

HITTING HER WAY TO ALL-STARTER LEAGUE STARDOM is senior Annmarie Fabus. Annmarie, a second-team selection, helped lead the team this year, along with her fellow seniors.

Maybe Not Awesome, But They Never Gave Up

So the girls didn't have an "awesome" season. So they lost to teams they killed last year. And who cares that they were probably mercied more than any other Ashley softball team? They learned something that they'll never forget. They never gave up. Throughout all of the jokes, all of the letdowns, and with all their mistakes, they grew a lot. They learned to stick it out and not to give up when the going got tough.

At the beginning of the season, the girls were thinking, "MSAC title." "It's not that they ever gave up," commented coach Jim Lytle. "They were better than what they showed; they just didn't perform the basics." And what were the basics? Coach Lytle said it was the missed ground balls and the throws, something he hopes to improve on.

How did it feel losing game after game? Junior Melanie Zimmerman summed it up like this: "At first it was hard. We were expecting a better season than we had. We tried to have good attitudes, and for the most part, we did. Sure, we got down, but we never stopped trying."

Yes, the girls had their share of heart-breaking losses. But, when they did win, it was all worthwhile because they never gave up!

GETTING TO THIRD BASE IS EASY if you are Erica Densmore! She had more than a couple triples this year and her great batting helped her to be a constant starter.

