



All Sorts Of Sports

By BOB CARTON

House League Players Deprived

This week I am going to bat for all house league players in general, but particularly the better players. It has been my opinion for quite some time now that house league teams and players in every age group are not getting a chance to play enough baseball in one season.

House leagues in most towns, and in particular Richmond Hill, have games scheduled for one night a week, with the coach possibly calling one practice a week as well.

Now, in my estimation this is just not enough ball a week for boys and girls who are avidly interested in playing as much as possible.

I am not blaming the minor ball association in this town or any other town for this lack of playing time, as I realize there are only so many umpires and diamonds which can be used. But, this does still not detract from the fact that most house league teams do not play often enough.

All-Star teams for example usually participate in anywhere up to five or six tournaments a year, while on the other hand the house league teams are treated to one tournament a year.

Of course All-Star teams participate in more league games as well, as they usually have two and sometimes even three games a week.

The numerous All-Star teams not only get more games to play, but also play more innings (peewee house league five innings, peewee All-Star seven innings).

DOUBLE THE TIME

Come the end of the season most All-Star teams usually end up playing more than twice as many games as even the most active house league team (approximately forty or so games for an All-Star team, twenty-two to twenty-five games for a good house league team, others even less).

Plus, when you take into account the fact that the All-Stars get all those extra innings, it is possible that they receive as much as three times the amount of playing time as a house league team.

I am not trying to say that All-Star teams should be forced to play less baseball than they already are, but that house league teams should get the chance to play a little more ball in a season than they already do, even if they still fall quite a ways short of All-Star teams.

POSSIBLE SOLUTION

Although it would entail a lot of extra work, the situation, the way it stands now, does not have to remain this way for many more years to come.

Probably the most obvious solution is to have an arrangement where every second week the teams in a certain league would play two games, with one game being played on each week between.

Although that is the more obvious and simpler to organize of the two solutions, there is one that could prove to be more interesting.

The agreement or arrangement between two minor ball organizations to play an interlocking schedule between the teams from the two different towns.

This would prove to be more interesting for the players themselves and would also supply them with the extra games.

GOOD PLAYERS DEPRIVED

Up until now I have been talking about teams as a whole playing more games throughout the season.

But, one thing that I feel should be innovated into house league softball is already being practised in house league hockey.

What I am talking about is the usage of a "B" to represent a town.

The way it stands presently, unless a player is one of the fifteen best in town, he will be shipped to the house league.

Two or three of the better players from the house league may be brought up to the All-Star team from time to time in order to fill in for someone on holidays in a league game or to play in a tournament.

So, therefore, unless the player is one of the top eighteen players in town for his age group, the chances of him ever being able to play against top competition, even though he may be say the twenty-first best player, is very remote.

This definitely hinders a player's development, as he may be playing way over the head of everyone else in the house league except for two or three players, but those couple of players are just enough to keep him in the lower echelon of competition, instead of allowing him to play against boys who have roughly the same ability capacity as him.

A perfect example of this could be demonstrated right here in Richmond Hill this season.

The Richmond Hill Peewee House League is better this year than it has been for quite a few years, and maybe better than any one in past history.

It is one of those years where an abundance of choice players seem to congregate in one house league. It is not likely that the league will be as good for at least several more years, as a league only comes up with this much talent once in a long while.

The reason for this being such a good league with top players can be directed towards the fact that this season's version of the Richmond Hill All-Stars happens to be one of the best in Ontario, therefore other good players in Richmond Hill must suffer.

At a softball meeting held in April, the question of why not let each house league in Richmond Hill form their own All-Star team for the tournaments to be held in Richmond Hill this summer.

The answer was that it was against the OASA rules and that a house league All-Star team would get bombed.

Well, I personally feel that the various house leagues in Richmond Hill have some pretty good talent in them and that, although they may lose in a tournament with "A" teams, that they would not get shelled and would more than likely put up a good fight.

I know that a "B" All-Star team from the peewee house league in Richmond Hill could have knocked off at least two teams in the Richmond Hill Peewee tournament held several Saturdays ago, although they would have had trouble with the other six.

As far as it being against the rules to have a non-OASA team competing in a tournament with OASA teams, I feel that something should be done about it.

Namely, get a movement going where there would be tournaments for "B" ranked All-Star teams such as there is in hockey.

TOURNAMENTS WASHED OUT

Over the weekend there were two tournaments washed out because of the torrential downpour.

The bantam girls on Saturday and the midgets on Sunday.

I feel that in order to prevent future tournaments and games from continually being postponed because of wet grounds, that some movement to buy a tarpaulin to cover the infield should be made.

Instead of having a useless, sometimes dangerous scoreboard in centre field at town park, I feel that a tarp would be much more useful.

Of course the chance of theft is one factor which might defer from buying of such a needed item.

But, the use of the tarp could be determined strictly by the weather.

On nights when rain is predicted a few employees of the Works Department could roll it out onto the infield. On nights when there was no chance of rain, this procedure could be avoided.

The chance of theft after 11:00 at night is very slim, just walk by there yourself some night after eleven and see how many people are even in the vicinity of the park.

During the day the tarp could be rolled out when rain threatened and could be watched by the groundskeeper for theft. For the few minutes it would take to roll out and roll up the tarp, a lot of games could be prevented from being cancelled.

Consolation Trophy

Legion Ladies Win One Lose 1st In League Play

Wednesday, July 12, the Richmond Hill Legion Ladies defeated the Barrie Beavers 4-0 at the town park. Winning pitcher was Linda Elliott with Merrylynn Henry catching.

Linda gave up only two hits, five walks and had four strikeouts while Richmond Hill played errorless ball. Anna gave up nine hits, no walks and had three strikeouts while her team mates committed three errors.

Big hitter for Richmond Hill was Mary Williamson with three hits, followed by Merrylynn Henry with two. Single hits went to Cathy Boagev, Muriel Mortson with a double, Janet Somerville and Marg Mackan.

The Legion Ladies scored three runs in the first inning when Merrylynn Henry hit a single and scored on Mortson's double. Muriel scored when Linda Elliott made a triple out of an error to Barrie's right fielder. Linda then scored on Williamson's single.

The only other run was scored in the second when Cathy Boagev singled and then stole second and third and scored on Henry's single.

Community Merchants 6 Legion Ladies 5

Thursday night the Legion Ladies travelled to Dieppe Park to play the Community Merchants. They were defeated by the Toronto team 6-5 in their first loss this year.

Losing pitcher was Linda Elliott with Merrylynn Henry catching. Muriel Mortson started on the mound for the local girls but was relieved by Linda in the fifth. Winning pitcher was Sara Paxton with Karen Dew catching.

The two pitchers for Richmond Hill gave up four hits, four walks and had four strikeouts while their team committed four errors.

Sara gave up seven hits, one walk, had one strikeout, and her team committed five errors.

Big hitter for the Legion was Muriel Mortson with two hits, with singles going to Judy Elliott, Merrylynn Henry, Mary

Williamson, Liz Fyffe and a double by Marg Mackan.

Hitters for the Community Merchants were Diane Norlock with a double and Bev Northcote, Sara Paxton and Bonnie White with singles.

The Legion Ladies scored two runs in the first when Irene Bryson was safe on an error and advanced to second on a wild pitch. She scored on Muriel Mortson's hit. Muriel scored when Merrylynn Henry was safe on an error and advanced to second on a wild pitch. She scored on Muriel Mortson's hit. Muriel scored when Merrylynn Henry was safe on an error.

Richmond Hill scored two more in the fifth when Marg Mackan started off with a double, then Judy Elliott was safe on an error and Marg scored when Irene Bryson was safe on an error. Judy scored when Muriel Mortson was safe on a fielder's choice play.

Richmond Hill scored its last run in the seventh when Judy Elliott hit a single and advanced to third on Muriel's single. Judy scored when Linda Elliott was safe on an error.

Community Merchants scored one run in the first inning on two Hill errors. They scored one more in the second on two walks and a double and four runs in the fifth on two hits, two walks and one Legion error.

Tonight (Thursday) at Dieppe Park, the East York Ladies All-Star Team will meet the Agincourt Senior Ladies Softball Team. The all stars chosen from the Richmond Hill Legion Ladies are: Pitcher Marion Fox, Catcher Merrylynn Henry, First Baseman Lynn Olsen, Second Baseman Muriel Mortson and Shortstop Linda Elliott (also a pitcher). Coaching the all star team will be Shorly Bowen and Mary Williamson.

The Legion Ladies won the Consolation Trophy at Fairbanks Park, July 15-16. Further notes on that next week.

Bantam Girls Batting Av. .715

Would You Believe It? 52 Runs In 3 1/2 Innings

Richmond Hill Bantam Girls continued to roll along last week as they won two more games.

They remained undefeated in league play and piled up their highest score ever as they crushed Maple 52-0 in a game that lasted only three and a half innings because of the time limit.

Susan O'Connell was the winning pitcher as she hurled her first game of the year. She recorded six strikeouts during the one-sided contest.

Every player on the Richmond Hill got at least five hits in the game. Leading the way were Carol Hunsdale, Barbara Jean Moss and Denise White who had four homers each; Susan O'Connell and Sue Charbonneau had two homers each and Donna Querengesser, Kim Hoare and Darlene Harrison smacked one each.

Their second victory of the week saw the girls defeat an older team of all stars from the house league 23-12. Donna Querengesser was the winning pitcher, striking out seven batters and aiding her own cause with two home runs.

The season is now about half over and the bantam girls have a record of 14 wins and one loss. They have scored 435 runs against their opponents and have allowed 101 runs in return. Leading pitcher is Donna Querengesser with a perfect 10-0 record. Denise White leads in home runs with 15, followed by Donna Querengesser and Barbara Jean Moss with 11 each.

The girls have a fantastic

team batting average of .715.

Individual batting records are:

Donna Querengesser	848
Darlene Harrison	800
Carol Hunsdale	774
Denise White	754
Sue Charbonneau	724
Susan O'Connell	705
Julie Wells	692
Denise Barclay	692
Barbara Jean Moss	666
Janet Whittingham	634
Kirsten Bruhn	615
Kim Hoare	572
Susan Purves	556

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Owen Sound Tourney

R. Hill Lions Peewees Reach Finals

Richmond Hill Peewee Lions were nipped 7-6 by their hosts last Sunday night in the final game of the "A" Championship of the Owen Sound Tournament.

The Lions had earlier defeated Eringate 9-3, New Dundee 11-1 and East Gwillimbury 9-3.

The Hillers opened the tourney against Eringate, winning 9-3 on Glen Moreland's three hitter. The Lions scored a run in the first as Pete Tipold beat out a single and later scored on Dale Strang's solid single. Moreland aided his cause by singing and eventually scoring.

Eringate crossed one run in the third before the Lions erupted with six runs in the fourth to lock up the game.

Peter Beatty singled, Chris DeGeer walked, followed by singles by Chris Nye and Paul Philip. Ross Querengesser and Moreland walked as the Lions led 8-1. Philip closed out the scoring by adding one more run in the fifth. Pitcher Moreland struck out 15 batters to put the Lions in the "A" division of the tourney.

LIONS 11, NEW DUNDEE 1 Paul Philip's sparkling two hitter over five innings paced the Lions to an 11-1 victory over New Dundee in the second game. So effective was Paul that he accounted for 12 strikeouts of a possible 15.

New Dundee actually went ahead 1-0 in this contest until DeGeer walked, followed by Peter Beatty's solid two-run homer. In the third, Tipold, Moreland, Greg MacMillan and DeGeer all singled as they pushed two runs across the plate.

In the fourth the Lions salted away the game with seven runs as Philip, Nye, Tipold, Moreland and MacMillan all singled while Dale Strang doubled and Beatty smashed his second homer of the game. Philip mowed down the New Dundee team in order as the game ended after five innings because the Lions led by 10 runs.

LIONS 9, EAST GWILLIMBURY 3 The Lions were now in the semi-finals and met East Gwillimbury. With Philip on the mound, Gwillimbury struck savagely and pushed across one runner. The Hillers tallied twice in the first as Tipold singled, Moreland walked and Strang reached first on an error.

In the third Gwillimbury lapped Philip for four singles as they scored twice to lead 3-2. Moreland replaced Philip on the mound and retired two batters.

In the fifth, with one out and the bases loaded, Diego Minchella, in the field, made a spectacular catch to double off the runner on first. In the Lions' fifth, they put it all together, as they scored five runs to lead 7-3. Minchella slashed a single, Tipold reached first on an error, and Moreland and Philip both singled.

The Hillers added two more



LET'S PLAY TENNIS Richmond Hill Tennis Club

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This week, on July 18, North York played here in the Inter-County Major League, and in the Inter-County "B", we play at Central Park in the same night.

Today (Thursday), Markham plays here in the York Simcoe League, so that means the courts will be booked Thursday evening until approximately 9:30 pm. Next week the local Majors play at Pine Point on Tuesday and the local club will be hosts to Brampton on the same evening. On Thursday the York Simcoe Team will play here against Barrie, and the courts will be in use both those nights until about 9:30.

Unfortunately the round robin tournament scheduled for last Saturday had to be cancelled due to the uncertain weather, but our club championships will be coming up at the end of next month, so anyone wishing to play in a double event should get his or her partner lined up now.

There will be a men's doubles tournament at Credit Valley Saturday and a mixed doubles at Brampton on August 5. Both these are Inter-County League events.

In the Men's Doubles Tournament played in Thornhill on July 9 all finalists in the consolation round were from this club and it was won by Kieron Lennon and Barry Munro.

Starting next Monday there will be a tennis clinic for junior members of the club at the Henderson Gate Tennis Club, Yonge Street at Finch. This has been arranged by the Inter-County Association.

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