

Close play



Brenda Padalec of Mount Alder Estates barely beats the throw to catcher Janice Zwiers after slamming a home run against Kits Cameras in a minor girls' softball league squirt division game Thursday night. Mount Alder won the hotly-contested game 12-11. With the exception of makeup games due to rainouts, it was the last

regular season game of the year for the squirt and bantam divisions. Squirts and peewees begin their year-end tournament at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Chuck Cawdell Park. Play resumes Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Citizen photo by Dave Milne

Labatt's leads with soccer win

Labatt's Pastry Chef has moved into sole possession of first place in the North Cariboo Senior Soccer League.

Labatt's edged the stubborn Rheingold Kickers 3-1 Thursday night at Rotary Stadium to move two points ahead of Prince George Croatia, which has a game in hand.

The game, played under slippery, rainy conditions, was a repeat of the last time the two teams met. Labatt's scored early when Alphonso Miranda, playing with a broken toe, found the net after a pass from Glen Thompson in the 10th minute.

The Kickers held the potent Labatt's offence scoreless for the remainder of the half and evened the game in the 60th minute after a defensive miscue.

A Labatt's defender attempted to pass the ball back to goalkeeper Gaetano Mauro. The pass was off the mark, but Mauro got a hand on it, only to have the rebound go right to Bert Houde.

The Kickers went on the defensive

with some success after the goal, preserving the tie for most of the game despite pressure from Labatt's.

The tactic worked for all but the last five minutes, when Labatt's scored twice.

Glen Anderson, signed recently to help bolster Labatt's depleted roster, scored the winner with a low, well-placed shot from the right side in the 85th minute, and Orlando Mauro put the game out of reach after he and Rod Ramsay worked a neat give-and-go to penetrate the Kickers' defence.

The victory was Labatt's sixth against one tie. The Kickers fell to 2-5-1 and a tie for fifth place.

Labatt's and P.G. Croatia meet at 7 Saturday night to determine the zone eight representative in the B.C. Summer Games.

League play resumes Sunday at 1 p.m. with Labatt's meeting the Portuguese Football Club. Croatia meets the Kickers at 3 and Farr Installations in Quesnel.

REGION PLAYOFFS

Final berths on line

The Prince George Youth Soccer Association will know by Sunday which of its teams will be going to Penticton next weekend for the B.C. Interior championships.

Northern Interior semi-finals are Saturday and finals Sunday will determine zone representatives from Prince George, Quesnel and Terrace.

The Prince George Central Lancers won their protest of a 3-2 loss to Quesnel last weekend in the division one semi-final. The B.C. Youth Soccer Association ruled Quesnel used ineligible players.

That puts the Lancers in the Northern final Sunday in Terrace.

The Lakewood Kickers lost 4-1 to Quesnel in the division three semi-final, so Quesnel plays Terrace.

In division five the Northern representative has already been determined. The Prince George Roughnecks downed Terrace 4-1 Saturday in the regional final.

The Nechako Whitecaps, who beat the Timbers 5-1 Saturday in the Prince George final, meet Terrace in the Northern final at noon at John McInnis Secondary School.

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The Prince George Gnats Rugby Club plays host to Williams Lake at 1 p.m. Sunday at Connaught field.

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GAMES GO DESPITE RAIN

Weather no obstacle for league

On an evening when most Prince George softball and baseball leagues surrendered to the rain, the men's slo-pitch league played two-thirds of its schedule Thursday.

Six Mile Logging moved back into a tie for the lead in the B division with a 10-7 win over the co-leading Queensway Arms Blue Moons.

Dorie Legault had a good night at the plate for Six Mile with two triples included in his three hits in three at-bats. Winning pitcher Rick Laroque was also three-for-three, while teammate Ron Byman was four-for-four.

Both teams scored early, with Six Mile leading 6-5 after one and one-half innings.

Harry Hubler was the losing pitcher.

The Investors won their second straight of the second half with a 13-12 victory over Palm Dairies.

Palm led 7-6 after three innings, but the Investors scored two in the fourth and five in the sixth. Palm also finished strongly with two in the fifth, one in the sixth and two in the seventh, falling just short.

Hartley Miller was the winning pitcher

and Pat Stack took the loss. Wayne Sullivan was three-for-four with two triples for Palm.

The game between Astoria and Northwood was postponed because of rain.

In A division play tonight, Runners World meets Sunrise Rentals at 6, Auto Magic plays the Brewers at 7 and Boston Pizza takes on the Astoria Blues at 8 at Kenworth Park.

Sunday, the Brewers play the Investors at 5, Target takes on the Investors at 6:15 and Target faces Northwood Pulp at 7:30.

Springboks remain first

The Springboks kept a step ahead of the Barbarians with a victory Wednesday in men's rugby at Connaught field.

The Springboks, alone in first place with a 6-1 record and a slim one-point lead over the Barbarians, downed the Vanderhoof Honkers 14-4, while the Barbarians slipped by the Boors 9-4.

Bruce Moss, in his first game back after fracturing his jaw, had one try for the Springboks and Ken Lipinski and Bob Ormond added the others.

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Heart attack strikes owner

CLEVELAND (AP) — Art Modell, the principal owner of the Cleveland Browns of the National Football League, was listed in serious condition Sunday at the Cleveland Clinic after suffering an apparent heart attack, officials said.

Modell, 58 this month, complained to his wife he had indigestion and trouble breathing.

TIED FOR FIRST

Tabor captures sixth

Tabor Lake Logging barely won its sixth straight men's recreation softball game Thursday.

Tabor, which moved back into a tie for first with the Central Interior Disposers (6-2), broke a 4-4 tie with CC Industries in the bottom of the fifth when a CC attempt to throw out a Tabor runner at third base went awry and the runner came home for the final run of the rain and mud-

plagued game.

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Teams here for softball

Teams from Vanderhoof and Quesnel are among those vying for the championship in this weekend's 12-team Prince George Commercial Women's Softball League invitational tournament.

Play begins at 7 p.m. tonight at Carrie Jane Gray Park, with Benchner Logging meeting Casey's Steak Pit and Inland Diesel playing the Sundowners II.

Games resume at 9 a.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday, with the final at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Schoenfeld might retire

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Defenceman Jim Schoenfeld, twice selected a second-team NHL all-star during his nine seasons with the Buffalo Sabres, said Thursday he has to consider retiring after being placed on waivers by the Detroit Red Wings.

The first-round draft pick, fifth overall, in 1972, suffered a shoulder injury early last season and played in only 57 of 80 league games. He scored one goal and assisted on 10.

PNWHL REBOUNDING?

Survival aim of league

by DAVE PAULSON
Sports reporter

The Pacific Northwest Hockey League has been down for some time, but is not yet out.

The PNWHL, which once consisted of 12 teams stretching between Prince George and Prince Rupert in the mid 1970s, is battling to regain credibility after the 1982-83 season, in which only three teams - the Vanderhoof Flyers, Fort St. James Caledonians and Prince George Juvenile Kings - comprised the league.

However, even with the possibility of reviving teams in Smithers, Houston and Burns Lake, it appears unlikely the league will operate under the conventional format of traveling or playing host to weekend doubleheaders or mid-week games.

"We'll probably have a tournament in towns every so often just to keep it alive," says president Cliff Smith of Houston, a community which was a PNWHL mainstay until two years ago. The PNWHL president is not the same Cliff Smith who was a longtime owner-general manager of the North Shore-Delta Hurry Kings.

As with amateur teams in any sport, finances play a bigger role than anything in determining a team's actions and last year's three PNWHL members were worse off than most. Smith says one could afford to pay its \$125 membership fee to the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association, so the league decided to foot the bill, "to keep it alive."

Commercial league hockey is booming in most towns and Smith envisions an all-star team from each commercial league as perhaps participating in the PNWHL.

Fort St. James has a commercial league of five or six teams, but barely had enough players at the end of the last PNWHL season to ice a team.

"We have a problem here competing with the commercial league," says Caledonians' manager Roy Willick.

"They'd rather play commercial, where there's no traveling."

Willick also thinks a solution in Fort St. James is to take the best commercial league players to form the Caledonians.

"But we're pretty undecided about joining the league."

Smith has scheduled a league meeting June 26 at 2 p.m. in Houston at Sullivan Pontiac. "It's to establish how much interest there is in the league."

The defending PNWHL champion Vanderhoof Flyers are the only team answering with a firm yes whether they'll be part of the league this season.

The Flyers are in the best shape, including a plenty of interested players to draw from, having a few former Prince George players.

"We really don't know what we're going to get (at the meeting)," says Flyers' president and manager Ben Wagner. "But Vanderhoof will be in."

The Prince George Juvenile Kings entered the league last season, as coach Darelle Peterson puts it, "so they (PNWHL) could operate the league," and also to give the juveniles some competition before their B.C. championship.

Although the juveniles struggled to a 4-19-1 record, it was generally regarded as a good experience for the players, since there were no other juvenile teams in the Cariboo league and the team was able to place a respectable fourth at the B.C. juvenile championship in Maple Ridge where they lost in the semi-finals, then took second at the B.C. Winter Games.

If there are no other juvenile teams in the Cariboo again this season, the Prince George juveniles will likely rejoin the PNWHL, says Bill Baldrige, president of the Greater Prince George Minor Hockey Association.

"We don't know yet, but if they have a league and there are no other juvenile teams around, then we'll look at getting back in the league. In the long run they learned a lot."

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June 17/83
By Bob Melrose

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