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housie's Andrew Cole was sixth. A CIAU record was broken in the men's 100m backstroke by Calgary's Mark Tewksbury, who finished in 55.23.

Jeff Hirst was the winner of the men's one metre diving championship final, scoring 405.425 points. Robert Baribault of Laval was second followed by his teammate, Alain Houde.

On Sunday, Baumann con-

tinued to swim at his best. Baumann broke the old record in the 200m breaststroke by swimming the event in a time of 2:14.21. For his efforts, Baumann was named CIAU male swimmer of the year.

Toronto's Karen Helmstaedt was selected CIAU female athlete of the year. At the event, she captured gold medals in the 200 and 400m IM and won a silver medal in the 800 freestyle.

Overtime By JoAnn Sherwood

Spring training tarnished

This time of year, there's still lots of snow on the ground but sports fans are beginning to warm up because baseball has started up once again. The Grapefruit Leagues usually don't generate much excitement on the field because the games are basically meaningless. Players are just trying to work themselves back into shape or into a playing frame of mind. The games are so far down south for most of us in this frigid region that the games themselves don't mean anything to us.

In recent years, the excitement that comes out of the sunny south has been generated by the players who don't show up for spring training. There seem to be more and more big-name players who are holding out from training camp because of salary demands.

Has the thought ever occurred to you that if things continue in their present course, eventually it might reach the point where EVERYONE is holding out for more money? Then there would be no more baseball because there would be no one to play the game. Could baseball possibly go broke if the salary demands of players continue to rise? In the future, these could become haunting questions to any baseball fan.

I think that sports must be the only occupation where salaries can actually rise to where the employees feel they should be.

I'm not saying that it's wrong for pro athletes to make so much money. I get turned off when their salary demands interfere with the game. Something is wrong with the system when money prevents players from getting out on the field. Somehow,

that just doesn't seem right. . .

For some reason, contract disputes and hold-outs are particularly common to pro baseball. We don't seem to hear about as many wrangles between players and owners in hockey or football. Why has baseball come to be dominated by the hold-out syndrome?

Binding arbitration is the reason. The process has promoted the rash of major contract differences in major league baseball. It has given the players a reason to fight with the owners over salaries. When an arbitration board decides, power is taken away from the owner, who has the bucks, and is given to the player, who is demanding the bucks. Players have nothing to lose in this situation. Which ever way the board decides, they are getting an increase in pay. It's the owner who has something to lose — a larger sum of money if the player wins.

Reports seem to support this idea of a shift in monetary momentum from the owners to the players. Statistics say that 80 per cent of arbitration cases are won by the player. The player often wins outside of the arbitrator's decision because owners often give in for fear that his player will hold-out as a means of protest.

Most baseball players will insist that it is the game they love and that the money is only an added benefit. If this is the case, then why are so many players, especially the most talented ones, allowing money, in the form of contract disputes, to prevent them from going out and playing the game?

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