

Local scene

FOR THE RECORD

The Prince George Lumbermen started well, but went out suddenly in the weekend Burns Lake softball tournament.

The defending B.C. senior B champions won their first three games, to win the A section, then lost two straight to tournament champion Terrace.

Prince George, leaders in the Big Six league, opened with a 4-0 win over the host Burns Lake all-stars, then needed 11 innings to slip past Terrace 4-3.

Another 4-3 win, over Houston, gave the Lumbermen the A side.

They lost 3-0 to Terrace, then lost the final to the same team 9-2.

The Lumbermen are at a three-day tournament in Barriere this weekend.

Prince George motocross racers had a successful weekend on two fronts.

At the B.C. championship in Aldergrove, four local racers finished in the top three in separate events.

Paul Bekken finished second in the 125 senior class, while Doug Klein was third.

In the open senior class Cam Carr finished third, while Bob Mear placed second in the 250 junior class.

Meanwhile, 19 riders from the club went to Houston for motocross.

In the 80 small wheels class, Jim Klein took first, Allan Mercier second and Gordon Leeman of Burns Lake third.

Nolan Mercier came first in the 100 c.c. large wheels class. He was followed by Randy Hamp of Burns Lake and Gunnar Erickson of Houston.

In the 125 class local riders dominated as Todd Finlay, Brent Mercier and Fred Stander took the top three places.

Danny Kerr of Telkwa took first in the 250 class. He was followed by Dave Dorflinger and Don Herdman.

In the open class Herdman came first, Dorflinger second and Marvin Funk of Vanderhoof third.

The grand prix race was won by Danny Kerr. Second was taken by Todd Finlay while Nolan Mercier took third.

The Prince George Pisces Swim Club was second in a close seven team meet in Dawson Creek during the weekend.

Prince George finished with 556 points, while the host club won with 591 and Whitehorse was third with 530.

Prince George swimmers won both grand aggregate titles.

Brenda Nielsen won the girls' 11- and -12 section with 40 points and Rob Carpenter took the boys' 13-and-14 section with 36.

Paula Wedge was second to Nielsen, Cheryl MacDonald was second in the girls' eight-and-under, Andrea Horth second in the girls' 13-and-14, Martin Bazinet and Ryan Fraser first and third in the boys' nine-and-10 and Mike Bazinet and Dave Nielsen first and third in the boys' 15-and-16 event.

Brenda Nielsen broke pool records in the 50 metre backstroke and breaststroke.

The club's next meet is July 15 in Hudson's Hope.

The Prince George Cycling Club is preparing itself for the largest race in its history Saturday.

As many as 20 bicycle racers are expected to participate. The race starts at 1 p.m. at Purden Lake and finishes at Ferry Ave., opposite the B.C. Tel building.

There are prizes offered to racers in novice, junior and senior classes. Seniors and juniors cover the entire course, while novice racers start from the Willow River bridge on Hwy 16 east.

The club held a criterium Sunday with a field of nine riders.

Rod Martinson won the senior event over Clements Smienk and Klaas Bouwman.

The junior winner was John Monroe of Quesnel ahead of Robin Martinson.

Prince George racers took two of the top three positions in the senior heavy class at a weekend go kart racing meet in Williams Lake.

Byron Roberts took first place and was followed by Joe Frykberg and Les Stevens of Williams Lake.

The top three finishers in both the junior and the senior light classes were from Williams Lake.

Next racing will be in Edmonton during the Canada Day weekend for the Western Canadian championship.

Bill McFarlane and Byron Roberts, as well as former Prince George racer Mark Betuzzi will be there.

Betuzzi now lives in Kelowna.

Craig Simon won the Prince George Auto Sport Club dual slalom Sunday at the PGARA Speedway.

Simon drove a Renault R5 to top the field of 16.

Dino Sinopoli was second in a Datsun 240Z, with Mike Pearce third in a Volkswagen Special.

The next PGASC meeting is at 8 p.m. July 5 in the Civic Centre, followed by a work party at the old Northwood Pulp hill, to prepare for the hillclimb July 29 and 30.

This weekend driver Dave Grubb and navigator Ken Bergen are at the Hayride Rally in Grande Prairie.

Karen Hassard is the new club champion of the Tuesday women's section of the Prince George Golf and Curling Club.

Barb Guest was runner-up.

Beth Pawluk won the first flight, with Ann Miller second. Rosemary McInnis won the second flight, with Bina Buchignani second.

Jane Flitton was the third flight winner, with Lorraine Dorosh second.

Last week's regular event low gross winner was Mrs. Guest, with Gerry Carmichael the runner-up and Bev Sambad the low net winner.

Tennis group says Nastase's obscene

LONDON (Reuter) — Ilie Nastase, the controversial Romanian tennis star, has been charged by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council with bringing the game into disrepute, council secretary David Gray said Sunday.

The charge follows complaints by organizers of the World Championship Tennis tournament at Houston in April. During the final match, Nastase is alleged to have used obscene language to ball-boys and -girls, and to have made obscene gestures.

Gray said the charge carries a maximum fine of \$10,000 and a one-year ban from competition in Grand Prix tournaments.

"We have had complaints about a number of players but this really is the first time that anybody has been involved in a series of incidents," Gray said, referring to Nastase's

track record in disciplinary matters.

The fiery competitor previously has been suspended for 21 days and currently is barred from Davis Cup play for remarks he made to David Lloyd of Britain during a match last year.

Nastase, in this city for Wimbledon this week, is to appear before council chairman Bob Briner next Sunday. If Briner decides Nastase should be disciplined, the Romanian can either accept the punishment or take the matter to arbitration.

Nastase officially is being charged with "aggravated behavior," one of the most serious offences in the code of conduct drawn up by the council three years ago. He is the first player to face the charge.

"I'll be glad if they ban me because I'll sue them for \$1 million and they can feed my baby and my family."



Strong girl

Powerlifter Jan Todd of New Germany, N.S., set four women's world records Saturday. Todd, 26, established the new marks in squat, bench press, dead lift and total weight, during open competitions at the Newfoundland championships. In powerlifting from squat position, she broke her former world record of 424 pounds with a 429-pound lift and on a second try broke it again with a lift of 480 pounds. She set a women's bench press mark of 188 pounds and a dead lift record of 457 pounds. Her total lift in the three categories was 1,125 pounds, 85 pounds more than her former world record for best total lift.

CHAMPS MAY BE BETTER

Montreal plans more passing

ST. JEAN, Que. (CP) — When Joe Scannella was appointed head coach of Montreal Alouettes last January he said it would be difficult to improve on a team that had won the Canadian Football League's national title in the Grey Cup game the previous year.

"Yet that is our goal, although it is not an easy task," said Scannella, who replaced defence-conscious Marv Levy. The latter went to Kansas City Chiefs of the National Football League despite the fact he had one year remaining in his contract with the Eastern Football League champions.

Now, half-way through training camp and the exhibition schedule, Scannella sticks by his prediction that this year's edition of the Alouettes will be exciting, defensively tough, pass-oriented and that the club's special teams will play a significant role in its attempt to successfully defend the championship it won last season.

However, Scannella does not expect the team to reach peak performance before the seventh or eighth contest of the 16-game, regular-season schedule "when people will understand fully what our effort is all about."

Scannella's previous venture into the CFL was in 1969 when he was offensive coordinator with the Alouettes under head coach Kay Dalton. During that season the explosive offence he put together piled up 304 points during the 14-game schedule, but lost high-scoring contests by scores of 33-26, 36-33 and 35-29. On one occasion the offence had to score 41 points in order to come up with a 41-35 victory.

Known as an excellent quarterback tutor and pass offence technician during six years with Oakland Raiders, the National Football League's 1977 Super Bowl champions, Scannella has prepared a much more complicated offence for the Als this season. Under his tutoring the club will rely on the pass much more than it did under Levy's guidance.

So much so that only during the past weekend did the club get down to placing serious emphasis on the running game.

The need to improve their running game was obvious in the club's 14-12 victory over Calgary Stampeders of the Western Football Conference

in Montreal June 20. Against the Stamps the Als passed for 252 yards, but managed only 95 along the ground.

The Montreal head coach said he stressed the passing game during the early part of the camp because "passing is harder to teach."

He said the offensive linemen will be drilled on blocking for the runners for the next 10 days because until last weekend they had been busy learning their assignments for blocking on pass plays.

"That's what we'll be concentrating on and we won't be worried too much about game plans for Ottawa (Rough Riders) and Toronto (Argonauts)." The Als travel to Ottawa for an exhibition Wednesday and then Toronto visits Montreal July 4.

Good offence has no help

OTTAWA (CP) — There is a familiar tune haunting the Ottawa Rough Rider training camp as the team prepares for the opening of the Canadian Football League season in two weeks.

Coach George Brancato is singing the praises of the 1977 league-leading offensive unit that includes quarterbacks Tom Clements and Condredge Holloway, 1,000-yard rusher Richard Holmes and all-star tight end Tony Gabriel.

But the tune turns into a lament for a defensive squad that may have trouble improving on last year's performance—seventh over-all in the nine-team league.

The Riders won eight of 16 regular season games to finish second in the Eastern Conference—six points behind Montreal Alouettes and four points ahead of Toronto Argonauts.

They defeated Toronto in the eastern semi-final before bowing out 21-18 to the Als in the final. The Als won the Grey Cup.

Brancato will make no predictions about how the Riders might do this year but indicated in an interview that the key is the defence.

The Riders played most of last season with a revolving door at middle linebacker and remain unsettled about who will play there this year.

Sam Cvijanovich, Mark Kosmos, Larry Cameron, Cliff Laboy, Ken Moore and Mike Widger all had a crack at the position last season but none did the job adequately.

This year import rookies Rudolph Bryant, Sylvester Boler and John Thomas are battling for the position. Widger and Tim Berryman will likely play the corners with John Glassford in a backup role.

Signs that the defensive ills of last year have been diagnosed but not cured were pointed out by Jerry Tagge in an exhibition game here last week.

With the Riders leading 20-6 and just under two minutes to play, Tagge passed for two touchdowns, a two-point conversion and a 21-20 victory for British Columbia Lions.

The loss was Ottawa's first in two games.

The Riders will likely go with Larry Cates, Wayne Tosh, Mike Nelms, Larry Brune and Mark Mitchell in the defensive secondary with Peter Crepin as backup. Import Jerome

Jennings could yet grab a cornerback spot.

Compounding the defensive problems was the between-season loss of defensive tackle Mike Raines and cornerback Wonderful Monds, Rider veterans trying to make it in the National Football League.

Veteran Ken Moore and Mike Riley, who saw little action last season, are battling to replace Raines. Defensive ends Mike Fanucci and Jim Piaskoski were outstanding last season.

Defensive coach Joe Moss said Moore's job might rest on whether the Riders decide to go with three linemen. If so, Riley would get the job with Brian Hedges as backup.

"Riley is inexperienced but sooner or later he's going to be a hell of a player," Moss said.

Peter Stenerson has moved from the defensive backfield to the tailback spot vacated by veteran Jim Foley, forced to retire this year by a recurring neck injury off-season surgery failed to correct.

Stenerson scored a touchdown and caught two passes for 32 yards against B.C. and his performance has created a problem for Brancato and running back Art Green.

Green returned to the Riders after failing last season to stick with an NFL team. After joining the Riders in 1973, Green rushed for more than 1,100 in 1975 and more than 1,200 in 1976.

But Richard Holmes, who rushed for over 1,000 yards after being acquired early last year from Toronto Argonauts, has been impressive and Green, hampered by a pulled thigh muscle, is rumored to be on the trading block.

Brancato has possibly the best one-two punch at quarterback with Clements, who led the eastern conference last year, and Holloway.

Holloway has played in the shadow of Clements for the last three years and recently signed a long-term contract. Both have played two quarters of every exhibition game this season and Brancato said he might continue the practice into the regular season.

Clements is a fine tactician, scrambler and passer while Holloway throws well and runs like a fullback, he said.

Receivers include Gabriel Stenerson, fleet-footed Bill Hatanaka, Jeff Avery and Ross Clarkson

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