## Hitting slump dooms Post 346's title hopes

When the hitting went sputh, so did American Legion Post 346's post-season hopes. A slump at the plate led to consecutive lesses and an early exit from the National Amateur Baseball Federation regional tournament last week. The District 18 champs drew lingue rival Chief Pontaic in the first round and lost 9-3 Thursday, Post 346 managed just three hits in its next game and was eliminated later the same day by a Cincinnation, 8-0. It was a disappointing finish

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It was a disappointing finish for the Farmington-Novi-Lakes Area team that won the league with a 19-3 record and hoped

with a 19-3 record and hoped to reach the zone tournament.

"I had my Sugar Daddies all lined up." Post 346 manager Wally Christensen said. "It was the first time in quite a few years that we were sitting so pretly."

In the two james, the team's top four batters were a combined 3-for-19, and Bill Kandilian had all three hits.

"Chief Pontiae screed seven mas on five hits in 15 innings off starter Zack Cornwell, who was forced from the mound after being hit in the ankle with a line drive."

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Post 346 scored all three runs in the third inning and cut the deficit to 7-3 at Brown Field in Toledo.

Rob Kling drow an RBI walk, Chuck Archambeau hit an RBI single and Paul Mitchell drov in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Mitchell and Kandilian had two hits each.
At the University of Toledo, Post 346 had hits from Kandilian, Eric Williamson (Milford) and Mitchell in the second game.

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"When the bats went cold, we just couldn't do anything," Christensen said.

Starting pitcher Shawn Morrison gave up six runs over four-plus innings. Williamson worked the fifth and Conner Krause the final two innings. Despite the way it ended, Christensen was pleased with the overall season.

"I thought it was a great season for the kids," he said. "Even though it ended on a seur note, we had a lot of high spots and a lot of high school teams will be very happy next spring.

"We're going to have a little get-together for the boys. I'll have 'em down to the Legion hail and cook 'em ail a steak."

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## Rams fall short of Johnstown visit Borryman said, considering there was barely enough time to get in a good sleep between games. "We didn't get done until 11 Sunday night and had to play at 11 this morning." he said; "It was a very gutsy performance by a tired group of kids." Todd Tobin, a pickup from Livonia Aday and the second of three pitchers, carned the victory.

The Michigan Lake Area Rams reached Pennsylvania, but not quite the final destination they desired.

The Rams, a collegiate team from the Adray Metro Baseball Association, ended their season with an 8-2 loss on Tuesday to Maryland in the All-American Amatour Baseball Association regional at Vots Stadium in Altona, Pa.

The Rams needed to win to earn a berth in the national championship, which storts later this week about 45 minutes away in Johnstown, Pa.

Tuesday's loss dropped the Rams' record in the regional to 1-2. Altona already had an automatic borth to Johnstown for hosting the regional.

Maryland scored four runs in the fifth to add to a 3-2 lead and secure the second bid to Johnstown from the regional.

The Rams' only runs came in the top of the fifth.

Brian Lasitt walked and went to third on a double by Tom Biljan, finished 2-for-4 with a run and RBI.

Dake University pitcher Terry Sullifan earned the Victory for

first baseman Eric Pierce off the beg.
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Berryman thought Pierce got his foot down in time to get the runner.

We thought he beat him by a step, but not the umpire," Berryman soid.

Altoena took advantage of its good fortune as John Brouss highlighted the scoring with a three-run home run over the left-centorfield wall.

"Jason had one bad pitch the ontire evening and the guy hit a homer," Berryman said. "Hoorn did a marvelous job with somewhat of a small strike zone. This is a team that blows everyone out and they were furstrated."

The Rams struck out an uncharacteristically-high nine times. Berryman said, they averaged about three or four throughout the season.

The Rams threatened in the ninth, putting runners on first and second after a single by Schuyler Doakes and a walk to Rogers. The next batter struck out to end the game.

The Rams stayed alive in the double-climination tournament Monday, rallying for six runs in the ninth to beat Lansing 9-5.

The rally was romarkable,

The winning pitcher in the first game was Ryan Shay (Gar-den City), who threw a one-hit-ter with seven strikeouts and

ter with seven strikeouts and three walks.
Eric Drieselman (Garden City) was 3-for-3, including two dou-bles, scored three runs and had two RBI.
Kyle Wallazy (Plymouth) had

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The Rams scored single runs in the sixth and eighth to cut their deficit to 5-3.

Lance Siegwald started the ninth with an infield eingle. A wild pitch sent him to second and he scored on Kovin Uzarski's double.

Todd Miller had a bunt single and Donkes was intentionally walked to load the bases. The tying run came in whon Greg Regers walked after fouling off five straight pitches with a full count.

Rickie Miller and Biljan gave the Rams insurance, dolivering a two-run single and two-run double, respectively.

Rickie Miller finished 3-for-5 with three RBI and two runs scored. Brian Issitt was 3-5 with a pair of runs. A trophy but no title for Concealed 10-year-olds

guy on the back and applaud another team's good plays. Concealed opened with a 13-5 win over the host team from Collerville, Concealed suffered its first loss against San Diego, 7-4, and was eliminated in a rematch against Collerville, 10-5.

Shay and Spryka each went 2for-3 with an RBI.
Concealed went ahead first
against Collerville as well, leading 3-0 through one-half inning.
Collerville scored six runs in
the fourth to pull away.
Sargent, who pitched out of
first-inning jam in reliof, suffered his first pitching loss of the
season against five wins.
Matt Rodeshier (Farmington
Hills) was 2-3 with three RBI to
lead Concealed. Drieselman and
Shay each had two hits. Drieselman scored twice while Shay
secored one run with one RBI.
This was the first year one of
Pirronello's teams recorded 50
wins, finishing with a 54-4 mark.
The team also included Phillip
Mabey (Livonia), Chris Russin
(Wayne), Matthew Kerr (Dearborn), Andrew Staffurd (Sterling
Heights), Alon Hugedon (West Bloomfield), Kevin Wallazy (Plymouth), and Zack Flavin (Novi).

## BASEBALL the Maryland team. Roms starting pitcher Jason Westfall lasted two innings and suffered the loss, allowing three runs on four hits. "We couldn't get hitting going like we have been the whole time and as a result Maryland is going to Johnstown and we're going home," Roms coach Rick Berryman said. "This is a very classy group of young men. We're pleased with the effort they gave this year, and we'll miss them." The Rams drow Altoona in the opener on Sunday. Altoona scored four runs in the sixth inning to crase a 3-0 deficit and win 4-3. Jason Hoorn was the losing pitcher despite a complete-game five hitter with six strikeouts and two walks. Altoona's runs, all unearned, came with two outs. A nuestionable call at first

Pirronello will coach a strictly 11-year-old team next year and expects his roster to look remarkably similar to this It was the end of the season, but only the beginning as far as Concealed Security baseball coach Lou Pirronello is con-

outs.

A questionable call at first base went in Altoona's favor, keeping alive its inning.

The Altoona batter hit a ground ball to shortstop Greg Rogers and was ruled safe at first base after the throw pulled

remarkably similar to this year's.

"The team was good enough to win it, the coach stunk." Pirronello said. "We had a terrific year that ended abruptly, wasn't expected. We saw Texas, Puerto Bico play. We were certain we'd be in the Final Four at least.

"The kids conducted themselves terrifically, never whited about a call and had a good time. They were quick to pat another

coach Lou Pirronello is con-cerned.
Pirronello's team of mostly 10-year-olds finished with a 1-2 record at the eight-team Ameri-can Amateur Baseball Congress Pee Wee Reese World Series last weekend in Collerville, Fenn. Conceated took home the Most Sportsmanlike trophy and with a little luck might have finished with a better record in the nine-team field. Impotence. Don't let it ruin your happiness.

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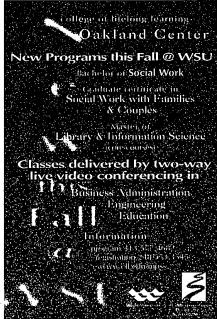
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The Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County invites all interested citizens and elected officials to present comments prior to adoption of the 1938 Budget and Road Improvement Pregram. Por this purpose, we have acheduled a Public Hearing.

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Date: Wednesday, August 27, 1997
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Oakland County Auditorium
Oakland County Service Center
1200 North Telegraph
Pontiac, Michigan 48341

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The proposed Budget sets forth the revenue anticipated to be available to
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