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who hit a triple and after stealing home, the Minor Girls All-Stars trailed Mountain View, 6-2.

After holding Mountain View scoreless in the top half of the fourth inning, Bailey Edwards scored on a single from Mattie McMinn to make the score 6-3, and then Mikayla Bernal scored on a single from Gilgert to pull the A.J. All-Stars to within two of Mountain View, 6-4.

Mountain View added three runs in the fifth and then went for 13 in the sixth inning, while the A.J. girls picked three runs in their final at-bats to make the final score 22-7.

Gilgert and Ray both drove in two runs for Apache Junction and also played some great defense. Gilgert came up with three great plays while from her left field position and Ray, who pitched five strong innings, also made three nifty defensive plays from the mound, including catching two line drives.

Breanna Conklin, Cheyanne Getz and McMinn had the other A.J. hits. Bernal reached base twice on a hit batsmen and walk and scored twice. And Getz, in addition to her single, also drew a pair of walks and came up with four great defensive plays from her third base position.

Also on defense for the Minor Girls All-Stars, Edwards was fantastic in center field with back-up plays and throwing out a Mountain View runner at third, McMinn and Kay-

lana Wright came up with a grounder at second base for an out, and Mckinley Wright hustled all game long from the catcher's defensive spot and blocked several pitches in the dirt.

In that lopsided loss to Red Mountain against a very tough pitcher, it was Gilgert who broke up the Red Mountain pitcher's perfect game with a single in the fourth, and later, Getz drew a walk as the only two A.J. hitters to reach base.

Also playing for the Minor Girls All-Stars were Maren Bernal, Samantha Johnson and Bailey Schrader, and the team was coached by Bill Wilson, Holly Gilgert, Dan Johnson and Glenn McMinn.

Following their game against undefeated Mountain View, the home plate umpire met the A.J. All-Stars down the left field line and congratulated them on playing a terrific game and tournament, as well as displaying terrific sportsmanship. Suffice to say, the Minor Girls Softball All-Stars were a great representative of Apache Junction Little League.

The Minor Boys All-Stars played two great games on Thursday and Friday, yet didn't have a win to show for it. They lost to Mesa Westwood 7-6 on Thursday and ended the game with baserunners at third and second base, and then fell to Mesa Southern 13-12 on Friday, and once again, finished the game with



*The Minor Boys Baseball All-Stars from Apache Junction Little League includes players Drew Riemersma, Austin Sample, Andrew Vadney, Justin Stinnett, Myles Boseck, Daniel Lundquest, Dawson McCune, Dylan Brennan, Kade Owen, Trey Weech, Tanner Ludwig, Deion Stevens and Nick Mohn, and coaches Dylan Ludwig, Mark Boseck and Todd Mohn*

baserunners at third and second.

In their District 7 tournament opener against Westwood, A.J. lead-off batter Nick Mohn had a dream game, going 4-for-4 at the plate with three singles and a double, driving in two runs, and scoring twice. Austin Sample also drove in a pair of runs with a double, and Trey Weech added a single, walk and scored a run.

Mohn, Tanner Ludwig, Sample, Daniel Lundquest and Deion Stevens all took turns on the mound for the Minor Boys All-Stars and all were solid. They held Westwood to just eight hits and combined to strike out seven Westwood batters. Also in the Westwood game, Justin Stinnett reached twice on walks.

In the game against Mesa Southern, the two teams played a wild fourth inning, with the Apache Junction All-Stars scoring six times to take a 8-3 lead, only to see Mesa Southern come back with seven runs of their own to retake the lead, 10-8. Both teams then added three runs in the fifth, and Apache Junction, in their final at-bats, scored once to make it a one-run game and left baserunners at third and second.

Mohn had another solid day at the plate with a triple, single, walk and three runs scored. Stinnett added a two-run double, Dylan Brennan singled and walked twice, Dawson McCune and Stevens both singled and scored a run, Myles Boseck was on base twice with walks and scored a run, Andrew Vadney walked and scored a run, Lundquest laid down a perfect



*Minor Girls Softball All-Star pitchers, Maren Bernal (left) and Bailey Edwards (above)*

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Lindsey Skinner singled, reached base on a fielder's choice and scored twice, and Allison Hillman and Christina Duarte reached base on an error in A.J.'s five-run sixth inning and scored two keys runs.

In game two, the Lady Prospectors trailed Red Mountain 11-5 heading into their final at-bats but got plenty of help from Red Mountain's defense and pitcher to rally for a one-run win.

Yost led off the final inning with a single, Ashley Gonzales, Hailey Gonwa and Sedona Aulik all reached base with a walk, Hamlin was hit by a pitch and Duarte reached on a fielder's choice. All six would score, three on wild pitches, including Aulik with the game-winner.

The second split squad Lady Prospector team didn't fare as well in their twin bill with Red Mountain, losing the first game 12-2 and dropping the second game 7-5.

In game two for the second split squad, Skylar Saathoff, Briana Lapp, Sierra Aulik, Emmons, Sarah Cooper, Caitlin McDowell and Jenna Skinner all had singles for AJHS, and Sarah Streibich had a bases loaded walk for a RBI.

Skinner pitched the first four

innings and gave up only four hits but two of those were homeruns, and Emmons finished the game on the mound. The AJHS defense was led by McDowell at third base, who made two nice defensive plays for outs, and Cooper at catcher, tagging one Red Mountain runner at home and picking off another attempting to steal.

The Lady Prospectors will play a twin bill this Wednesday, June 23 at Mesa Skyline at 8:30 a.m. The AJHS girls will also be competing this Tuesday, June 22 in a double header at Kiwanis Park in Tempe, taking on Tempe McClintock in a 6:30 p.m. game and playing against a yet-to-be-determined opponent at 8:15 p.m.

Apache Junction is also fielding a team of younger players in the Tempe Summer Prep League who will play this Thursday, June 24 at Kiwanis Park, facing Mountain Pointe at 6:30 p.m. and Williams Field at 8:15 p.m.

Between the Summer morning league and the Tempe Prep league, AJHS softball players, from returning varsity members to incoming freshmen players, will be competing in thirty ball games during the month of June.



*Skylar Saathoff rips a single in last week's softball game*



*Minor Boys Baseball All-Star Austin Sample connects with this pitch for a hit in last week's District 7 tournament*

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*Minor Girls Softball All-Star pitchers, Maren Bernal (left) and Bailey Edwards (above)*

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