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ROCK 'N FIRE! Freshman Kevin Gavenda reaches back to deliver a pitch to the plate. The rookie went on to capture a no-hitter against Burton Valley Christian, 14-0.



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A POWERFUL STROKE. Marty Cartwright takes a big cut at a pitch. The left-handed junior batted the highest on the team, with a .429 average, and was selected to the MSAC First Team.

SURPRISED, YET DISAPPOINTED BEARS FALL SHORT IN MSAC RACE STANDING GOALS NOT REACHED, COACH IMPRESSED BY OUTCOME

For the past few years the Ashley baseball team's goal has been to win an MSAC league title. The Bears ended league play in second place this year, after falling to the MPSH Irish twice, 5-7 and 3-4. Coach Paul Hornak commented, "We measure our season by goals and we didn't win the league."

This may sound like the season was a total flop; however, Hornak also said, "At the beginning of the season, I didn't think we'd do as well as we did." As a team, the boys batted .295 and finished with a .642 win average. Three hurlers threw no-hitters: Larry Litwiller, Marty Cartwright, and Kevin Gavenda, all three of which came during league play.

Despite these stats, there is one fact that goes unmentioned. Every time the Bruins split a double-header, they won the second game. Also, every time both games were dropped, the second game's score was closer. Coach Hornak remarked, "It's one of two things . . . either we wake up too late or we finally decide to open our eyes."

Even though the Bears had the ability to rally at the last moment, their noble efforts fell short. A league title fell out of reach, and the only other goal left unaccomplished was a district title.

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