

# Mr. T's Tennis

The annual Oakville tournament for young tennis players has just concluded. Following the tournament many young people enthusiastically expressed the desire to play in more such tournaments. Before they do I would have them note the following words of advice on how to handle this 'scene', and better prepare for traumatic experience.



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### THE WARM-UP

What is a warm-up? In a past column I referred to how a tournament player should prepare for his match. This is not a repeat of that column but is a commentary on some of the points noted at the tournament previously mentioned. From what I observed, the warm-up was a battle of strength; who could hit the ball the furthest, the highest, and the longest! Oh! I nearly forgot, the hardest! No control was exhibited during this crucial time period. All vim and vigour. Instead of establishing some rhythm about their shots many of the players seemed to want to rattle their spears in order to drive their opponents to heights of nervous anxiety.

This period of time can make or break the player. This is the time to reflect on the game plan so diligently worked out while watching the opponent in the previous round; the time to literally 'loosen-up', with oneself and with the court environment.

### THE SCORE

The server should always call out the score when serving. Young people have a tendency to forget the score in the stress of competition. The calling out of the score makes both players aware of the situation, and should an inadvertent mistake occur than prompt, corrective action can take place.

### HITTING BALLS THAT ARE OUT

The score is tied at six-all. The 12 point tie-breaker is being used, and is 6-5 in favour of the receiver, (who, in-

cidental, lost the first set 6-3). The server serves — a good serve. The receiver hits the ball over the net causing the server to rush madly forwards towards the low dropping ball. With a desperate lunge he manages to get the ball over the net, but alas! the ball sails over the baseline and out of play. Point and set to the receiver. But, no! The receiver, in his enthusiasm, has excitedly grabbed the ball before it bounced. The point goes to the server. The rule is clear — the receiver has impeded the ball from landing in the court (technically speaking of course). Server's point.

This is an example of lack of practising properly. If the young player had been taught not to touch the ball after it had crossed the line then this unfortunate scene would not have occurred.

### FOOT FAULTS

To the question, "Will foot faults be called in this tournament?" — the answer should be, "Would you like to play without a net?" Of course foot faults will be called should they occur. Foot faults are an integral part of the game. Players, especially young players, must be made aware of this when being trained. Adults must be reminded that foot faults must not be committed.

### "F.B.I."

No! The Federal Bureau of Investigation has not arrived on the tennis scene! In the present day, the young people have brought the art of serving into a fine communication art form. The FBI designation refers to "first ball in"! Again, there is no such thing in tennis. The determination of who starts serving is quite clear. The person who has selected, or being given the option, serves. Once the game is under way the ball is in play at all times. Also, all warm-up serves must take place prior to the first ball, served in the game. No later warm-ups are allowed. In doubles, all players must warm-up their serves BEFORE the game gets under way. The rules clearly state that 'play must be continuous'.

### DOUBTFUL CALLS

If a player cannot make a clear call then the call must be made in the opponent's favour. This is a test of character, a real test. But it is often seen around the courts that "when in doubt call it out". Again, this reflects on the character of the caller. If he or she honestly feel that the ball is out then by all means this ball should be called accordingly. However, "when in doubt..." the opponent has to get the benefit of the doubt. No 'play two' nonsense.

# Phillies demolish Astros

Lorne Park Real Estate Phillies used a 16-hit attack to overwhelm Lakeshore Floor Finishers Astros 23-4 in Sheridan Baseball Association Senior Girls' action.

Joyce Vanderbilt hit a triple and added two singles to pace the winners, who were aided with a triple off the bat of Darlene Charron and three singles by Chrystal Sylvestre.

Darlene Charron led the Phillies to victory from the mound, despite three triples for 4 RBI by the Astros' Marilyn Terry. Charron struck out four batters.

In other Senior Girls' play, Woodchester Drug Mart Cardinals swamped Woodchester Florist White Sox 17-5. Linda Spinks smashed a homerun and Michelle Mulloy cracked out three doubles and a triple for the Cardinals.

SENIOR BOYS

BP Canada Jets 13 (Jeff Forsythe, HR, 2 triples, 2 doubles, single; Peter Sell, winning pitcher, 6 strikeouts, double; John Vankesteren, triple, double).

Pirates 21 (Ron Young, HR, double; Kenny Dunne, HR; John Cole, triple, 2 doubles; Dwight Moore, 2 doubles) Woodchester Barber Shop Mets 8.

1 Air Conditioning Tigers 2.

### JUNIOR BOYS

The Radman Cubs 18 (Gord Cruikshank, winning pitcher, 9 strikeouts; Michael Desrochers, HR; Eddie Dixon, Darren Copp, triples) Vankesteren Electric Expos 2 (Garth Hope, HR).

Penny's Fish and Chips Pirates won by default over

### JUNIOR GIRLS

Huntington Travel Dodgers 16 (Kathy Gray, triple double; Debbie Lovell, winning pitcher, double; Janis Fedorick, triple; Heather Webster, 4 singles) Tony Abbott Yankees 7 (Janet MacKay, triple, single; Sally Rogers, losing pitcher, 7 strikeouts).

Dodgers 12 (Debbie Lovell, winning pitcher, 9 strikeouts, HR, triple, single; Andrea Horsely, triple, 2 singles) Bank of Montreal Angels 1 (Jane Phillips, 2 singles.) Orioles 16 (Linda Wood, winning pitcher, 8 strikeouts, HR, 2 doubles; Tracey Mollison, HR; Debbie Parry, double, single; Lorraine Shuler, double, single) Milex Tune-Up Red Sox 12 (Tye Day, losing pitcher, 2 doubles; Lori Falls, 2 singles; Heather Snyder, 2 singles)

Tony Abbott Yankees 12 (Sally Rogers, winning pitcher, 6 strikeouts, 3 singles; Maureen Drew, HR, single) Mississauga Travel

Royals 10 (Marge Franklin, 3 singles, Tracey Wellbelove, losing pitcher, 6 strikeouts.)

### SENIOR T-BALL

Superior Rustproofing Whalers 30 (Todd Wilson, 2 HR, triple; Brent Wild, HR; Tony Wozniak, double) Matchett Real Estate Dolphins 20 (Suzanne Parry, 4 hits, 4 runs).

InterNorth Construction Marlins 33 (Michael Dickson, 2 HR, triple; Stephen Clode, HR; Andrew Rode, HR) Canadian Tire Seals 16 (John MacDonald, HR.)

Dr. Ballard's Huskies 29 (David Lovell, HR; Robb Bell, HR; Jeff McFater, 2 triples; Kelly Rothwell, 4 singles; Lyn Elridge, 4 singles) Canadian Tire Seals 26 (John MacDonald, HR, defensive; Kathy Mervin, 4 runs.)

Canadian Wholesale Sport Swords 30 (Steve Martinek, HR; Al Linhart, HR; Cheryl Wilkinson, 4 singles) InterNorth Construction Marlins 24 (Steve Clode, 2 HR, Kenny

Jackson, Darryl Parsmore, homers; Bruce Zide, double, 3 singles)

### JUNIOR T-BALL

McDonald's Little Macs 31 (Richard Beyak, Julie Robinson, solid defence and offence) Don Blenkarn Penguins 28 (Stephanie Smith, 4 runs; Mike Graham 4 runs; Nadia Moore, 3 runs.)

Dominion Glass Polywogs 33 (Steve MacDonald, 3 HR, Grand Slam; Chris Bradshaw, 2 triples) Royal Trust Turtles 29 (Jeff Bruya, 3 HR; David Brown, triple, Pam Moran, double.)

Harrison Personnel Tadpoles won by default over the Canada Systems Group Guppies.

# Swanson's second goal gives win

Paul Swanson's second goal proved to be the winner as Kelly Cohen squeaked past Universal Pizza in a tight game in the Minor Atom Division of the Dixie Minor Soccer Club.

Universal Pizza's lone goal was scored by Chris Alpin, who helped his team to escape the possibility of suffering their second straight shutout.

Close games were common in other minor atom play during the week. Goalie, Steve Totrov kept Rockwood Mall Florist from scoring while teammate Paul Hoogeven kicked Dixie United to a close 1-0 victory.

Mike Havens, with one goal and Eddie Febbo, with two, pushed Luca Pizza past Rockwood Mall 3-2. D. Henry and J. Nieson accounted for the loser's goals.

Mr. Transmission got their second shutout in two weeks, this time with a 3-0 decision over Kelly Cohen. D. Franklin received credit for the shutout, while C. Borgiel, M. Cordin and K. Conney supplied the fire power for the winners.

Robert Stirling's three goals guided Savarin to a 4-1 triumph over Luca Pizza. Doug Anderson added one for Robert Stirling while Eddie Febbo put Luca Pizza on the scoreboard.

NOVICE

Mississauga Valley 2 (Dale Lambe, Angelo Michieli) Fleetwood Arsenal 1 (Mike Dilella).

Oakville Bakery 8 (Glen Ferguson 4, Peter Arbellio 3, Tim Victor) Dixie Lions 1 (T. J. Dhiel).

SQUIRT

Carousel Foods 6 (Brian Richardson 5, Grant Hodson 1) Bruce Petroff 1 (Lawrence Rea).

Boo Boo's 2 (L. Stampatoril, Mick Barbera, s.o. DeGaspar) Concord Sheet Metal 0.

Meleca Hair Design 4 (Enzo Michieli 3, D. Ormy, s.o. Jason Flick) Mississauga Valley 0.

ATOM

Lostracos Pizzeria 1 (Andy Wilson), White Rose 1 (Ian Guy).

Woldale 3 (Luigi Micheli, Brendon Fernandez, Brian Ewan) Farmhouse 1 (Joe Arsonat).

Service Master 5 (Steven Myres 4, William Demelo, s.o. Doug Stockwell) T.D. Bank 0.

MINOR MOSQUITO

Applewood Plaza 10 (Thorn Blazenko 4, York Gunter 2, Munro Abate 2, Karl Hennick, Donald McGawn) Ideal Ornamental 1 (N. Henry).

Firebirds 4 (Frank Gullace 4, s.o. Gyongyossi) Darbert Machinery 0.

Pizza Nova 4 (Mike Broz 2, Angelo Thomadakis 2) Ross Jewelers 3 (F. Meyer, M. Derezyky, Fernandes).

MOSQUITO

Hexagon (s.o. G. MacNaughton) Top Drug Mart 0 (s.o. E. Commissio).

Sight 'n' Sound 4 (Wade Briscoe 3, Mike Bonder) Antonio's 2 (Trevor Richards, Steve Swanson).

Mississauga Valley 3 (Billy Tugwell 3) Pop Shoppe 1 (Steve Bingham).

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Amalgamated Metal 6 (C. Maxwell 3, E. Cabral 2, L.

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