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TV LISTINGS

Friday, Sept. 25

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL
9:27 p.m. — Playoffs, grand final, teams TBA, at Melbourne, Australia (ESPN CLASSIC)

AUTO RACING

6:30 a.m. — Formula One, practice for Singapore Grand Prix (SPEED)
8 a.m. — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, practice for AAA 400, at Dover, Del. (SPEED)

10:30 a.m. — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, final practice for Dover 200, at Dover, Del. (ESPN2)

Noon — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, pole qualifying for AAA 400, at Dover, Del. (ESPN2)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

6 p.m. — Missouri at Nevada (ESPN)

GOLF

5 a.m. — European PGA Tour, The Vivendi Trophy, second round, at Paris (TGC)

10 a.m. — PGA Tour, The Tour Championship, second round, at Atlanta (TGC)

3:30 p.m. — LPGA, CVS/pharmacy Challenge, second round, at Danville, Calif. (TGC)

5:30 p.m. — Champions Tour, SAS Championship, first round, at Cary, N.C. (TGC)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

4 p.m. — Boston at N.Y. Yankees (TBS)

6:30 p.m. — San Diego at Arizona (FSN)

PREP FOOTBALL

7 p.m. — Lakeland (Fla.) vs. De La Salle (Calif.), at Pleasant Hill, Calif. (ESPN2)

RUGBY

8 p.m. — NRL, playoffs, teams TBA, preliminary finals, teams and site TBA (SPIKE)

Schedule subject to change and/or blackout.

PREPS

Today
Football
Havasu at Bullhead City Mohave — 7 p.m.
Parker at Sedona Red Rock — 7 p.m.
Golf
Havasu girls at Eagle Invitational; 500 Club Golf Course, Glendale — 3 p.m.

Saturday
Cross Country
Havasu at Mark Weston Invitational; Bridgewater Links Golf Course, LHC — 7:45 a.m.
Volleyball
Parker at Cactus Shadows Tournament; Cave Creek — 8 a.m.

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QUICK READ

NEW ARENA FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN THE WORKS

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A news conference is planned Monday to announce the formation of a new arena football league with teams from the former AFL and arenafootball2 leagues.

Representatives of the af2 teams in Oklahoma City, Arkansas, and Spokane, Wash., all confirmed to The Associated Press on Thursday that they intend to be part of the new league that will be based in Tulsa, Okla.

The old AFL canceled its 2009 season before eventually folding in August, while af2 continued play in smaller cities across the U.S.

Games in the new league called Arena Football 1 are to start in late March or early April.

US BEATS CUBA 5-3 AT BASEBALL WORLD CUP

ROME (AP) — Terry Tiffie hit his fourth home run of the Baseball World Cup and the United States beat Cuba 5-3 Thursday.

The United States, which had already clinched a spot in the title game, stretched its winning streak to 12 games after opening with a loss to Venezuela.

Lucas Harrell allowed one hit in four innings.

PREP FOOTBALL

Havasu on a roll heading into Golden Shovel game

By DAVID BELL
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

Fighting Knights head coach Karl Thompson is telling his squad to forget about the records, this week's game is about pride.

The Lake Havasu High School varsity football team is looking to retain ownership of the Golden Shovel in tonight's game against Mohave in Bullhead City. And Thompson is telling his team not to get cocky coming off a two-game winning streak.

"It's a rivalry game," Thompson said during practice Thursday. "They (Mohave) play tough. And anyone that will be at the game will know it will be a battle."

Mohave (1-3) will see about seven players return to the field this week while Havasu (2-2) learned they've lost one for the season and another may be sitting for a while. Linebacker Tito Mireles' season is over with surgery pending on a broken tibia while tight end Dylan Olson is trying to play through a torn meniscus in his knee.

"We have a few banged up but I think that flu bug is finally gone," Thompson said.

That means both Doug Greene and Paul Lake should see time at quarterback against the Thunderbirds.

Greene is averaging 133.5 yards per game rushing and passing at a 60 percent completion rate. He's run for eight touchdowns and passed for two more. Meanwhile Lake has passed for 230 yards at a 61 percent completion rate and has tossed one touchdown.

"The dual quarterback situa-



David Bell/News-Herald Photo

Havasu's Dante Patricola (78) and Brandon Wootan (70) get in position to pass block as quarterback Paul Lake, center, gets ready to throw during hurry-up offense drills at Lake Havasu High School Thursday. The Fighting Knights travel to Bullhead City tonight for the annual Golden Shovel rivalry game.

tion has worked for us. That's because our guys are understanding their roles," Thompson said.

Including the offensive line of Jesse Ray and Tyler Poggemeyer at guard, tackles Brandon Vedder, Adrian Gonzalez and Colton Spyr splitting time at tackle and center Nick Ewald.

"Our offensive line has done a great job, all season. They opening holes, moving people and that makes it easier for the running backs to do their jobs," Thompson said. "We tell them they have to own the line of scrimmage and they've been doing it. And any coach at any level will tell you, if you own the line of scrimmage, you win ball games."

Havasu is outscoring opponents 138-82 with an average margin of victory of 34. And the team's two losses were by a combined 12 points.

Thompson said he's also been pleased with the performance of the special teams over the past two weeks, with the team getting a handle on the ball. The Knights are even on turnovers, giving away 10 to start the season while getting 10 back during the win streak.

"We're focusing on us, controlling the things we can control. We want to be consistent at all times, on offense, defense and special teams," Thompson said. "If we do that, good things will happen."

The game, at Mohave High School on State Route 95 and Hancock Road in Bullhead City, starts at 7 p.m. It can also be heard on radio at KNTR AM 980 and FM 97.1.

Online the game can be heard at <http://www.kntr.com>.

You may contact the reporter at dbell@havasunews.com.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Lady Broncs win on the road

By DAVID BELL
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

Parker's road show continues to impress onlookers.

Following Tuesday's win in Lake Havasu City, the Lady Broncs traveled to Wickenburg for a region match against the Lady Wranglers and Parker once again came up the winner, 20-25, 25-18, 25-11, 22-25, 15-8.

Parker libero Amber Swick was out ill so defensive specialist Shelbi Carpenter moved into the role for the match.

"They played pretty good," Carpenter said about Wickenburg's win in Game 1. "They stepped up and wanted it."

Games 2 and 3 saw Parker play its dominating style, maximizing the hitting skills of Liz Prieto and Alicia Alford. But in Game 4 Wickenburg was able to rally.

"Game 4 we were not communicating well," said Parker's Jessica Saucedo. "Coach (Marie Maya) told us to battle. Not to get down and not let them get in our heads, and play our game like we know how to do."

Parker did that, rolling to the match victory.

"At the beginning we weren't as intense as we could have been," said Autumn Gariby.



Photo courtesy of Jeremy Davalos

The Lady Broncs of Parker, along with team dad and statistician Junior Prieto, celebrate the team's first region win of the season, a 5-game match win over Wickenburg on the road Thursday.

"Traveling is not a big deal, we have a lot of road matches this year. We just weren't focused in that first game."

Parker (8-1, 1-1) stays on the road for another full day of volleyball, heading to Cave Creek for the Cactus Shadows Tournament. The Lady Broncs are 1-0 in tournament play this year, winning their fifth consecutive Mary Jo Goldey Tournament title in Lake Havasu City Sept. 12.

Then it's on to Wellton for a non-region match against Antelope (2-6) Tuesday.

"We're pumped up and ready to play," said Gariby.

In other volleyball action: The Freshmen Lady Broncs defeated Wickenburg 25-12, 25-22 and Parker's Junior Varsity completed the sweep 25-15, 25-15.

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Havasu champion coach Reynolds dies at 67

By DAVID BELL
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

Ray Reynolds, the man that coached the Lake Havasu High School cross country team to four state championships and 21 region titles, died Thursday. He was 67.

"He was an amazing coach. He was all about team, not individual," said LHHS cross country alumni Eric Kirchner. "I think he made everyone better by making every practice, basically, like a race. I think ultimately that's why we won."

Reynolds coached both the boys and girls teams for 17 years, starting in 1981. Both squads captured region titles that year, the girls running off seven region crowns in a row while the boys won six during that same time period.

It was also during that streak that Reynolds captured his first state title, the boys team in 1985.

"My dad and Mr. Reynolds both taught at Science Department (at LHHS), so I've known him since I was my kids' age. He was a good family friend," said Lake Havasu City Police officer and cross country alumni Dan Kuch. "He taught me a lot about working hard, the discipline it required to be a runner. I really appreciate that he was my coach."

The girls won back-to-back state titles in 1988 and 1989 and then boys were state champs one more time in 1993.

"He always embraced the tradition of not only the sport but the Havasu cross country tradition. We had to earn our way on to that team," said 1993 team member B.J. Bunting.

"He had us compete in a way that was fun and built comradery. We were full of talent but little skill on that 1993 team and it was all his training and the tradition. In a sport people think is individual, it was the opposite

with him out there."

He was named state coach of the year in 1993 and region coach of the year eight times.

Ten of his boys' runners earned state medals and 48 boys were named to the all-region team.

On the girls' side, Reynolds coached two-time state champion Crista Matthews in 1989 and 1990, had 20 state medalists and 39 of his runners earned all-region honors.

"I never knew him but I knew of him. He really set the foundation for the cross country team," said current Knights cross country head coach Erika Washington.

A moment of silence for Reynolds will be held during Saturday's Mark Weston Memorial cross country run at the Bridgewater Links Golf Course starts with a LHHS alumni run at 7:45 a.m.

Services for Reynolds have not yet been announced.

Mohave gets 7 players back for tonight's game

By DANIEL McKILLOP
MOHAVE VALLEY DAILY NEWS

BULLHEAD CITY — Mohave will have seven players who sat out the first four games due to ineligibility return to the lineup for tonight's Golden Shovel game with Lake Havasu, a welcome addition to a squad that has given up more than 40 points during its three-game losing streak.

The 1-3, 0-0 in the Arizona Interscholastic Association 4A-II Grand Canyon Region Mohave squad defeated the Dust Devils, 35-20, at River Valley High School on Aug. 28.

Since then, the T-birds fell to the Bulldogs, 46-20, in Kingman on Sept. 18; they lost to Wickenburg High School, 41-6, at home on Sept. 11, and were defeated, 42-20, by the Eagles at Boulder City (Nev.) High School on Sept. 4.

MHS running back Craig Cox's 76 rushes for 517 yards and two touchdowns, and quarterback Travis Myers' 576 yards on 77 carries and six touchdowns have paced the T-birds' offense this season. Cox also has returned a kickoff for a touchdown.

T-birds head coach Dan Stichel said adding the seven players will help his team after a difficult stretch with very little depth, especially on the offensive and defensive lines.

"It's going to help depth-wise," Stichel said. "We're getting 40 points scored on us during the last three weeks, and I'm getting kind of tired of it."

The T-birds passing attack had been pretty much nonexistent during their first three games until Myers connected with Cory Crone for two touchdown passes against the Bulldogs on Sept. 18.

"It's a great surprise," Stichel said. "It's awesome; I hope we continue that."

Mack Price's 22 tackles (19 assisted, 3 unassisted) and Kia Hickman 21 tackles (5 unassisted) have spearheaded the T-birds' defense this season.

Despite the lopsided loss against Kingman, Price played as if it was overtime in the Super Bowl.

"Mack had one of the best defensive games out of anyone on our team," Stichel said. "He had 11 tackles, one forced fumble and two tackles for losses."

About the Knights, Stichel said, "They're a pretty good team. They run a spread offense and a 3-5 defense. They're big and fast."

NFL

Arizona's Wells toting football to team meetings

By BOB BAUM
AP SPORTS WRITER

TEMPE — Beanie Wells is toting a football with his name on it from the locker room to meetings at Arizona Cardinals headquarters this week.

Teammates try to sneak up and strip the ball from him. If he drops it, he pays a \$200 fine to charity. So far, he said, that hasn't happened.

The rookie running back acknowledges he's getting a bit weary of all the attention given to his two fumbles in last Sunday's 31-17 victory at Jacksonville.

"It happened twice in a game but it shouldn't be that big an issue," Wells said after practice on Thursday.

The ordeal started when Wells fumbled for the second time. On the sidelines, safety Adrian Wilson — one of the team's leaders — scribbled Wells' name on a football and handed it to him, telling him to hang onto it.

"As a rookie with two fumbles like that, you just want to have that m.o. (method of operation)," Wilson said. "We expect a lot out of Beanie and I'm pretty sure Beanie expects a lot out of himself."

Take out those two fumbles and Wells has looked strong. Arizona's first-round draft pick, taken No. 31 overall, has gained 73 yards in 14 carries, an average of 5.2 per attempt.

Overall, the Cardinals' ground game has had some success in the first two games. Arizona has outtrashed its opponents 158-113 through two games.