

As I See It

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We should be a sport

Sportsmanship is perhaps our most valuable commodity, and yet, it can seem to be the one thing we have the least of at times.

One thing is true, though, sportsmanship and winning are not necessarily exact opposites.

Bad tempers

Bjorn Borg, John McEnroe, and Illye Nastasye all have bad tempers, displaying it quite openly. Sure, they're all tennis players, but do not let this make you think that this is the only group of athletes that have a temper.

Many hockey players have suffered injuries because of an uncontrolled check due to a hot temper.

Tempers are not necessarily the problem in hockey, though. The roughness has now become a part of the game.

Better equipment has been developed to protect the players from injury, and, with the recent activities involved in the sport, it has been proven to be completely necessary.

Yet, no one knows why this happens. Maybe, the best suggestion was given lately in the ideas for toning down the violence involved in professional hockey.

It has been noted that hockey violence would be cut down if the owners of the clubs were responsible for any injuries caused to members of the other team by a member of their club.

I don't know if this would really work, but one thing is for sure. It would be a step in the right direction.

Nice guys

Nice guys finish last, or so they say. All I know is that I would rather finish last than win knowing that someone got hurt because of my actions.

Where do we stop the violence in sports, though? At the younger ages is the most appropriate answer.

The young kids certainly don't possess any malice of any sort at that age, so it must come from somewhere else.

The parents are the ones who instill it in their kids that they must win at any cost. Not all parents, though, just enough to make a big difference in the way our sports are played.

We have to find a way to control the competitiveness in sports, so that it is at a level where people don't get hurt.

That may not be entirely possible, for kids learn at an early age to stand up for what they believe to be right. The only thing that can really be done is to teach them to do this responsibly, to reason out what force is necessary, and above all, to know when competitiveness stops and sportsmanship begins.

Before I go, I would like to pass on to you this one thought, rules are important in sports, and we control the rules. Let's not get carried away by what we see happening. We have a responsibility to the athletes of tomorrow to make sure the rules are right.

One set of rules comes to mind right now, that show how easy it is to play the game properly, those for the game of cricket.

You have two sides, one out in the field and one in.

Each man that's in the side that's in goes out and when he's out, he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out.

When they are all out, the side that's out comes in, and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in out.

Sometimes you get men still in and not out.

When both sides have been in and out including the not-outs, that's the end of the game.

By looking at these rules, it's simple to see that rules can make a game easier to play and a lot more fun.



Setting them straight

Coach Terry Moore, center, gives the new troops a talk on discipline at the Midland Jr. "C" Centennials trvouts at Wasaga

Beach Arena Sunday. The coaches were very surprised at the activity on the ice,

considering it was the first time out for many of the players.

Civitan consolation round captured by Royal Bank...finally

Royal Bank was really wondering if it had actually captured the consolation round in the Civitan House League Sunday at the Little Lake Park ball diamond.

The game that took place Friday certainly would have made anyone wonder if they would ever win again.

Royal Bank was playing Smith's Camp in the semi-finals, when they found themselves leading Smith's 8-0 at the end of the second inning.

Kicking off for cancer fight

Barrie Industrial Soccer League champions, Midland Indusmin, have collaborated with the consolation champions, Leitz Canada of Midland in an effort to do their part in helping the Terry Fox cancer fund.

A benefit game has been planned for tonight at 6:30 to be held at the Midland Secondary School field, promising action galore for those who appreciate good soccer.

No admission fee will be taken, but a voluntary collection will be used to raise money for the worthwhile cause.

All money raised will go toward the Terry Fox cancer research fund.

The third inning turned sour for Royal Bank, when Smith's brought in seven rungs.

Royal Bank managed two more runs in the

fourth, but Smith's by now, were on a roll, claiming four more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to win the game 11-10.

Royal Bank made up for the loss, though, in the consolation round with their victory over Jaycees 10-2 Sunday.

Royal Bank began

with three runs in the first inning.

Jaycees came back in the second inning with one run, but couldn't get any further.

The third inning saw six more runners cross the plate for Royal Bank, following that up with one more in the fourth.

Jaycees were never really in the game, but they did bring one more runner in during the fifth inning to finalize the score at 10-2.

All the players played very well, with Michele Leadbetter of Midland hitting 3 for 3, scoring 2 runs.

Rick Ladouceur was the pitcher for Royal Bank who threw a super game for his team.

McQuirter Real Estate wins championship

McQuirter Real Estate is the new champion in the Midland Minor Baseball T-Ball finals held Saturday at the Little Lake Park ball diamond.

They downed Bell Canada 26-20 in the final game of the year to take the title of Champions.

Albert Miller of McQuirter hit a grand slam home run in the first inning, with Scott Rowland also hitting a home run for McQuirter.

A double play was masterminded by Sean Lavin of McQuirters, when he caught a pop fly and then tagged a runner out at third base.

Jeremy Downer hit a home run for Bell Canada.

The McQuirter team received the first place trophy, along with Midland Minor Baseball crests, which all the players in the league received.

The final thrill came for McQuirters when

they were given a ride on the fire truck as their victory round on the town.

Also to be congratulated are J. Harvey Surveyors who took the consolation round quite handily when they outscored

Arcade Pharmacy 19-14. This is the second year in a row that they have won the consolation round.

The outstanding player for J. Harvey was Richard Bianco, who scored a home run for his team.

Run-a-thon for Terry set this Sept. 14

Sept. 14 is your day to show your appreciation to Terry Fox, without having to donate any money. All you have to give is your time.

The Run-A-Thon organized for that day needs your support, and will be run between 1 and 4 p.m.

Anyone in the six local municipalities may enter the run-a-thon, with pledge sheets available at the Midland McDonalds Restaurant on Highway 27.

Pledges and donations should be returned to McDonald's Restaurant by Sept. 21.

All proceeds go to the Canadian Cancer Society on behalf of the six municipalities.

Local lion club and rotary club

members have offered to act as marshalls on the six-mile route.

The route for the run-a-thon will start at the Midland YMCA, travelling through Little Lake Park, down Yonge Street, onto Highway 27 past the McDonald's Restaurant.

From there, it will go down Vinden connecting up with Bay Street, and then onto First St.

Runners will then go down King Street and join up with Yonge Street taking them back to the YMCA.

Entrants in the run-a-thon have the choice to walk or run in the event, with families being encouraged to participate as a unit.