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squad was quarterback Jonathan Converse. He completed 7-of-15 passes with a pair of touchdowns.

The wide receivers and slot-backs were very impressive Thursday making excellent catches and giving their quarterbacks open targets down field. Leading the way was junior David Fernando, the leading receiver from the 7-2 junior varsity team last year. He caught five passes and three were touchdowns, including one at the end of the first series that was caught over three Desert Ridge defenders. Scola also saw time at the slot-back position. He caught five passes and two were touchdowns, one each from Machuca and Converse. Sophomore Michael Burk impressed many by catching all three passes thrown to him and took one for a touchdown. Seniors Terry Eytcheson and Derek Hoffman also caught three passes from their quarterbacks. Junior Tanner Morgan caught a Converse TD pass on a fade route near the end of the game. Sophomore Richie Pagels also caught a pair of passes and junior Lyle Wyatt and sophomores Cody



(above) A.J. Little League 10 & 11 All Star pitcher Moises Rascon delivers a pitch in last week's District 7 Tournament.

(left) After coming up with an interception during a Summer Passing League game last week against Desert Ridge, Apache Junction's Mike Burk looks for some running room. (photo by J.J. Digos)

Owens and Tyler McCullen caught a pass for the varsity/JV offense.

On the defensive side of the ball the Prospectors faced a strong challenge from the Desert Ridge spread offense. However the Prospectors played well and capitalized on many mistakes from the opposition. Senior safety Matt Tomasetti had a pair of pass deflections, one of which led to an interception by fellow senior Zach Divelbiss. Burk added to his strong game on offense with an ex-

cellent game defensively. The sophomore deflected a pair of passes and came up with an interception. Scola and Fernando also added to the defensive effort forcing drops or deflections in a pair of passes each.

"Next season we should be really good, without a doubt," said Scola. "Today our offense just dominated and we only threw the ball seven or eight times a game last year. We obviously have the ability to run the ball and I think we should be

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Turner singled and appeared to have beaten out an infield bunt for a second hit but was called out at first base, Aaron Ritchey had an infield hit and reached base a second time with a walk, Rascon got on base a second time being hit by a pitch, and Fonseca flew out deep to center field and deep to right field on two well-hit balls.

Rascon, Fonseca, Jared Wenzelburger and Sergio Villar all took a turn on the mound for the A.J. All Stars. Villar pitched a scoreless sixth inning and Rascon started and struck out three batters in his four innings.

On defense for Apache Junction, catcher Villar threw out a baserunner on an attempted steal, Dry made two nice plays at third base for outs and another behind the plate as catcher to get a baserunner out at home, and Turner was flawless at first base catching every throw for put-outs.

Other All Stars for Apache Junction included Chris Bourland, Jacob Minich and

Zach Weissenborn and the squad was coached by John Underwood and Heath Dry.

The Major All Stars begin their District 7 Tournament on Tuesday, June 30 taking on Mesa Westwood in a 7:30 p.m. game at Countryside Park, 1120 S. 32nd Street in Mesa, then play Thursday, July 2 versus Mesa Southern at 5:30 p.m., Monday, July 6 versus Four Peaks at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, July 7 versus Red Mountain American at 7:30 p.m. All games are played at Countryside Park, located off of Southern Avenue about a quarter-mile west of Val Vista.

The Junior All Stars also begin District 7 Tournament play on Tuesday, June 30 taking on Mesa Westwood in an 8:00 p.m. game, then play Thursday, July 2 versus Mesa Southern at 5:30 p.m. and wrap up "pool play" on Tuesday, July 7 taking on Red Mountain American at 8:00 p.m. All games are played at Westwood High School, 945 W. 8th Street in Mesa.

### B-Ball,

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mixture of incoming freshmen and even some middle-school players, wrapped up their Summer League last Tuesday with 48-15 and 26-8 losses to two different Chandler Hamilton teams.

In both games, the young AJHS girls struggled in the first half but turned in solid performances in both second halves.

In the first game, Apache Junction trailed 29-4 at half-time but played to a 19-11 score in half number two.

Erin Herbert tallied 6 points to lead AJHS, Shannon Ochs netted 4 points, Christine Medrano sank a three-pointer, Lindsey Streibich added 2 points and three rebounds, Carly Reid contributed three rebounds, two assists and



Junior varsity player Siobhan McKay tracks down a loose ball in a Summer League game played last week.

a steal, Alexa Jimenez had three rebounds, and Al' Lexus White added two rebounds. After trailing 14-2 in the first half of the second game, the AJHS girls played an aggressive and physical defense in the second half and were outscored just 12-6.

Rachel Bonow and Herbert both had two points and five rebounds, Streibich added a bucket and four rebounds, Siobhan McKay scored a bucket, Jimenez grabbed five rebounds and White had two rebounds.



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