



Nathan Armstrong of P.G. Auto Images makes the tag at home against the Legion Braves. The Braves won 12-11 in their last at bat. JOHN MCKENZIE/FREE PRESS

Sure swinging stick breaks baseball ice

Standing at the plate, bases loaded with the chance to bring in the winning run, Eric Robinson had one thing on his mind.

Just make contact.

With two strikes against him and a fresh pitcher on the mound, the crack of the bat was all he needed to hear. Robinson, who had been swinging a hot stick all weekend, lined a ball past the outstretched glove of the third baseman to give his Prince George East Yankees a 5-4 victory against the Quesnel Padres. With the win, the Yankees claimed the 'A' Division championship in this weekend's District Four Little League Icebreaker tourney.

While Robinson says the hit wasn't the biggest of his young career, he admits it was "close to the top."

Robinson's single, which scored teammate Sean Griffin, capped off a game that very easily could have gone to the boys from Quesnel. With the Yankees up 4-3 in the top of the last inning, the Padres had the bases juiced and big-hitting Matt Powell at the plate.

Powell, who blasted a shot

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over the fence in right centre field in his previous at bat, got all of a pitch and sent it deep over the fence down the left field line. The ball, however, was just foul. Had it stayed fair, the Padres would have had an 7-4 lead with just three outs to go. Instead, Powell had to settle for a bloop single that tied the game and set up the chance for the Yankees to win with a single run in their last at bat.

"That home run going foul (was the turning point)," says Yankees manager Rainer Lippmann. "That was a great hit. He hit it a long ways."

In fighting their way to the tournament win, the Yanks, last season's District Four Champs, showed they will again be among the top clubs in 'A' Division ball this season.

Cody King is one reason they will have a chance to

repeat.

The Yankees chucker was seeing his first action in more than a week after recovering from injury. Still, the 12-year-old fireballer struck out 10 Quesnel batters in just four innings of work.

A three-time all-star with probably the best fastball in the league, King got himself into several jams against the Padres but always managed to pitch his way out of them. After giving up the homer to Powell in the top of the fifth (which gave Quesnel a 3-2 lead at the time), he fanned the next three batters to end the inning and any further threat.

"He didn't have his good stuff but he battled hard," Lippmann says of King. "The guys battled with him too."

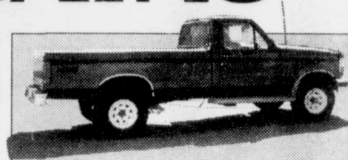
The tournament brought together teams from all three Little Leagues in the city - Nechako, Freeman Park and Prince George East - and featured three divisions of play. In the 'B' Division final, the Indians tripped up the Dodgers 8-3 in a battle of PG East teams while in the 'C' Division, the Orioles were all over Nechako 25-0.

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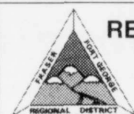


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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

CONTRACT MAINTENANCE SERVICES

RFP NO. CS05-98

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (the "Regional District"), will accept sealed proposals from qualified commercial radio communications service companies for providing contract maintenance services for the Emergency Fire Radio Dispatch System operated by the Regional District throughout the 9-1-1 service area. The proposals will be received at the Regional District Offices at 987 Fourth Avenue, Prince George, BC V2L 3H7, up to 2:00 p.m., local time on June 12, 1998. All proposals received after the deadline specified above will be returned to the bidders unopened.

All proposals shall be clearly marked **RFP CS05-98 For Radio Communications System Contract Maintenance Services** and addressed to the attention of T. Yates, Director of Community Services.

Copies of the Request for Proposal (RFP) terms of reference are available at the offices of the Regional District during regular business hours.

A **Bidders Conference** will be held on May 22, 1998 commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the Regional District office. Proposals from bidders who do not attend the Bidders Conference may be rejected without further consideration by the Regional District.

The lowest, or any proposal will not necessarily be accepted, and the Regional District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, at its sole discretion, without prejudice. Furthermore, the Regional District reserves the right to negotiate with any Bidders at its discretion. **THIS IS NOT A PUBLIC TENDER**

Proposals received by telephone facsimile or telecopier (FAX) will **NOT** be considered.

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