

Plymouth Bidwell Clobbers North Koebel, 13-3



A FUTILE CHASE — National pride catcher Sam Bird misjudged this pop foul in the Berry League contest against Redford. The ball fell to the ground and National pride fell, 15-2. (Observer photo)

Plymouth Bidwell banged out eight hits and capitalized on 12 walks to crush North Farmington Koebel in Friday baseball action, 13-3. It was Plymouth's fifth win in seven games.

Plymouth coach Wayne Sparkman started Tom Clufetos on the mound but Clufetos lasted only 1-2/3

innings, giving up three runs on six hits. Mike Kolb replaced Clufetos and worked the remaining 5-1/3 innings, allowing no runs and only three hits. He walked three and had eight strikeouts in picking up the victory.

Bill Rodgers, Jim Babiak and Al Anderson hurried for North Farmington. Rodgers gave up six runs, five hits and six walks and suffered the loss. Babiak allowed five runs, only two hits and three walks and Anderson gave up the final two runs on one hit and three walks.

A triple by Dave Hees and single by Larry Graves gave Plymouth a first inning 1-0 lead.

North Farmington came back in the second to take the lead. Bruce Brewin and Mark Copp singled. Rodgers singled in Brewin and John

Cassidy singled in Copp. Rodgers scored when Plymouth catcher Jim Grimmer tossed the ball into center field when nobody covered second.

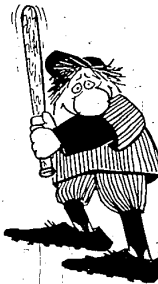
A diving catch by Dan Hees in left field ended that rally when Mike Clabberreh sent Hees back to the fence for the final out.

Plymouth moved to within one in the second on a walk to Kolb and singles by Greg Lane and Dan Hees.

Plymouth jumped ahead to stay in the fourth with four runs on one hit. Four consecutive walks to Lane, Walker, Dave Hees and Dan Hees forced in Lane with the tying run and set the stage for Graves.

Graves laced a two-bagger to right to score Walker and Dave Hees. Bruce Brewin and Mark Copp singled. Rodgers singled in Brewin and John

Five runs on two hits in the fifth iced victory for Plymouth. Steve Robb drew



a base on balls, Lane was safe on an error, Robb stole third and Waller walked to load the bases. Kolb sacrificed in Robb. Dave Hees singled. Dan Hees singled. Graves drew a walk and Kovacs sacrificed in Dave Hees to make it 11-3.

Plymouth finished its attack in the sixth on a walk to Larry Davis, an error and single by Terry Laird.

Franklin's Berrys Tip Optimist

Franklin High's varsity winners of the Northwest Suburban Conference, opened Berry League action with a 5-2 victory over Farmington's Harrison.

The Franklin mound chores were handled by Rich Gaber, who came across with a four-hitter, walked three, and struck out four.

Rick Stephens and Glen Kleinbens hurried for Harrison with Berry collecting seven hits off the two. Starter Stephens took the loss.

Harrison drew first blood in the first on a single by Novales, a stolen base, and double by Gary Morrison. Farmington made it 2-0 in the second. Murray was safe

on an error. Collar singled. Hancock was safe on an error to fill the sacks and Novales singled in Murray.

Franklin's lineup woke up the fourth to take the lead. Dave Hollandsworth and Jayne Darragh singled and Job Fallow walked to load the bases. Gaber drew a base on balls to force in Hollandsworth and Jeff Waterstone singled to score Darragh and Fallow and Franklin had a 3-2 lead.

Franklin added a run in the fifth on walks to Darragh, Dave Longeway, Fallow and Gaber.

A three-bagger by Garfrantz and sacrifice by Hollandsworth pushed it to 5-2 in the sixth.

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Churchill's National Pride, scored its first win under rookie coach Steve Chlenko, a 7-1 graduate of Churchill.

National pride slipped by Northville Reef, 1-4, to stand 1-2 in Berry baseball action.

Andy Coppola went the distance for Pride in chalking up his first win against one setback. The junior right-hander allowed just four hits, walked two and struck out five.

Taking the loss for North-

ville was Mike Krutch who gave up only three hits, walked two and struck out six.

The solo tally came in the fifth. Chuck Widmar led off for Churchill with a single, and advanced to second on a passed ball. Joe Lang beat out an infield hit with Widmar moving to third.

Warren Wallis came through with a successful bunt to score Widmar and Chlenko had his first win as a coach.



Farmington Legion Handles Troy, 3-0

Farmington Legion coach Wally Christenson knows he has a good thing in right-handed hurler Rich Stringer.

"Nobody has been able to touch him yet," said the coach after Stringer two-hit Troy in nine innings for a 3-0 victory. It was Farmington's fifth in seven outings.

Stringer stands 3-0 and has not given up a run in 24 innings. A pop fly double by Jim Vayruska in the first and a

single by Dave Northey in the ninth, both with two outs, were all Troy could muster off Stringer who finished with six walks and five strikeouts.

Dave Jones suffered the loss, giving up five hits, six walks and striking out 10.

Farmington broke the scoreless duel in the ninth. With two outs and Jim Eathorne on first, Rob Holton singled, moving Eathorne around to third. Holton stole

second and Randy Stringer walked to fill the bases.

Bud Fletcher took over the pitching duties for Troy and walked Rich Stringer to force in Eathorne. Tom Celani followed with a single to score Holton and Randy Stringer and Farmington had a three run lead.

Farmington is in a tie for second in the 18th District American Legion standings with Chief Pontiac at 5-2. Rochester is first at 4-1.

Crowe Crushes D&G Heat, 13-4

The Bentley High summer baseball varsity, Crowe Associates, throttled Stevenson junior varsity, D&G Heating, 13-4.

It was the second win for Crowe in Berry competition. Brent Boegler and Dan Vezina combined for a five-hit victory with Boegler picking up the win in a starting appearance.

Crowe collected 12 hits off the combined efforts of Leon Griebeck and Mike Proctor on the D&G mound.

With two outs in the second, Crowe jumped on Griebeck for four runs. Steve Marlow walked, Bill Deacon singled, Vezina walked and Chuck Hirst singled with all four scoring when the ball scooped past the center fielder.

Singles by Mike Kakakley and Lee Matejick and an error got D&G on the board in the third.

A walk to Macklon and round tripper by Bob Cross pushed it to 6-1 in the fifth but D&G came back in the sixth to slice it to 6-3 on two walks and an error.

Crowe broke things open in the last of the sixth with seven runs on six hits, two walks, and an error with 12 men coming to the plate. And the rally started with two outs.

Vezina, Jeff Hirst, Macklon and Boegler singled, Roshirt

and Cross drew walks. Waldeck and Marlowe singled and Deacon walked.

D&G sliced it to nine runs in the seventh on hits by Chuck Minear and Griebeck.

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North's Gow Places 2nd

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