



Throw 'em a curve! Senior Kent Miller winds up and prepares to throw a curve ball against the Lakota player at bat.

Improvement is the Name of the Game!

The varsity baseball team has been big news in the past few years. When the 1990 season ended, they were crowned district champs. With the victory under their belts, the team was determined to improve their game and erase their mistakes.

This year, Ryan Read, Matt Mairn, and Todd Robinson all shared the responsibility of leading the team as captains. They were in charge of the everyday callisthenics and were second in command to the coaches. Todd Robinson said, "It's an honor to be selected as a leader of a team."

Improvement was a key word in the team's vocabulary. Mairn made fewer mistakes and his batting average was on the rise. Coach Shrimpton said, "I feel that his improvement defensively has helped the team incredibly."

Leading the team to victory in a five game stretch, Kent Miller was a surprise to the team and coaches as he surfaced as an outstanding pitcher.

Shrimpton commented that this years

success was the culmination of each individual player working during the off season lifting weights to improve his game. "Because the team was basically composed of seniors, the experience level was fundamental to the victories."

The final game of the season was lost to Oak Hills 10-9. This was the second round of the tournament. This placed the team eighth in the city and third in the league.

Winning top honors in the city was senior Ryan Read who was voted to the city "All-Star" team and to the state team. Read also maintained the highest batting average in the city throughout the season with a .638 average.

Next year, he will continue to play for Ball State University on a full scholarship, along with teammate Robinson.

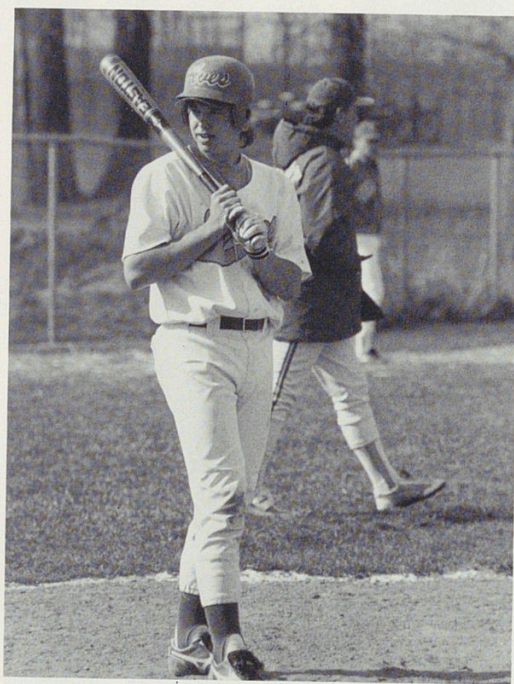
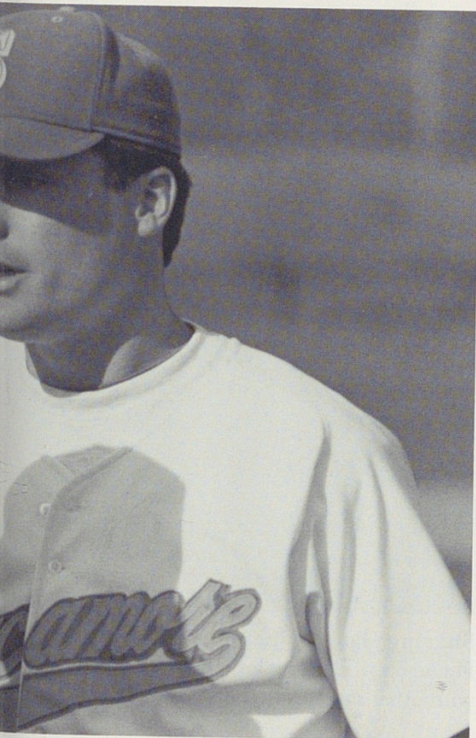
Mairn will also attend Ball State on a partial scholarship.

Despite an earlier end to the season than in the past, Coach Shrimpton still said, "We had a successful season. We started in last place and finished third in the league. I'm proud of the way we played."

by Erin Cline

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Stepping up to the plate...Senior Joe Bell takes a look around before he goes to face the Lakota pitcher.



Just hanging out...The varsity boys take a breather and follow the game until it is their turn to bat.

