

"Bumpy Grass Tracks" Limit Canadian High School Performers

By JIM IRVING

When it comes to setting speed records, a "bumpy grass track" is poor competition for a rubberized asphalt one.

As a result, it's not surprising that high school track stars in Canada are lagging a step or two behind their American counterparts, in the opinion of Jack Passmore, physical education teacher at Bayview Secondary School.

Mr. Passmore made his observations when asked to comment on some remarks of a Toronto school teacher, who claimed that track and field in Toronto secondary schools was "fantastically bad."

Speaking in a Toronto daily, George Shepherd, a Bloor Collegiate teacher and

about three men, including Bill Crothers, were capable of running the 440 in the same time, he said.

Mr. Passmore said that, although he was sympathetic to Mr. Shepherd's remarks, he also saw the problem in a somewhat different light.

"The problem with physical education men is that they have a total of 13 sports to look after. It's asking a great deal of every coach to be that knowledgeable."

He said that he coached four teams himself — wrestling, track, baseball and cross-country running — while in California, aside from having superior facilities to work with, a coach would do nothing but look after track.

Mr. Passmore said that rubberized tracks — a combination of rubber and asphalt — on which the athletes ran on pin spikes or flats, helped to produce some "marvellous times."

They also had good clay and cinder tracks and the benefit of long seasons.

"I don't think Mr. Shepherd is being very realistic," said Mr. Passmore. "It's hard to compare the situation here with the United States."

He said that one local athlete had gone to the U.S. and shown great improvement, which wasn't due to him suddenly taking vitamins, but from being on a better track.

However, despite the limitations of local tracks, the Bayview instructor felt that some of his own stars had shown that they could triumph over the lesser conditions, and had special praise for 15-year-old Ken Hamilton, a grade nine student.

He said that Hamilton had posted a time of 2.3 recently for the half mile, which was "very good for a bumpy grass track." However, when he competed in the same event in the All-Ontario Track Meet at Toronto last week, he ran it in 2:06 on the faster track.

"He really took off," said Mr. Passmore of his protégé.

He may also take off again tonight (Thursday) when he competes in a special midget race at Varsity Stadium as part of the Toronto International Track Meet.

Hamilton has been invited to compete at the meet, which will feature such famed international track stars as Bill Crothers and Peter

Snell, among others.

Mr. Passmore also gave tacit support to the proposals of one-time American track star, Bob Schul, that industry sponsor track and field clubs.

Schul, who won the 5,000 metres at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, and who will compete in the meet at Varsity Stadium tonight, suggested industries in Southern California spend about \$20,000 a year to hire a full-time coach (\$10,000); part-time doctor and trainer; provide a field; and give college-graduated athletes jobs.

Athletes would then be able to continue competing after leaving college, and eventually track events would take on the status of other big league sports, drawing as many as 20,000 or 30,000 spectators.

Trackmen would be prevented from being declared professionals because of their work for the industry.

Mr. Passmore said he felt track clubs in general could use more support, but wondered how the Amateur Athletic Association would feel about such a proposal as Schul's.

In the meantime local coaches will have their hands full attempting to handle 13 or more sports annually, and with trying to cope with bumpy grass tracks when their competitors across the line just have to slip out of their classrooms into their pin spikes and bounce around the rubberized oval to keep making the times just a little faster each time out.

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Increases in the rate structure were hinted at by President George Chassie at the annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Arena Association, held at the arena Thursday evening of last week.

Another proposal to charge rent for the canteen, which showed the biggest profit of the arena operation, was also considered.

The latter followed presentation of the auditor's report by L. H. Sims, a member of the arena association, as well as its auditor, who said that of the \$23,917 surplus shown by the arena at the end of April, the canteen was "probably responsible for \$19,000 or \$20,000."

He said that during the past season, the rink had shown a profit of \$564, "which is what it is supposed to do." However the canteen had made about \$4,200. This added to the previous year's surplus left more than \$23,000 in the arena's account.

"I think we should charge the canteen rent," said Mr. Sims. "They're getting free rent now. . . It would make it a little healthier for the rink."

Mr. Sims said that with the

Thornhill Driver 11th At Mosport

Eitel Maier of Thornhill driving a Lotus 23B Ford finished in 11th place in Saturday's Player's 200 Race at Mosport before a crowd of 58,312 people.

Walter MacKay, formerly of Richmond Hill, was forced out of the race when trouble developed with his car, local residents who attended the race report.

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BASEBALL



MINOR LEAGUE RESULTS

By John Davis

REYNOLDS SHOE HOUSE NORTH YORK LEAGUE
PEE WEE
 1st inning
 Errors by Larry Mansbridge and Gary Hall account for two runs by Gwillimbury. John Barraclough made a brilliant catch for third out to end the inning.

2nd
 Again errors by Gary Hall gave East Gwillimbury two runs. John Barraclough practically crawled to first base, confusing Gwillimbury enough so that the tying run could score from third. Daryl Rice struck out with two on base to retire the side.

3rd
 Mike LaGee's home run with two on gave Gwillimbury a one run edge. Jim Davis aided Mike by committing one of the most unique errors of the game.

4th
 Gary Hall, in the limelight, this time, belts a double to bring in two runs for Reynolds. Gwillimbury seems frustrated when the heat is on.

5th
 Both teams committed numerous errors to tie the game eight all.

6th
 The entire Reynolds infield made errors allowing Gwillimbury two runs.

7th
 Paul Williams drove in three runs for Reynolds with a homer. Keith Holtze did more than his share of holding down the outfield positions.

8th
 On seven errors Gwillimbury allowed Reynolds five runs, which gave Richmond Hill a lead of 13 to 11.

Holtze drives in three runs with a homer. Ian McKinlay triples, scores one run. Ricky James a double. Final score: Reynolds 28 - Gwillimbury 14.

LEN PUGH REAL ESTATE NORTH YORK LEAGUE BANTAMS
 For the third time in two days East Gwillimbury bowed to a superior Richmond Hill team.

2nd
 Al Webster's Bantams defeated the Gwillimbury all stars Sunday afternoon. With the score 7 to 1 by the 6th inning the game had been close most of the time with Len Pughs having to earn every run. The turning point for Richmond Hill was when Gwillimbury substituted their pitcher during the seventh inning. Dave Thompson slammed a double with bases loaded, which accounted for two runs. Chip Martin doubled in the same inning for a single run scored, to give the Pugh team a lead of 11 to 2.

3rd
 The eighth inning for East Gwillimbury also proved to be a disaster. The substitute pitcher handled the ball like a hot potato, his lack of control simply gave Pughs nothing more than ducking and swinging practice. Other mentionables for Pughs are: Duane Reid, first base, Terry Hall, steady hitting, John Reagan, another Ray Judd and a homer on three errors. The final score was Pughs 11 - Gwillimbury 4.

The noble gentleman behind the plate was George Jordan of Richmond Hill.

STANDINGS AS OF JUNE 6
PEE WEE
 Team— Won Lost Pts.
 Cardinals 2 0 4
 Senators 1 1 2
 Dodgers 0 1 1
 Yankees 0 1 1

2nd GAME
 1st & 2nd innings
 Triple by Bill Cox. Ian McKinlay, home run beautifully placed hit. Gary Hall, line drive catch for second out. Keith Holtze outstanding outfield play, makes three away for East Gwillimbury.

3rd & 4th
 Triple for John Barraclough. Paul Williams hits a line drive home run. Bill Cox, Robbie Claphan, single and double accordingly. Keith Holtze, singles and drives in one run. Singles also by Cox and Beber.

5th, 6th & 7th
 Ian McKinlay triples and drives in two runs. Gary Hall singles and scores one run. Rickey James a double for one scored. Error to Cox accounts for two Gwillimbury runs. Two homers by Jim Davis drives in six runs. Beber doubles for one run. Reynolds line up went around the circuit twice in this inning.

8th & 9th
 James belts a double. Keith

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Comments
 Cardinals: John Stokes displayed excellent pitching. Wayne Kirchen is credited with a homer and three doubles.

Dodgers: Alex Kiddie pitcher, walked one player and allowed only 5 runs. Robert Kirtus and Wes Berseth were strong hitters with two triples each.

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Kent Clothes Win One, Lose Three Fairbanks Major Softball League

Richmond Hill's representative in the Fairbank Major Softball League, Kent Clothes intermediate squad, is experiencing more than a few problems in its attempt to cope with the brand of ball thus far shown by other teams in the league.

To date, the clothiers have played four games winning one and losing three.

Male Shop Wins 6-2
 In the opening game of the season at the town park, Kent Clothes played Male Shop, who played four runs in the last inning to defeat the local boys 6 to 2.

Electrosonic Wins 4-3
 At Fairbank Park, Electrosonic nipped Kents 4 to 3 and the winners were forced to throw Jim Salt in the ninth frame to quell a clothier rally.

Kents Win 4-0
 The next game saw Maritimers bow to Kents 4 to 0 at the town park June 1 and thus far this is the only bright spot in a dismal season's beginning. That contest saw Moe Meyers start and complete a fine pitching effort in allowing the opposition only four hits while his team mates collected seven off Currie for Maritimers.

Bruce Buchanan and Les Downing homered for the winners and Denny Richardson collected a pair of valuable hits.

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 by RED FISHER
 FISHERMEN'S HALL OF FAME

LUNKER HUNTING
 Some guys catch lunkers as if fish didn't come in any other size. Most of us work pretty hard to catch the ones that are dwarfs by comparison, and then we feel pretty lucky.

To a successful "lunker hunter" luck plays a minor role. Seeking out the big fish is a deliberate undertaking, requiring both a knowledge of fish and an unwavering devotion to the proposition that one trophy of bragging size is worth a hundred of his lesser brethren.

While lunker-catching profits, if any, don't come overnight, there is one basic rule that the aspiring might keep in mind: "Locate the lunkers."

Lunkers, like gold, are where you find them. This can be in the most unpredictable quarters, usually offshore where no visible signs give a clue to the hot-spot beneath the surface.

To find such locations, and they are usually quite small, calls for extensive prospecting through a great deal of barren water. Slow trolling on the bottom or drift casting is the best bet.

When a fish strikes, mark the exact spot immediately for future reference. This means taking cross sightings on land objects so that you can find it again. A single hole may yield more lunkers on the next few casts, next day, or a year later.

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The wily Zampino, who is shaping up as a solid threat for the O'Keefe Championship Trophy award, managed victory by a slim four feet over Paul Morin of Toronto, who surprised the talent with a solid driving performance.

Zampino literally stole the honors from Morin when he sneaked through on the inside during the final lap and stalled off his hard-pressing opponent to the finish line.

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