

TWO EXECUTIVES HOLD SEPARATE MEETINGS

# Disagreements split North Cariboo soccer group

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The always-fragile peace of the North Cariboo Soccer Association has been shattered by a bizarre internal split. At the moment, there are two groups claiming to be the rightful NCSA executive.

About two months ago, Gaetano Mauro, Jim Briggs, Brenda Auld and Hans Niedermayer bolted from the 10-member executive elected after last season and formed their own body.

The resulting eight-member organization includes president Al Auld, Vince Buljevic, John DaSilva and Harold Hacker.

Their well-planned action has left the other executive, led by president Ray Kandola, in an awkward position. Auld's group shocked Kandola by registering itself as an association under the provisions of the Societies Act, something previous executives had never done.

The breakaway body then ran advertisements in The Citizen, saying it was now listed in Victoria and naming the new directors.

The new group also sent a letter to The Citizen, on official NCSA stationery, stating the other group was using the league name illegally.

All communications from the new group are on league stationery because secretary Brenda Auld took it with her when she left, according to Kandola.

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Auld says his body has formed a new league constitution and has affiliated with the B.C. Soccer Association.

Kandola says he's particularly hurt by these moves because they were being discussed while he had no idea the four breakaway members were plotting their move.

"I wasn't told until this was all done and completed in Victoria.

"I think they had the duty to inform the executive, but they didn't."

He's also upset because he says the four members have never formally resigned in writing, although Kandola wrote them asking for their resignations.

One other main point is particularly upsetting Kandola. "They are registered, sure, but we're elected... there's a big difference."

As usual, there's another side to the story and Auld believes he's right just as much as Kandola's group thinks

it's right saying he and his new executive had good reasons for their actions.

According to Auld, the situation boils down to a simple power struggle.

"We've got one group in, that wants to take control at any cost... they said when they came in, they'd run the league in three years."

He feels that, given these circumstances, his group's actions are necessary.

Is it morally acceptable to appoint a new executive without an election?

Auld claims it is, because the new executive represents the six teams it has lined up for next season and he says the players support its moves.

The six teams are Labatt's-Tripke, Woodland Sash United, Acme Electric, Rheingold Kickers, Croatia Soccer Club and Mackenzie.

The teams from last season remaining with the other group are P.G. Croatia, City Furniture and the PCO Raiders.

Both sides insist they have nothing but the betterment of Prince George soccer at heart.

Kandola says, "I don't think we... me or Al Auld, have the right to screw up soccer for other people."

"It's not fair to the young guys. The problem is, some players don't know what's happening."

There's a meeting called for Sunday at 7 p.m. in room four of the Civic Centre and Kandola hopes "all players from last year's seven teams show up."

"I hope the players decide what is best for the league."

He wants the breakaway executive to come to the meeting, but Auld, while insisting he's open to negotiations, says "there'll be no representatives from our organization."

"We've got our own meeting March 11."

At this point, their differences appear unresolvable, but Kandola says some arrangement must be struck because "there aren't enough players and facilities in this city for two leagues."

"I hope it's done peacefully, because if it isn't, there'll be problems on the field."

Although on-field fights were eliminated last season, it's obvious simmering rivalries continued to lurk under the surface, waiting for a chance to emerge.

# Area athletes gather medals

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The Central Interior has discovered gold.

Athletes from this area didn't waste much time getting medals as B.C. Winter Games competition opened in Kimberley Thursday.

Prince George weightlifter Miles Moonie was impressive on the first day, collecting three golds.

He won the 56 kilogram snatch and clean and jerk, assuring himself of a third gold for the overall standings.

Quesnel's Kalbinder Dhanday, who trains with the Prince George club, won a bronze in the 67.5 kilogram snatch.

The Prince George Judo Club had three medals after the opening day.

Cindy Skakun captured a gold in the 56 kilogram class, John Werlberger took bronze in 72 kilograms and over and Susan Lindsey won a bronze in the 66 kilogram class.

Mike Matilipi from Mackenzie won a silver in the 72 kilogram men's category.

Although Thursday's alpine skiing was plagued by warm, wet conditions, two Prince George skiers took medals in the slalom.

Doug Knight, who won the first of his two senior men's runs, took a silver, while his sister Cathy won bronze in senior women's.

Both have a shot at the combined medals following today's dual slalom, which should go ahead, barring a downpour.

In interim results, Dave Stewart had the best medal chance for Prince George racquetball players after one day of play at the courts in Cranbrook.

Stewart was 5-2 in men's B, while Linda Cook won her first two games in women's C.

In men's C, Gord Wilkinson was 4-3 and Neil Downs 2-2.

The Fort St. James broomball team seemed to be out of medal contention, with 8-1 losses Thursday to Burnaby and Dawson Creek.

These events, along with volleyball, fencing, table tennis and wheelchair sports end today, followed by the arrival of the second wave of athletes and the departure of the first group.

Games' publicity director Susan Bond says the total number of athletes in Kimberley is considerably less than was being mentioned in earlier press releases.

She says there are 873 athletes there now, with 994 competing Saturday and Sunday, for a total of 1,867.

This isn't disappointing, explains Bond, because "not every zone sends the full number of athletes."

"If every zone sent all the athletes it was entitled to in every sport, we would have had 2,250."

She says the Games' organizers "have to expect the maximum, although they know not all zones are well developed in all events."

Otherwise, she feels the Games are running smoothly, an opinion shared by Colin Reid, who works for the Prince George office of the provincial recreation and fitness branch.

"The people of Kimberley definitely have the organizational pieces together."

He's learned by talking to athletes that they're happy, although there's one thing that is bothering them.

"The athletes are so busy in their individual sports, they don't have time to see anything else."

Next year's B.C. Winter Games are in Prince George. A local delegation is in Kimberley, studying the operation and how it might be used here.



Where's the top?

Some people will do anything to go skiing... Ann Marie Mervyn, 7, couldn't negotiate the ski lift for her first-ever session on the slopes at Thamesford, Ont. She

didn't seem to mind being dragged to the top, when she was joined by her Grade 7 classmates.

## RAIN AT 6,000 FEET

# Games' skiing conditions bad

KIMBERLEY, B.C. (CP) — Greg Sather threaded his way down a fog-shrouded 53-gate course Thursday to win the junior men's slalom race at the B.C. Winter Games.

Sather, a 16-year-old Cranbrook skier, put together runs of 43.44 and 43.20 seconds to beat second-place Jeff O'Reilly, 14, of Kelowna, by more than two seconds.

A light morning drizzle turned to a steady rain during the afternoon, even at the top of 6,000-foot North Star Mountain.

To complicate matters, above-freezing temperature and rain on the snow combined to create a heavy fog.

But it didn't stop the racing.

"The conditions weren't the best, of course, but the race went off very well," said Jack Kerr, alpine skiing chairman.

"Because of the conditions, some skiers fell who otherwise wouldn't have done, and also because of the weather, the race was occasionally delayed," he said.

Kerr brushed off fears that the weather might force cancellation of today's dual slalom competition.

"Unless it's a downpour, we'll have skiing."

"It was snowing at the top of the mountain when we came down at 3:50 p.m., so I'm looking for a better day."

"The fog wasn't too much of a problem because in the slalom, the skiers are just concerned with looking ahead a short distance. As long as the fog and rain aren't too heavy, the race will go ahead."

Organizers said they will have a better idea today on the fate of the cross-country ski races set for Saturday and Sunday mornings.

"The course could deteriorate if it stays warm but right now the situation isn't bad enough to consider cancelling the event," Vivian Mea, cross-country assistant chairman, said Thursday evening.

"The situation depends very much on what the weather does tonight."

In the other slalom events Thursday, Ron Williams of Smithers won the men's, Annette McClelland of Nelson took the junior women's, and Ardith Watson of Cranbrook topped the women's.

The junior class is made up of C-class racers, usually 13 to 16 years old, while the men's and women's is for racers over 19.

KIMBERLEY, B.C. (CP) — Tears of strain turned to joy when Glynis Hood of Creston learned she'd taken second in

the 56-kilogram weightlifting division Thursday at the B.C. Winter Games.

Letting out a whoop of glee, the 15-year-old student jumped a foot at the good news.

The pretty blonde Grade 10 student had just lifted 35 kg in the snatch, and 43 kg on her third and final attempt at the clean and jerk to place second in both lifts. Her total of 80kg — 176 pounds — also was good for second in the total of the two lifts.

Miles Moonie, 15, of Prince George won the three parts of the 56-kg division with a 40kg snatch, 50kg jerk and a total of 90kg.

"I've been weightlifting for a year, but only Olympic lifting for four months," Hood said after the competition.

"I started it for figure control (she was 60kg and now is 54.4) and for help in other sports (basketball and track and field).

"Weight lifting started as a helper, and now it's just as important. I'd like to carry it on for a while."

"I didn't do as well as I'd hoped, but it's good enough this time."

Although women have been competing in powerlifting for several years, it is still quite rare for them to participate in the Olympic lifts.

In the snatch the weight must be lifted from the floor to straight arm overhead in one motion. Speed is stressed in this lift. In the jerk, the weight is raised to the shoulders in one movement, then jerked to straight arm overhead in a second motion.

Hood said that after the male lifters get over the shock of her being in the competition, they treat her as an equal when they see she is serious about her lifting.

"Her lifts were down," said coach Mike Reams, 32, a teacher at the school Hood attends.

"It was partly nerves. It turned out to be a bigger meet than she thought."

## HUGE TASK

# Food hostess a 'sucker'

KIMBERLEY, B.C. (CP) — Some hostesses get nervous preparing a dinner party for a dozen friends.

Shirley "The S stands for Sucker" Rossi is overseeing dinner — and breakfast and lunch — for about 2,000.

During the four-day B.C. Winter Games, that comes to more than 6,700 breakfasts and dinners and more than 4,500 box lunches.

Mrs. Rossi says she has lots

of volunteer experience in organizing large-scale food preparations, including last summer's local July Fest celebrations.

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## ZONE BASKETBALL

# Condors solid favorites

The north-central zone boys' AA basketball championship has started at Duchess Park.

Play began today at 11 a.m. as the heavily-favored Condors met the Columneetza Cougars from Williams Lake.

The Prince George Secondary Polars played the South Peace Penguins from Dawson Creek at 1 p.m.

The four-team tournament resumes at 7 p.m. with the two losers meeting and the winners play at 8:45 p.m. The winner of that game advances to the championship game.

The winner of game three and the loser of game four decide the other finalist Saturday at 11 a.m.

The championship game starts at 8 p.m.

The zone champion, expected to be the top-ranked Condors, advances to the 16-team B.C.

championship in Vancouver March 12 to 15.

Junior girls' and boys' tournaments will also be played here this weekend, at Lakewood Junior Secondary and PGSS.

Play starts today at 4 p.m. and resumes Saturday at 9 p.m. at both schools.

Teams on the girls' side are Lakewood, D.P. Todd and Duchess Park from Prince George, Anne Stevenson from Williams Lake, Maple Drive of Quesnel and Hazelton.

On the boys' side are West Whalley from Surrey, Terrace, Quesnel Junior Secondary, Maple Drive, PGSS, Lakewood, Duchess Park, and Kelly Road.

The girls' final will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and the boys' final is at 6 p.m. Both are at Lakewood.

# Punch punishment for Flyers, Quinn

MONTREAL (CP) — Philadelphia Flyers coach Pat Quinn has been suspended for three games and fined \$1,000 for allowing a bench-clearing fight with Vancouver Canucks last Friday, the National Hockey League announced Thursday.

Philadelphia also received an automatic fine of \$5,000 because one of the Flyers was the first to leave the bench during an altercation, for the third time this season.

Flyers defenceman Frank Bathe, the player who left the bench first, got an automatic one-game suspension and was suspended without pay for two additional games.

Other players from both teams got automatic fines totalling \$4,100.

Executive vice-president Brian O'Neill of the NHL issued the fines and suspensions after a hearing in Montreal Tuesday attended by Quinn, Flyers' general manager Keith Allen and NHL referee-in-chief Scotty Morrison.

The Feb. 22 incident caused a delay of about 45 minutes and

resulted in 258 minute in penalties, with 15 players being ejected from the game — eight from Vancouver and seven from Philadelphia.

The NHL said Quinn denied telling Bathe to leave the bench, but acknowledged he signalled three other Flyers in the penalty box to go on the ice.

"On at least two other occasions," said O'Neill, "Quinn had been warned by the league that he and club management would be held responsible for restraining players from leaving their bench."

"If these penalties are not sufficient to eliminate this kind of conduct from our game, then additional sanctions will be imposed."

# Boston bidding

BOSTON (AP) — Boston will make a strong bid to become the site of "alternative Olympics" this summer, and it shouldn't cost city taxpayers a cent, Mayor Kevin White said Thursday.

"We are prepared to fight, if the opportunity avails itself, to hold the Olympics in Boston," White said at a news conference.

He announced the formation of a nine-member committee to investigate the possibility and said one member, Dr. Jean Mayer, president of Tufts University, has contacted the White House and legal counsel.

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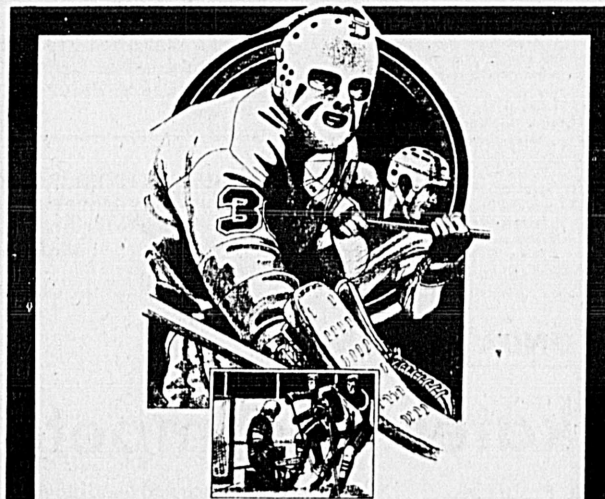
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