

photo by Mike Templeton

JV tennis shows 'marked' improvement

by Marc Whittaker

team that began the season, according to varsity player Susan Denton.

JV girls have yet to compete in League. "We anticipate some match competition, five girls are good competition," states occasionally being moved up to freshman Janice McDonald. Ava Von Koch and Tamara varsity level. Currently there is Other possiblities for JV play in Workman.

no provision for inter-school JV The girls' JV tennis team is in girls' tennis competition and the general showing "marked im- JV team is basically a training provement" over the "young" ground for future varsity competitors.

There is, however, an allleague tourney for only the JV Although the majority of the girls' teams in the Three Rivers

the future remains "somewhat foggy at this time," adds freshman Andrea Dechenne.

Other JV players are freshmen Alix Craig, Robin Cummings, Anne Eaton, Shelley Fluter, Julie Maycroft,

Sophie Newland and sophomores Whitney Thackery.



Both track teams are having good seasons this year, with the boys boasting a perfect record. Both teams eased by Clackamas with the boys winning 91-54 and the girls winning 70-53. Senior Scott Bridges races ahead of teammate.



photo by Greg Wahl-Stevens

Despite 'shaky start,' softball doing well

by Frank Scheu

West Linn's new girls softball defense." team started it's regular season March 15 with a 3-6 loss to Gladstone. Despite the shakey start, the girls are doing well. Their record is now 3-1, having avenged Gladstone with a 5-1 victory and beaten Silverton and Estacada with 7-5 and 4-2 wins, respectively.

The girls are coached by P.E. teacher Pia Leonard who has coached both varsity volleyball and JV girl's basketball for the past two years. She will be assisted by Lori Davis, a West Linn graduate and a softball pitcher for Oregon State Universi-

This year's team possess quite a bit of individual talent. Senior short stop pitcher Lisa Hall is batting .600 and pitcher Chris Chose has averaged 8 strikeouts per game. Also, senior third ing what Coach Leonard to accept any inconveniences."

described as "very solid

Coach Leonard conceded that it won't be easy their first year. "It will be tough. We are in a strong league that has had softball teams for many years. We just don't have the experience the other teams do." Six of the 11 teams in their league made the state play-offs last year.

The new softball team will create problems in the already overcrowded practice facilities, especially for West Linn's state champion baseball team. Leonard commented, "It will be harder on them than it will be on us. But we will practice outside as much as possible in order to ease things up."

Varsity baseball head coach Terry Pollreisz is not worried about the situation, "We are willing to make an adjustment. We hope that they (the girls on the baseperson Renee Petit is play- new softball team) are also able

