Dave Franke

Plato **1996 MVP** **Class C**

In his own words: Well, it was a little bit surreal, that's for sure. Plato is a very small town and a few years before we made it to the state tournament and we could never get over that hump. We made it one or two games and we kind of got on a little bit of a roll that year, 1996, on our home field which was awesome. Pretty much everybody on the team played baseball there at Glencoe High School and so we were at our home high school field for the state tournament. I think we all felt really comfortable there and before you know it we were in the final weekend. Then things just kind of fell into place, it was great.

So the eight doubles that I hit was actually a state record. I think it was actually tied a year or two ago but you know going into it I didn't even know I had it but it was against St. Michael that I tied the record which was five. Then in the second championship game I think I had three doubles and that pretty much clinched the game and also the championship. I was locked in, that was for sure.

It doesn't happen too often, but when you're there, you enjoy it. One of the first guys that talked to me after I won it was Greg Odegaard, the dad. And he was like, "Welcome to the club." And I was like, what do you mean the club? And this is what he was talking about so it was pretty cool. I think Ode's the president of the club.

The one thing I remember is how cool it is to win it all. And like I said, Plato's a small town and we had a heck of party that night at the Kingpin Pub.

- Dave Franke, Plato, 1996
- Outfielder
- Handled 18 chances without an error
- Hit 14 for 34 for a .412 batting average
- Had eight doubles while driving in 10 runs

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