



Jimmy Connors was flat on his back here but got up and beat Tim Mayotte in this quarter-final at the Stella Artois tournament in London Friday. Connors lost to eventual champion John McEnroe Saturday in a semi-final.

SUNDOWNERS RISE

Night Riders thrown

by PAUL SMITH
Sports reporter

The Haircutters Sundowners got their slice of revenge from the Dawson Creek Night Riders during the weekend.

The Sundowners, who lost to Dawson Creek in the final of a Prince George senior women's softball tournament in May, turned the tables Sunday by beating the Night Riders 5-3 in the final of the annual Porter and Howat-Permanent Nechako tournament at Chuck Cawdell Park.

The Haircutters jumped to a 5-2 lead with a pair of key runs in the decisive fifth inning and Fern Carifelle, named the tournament's top pitcher, retired the final six Dawson Creek batters.

"It's good to be with a winner after all these years in the doldrums," said Haircutters' coach Stan Polson, whose Sundowners are first in Prince George league play after finishing third the past three years.

Polson attributed the win to superior bench strength and it was from the bench the Sundowners got their winning run-batted-in.

Veteran Edna Stitt, still a dangerous hitter after more than two decades as a fixture in Prince George women's softball, was sent into the game for second baseman Donna Belado with two out in the fifth and runners on first and second. Stitt responded with a single down the third base line to score Mary Jane Elson and Ann McVey came home on a passed ball with pinch-hitter Shay Mahan at the plate.

It was the third time this season Stitt has knocked in a winning run after being sent in to pinch-hit.

"It was just a feeling that I got during the game that told me 'now's the time,'" said Pol-

som, whose team led 3-2 at the time. "Why, I don't know. I just knew we had to get those insurance runs."

"And not enough can be said about Edna Stitt. I'm just glad she's playing for us."

Carifelle, who won all four games she pitched, permitted nine hits in the championship game and Joan Hincey, named the tournament's most valuable player, allowed 12 for Dawson Creek.

Kim Miles went two-for-four and Carifelle two-for-three to lead Sundowners' hitters. Sandy Bukowski tripled in a run in the third.

Hincey and Carol Legere, a former pitcher in Prince George who played catcher in the final, were each two-for-four for Dawson Creek.

Kelly Hunter of the Night Riders won the batting title with a .563 average.

The Sundowners tied Dawson Creek 3-3 in their final game of the round-robin to finish one-two on their side of the draw. The Sundowners beat the Permanent Nechako juniors 5-1 in one semi-final and Dawson Creek blanked the Quesnel Mid-Province Flyers, who were 3-0 in the round-robin, 5-0 in the other. Quesnel finished third and Permanent Nechako, 2-1 in the round-robin, was fourth.

Porter and Howat and the Quesnel Arrow A's were each 1-2 and Kami Inn of Kamloops, last year's winners, failed to win a game.

Burnaby Classic Limousine, coached by former Prince George standout Dawn Storey, went winless as well, failing to score a run in three games.

The Haircutters won \$550, Dawson Creek \$450 and the Flyers and Permanent Nechako \$150 each.

League play resumes at 7:30 tonight with the Sundowners meeting Porter and Howat.

McEnroe victorious in warmup

LONDON (AP) — Top seed John McEnroe subdued upstart Leif Shiras in a stormy 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 final Sunday to win the \$203,000 Queen's Club men's tennis tournament, a key grass court warmup for the Wimbledon championships next week.

McEnroe, 25, bested by Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia in the French Open final a week ago, needed just 31 minutes to breeze through his first set with fellow-American Shiras.

But in the second set, Shiras, 24, — who ousted Lendl in opening-round play Tuesday — shocked the defending Wimbledon champion by breaking McEnroe's serve at 15, then holding his own without dropping a point.

McEnroe began complaining to umpire Roger Smith about the length of time Shiras was taking to serve and his temper broke in the seventh game when Smith reversed a line call, allowing Shiras to save a break point at 4-2.

In several minutes of heated conversation, McEnroe refused to continue play, demanding to see referee Jim Moore and Grand Prix supervisor Kurt Nielsen. When they arrived, he shouted at them: "You two guys sit here like two bumps on a log, doing nothing."

Shriver wins

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — Top-seeded Pam Shriver overcame elbow, shoulder and knee ailments as well as a cold to defeat fellow American Anne White 7-6, 6-3 Sunday to win the \$22,000 top prize at the Edgbaston Cup women's tennis tournament.

TWO QUICK LOSSES HURT

Moons blue after bad Friday

The Village Inn Pub Blue Moons had a rough night Friday.

The Prince George men's slo-pitch team played 4½ innings and lost two games, finishing a 9-6 loss to Mr. Big and Tall and losing a 10-8 protest replay to the Old Fort Brewers.

In the other game Friday, Cariboo Chrome beat Target Transport 18-5.

The Moons lost their first decision of the evening when Mr. Big and Tall hit four singles and took advantage of an error to score three times in the top of the 10th inning. That game was rained out after seven innings June 5 with the score tied 6-6.

The Moons lost their second game of the night when the Brewers scored three times to win a replay of a protested game from

June 1. The Moons led 8-7 going into the top of the seventh when the Brewers started to score.

The Moons protested the game on a rule interpretation and won the protest. Unfortunately for the Moons, they won the original game, had the win taken away when the protest was upheld and wound up taking the loss.

Cariboo got three-for-four performances from pitcher Bob Law, Blaine Blueher and Al Stewart, who also drove in two runs, in its win over Target. Jim Kopp went three-for-three.

The season's second half starts tonight, with Palm Dairies playing the Western Stars at 6, Runners World meeting the Brewers at 7 and Investors playing Village Inn at 8.

City upsets Croatia

City Furniture scored the first major upset of the season Sunday in North Cariboo Senior Soccer League play.

City Furniture edged P.G. Croatia 3-1 at Rotary Stadium to move into a second-place tie with Croatia. Both teams have 3-2 records.

John Custodio scored twice and Len Brandilini added the insurance goal with just 13 minutes to play. John Paterson scored for Croatia.

The game was tied 1-1 at the half before Custodio broke the deadlock with a blast from 15 metres out. Brandilini scored when his shot was deflected off a Croatia player.

In the other game, Farr Installations moved into fourth place with a 3-0 victory over winless Team X.

Newcomer Kelvin Ballard scored all three goals for Farr as the team improved its record to improved its record to 2-2-1.

Rudi Van Battum got the shut-out for Farr.

City Furniture plays Team X at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

In women's soccer Sunday at Seymour Elementary School, the Runners World Spruce Caps stopped the Billy Barker Inn Strikers of Quesnel 7-1.

Charolette Hein scored five goals for Prince George and Shelly Williams and Karen LaMarch added singles.

The Spruce Caps have an exhibition game Tuesday against the College Heights Strikers of the youth soccer league.

Pace tough Friday night

Pace Realty beat Baldy Hughes 12-9 Friday in Prince George men's recreation softball.

Glen Duboski was the winner while John Fox took the loss as Brian Graves went two-for-three with three runs-batted-in to lead Pace's offence. Roy Umperville relieved Duboski in the seventh and struck out the final two Baldy Hughes batters on seven pitches to preserve the victory.

Baldy Hughes trailed 12-4 entering the seventh.

The Native Sons play Tabor Lake Logging at 6:45 tonight at the Highway 16 West diamond.

RACES STOPPED During the Second World War, horse and auto racing were banned in the United States.

Control returns in time

Mike Hodson overcame control problems in the late stages Sunday and led the Joe Martin and Sons Cardinals to a 5-2 victory over Porter and Howat in the second game of a senior men's baseball doubleheader.

Joe Martin also won the first game, trouncing Porter and Howat 10-2.

Hodson gave up just one hit in five innings before allowing three straight walks and a double in the sixth, but settled down in the seventh and struck out the final batter for the win on a three-hitter.

Porter and Howat made a game of it until the third, when Joe Martin struck for four straight hits and two runs off of loser Justin Scofield.

The Cardinals got 13 hits off Scofield, three from third baseman Al Taylor as he stroked a double and two singles. Dan Zacharuk was two-for-four for the winners.

In the first game, the Cardinals jumped ahead 7-0 after the first inning and never looked back.

Winner Dave Girard allowed just two hits and struck out five. Joe Martin had nine hits off loser Dave Goodwin.

The victories moved Joe Martin, 4-5, into sole possession of fourth-place, 3½ games behind league-leading Astoria Inn.

Porter and Howat fell to 1-7, six games off the pace.

Elsewhere, Astoria Inn finished second at a tournament in Quesnel after a 6-3 loss to Bud Henning in the final.

The Prince George Babe Ruth all-stars placed third.

Astoria Inn meets Klassic Auto Body at 6:30 tonight at Monty Gabriel Park.

Defence key for Bombers

EDMONTON (CP) — Winnipeg's hard-charging defence forced two first-half turnovers that quarterback Tom Clements quickly converted into touchdowns to propel the Blue Bombers to a 25-11 win over the Edmonton Eskimos in Canadian Football League exhibition play Friday night.

The win, before 31,382 spectators, improved Winnipeg's pre-season record to 3-0, while Edmonton fell to 0-3.

Olson goes fast at PGARA track

If Lloyd Olson has many more weekends like he did, he's going to be tough to beat in the hobby stock division of the Prince George Auto Racing Association.

Olson had the fast time Saturday and Sunday, then proved it wasn't coincidence. He won the A heat and main event both days.

David Brookes, who entered the weekend leading second-place Richard Larson of Quesnel 182-146 in the hobby stock point standings, won only Saturday's A dash. Larson didn't make the trip this time, although Dave Pilkington of Quesnel won the B dash Saturday and the A dash Sunday.

Brad Gallant took the B dash and B heat Sunday, while Tom Matijevic won the B heat Saturday.

Five-time PGARA super stock points champion Roger Turgeon won a rare accident-free main event Saturday by winning the B heat. PGARA president Steve Arronge won the dash and 1983 super stock champion Warren Bergman took the A heat.

Don Sales of Williams Lake had the fast time Saturday, although Arronge qualified fastest Sunday.

Rookie Darcy Adelman of Quesnel

won the A dash and main Sunday. The rest of the field benefited in the main when Arronge blew a tire in the 16th lap and bumped Bergman into the infield.

Chuck Sales of Williams Lake won Sunday's heat and Don Clouston took the B dash.

Former Prince George resident Jimmy Morgan, who returns from his Cache Creek home on race weekends, had the street stock fast time Saturday, although he raced better Sunday when he won the dash and heat. Steve Jefferson, who had the fast time Sunday, won the heat Saturday and Earl Reimer won the dash.

There were only five street stocks each day, so they ran with the hobby stocks in the mains.

Eleven hobby stocks qualified each day, with 11 super stocks Saturday and nine Sunday. Chilly weather was probably another factor in keeping crowds below 400 both days.

The next racing for PGARA members is in Williams Lake in two weekends. The Interior Open Wheel Association, which took the weekend off, will resume action the same weekend.

FIRST DRAG RACES

NITRO learning how

The field wasn't as big as expected but the Northern Interior Timed Racing Association's members learned a lot about running a drag racing event.

The club ran its first meet Saturday and Sunday at North Central Raceway Park and spokesman Lorraine Bayford said the club was looking forward to doing it again next year.

"We learned quite a bit about how to run one of these things," Bayford said. "We'll do it again next year and we'll do some thing differently, but it was a learning experience for us."

Rain and cold wind held crowds down for the king of the hill races, which began Saturday, but more than 250 came Sunday to watch the three-bracket event.

Joe Bauer won the king of the hill event, driving his Duster past Kitimat's Bruce Daum in a 1958 Corvette in the final. Bauer's 10.7-second run overcame Daum's 11.49 handicapped run.

Pat Wilkinson took third in a Chevrolet pickup, while Richard Doyle's Monza funny car was fourth, despite a best time of 9.35 seconds.

Bracket races allow a

handicapped start based on time trials.

Sunday's big winner was Russ McNichol, who drove his dragster to a 9.04-second quarter-mile in the final, beating Leo Grocock in his dragster. George Williams took third in the Charter Holdings dragster, while Russ McNichol was fourth in his funny car.

McNichol supplied the most exciting moment of the day when his car came off the starting line sideways in the semi-final against Grocock. McNichol managed to keep the car on the track and on its wheels, though the run was four seconds slower than the 8.32-second run earlier that earned him top time of the day.

In bracket II Sunday, Gary Fjellgard won in his Camaro, beating Doug Satre's Astre from Fairview, Alta. Ken Day of Kamloops was third and Dave Saunders of Terrace took fourth.

Dan Brumbaugh of Kamloops won bracket III, beating Marshall Shaw of Grand Prairie, Alta., in the final. Doug

Ernst was third in his Ford Fairlane and Ron Hurd fourth in a Camaro.

NCRP holds the second annual high school drag meet Sunday. The meet is for high school students or people younger than 20.

For more information, call 967-4444.

Francona out after surgery

MONTREAL (CP) — Terry Francona, the Montreal Expo outfielder whose .346 batting average is second in the National League, had surgery Saturday to repair a slightly-torn ligament and remove cartilage from his injured left knee.

Francona is expected to be inactive from four to eight weeks. He was placed on the 21-day disabled list and the Expos said they will decide at a later date who will replace Francona on their 25-man roster.

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