

**LEAGUE SOON?**

**Soccer back among women**

Women's soccer is making a comeback in Prince George. After dying out last year, the sport has been brought back to life this season by new organizers. More than 30 people have been turning out for twice-a-week practices since May 5 and organizers are hoping enough new players appear to form a league. Practices are at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Seymour Elementary School field. Anyone interested can call Cassy Howes at 562-6349 or Jackie Collins at 962-9812. Howes says exhibition games are being arranged with high school teams and more games are being planned against teams from other communities. She says play should begin in "the next couple of weeks". Quesnel has a three-team league and Williams Lake a six-team league. There is also a team in Terrace.



Oakland A's record-setting thief Rickey Henderson is off to a slow start this year. After stealing a record 130 bases last season, Henderson is far off that pace with only 12 so far in 1983. He had 35 at this time last year.

**FORD SLUGGING**

**Orioles slip past Jays**

TORONTO (CP) — Baltimore pitcher Scott McGregor simplified his outlook on baseball and Orioles' slugger Dan Ford had to do something to celebrate his birthday. The result was a 2-1 American League victory Thursday night over the Toronto Blue Jays. McGregor, who hadn't lasted longer than four innings in three previous starts this month, snapped a personal two-game losing streak with his fourth victory of the season against two losses. The veteran lefthander went eight and one-third innings, scattered six hits, struck out four and walked none before Tim Stoddard came in for one out and Tippy Martinez finished to earn his fourth save. Ford, who hit a paltry .235 last season, hammered a two-out, two-run home run in the eighth inning off loser Mike Morgan, 0-3, who had retired 12 Orioles in a row before John Shelby preceded Ford's homer with a double. Morgan went seven and two-third innings, struck out a career-high seven batters and walked one. It was the third straight winning run-batted-in for Ford, who spent most of his 31st birthday travelling and watching the rain fall. The game was delayed two hours and four minutes by the downpour. Designated hitter Cliff Johnson spoiled McGregor's shutout bid in the ninth inning with his fifth home run of the season, snapping the Orioles' shutout streak at 32 innings. "One thing that happens in this game and you never want it to happen, is that you start taking the game too seriously," said McGregor. "You have to take things one day at a time and really be relaxed and remember you've got 162 games and if that doesn't do it, 10 years from now nobody's going to remember what you ever did so who cares anyway?"

**FOR SOFTBALL MIDGETS**

**Pitching too powerful**

One of the reasons the Permanent-Nechako Real Estate midget reps moved up into the senior women's softball league this year was pitching. They wanted to face tougher, harder throwers. The midgets got that and more Thursday night as Fern Carifelle shut them out with a three-hitter to lead Porter and Howat to a 12-0 victory. Carifelle struck out eight and was never in trouble as she went the distance for Porter and Howat's third win of the young season. She also led Porter and Howat hitters, going four-for-five at the plate. Pat Collie had a double and was two-for-three, as was Cheryl Bayne. Gladys Walper was tagged with the loss, giving up 11 runs before being replaced by Kerri Scholten. Scholten was impressive in relief, giving up just one hit through the final three innings.

Porter and Howat virtually wrapped up the game in the first inning, striking for five runs. Carifelle rapped a single to score March, and after Darlene McIntosh singled and Collie walked to load the bases, Bayne reached first on an error to score Carifelle. Porter and Howat added three more unearned runs before the inning ended. In another development, Porter and Howat has been awarded a victory in last week's game against the Haircutters Sundowners, which was called due to darkness in the fifth inning with Porter and Howat leading 9-0. Normally, a game must be replayed if it doesn't go five complete innings, but league president Barry Boehmer says he awarded the win to Porter and Howat, because the Sundowners had not paid their league dues prior to the game. The league's invitational tournament starts tonight at 7 p.m.

**Sunrise's win not easy**

Sunrise Rentals was taken to the limit, but succeeded in winning its fourth straight men's slo-pitch game Thursday. With two out in the bottom of the seventh, John Engel singled to score Bob Robertson and Sunrise took a 7-6 win from the Astoria Inn Blues. The win was Sunrise's fourth without a loss and it remains one of three undefeated teams in the 13-team league. Ironhorse and Auto Magic are both 5-0. Don Guignard was three-for-three offensively for Sunrise, which took a 5-0 lead with three runs in the first and two in the third. Astoria, which drops to 1-3, rebounded with three in the fourth and three more in the fifth to take a 6-5 lead, which it carried into the seventh. John Armstrong was the winning pitcher and Dan Christensen took the loss. In the other game, Runners World won its third in six games, downing Palm Dairies 5-2 in a game between the league's newcomers. Wayne Dobson was the winning pitcher and Ron Sullivan the loser. The next league action is Tuesday when Northwood meets Astoria at 6:15 p.m. and Target Transport plays the Auto Magic Wizards at 7:30 at Kenworth Park. Sunrise plays host to a 12-team, \$2,200 Molson's and CJCI tournament this weekend. Play starts today at 6:10 at Kenworth Park on Highway 16 West and resumes Saturday morning at 8. Sunday's action

begins at 8:30 a.m. and Monday's at the same time. The championship game is at 5:40 p.m. Monday. First place is worth \$1,000, the runner-up wins \$750 and third place gets \$500. Sunrise, which won the tournament last year and is the local league's playoff champion the past three years, is joined by league teams Target Transport, Old Fort Brewers, Blue Moons, Ironhorse, Boston Pizza, Astoria Inn Blues and Palm Dairies. Out-of-town teams are the Windsor Dukes, Gary's Pancake House and Tommy's Athletics, all from Dawson Creek and one team from Fort St. John. Auto Magic competes this weekend at a tournament in Vernon.

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**Miller first to get fired**

DENVER (AP) — Red Miller, who took the Denver Broncos to their greatest moment in the National Football League, was fired Thursday as the coach of the Denver Gold of the United States Football League. He became the first USFL coach to be fired since the league came into being in 1982. In announcing Miller's dismissal at a news conference, Gold owner Ron Blanding said he wanted his team to "go forward in a different direction without Red Miller at the stern." Miller and Blanding, who had been at odds at times since the fledgling team began play early this year, had a shouting match behind closed doors a week ago.

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**Fastball cash offered to 14**

Don't expect much experimenting this weekend in a two-tiered men's fastball tournament at Spruce City Field. All five Spruce City Men's Fastball Association teams tested new players and tried different combinations at their icebreaker tournament last weekend but teams will be serious this weekend, because cash is involved. The five SCMFAs teams, the only A division entries, compete for \$1,000 in entry fee money. Nine B division teams vie for \$1,800. The winner of each double-knockout division gets 60 per cent, the runner-up takes 30 per cent and third place is worth 10 per cent. Ted Doyle Trucking, Nicholson Chev-Olds, Klasic Auto Body, Holiday Inn and Clondonald-Bencher-Stussi are SCMFAs teams in the A division. B teams include the Central Interior Disposers, Ambrus Logging, Pace Realty and Tabor Lake Logging, all from the Prince George recreation league. The merchant league's defending playoff champion (Loose Connection) is the other local team. The B division defending champion Burns Lake Whiskeyjacks, Houston, the Mackenzie Businessmen and Vanderhoof Old Stockers complete the B group. Ambrus plays Pace tonight at 7 in the opener, with Tabor Lake facing the Disposers at 9. CBS meets Doyle in Saturday's first game at 9:30 a.m., Houston plays Loose Connection at 11 and Holiday Inn plays Klasic at 12:30 p.m. Games begin Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 9:30 a.m., with the last games Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 p.m. The A division A-B final is at 12:30 p.m. Monday and the B division A-B final is at 2. The 24-game SCMFAs regular season begins Tuesday.

**Baldy Hughes not winner yet**

Baldy Hughes continues to lose close games in the men's recreation softball league. With sufficient defence, Baldy Hughes' downfall has come offensively, where it has scored only six runs in three games. Baldy Hughes suffered its third straight loss Thursday 3-1 to CC Industries. But Baldy Hughes' 0-3 record could easily be reversed with a little more luck at the plate. Its first two losses were 3-2 to Pace Realty and 4-3 to J and R Contracting, giving the team one of the best defensive records in the league. CC Industries' win was its second of the season, but CC has only two points. CC lost the two points from its first win by falling victim to a league rule when the team didn't supply umpires for its designated game. CC scored the only runs it needed in the bottom of the first, the winning RBI from Mark Chadwicke. Baldy Hughes took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but was silenced the rest of the way. Baldy Hughes left six men on base and CC, which scored its final run in the fifth, stranded five. Fraser Stationers plays Tabor Lake Logging tonight at 6:45 at the league diamond on Highway 16 West.

**Rugby win for Cougars**

The College Heights Cougars blanked the Duchess Park Condors 11-0 in high school rugby Thursday night. The Cougars led 3-0 at the half but pulled away in the second half for the win. Matt Laferdy and Glen Reynolds had tries for College Heights, and Randy Kish added a penalty kick.

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