

Plymouth Moving To State Mack Competition

It's now on to state Connie Mack competition. Plymouth wrapped up the National League Mack championship with an 8-5 victory over Bentley High's Crowe squad giving Coach Wayne Sparkman his first summer baseball title.

The title wasn't without its anxious moments as Hines Park kept the race interesting with a 2-1 victory over Plymouth the game before leaving the race open to the final date.

Plymouth finished with a 12-

2 mark with Hines second at 11-3 and Crowe third at 10-4. The high flying Plymouth Elks journey to Lincoln Park on Thursday (Aug. 3), for the opening round against Lincoln Park's Adray Legion team at 2:30 p.m.

HINES PARK kept the National bid up for grabs to the final date with a 2-1 win over Plymouth with Tim Griffin going the distance. A line drive off the bat of Dave Hees ended up in Jeff Waterstone's glove to halt that.

The National title went

to the concluding contest with Plymouth assured a tie and Crowe and Hines hoping for a three-way tie. A Plymouth loss would have resulted in a three-way deadlock.

Crowe went right after Plymouth with two runs in the last of the third. Tom Worniak singled, stole second and scored on Pat Perino's two-bagger. With two outs, Jeff Sevosty singled up the middle to score Perino and it was catch-up for Plymouth.

The Bentley High crew suffered a blow in the last of the fourth when a foul shot off

of Couch's bat sailed into the Crowe dugout.

The ball struck first baseman Brent Boegler in the head and Crowe was without the services of its first stringer.

PLYMOUTH took advantage of the mishap and quickly responded with three tallies in the top of the fifth to grab a 3-2 advantage. Graves singled and Jeff Waller followed with a bunt single. Jeff Stringham followed with another bunt for a single and the bases were loaded.

Rob Willette singled in Graves and Dave Hees suicide squeezed in Waller. Robb was safe on an error with the Elks now up, 3-2. Couch got tough and struck out the next three batsmen to end the inning.

Plymouth pushed its margin to 6-2 in the top of the sixth.

GRAVES SINGLED, Waller was safe on an error and Stringham drew a walk. Willette tripled to score three and it was a four run margin.

Crowe fought back with three unearned runs in the last of the sixth. Sevosty was safe in an error by the Elks short-innings worked including 52 stop. Couch was safe on a strikeouts.

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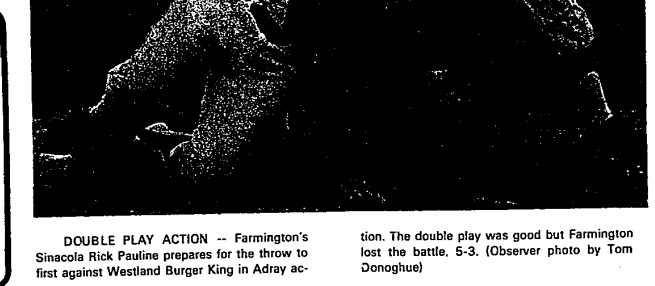
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Offer Anti-Theft Tips For Owners Of Bicycles

"The increased popularity of cycling during the last few years has resulted in a drastic increase of bicycle thefts," reports Charles Wathen, claim manager of an area insurance company.

"The theft of bicycles is especially profitable due to the expensive five and 10-speed models bike enthusiasts are currently purchasing."

He recommends the following anti-theft precautions to bike owners:

1. Register the bike at a police station. Bikes recovered by the police frequently are unclaimed through lack of identification.
2. Chain the bike to a bike rack or tall stationary object. Parking meters are too short as the bike can be lifted over the top and carried away.
3. Lock the bike when leaving it for any length of time, and use a sturdy lock and welded-link chain. Common fence chain may be easily cut with a wire or bolt cutter.
4. Store the bike at night. A bike parked outdoors after dark invites bike thieves.
5. For the determined cyclist, with a good deal of time, remove the bike's front wheel before chaining the frame to a post. This will discourage the thief who has planned on riding off with his booty.
6. Finally, remove extra parts such as baskets or saddlebags when parking the bike in a crowded area.

YW Class Sets Exhibition

The Oakland YWCA's gymnastics class will sell yous in a fund-raising drive to purchase a balance beam and mats.

To help launch the sale class members will give an exhibition at the Oakland Mall from 1 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 3.

Any girls interested in joining the class should call the YWCA, 829 S. Crooks Road, Clawson.

Up to now, the girls have been limited to floor exercise, tumbling and vaulting because of lack of equipment. With a new balance beam, they hope to form a team and enter local competitions.

The instructor, Mrs. Barb Vassallo, graduated from Bowling Green State University, Ohio.

This fall she will teach two tumbling classes for children aged four and up and two gymnastics classes.

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