

SHE'S SAFE! Mindy Wallen tears up the dirt, leaving a trail of smoke behind (literally!) and scores a run for the Lady Bears.

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SOFTBALL Front row: Mindy Wallen, Amy Cermak, Kristin Bornemann, Terri Kral Back row: Stacie Densmore, Gina Mepham, Miranda Coon, Jill Cermak, Lisa McElroy. Not Pictured: Luann Cermak, Angela Simone.

Pride, integrity, and determination. The three qualities that set this team apart from any other. "We lost more games than we won, but we had a lot of fun and that's all that matters," stated junior Amy Cermak.

Former coach Jim Lytle retired and Rick Camp took over, with the help of assistant coach, Chuck Prikasky.

"Change is good, isn't that

what they always say?" stated senior Terri Kral.

"I really liked having Rick as our head coach. If we didn't know how to do something, he

would teach us, he wouldn't yell or get upset, he just showed us how it was done," stated freshman rookie, Jill Cermak.

Everyone knows that hard times and tough roads strengthen character and pull people together. "When discouraged spirits emerged and victory was nowhere in sight, I think that's when we were closest," reflected Mindy Wallen.

Although the team lost a few, there were also victories. When the Lady Bears played a double-header against Fulton, they beat





them 13-12 in the first game. And in the tournament against Chesaning, they lost to Chesaning, but defeated New Lothrop, who had beat Chesaning in a prior game that afternoon.

"That was really exciting! It had been so long since we had a win, I thought I was dreaming! It was especially gratifying to know that we beat a team who had beat

> Chesaning," commented Stacie Densmore.

The ties that bind are the ties that strengthen. The greatest victory this team achieved was

in staying together and holding on when all the loose ends were hidden behind discouragement.

Angela Simone



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"**RIGHT HERE, PITCHER!**" Jill Cermak waits at the plate for the perfect pitch.