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base hits and three RBIs. Jade Yost reached base on a pair of singles, collected two RBIs and scored twice. Catcher Lindsey Skinner was 2-for-3 with a RBI and she also scored three runs for AJHS. Jennifer Gallina and Ashley Gonzales each hit doubles and scored runs. Also reaching base and scoring were Autumn Rhodes and Victoria Marquez.

Canyon del Oro has a long tradition of producing many division one college softball prospects in their history. Most recently was the infamous Kenzie Fowler, who won the Gatorade National High School Softball player of the year in her junior and senior years. Fowler, now a freshman at the University of Arizona in Tucson, thankfully to the relief of many of the Lady Prospector contingent, was not in the pitchers circle here in Apache Junction, but instead was pitching against ASU last Thursday evening.

Coming into the game, the Lady Prospectors were confident in being able to have a chance to win against the three time defending champs, and held up well in the opening three innings. However in the latter parts of the game, the Lady Dorados flexed their

offensive muscle as two batters hit solo home runs off of Olson and Canyon del Oro defeated the Apache Junction by a score of 8-1.

Streibich and Gonzales each went 2-for-3 in the game and Streibich drove in the lone run. Marquez scored the Apache Junction's only run in the sixth inning after reaching base on a single. Yost and Ochoa also garnered base hits.

The win over Youngker and the loss to Canyon del Oro puts Apache Junction's record at 8-12 overall including tournament games, 2-6 in the state rankings and 20th overall in power points. This week, the AJHS girls play a home-and-away series against Queen Creek, playing at QCHS on Tuesday, April 6 and hosting Queen Creek on Thursday, April 8. First pitch for both games is at 4:00 p.m.

Freshmen Update

The Lady Prospector freshmen softball team is coached by Melinda Rumpfle, who sent along scores and player stats from the team's first two games of the season. In an 8-7 victory over Higley on March 11, Ashley Price had three hits and drove in a run,



(right) Lady Prospector Taylor Tinkham pitches for both the AJHS junior varsity and freshmen teams this season. Here, she delivers one to home plate during a recent home J.V. game

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at Tempe McClintock but the results were not available when *The News* went to press.

This week, Apache Junction will be at home on Tuesday, April 6 hosting a four-team meet that includes schools from Scottsdale Coronado, Maricopa and Gilbert Campo Verde. Field events will begin at 3:30 p.m. with running events starting shortly after. The AJHS track teams will also be competing this Saturday, April 10 in the Greenway Invitational Meet in Phoenix.

Taylor Tinkham had two hits and knocked in three runs, Marissa Stinnett also had two hits, including a double, and Irene Rascon added a pair of singles with a RBI. Tinkham also went the distance on the mound to get the win and allowed just four hits while striking out nine.

The AJHS girls overcame eight defensive errors in their season opener, "way too many," according to Coach Rumpfle.

In the team's 8-7 victory over Florence played March 12, Maggie Hamlin had a double and drove in two runs, Alison Howard and Price both had a double and knocked in one run, and Heather Hadden came up with three stolen bases. Tinkham and Christine Emmons split the mound chores, allowing a total of five hits with each twirler striking out six batters.

Other players on the AJHS freshmen team include Allison Hillman, Shyan Coker, Molly Fenicle, Jessica Crim, Candice Koontz, Amber Schmidt, Sarah Bonow, Myranda Wyers, Destiney Armenta, and alternates Sara Cooper, Hailey Gonwa and Skylar Saathoff.

This week, the freshmen team plays at Florence on Tuesday, hosts Higley on Thursday and plays at Higley on Friday, all games at 4:00 p.m.



AJHS freshman team shortstop Molly Fenicle snags a line drive for an out during a recent home game

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