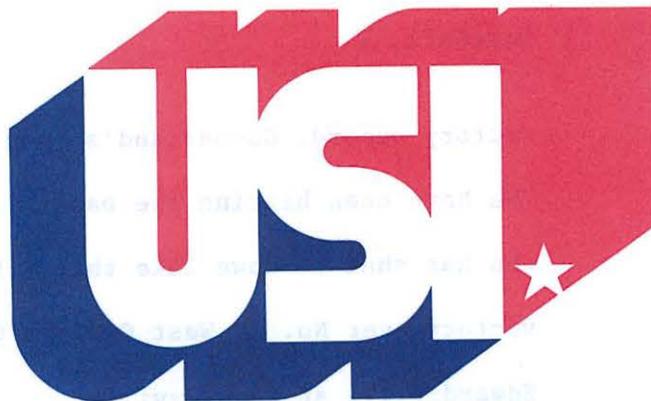


BASEBALL TEAM CONCLUDES REGULAR
SEASON - AWAITS POST SEASON PLAY

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The University of Southern Indiana baseball team concluded regular season play by winning 18 of their last 25 and boosting their overall record to 30-19, best in school history.

Saturday the Eagles split a double header with Cumberland College (42-14), ranked 11th in the NAIA. USI won the first 2-1 and fell short in the second 4-2. The Eagles swept 10th ranked SIU-Edwardsville (30-13) on Sunday, 5-3 and 3-0. The Cougars entered the weekend with a team batting average of .346 and scored only three runs against the Eagles.

"We are finally 100 percent healthy and our pitching staff is throwing extremely well," said Head Coach Gary Redman. "We have played 17 games against ranked opponents and the strength of our schedule has made this team one of the best in USI history."

The Eagles are getting both good hitting and pitching. The pitching staff has developed four strong starters and a late inning stopper. The team batting average stands at .306, with the Eagles hitting at a .325 pace over the last 25 games.

Sophomore Todd Krapf got the win in the Cumberland game boosting his overall record to 8-3, which set the individual USI single season

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victory record. Cumberland's Head Coach Woody Hunt said about Krapf, "We have been hitting the baseball real well, he is the only pitcher who has shut us down like that." Krapf's accomplishments include a 5-4 victory over No. 17 West Georgia College and 4-2 win over SIU-Edwardsville at Edwardsville.

Senior Steve Spolyar got the 5-3 win over the 10th ranked Cougars and evened his overall record at 4-4. Spolyar leads the team with a 2.74 earned run average and in complete games with seven. Spolyar set a new school record for career strikeouts and is the all-time winningest pitcher in USI history.

Junior Tim Doyle (4-1) pitched a one-hitter Sunday against SIU-Edwardsville and is back on track after missing two and one-half weeks due to knee surgery. "It is good to see him back and in shape," Redman said. According to Redman, the radar gun had him clocked at 87 mph through the first five innings. He also defeated No. 17 West Georgia College earlier in the season 9-2.

Although Tom Titus did not figure in any decisions over the weekend, his 5-3 record places him among the Eagles' best. Titus defeated Division I SIU-Carbondale 6-2 and beat a tough Southeast Missouri team 14-4.

Steve Senour has emerged as the Eagles stopper. "It was nice to see Steve Senour come in and close the game for two innings Saturday," Redman said.

The Eagles have set 12 new school records and have outscored their opponents 296-230. The infield turned 59 double plays and stole 88 bases for a school record.