

Baseball aims for post-season play

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The baseball team (21-7) is off to a great start for their first year in NAIA competition. They quickly



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In their recent home game, the team holds their breath as a player touches third.

made their way to a 16th ranking due to some timely pitching and strong offensive outbursts.

Junior hitting machine Korre Humes, who leads the team with a .418 batting average, added a stroke of power with 10 home runs. The team has had 14 games, which posted more than 12 hits. Everyone on the team contributed offensively, including the pitching staff.

The pitching staff maintains its strength. Nearly every starting pitcher has at least two complete games under his belt. They hope for future success as the tournament approaches.

"We have a good ball club and as long as we stay healthy we can win games," said Payne.

The Tornadoes also seem prone to health problems. Injuries have caused changes in regular positions. Due to the unfortunate hand injury of starting catcher Alex Kellner, right fielder Ace LeGoff took over catching. After Kellner's return, shortstop Jeff Speers went down with a severe ankle sprain during the

team's spring break trip. Coach Gil Payne then called upon pitcher Jerry Whitman to fill in for Speers for the remainder of the trip. Speers returned for the Tornadoes most recent game with King College.

The team is now playing with a full squad on the field and looks forward to making a run for their first NAIA National championship.

Spring games build team for season end

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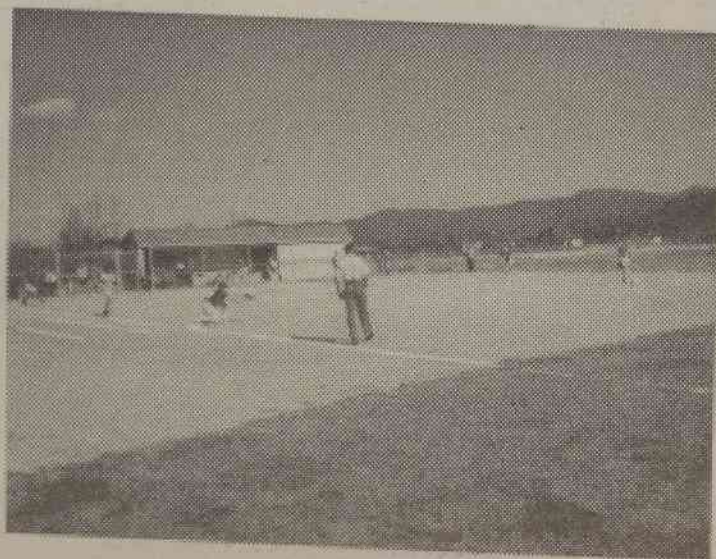
The recent spring break trip to Pensacola, Florida added 5 losses to an outstanding 6-3 record, now giving the Lady Tornadoes an overall 6-8 record. They faced tough competition against top ranked NCAA Division II teams.

Even though the girls did not win this tournament, "It gave the team a lot of confidence coming back into their regular schedule," said Coach White.

The girls competed against every team in Florida and built confidence in one another. With confidence and enthusiasm, the team embarks on the last nine games of the season. These games, according to White, are winnable.

Sunday, March 25, the team

faces Tennessee Wesleyan, the 1999 TVAC tournament winners. Since the team already knocked off the second place Milligan, White believes Sunday's game will be a "Great yardstick to see where they stand."



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