

Think! Hustle!

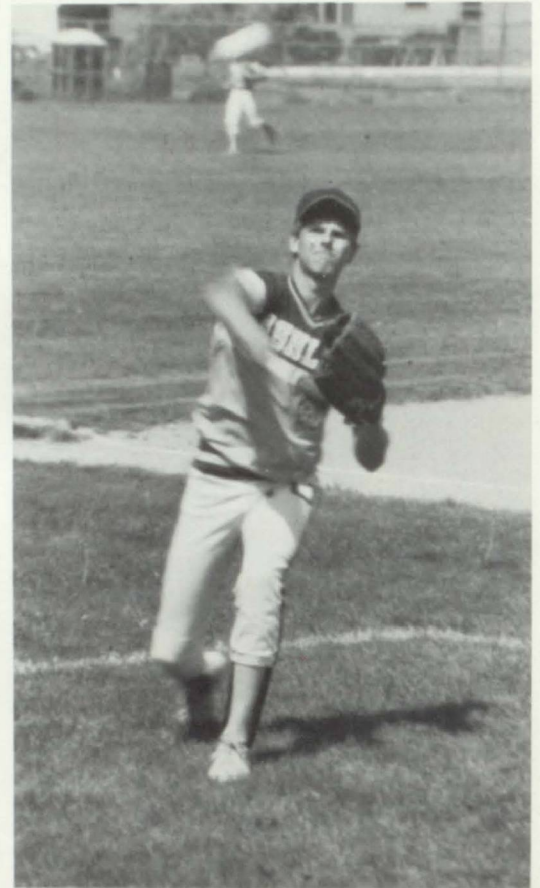
Baseball is a game of thinking. Coach Hornak cautions his players to think, and the players try their hardest to do it, but sometimes a sign will be missed, a ball will be missed, or a lecture will be delivered because of a mistake. But all in all, the team was successful. They reached their goal of winning 10 games and then reached even farther, winning 14 games and losing 13.

When boys play ball, they play hard, and that's just the way Ashley played. Whether running, sliding, catching, or hitting, everyone hustled. Hustle can win games for a team if it's "real" hustle, and true hustle means thinking. That's the way Ashley plays baseball . . . Pete Rose style.



◆ (Front row) Willie Bywater, Kevin Palmatier, Charlie Howes, Brian Gavenda, Duane Payne, John Hendricks, Tim Bradley (Back row) Mike Morris, Steve Mills, Tommy Lamey, Todd Andersen, Mike Turner, Rick Saylor, Pat Cordray, Duane Schneider, Coach Paul Hornak.

◆ Rick Saylor, the only starting pitcher returning from last year, warms his arm to pitch in the Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart game. He was consistent in throwing good fastballs, and he kept batters awake with his good junkballs (knuckles, sinkers, and curveballs.)



At pre-districts, the boys face tough competition. Before the game starts they gather around as a team to discuss such things as hustle, teamwork, and aggressiveness.