

Throw her out!!...Senior shortstop Terri Alexander looks to first base as she prepares to throw the ball.

Grand Finale!

The Lady Aves softball team started out slowly. Halfway through the season, they had a 1-10 record. Then, somehow they turned things around and won 7 out of their final 11 games.

Coach Don Shelton said, "We managed a winning streak of five games beginning the second half of the season with tough wins over Mt. Notre Dame, Purcell-Marian, and Hamilton, and twice defeated Princeton."

Junior Dana King offered a theory on why the Lady Aves started out so slowly, "This was only our second year in the fast pitch league, so I think we needed a little time to get the feel of the game. Once we got accustomed to the faster pace of fast pitch, we were able to beat more experienced teams. From last season to this season, the team record greatly improved, from 5-15 to 8-14."

Junior Pam Willinger considered the high point of the season to be the game at Anderson that started off their winning streak.

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King agreed, "We had only won two or three games prior to the streak, and then when we won five games in a row, it gave us confidence and the drive to make us want to win more."

Willinger thought that the team's main weakness was in batting. "We just couldn't get many hits. Although we could hold the other teams defensively, it didn't do us any good if we weren't able to score any runs."

According to Shelton, the Lady Aves were led offensively by seniors Stephanie Kaplan (catcher) and Terri Alexander (shortstop). The infield was strengthened by the tough playing of senior first baseman Lynn Duncan and junior pitcher Susan Street,

who finished the second half of the season with three wins and a save. King led the outfield defensively.

Although this season was perhaps not as successful as some had hoped, Shelton said, "The strong finish gives a glimmer of hope to our prospects next year as eight juniors will be returning."



Bunter up!!...Junior Dana King crouches in position at the plate anticipating the pitcher's throw.

Sharing laughs before a game...Stacy Patterson, Kelli Ziegler, and Pam Willinger, along with other members of the team, relax together.