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Club Basketball earns first home win, rests for next year

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A long, hard fought season finally comes to an end on a high note. The Hawks finish the 2012 season with a 3-11 record, two of those wins coming from their last two games. The first game, held Friday, March 23 was won by a score of 74 to 50 against Devry University. Richard Wade was the team's leading scorer in this win with a high of 20 points. On March 30 the Hawks faced Devry once more and won with a score of 81 to 64. Richard

Wade was once again the team's leading scorer with a high of 25 points.

The 2012 season had a mix of highs and lows for the Hawks. As the first official season for club basketball, there was much to take away and learn. Captain Trevor Townsend, who is also the teams overall leading scorer with an average of 16 points per game, has said before that the lack of chemistry, dedication, and commitment has affected their ability to

As this season comes to an end, the desire to work on the shortfalls as a team has

grown and has positively affected them, as can be seen in the end of season wins. Townsend commented that he believes "this team has the potential talent to be a legitimate team, and we had to face the perils of being a new team and trying to figure everything out, and I believe next year will be a lot better."

Fans have come out to support the Hawks time in and time out. One fan, Izzy Radzik, gives a perspective to the investment his words, "The game (Friday) went well, however the referees called too many fouls that

weren't in fact fouls and there were fouls that they blatantly missed. Rich (Wade) had a crazy, high scoring game putting up 25 as the teams point guard. I do believe they could have almost hit triple digits had they made their free throws."

Now that the season is over, the returning team members will have time to work on the team's shortfalls with hopes to improve for next season. After the last two wins, there IIT students are making in the club team. In is much hope for the success of the team, and come next season, there is much to look forward to.





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Baseball wins one against St. Francis

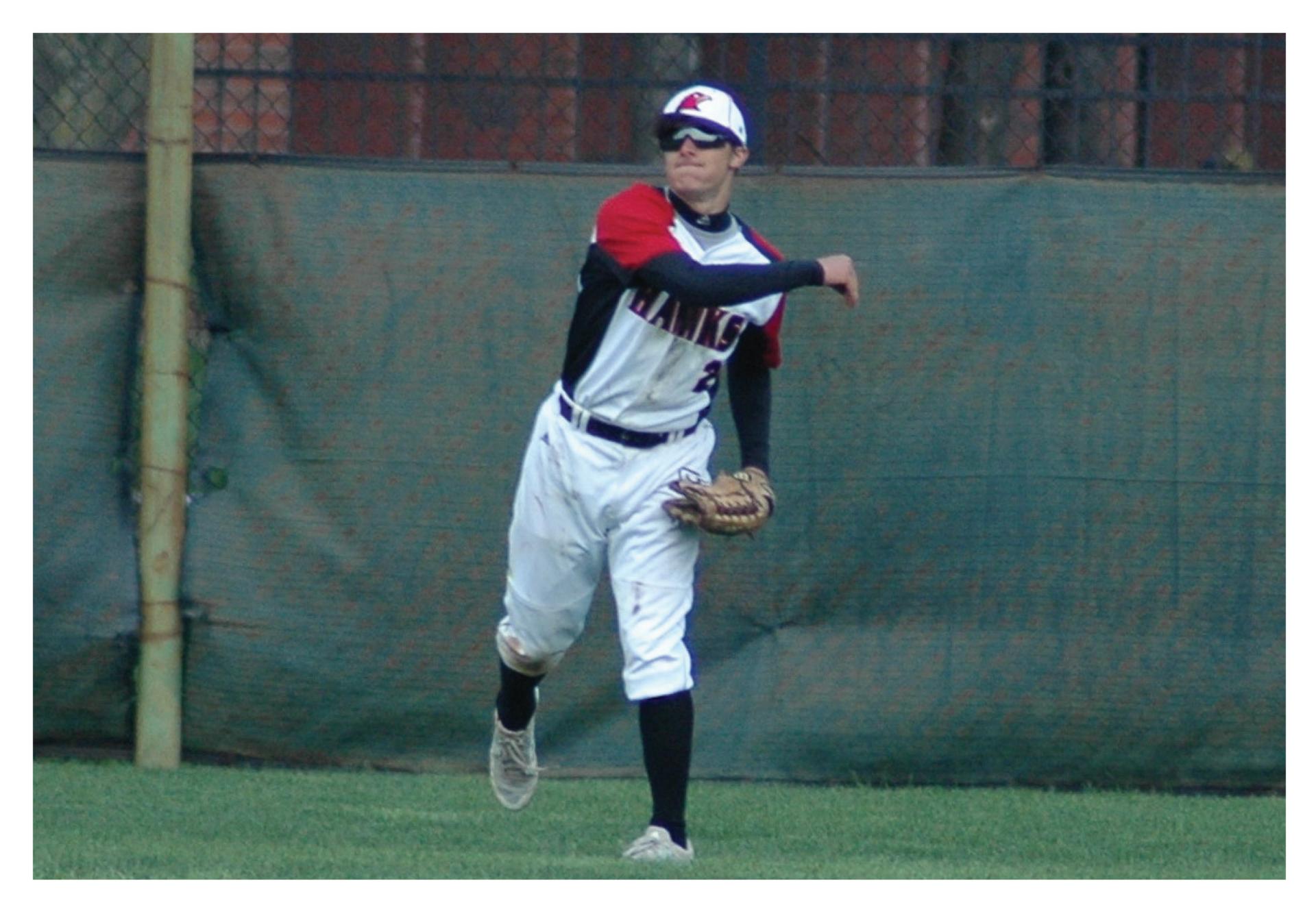
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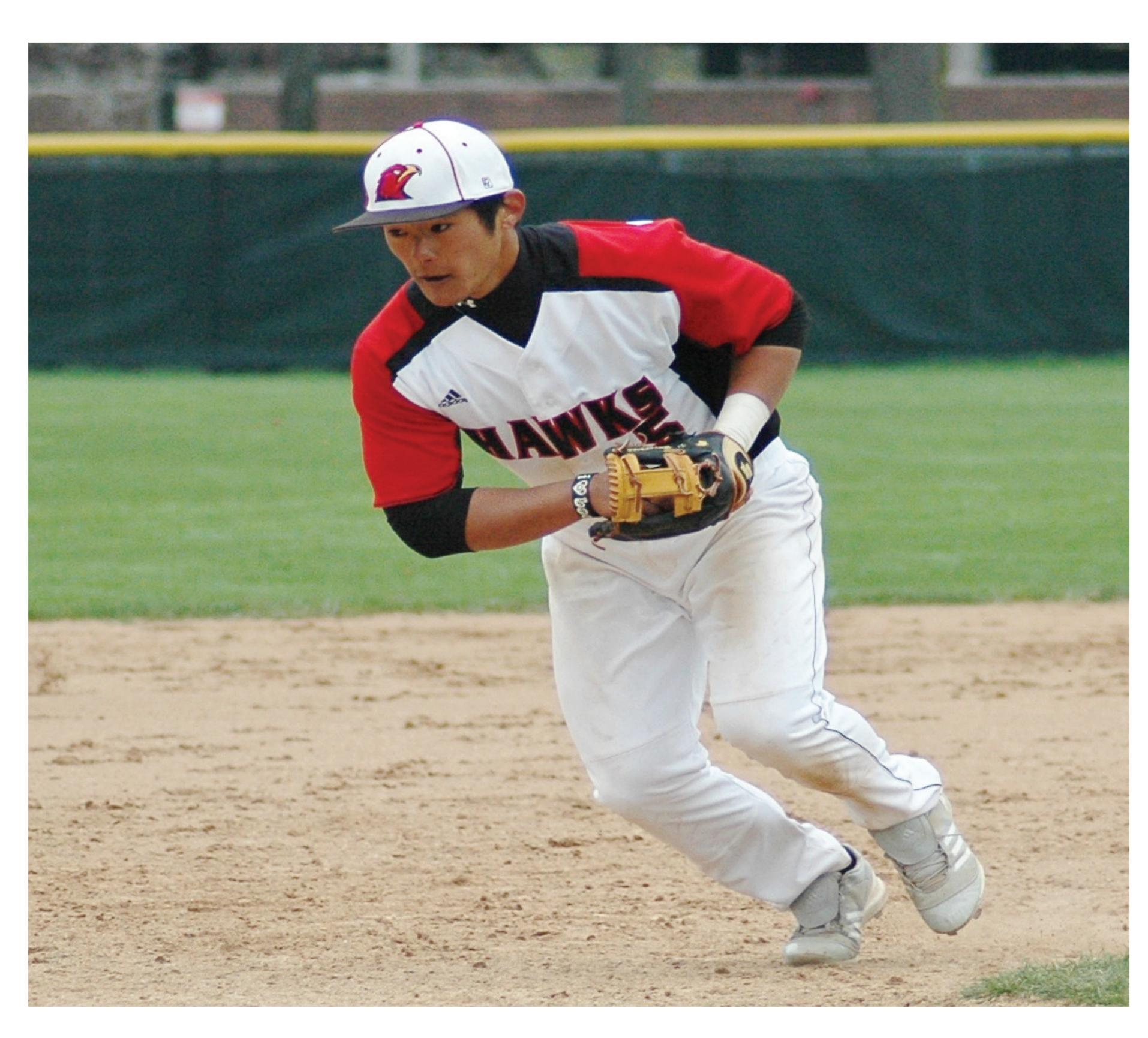
Despite the streak of losses over the past few games, the Scarlet Hawks Baseball Team walked away from their first game against St. Francis with a win.

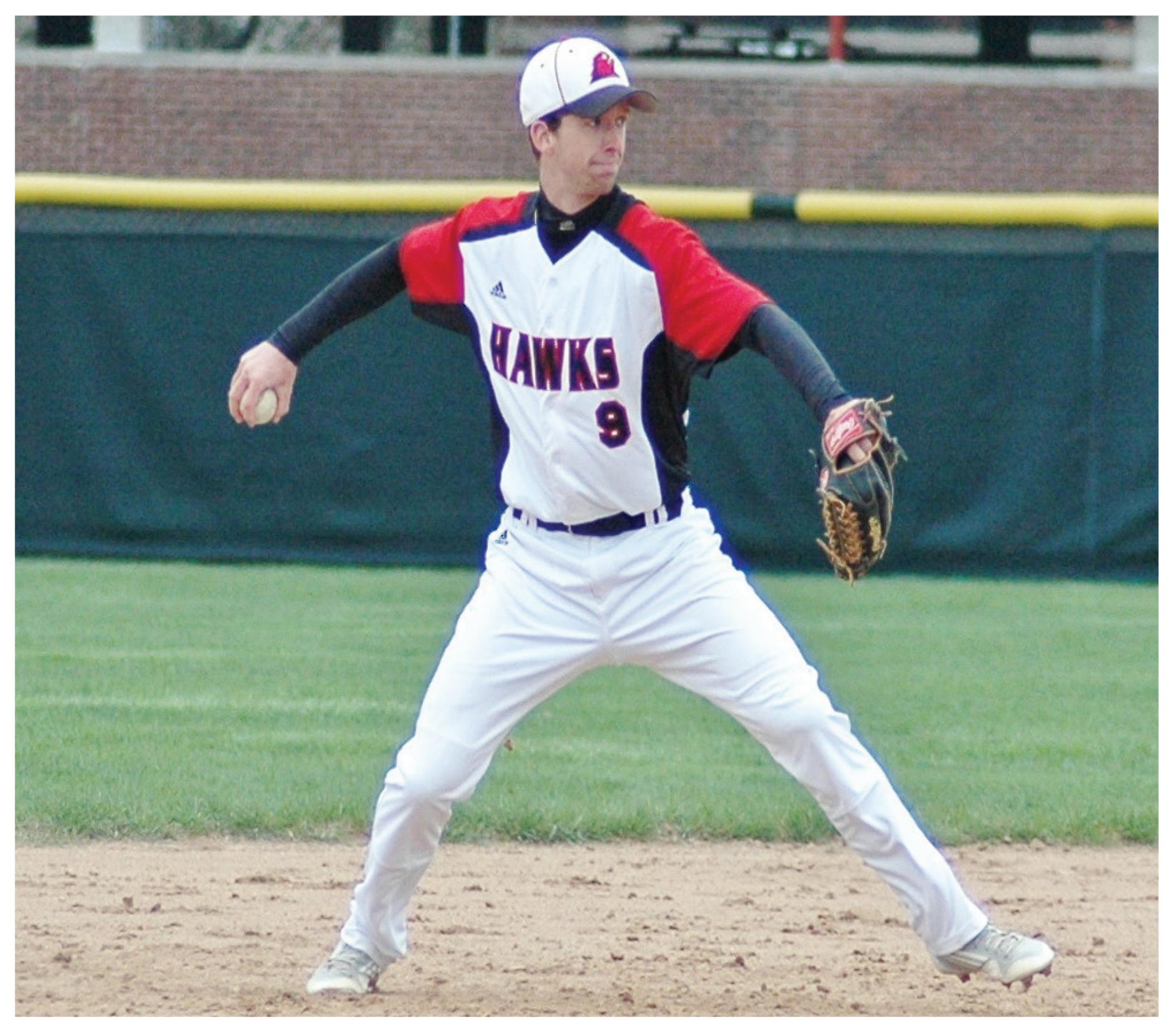
The Hawks started the Wednesday game off with a 2-1 lead, and held on to win the game 6-3. Sophomore Jordan Obata started the game off with a home run to right field, followed up by senior Brian Glennon with a single and an advancement to second on an error. Senior Reid Matsumoto singled and brought Glennon home for the second run of the inning for the Hawks. St. Francis answered the Hawks with one run, but the Hawks kept their two run lead by scoring another run in the second. Senior Nick Wise doubled and ad-

vanced to third on an out by Freshman Corey Gokan, and then scored on an out by Freshman Ryan Fitzpatrick. St. Francis scored again in the 3rd, but the Hawks answered in the 4th with two more runs of their own. Wise was hit by the pitch and stole second with Gokan at bat. Fitzpatrick singled and brought Wise in for the first run, stealing second himself. Obata singled, bringing Fitzpatrick home for the second run. The Hawks scored again in the 6th in response to a run by St. Francis, when Fitzpatrick scored on an RBI by Glennon.

The Hawks played a three game series against Cardinal Stritch, losing all three games despite some decent offensive and defensive plays, including a homer by Freshman Michael Malfeo, bringing in three runs for the Hawks in the first inning of their two games on Saturday. The Hawks next home game will be Saturday, April 7 at noon with a double header against Trinity International University.







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