

Little League in trouble Kids take bad bounces

The Little League has got some big league problems. Years ago, when parents decided to let their children enjoy America's number one sport under adult supervision and community organization, it was a great idea. But little did they know that legal disputes, sexual discrimination, and threats to the ideals of the game would result.

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Drop in for an inning or two at any Little League game and it's not hard to sense that things are running a bit out of the baselines. Unfortunately, the victims of these injustices are the players themselves, who, no matter what is going on around them, are just trying to have a good time. Blood is thicker than water, and it's at its thickest in the grandstand. Mothers have been known to religiously plunk their lawnchairs close enough to give advice to the coach and judge every pitch better than the umpire himself. These

ladies are the first to tell you that their sons are the indisputable stars of the team and if the little towhead doesn't play every inning, the immortal salvation of the coach is in question.

On the other side of the fence are the parents who can't find the time, or understand why they should even try to, see their child play. They are missing the opportunity to give their time—a precious gift to a child. These two cases are the extremes, but they occur often enough to be questioned in terms of their effects on the players.

The emphasis is on winning. That's fine for high school, college and the pros, but it's questionable if a ten-year-old really needs "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."

Winning has its rewards, society says, even for the young. A victory on the diamond means a stop at the ice cream store on the way home while the manager and his entourage divide up the six packs from the back of the station wagon.

In another matter, Little League couldn't escape the clutches of the Women's Liberation movement. A New Jersey court decision made it unlawful to ban girls from trying out for teams on the basis on sex. On the

surface, it sounds like a good idea. Kids are kids, and why shouldn't they all learn to play together as equals. What better way to teach them to avoid the perils of sexual discrimination? Right?

Maybe. What happens when a boy strikes out against a girl pitcher or is tagged out by a sure-footed female infielder? All hell breaks loose from his bench. "How can you let a girl do that to you? What kind of a man are you?"

He's not a man he's a boy, so don't expect him to play like one. No one should hassle him any more than if that pitcher or infielder was a boy, that's equality. After all, children don't learn prejudices until someone teaches it to them.

Whether or not girls belong on the same field as boys is debatable. It would probably be better of girls could form leagues of their own, but most communities don't have the facilities.

Despite its problems, Little League is a fine program and no child should be discouraged from getting involved with it. But as in any teaching or coaching institution, the responsibility for its success falls on the adult instructor. And it is up to them to right the wrongs that they have created.

Steeler rookie quits, Dorsett injured

LATROBE, Pa. (AP) — Rookie offensive lineman Ron Ayres of Ohio State, a free agent, walked out of Pittsburgh Steeler camp yesterday.

No reason was given for his quitting.

That reduced the squad to 44 rookies and four veterans. Thirty-three more veterans are scheduled to report today.

Meanwhile, Coach Chuck

Noll is expected to return to training camp at St. Vincent College here by today. He has been testifying in the George Atkinson \$2 million slander suit against the Steelers in San Francisco.

Steeler defensive coordinator Bud Carson, who has been acting as head coach in Noll's absence, cut practice 15 minutes short yesterday because of the heat and

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Dallas' Tony Dorsett, the first selection in the National Football League draft, suffered a sprained knee in a Cowboys scrimmage against the San Diego Chargers yesterday and was expected to be sidelined for three or four days.

Dorsett, last year's Heisman Trophy winner at the University of Pittsburgh,

said recently he considered himself one of the most durable college running backs ever. He was hurt when tackled by the Chargers' Keith King.

He had carried four times for 10 yards before being injured.

Dallas outscored San Diego three touchdowns to two in the scrimmage.

IM Scores

BASKETBALL
Through July 14th
MW-DORMS — Dubois, 4-0; Bradford, 3-1; Up Bound, 2-1; Snyder, 1-3; Jefferson, 0-3; Ogontz, 0-4
TTH-DORMS — Behrend, 5-0; Ogontz, 4-1; Cameron, 3-2; Potter, 1-4; Crawford, 0-5; Allentown, 0-5
MW-INDEPENDENTS — Dunkers, 5-0; What's Your Hurry, 4-1; Sheiks, 4-1; Pubar, 4-1; City Ball, 3-2; Bionic Hackers, 3-2; Friendship, 2-3; Other Team, 2-3; Black Caucus, 1-3; DoDads, 1-4; Crappers, 1-4; Caribs, 0-5
TTH-INDEPENDENTS — Rolling Rocks, 6-1; Laurel Glen, 5-1; High Boys, 5-1; Ovis, 4-2; Phi Delt Theta, 4-2; Kings, 4-2; WDFM, 3-4; LXA Sky Kings, 2-4; Entomology, 2-4; Del Kap Phi, 2-4; Walt's Bar, 2-5; Claw, 2-5; Gold's Gangue, 0-6

SOFTBALL
(Through July 14th)
SLOW A — Nads, 0-0; Blue Dikers, 5-1; Ploars Bears, 4-1; Kangaroos, 4-2; I.P.A. Bureaucrats, 3-3; Rolling Rocks, 3-3; Normal Deviates, 3-3; Local Lessons, 2-4; LXA Sky Kings, 2-4; Tau Phi Ep, 2-4; Ovis, 1-5; Rats, 0-5
SLOW B — Speeds, 6-0; Leftovers, 5-1; Vets, 5-1; Clus, 4-2; Rofresters, 4-2; Tavern AC, 3-3; Gold's Gangue, 2-4; Del Kap Phi, 2-4; WDFM, 2-4; Touring Machine, 1-5; AL Kap Lam, 1-5; Eros, 1-5
SLOW C — Acoustic, 3-1; Jewett Longhullers, 3-1; Red Crew, 3-1; Team Agronomy, 3-2; Wearer A.C., 3-2; Clutch Cargo, 2-2; Space Cadets, 2-2; Aarvarks, 2-2; Free U, 1-3; Chainsaw Gang, 1-4; No Names, 0-3

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Golf

Trevino 'putts' to Canadian lead

OAKVILLE, Ont. (AP) — Lee Trevino, riding what he called "the best putting round I've ever had," composed a five-under-par 67 and took the first-round lead yesterday in the \$225,000 Canadian Open Golf Championship. Trevino one-putted 11 times, once dropped a 45-footer to save a par, holed putts totaling 199 feet in length and was the first to admit "I can't keep it up."

"I didn't shoot a 67. I putted a 67," said Trevino, a former winner of this national championship. "I should have had a 72, and it would have been a good 72, not an easy one. I've got to start hitting the ball better if I hope to do anything." Jack Nicklaus, designer of the 7,090-yard Glen Abbey Golf Club course, the permanent site of the Canadian Open that is being played for the first time at

this layout, headed a large group at 68, four-under-par on the long, hilly, leg-straining layout that required more than five hours to play. Nicklaus, a runner-up in his last two starts, was tied with Bruce Lietzke and Tom Purtzer, each of whom scored two eagles, George Archer, Tom Kite, Mike Morley, George Cadie and Jeff Mitchell, a 22-year-old rookie.

Stacy heads Women's Open

CHASKA, Minn. (AP) — Hollis Stacy of Savannah, Ga., fired a two-under-par 70 yesterday for the early opening-round lead in the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament at Hazeltine National Golf Club.

The 23-year-old Miss Stacy, who won her first Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament two months ago, birdied the 11th and 13th holes in grabbing the lead with the only sub-par performance of the day on the 6,313-yard Hazeltine layout.

Joyce Kazmierski, Jane Blalock and Amy Alcott were tied at 72, while 19-year-old tour rookie Nancy Lopez of Roswell, N.M., and Sandra Post finished at 73.

All-time LPGA earnings leader Kathy Whitworth, Sandra Palmer, Debbie Austin and Peggy Conley carded 74s. Pam Higgins, Merle Breer, Kathy Cornelius and Michele

Walker finished with 75s, while Susie McAllister, Carol Mann, Donna Caponi Young, Bonnie Bryant and Bonnie Lauer were at 76. Laura Baugh, Mary Lou Crocker and Eva Chang were at 77, while Kathy Ahern, Shirley Englehorn and Marilyn Smith had 78s, along with Lauren Howe of Colorado Springs, Col., and Brenda Rego of Hawaii, the low amateurs among early finishers.

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