

# CYBSA NEWS

CENTENNIAL YOUTH BASEBALL-SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

## EARLY REGISTRATION

“Early Registration” begins January 10th and runs through February 15th. Receive a discount on your registration fee by registering early, secure your roster spot and special requests.



Registration fees will increase on February 16th, and as the registration period progresses “special requests” will be considered on an “availability basis”. Registration is fast and easy at [www.centennialbaseball.com](http://www.centennialbaseball.com) payment for registration fees may be made with either a credit card or by e-check.

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### Special points of interest:

- \* Discount for registering early.
- \* It's not all about winning.
- \* Easy and informative.
- \* Conclusion-It's not all about winning.

## PUTTING THINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE

Real Winners by Rob Gilbert from Bits & Pieces

Nobody loves motivational quotes more than I do. But be very careful because every once in a while you'll find a quote that might sound good but isn't true. And if you believe that quote, it might actually do some harm.

Let me tell you a story...

It was the most important Little League game of Eric's life. He was 11 years old and his team, the Pirates, was playing the Giants in the championship game. It was the bottom of the sixth inning and the Pirates were ahead 2-1. But the Giants had the bases loaded with two outs and their best hitter was at bat.

He hit an easy fly ball to Bobby, the Pirate's right fielder. Bobby

circled under the ball as everyone held their breath. The ball fell into his glove and then bounced out. Bobby scrambled for the ball, but by the time he decided where to throw it, Giants had scored two runs.

Final score: Giants 3 - Pirates 2

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## Coaches Certification Testimonials

I thought the course work was very helpful and informative. I learned a few good tips about how to better teach kids of this age as well as several drills that will make each practice more fun and reinforce the fundamentals of baseball. I printed a lot of good information and compiled it into a Coaching Manual for easy reference during the season. The coursework puts all the information you need at your finger tips. Even though I played baseball through college and have coached in the past at the high school level, I still learned a few new things and was reminded of several other techniques and drills that I have to date not used at this age level...I highly recommend this certification to ALL coaches..take a few units every other day or so and you'll be through it in no time! The interactive training features were great!! This will make you a better coach and all your kids better players!!

*Greg Hamilton Head Coach Minor 10.*

I just completed the coach's certification and I found the course very easy to use and very informative. Allow yourself several hours to go through the course material and test. There are many drills and worksheets you can also print out for future use as well as additional resource material on the Ripken web site.

*Kelly Homeyer Head Coach Girls 14U*

The Babe Ruth—Cal Ripken online certification course was great, very easy to do... I like that I could take the course at my own leisure. An abundance of information right at one's finger tips. I truly believe that this course will be beneficial to all who take it, the course reminded me of some things that I have forgotten over the years. I believe that the certification of all coaches will prove to be a blessing to CYBSA and to the players who will be taught by these certified coaches.

*Randy Seifert CYBSA Operations Manager*

### PUTTING THINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE (conclusion)

It would be "wait until next year" for the Pirates.

As the Pirates moped off the field, something totally unexpected happened. Their manager started yelling and screaming at Bobby. "You lost the game for us. You cost us the championship."

Crying, Bobby ran off the field and vanished into the woods.

After the game, Eric went to meet his parents in the parking lot, but his dad wasn't there. His mom said he had something to do. On the drive home, a dejected Eric saw something that startled him.

Way in the distance, Eric saw his dad walking Bobby home. His dad had his arm around the kid who probably felt like he didn't have a friend in the world.

Eric never forgot the kindness his dad showed that evening.

As the years passed, whenever Bobby saw Eric's dad, he always greeted him warmly and

enthusiastically because he never forgot, either.

So whenever I hear stories like this one, I think of this quote:

"Winning is not the only thing, it's everything."

This quote makes my blood boil because the manager in the story actually believed it. He believed that winning a Little League game was "everything" and that the feelings of a fragile 11 year old boy were "nothing."

The truth of the matter is that winning is not the only thing. Winning is not everything.

Real winners don't necessarily hit home runs or make spectacular catches. Real winners know how to be kind. Eric's dad was a winner.

Here's a quote that is true and will make you a winner if you believe it:

"Winning is not the only thing, but kindness is everything."