

Dakota's

CORNER



Baseball starting soon

Season home opener on March 23

By Dakota Sports Editor

The Super Bowl was an interesting game, well at the end it was anyway. The first two quarters were very boring, and there was very little action. Then after half time it got better. That interception from the Saints was awesome. It seemed as though the commercials weren't as good as the last time I watched the Super Bowl, although, the baby ones cracked me up.

Valentine's Day was fun, yet it was mostly boring. I got many different varieties of candy and a balloon. Even though we pretty much stayed home all day, it was still fun.

I'm getting really excited for spring break. It is taking too long, though. I can't wait to see what my family and I are going to do. I hope it will be fun.

For all of my readers, this will be my last column of the year. It has been fun writing things that came to mind, and it helped a lot on my writing skills. To all of my friends, I will miss you and thank you for all the good times. Bye.

Now that basketball is over, it is time for baseball and softball to begin. The Uniontown Eagles baseball team will begin its third year of competition this spring. Coach Chris Woods and Assistant Coach Ed Johnson will lead the team at the first game of the season on March 23 at home.

With the budget cuts at all schools, there were concerns about possible cuts of baseball and softball programs in some districts. At present times, it seems that all teams will still be competing.

Coach Woods has high hopes for this year's team.

"We lacked team unity last season, which I believe we have overcome with

maturity and experience," Woods said.

Another big obstacle is that the pitchers will have to throw strikes.

"Last year we issued way too many walks," Woods said. "I have all of my main pitchers back this year and I think the experience from last year has benefited them."

Returning players are seniors Kyle, Tyler, DuShaun, and Kyle; juniors Ty, Tyler, Jake, Anthony and Matt; sophomores Mitch, Domonic, and Brandon. New freshmen coming in to help round out the team are Tyler, Garrett, Joseph, Austin, and Michael.

"We definitely need as many junior varsity games as we can get so these players can develop and gain the experience



Photo By Joe Senior Abbie goes up for a killer layup against the Pleasanton Blue Jays on March 12, earning her team two more points. The Eagles came home with another win to give them a record of thirteen wins and seven loses.

that they need to compete later at the varsity level," Woods said.

The Eagles will try to turn in a better record this season. They had a win-loss season record of 5-5 in 2008 and 3-10 in 2009. The experience factor will hopefully help with this stat.

"I feel that success is in our reach. I know my players will come together to reach their goals," Woods said.

Coaches' Corner

Now that basketball is almost over, looking back, is there anything you would have changed?



Kenny Holt

"No, there wouldn't be anything I would have changed."

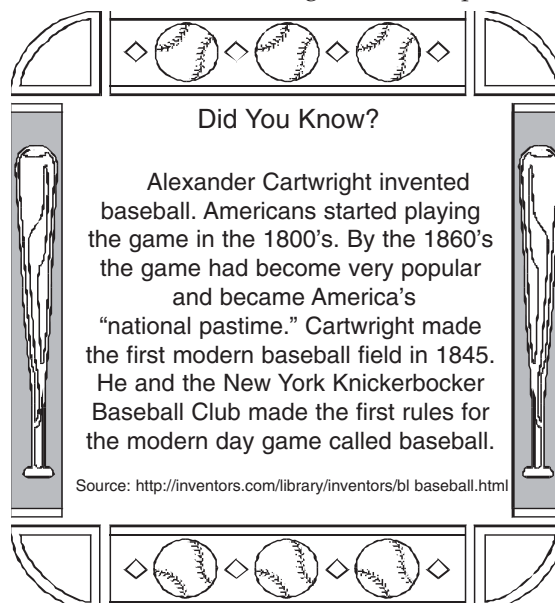


Nathan Hinrich

"Sure. We lost several tough games where one or two decisive moments could have changed the outcome. Overall, I am happy about our progress this season."

Info on Substate:

*girls lost by one March 1.
*boys lost March 2.



Did You Know?

Alexander Cartwright invented baseball. Americans started playing the game in the 1800's. By the 1860's the game had become very popular and became America's "national pastime." Cartwright made the first modern baseball field in 1845. He and the New York Knickerbocker Baseball Club made the first rules for the modern day game called baseball.

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