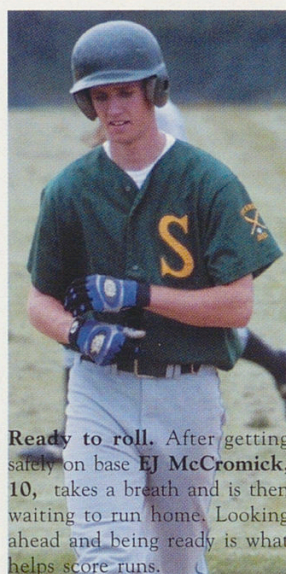




Nice work! After a great win, the JV baseball team gathers up and congratulates one another on a great effort in the field. Coach Jesse Wood instructs them on batting and they are ready to score a few runs.



Ready to roll. After getting safely on base EJ McCromick, 10, takes a breath and is then waiting to run home. Looking ahead and being ready is what helps score runs.



Encouragement is key. Andy Johnson, 10, gives Robby Peters, 9, confidence and helps him with pitching mechanics. Laughing on the field also helps to make the game a little more fun.



Safe! Danny Frank, 11, slides into home after a great hit from his teammate in order to get him around the bases. He slid and scored a run for his team.

"Our coaches gave us the confidence and taught us the will to win,"
- Andy Johnson, 10

Teamwork helps Striving for more

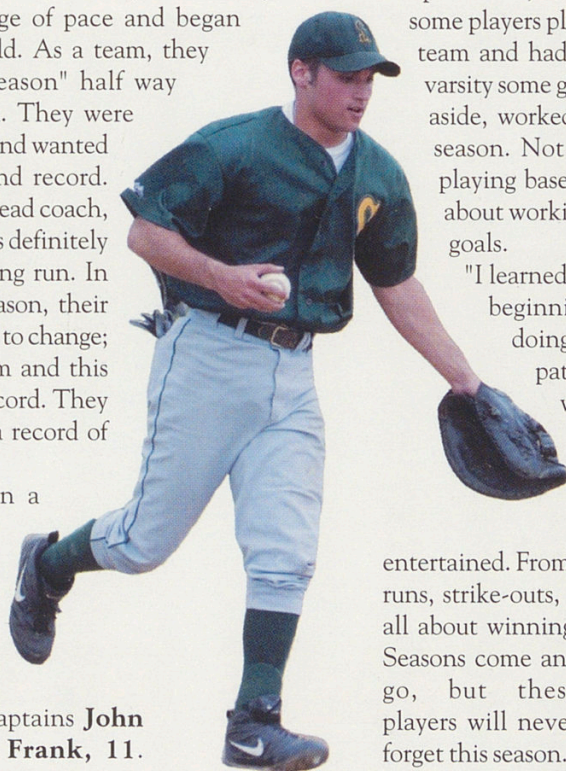
By Liz Tracy

TURN AROUND SEASON, GREAT OUTCOME.

After a hard beginning to the season, the junior varsity baseball team had a change of pace and began playing amazing on the field. As a team, they decided to start a "new season" half way through the regular season. They were struggling at the beginning and wanted to change their attitude and record. This idea came about from head coach, **Coach Jesse Wood** and this definitely made a difference in the long run. In the first ten games of their season, their record was 3-7. Things began to change; they worked more as a team and this was evident in their final record. They finished their season with a record of 12 and 9.

"This season has been a blossoming experience. Being a freshman on JV was a struggle at times, but everyone on the team helped me through it," said **Robby Peters, 9**.

The team was led by captains **John Steele, 11**, and **Danny Frank, 11**. However, there was not just one or two

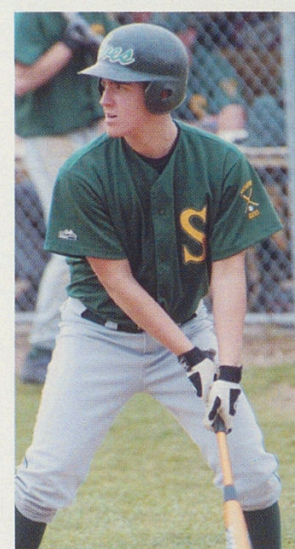


Team player. Alex Speckert, 10, third baseman, helped lead the team to new levels. After fielding a play and getting the runner out, he was pumped and ready to bat.

leaders on the team. There were five juniors, eight sophomores, and two freshman. They also had some players play with them from the freshman team and had some players that played with varsity some games. They put these differences aside, worked as one team, and had a great season. Not only did they have fun while playing baseball, they also learned so much about working as a team and achieving their goals.

"I learned that patience is a virtue. At the beginning of the season we were not doing very good. We just had to have patience and wait, then we began winning a lot of games," said Frank.

This team was one that gathered a lot of fans and everyone who watched was entertained. From great hits, stealing bases, home-runs, strike-outs, and double plays this team was all about winning. Seasons come and go, but these players will never forget this season.



Ready to hit. John Steele, 11, is waiting for the right pitch. After seeing a few he is ready to hit a solid one into the outfield.



Get back! David Broxterman, 9, after getting on first starts to round the base to go to second. However, he sees the ball getting there before him so he dives back to first.

