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Sabercats in their second Desert Sky Region game of the season. Despite the rain that fell earlier in the day, the game still went on as scheduled. Apache Junction played the game without Shelby Olson, who missed the game due to illness, so they relied on sophomore Autumn Rhodes to handle the pitching duties. Rhodes, who is the regular third baseman for Apache Junction, only allowed five earned runs in seven innings pitched, gave up one walk and collected two strikeouts. Despite a slow start and falling behind 9-2 after five innings, the Lady Prospectors rallied late but the rally wasn't enough as they fell to Saguaro, 9-5.

At the plate and leading the way for Apache Junction was senior Victoria Marquez. She went 3-for-4 at the plate, collected two runs batted in and scored a run. Lindsey Skinner was 2-for-3 with a double and scored twice. Rhodes also helped the offensive efforts, going 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles. Jade Yost went 2-for-4 and collected a RBI.

Chelsey Streibich collected a base hit and a pair of RBIs. Ashley Gonzales and Melissa Ochoa each collected a hit as well.

On Wednesday, Phoenix Arcadia came in to town to face the Lady Prospectors in a non-region game. Olson was back in the circle after her bout with pink eye and struck out five in seven innings. However, the offense failed to produce runs until the sixth inning and the Lady Prospectors fell by a score of 6-3.

Ochoa was 2-for-3 on the day, scoring a run and collecting a RBI. Yost garnered a triple that was laced into the right-center gap and brought in a RBI. Also collecting hits were Rhodes, Olson, Gonzales, Jennifer Gallina and Lindsey Skinner.

Last Thursday, Cave Creek Cactus Shadows was the opponent against the Lady Prospectors, and it was Rhodes and Olson who pitched against the Lady Falcons. Rhodes started things off pitching three innings, giving up four runs and striking out one. Olson came in relief in the fourth inning,



Ashley Gonzales goes up high to make a catch for an out in last week's game against Arcadia (by J.J. Digos)

she struck out two and gave up three runs.

On the flip side, the Lady Falcon's pitcher throughout the game shut down the Apache Junction offensive attack. Collecting hits were Streibich, who crushed a double in the first inning, Rhodes with one base hit in the seventh inning, and Gallina, who

reached on a base hit in her first at-bat in the third inning.

Apache Junction has two non-region games scheduled for this week, Tuesday, March 30 at Youngker, and Thursday, April 1 at home versus three-time defending State Champions, Tucson Canyon Del Oro, both at 4:00 p.m.

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Also this past week, Apache Junction traveled to Queen Creek for a meet held last Wednesday but because the Chandler Rotary meet was just a couple of days away, several athletes were held out of their running events to avoid a possible injury.

Despite requests to obtain the results from Wednesday's meet at Queen Creek, *The News* wasn't able to get any. We should be able to update the results from the Chandler Rotary meet in next week's edition.

The AJHS track and field teams are back in action this week in an away meet held at Tempe McClintock with Combs being a third competing school. The meet gets under way at 3:30 p.m.



Lady Prospector Lauren Smith (left) just took a handoff of the baton from teammate Ty'dria White in the girls 4x100 meter relay held this past Wednesday at Queen Creek High School

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