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Sports out of focus

The sports world has involuntarily regurgitated a few choice items of late, if recent memory serves correct.

We have the Pete "Wilted" Rose betting scandal currently threatening the so-called "Integrity of the game" in major league baseball circles. It's rumored the only thing Rose did, or didn't, bet on were his chances of catching a communicable disease.

Now, Steve Garvey's former wife, Cyndy, is claiming their relationship was "asexual." Certainly damaging to Garvey's All-American image, especially in light of his supposed political aspirations, but equally tough to explain to the products of his marriage to Cyndy - his two young daughters.

Scandal is brewing in Florida high school football circles with allegations that coaches fixed games to cover their gambling ventures.

Self-proclaimed two-sport superstar, Deion "Prime Time" Sanders (a New York Yankee farmhand presently hitting roughly his I.Q. score - around .250) is demanding megabucks for his services from baseball and football. This kid should be aware of the last reported "Superstar" and stay away from carpentry shops. He should also avoid parades.

National Football League major-domos are reportedly scratching their domos in a desperate search for escape routes as a result of the league's suddenly - and long overdue crackdown on performance-

enhancing drugs. The National Basketball Association, long considered a virtual drug-haven for problem athletes, has cleaned up its act somewhat, but the stigma still remains.

(Don't stop me yet, I'm on a roll).

"No sweat, eh." yon hardy Canuck comments. "It's all happening in the Obnoxious States of America." Wrong again, oh eater of hockey puck sandwiches.

What about Hec Poitier, the lineman with the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos, suspended for alleged drug use. How about Fergie Jenkins, convicted on a drug charge?

Rob Musselman, of the Blue Jays, admitted to alcohol abuse and entered a treatment centre.



"As I See It"

Colin Gibson Sports Editor

Several years ago, Bob Murdoch of the New York Rangers was suspended because of admitted cocaine use. Likewise, that lingering Swede, formerly of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Borje Salming. Paul Coffey, of the Pittsburgh Penguins, got dinged for indecent exposure, among other things.

Bob Probert, under suspension from both the NHL and the Detroit Red Wings, tried to smuggie cocaine across the U.S. border in his undershorts. Perhaps one of the few times Probert would admit to having anything in his shorts other than his brains.

And of course, we have poor old Ben Johnson. This guy really fries my beans with his, "Yes I didn't, No I did." answers in relation to his performanceenhancing drug experience.

Get out of my tree, Ben, the manure is threatening to break my limbs. Besides that, your pricey high-performance sports car is blocking my driveway and I can't afford to buy the house you are attempting to unload. Both purchased while you were still accepting Sports Canada grants as a "carded amateur athlete" and claiming poverty.

If all the above mentioned horse droppings is sports, then I think I would rather be watching dwarf-tossing - as practised in Australia. Somehow, it all seems to blend together.

The point to all this admitted meandering is that somewhere along the line, we seem to have lost the proper focus on sports. It seems that athletic excellence no longer carries the day.

Rather, the game has become secondary to the antics and miscreant behavior of some of the participants.

And we blame the kids involved in sports because, "They sure don't think, or play, the way we used to." Give me a break. Better yet, give the kids a break. They sure don't have too many role models to follow.

Parents, executives, coaches and others involved in minor sports should concentrate on teaching the love of the game and its particular value in lessons that can be learned and utilized in life, rather than tossing dollar figures around or pointing to others who "Made it."

At least, that's as I see it.



Batting cage officially opens

The Georgetown Baseball Association "Batting assortment of pitches, including curves and sliders Cage" was officially opened, Wednesday, July 26, can be offered up to the batter. Located adjacent to Diamond "A", at the Fairgrounds, the cage was a joint GBA-Georgetown standing, left to right, Bruce MacLean, Kinsmen Kinsmen Club project. The project was also aided by Club 2nd Vice President, Bob Styles, representing the a \$600 donation from the Halton Hills service clubs Kinsmen Girls Softball League, Bryan Shynal, Slo-Pitch league. The project's principal users will be GBA and Kinsmen Girls Softball League players. The batting cage usage will be coordinated by Al Densmore, 877-0053 and be available to small public groups at \$20 per hour. The cage is suitable for use by both hardball and softball players. Speed ad- ball League and Alan Leonard, a player in the GBA. justments can be set as high as 100 mph and an (Herald photo)

On hand for the opening ceremonies were above, Superintendent of Parks for the Town of Halton Hills, Bruce Leonard, Past President of the Kinsmen Club, Rich Lorito, former GBA executive member, Hal Ridley, GBA coach and Rick Hulme, GBA President. Kneeling are Sheila Styles, of the Kinsmen Girls Soft-

Minor hockey turmoil comes home to roost

By COLIN GIBSON Herald Sports Editor

Ontario Minor Hockey Association decision, made in June at the annual meeting, to join with the Metro Toronto Hockey League and bypass the Ontario Hockey League in dealings with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association could produce repercussions felt in Georgetown.

The OMHA and the MTHL formed the Central Canadian Hockey Association as a direct result of an OHA decision to restructure minor hockey under a zone system.

The feeling persists among a number of hockey people that the OHA decision was made mainly for financial reasons. However, that doesn't alter the fact that the ongoing feud between the OHA and the renegade association could ultimately harm those whose best interests the rival groups supposedly represent - namely, the players.

As things stand now, the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association works through the OHA in providing sanctions for hockey activity in this part of Southern Ontario.

If the OHA and the Central Canadian Hockey Association can't come to some kind of a workable agreement and the CAHA continues to recognize the OHA's presently dominant status, then a lot of young hockey players could be playing in a virtual state of lim-

bo. According to Georgetown Minor Hockey Association President,

Carson Mininch, the local hockey structure will be affected if this in fact, happens.

The GMHA is a member of the OMHA and as of this point in time intends to remain with the OMHA, mainly for practical reasons.

As Mininch pointed out, "We have to stay with the OMHA at this point. That's where the majority of minor hockey groups are. It would be pointless to pull out of the OMHA and then have no teams for our boys to play against."

The future of the Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament would come into question because of lack of CAHA sanction.

Georgetown teams would not be

able to play overseas and similarly, no foreign teams would be able to play against local teams if the CAHA did not give its approval.

If the CAHA backs the OHA, Georgetown teams would not be allowed to compete for Provincial or National championships.

Also, the affiliation between the GMHA and the Georgetown-Pontiac Raiders Junior "B" hockey team would be threatened as the Raiders currently play under the OHA umbrella.

Hopefully, the impasse between the feuding hockey cousins can be bridged, even if it means having the CAHA step in and lay down the law in no uncertain terms.

Kinsmen girls

Dunlop steals win

By DEE DEE HAYNES Herald Special SENIORS

Duniop Insurance slipped past Pictures and Presents, 13-11 on July 25. At the mound for the victors were Dee Dee Haynes and Susan Walsh, while Paulette Friolet and Lisa Johnston kept the fight alive for P and P. Game stars were Laurie Sunnucks of Dunlop and Pictures' Friolet.

ReMax's Susan Morey led her teammates to a one run victory

over the Glen, 11-10. Countering Morey from the mound were Tammy Davidson and Paula Rain of the Glen. Robbyn Burke of ReMax and Kelly Grummett of the Glen were named game stars.

INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIORS For the second consecutive week, only the ducks were able to play on the diamonds, as the rain left Georgetown storm Fairgrounds a large pond. Let's hope that August brings better weather for Tuesday's and Thursday's games. man It is a

Alcott tennis results The G.A.T.C. Ladies "A" Inter County tennis team played York Old Mill on Wednesday. Audrey Houston and Kay King won while teams of Sue Bullock and Lois Fraser, Pat Harris and Donna

MacDonald, Ann Kennedy and

Chris Steen were on the losing side.

The Ladies "C" team took four points from Bronte. Ouida Graville and Karin Wilson had 6-4, 6-3, Trudy Roy and Mary Hughes 3-6, 6-2, 6-0, Deb Koster and Norma Maynard 6-0, 6-0 and Margot Prior and Agnes Lawrence 6-1, 6-3. In the "B" mixed against Regency Bernie Kent and Mike Mitchell, Mike Hurley and Dean Jackson, Kevin Neill and Stacey Hurley were on the winning side while Mark Lorito and Peter Acton, Dave Harris and Diane Robson, Chris Steen and Karin Wilson were on the losing

The "C" mixed did well against Castlemore taking five points. Winning teams were Mark Lorito and Al Robitaille, 6-4, 6-0, John Dallison and Andy Humenny 6-0, 6-3 and Frank Abulnar and Victor Estevan 6-4, 6-4. In three sets Deb Koster and Bill Kent had 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 and Ann Kennedy and Audrey Houston 6-4, 4-6, 7-5. Isla Alliston and Murray Jans had 6-7, 6-4, 2-6.

The Junior tournament is Aug. 45-6 with Susy Lorito convenor. 873-4849. Ladies and men's doubles will be Aug. 25-26-27 with Barb Rieger convenor, 877-3354. House league leaders are teams of Chris Remes and Jim White.

A presentation was made to Alec Dickson who is moving to Owen Sound - we wish him the very best.