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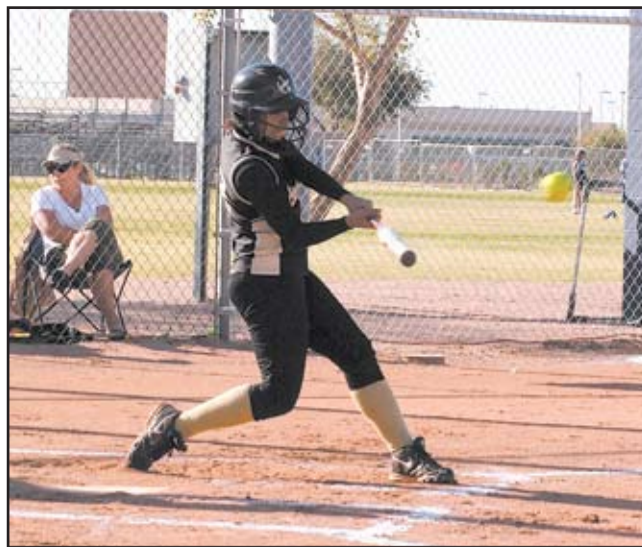
In the 11-9 loss to Casa Grande in the McClintock Tournament, Tyler Tyson swung the hit bat, collecting three hits in four trips to the plate and driving in five runs, which included a three-run homerun. Although Tyson struck out in his only at-bat versus Higley, he still leads the team in runs batted in with nine.

Saathoff was 2-for-2 and scored three runs in the loss to Casa Grande, Converse went 2-for-3 with a double, Hanson was 2-for-4 with two runs scored, Rascon went 1-for-4 with a solo homerun and Ryan Howard was 1-for-3.

In the loss to Skyline, Davalos was 2-for-4 with a solo blast and Cole Garratt, Howard, Saathoff and Hanson each collected a base hit.

The Prospectors, who as a team, are hitting at a .313 clip (69 hits in 224 at-bats), were also schedule to play Glendale Independence last Tuesday but the game was postponed due to inclement weather. That game will be made up on Saturday, April 24.

This week, Apache Junction will be playing in the Gilbert Highland Tournament during Spring Break. On Monday, March 15, AJHS faces Highland at 6:00 p.m. On Tuesday, March 16, AJHS plays Higley at 12:00 noon and Mesa High at 3:00 p.m. On Wednesday, March 17, AJHS plays Chandler Perry at 3:00 p.m. The Prospectors also play on Thursday, March 18, but the game time depends on how they fare in their first three games.



Apache Junction's Jade Yost is about to put the bat on the ball in last Thursday's game at Higley. Yost and the rest of the Lady Prospector offense began last week with the 31st nationally ranked offense in terms of team batting average (.373) with the 41st ranked offense in terms of slugging percentage (.481). (photo by J.J. Digos)

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Christine Emmons had two hits and pitched well in relief of Olson, and Yost and Jennifer Gallina both added a base hit.

Also in the Safford Tournament, Apache Junction was dealt a "bad hand" in their 6-3 loss to Douglas. The Lady Prospectors were leading 3-2 after three complete innings when Douglas scored four runs batting in the top half of the fourth inning. The game was then called on a time limit before Apache Junction was given the chance to bat in the bottom half of the inning.

Despite protest from AJHS coaches that the game should have reverted back to the end of the third inning since Apache Junction did not get their at-bats in the fourth inning, Douglas was awarded the victory.

Apache Junction's other tourney loss came in the semifinals versus Safford with a score of 6-2. Safford would go to beat Douglas in the championship game.

The Lady Prospectors were

awarded the third place trophy in Safford, their first tournament trophy picked up in two years, and Rhodes was chosen for the All-Tournament team.

The Lady Prospectors are off this week for "spring break" and will be back in action on Tuesday, March 23 facing off against Scottsdale Saguaro in Scottsdale. On the following day, March 24 the Lady Prospectors are back at home hosting Phoenix Arcadia, and are also at home on Thursday March 25 versus against Cave Creek Cactus Shadows. First pitch for all games is at 4:00 p.m.

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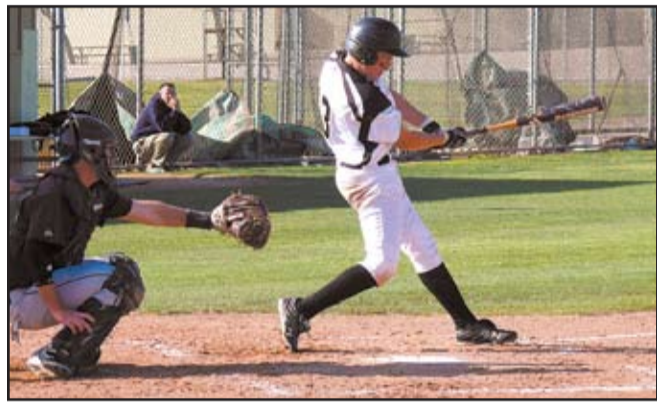
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AJHS' Bret Willis rips a single in the game against Higley

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