



Shayne Ridley

## Ridley is player of the week

Milton's Shayne Ridley has been named the Mid-American Conference Player of the Week for April 12 to 18.

The junior shortstop, who's no longer taking a back seat to his twin brother Jeremy at the plate, batted .455 over this recent stretch and posted an outstanding 1.091 slugging percentage to lead Ball State University to a 4-2 record.

Now the Cardinals' leadoff man, Shayne went 10-for-22 with three doubles, one triple and three home runs on the way to seven runs batted in for the week.

He also scored 10 times in the half-dozen outings.

This marks the second time in as many years that the Ridleys have taken this prestigious award. Jeremy was first to win it last season with a 10-for-25 campaign that included three homers, three doubles and nine RBI.

Starting in all 35 games this spring, prior to this past weekend, the BSU brothers have put up impressive numbers in every offensive category — particularly in the power department.

Shayne has an overall .727 slugging percentage with 11 homers and a team-leading 14 doubles. Second-baseman Jeremy — currently hitting in the cleanup spot — has nine dingers plus 10 doubles and a slugging percentage of .660.

The 6'2", 190 lbs. middle infield duo have combined for 88 RBI and 110 total hits. Their Cardinals boast a 23-12 record for top spot in MAC.

## So near and yet so far

Always the bridesmaid, never the bride.

That's quickly becoming the theme for Maplehurst Correctional Centre's hockey team, better known as the Hurst Hounds.

For the second time in as many years the local guards came up short in the championship finals of the National Correctional Officers' Tournament.

At this season's showcase — held recently in Winnipeg — they were thumped 6-2 by Mimico, whom they had battled to a 5-5 stalemate in the opening round.

Between these two tilts the Hounds were undefeated with wins over three

teams, including the hosts, who Maplehurst overpowered 9-2 in the semifinals.

### Final four

Backstopping the pack, who've reached the final four three years in a row and made it to the championship the last two times, were Mike D'Martile and Jim Pereira, while captain of the ship once again was John Jackson.

Due to their recent successes and obvious enthusiasm about the event, Maplehurst is expected to play hosts next spring. While still not official, they'll likely hold it somewhere in Peel or Halton.

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## Sox chase players

The boys of summer are back.

The HJM Insurance Red Sox — the local men's baseball team — begin another season on Saturday, May 8 and will once again be looking to shake their basement-dwelling status.

In an effort to do so the club has trimmed its ranks, cutting loose a number of out-of-town players whose commitment last year was far from 100 per cent.

"We need guys who'll be there week in and week out," said general manager Glenn Turner.

Joining a veteran core that includes mainstays Doug Dunn, Matt McCandless and George Moore are lefthanded pitcher Derek MacDonald, catcher Greg Rae and centre-fielder Nick Aldas.

The Red Sox are also courting highly skilled infielder Mark McPhail, who's currently playing elsewhere. "Maybe we'll get him, hope Springs eternal," said Turner. The team is still taking new recruits. To find out more, call Glenn Turner at 876-2258 or 878-6477.

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