

Soccer B.C. teams stop here

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The Lower Mainland is coming up to look at the youth-soccer talent in town again.

Well, not the whole Lower Mainland.

The under-14 provincial soccer squad will play exhibition matches against all-star squads from the youth league in town Saturday and Sunday.

Last year the under-14 provincial squad came to Prince George to play exhibition games and picked up two players — Terrol Russell and Surjit Sidhu — for an overseas trip to England.

"What this does it bring them up to have a look at our boys," said Gale Russel, this year's youth soccer president. "The kids get a chance to play, and they see what kind of talent we have up here."

The plan is to keep bringing teams up each year and hopefully next year they can bring up a girls' squad as well, said Russel.

The program is part of an ongoing process to get the Lower Mainland to recognize the problems of the North, he said.

"I just want them to get up here and see what talent we have," said Russel. "We play on fields in May, not on snow."

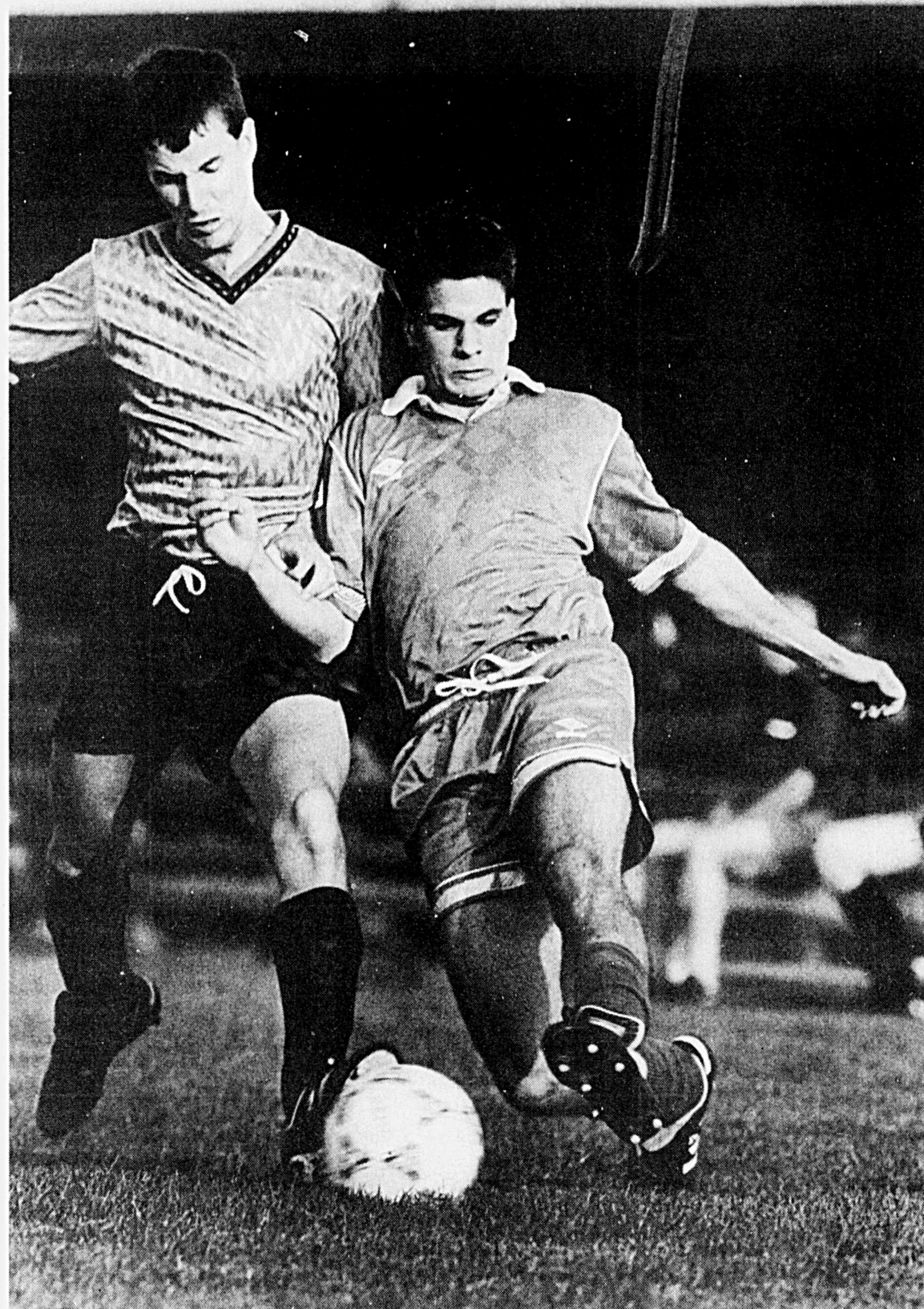
In Prince George alone there are 1,600 youth soccer players on 122 teams. Any players that do make it on a provincial squad must travel to the Lower Mainland to train at their own expense.

Terrol Russell, Sidhu and Pablo Ruiz, a goaltender for the under-18 B.C. squad, are the only Prince George youth players to attempt it.

When Lower Mainland teams travel to Prince George they get an idea of what it costs to travel.

The teams coming up were shocked when they found out how much it costs to rent a bus, said Gale. It costs the Prince George youth league and the parents \$26,000 to send 14 teams to Kelowna.

The Prince George youth-15 all-stars play 9 a.m. Saturday at the old Rotary Stadium. The Prince George youth-16 all-stars play 7 p.m. Saturday, and a combined 15-16 youth all-star team plays Sunday at 9 a.m.



Citizen photo by Brent Braaten

Chasing it down

Pacific Western Brewery Kickers' Graham Archer battles with Honda North's Clyde Nilsen in North Cariboo senior soccer action Thursday night at the Old Rotary Stadium. The game was a 1-1 tie.

GIRLS' SOCCER ZONE

'Runners advance

The Kelly Road girls soccer team played its first games of the season Thursday evening in Quesnel.

They tied both games, which just happened to be the zone play-offs, and earned a berth to the provincial high school championship in Kamloops later this month.

Kirsty McWalter and Natalie Lowen scored in the first game against Correlieu. McWalter scored again and Naryn Watt added three more in their second match against Columneeta from Williams Lake.

Kelly Road had a 4-1 lead in the second game, but they had to play the games back-to-back in the heat and "just lost it," said Coach Dave McWalter.

Watt was named best offensive player.

Pitcher leads Kings

Chad Ghostkeeper led the Lumbar Kings to their fourth victory of the year and a share of first place in the Spruce City Men's Fastball League.

The pitcher gave up five hits, struck out seven and walked seven in seven innings Thursday evening at Spruce City Stadium.

George Potskin led the Kings behind the plate going two-for-two, driving in two runs and scoring another two.

Joey Potskin went two-for-four and scored two runs, while Lyle Rose went two-for-three and drove in three runs.

Loonie Bin's Dean McMillan went one-for-three and scored two runs. Travis Poirer was the losing pitcher.

In other Spruce City men's action Thursday, Western Seaboard outscored Pro-Line 14-10.

Steve Young, Seaboard's pitcher, led the squad going two-for-four. He drove in two runs and scored another.

Gitby Chasse was two-for-two and scored two runs, while Kevin Braet went two-for-three and drove in two runs. Ian Doak had three runs.

Icebreaker begins

The Babe Ruth junior league (14-15 years old) kicks off the Merle Martin Memorial icebreaker tournament at Rotary, Heather Road and Carrie Jane Parks tonight at 5 p.m.

The nine-team tournament re-

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sumes at all three parks at 8 a.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday. Games will be played all day Saturday and Sunday; the last game starts at 6 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday.

Stewart lifts winners

Butch Stewart completed his hat trick with a last-minute goal to give Tyers Transport a come-from-behind victory over Minute Muffler Thursday in Prince George Senior Lacrosse at the Kin Centre.

Stewart scored with 47 seconds left in the game as Tyers overcame deficits of 5-2 and 7-5 to beat Muffler 9-8.

Steve Johnson scored twice while Doug Tyers and George Janella had a goal and an assist each for Tyers, which moved its record to 1-1. Blake McIntosh and Mark Thom also scored.

Scott Morash led Muffler with two goals and one assist, while Jamie Heinrich had a goal and two assists.

Dan Seiter, Bart Crossan, Bret Doig, Vince Aubichon and Mike Engbrecht also scored for Muffler, which falls to 1-2.

Angus Jenkins and Tony Brizan split goaltending duties for Tyers combining to make 44 saves, while Pat Brown stopped 37 shots for Muffler.

League commissioner Glen Scott said Thursday the league is going to review its policy on fighting after a spate of altercations since the season opened May 5.

"Some of the coaches have expressed concern about the increased number of fights that have already taken place in the league this year and a league meeting has been called to review the situation," said Scott.



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Sea Hero denied favorite status

BALTIMORE (AP) — Despite winning some hearts in Kentucky, Sea Hero is not a favorite in Maryland.

At least not yet.

In the early line for the 1 3-16-mile Preakness at Pimlico, the Kentucky Derby winner was listed Thursday as the 7-2 second choice.

Prairie Bayou, the gelding who was second at Churchill Downs, was made the 3-1 favorite in the field of 12 three-year-olds for Saturday's race.

Trainer Mack Miller was not surprised that Sea Hero wasn't made the favorite.

"I thought I'd be second or third choice because it is a 16th of a mile shorter, and also the sharp turns," he said. "This is much tougher (than the 1 1/4-mile Derby and the 1 1/2-mile Belmont Stakes on June 5).

"A mile and a quarter suited my horse, and a mile and a half, God willing, will suit him better."

The favorite's role for Prairie Bayou didn't impress trainer Tom Bohannon.

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"I think you can make any two, three different horses the favorite," he said.

Last year, Pine Bluff, trained by Bohannon for John Ed Anthony's Loblolly Stable, finished fifth in the Derby, but was favored over Derby winner Lil E. Tee in the Preakness. Pine Bluff won.

The third early choice at 9-2 was Personal Hope, the Santa Anita Derby winner who was first or second until midstretch before finishing fourth in the Kentucky Derby.

Other Derby starters in the Preakness will be Wild Gale, third as a member of the mutual field; Union City, 15th; Rockamundo, 17th, and El Bakan, 18th.

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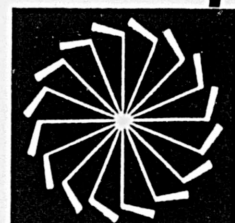
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