Sports Slants - continued

And poor ol' Hank Aaron. Here the guy has 712 home runs and just whiskers away from tying or breaking the most heralded record in baseball, and only I,362 people show up to see him play.

That's right! A couple of weeks ago, when Hank hit his 7IIth, there were only I,362 people at Atlanta to see him whack the circuit clout. The crowd was a record low for Atlanta.

Boy, what does a guy have to do to gain a little recognition, anymore ???

And on the Riggs-King tennis subject, you've probably read as much as you want to read
about it. But there's a little human interest
story that came out of Houghton, Mich. that
you might like.

It seems four Houghton men ran a half-page ad in the local paper, prior to the King-Riggs contest, that went like this: "The following male chauvinists, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice ... promote the

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general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our male posterity, do ordain the statement that: Bobby Riggs will defeat Billie Jean King handily, thereby setting another example of male superiority." The ad was signed by the four fellows, with the initials M.C.P. after each name. M.C.P., of course stood for Male Chauvinist Pig. After Ms. King's easy victory, another ad appeared in the paper: "The ad that appeared in this space last night is hereby retracted without prejudice." The signatures were the same, except for the inclusion of "ex" before all the M.C.P.s. Actually, I was also pleased when Billie Jean walloped that 55year-old 'master mouth'. I not only cheered for her but also made a few bucks betting on her.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Mid Canada Elementary School Cross Country Championship - Saturday, October 20, 1973 - 2:00 p.m.: Lakehead University.

Organized by the Northwestern Ontario Royal Canadian Legion Sports Foundation in conjunction with the Lakehead University Physical Edcuation Department and the Northwestern Ontario Branch of the Canadian Track and Field Association.

Years of age on January Ist, 1973. Teams to consist of ten runners per school, six only to score in race. Events for girls and boys, girls to run 2 miles, boys to run 2½ miles. LOCATION: Report to the Lakehead University Fieldhouse for registration and route briefing at I:30 p.m.

PRIZES: The Royal Canadian Legion Trophy - held by the winning team for one year, Individual medals to winning team. Trophy for First Place Finisher.

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, October 17th, 1973. Entries to be sent to: G. Walters, II3 Glendale Crescent, Thunder Bay F, Ontario.

Race co-ordinator George Walters has been assured by Lakehead University Basketball coach Howard Lockhart that all the necessary facilities will be available to participating teams. The race was a big success last year and a large entry is expected from all parts of Northwestern Ontario again this year.

Dr. L.E. Hastings, Chairman of Publicity, Northwestern Ontario Sports Foundation.