tournament. It should be a dandy this Friday at Prospector Park.

For more information about the C.A.A. teams, divisions and results, visit their website at [www.azcaa.com](http://www.azcaa.com).

**Wolfpack Golf Tourney**  
Apache Trail High School will host their 1st annual "Wolfpack Open," a four-player scramble golf tournament, on Saturday, September 17 at Bear Creek Golf Club in Chandler to raise money for the ATHS football team. The cost to play in the fund-raising tournament is just \$65 per player and includes golf with cart, lunch and the chance to win some great prizes. A shotgun start takes place at 7:42 a.m. To enter a team or as an individual player and be placed on a team, contact Tom Rector at (602) 430-7854 or at [christirector@netscape.net](mailto:christirector@netscape.net).