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Industrial softball

Hill Auto champs blasted 12-1

A 'Blow' for Referees

All I can say is that it was about time someone came out and struck a blow in favor of hockey referees instead of aiming one at them.

I'm talking about the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association's edict in last week's dailies regarding the following:

"A suspension of from one year to life will be levied against any hockey player, coach, manager, trainer or stick-boy who strikes, trips, bodychecks, pushes, holds or threatens a referee before, during or after a game. The penalty will be at the discretion of the president of the CAHA branch in which the incident occurs. Immediate punishment will be a match penalty."

The article goes on to state that "many qualified referees are turning away from hockey because of abuse from players and other club members. The CAHA hopes this stiff penalty will encourage them to stay with the game."

Endless griping

I hope so, too. Having been around the hockey scene for quite a few seasons I'm well aware of the endless griping that goes on about what is termed, at best, the "lousy refereeing."

All season long the grunts and groans pour in about the "lousy refereeing" in this town or that town. One gets the impression after awhile that it's the referees scoring the goals that cause the defeat. If referees were abolished there would be no losing team on the ice.

It's not that the complaints are never justified. Everything is justifiable at one point or another. Sure they are lousy referees.

And probably the lower you go in the minor hockey bracket the lousier they get. But I suspect the same thing applies to hockey players and coaches, etc. More of them, too.

Odd heckling, okay

No one is against the odd heckling or complaints against referees. It's part of the game. It's just the whining, endless griping on the part of certain individuals that gets to me. Like a nagging wife and/or husband (yes, men do nag). They may be right but after awhile all you hear is the nagging.

At this juncture I'm referring specifically to some managers and coaches at the minor hockey level. They inundate you with all this stuff about minor hockey being a "fun thing" and then they go out and throb the air with their arms as if every referee was trying to break up their home. It's just a game, not a way of life.

Rub off on youngsters

I don't get it. Their actions rub off on the youngsters who go out and act the same way. In my more evil moments, I sometimes wish a referee would lose his cool and drift some young loudmouth when he starts to act like an adult without a hint of any credentials to do so.

Of course, that would be too brutal. It's okay for the youngsters, coaches or managers to act like boors but the ref has got to be above it all.

Discipline them

I'm not against youngster, coaches or managers. Most of the latter act like the adults they are. The rest should be disciplined and disciplined well as the CAHA claims it's going to do.

The hockey spectator has a little growing up to do also. I recall a few seasons ago one particular incident that involved an area peewee (I think it was peewee but memory dulls) playoff game which happened to be in Stouffville Arena but had nothing to do with that town. All the spectators were from out-of-town.

To make it short, the area team lost and, naturally, the spectators blamed it on the referees. Fine. Then came the disgusting aspect of it all.

Screaming adults

When the referee skated off the ice he was surrounded by screaming and enraged adults (of both sexes) who looked quite capable of tearing him apart. Imagine, adults (?) acting this way over a minor hockey game. No wonder society is in trouble.

Now wasn't that a great example for youngsters to follow? If we have a discipline problem with youngsters these days it's a wonder to me that it's not worse than it is. Look at the horrible examples that get paraded in front of them at minor hockey games.

What's it all about? Simply a plaintive cry in the wilderness for coaches, managers and spectators to go to minor hockey games and have "fun" themselves. Relax. Maybe your youngsters will relax a little too. There will be time enough for him to take on the boorish ways of society when he gets to the big leagues.

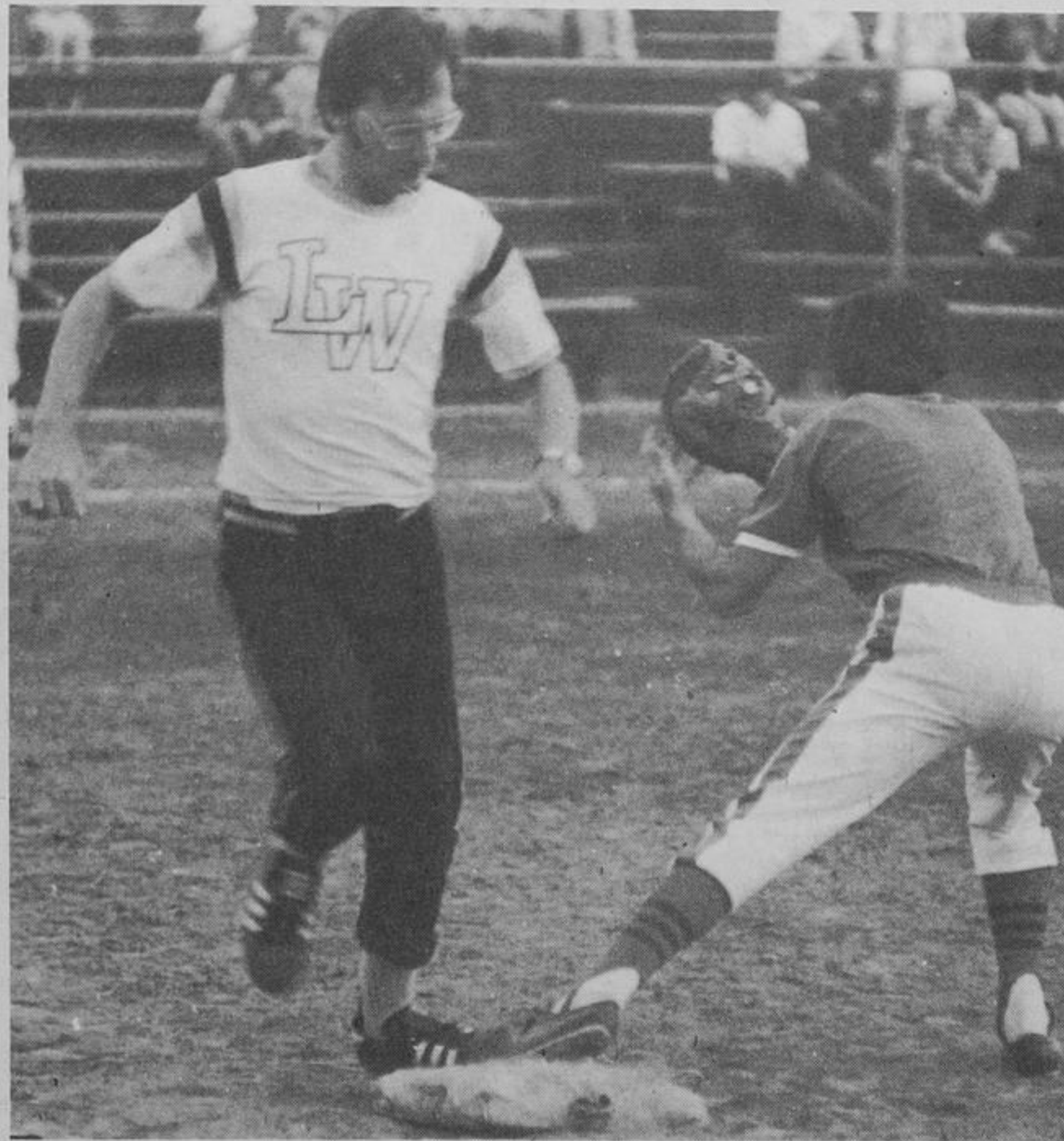
And, oh yes, leave the poor referee alone for a change. Have a "love" the referee week. You never know. He might turn out to be a nice guy just trying to do his job. Like you at your job.

Just notes

A few columns ago I mentioned the fact that ideas were being kicked around about starting a "slow pitch" or "lob ball" league in Richmond Hill. The idea was first broached to me by Lynton Friedberg of the Richmond Hill Recreation Department.

Lynton tells me now that interest has suddenly quickened and there likely will be such a league with a meeting tentatively set for some time in June.

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(Photo by Hogg)

Almost but not quite is the case here for Lake Wilcox's Rick Bishop as he gets nipped at first on a good throw to Joe's Garage first baseman Bob Smith. It was a sign of things to come. Lake Wilcox got only one hit during the game losing the Richmond Hill Industrial Softball League opener by 3-0 Monday night at the town park.

The defending champion Richmond Hill Auto Body team found out it was a new season Monday night as the 1975 Richmond Hill Industrial Ball League season opened.

They found out the hard way. Barrow's Insurance crushed them by a 12-1 score in the second game of a doubleheader at the town park. The opening encounter saw Joe's Garage blanking Lake Wilcox 3-0.

That final game was close — for the first inning — but the Barrow boys pulled steadily away from that point on scoring four runs in the third, another one in the fourth, four more in the fifth, and three more in the sixth.

14 hits

Enroute they banged out 14 hits off three Auto Body hurlers with Roger Ball and Paul Hunter leading the way with a pair of doubles. Eight errors also contributed a major reason for the Auto Body downfall.

Winning pitcher was veteran Bill Hamilton who went the entire seven innings surrendering four hits. His one mistake was offering up a fifth inning homer to Rob Forget.

Sharing the lumps for the losers were starting and losing pitcher Jim Clement who went the first three innings, Alex Smith who went two, and Ken Roberts who came in for the final two.

The game started out as if the champions would explode themselves as they loaded the bases with no one out but couldn't get a runner across the plate.

Came the killer

Then came the "killer" third inning as Barrow's exploded for four runs on four hits and two errors including doubles by Ball and Hunter.

Some hitter

The first game was highlighted by the air-tight combo pitching of starter Dave Berseth and Brian Madeley. Berseth was the winner allowing the only Lake Wilcox hit in the four innings he threw. John Uhran got the only hit for the losers and it came in the first inning.

That was the inning that Joe's Garage won it all with lead-off batter Bob Smith drawing a walk from pitcher Bruce Stevens who went all the way for Lake Wilcox allowing seven hits.

Smith waltzed to third on a double by Junior Richardson's and the bases were loaded when Bob Howard walked. Two runs came in on a single by Steve Hester.

Joe's third run came in the fourth as they loaded the bases again. Lorne McLean singled as did brother Len and then another one by Berseth. Bob Smith then singled McLean home for the final run.

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(Photo by Hogg)

... almost summertime and the lawn bowling is eeeasy!

It's opening day at the Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club and the living and sunny weather were "easy" as Frank Harvey of Thornhill gets his bowling eye in shape. A total of 66 bowlers got

their arms unlimbered in the May 19 tournament. Winner was Russell "Curley" Lynett of Richmond Hill. First big tournament is the Men's Invitational Trebles on June 21.

Jane Toporowski wins discus

The Etobicoke Striders All-Comers field meet attracted a small but extremely high class group of athletes Sunday.

All throwing and jumping events, interspersed with a 2000 metre race for men and

a 1000 metre race for women, were contested.

Highlight of the day was Grant MacLaren's domination of the men's 2000 metres which he won handily with a lead of 200 metres over his nearest competitor.

Finishing sixth in the race was Richmond Hill's Fred Robbins who found the shorter distance much faster than expected.

Jane Toporowski

Other local athletes who competed were midget Jane

Toporowski, winner of the discus event with a throw of 30.20 metres, second in the javelin, and a disappointing fifth in the shot put.

Janet Whittingham placed fifth in the javelin, sixth in the shot put while Cheryl Paxton was sixth in the javelin and fourth in the discus.

Toporowski, Paxton and Whittingham competed for Richmond Hill High School and Robbins was entered for King City Secondary.

Bantam midgets

The bantam-midget team settles into serious training this week with the knowledge that a number of important meets are

scheduled for the month of June.

The Brampton Flower Festival on June 15, the women's classic on June 21, and the regional championships on May 28 will find the local athletes in attendance.

Runners and jumpers from ages 12 to 15 years of age welcome to the Richmond Hill Athletic Club Tuesday and Thursday night practices which start at 7 pm at Richmond Hill High School field.

A busy summer is facing the bantam-midget brigade, a team which is expected to win more than its share of ribbons and trophies.

Major 'A' clubs draft local boys

Danny Jones of the Richmond Hill Legion Midgets and Ross Gordon of the Thornhill Midgets were among the 35 players in the international midget hockey tournament here, that were drafted by OHA Junior A clubs recently.

Windsor Spitfire, the expansion team in the OHA Major series, took 13 midgets from the Legion tourney including centres Jones and Gordon. Another local defenceman, Mark Steele of Thornhill, was picked by Peterboro Petes.

The Spitfires also selected tournament participants such as wingers Dave Gandini, Dave Peamster, Rick Davavenport and goalkeeper Larry Saurez from Detroit Little Caesars, winners of the tournament.

The other Caesar goalie, Jim Nista, who won the MVP award at the tournament, was picked by Peterboro Petes.

Other midget players drafted from the Legion tourney were: To Toronto Marlboros: John Lowe and Ralph Phillips from Dixie Beehives; to Kitchener Rangers, Peter Nesbitt from Burlington; Cornwall Royals, Phil McKenzie from Guelph;

John Schnobb from Hull; Peter Wenzell from Frazier, Michigan.

Sudbury Wolves, Greg Keir from Brampton, Mark Jackson from Fraser; Peterboro Petes, Dan McAfferty from Guelph, Glen Johnston from Whitby; Jeff Rintoul from Oakville; Vic Battey and Kevin Midzin from Dixie Beehives; Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, Goalie Gerry Liefink from Oakville.

Kingston Canadians, Tim Jones from Sarnia; St. Catharines Black Hawks, Ed Hospodar from Marlie midgets; Paul Devorski from Guelph; Ken Lucyshyn from Burlington;

Oshawa Generals, Scott Randall from Sarnia; Ottawa 67's, Jim Lawson from Burlington;

Windsor Spitfires, Kevin McAlpine from Sarnia, Paul Kistner from Guelph; Mark Millar from Whitby; Dan Gismondi from Hamilton; Jim Heasty and Doug Rasberry from Toronto Butterbeeps; Ricky Mombourquette from Sydney, N.S.

The OHA franchise also plucked nine players from the Barrie Co-ops' roster which won the Wrigley national midget tournament at Oshawa in January. The Barrie club won the Richmond Hill international midget crown in 1969 and 1971.

United teams, Rangers still unbeaten

Three of the four Richmond Hill teams in the Newmarket and District Soccer League remained undefeated on the weekend although the other one remained winless after two games.

Pursuing winning ways were the two Richmond United squads with the first team downing Collingwood Potters 4-2 in the first division while their counterparts shutout Newmarket 2-0 in the second division.

In the meanwhile, the Richmond Hill Rangers fought to a 3-3 tie in the first division against Newmarket.

Only local loser of the day was the fledgling Richvale Nationals who lost a tough 1-0 decision to Newmarket Wanderers in second division play. It was the second straight loss in as many games for the Richvale squad playing its first season of season of soccer.

Richmond United 4, Collingwood Potters 2

This game saw both teams starting out with fine attacking football with Collingwood getting a couple of early chances before United settled down to take the initiative and force the play.

Midway through the first half United inside forward Ray Megahey sent centre forward Billy Millar through to open the scoring.

From this score onward United was in command of the game.

Three way passing

A fine three way passing play put the United team in front by 2-0. Larry McGann started the effort by passing to Billy Millar who then pushed the ball to Allan Martin who drifted it home.

A few minutes later a pass across goal from Alan Martin found Dave Simpson

running in to crack the ball into the corner of the net to make it 3-0.

Defence tops

Getting some good backing from the United defence, with new signing Jim Leitch looking confident at centre half, the United forwards were really in charge at this point. They made it 4-0 on Millar's second of the day as he took a pass from Alan Martin.

The second half saw a bit of a turnaround as Collingwood started forcing play in tune with their defence who played an offside game to make it difficult for the United forwards to set up an attack.

Collingwood finally broke onto the scoring sheet midway in the second half on a penalty kick. The Collingwood team kept persisting and narrowed the score to 4-2 in 10 minutes.

The United team regained its poise from

that point to conserve the win.

Special mention to Billy Millar for adding a lot of threat to the attack. United goes against Barrie in Barrie next Saturday.

Richmond United 2, Newmarket Nationals 0

Play was fairly even in the first half under very humid conditions with the United defence playing an outstanding game. Particularly impressive were fullbacks Eric Stohr and Klaus Schumann. The first half ended at a 0-0 score.

Thunderstorm

A thunderstorm broke as the second half got underway and made playing conditions more congenial. Especially for United who moved into a 1-0 lead as Mickey Murphy sent a pass to Nick Spencer who popped the ball home with little difficulty. This came 20 minutes after the start of the half.

It was 2-0 at the 35 minute mark as a high lob by United's Frank McCloskey eluded the Newmarket keep and the ball rolled into the back of the net. That ended the scoring although both sides fought hard to add to the score.

The United team resumes league play next Saturday with a game against Newmarket Wanderers at 6 pm at Pearson Park.

Richmond Hill Rangers 3, Newmarket 3

The Rangers opened the scoring Saturday on a lovely pass from Norm Taylor to Andy Godschalk who sent the ball high into the top corner.

Jim Brown made it 2-0 when the Rangers rushed right up centre field.

Newmarket took advantage of two defensive errors by the Rangers to tie the score early in the second half.

Richmond Hill's John White was awarded a penalty kick late in the game to give the Rangers the lead once again. The lead was short-lived as Newmarket tied the game again just before the final whistle.

The Rangers play at Kleinburg next Saturday at 6 pm.

Newmarket Wanderers 1, Richvale Nationals 0

A missed penalty kick by Richvale's Alex McNally cost the locals a tie in this encounter.

Richvale's defence, led by Mike Parker at centre-half and Goalie Tom Kernohan, played exceptionally. It was a case of the defence holding up and getting the ball to the forwards who were unable to capitalize on the set-ups.

The Nats try again next Saturday against Orillia at Langstaff Secondary School at 6 pm.