

MLA Hodgson - Violence In Hockey (2)

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In my last column, I discussed some of the findings of the recent investigation and inquiry into violence in Amateur Hockey. This inquiry was authorized by the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Community and Social Services. The commissioner of the inquiry was William McMurtry, a Toronto lawyer.

The initial investigation dealt with the circumstances surrounding a particularly violent Junior "B" hockey game which was held on April 16 of this year. But the inquiry also explored the impact of violence on amateur hockey in general. The report outlined the various causes of increased violence in minor leagues. Included among these causes are the impact of professional hockey on amateur sport, the deficiencies of the existing rule structure, and the inconsistencies in refereeing. The failure of coaches and parents to instill the true values of sport in young players was also felt to be a contributor to increased violence. In this column, I would like to outline the recommendations of the investigation. These recommendations will undoubtedly have a profound influence on the direction of our national sport.

The report suggested that the objectives and purposes of amateur hockey should be re-structured. Less than one percent of all boys who play in

organized hockey will ever turn professional and so the minor league system must cater to this small group. Amateur hockey should endeavour to provide fun, recreation and involvement for all participants. More emphasis should be placed on the development of skill in the game rather than on the need to create potential professional league stars. The goal of amateur sport should be to encourage participation by all young people, rather than to focus on a few select stars.

The rule structure should create a type of environment conducive to the improvement of skill in the game. In the early stages of development, young players should be more concerned with attaining skills rather than with defending themselves against opposing players. Fighting should not be tolerated under any circumstances. The most effective means of curbing fighting is with a game misconduct. I am glad to see the recent announcement of the Ontario Hockey Association which will provide more severe penalties for fighting. In the future, a player in the OHA who receives a five-minute major for fighting will be ejected from the game. This is a positive step towards controlling the ever-increasing rate of violence in amateur hockey.

Since the coach has such a profound effect on a young player, ALL coaches should be

certified. Through coaches' clinics similar to those in existence in the OHA, healthier attitudes towards officials and competition will be developed. There should be a system of incentives for amateur coaches to raise their qualifications. Some hockey associations in Ontario have already instituted mandatory certification of coaches, and they are to be commended.

If it is proved that a coach condones or encourages violence among his players, then he should be disciplined. Further to this, the coach should be accountable for any game or match penalty assessed to any of the players on his team. It is necessary that the standard of referees in amateur hockey be upgraded to ensure that rules are applied in a consistent manner. The OHA and CAHA have taken steps to set up a programme for the certification of referees, and all hockey associations in the province should follow this example. Good referees are difficult to get in amateur hockey, and an effort should be made to ensure that they receive the support of all associations, coaches and players.

The establishment of an Ontario Hockey Council was also suggested. This body would be composed of representatives from hockey, coaching, physical education, and sports psychology. The various hockey associations in the province

should also have representatives on this Council. Such a group would initially be responsible for defining the purpose and objectives of amateur hockey, and would further analyse and structure the rules of the game to be consistent with specific goals.

The McMurtry Report further recommended that the Ontario Government lend financial assistance to associations which regulate amateur teams (eg. OHA, and MTHL). In addition, the government should support positive programmes such as the education and certification of coaches and referees. Such support would contribute substantially to the improvement of the overall environment in amateur hockey.

There was a further suggestion that the Ontario Government make representation to the news media regarding coverage of professional hockey games. The inquiry recommended that less emphasis be placed on the undesirable aspects of the game and more stress laid on the skill and fitness involved.

Naturally we cannot resolve all the problems of amateur hockey overnight, but we can hope to bring about some measures of reform in the very near future. The recent step taken by the OHA to curb increased violence in minor leagues is most encouraging. Further actions of this kind will hasten our return to the true details of amateur sport.

Around the Diamonds

3 Tie Games In Playdowns

The house league annual tournament was held September 14. It was a one-game knockout tournament.

Tee-Ball
Town Auto Body defeated York Provincial Ambulance 20-18 and Baymar Sports defeated Apollo Coiffure by the same score.

In the championship game Town Auto Body edged Baymar Sports 24-20.

For TAB David Repath, Steven Lennox, Michele Turner and Belinda Bryan connected for homers each. The strong hitters were Wendy Smith and David Reep hitting three for three. Also hitting two for two were Tim Lawlor, Bruce Nelson, Allan Thornhill, Steven Lennox, Greg Wright, Tracey Stewart, Jeff, Michele Turner, Robert Chepel-sky, Darla Munro and Belinda Bryan. The whole TAB team played excellent ball offensively and defensively.

For Baymar John Seldon and Graig hit two homers, and Martin connected for one. Jennifer was very strong at bat, having three for three. Hitting two for two were Christine Henderson, Robert, John Paul Sur-wifé, Susanne, Martin and Barbara. The entire team played well.

Tykes
Ramsey Rec. defeated Tony's Esso 6-5 and Ziebart Rustproofing defeated G. S. Wood Opticians 7-2. Then in the championship game Ziebart Rustproofing defeated Ramsey Rec. 9-2.

Kevin McInnis pitched a fantastic game for Ziebart and also connected for two homers. Brad Powell also hit two home runs. Andy Walton played heads-up ball and contributed a homer. Kelly Thorpe was outstanding at first base, getting four outs and hitting two for two at bats. Larry Smith got three outs in one inning and hit a triple. Tim Sutton was excellent behind the plate.

Squirts
In the first round N. S. Smith won over R. F. Mote 19-10. Murphy Real Estate defeated Richmond Hill Auto Body 3-1 and Sovereign Water Conditioners were 12-2 winners over Hodgins Hardware.

Murphy Real Estate received a bye in the second round, the other game resulting in a 9-2 win for N. S. Smith over Sovereign.

In the championship game N. S. Smith continued to win, defeating Murphy Real Estate 8-2.

Seven strikeouts by Pitcher Mark Joslin and some fine hitting by James Levitt and Scott Renshaw proved to be too much for Murphy Real Estate to handle. N. S. Smith jumped to an early lead by scoring eight runs in the first two innings, and holding Murphy to only two runs late in the game to decide the championship decisively. David Rammer and Les Bolger scored for Murphy.

Peewees
Kenzie Pharmacy eked out a 4-3 win over Bob's Boys in the first round, with City Wide Rentall edging RH Judo Club 2-1 and Dynes Jewellers handing Bill Best Tire a 12-1 defeat.

Dynes received a bye in the second round with City Wide Rentall shellacking Kenzie Pharmacy 25-7.

In the championship game Dynes defeated City Wide Rentalls 7-2.

For Dynes Mike Smith pitched a very good game and the whole team played well. Len McVeigh pitched a good game for City Wide and hit a triple as well. His team put forth a great effort.

Bantams

Charlton Hardware received a bye and Rumble Transport and Alliance Sports fought to a 5-all tie, the winner being decided by the most runners reaching first base. This gave the decision to Rumble Transport. Commercial Credit defeated Kinnear Pontiac 12-1.

In the second round Rumble Transport received a bye, Commercial Credit and Charlton Hardware battling to a 4-4 tie. After 11 complete innings had been played, Charlton was adjudged the winner on the basis of the largest number of runners reaching first.

In the championship game Charlton Hardware won the 5-2 decision over Rumble Transport. The game seemed to belong to Charlton as they had a 1-0 lead until the top of the fifth inning. Then Rumble scored two runs to go ahead. This lead was short lived as Charlton got one run back in the sixth to tie the game up and then finally scored three more runs in the seventh to clinch the win. For Charlton Kevin Gibson hit two for two and scored two runs. Scott Taylor contributed a triple. Bill Byers, Scott Taylor and Roger Weigand scored for that team.

For Rumble, the runs came from Greg Shearer and Paul Quance, while Tom Jellicoe doubled. This was a fine game to watch.

Junior Girls
In the first round it was Perry Hill 9-3 over Bob's Girls and Allencourt Fish & Chips 3-2 over Nelson's Contracting.

In the championship game Perry Hill were the winners by an 8-4 score over Allencourt Fish & Chips.

For Perry Kathy Chepel-sky recorded 10 strikeouts and Mary Cole caught well. Lori Abernathy played a fantastic game at first base. Homeruns were hit by Janet Garritte and Kathy Chepel-sky. Singles were hit by Daniela Gaul, Bridget De-ciantis Janet Moir and Lori Abernathy. Janey Stephenson also hit well and the whole team played heads-up ball.

Eam MacInnis of Allencourt recorded six strikeouts, runs coming from Pam MacInnis, Debbie Ce-ballo, Melanie Ryland and Carol Qucrengesser, but in a losing cause.

Intermediate Girls
Another tie game occurred in the first round of this division when Rice's Flowers and Loughlin Lumber came out even in a 5-5 score. Loughlin Lumber had the largest number of runners reach first base, so were declared the winners. In the other game Powell Fencing defeated Lazenby's Ladies 10-8.

For the championship Powell Fencing were the 6-3 winners over Loughlin Lumber.

For the champions the whole team played well offensively and defensively with Sandy Trumbell pitching an excellent game. Kerri Snider, Barb Mashinter and Sandy Trumbell hit two for two.

For Loughlin Lynda Bell pitched well and Lori Stoness shone at first base. The runs came from Terri, Carol and Janet.

Senior Girls
Dairy Queen eliminated Alot Bros 9-7 and Micro Mets defeated Hanson's flowers 27-15 in the first round of this division.

In the championship game the Dairy Queen lassies managed an 8-7 victory over Micro Mets.

Sandra Turner pitched an excellent game for Dairy Queen with Barbara Miller playing well on first base and Donna Smith catching well behind the plate. Strong at bat were Donna Smith, Betty Arnott, Sandra Turner and Barbara Miller. Barb Stannard played well on third base and Sharon Creator was excellent in right field.

For the Micro Mets Christine Barbour pitched excellent ball and hit three for four. Mary O'Sullivan played an excellent game on first base, hitting three for four. Wendy Marshall caught a good game and hit two for four. June Juliet caught two pop ups in right field and hit two for four. Carolyn Greenfield, Ardell Derm and Melinda Naylor also hit two for four.

And so a fine season has ended and all connected with minor ball in Richmond Hill are to be congratulated on a good job well done.

Hill Figure Skating Dance And Exercise Class To Be On Ice

The Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club will be featuring for the first time this year an "On Ice" dance and stretch exercise class. This class will be held Monday evenings and skaters may register for it on registration day, September 28, from 2 to 5 pm in Arena 67.

This class will be instructed by Club Professional Neil Whitby, gold medalist in ice dancing, who has come to the club from London, England.

Mr. Whitby will be available along with the other club professionals, Marion Stark, Mrs. Lindsay Naylor van Daele and Greg Bodnar to teach the skaters in all phases of figure skating.

The club is also offering a partial membership to senior skaters this year - home club as well as second club members.

For further information you may call Mrs. Barbara Collier at 884-7580.

CAG Meets September 26

The Citizens' Advisory Group will be meeting September 26 at 8 pm in the gym at Walter Scott School, Markham Road, Richmond Hill. Under discussion will be the "Goals and Objectives" of the town's new official plan, so that the group may make a presentation to council.

All interested citizens will be welcome.

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Too Much For Oak Ridges

Glen Moreland Fires No-Hitter Hill Bantams Win Two Straight

Glen Moreland fired a no-hitter as Richmond Hill Carpenter Bantams had too much firepower going for them to be handled by Oak Ridges in the first two games of their best-of-five north division finals of the York Simcoe Ontario Softball League.

Richmond Hill bombed Oak Ridges 15-0 in the opener Wednesday of last week at Crosby Park and made it by 12-2 in the second game Sunday. The third game was slated for Tuesday night and a possible fourth tonight (Wednesday).

This game saw the Carpenters off to a quick start scoring three runs in the first inning on singles by Pete Tipold, Glen Moreland, Chris DeGeer and Greg MacMillan.

Oak Ridges retaliated with a run in their half on a bases-loaded walk to Sean Parker which scored Griffith. Moreland struck out the next batter to retire the side.

Richmond Hill made the score 4-1 in the top of the third when Moreland singled, stole second, and came home to score on an error.

OAK RIDGES RALLY
Oak Ridges cut the margin to 4-2 on two Richmond Hill errors in the bottom of the third.

Hurler Harold DeGeer of Oak Ridges was hit by a line drive in the third inning and was replaced on the second by Parker.

Richmond Hill scored three runs in the fifth, two in the sixth and four more in the seventh to round out the scoring. The highlight of the fifth inning was a home-run by MacMillan, his second of the series. The seventh inning featured a line drive homerun by Moreland, his seventh of the year.

Moreland led the hitting attack with four hits in five times at bat scoring four runs while driving in three runs.

Paul Phillip, Chris DeGeer and Greg MacMillan split six hits evenly with single hits being registered by Tipold, Greg Walton and Phil Woods.

Steve Madden and DeGeer scored two runs each while Tipold, MacMillan, Ian Forsythe and Woods plated one each.

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that applications for grants from non-profit making organizations or groups for 1975 will be accepted up and until October 18th, 1974.

Application forms may be obtained from the Parks & Recreation Department on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Offices, 10266 Yonge Street.

For further information please call 884-8101 Ext. 68

Pleasure Skating and Shinney Hockey

The Parks & Recreation Department announces Pleasure Skating and Shinney Hockey at the following times and locations, beginning the week of October 7th, 1974.

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The Hault Hellewell Mail-O-Graphic Trophy Tournament is open to all leagues affiliated with YSBA. For league executives there is the Thomas Adams President, Secretaries and Treasurer Tournament. The Canadian National Exhibition Championships are open to all bowlers, and the Senior Citizens Tournament.

York Simcoe Bowlers Association will again hold the Annual North-South Tournament. This tournament brings together the bowlers of Barrie, Newmarket and Richmond Hill for a day of fun bowling and ends with a banquet and dance.

The 300 Classic which was such a success last year will be run again by the YSBA.

FRIDAY MAJORS

This week Mike Fraser, the young rookie showed the veterans what the game is all about. Fraser piled up scores of 325, 316 and 264 (what happened that game Mike) for a great three game score of 905. Gary Richardson at 895 (328) was Fraser's closest rival, then Joe Bash 856 (320), and Jim Hoult 836 (323) close out the high scores. High single games belong to Vic Reid 335, John Banks 321, and Tom MacRae 306.

The 300 Club team had high team score for the night with 4029 for three games and W & P Motors rolled a 1354 single.

INSTRUCTIONAL TIP

Proper stance on the lane is very important, the shoulders should be square, and parallel to the foul line, with the toes pointing towards the target. Take time to concentrate on aiming, and relax with the knees slightly bent. Do not rush the approach, take your time this will help you to maintain your balance.

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Soccer Gals Finish First

It was a great finish to a great season for the Richmond Hill girls above who represented the local minor soccer association in the North York League and wound up in first place. Left to right back row are: Coach Sam Morelli, Hedy Ahnert, Lori Carton, Jackie Cooke, Caroline Freibauer, Susan Morelli, Caroline Snider and Donna Smith, assistant goalie. Front row left to right are: Lori White, Kim Wilson, assistant captain, Gabriele Stohr (assistant captain), Karen McArthur (team captain, Marisa Morrelli (Mascot), Jill Cornwall (goalie), Marie Flood (assistant captain), Debbie Crowe. Missing from the picture are Ellen and Maureen Peterson, daughter of the league president.

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