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"Ashley teams are bound to win..." These are the opening words to the Ashley fight song sung at every pep-rally that this school has. To some, these words may hold a key to some unlocked motivation that can only be accessed when these words are sung; to others, it may just hold the idea that every game that is played is destined to be won by Ashley.

Being in a sport isn't just a fun thing to do, it can be like a job. People who are involved in sports have to go to grueling practices, suffering on those really hot days, and accept defeat when it is laid at their door. But along with the bad, of course, there are the rewards. In football, when it is time for Homecoming to come around again, the football players put all of their heart and soul, along with a lot of determination, into winning this home game for the fans in the stands. When Ashley's players win this game, they are greeted with respect, and much praise. The dance following the game is usually the day after, but the memory of how bad the opposing team lost is fresh in the students' and players' minds.

"Victory comes from not only having heart, it comes from

the fans that are watching us play and are cheering us on from the stands," stated Varsity football player **Tim Bates** in one of the many speeches he addressed to the students during one of the pep rallies that were held during the year.

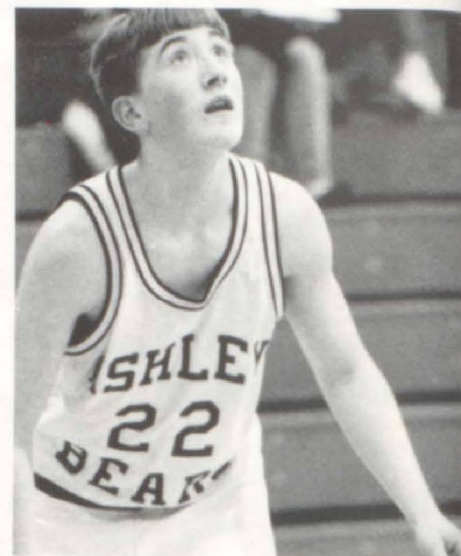
There are other opportunities than just football. There are cheerleading, softball, baseball, basketball and volleyball. This little community respects the athletes because they are defending their community and helping to give this little corner of the world a good name. What do you do, though, when games are being cancelled left and right? This is the story of the baseball and softball teams.

"It really sucked that the first few games of ours were cancelled. We practiced so hard, and were so ready to win, then our hopes of winning that first game of the season were shot down because of the weather," stated first year player **Wayne McElhaney**.

In our little community, sports are a good way for the community members and the students to get out, and revel in the fact that they are an active part of that awesome little town named Ashley.

Tara Thompson

MONEY! TJ Good watches anxiously to see if the ball is going to go in during one of the junior varsity basketball games. **TJ** pulled out 78 rebounds this season.



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"WAIT A SEC!" Ashleigh Kaufmann takes a break from the game to tie her shoe. The team wound up with a 2 in 18 season.