

The Varsity Baseball team had a fairly successful season. The Bears ended up 13-6 overall and 5-3 in the M.S.A.C. This was good enough for a second place finish in the league. The Bears ended their season on a heartbreaking note as they lost to Beal City in District baseball play, 3-2.

Offensively the Bears were powered by Mike Zimmerman who had a .420 batting average and knocked in 14 runs. Buddy Howes had a .320 average and also had 14 RBI's. Howes also had a record 6 triples. John Mills hit .310, and Marty Litwiller hit .300 with 21 stolen bases second on the team to Zimmerman. Randy Stehlik put runs across with 14 RBI's.

In the pitching department, Dale Willgus was perfect with a 5-0 record and a miserly 0.70 earned run average. Mike Zimmerman was 6-2 with a 1.82 ERA and 53 strike outs.

At the Spring athletic banquet Mike Zimmerman was named most valuable player, and Dale Willgus most improved. John Mills was named all conference honorable mention in baseball; while Buddy Howes and Mike Zimmerman were named to the first team all M.S.A.C. Zimmerman was also elected to the MHSBBCA all-region IV team.

