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TV LISTINGS

Friday, Oct. 2

AUTO RACING

10 a.m. — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, practice for Price Chopper 400, at Kansas City, Kan. (SPEED)

Noon — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, practice for Kansas Lottery 300, at Kansas City, Kan. (SPEED)

1:30 p.m. — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, pole qualifying for Price Chopper 400, at Kansas City, Kan. (ESPN2)

3 p.m. — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, final practice for Kansas Lottery 300, at Kansas City, Kan. (ESPN2)

10 p.m. — Formula One, qualifying for Japanese Grand Prix, at Suzuka, Japan (SPEED)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

5 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Louisville (ESPN2)

GOLF

5:30 a.m. — European PGA Tour, Alfred Dunhill Links Championship, second round, at St. Andrews, Scotland (TGC)

10:30 a.m. — Champions Tour, Senior Players Championship, second round, at Timonium, Md. (TGC)

1 p.m. — PGA Tour, Turning Stone Resort Championship, second round, at Verona, N.Y. (TGC)

3:30 p.m. — Nationwide Tour, Soboba Classic, second round, at San Jacinto, Calif. (TGC)

5:30 p.m. — LPGA, Navistar Classic, second round, at Prattville, Ala. (TGC)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

11:10 a.m. — Arizona at Chicago Cubs (WGN)

4 p.m. — Chicago White Sox at Detroit (ESPN)

NHL HOCKEY
9 a.m. — Florida vs. Chicago, at Helsinki, Finland (VERSUS)

Noon — Detroit vs. St. Louis, at Stockholm, Sweden (VERSUS)

RODEO

8 p.m. — GoDaddy.com Invitational, at Portland, Ore. (VERSUS)

SOCCER

9:40 a.m. — FIFA, U-20 World Cup, group "C", Korea vs. U.S., at Suez, Egypt (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — MLS, Chicago at Los Angeles (ESPN2)

Schedule subject to change and/or blackout.

PREPS

Today

Football

Havasu at Yuma — 7 p.m.
Parker vs. Estrella Foothills; at PHHS — 7 p.m.

Golf

Havasu boys at Desert Edge Invitational, first round; at Falcon Dunes Golf Course, Waddell — 2 p.m.

Saturday

Cross Country
Havasu at River Valley Invitational; at Mohave Valley — 8 a.m.

Golf

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ATLANTA'S MEADORS NAMED WNBA COACH OF THE YEAR

PHOENIX — Marynell Meadors was honored Thursday as the WNBA coach of the year after leading the Atlanta Dream to a remarkable turnaround in the franchise's second season.

With Meadors serving as the team's general manager and coach, Atlanta went from 4-30 in its expansion year in 2008 to 18-16 this season.

Atlanta finished second in the Eastern Conference to earn a playoff berth.

"This season was just awesome. I loved coaching this team," she said. "They came in from day one and played as hard as they could play, and I thought 'Wow, this is going to be something special,' and it certainly was."

Meadors received 30 votes from writers and broadcasters. Indiana's Lin Dunn was second with six votes. Corey Gaines of Phoenix received four.

— Associated Press

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Lady Broncs roll over Tonopah

By JOHN GUTEKUNST
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PARKER — The Lady Broncs volleyball team made it a clean sweep for the week as they took three straight games from the Tonopah Valley Phoenix Thursday.

Parker won 25-13, 25-19, 25-11. Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncs swept Antelope in three games.

Leading Parker's offense was outside hitter Liz Prieto, who had 14 kills. Alicia Alford had seven kills, Autumn Garibay had four, and Corrin Mahkewa had three.

The Phoenix had trouble getting the ball past the Lady Broncs' front line. Garibay, Prieto and Jessica Saucedo each had three blocks.

"We're excited about the second half of the season," said Parker Assistant Coach Dan Maya. "We're really starting to roll. You could even see it at Cactus Shadows."

Maya was referring to a tournament Sept. 26 where the Lady Broncs placed sixth, but were facing mostly larger schools.

The Lady Broncs are now 10-1 overall and 1-1 in the 3A West conference. Their next outing will be Tuesday when they go on the road to Mohave Valley to face 3A West rival, the River Valley Dust Devils.

This will be the Lady Broncs' first match with the Dust Devils this season. River Valley is 7-5 overall.

The Lady Broncs' next home match will be



John Gutekunst/News Herald Photo
Parker's Liz Prieto (10) sends a shot over the net and over the heads of Tonopah Valley's Catilin Rowell (3) and Cheyenne Smith (21) in the Lady Broncs' three-game sweep of Tonopah Thursday. Backing up Prieto are Jessica Saucedo (left) and Sam Schiller (5).

Thursday, when they take on another 3A West rival, the Wickenburg Wranglers. As of Oct. 2, the Wranglers were 6-10 overall. When the Wranglers and Lady Broncs met Sept. 24,

Parker took the match, 3-2.

In other volleyball action:

The JV Lady Broncs fell to Tonopah Valley 25-13, 25-19.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Lady Knights return to winning ways

By DAVID BELL
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Lady Knights head coach Marsha Becker looked to one of her captains to shoulder some extra responsibility and the result was solid win.

With a new lineup in place, Havasu defeated San Luis in 3 games Thursday, 25-20, 26-24, 25-18.

"I changed lineup, moving Alex (Morris) and Taylor (McCue) to a 6-3. When Taylor is hitting on the right, Alex sets. Then when Taylor is in back row she sets and Courtnie (Rask) and Rhannon (Gardner) hit from the outside," said Becker. "Taylor is controlling more of the game (and) she was all for it. She was trained to be a setter so it was like riding a bike. She made some incredible sets."

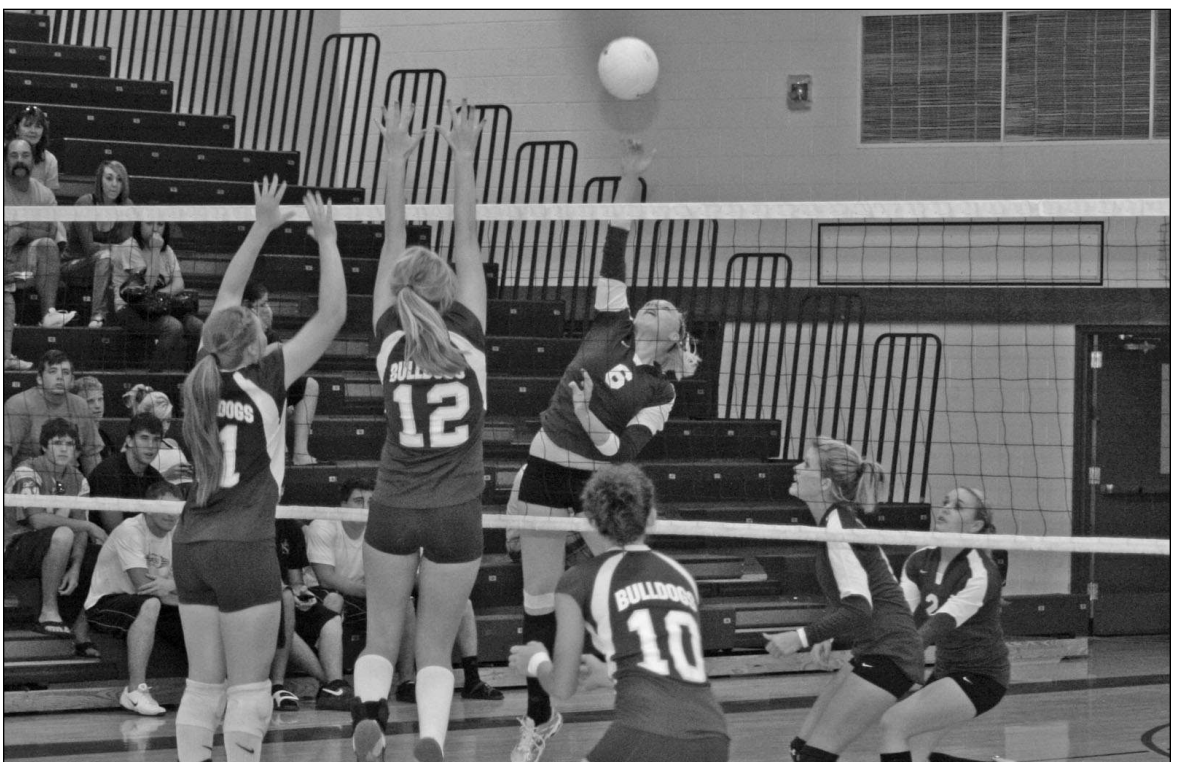
The result, Becker said, was a dramatic spike in the team's hitting percentage.

"Korinne (Ruhnke) and Sayg (Day) in the middle did exceptionally well. Sayg had nine attacks and no errors. She has the drive, the intensity you can't always coach," Becker said.

Rask had four kills while Gardner have five. McCue added three service aces in the win.

The only issue Becker said she had with the team's performance was a slight let down in the second game.

"We came out pretty aggressive, pretty strong. And we had some big leads throughout the



David Bell/News-Herald File Photo
Havasu's Korinne Ruhnke (6) gets the kill over the outstretched arms of McKenzie Overson (11) and Amber Caswell (12) during the Lady Knights home win over Kingman Sept. 8. Watching on the play is Kingman's Tesla Morgan (10) and Havasu's Rockie Cooke and Courtnie Rask (2). Havasu won again Thursday, traveling to defeat region foe San Luis in three games, 25-20, 26-24, 25-18.

games and we let them back in," she said. "We still have to work on playing through 25 points and not letting other teams back in the game."

In other volleyball action:
The Freshmen Lady Knights defeated San Luis 26-28, 26-24, 15-9.

"Cassie Doyle had a good

game and Sarah Casey did a good job filling in as middle blocker," said coach Lee White. "I was very impressed how they played every ball. Even behind, they kept fighting."

The JV Lady Knights completed the sweep, defeating San Luis 25-18, 25-27, 15-11.

Varsity player Andrea Collica

moved to the JV for the game to fill in for an injured player and coach Larry Olsen said, "she stepped up. She served well, played great defense and when she had to set she made great sets."

"Kambrea Soltero, our libero, also had a great game," Olsen continued. "She pretty much made every pass."

PREP FOOTBALL

Havasu vs. Yuma, Round 2

By DAVID BELL
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The Fighting Knights bring to a close a long road stretch tonight with a rematch.

In the fifth game of a five straight game road swing, the Lake Havasu High School varsity football team travels to Yuma to take on the Criminals for the second time this year.

"(Yuma's J.C.) Baker is a good running back," said Havasu head coach Karl Thompson. "But we've been better on defense every week. We just need to continue that."

In the first game of the season, which Yuma won 50-45 in Havasu, Baker scored seven times against the Fighting Knights defense, twice following Havasu turnovers.

Since then Havasu is plus-four in the turnover battle. And since the four fumble performance in the 14-7 loss to Kingman in Week 2, the Knights are plus-eight.

During that stretch the Knights have won three in a row by a combined score of 114-39.

"This stretch of the season we have the depth we need to go into conference play," Thompson said. "Coaches (Mike) O'Tool and

Prentice Taylor do a great job with the secondary and those players are doing what we preach; do their jobs."

Offensively, the Knights still have a few players out with the flu but quarterback Doug Greene's ankle should not keep him out of the lineup. He turned the ankle on the opening kickoff in the Knights' 28-21 win over Mohave in Bullhead City last week and re-injured it on the first play of the second half.

But even a healthy Greene can expect to split time with Paul Lake at the quarterback spot tonight. Lake was 7-of-13 passing for 86 yards and two touchdowns during second half play in the win.

Greene's ankle also means more kicking time for Homero Rueda, who was 2-for-2 on point-after tries.

While the Knights and Criminals have faced off once before, this is the game that will count in the Gila Valley Region standings.

Yuma (2-3) defeated winless San Luis 55-0 in a non-region game last week. The Criminals' Travon Clark running for a team high 93 yards and two touchdowns in the game. Quarterback Donte Jackson also ran for one



David Bell/News-Herald Photo
Havasu defensive back Dillon Bracamonte (14) runs behind blocker Paul Lake (2) after Bracamonte intercepted a ball during practice Thursday. Bracamonte, Lake and the Fighting Knights have a rematch with the Yuma Criminals tonight in Yuma.

score and tossed another to Anthony Jackson.

Baker ran just three times for 27 yards in the game.

The Yuma-San Luis region game is Oct. 23.

Havasu comes into the game with the region's best overall record at 3-2.

"All eyes will be on us in this

first real region match-up," Thompson said.

"In region, every game is like a rivalry game every week. It all comes down to who wants it more."

Game time is 7 p.m. and may be heard on radio on KNTR AM 980 and FM 97.1, and Online at <http://www.kntr.com>.