

# SPORTS

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## Men's Tennis Wins

by John Chilman

On Friday, April 26, the men's tennis team defeated Northwestern 7-2 to win their first team match in six years. 1986 was the last time the team won. Paul Hartman led the way with his first ever singles victory. The team dropped the first two singles matches, but shut the Eagles out the rest of the way. Other winners besides Hartman included singles victories by Mark Thompson, Jason Hyllested, and Troy Dahlke. Doubles winners were Hartman/B.J. Nustad, Thompson/Jim Orchard, and Hyllested/John Chilman.

The victory was one of the few bright spots on the season. The team had over a third of their matches rained out. It is hard to make them up because the schools CSP plays get out fairly early in May. The first weekend in May is the annual C.I.T. at Mequon. The teams competing are Mequon, River Forest, St. Louis Seminary, and CSP. The weekend will close out the 1991 season.

With their new winning attitude, the team looks forward to next year with everyone returning except Troy Dahlke and Mark Thompson. Both have made large contributions to the team and will be greatly missed. Aside from those listed above, other team members include James Aman, Jon Niebergall, Jon Dobberstein, John Goetz, and Jim Holmlund.

For those of you who are dying to try out for the team next season (and we know there are hundreds), here is a little starter kit to help you on your way. If these eight easy steps are followed, I guarantee you a spot on next years roster:

1) You must first be an avid steroids user. Paul Hartman is a good example.

2) You must own an athletic bag the size of Cleveland. Jason Hyllested is a good example.

3) Your hair length must not touch your shoulders. Jim Orchard is a good example.

4) You will need to spend countless hours studying the cracks in the court to see where you can gain a competitive edge at the countless home matches we have. (For those that are not happy with the cracks in the court, fear not, the team has decided to take the millions of dollars accumulated from fan admission fees to fix it up. (The project is expected to be completed sometime around the year 2020))

5) You will need to be aware of the ever present fear of a foul ball from the baseball field. (Don't worry though, 50 people yell, "Heads up!")

6) You must have a win at all costs attitude, the team will not accept those who are out just for the fun of it. We must keep up the integrity of this nationally ranked program.

7) You must have victory right on your doorstep, and be able to pull off huge choke jobs and invent ways to lose. (This concept has been mastered beautifully by every team member.)

8) Finally, you must be prepared to think of ways to spend our million dollar budget. After shirts from K-Mart and tennis balls from Target, we still have a few hundred thousand that we don't know what to do with. (Just for clarification, this is sarcasm, the team really doesn't get a million dollars.) See ya next year.

## Comets Are Dynamite

by Joe Langevin

How do you spell Success? If your answer is s-o-f-t-b-a-l-l than you have been following the Lady Comets. If not, here are a few things the Women's Softball Team has been accomplishing this spring that might change your grammar.

For the seventh consecutive year in a row, the Lady Comets have won the Upper-Midwest Conference (6-0), 19-16 overall. They won the Comet Classic that was held at Dunning Field three weeks ago. A week later the Lady Comets couldn't help but celebrate once again as they tied for second in the Champions Tournament. The Lady Comets also placed second in the Simpson tournament that was held in Indian Ola, Ohio against nationally ranked teams.

If I have not changed your mind yet as to what the correct spelling of success is, then maybe this will. Out of the 29 non-conference teams the Comets

have played this year, 22 of them have winning seasons. "This is excellent for the girls because they get to go up against the best," said Coach Cross. Of these 29 teams, four were NCAA Division I, 12 were N.A.I.A. Division I, five were NCAA Division III, and eight were NCAA Division II ranked.

As for the future, "it looks bright. We have everybody returning next year from this year's team," commented Coach Cross. As we read now, the Lady Comets may have or may not have won the N.A.I.A. District Playoffs that took place last weekend in Winona, Minn. If the Lady Comets won they will travel to Wisconsin where they will play for the state championship. If they win in Wisconsin they have a berth to the N.A.I.A. National Playoffs where they will face off with the best teams in the nation.

To sum up the year and describe the 1991 Lady Comets season in just a few words, softball was a success in 91.

## Comet Baseball Heads for Nationals

by David Beise

The Comet baseball team has gained a berth to the NSCAA (National Small College Athletic Association) national tournament in McPherson, Kansas on May 6,7, and 8. The Comets are seated fourth in a field of eight teams, which were chosen from 64 schools nationwide.

The Comets have an overall record of 16-12, 8-2 in conference with two conference games left to play. They are tied for the conference lead with Mt. Senario, who the Comets will face next Saturday. The squad is one game shy of tying an 100 year old

Concordia baseball record of 17 wins in a season.

The Comets have been impressive in wins over MIAC foes Bethel, Hamline, and a 17 inning marathon over St. Johns. The guys demolished conference rivals DMLC and St. Paul Bible College earlier in the season and lost two heartbreakers to Northwestern of Roseville.

Rookies Dustin Trombley and Shawn Bakeberg are leading the way offensively and junior Randy Golnitz is rendering opponents helpless with his 6-2 mark from the mound.

