

New IM rules prevent the 'real' game

"We have to do what?" asked the softball players. "You have to provide your own pitcher," replied the IM official. "You provide your own pitcher, who pitches to your batters."

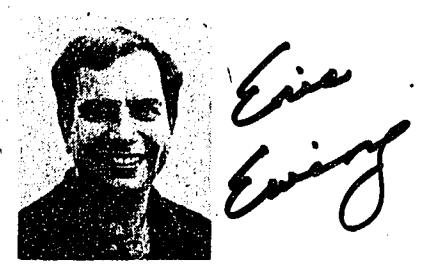
"No balls, no strikes, just three pitches — one of which you had better hit or you're out?" gasped the baffled softball player.

"That's right, this way we eliminate umpires and save you time and us money," said IMs.

This mythical exchange could have easily occurred in the Intramural offices at Penn State several weeks ago when the new "rules" for softball were announced.

After emancipating the sport of football for all but those adept enough to play varsity ball, the rules wizard has moved on to softball.

What ever happened to the umpires? Mark Belden of the Recreational Sports Office said "We only get so much money and we have to use it the best that we can. Last year umpires cost about \$3.35 to \$3.45 an hour. It took about an hour and a half for each game including set-up and returning the equipment. We are looking at a \$7,000 expense last year to about \$1,000 this year."



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Amazing as it may seem, there are now two people on the mound. One pitcher is the offensive player who is throwing the juiciest pitches possible to his batter while attempting to block the defensive pitcher who must stand behind the mound.

It is absurd. The sport as played currently at Penn State is a parody compared to the real thing played on sandlots all over America.

It's just not softball anymore. New infield strategies must be formulated. What does the offensive pitcher do during an infield play? Is he allowed to stand between the mound and home during a play at the plate? Might he be reasonably expected to crouch down to allow a third-to-first double play throw?

The football rules are equally difficult to swallow. The direct physical contact between players that gives football its real competitive flavor is so closely regulated that players are penalized for throwing blocks without holding their elbows rigidly at their sides.

The game of IM football bears little resemblance to the game played up at Beaver Stadium. The running game is practically eliminated. Granted, full contact may not be the answer either, but expelling players for a tackle reduces the game to a mere shadow of its former self.

Come on. Lets get realistic about our intramural rules. Allow those of us who aren't as gifted as our varsity athletes to at least share the feeling that comes from winning a real sport. Rule changes to prevent injury are

good, to a point. Rule changes to prevent cost increases are good, to a point.

When changes seriously affect the play of the game, substantially altering its character, and preventing serious competition — then the rules are bad.

Who plays with blunt darts, how come horseshoe players don't use nice safe foam rubber shoes, why don't stock car drivers use station wagons? Because they wouldn't be participating in their sport anymore.

Students are familiar with the risks associated with the play of various sports. Many of us wish to compete in spite of them. Serious competitors condition themselves for their sport reducing chances for injury.

Give us back our sports. Let us participate in a healthy, competitive forum that bears some resemblance to the sports that other people play elsewhere.

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scoreboard

national league		american league	
national league			
EAST DIVISION		WEST DIVISION	
W. L. Pct. — GB		W. L. Pct. — GB	
St. Louis	6 1 .857 —	Baltimore	6 4 .600 —
PHILADELPHIA	6 3 .667 1 1/2	Milwaukee	6 5 .545 1/2
Montreal	6 4 .600 1 1/2	Cleveland	5 6 .455 1 1/2
PHILADELPHIA	6 4 .600 1 1/2	Detroit	5 6 .455 1 1/2
New York	2 9 .182 8	New York	5 6 .455 1 1/2
Chicago	2 9 .182 8	Boston	5 7 .417 2
Late games not included			
Monday's Games			
PHILADELPHIA 8, Chicago 2		Oakland 9, Texas 4	
San Diego 10, Atlanta 3		Texas 7, Kansas City 2	
Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 3		California 7, California 2	
*Only games scheduled			
Yesterday's Games			
St. Louis at Montreal, ppd., snow		Milwaukee 14, Boston 0	
PHILADELPHIA at New York, ppd., cold		Baltimore 4, Cleveland 1	
Chicago at PHILADELPHIA, ppd., cold		New York 3, Toronto 0	
Cincinnati at Houston, (H)		Minnesota 8, Seattle 5	
*Atlanta at San Diego, (H)		Oakland 5, California 3	
Los Angeles at San Francisco, (H)		Only games scheduled	
Today's Games			
St. Louis (Forsch 1-1) at Montreal (Rogers 1-1)			
PHILADELPHIA (Furnell 0-1 and Rhoden 0-0) at New York (Gawron 0-0 and Swan 1-0, 2)			
Chicago (Moxton 0-0) at PHILADELPHIA (Denny 0-1, (H))			
american league			
EAST DIVISION		WEST DIVISION	
W. L. Pct. — GB		W. L. Pct. — GB	
Cincinnati (Soto 3-1) at Houston (LaCoss 0-0, (H))		Baltimore 6 4 .600 —	
Atlanta (Behanna 1-0) at San Diego (Whitson 0-2, (H))		Milwaukee 6 5 .545 1/2	
Los Angeles (Valenzuela 2-0) at San Francisco (Brantley 2-1, (H))		Cleveland 5 6 .455 1 1/2	
*Only games scheduled			
Yesterday's Games			
Cleveland at Toronto, (H)		Milwaukee (Hass 0-0) at Boston (Eckersley 1-1, (H))	
Texas at Baltimore, (H)		Cleveland (Gorensen 0-2) at Toronto (Sleib 2-1, (H))	
New York at Chicago, (H)		Texas (Smithson 1-0) at Baltimore (D. Martinez 1-2, (H))	
Seattle at Minnesota, (H)		Kansas City (Gura 3-0) at Detroit (Wilcox 1-1, (H))	
Oakland at California, (H)		New York (Fighetti 2-0) at Chicago (Dotson 0-1, (H))	
Kansas City at Detroit, ppd., cold weather		Seattle (Perry 1-1) at Minnesota (Castillo 0-0, (H))	
*Only games scheduled		Oakland (Kneough 0-2) at California (Forsch 2-0, (H))	
transactions			
BASEBALL			
American League			
SEATTLE MARINERS — Signed Steve Comer, pitcher, to a contract with their Salt Lake City farm club of the Pacific Coast League.			
FOOTBALL			
Canadian Football League			
TORONTO ARGONAUTS — Traded Doug Smith, center, to the Montreal Concordes for Mike Rodrigue, wide receiver.			



Ruff him up
Buffalo Sabre Lindy Ruff (left) wrestles with Boston Bruin Gord Kluzak (6) in a brawl during the Adams Division Championship series game Monday night in Buffalo. Both players were tossed from the game, as Boston won 6-2.

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