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## Reply to Siembida

BOB LOWE, Sports Editor

**THIS IS IN REPLY** to Bob Siembida's letter published in the July 4th edition-sports section.

So now we have boys not allowed to umpire, or play in the Senior and Big Leagues because they had affiliated with the Babe Ruth League. Regarding the umpiring, I feel the National Little League of Tonawanda is doing the past graduates of its league a big favor by giving them a chance to earn some cash while teaching them responsibility, and also saving the league money since association umpires cost more.

Of course, association umpires are used for Senior and Big leagues. When I was on the board of directors in the National Little League, I for one voted to permit only past graduates of our league to umpire especially when my oldest son, a former little leaguer was not allowed to umpire, because there were too many umpires at that time, including Babe Ruth players. I'm glad I got involved, even though I may have made some "enemies" while certainly hoping I created more friends.

**NOW THAT I HAVE** a younger boy playing the Babe Ruth League, I knew before hand that the National league would not permit him to umpire or now play Big League baseball and so did my son, despite being 14 years old when he changes leagues. When you make a decision knowing what may transpire in the future, you must live with it or try to do something about it. When my younger son switched to play with his friends and perhaps play in stiffer competition, he had his mind made up, therefore a life-learning situation, despite me being told I should have intervened to get him to stay in the National Senior Division.

Yes, there are differences regarding the two leagues philosophy, and I think at least one should be mentioned. The Senior League always believed in permitting all boys to play baseball especially if they were from residents of the City of Tonawanda, while only letting a very few play from out of the area (like Pretzel Village, Nichols Drive and Dreyer), while the Babe Ruth League drafted boys from...

Tanie improved his



Anne Dobrowolski

...Wins a pair of events



## Buffalo Belle

A total of 34 meet records were rewritten and seven local girls broke Niagara A.A.U. records in the annual Buffalo Belles Girls' Track and Field Age-Group Classic recently at Parker Field.

Melissa Prelewicz headlined the list of local winners as she established records in the high jump and 80 meter hurdles.

The Lake Erie Comets of Ohio were the meet's overall winners. The Belles finished second while Burlington Legion, Canada finished third.

Yvonne Jackson of the Belles was presented with the Bill Koopman

Trophy for the most valuable athlete in the 12-13 age group. The Koopman trophy was awarded in each age group.

The R.J. Koch trophy was presented to the outstanding team in each age group. The Belles garnered the award in the 12-13 class.

The meet was sponsored by the Buffalo Belles and the Town of Tonawanda Recreation Department.

**BUFFALO BELLES  
1979 GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD  
AGE-GROUP CLASSIC**

**9 & Under**

100 yard dash — Michelle Lenston, Capital City Comets; Anne Winters, Buffalo Belles, Jodi Cook, Bath Bullets, 13.0. 220 — Michelle Lenston, CCC, Pamula Young, St. Phillips,

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with six others includi



Concentrating on the start

...In the Buffalo Belles Track and Field Classic



DeLisa Walton

...Dances to 880 win

## Track Classic a success

Kim Watterhouse, South Simcoe-Dufferin, 29.1 (Record). **440** — Michelle Lenston, CCC, Monica Stevenson, CCC, Pamula Young, SP, 66.7 (Record). **880** — Monica Stevenson, CCC, Betsy Granville, Grand Island, Kim Watterhouse, SSD, 2:43 (R). **Long jump** — Betsy Granville, GI, Anne Winters, B. Belles, Lisa Brocklehurst, Scarborough Optimists, 11'6". **440 relay** — Bath Bullets, Alfred Atalantans, 1:08.0.

### 10-11 Years Old

**100** — Destiny Jones, Philadelphia, Renee Robinson, Buffalo Pioneers, Wendy Milner, CCC, 12.0 (R). **220** — Wendy Milner, CCC, Nicky Knapp, Burlington Legion, Sandra Burr, BL, Missy Cataldo, Virginians, 1:05.2. **880** — Tammy Roberts, Oshawa, Darla Williams, CCC, Laurie Lundy, SO, 2:31.6. **1 Mile** — Tammy Roberts, Osh, Jolene McCarthy, GI, Jill Snyder, Alfred A, 5:37.1 (R). **Long jump** — Paula Gilmour, SO, Janet Purdy, Lake Erie Comets, Debbie Berger, SO, 14'2" (R). **High jump** — Paula Gilmour, SO, Leslie Pierce, SO, Farron Bridgeman, Tri-Town, 5'2" (R). **Shot** — Kathryn Williams, Ann Marie Granville, GI, Bridget

Bogardus, Bath, 28'3" (R). **880 medley relay** — Burlington Legion B, Scarborough Optimists, Buffalo Belles A, 2:02.1 (R).

### 12-13 Years Old

**100** — Mary Alexander, CCC, Diane Cox, BB, Debby Lanza, LEC, 11.7 (1st and 2nd tie for Record). **220** — Yvonne Jackson, BB, Mary Alexander, Cheryl Walker, Phil., 26.7 (R). **440** — Yvonne Jackson, BB, Lisa McKenzie, Maria Ekiss, GI, 62.7. **880** — Debbie Graim, GI, Maria Ekiss, GI, Lisa McKenzie, BL, 2:24.1. **1 Mile** — Debbie Graim, GI, Cathy Graim, GI, Charlotte McCain, Delaware Pacemakers, 5:19.3. **80 hurdles** — Missy Prelewicz, B. Belles, Dawn Preston, Arkport, Terri Gath, AP, 12.9 (Record). **Long jump** — Diane Cox, BB, Charlotte LaRose, BL, Diane Nedelko, BL, 15'10". **High jump** — Missy Prelewicz, BB, Julie Vanatta, Susan Lestak, BL, 5'0" (R). **Shot** — Melanie Merek, LEC, Laurie spires, Bath, Marie Ekiss, GI, 31'1/4". **Discus** — Pam Zaremba, LEC, Karen Crooks, BB, Debbie Carnes, AP, 89'10" (R). **Javelin** — Laurie Spires, Bath, Pam Zaremba, Monica Thomas, BP, 115'8" (R). **880 medley relay** — Philadelphia, Burlington Legion A, Buffalo Belles A, 1:57.8.

14-15

**100** — Maureen Finnessy, LEC, Kelly Simpson, CCC, Karen Jefferson, LEC, 11.2 (R). **220** — Maureen Finnessy, LEC, Beth Sheehan, Greater Amherst Striders, Kelly Simpson, CCC, 25.5 (R). **440** — Bernadette Davidson, North York, Robin Robinson, BP, Erica Thornman, DP, 1:01.2. **880** — Anne Dobrowski, GI, Gail Jones, BB, Cathy Nortz, LEC, 2:23.7. **1 Mile** — Anne Dobrowski, GI, Margie O'Brien, Paula Schnurr, BL, 5:13.6. **2 Mile** — Margie O'Brien, BL, Jolene Cameron, Virg., Shelly Smith, DP, 11:52.0. **100 Hurdles** — Sheri Pastor, LEC, Terri Russel, Phil., Pearl Glasco, CCC, 15.0. (R). **Long jump** — Beth Sheehan, GAS, Robin Robinson, BP, Sheri Pastor, LEC, 17'1/4" (R). **High jump** — Donna Losee, BB, Shannon Davis, GAS, Lisa Cooper, BL, 5'1". **Shot** — Hilary Boyd, NY, Dawn Bull, TT, Sue Fitzgerald, LLC, 36'2/4" (R). **Discus** — Sue Fitzgerald, LEC, Michelle Prelewicz, BB, Karen Liotta, BL, 117'7" (R). **Javelin** — Cheryl Seifert, LEC, Laurie Scott, SSD, Michelle Prelewicz, BB, 103'9" (R). **Relay** — Philadelphia, Lake Erie Comets, Burlington Legion, 1:52.4. (R)

### 16-17 Years Old

**100** — Lisha Johnson, unattached, Sandra Davis, BP, Cheryl Brown,

LEC, 11.2. (R). **220** — Kim Turner, Motor City Track Club, Lisha Johnson, unatt., Cheryl Brown, LEC, 25.1. (R). **440** — Sandra Davis, BP, Liz Adams, DP, Kori Gifford, MCT, 59.0 (R). **880** — DeLisa Walton, MCT, Liz Adams, DP, Diane Young, BL, 2:17.3 (R). **1 Mile** — Diane Young, BL, Aimee Landry, MCT, Sarah Esbeck, BB, 5:20.1 (R). **2 Mile** — Diane Young, BL, 12:21.8. **100 Hurdles** — Kim Turner, MCT, Valerie Thompson, BP, Karen Krupa, LEC. (R). **Long jump** — Kori Gifford, MCT, Katie Cardina, BB, Val Thompson, BP, 17'4". **High jump** — Kathy Andres, NFO, Carol DeMarco, LEC, Val Thompson, BP, 5'4" (R). **Shot** — Ellen Fitzgerald, unatt., Julie Bradenbeck, LEC, Donna Galmbacher, GI, 36'8" (R). **Discus** — Julie Bradenbeck, LEC, Kelly Brogan, unatt., Stephanie Milstead, Virg., 125'4" (R). **Javelin** — Julie Bradenbeck, LEC, Donna Galmbacher, GI, Kelly Brogan, unatt., 85'11". **Relay** — Motor City, Buffalo Pioneers, Lake Erie Comets B, 1:49.2 (R). **Race Walk 14-15** — Julie Johnson, GI, Andi Purdom, Virg., Marcia Esbeck, BB, 8:37.4 (R). **Race Walk 16-17** — Karen Sadler, Niagara Race Walk Club, Wendy Wippert, BB, Lisa Weston, LEC, 8:52.3. (R).