

Sports Connection

Softball Team Made Great Progress Through the Season



Kelli Kregel makes contact with the ball.

Bringing home the medals...



Medalists at the MFL-MarMac cross country meet were Kelli Dabroski, Amy Conrad, Amanda Harris and Tyler Willey.

Sometimes season records don't adequately tell the story of a team. The 2004 softball team's 4-41 record doesn't reflect the determination and dedication of its athletes.

"I am most proud of the improvement that we made as a team," stated Coach Jesenovec. "Our record does not reflect the progress that we made throughout the season."

Jesenovec has several goals for next year's season. "Before next year, we are going to continue to work on our pitching aspect of the game," Jesenovec stated. "Since pitching is crucial, it is critical that we have two to three solid pitchers. We will also continue to work on improving our other fundamentals that are needed to be successful."

Team awards given include: Co-

MVP- Lisa Jesenovec and Maegan Goldsmith; Most Improved- Hilary Yonkovic; Determination Award- Maegan Goldsmith; Golden Glove Award- Michelle Tumey.

Two athletes were named to the all-conference team: Lisa Jesenovec- 1st team infield and Michelle Tumey- Honorable Mention infield.

All twelve of the girls on the team lettered. They include: Lisa Jesenovec, Maegan Goldsmith, Jacque Sternhagen, Michelle Tumey, Stephanie Beitz, Abby Jurgens, Kelli Kregel, Sarah Stelken, Courtney Lechtenberg, Heather Nefzger, Jodi Tucker and Hilary Yonkovic.

Coach Jesenovec added she would encourage more athletes to come out and play softball. "It is a long but short season. As a team, we have fun together," she stated.

Baseball Team Advanced Well in Tournament Play

Some excitement found its way onto the baseball diamond this summer as MV advanced to the district finals.

Coach Cassutt said highlights of the season include beating Beckman in the first round of the district tournament, as well as beating sixth ranked Mt. Vernon.

The Cats finished the season 19-15 overall and 7-9 in the Tri-Rivers River Division.

Individual honors for the season include: Robbie Mohr, first team all-conference, first team all district, second team all-state IHSBCA and third team All-INA as an outfielder; Blake Humpal, second team all-conference in the outfield; and Justy Feldt, Honorable Mention.

For team awards, Jake Norlin was named Most improved, Blake Humpal was Best Defensive, MVP was Robbie Mohr and the Coaches Award went to Justy Feldt.

Coach Cassutt stated he was optimistic about the 2005 season since the MV team graduated only one senior, and we



Nathan Burger rounds homeplate.

return 11 letterwinners from this seasons team. "We should have a lot of experience next season," he stated.