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SMS BASEBALL REPORT #2: BEARS TRY TO STAY ABOVE .500 WITH ONE-GAME TRIP TO #25 OLE MISS

2002 MVC STANDINGS

	MVC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Wichita State	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000
SMS	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Southern Illinois	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Indiana State	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Northern Iowa	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Illinois State	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Bradley	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Creighton	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
Evansville	0-0	.000	0-3	.000

MVC Schedule and Results

Tuesday, February 18

Wichita State at Hawaii-Hilo (DH), 2 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19

SMS at Mississippi, 3 p.m.

Wichita State at Hawaii-Hilo, 3 p.m.

Friday, February 21

Creighton vs. Utah, 1 p.m.

Illinois-Chicago at Evansville, 2 p.m.

Illinois State at Western Kentucky, 2 p.m.

Northeastern State vs. Northern Iowa, 2:30 p.m.

Southern Illinois at South Florida, 6 p.m.

Wichita State at Hawaii, 10:35 p.m.

Saturday, February 22

Southern Illinois at South Florida, 12 noon

Bradley at Murray State (DH), 12 noon

Creighton vs. UCLA, 1 p.m.

Illinois-Chicago at Evansville, 1 p.m.

Illinois State at Western Kentucky, 1 p.m.

Creighton at Texas A&M, 5 p.m.

Northern Iowa at Louisiana-Monroe, 5 p.m.

Wichita State at Hawaii, 5:05 p.m.

2003 SMS Baseball Radio Schedule

3/18	vs. Kansas	KBFL 99.9 FM
3/22	at Evansville (DH)	KBFL 99.9 FM
3/25	at Arkansas	KWTO 98.7 FM
3/29	at Creighton (DH)	KBFL 99.9 FM
4/1	at Kansas	KBFL 99.9 FM
4/5	vs. Bradley (DH)	KBFL 99.9 FM
4/9	vs. Saint Louis	KWTO 98.7 FM
4/11	vs. Northern Iowa	KWTO 98.7 FM
4/12	vs. Northern Iowa (1st game)	KWTO 98.7 FM
	vs. Northern Iowa (2nd game)	KBFL 99.9 FM
4/15	at Missouri	KWTO 98.7 FM
4/19	at Southern Illinois (DH)	KWTO 98.7 FM
4/22	vs. Missouri	KWTO 98.7 FM
4/25	vs. Indiana State	KWTO 98.7 FM
4/26	vs. Indiana State (1st game)	KWTO 98.7 FM
	vs. Indiana State (2nd game)	KBFL 99.9 FM
4/27	vs. Indiana State	KWTO 98.7 FM
5/2	vs. Wichita State	KWTO 98.7 FM
5/3	vs. Wichita State (1st game)	KWTO 98.7 FM
	vs. Wichita State (2nd game)	KBFL 99.9 FM
5/4	vs. Wichita State	KWTO 98.7 FM
5/16	at Illinois State (1st game)	KBFL 99.9 FM
5/17	at Illinois State	KWTO 98.7 FM
5/21-24	MVC Tournament	TBA

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Children	\$3.00
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Parking	\$2 per car

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SMS Faculty/Staff	\$50.00

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After a 2-1 start to the 2003 season, the SMS baseball team faces an important test this week as the Bears travel to Oxford, Miss., to face the Ole Miss Rebels. Ole Miss goes into Wednesday's game with a 2-0 record after sweeping a pair from Louisiana Tech over the weekend. The Rebels are ranked 25th in this week's *Baseball America* Top 25.

SMS BASEBALL SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17-23

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Wed., Feb. 19	at University of Mississippi	Oxford, Miss.	3:00 p.m.

SERIES RECORDS — SMS is 2-0 in the all-time series against Ole Miss but the two teams have not played since the 1992 season. SMS picked up an 8-4 win in Oxford in 1991 and then beat the Rebels, 3-1, in Oxford in 1993. In all, SMS is 21-40 against four teams currently in the Southeastern Conference. In addition to their 2-0 record against Ole Miss, the Bears are 0-1 vs. Louisiana State, 0-1 vs. Mississippi State and 19-38 vs. Arkansas.

COACH KEITH GUTTIN — SMS head coach **Keith Guttin** (Missouri-St. Louis, 1978) is in his 21st season as head coach of the Bears' baseball program and has a career record of 713-398 (.642). Guttin got his 700th victory with the Bears' victory against Wichita State on May 4, 2002. In 2001, Guttin led SMS to its first-ever MVC regular season title as the Bears set a school record with 22 league victories. Guttin also earned his eighth Coach of the Year award with two of those coming in the Valley and six others coming during the Bears' years in the Mid-Continent Conference. During Guttin's tenure, the Bears have made six Division I NCAA Tournament appearances -- five in the last eight years -- and last year the Bears were runner-up at the NCAA Lincoln Regional. With 711 wins to start the season, Guttin ranks 35th among active Division I coaches in victories and his winning percentage of .642 puts him 33rd among active Division I coaches.

2002 SEASON REVIEW — The 2002 season may have been one of the most successful seasons in SMS baseball history. The Bears, who ended the season with a 43-21 overall mark, finished with the second most wins in school history and a sixth trip to the NCAA Division I tournament.

SMS finished third in the Missouri Valley Conference regular season standings with a 19-13 mark and the Bears finished as runners-up at both the MVC Tournament and the NCAA Lincoln Regional.

The Bears led the Valley in team batting with a .319 batting average. Eight of the Bears everyday players hit over .300 for the season, led by SS Shaun Marcum's .354 average. SMS finished with the second best team earned run average in the league (4.25) and was led by Brad Ziegler who had a 7-3 record and a 3.03 earned run average.

Marcum, Ziegler and OF Dant'e Brinkley each earned first team all-MVC honors while OF Greg Mathis, RHP Jeff Gray and LHP Andrew Jefferson earned second team honors and 2B Jeremy Isenhower, 3B Brooks Colvin and DH Matt Gardner earned honorable mention all-league accolades.

LAST WEEKEND — The Bears began the 2003 season by going 2-1 at the University of Texas-Arlington Invitational. SMS got a 6-3 win over Arkansas State on Friday, a 10-3 win over host UT-Arlington on Saturday and lost 10-2 to New Mexico on Sunday.

The Bears struggled in the early innings on Friday but scored five runs in the fifth and sixth innings combined to take a 6-3 victory over Arkansas State. Brad Ziegler got the win to move into a tie with Ken Watkins and Scott Geitz for third place on the SMS all-time victories list with 21. He also moved just five strikeouts away from Jarrod Mays's all-time record for career strikeouts. Ziegler's six vs. ASU gives him 242 in his career.

Saturday's game was similar as the Bears' bats, quiet early, exploded for 10 runs in the final four innings. Chad Mulholland was solid in 5.1 innings of work with six strikeouts but David Bader got the win pitching a scoreless 3.2 innings.

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SMS appreciates your assistance.

UPDATED CAREER RECORDS

AT BATS	
1. Matt Gardner (99-02)	972
2. Micah Holst (96-99)	865
10. Steve Hacker (93-95)	658
Greg Mathis (00-present)	639
Dant'e Brinkley (00-present)	546
GAMES PLAYED	
1. Matt Gardner (99-02)	236
2. Chris Curry (95-98)	227
10. Jon Hale (96-99)	190
Greg Mathis (00-present)	170
Dant'e Brinkley (00-present)	152
CONSECUTIVE GAMES PLAYED	
1. Matt Gardner (99-02)	236
2. Micah Holst (96-99)	215
3. Ryan Howard (99-01)	172
13. Randy Magers (71-74)	127
Greg Mathis (00-present)	125
RUNS	
1. Matt Gardner (99-02)	243
2. Bill Mueller (90-93)	234
10. Nick Kays (97-00)-Ryan Howard (99-01)	162
Greg Mathis (00-present)	127
Dant'e Brinkley (00-present)	121
HITS	
1. Matt Gardner (99-02)	316
2. Bill Mueller (90-93)	289
10. Ryan Howard (99-01)	227
Dant'e Brinkley (00-present)	187
Greg Mathis (00-present)	184
DOUBLES	
1. Matt Gardner (99-02)	62
2. Chad Lakin (90-93)	59
10. Jim Luntzer (79-82)-Matt Cepicky (97-99)	39
Dant'e Brinkley (00-present)	36
Greg Mathis (00-present)	27
TRIPLES	
1. Mark Garrett (79-82)	20
2. Dant'e Brinkley (00-present)	16
10. Cory Krueger (89-92)	11
Greg Mathis (00-present)	10
EXTRA-BASE HITS	
1. Jason Hart (96-98)	116
2. Steve Hacker (93-95)	110
10. Chad Lakin (90-93)	74
Greg Mathis (00-present)	61
Dant'e Brinkley (00-present)	60
RBI	
1. Jason Hart (96-98)	203
2. Nick Kays (97-00)	192
10. Evan Pratte (88-91)	152
Greg Mathis (00-present)	123
Dant'e Brinkley (00-present)	106
STOLEN BASES	
1. Bil Mueller (90-93)	65
2. Mark Garrett (79-82)	54
5. Bobby Narron (77-80)	49
6. Dante Brinkley(00-present)	45
SACRIFICE HITS	
1. Dan Kneeshaw (92-96)	19
2. Evan Pratte (88-91)-Bill Mueller (90-93)	18
5. Terry Kasper (74-77)	16
Brooks Colvin (01-present)	16
SACRIFICE FLIES	
1. Evan Pratte (88-91)	14
2. Brent Bartlett (89-90)	13
Greg Mathis (00-present)	13
SAVES	
1. Bob Zimmermann (01-present)	12
2. Matt Gilmer (94-97)	11
10. Matt Piwowarski (86-87)	6
Shaun Marcum (02-present)	6
GAMES PITCHED	
1. Scott Geitz (95-98)	87
2. Andrew Jefferson (99-02)	64
9. Jeff Rowold (88-91)	51
Brad Ziegler (00-present)	50
STRIKEOUTS	
1. Jarrod Mays (94-96)	247
2. Brad Ziegler (00-present)	242
VICTORIES	
1. Kirby Cannon (77-80)	25
2. Dave Dickensheet (79-82)	23
3. Ken Watkins (67-70)-Scott Geitz (95-98)	21
Brad Ziegler (00-present)	21
COMPLETE GAMES	
1. Ken Watkins (67-70)	18
2. Kirby Cannon (77-80)	16
10. Brian Wisser (85-86)-Paul Crain (89-91)	13
Brad Ziegler (00-present)	12

Five errors were costly for the Bears in Sunday's matchup against New Mexico. Four SMS pitchers struck out 16 New Mexico batters but the Bears also walked six to go along with the errors and the Bears left nine men on base.

THE OPPONENTS — Mississippi goes into Wednesday's game with a 2-0 record after posting a 3-2 win and a 17-5 win over previously unbeaten Louisiana Tech this weekend. The Rebels, members of the potent Southeastern Conference West Division, finished 37-19 in 2002.

In the early part of the season, the Rebels are led by freshman Stephen Head who was 3-for-5 in the second game of the series against Louisiana Tech. Head had a double, a triple and a home run and five RBI in the victory. Sophomore OF Seth Smith is hitting .444 (4-for-9) with a double and three RBI.

IN THE POLLS — For the first time-ever, SMS is earning preseason rankings as one of the nation's top teams. The Bears are ranked 24th by *Collegiate Baseball*, 27th by *Baseball America* and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and 29th in the *Sports Weekly/ESPN* Coaches poll. The Bears dropped out of the *Collegiate Baseball* poll after the UTA Invitational.

NON-CONFERENCE SUCCESS — Last year SMS was 24-8 in non-conference games. This year the Bears have 25 scheduled non-conference games against teams from nine different Division I conferences. Below is a list of each conference the Bears will play against in 2003 and their record against each league so far:

- Big 10** - one game (one vs. Ohio State)
- Big 12** - five games (two vs. Missouri, two vs. Kansas, one vs. Oklahoma)
- Conference USA** - two games (two vs. Saint Louis)
- Mid-Continent** - two games (two vs. Oral Roberts)
- Mountain West** - 0-1 (0-1 vs. New Mexico)
- Ohio Valley** - two games (two vs. Southeast Missouri State)
- Southeastern** - three games (two vs. Arkansas, one vs. Mississippi)
- Southland** - 1-0 (1-0 vs. Texas-Arlington, one game vs. Lamar)
- Sun Belt** - 1-0 (1-0 with three more vs. Arkansas State, three vs. Middle Tennessee State)

TOOL CLASS — SMS players earned plenty of preseason recognition going into 2003 including being named in *Baseball America* magazine's list of the top-50 players in each class and with some of the top tools in the Valley.

Baseball America named RHP Bob Zimmermann the 13th best junior in the country while RHP Brad Ziegler was named the 27th best senior and OF Dant'e Brinkley was the 30th best senior.

In the magazine's look at each conference, the Bears were picked to win the Valley while Brinkley, Ziegler and SS/RHP Shaun Marcum were named preseason all-MVC by the magazine. Brinkley also was the magazine's preseason Player of the Year. Zimmermann was listed as the top professional prospect in the Valley with Marcum fourth and Ziegler seventh.

Baseball America also noted Brinkley as the top baserunner in the conference, Marcum as the best defensive shortstop and the infielder with the best arm, Zimmermann with the best fastball in the league and Ziegler with the best control.

DRAFTED — Two members of the 2003 Bears were drafted in the 2002 Major League Baseball First-Year Player draft but elected to return for their senior seasons. Senior RHP Brad Ziegler was picked by the Oakland Athletics in the 31st round while senior OF Dant'e Brinkley was a 48th-round selection of the San Francisco Giants.

SHORT HOPS — The SMS offense put up good numbers in the first weekend with a .321 batting average and 10 extra-base hits. However, the Bears' offense has drastically improved in the second halves of games. In the first four innings of the three games this weekend the Bears hit just .250 (11-of-44) with one extra-base hit and scored just two runs. In the fifth inning and later, the Bears are hitting a combined .369 (24-of-69) with nine extra-base hits and 16 runs scored.

SMS 2003 Record When . . .		
The game is tied to start the 9th	0-0	
At home	0-0	Brad Ziegler is the starting pitcher
On the road	1-0	Chad Mulholland is the starting pitcher
At a neutral site	1-1	Bob Zimmermann is the starting pitcher
In day games	2-1	The Bears have five or fewer hits
In night games	0-0	The Bears have 6-10 hits
In scheduled seven-inning games	0-0	The Bears have 11-15 hits
In scheduled nine-inning games	2-1	The Bears have more than 15 hits
In extra-inning games	0-0	The opponent has five or fewer hits
In one-run games	0-0	The opponent has 6-10 hits
In two-run games	0-0	The opponent has 11-15 hits
In three-run games	1-0	The opponent has more than 15 hits
In games decided by four or more runs	1-1	The Bears have no errors
The Bears Score First	0-0	The Bears have one error
The Opponent Scores First	2-1	The Bears have two errors
The Bears lead to start the 7th	1-0	The Bears have three or more errors
The Bears trail to start the 7th	1-1	The Bears hit no home runs
The game is tied to start the 7th	0-0	The Bears hit one home run
The Bears lead to start the 8th	2-0	The Bears hit two home runs
The Bears trail to start the 8th	0-1	The Bears hit three or more home runs
The game is tied to start the 8th	0-0	
The Bears lead to start the 9th	2-0	
The Bears trail to start the 9th	0-1	

The Automated ScoreBook
 Game Results for SMS (as of Feb 17, 2003)
 (All games)

Game date	Opposing team	Score	r	h	e/	r	h	e	Inns	Overall	MVC	Pitcher of record	Attend Time
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2/14/03	vs Arkansas State	W 6-3	6	10	1/	3	13	2	9	1- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	Ziegler (W 1-0)	250 2:25
2/15/03	at Texas-Arlington	W 10-3	10	15	1/	3	8	2	9	2- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	Bader (W 1-0)	250 2:45
2/16/03	vs New Mexico	2-10 L	2	10	5/10	10	0	0	9	2- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	Zimmermann (L 0-1)	175 3:08

() extra inning game

The Automated ScoreBook
Overall Statistics for SMS (as of Feb 17, 2003)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 2-1 Home: 0-0 Away: 1-0 Neutral: 1-1 MVC: 0-0

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
16 Wheeler, Clay....	.583	3-3	12	3	7	1	0	0	1	8	.667	0	0	1	0	.583	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
3 Pummill, Adam....	.500	3-3	14	3	7	1	0	0	1	8	.571	0	0	2	0	.500	0	0	0-0	6	6	1	.923
23 Woodmansee, Chad.	.500	3-3	12	4	6	1	2	1	4	14	1.167	1	0	2	0	.538	0	0	1-1	16	1	0	1.000
33 Nasby, Scott.....	.500	2-1	4	1	2	0	0	0	3	2	.500	1	0	0	1	.600	0	0	0-0	6	0	1	.857
10 Marcum, Shaun....	.455	3-3	11	2	5	1	1	2	4	14	1.273	0	1	2	0	.462	1	0	0-0	5	5	0	1.000
1 Brinkley, Dant'e.	.364	3-3	11	1	4	0	0	0	1	4	.364	3	0	1	1	.500	0	0	0-1	3	0	0	1.000
6 Colvin, Brooks...	.182	3-3	11	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	.182	1	0	1	1	.214	2	1	0-0	6	5	1	.917
8 Mathis, Greg.....	.143	3-3	14	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	.143	0	0	2	0	.143	0	0	0-0	6	0	1	.857
5 Wilson, Rick.....	.000	3-3	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0	4	2	1	.857
14 Piazza, Tony.....	.000	2-2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0	.000	0	1	0-0	28	1	0	1.000
35 DePriest, Justin.	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
9 Hilgendorf, Jacob	.000	1-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
15 Rafferty, Tim....	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.321	3-3	109	18	35	4	3	3	17	54	.495	6	1	18	3	.353	3	2	2-3	81	27	7	.939
Opponents.....	.284	3-3	109	16	31	5	1	1	12	41	.376	10	3	32	2	.361	0	1	3-4	81	21	4	.962

LOB - Team (22), Opp (26). DPs turned - Team (2), Opp (4). IBB - Team (0), Opp (1).

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
17 Bader, David....	0.00	1-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	3.2	3	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	13	.231	0	0	0	0	0
21 Krawczyk, Chris..	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	.000	0	0	0	0	0
10 Marcum, Shaun....	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	1	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	.500	0	0	0	0	0
7 Claybrook, Jeff..	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	.250	0	0	0	0	0
13 Ziegler, Brad....	2.25	1-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	8.0	11	3	2	1	6	2	0	0	34	.324	0	1	0	0	0
25 Mulholland, Chad.	5.06	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	5.1	5	3	3	1	6	0	1	0	21	.238	1	0	1	0	0
26 Zimmermann, Bob..	9.00	0-1	1	1	0	0/0	0	4.0	6	6	4	3	8	1	0	1	18	.333	0	0	0	0	1
12 Marsala, Paul....	12.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	3	4	4	2	4	1	0	0	12	.250	2	2	0	0	0
Totals.....	4.33	2-1	3	3	0	0/0	1	27.0	31	16	13	10	32	5	1	1	109	.284	3	3	1	0	1
Opponents.....	5.33	1-2	3	3	0	0/0	0	27.0	35	18	16	6	18	4	3	3	109	.321	6	1	2	3	2

SBA/ATT - Piazza (2-3), Ziegler (1-1), Nasby (1-1), Mulholland (1-1), Marsala (0-1), Zimmermann (1-1).

The Automated ScoreBook
Overall Statistics for SMS (as of Feb 17, 2003)
(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	C	PO	A	E	FLD%	DPs	SBA	CSB	SBA%	PB	CI
14 Piazza, Tony.....	29	28	1	0	1.000	0	2	1	.667	0	0
23 Woodmansee, Chad.	17	16	1	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
10 Marcum, Shaun....	10	5	5	0	1.000	2	0	0	---	0	0
1 Brinkley, Dant'e.	3	3	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
13 Ziegler, Brad....	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
17 Bader, David.....	2	0	2	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
21 Krawczyk, Chris..	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
26 Zimmermann, Bob..	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
3 Pummill, Adam....	13	6	6	1	.923	1	0	0	---	0	0
6 Colvin, Brooks...	12	6	5	1	.917	1	0	0	---	0	0
33 Nasby, Scott.....	7	6	0	1	.857	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
8 Mathis, Greg.....	7	6	0	1	.857	0	0	0	---	0	0
5 Wilson, Rick.....	7	4	2	1	.857	0	0	0	---	0	0
25 Mulholland, Chad.	3	1	1	1	.667	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
12 Marsala, Paul....	1	0	0	1	.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0
35 DePriest, Justin.	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
16 Wheeler, Clay....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
9 Hilgendorf, Jacob	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
7 Claybrook, Jeff..	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
15 Rafferty, Tim....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Totals.....	115	81	27	7	.939	2	3	1	.750	0	0
Opponents.....	106	81	21	4	.962	4	2	1	.667	0	0