

# Sports

## THE ROUNDUP

### Football defense key to new game plan

Tough 'D' helps keep hard losses close

By Ryan Moroney '09  
THE ROUNDUP

The Brophy Broncos have a new mind set this year.

The varsity football team no longer has to sling the ball downfield to win games.

This is not necessary due to the stellar play of the Brophy Bronco defense.

Grind it out; get a lead early seems to be the way to go for the Broncos this year.

The Broncos stand at 4-3, but the record certainly does not reflect the hard work and determination the Broncos have put in this season.

Brophy has lost by an average of seven points in their three losses with the Broncos biggest loss coming against the Hamilton Huskies.

The Huskies beat the Broncos 10-0 in a hard-fought and grinded-out type game.

After losing a nail biter to Hamilton, the Broncos were slated to take on a different Huskies team, Horizon.

Horizon was no match for the Broncos as Brophy overpowered and completely dominated the Huskies in every aspect of the game.

Max Leonesio '10 was the star in this game as he ran for 182 yards on 16 carries. He also added a touchdown, which was a 60-yard scamper on the first play from scrimmage.

Beau Maggi '09 also had a standout game, throwing for over 100 yards and three touchdowns.

The defense also played exceptionally well only allowing two rushing yards all game as the Broncos would go onto win 45-13.

The next two games would come against usual 5A-1 contenders and frequent Brophy rivals, Salpointe and Mesa Mountain View.

In the Salpointe game it was the Broncos inability to score in the red zone, penalties and a controversial call at the end of the game that lost it for Brophy.

The Broncos only touchdown came from Leonesio on a nine-yard run which capped off a nine-play, 82 yard drive.

The Broncos were down 17-9 with 55 seconds and Maggi orchestrated a beautiful drive that brought the Broncos down to the Salpointe 12 yard line.

But with only seconds left Maggi threw an incomplete pass in the back of the endzone to lose another gut wrencher, 17-9.

After a tough loss to the Lancers the Broncos would take on Mesa Mountain View, another 5A foe.

Leonesio once again completely harassed the opposing defense with two touchdowns and over 100 yards rushing.

He had touchdown runs of 62 and 65 but still his play could not give the Broncos the "W."

The Broncos would go onto lose another close one 22-17 and would put the Broncos record at 2-3.

The next two wins would come against familiar opponents: the Basha Bears and the Mesa Jackrabbits.

The Broncos were strong defensively in both games, including a shutout against Basha, 7-0 and romp of the Jackrabbits, 37-20.

Leonesio had three touchdowns in the two games.

The Broncos were set to take on rival Saint Mary's in a 5A Desert Valley Region game Oct. 24 (after *The Roundup's* print deadline).



Photo by Matt Hopkins '09

Adan Nunez '10 (left) and Jason Abbott '09 bound past the defense and leap to black a field goal .

The Broncos have won five straight against the Knights and this year should be no different.

A huge crowd was expected to be on hand for one of the biggest games of the year and a win would create much needed momentum going into the playoffs.

### So long for '08, D-backs

#### Team fails to win winnable division

By Justin Betken '10  
THE ROUNDUP

Congratulations to the Arizona Diamondbacks for going 23-28 in August and September to miss the playoffs in what was supposed to be a fun October 2008.

Whether it was the bullpen (I don't think I need to say anything), non-deserving Cy Young candidate Brandon Webb pitching horribly for a stretch in September or the young bats not coming through at all, the team faltered in its closing games.

The Diamondbacks simply did not win a winnable division.

Yes, Arizona had to deal with injuries to veteran leaders such as Eric Byrnes (missed 110 games) and Orlando Hudson (missed 65 games).

But the key was that the acquisition of outfielder Adam Dunn in August was nothing in comparison to the

Dodgers' blockbuster trade for future Hall of Famer Manny Ramirez.

The D-Backs finished 8-10 against the Los Angeles Dodgers to end the 2008 season.

That includes going 2-7 when playing Manny Ramirez and Company in August and September.

Look for the Diamondbacks this winter to get some bullpen help and find an everyday second baseman because of Orlando Hudson's inability to stay healthy and impending free agency.

One bright spot to look forward to in the offseason is to see where first baseman slugger Mark Teixeira will go.

The D-Backs have tried to acquire him before and there's no question he will be number one on every team's list when the free agency period begins.

It's also no question the Diamondbacks have the money to spend, but does the front office think a big time player like Teixeira (who lives in Arizona) is worth it?



The States of College Football

By Kevin Donley '11

# 'Just Boys Having Fun' on intramural court

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THE ROUNDUP

In the tumultuous lunchtime environment, there exists one safe haven for physical activity.

This hallowed place can only be known as the magnificent world of Intramural Sports.

On the intramural field, battles are won, men are made, dreams are realized and defeat is unacceptable.

Here, intramural teams can fulfill their competitive nature and prove to the world their athletic abilities.

One team, however, stands above the rest.

"We will win it all," said **Cooper Davis '10**, the captain of one intramurals team.

The all-junior squad formally referred to as "Just Boys Having Fun" aims to "go big or go home," **Davis** said.

Through rigorous training, these lunchtime gladiators supposedly boast a 6-0 record in the basketball circuit.

This rag-tag team consists of **Kevin Murney '10**, **Will Marston '10**, **Cooper Davis '10**, **Graham Smith '10**, **Sean Collins '10** and **Ryan Donoghue '10**.

*The Roundup* sat down with team captain and intramurals coordinator **Davis** to discuss the legend that is JBHF.

This glorious team never stops thinking about basketball and is always preparing for their next game.

"We feel that our recent game against **Jake Hahn's** team was definitely our most difficult," **Davis** said.

According to **Davis**, their team "never backs down" to any challenge they are presented with.

Apparently, **Bryan Berens '08** is their MVP because he was so intimidating when he played for JBHF that the other team simply didn't show up; moving JBHF to the second round of the playoffs.

When asked about their post-season prospects **Davis** only had one thing on his mind: domination of Hooten's Heroes in the finals.

Regrettably, this dream, like many of JBHF's dreams, was never realized.

When confronted about their real record, **Davis** regrettably confessed that they had gone 1-5, a



**Photo by Andrew Atallah '10**

The intramurals team, "Just Boys Having Fun," is a formidable opponent on the basketball court and looks forward to being a competitive challenger in other intramural sports.

disappointing season, indeed.

"Our actual record is unimportant, because in my mind we had the most fun therefore we went 6-0," **Davis** said.

Although basketball is currently the most pressing matter, **Davis** said his team is looking forward to

the spring season where their favorite intramural sport, soccer, will be played.

JBHF truly represent their name by bringing a fun and healthy competition to Brophy Intramurals, furthering its great reputation.



## Upcoming Games

### Football:

Nov. 7 @ Mt. Ridge  
Nov. 14: First round of state playoffs

### Wrestling:

Nov. 25 vs. Mt. View

### Soccer:

Dec. 2 @ Highland  
Dec. 4 vs. Dobson

### Basketball:

Dec. 2 @ Salpointe  
Dec. 4 vs. Basha  
Dec. 5 @ Hamilton



**Max Leonesio '10** breaks through the Mountain View defensive line.



**Photos by Matt Hopkins '10**  
**Matt Padilla '09** walks triumphantly back to the sidelines after a tackle.

# Scholar-Athlete in our midst, Frosh Knox on varsity team

By Fabian Guzman '09  
THE ROUNDUP

When the high school year begins in the fall, Friday night is a day anyone can express clearly in a billion words.

Especially every Friday here at Brophy, red reigns the land for a few hours, and the adrenaline in their bodies pump up the football players, the student body and the coaches.

Brophy students represent their spirit with red t-shirts reading "GAME DAY" on the front as the Football players show off their numbers with their football jerseys.

But for one extraordinary student, pumping blood in his system and wearing a jersey isn't the final action he takes; the next step is gearing up with his teammates and taking the field.

As a freshman, phenomenal quarterback **Chase Knox '12** is in a highly exceptional situation as a varsity football player.

"It's very rare to find a freshman on this varsity team, but Chase is mature and talented enough to compete at this level, which allowed him the opportunity to play," said Brophy varsity football head coach **Mr. Scooter Molander**.

Usually successful freshmen and JV players are brought up to the varsity team when their seasons have ended and the playoffs begin.

Discovered during the Brophy football summer camps before he came to Brophy, **Knox** undoubtedly left an impression on the coaches.

*The Roundup* took time to sit down and watch a varsity football practice from the sidelines to take notice of the incredible athletic ability **Knox** possesses.

**Knox** is a very helpful player during the practices, a trait that will also benefit him in the future as he gains experience as a quarterback from reading one of the top defensive teams in the state and improving from there.



**Chase Knox '12** is the only freshman quarterback on the varsity football team this year.

He first picked up the pigskin when he was nine-years-old.

Playing pick-up games with his neighborhood friends, **Knox** began to discover his innate gift in one of the world's greatest sports.

From there he began his career playing Pop Warner for the Stingers.

Before he came to Brophy to play football, **Knox** played as a pitcher and outfielder for All Saints on his grade school baseball team.

He also participated in Track and Hockey, which demonstrates his natural athleticism.

Turning 15-years-old on Sept. 14, **Knox** has set important goals for himself the next three years as a Brophy Bronco.

"For each of the next three years, I want to win a football championship for

Brophy," said **Knox**, who also has a lot of younger potential teammates that are going help him reach his goals.

Teammates such as sophomores **De'saan Hardwick '11**, **Josh Dennard '11** and **Ethan Cooper '11** are also on the varsity squad. Stepping their game up, Junior Varsity quarterback **Garret Wilson '11** and freshman quarterback **Billy Freeman '12** are future clients for a threatening Varsity team.

But **Knox** isn't concerned about his starting position just so long as the support from his family and friends persist to keep him going.

His parents, Christian Knox and Michelle Earle, have been very accommodating with getting **Knox** to school everyday, even if it means 30 minutes of driving from Ahwatukee.

Photo by Shane Metzger '10

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—Coach Scooter Molander

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younger brother, Cade, who is a fifth grader at All Saints, **Knox** will gain a lot of leadership experience on the varsity team that could be useful with his family.

**Knox** is just like any other teenager who enjoys spending his free time hanging out with his friends when he is not learning from the playbook or getting his homework done.

**Knox** is a very intelligent student, with his hard-working personality and time-management skills Brophy will enjoy having a thorough scholar like him around for a few years.

Although he has only played in the Horizon and Kofa games with combined stats of passing for 10 yards, a .667 complete pass percent, rushing 8 carries for 10 yards and with a quarterback rating of 72, **Coach Molander** wants to get him in a few more plays in the next couple games.

Five years from now, **Knox** will be attending college, hopefully at one of his top four choices: Cal State, Miami, USC or Missouri, which all happen to have great football programs.

If his passion for the game keeps burning and his dedication on and off the field continues to give him the motivation he needs to be successful, there is no doubt that this amazing athlete will make it big someday.

## Golf team competes in tough year

By Chris Wolf '09  
THE ROUNDUP

The Brophy golf team was competitive all year.

Unfortunately, they were unable to take the region this year from a very strong Mountain Ridge team.

This year's region was a tough one with Mountain Ridge coming out on top. Desert Mountain was also proved to be an impressive team this year.

At a recent match at Firerock Golf Course, Mountain Ridge proved to be a little too tough for the Broncos.

They ended up beating the Broncos by 21 and taking third.

However, on the positive side Brophy was able to beat St. Mary's.

There were also some good individual performances out on the course. **Paul Pallin '10** shot a competitive 75 followed by a 76 shot by **David Lowe '11**.

This year some of the leaders on the team were **Parker Middleton '10**,

**Ryan Donoghue '10** and **Lowe**.

Head Golf Coach **Mr. Jon Shores** said, "These kids lead the team all the way through, on the leader board and on the course."

Even though the Broncos were unable to capture the region title, there are a couple of positives.

They were able to beat a potential state champion, Red Mountain, in one of the early matches, and played well in most of the matches.

"There were times when we did not play to our full potential and that is what hurt us in our region play," Mr. Shores said.

Without a region title, it is hard to be content with the way the season turned out, but next year the team should be able to compete on a very high level.

There are many returning starters including all the leaders, so with a year of maturity and more practice, hopefully next year's team will bring the region home.



Left photo by Mason Smith '11  
Paul Pallin '11 takes a practice swing on the Vistal driving range Oct. 20.

Right photo by Parker Middleton '10  
Pallin takes another practice swing.



# Homecoming 2008

## 'A Night on the Bayou'



**Photos on left by Ben Jackson '11**  
**Photos on top and right by Jake Kelly '09**

**Clockwise from top:**

**Tito Texidor '09** and Xavier Gator **Danielle Burr '09** were announced the Homecoming King and Queen at half time.

Brophy and Xavier's Homecoming Court was made up of seniors **Jason Abbott, Pierce Bassett, Andrew Berkley, Gabe Castellanos, Brandon Love, Tito Texidor, Lily Altavena, Lindy Blake, Danielle Burr, Neha Khan, Alex Marsh and Whitney Stevens.**

Students participate in the hypnosis activity at the Homecoming Dance.

A fire twirler dazzles the crowd with his fiery feats.

**Mr. Jim Bopp** steps outside of his comfort zone and serenades the audience with his Guitar Hero skills.

**Ben Anderson '10** (left) and **John Isaacson '09** know how to pick 'em! Their shirts were chosen as two of the ugliest at Brophy.

Brophy's personal luchadore, **Phil Kennedy '09** lays out an underclassmen, who never had a chance.