

KICKIN' UP DIRT, Heidi Harlow hurls the ball to Shelly Andersen, the catcher. Besides pitching, Heidi played centerfield and second base. Heidi led the team with a .444 batting average.

The Bears Started Out Slow, But Ended Up With A Grand Finale!!

This season the girls' softball team's record was 8-25. They started the season with a split against Fowler. Although the girls lost a lot of games, they kept their spirits up. Toward the end of the season, however, the girls started winning more games. They took both games against Genesee and split with Morrice. At the end of the regular season, the team was 6-24. Kelly Lytle helped the team out with the highest fielding average, and Heidi Harlow had the highest batting average.

When pre-districts came around, Coach Jim Lytle commented, "This team is a better team than the record shows."

HEADING FOR HOME, Coach Jim Lytle waves his arms, jumps up and down, and does just about anything to get Shelly Andersen to head for home against Central Montcalm. The Bears took the game, 10-9.

The girls got a chance to prove that by beating Morrice, 12-4.

Next they had to play Potterville in the first game of the districts. Ashley won, 6-4. Amy Crumbaugh reflected, "My most memorable moment was my diving catch in districts!"

The girls advanced to the district finals. "This team has gone farther than any team I've coached", remarked Jim Lytle. The girls played against Sacred Heart and lost a close one in the bottom of the seventh inning.

To wrap things up, Shelly Andersen commented, "The last week of practice was a lot of hard work but it made districts worthwhile."

