

ABILITY TO OVERCOME

UH OH Joe Shaw takes a cut at a bad pitch. Joe was just one of the many underclassmen on this year's young team. "It was a tough season but some of us young guys gained valuable experience," stated the freshman.

This season is best described by Jesse Diffin as being "like an interesting roller coaster with its ups and downs from the beginning to the end."

With only three seniors and one junior on the team, a lot of teamwork had to be both taught and learned.

"We needed to first concentrate on working together as a team. Then the rest would just fall into place," commented junior and third year player Kevin Fabus.

The beginning was a little rocky but towards the end of the regular season, things started looking up.

"The Fowler game was probably the highlight of the season. Even though we lost by one, very few errors were made through our solid defense," stated James Polash. "We even hit the ball and scored!"

Another morale booster was the Burton Valley Christian game, when the Bears blew away BVC for a couple of conference wins.

"It was a real confi-

dence-booster," reflected Diffin, "getting us ready for the competition ahead."

The boys also defeated Vestaburg to make them Michigan State Athletic Conference runners-up. The first game against Vestaburg wasn't just a boost of confidence, but it also boosted up the stats for some such as Kevin Fabus and Matt Schueller, each with a triple and Pat Yelsik with a double.



Boosted morale notwithstanding, the Bears did not fare well in district competition at the end of the

season, however. They started slow and things went downhill from there. Defense was not as tight as it should have been and their hitting was also down, with Diffin having the only two hits.

In the end, even though the record didn't show it, the boys were winners. They accomplished their goal of coming together and playing as a team. That overpowers the scoreboard!

— Terri Kral



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VARSITY BASEBALL Front row: Jerad Luckhardt, Jesse Diffin, Kevin Fabus Second row: James Easlick, Joe Shaw, Jacob Harris, Brandon Beck, Eric Fabus

Back row: Matt Schueller, Patrick Yelsik, James Polash, Eric Kirkey Not pictured: Tim Slaughter, Tim Bates.