



Row One: Ed Schlottach, Jim Nelson, Denny O'Brien, Bill Leonard, Don Sherman, John Casey, Charlie Witt.
 Row Two: Jim Carothers, Bill Leuchtefeld, Art Ruff, Ron Anderson, Don Spencer, Tom McDowell, Lon Oellerman, Mike Wofford, Gayle Taylor, Mr. McArtor.
 Missing: Dennis Devine, Ron Cole, Bill Dorsam, Bill Gebhart, Jack Palmer.

Varsity Baseball

Starting the season with an inexperienced team, the SW nine displayed vast improvement as they held on to a six game league winning streak to capture second place in Public High League competition.

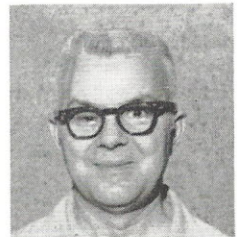
Sporting potentially the best pitching staff in the circuit, good over-all hitting, but occasionally shoddy defense, the Mac-Men showed 1958 fans the highest finish of a SW baseball team in seven years. Only one-run losses to Beaumont and Roosevelt, and a rout by State finalist Cleveland marred their league record. A non-league loss to DuBourg and another loss to Cleveland in the State Tournament completed the debit side of the ledger.

Happily, however, the varsity came out on top in all other competition. The pitching staff of Dorsam (3-1), Nelson (4-1), and Witt (1-3) combined to total the lowest earned run average in the league. Only 4 times did the opposition accumulate more than 4 runs.

Offensively, Bill Gebhart led for the second straight year with a .341 percentage. Also contributing to the offensive pattern were outfielder Jack Palmer, with a .310 average, and Captain-shortstop Don (Home-Run) Spencer. A bright prospect for the future was added with the keystone combination of freshman phenoms, Denny O'Brien and "Peanuts" Leonard, who consistently came through as they battled their way into starting berths.

Coach McArtor has this to say about the season: "It was a good year, but the two one-run losses plus the game with Cleveland kept us from going all the way.

After piloting the baseball team to a second-place finish in the Public High League, Coach John T. McArtor retired from active coaching. In his three years of coaching baseball, "Mr. Mac" was known to his players as a man of sound baseball principles, and as a real great guy.



Mr. McArtor

SOUTHWEST	SCORES	OPPONENT
4	DuBourg	5
1	Beaumont	2
8	Hadley	2
10	Soldan	4
3	O'Fallon	2
6	Central	2
14	O'Fallon	2
0	Cleveland	8
8	Vashon	3
4	Sumner	2
2	Roosevelt	3
3	Cleveland	9
9	McKinley	7