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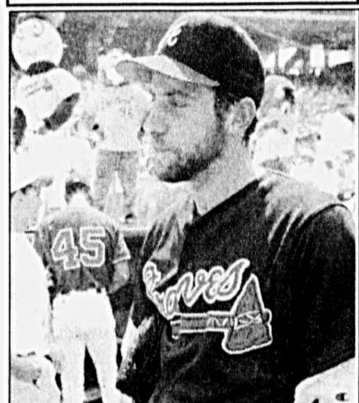
SIDELINES

ON THE TUBE

BASEBALL: All-star Game at 5 p.m. on CTV channel 12 (cable 11), NBC (cable 6), and CBC French channel 5 (cable 5).

BASKETBALL: Canadian women's olympic team vs. Brazil at 4 p.m. on TSN (cable 16); Canadian men's team vs. Croatia at 6 p.m. on TSN (cable 16).

UP FRONT



Smoltz gets nod for National League

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — John Smoltz of the Atlanta Braves will start against Cleveland's Charles Nagy in Tuesday night's all-star game, a matchup of the starters in the third game of last year's World Series.

Cleveland's Kenny Lofton will lead off for the American League and play centre field, and Wade Boggs of the Yankees will bat second and play third.

Baltimore second baseman Roberto Alomar will bat third and play second, followed by Frank Thomas of the White Sox at first. Cleveland's Albert Belle will bat fifth and play left field, and Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez will hit sixth.

Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken will hit seventh, followed by Baltimore teammate Brady Anderson, who will play right field in place of the injured Ken Griffey Jr.

Lance Johnson of the Mets will lead off for the National League and play centre field, followed by Cincinnati shortstop Barry Larkin.

San Francisco's Barry Bonds will play left and hit third, Atlanta first baseman Fred McGriff will hit cleanup and Los Angeles catcher Mike Piazza will hit fifth.

Colorado's Dante Bichette will bat sixth, followed by Braves third baseman Chipper Jones and Houston second baseman Craig Biggio.

Golfer succumbs to cancer

PHOENIX (AP) — Former LPGA player Kathy Ahern, who won the tour's title event 24 years ago, has died following a five-year battle with breast cancer. She was 47.

Ahern joined the tour in 1967, and won three championships in the early 1970s, including the 1972 LPGA Championship.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer in May 1991 and underwent a lumpectomy and radiation treatment. She returned to the tour later that fall and competed in eight events.

CFL tries Pay TV

TORONTO (CP) — The CFL is dipping into the Canadian pay-per-view TV market.

Viewer's Choice Canada, which has provided pay-per-view coverage of world heavyweight boxing and pro wrestling among other events, will carry two CFL games this season.

The first will be Thursday night's game between the Toronto Argonauts and Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Winnipeg Stadium. The other will be the Aug. 21 contest between the B.C. Lions and Calgary Stampeders at McMahon Stadium.

The price for each game will be \$7.95, plus tax.

Roller hockey

by Citizen Staff

Bud Arnold wants everyone interested in roller hockey to get in line.

Arnold, who is resigning his post as president of the Prince George Minor Roller Hockey Association, will oversee the first executive election at the PGMRHA annual general meeting tonight, 7:30 p.m., at the Kin Center meeting room.

Potential rule changes will also be discussed.

Deloitte & Touche win in a shootout

by TED CLARKE
Citizen Staff

Just when it seemed lightning, torrential rain and darkness were about to spoil their championship party, the Deloitte & Touche women's soccer team got help from an unexpected visitor Monday night at PGSS field.

The shootout. With the Prince George Women's Soccer Association competitive division title on the line, it was up to Nicola Swanney, Lisele Dyck and Sonya Jansen to fire the bolts needed to strike down their Bagel Street Cafe opponents.

The Deloitte and Touche trio each beat Bagel Street goalie Linda Theriault on their shootout attempts to give Deloitte a 3-2 edge in shootout goals and a 1-0 win.

Goalie Karen Behiel was left alone in

the net to keep the Deloitte title hopes alive and she didn't disappoint her teammates.

After Swanney opened the scoring for Deloitte, Eleanore Clark scored on a slow-motion shot along the ground which fooled Behiel.

"I don't mind shootouts," Behiel said. "It's nerve-racking, but the pressure is on the shooter or so I'm told."

"They shot right at my feet, so that helped. My feet are faster than my hands."

Danielle Cuphot put Bagel Street up 2-1, but Dyck tied it on the next attempt.

Bagel Street's Denise Brbot then shot into the feet of Behiel and Jansen scored on the next shot.

Nicole Vojvodic subsequently rattled one off the cross bar, leaving it up to Shannon Scott to try to tie it

up. But Scott shot right at Behiel and the win was in the bag for Deloitte.

"I just watched their eyes," Behiel added. "Most females look where they're going to shoot before they shoot."

They gave it away on the two high shots."

Ninety minutes of regulation time and 10 minutes of overtime failed to produce more than a few scoring chances from either side.

"We didn't really play our game and I think we got lucky out there," Jansen said.

"We're usually a lot more offensive, but we're missing a bunch of players right now."

Brbot missed an open net 15 minutes into the game and Deloitte's Amy Fyson chipped a wide-open chance over

the Bagel Street net with three minutes left in the first half.

"I think we dominated the first half, but the second half they came back pretty strong," Brbot said.

"The goalies were excellent and there was good defence on both sides."

Said Theriault: "I think we won in terms of dominating them in their zone. At least we didn't get hit by lightning."

■ The Under-19 Selects capped their recreational division season with a 3-1 win over Le Pas Lumber in Monday's championship game.

■ Overwaitea beat Dunkley Lumber 6-1 in the competitive division consolation final, while Northern Tile edged Domino's 3-1 in the rec division consolation final.

Newcomers shock foes

by TED CLARKE
Citizen Staff

The Prince George intermediate lacrosse team has only been together a month.

Try telling that to the Okanagan teams that they thrashed in a tournament in Kelowna over the weekend.

With a cast that includes the bulk of last year's provincial A2-champion midget team, Prince George opened with a 20-3 win over Kamloops. They continued their rampage by beating Kelowna 20-4 and wrapped it up with an 18-7 decision over a combined Vernon-Kelowna squad.

James Larmand led the way offensively for Prince George with 15 goals in three games.

"It was pretty much a walkover," said Prince George defenceman David Keough. "We expected to play some teams from the Lower Mainland, but it was mainly Okanagan teams that really haven't played lacrosse for awhile."

Keough likes his team's chances of winning the Founder's Cup Junior B Canadian championship, Aug. 14-18 in Edmonton.

"The talent on this team is great," Keough said. "We've got all the best kids in the senior league in town here like Vince Aubichon, Quinn Smethurst and Caleb Martin and it's going to be a great team when we go to Edmonton."

"We've all played together for five or seven years in minor lacrosse and we all know the game well."

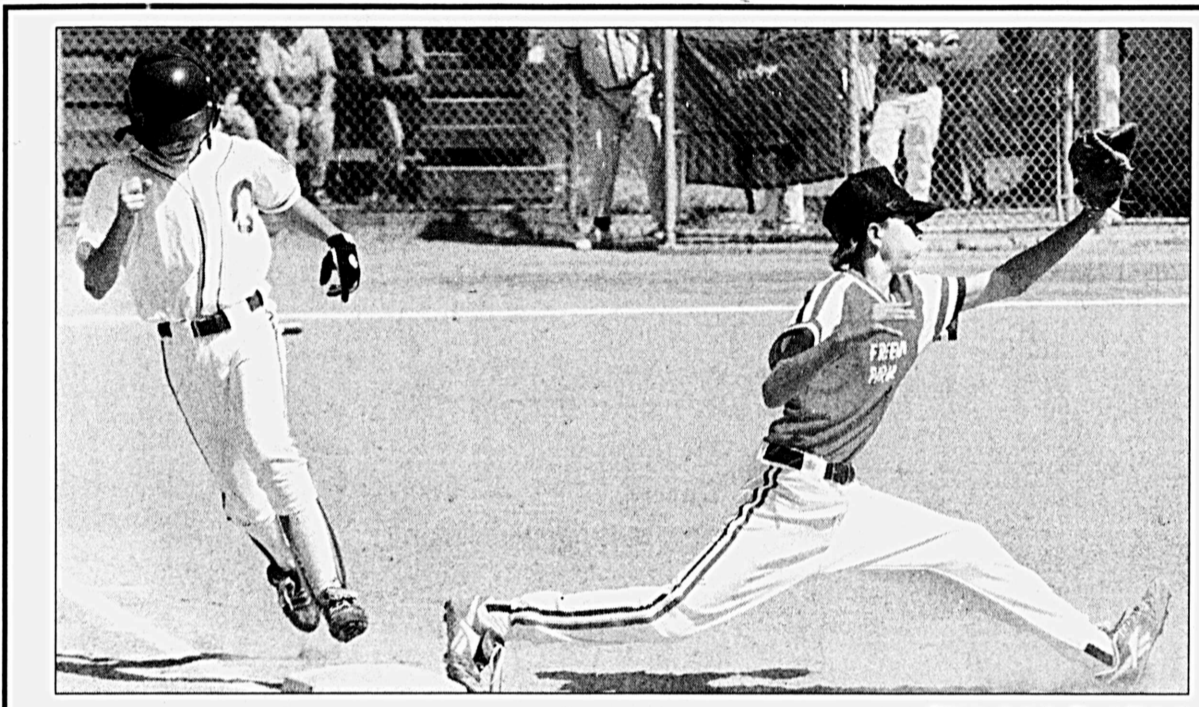
The team is coached by Dave Jenkins and Jerome Lamarre, who run practice sessions on Saturday afternoons at the outdoor Carney Street lacrosse box.

Jenkins said the B.C. Lacrosse Association was so impressed with the Prince George players, it wants them to enter the A1 intermediate provincial tournament, Aug. 3-5 in Coquitlam.

"The Okanagan was just amazed, they couldn't believe how good they were," Jenkins said.

"They saw what those kids can do as a result of playing in senior B (in Prince George) and they were adamant we play off in the A1 provincials."

■ Keough, who played junior hockey last season for the Prince George Spruce Kings, was picked up in May by the Western Hockey League-expansion Edmonton Ice. Keough's rights were previously owned by the Seattle Thunderbirds.



OUT AT FIRST: Freeman Park first baseman Ben Mazurak catches the ball just before runner Jeff Gagnon of Quesnel crosses the base in second-inning action of the District Four Little League Baseball Tournament for 11 and 12 year olds at Gyro Park on Monday. Freeman Park went on to defeat Quesnel 11-8, while P.G. East thrashed Vanderhoof 25-0 in the other contest.

Citizen photo by Chuck Nisbett

All-stars falling like flies prior to the all-star game

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. and Tony Gwynn already were gone, and then Matt Williams got banged up. Now there's a chance Roberto Alomar and Frank Thomas may not be able to play, either.

No doubt, attrition is taking its toll on tonight's all-star game.

"I was really looking forward to seeing Tony hit," said NL teammate Greg Maddux, who may not be able to pitch because of a cracked nail on his big right toe. "He's one of the guys I like to watch."

Griffey, the leading vote-getter in fan balloting for starting spots, is unable to play for the second straight year. He has a broken right hand, though it did not prevent him from standing at shortstop while the AL took batting practice.

"I'm here for the fans, and the Philly cheesesteaks," he said. "They voted me to be here, and I'm here. That's my obligation, and I didn't want to let them down."

Williams also will be absent for the second straight summer, this time because of a bruised elbow.

Alomar, voted to start at second base for the AL, missed Monday's workouts because of an injured finger. The Baltimore star is scheduled to bat third, but AL manager Mike Hargrove said he's prepared for Minnesota's Chuck Knoblauch to start in place of Alomar.

Thomas has been hampered by a sore left foot for about a week. If the Chicago White Sox first baseman cannot start, Mo Vaughn of Boston will play.

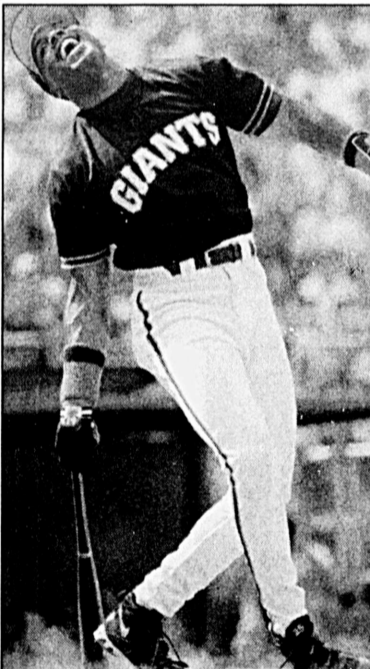
The AL also has Oakland's Mark McGwire as a backup first baseman.

He hit the longest ball in Monday's home run derby, reaching the upper deck in left field with a 460-foot drive, but Barry Bonds won the overall competition.

Bonds, using a bat belonging to Houston's Derek Bell, outthomered McGwire 3-2 in the final to become the first National League player to win the contest since Ryne Sandberg in 1990.

"The highlight of my career," Bonds said. "I didn't think I had a shot."

Albert Belle, meanwhile, did not take part in the contest.



Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants laughs after belting another homerun.

AP photo

Hingis youngest winner at Wimbledon

LONDON (AP) — The Wimbledon tennis tournament finally ended Monday, just in time for Switzerland's Martina Hingis to become the youngest winner of a women's title in the championship's history.

After five straight days of matches being delayed or postponed due to rain, spectators were allowed into the All England Club free of charge for the completion of women's doubles and mixed doubles.

The odd couple of Hingis and Helena Sukova of the Czech Republic, the former half the age and 20 centimetres shorter than the latter, won the women's doubles title by completing a 5-7, 7-5, 6-1 victory over Meredith McGrath and Larisa Neiland.

Then Sukova and her brother, Cyril Suk, met Nieland and Australian Mark Woodforde in the mixed doubles final, emerging with a 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory.

Suk and Sukova advanced to the mixed doubles final with a 6-4, 6-2 win over the second-seeded team of Vancouver's Grant Connell and American

Lindsay Davenport.

Hingis, at 15 years 282 days of age, was three days younger than Charlotte (Lottie) Dod was in 1887 when she won the first of her five singles titles. Women started playing singles at Wimbledon in 1884, seven years after the men, and didn't begin doubles until 1934.

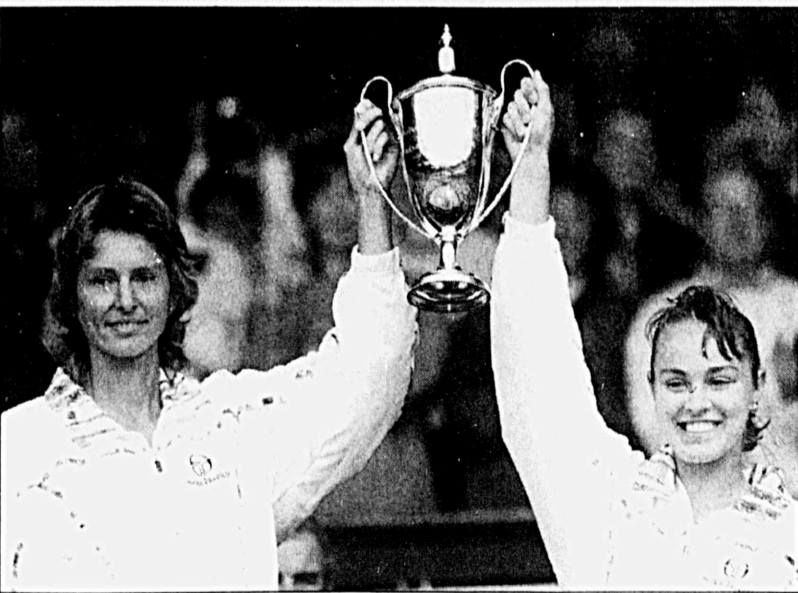
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Hingis and Sukova had all but won their match Sunday night when rain and darkness postponed the match until Monday with Hingis and Sukova leading 4-1 in the third set. That didn't stop them from celebrating early, though.

"We went for dinner and had some fun," she said. "It was pretty late."

Sukova, 31, won the Wimbledon women's doubles title in 1989 and 1990 with compatriot Jana Novotna,



AP photo

Helena Sukova, left, of the Czech Republic and Switzerland's Martina Hingis hold up the trophy after winning the final of the Ladies Doubles 5-7, 7-5, 6-1 over Meredith McGrath of the United States and Latvia's Larisa Nieland at Wimbledon on Monday.

and in 1987 with German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch.

Hingis, a native of the Czech Republic named after Martina Navratilova, lives in Switzerland and is most comfortable speaking German. On court, though, she and Sukova spoke Czech.

"Martina is a little bit different player than the other two (partners) were, and you have to adjust," Sukova said. "She basically has all the shots."

"You only try to keep up her motivation. I just like to put her in a good mood, so she feels like playing."