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EDITORIALS ---

Short season, bad weather, few pitchers and jumbled scheduling take their toll in high school baseball.

With fewer than 20 games in the season, the pressure is on every time the team takes the field. In hot competition, there are not enough games to drop one now and then and still keep up the average.

One loss and the average takes a nose dive and there just isn't enough time or elbow room to make it up. By the time a loss is overcome statistically, the season is over and someone else won the championship.

Bad weather — especially a late spring — can put the clamps on a high school baseball team.

Baseball, essentially, is a hot weather sport and when bad weather keeps the youngsters inside without actual work on the diamond, their game suffers.

The game is an outdoor sport and unless you're an Astro, the play is outside — good or bad, hot or cold.

The name of the game in high school is

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pitching. Few high school teams can come up with two good pitchers and even fewer can ever put a good man on the hill and keep two more strong boys in the bullpen.

And, without pitchers — pitchers who can throw something except a fast ball — a high school ball club might just as well send its athletes out for track, as far as winning is concerned.

It's good to have some heavy hitters — boys with keen eyes which can follow the ball, boys with reflexes to take a healthy cut at the ball. Technique is important, but unless there is a pitcher who can handle a curve, a changeup, etc., a high school team is going to meet, eventually, another team which has and then the jig is up.

Jumbled schedules because of postponements are a source of major problems for high schools.

In some sports, which are played indoors, a schedule means a schedule unless there is a major emergency. But, in baseball, the sport is at best on an uncertain schedule because of the weather. A few bad days and what was a schedule is left in shambles.

A routine for pitchers, a "turn" of pitchers, a juggling of pitchers to fit specific game needs is out when suddenly a game is cancelled and a couple of extra games are pushed into the system on quick notice.

It's true that all ball teams face the same problem, but the problem is magnified when a high school outfit finds itself as a championship contender.

In the 1st place, the pressure is always building inside the ball club. The need to win becomes more and more urgent.

Secondly, every team the "winning" club meets has a special incentive to cut down the likely champion. There is more honor and satisfaction in trimming the title candidate than in humbling, again, an oft-beaten last-runner.

Donegal high school finds itself in this situation this spring — a front runner, hot on the trail for a championship. Every team the Indians meet is charged up to "Beat Donegal."

Tuesday afternoon the Tribe racked up victory number nine for the season — a remarkable record of which fans, the ball players, coach and school can be very proud.

They have done it under pressure conditions.

But, because they have played together for years since they were grade school boys, because they have a lot of baseball savvy and because they have a coach who has the know-how and the competitive nature, the 1970 ball club has been doing very well. Congratulations, Donegal, on Nine-in-a-row!

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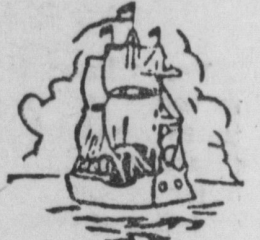
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WASHINGTON REPORT

Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman

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The anti-pornography campaign has long been in need of some legislative action. As I pointed out in a column not too long ago, the Nixon Administration has launched an intensified campaign against obscene mail. But administrative activity has needed some new legislative authority to make it really effective. I am pleased to report that just last week the House of Representatives passed a bill that would aid the efforts to curb the flood of filth in this country.

The House-passed bill is not as tough as the two bills that I introduced earlier in this Congress. Nor does it grant all of the crack-down authority which the Nixon Administration had originally requested. But it is a good bill which should do much to stop the growth of an insidious industry—mail-order trade in smut materials.

Basically, what this legislation says to the smut peddlers is that while they have "freedom of the press" the public also has a freedom—freedom of rejection. From now on, an American citizen will have the privilege of determining whether or not he wants to receive what the pornographers print.

The anti-smut bill has two general provisions. First, it provides for the maintenance by the Postmaster General of a register of the names and addresses of those persons (and minors they are responsible for) who object to receiving sexually oriented advertising through the mail. The people on that register would be legally protected from pornographic mail. A heavy burden of responsibility

is placed right where it belongs; that is, on the filth peddler who would be required to check with the Postmaster General's list before making a mailing. Violation of the law would result in prosecution by the Attorney General of the United States. The second provision is designed to protect those under age 17 from mailings of obscene material. A special category of nonmailable matter is established which prohibits carefully defined materials from being sent to minors. This provision conforms to President Nixon's request of last year for Congress to make mailing sexually-oriented material to the young people a Federal crime.

I must caution that this House-passed bill is not yet law. It must be considered by the Senate and signed by the President before it can go into effect. I would hope that the Senators will not take too long to complete their deliberations. And, I am confident that this legislative action against pornography will be signed quickly by the President once it leaves Capitol Hill.

● Main Street

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police department to begin studying the situation in detail, looking to the best plan for handling the added school bus and other traffic which will be necessary to transport the students.

Drive Carefully

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