

With a 0-19-1 record, this season wasn't about winning, but it was a time to grow into the game. This year's team was full of rookies; six out of the twelve players were new to high school baseball. Freshman *Steve Moffit* commented, "It was frustrating at first for me, but as the season went on I feel that I improved some and gained some experience for next year." Improvement, that's what the season became about, not winning. As the season went on the



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Rookies— Being a rookie team doesn't always mean you're the under dog.

GIVE HIM THE HEAT Second year player *Ryan Bates* takes the windup and gets ready to deliver the pitch. Ryan played third and first base, pitching occasionally, but he spent most of the time at third and first.

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scores got better; they had a tie once but never could quite reach a victory. "We knew the season would be tough especially with the new players, but improvement was what we were looking for and we did improve on most aspects of the game," stated junior *Wayne McElhaney*.

The Bears ended their season in the first district game against Fowler, 10-0. All and all, with no wins and some bad scores, the team never quit. They stuck through to the end and gave it everything they had. With the improvement the team had, the "rookies" will now be ready for the challenge. Coach *Brian Gavenda* remarked, "Our goal for the year was to improve, and we did."



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WATCH IT! Senior *Brandon Beck* takes a swing at a pitch. Brandon was one of the experienced players on the team, playing four years of baseball.



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