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G.P. Eskimos' New Coach Optimistic About Chances

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"People are going to see the brand of ball they always wanted," Ray Stokke, newly-named playing coach of the Grande Prairie Eskimos said today. The coach, a veteran of eight years as player in the G.P. area, was commenting after Wednesday night's workout, when over 20 hopefuls turned out for a berth on the local nine.

Enthusiasm is generated, he said, because of the calibre of players available to the six teams in the Wheat Belt League. Locally he said that a number of players were returning to the scene after having a successful year playing American college ball. The returns, along with surplus players from last year's ill-fated league, will spread the best talent throughout the new circuit.

Because of his long association as star player and coach, Mr. Stokke speaks with authority. Although not winning any batting championship, he has been a perennial top hitter, ending up no lower than sixth for the past six years.

The 1961 Grande Prairie team, which he starred, won the title that year and went on to defeat North Edmonton Rockets in a provincial playdown. He believes that this year's outfit can go all the way.

"Fan support in the past has not been too good," he stated, but added this was partly due to the lack of co-operation from the weather and possibly an inferior type of ball to what will be offered the public this season.

He has all his players back from last year, plus two trying out who played in the Edmonton

Big Seven last summer. He is also high on a couple of prospects who had tremendous seasons with American colleges in the Los Angeles area.

From Edmonton he has acquired pitcher Ron Babiuk, and third-basemen Keith Porter. This past winter Porter showed his wares for California Polytechnical College in the California Junior College League. Also lining up with the club is brother, Dale, at Sam Houston State Teacher's College in L.A. He is hitting well in the league and should join the club by the middle of June.

Combining with Babiuk on the firing line will be Bill Robinson, lefty Bruce Bucholz and all-around man Jimmy Johnston. Stokke expected another chucker shortly.

Returning to handle the mound staff will be steady backstop Alvin Flohr. It is rumored that catcher Garth Roberts may join the club. "He would be a real help to us," the coach said. First base will probably be handled by Gary Nellis, who will be returning along with versatile brother, Murney. Rod White, physical education instructor at Montrose Junior High is vying for an outfield position. He can also do some pitching.

Donny Richards and Ken Matheson will be battling it out for the second base spot, while Keith Porter will have some competition for the hot corner from Jimmy Johnston. This is also coach Stokke's position and he indicated that he two would give it a go. Another newcomer trying for an infield job is Stan Aksenchuk, who played ball around the Edmonton and Vancouver areas. Mr. Stokke said he hits well and looks sharp

in the fielding department.

Phil Martin and Alvin Campbell are others trying to notch an outfield slot. A big boost to the club would be the return of Allie Peterson, the coach announced. Peterson, a former batting cham, has always been one of the top sluggers in the league and an outstanding defensive player.

Because of the talent on hand, Mr. Stokke feels that the Eskimos will give a good account of themselves and supply the public with exciting entertainment. He mentioned that the new baseball diamond would be ready for the beginning of the season, and with the grass infield, would keep down the dust which in turn would make it more comfortable for the fans.

The team is without a sponsor and takes on itself to supply uniforms and equipment. Uniforms are about five years old and should be replaced. A sponsor could make the team solvent and generate much more interest in the sport. The player's then could concentrate strictly on baseball.

Manager of the team this year is Al Todd while Al Flohr is expected to look after the secretary's job.

Fans can get a look at their club Monday at 10 a.m. when they tangle with Beaverlodge at the Beaverlodge Annual Sports Day festivities.



RAY STOKKE, coach of the Grande Prairie Eskimos of the Wheat Belt Senior Baseball League, has an optimistic look about him as he relaxes envisioning a first-place finish for his team in the league's final standings. Al-

though actual league play has not yet begun, fans will have a chance to see the team in action at the annual Beaverlodge Sports Day on Monday. (Staff Photo).

Eskimos Topple Touted Rainiers

SEXSMITH — The Sexsmith bubble was burst last night as Grande Prairie Eskimos put together two three-run innings to defeat the Rainiers 6-2, in a previously postponed Wheat Belt League game.

In topping Sexsmith, Eskimos also silences some of their critics. Rumour had it that the Eks players were in discord, but last night's action saw a hustling ball club who gave up one run the second frame then came storming back for a 3-1 lead in the fourth.

One of the highlights of the contest was the pitching of Bill Robinson, who yielded only three hits to the previously unbeaten Sexsmith nine.

Sexsmith won their opening game of the schedule and had also copped the Beaverlodge sports day tournament.

Shortstop Jimmy Johnson ignited the three-run fourth inning with a long double to left. Al "Stumpy" Flohr and Ray Stokke then hit back-to-back singles and a throwing error on Allie Patterson's hard grounder cleared the sacks. These were all the runs Robinson needed as he allowed just one more tally in the seventh. Robinson whiffed nine batters and struck out the side in the third.

Sexsmith scored their first run when Lyle Hanna walked, stole second and rode home on a single by Willie Jackson.

The rest of the scoring was

jammed into the seventh frame. Gary Nellis opened the inning for Eskimos by rapping a single. Robinson was safe at first on an error. Don Richards struck out but the bases were loaded when Johnson was nicked with a pitch. Flohr and Stokke followed with timely singles and the Eks had a 6-1 margin.

A single by Med Wold, a passed ball and a throwing error helped Rainiers to their second run.

Robinson was extremely effective against power - hitter Wayne Lock fanning him three straight times.

Johnson's double was the only extra-base hit of the game. He also rapped a single. Coach Stokke banged three singles with Flohr picking up two base hits. Mel Wold, Jim Bellamy and Willie Jackson were the only Rainiers to nick Robinson.

Gerry Pitman, the young Grande Prairie product started for the losers giving up all their runs and six hits before retiring in the eight in favor of Bob Zaichkowski.

Wheat Belt League action resumes tonight with Sexsmith visiting Beaverlodge and Peace River at Falher.

STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	GBL.
P.R.	2	0	1.000	---
G.P.	1	0	1.000	1/2
Falher	0	0	.000	1
Sexsmith	1	1	.500	1
Blodge.	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Fairview	0	2	.000	2

Wapiti Fastball

Three games were played in the Wapiti Men's Fastball league last night with Wembley, Dimsdale and Combines chalk-ing up victories. A game scheduled between RC AF and Bezanson was cancelled and will be played Sunday at Bezanson.

Dimsdale romped to a 12-2 win over Imperial Lumber. Wembley topped Grande Prairie High School 6-4 and Combines emerged with a 7-4 victory over Canadian Utilities.

Dimsdale had little trouble with Imp. Lumber as the latter played like a local edition of the N.Y. Mets, booting the ball on numerous occasions although getting some fine pitching from loser Carl Gilmour. Winner Rodney Berg allowed just two hits and pitched no-hit ball until the seventh frame when Imperial tallied their two runs. Larry Flohr cracked a triple for Imperial.

High School and Wembley staged a bitter battle at Wembley before Warriors emerged with a 6-4 win over the schoolboys.

High School were protecting a 4-3 lead going into the last inning only to see Warriors explode for three runs and the game. Ed Schultz and Don Toews smashed home runs for the winners. Greg Remple with a triple and Doug Allen with a double paced H.C.

In the Combines versus Canadian Utilities game, the winners led 4-3 starting the last frame, then broke the game opening tallying three times. Utilities came back with one in their half to make the final count 7-4.

Eskimos "Bye" Way Into Second Place

A tenth-inning run climaxed a successful Sexsmith Baseball tournament yesterday and gave Fairview Outlaws a thrilling 7-6 victory over Grande Prairie and first place money of \$150. Over 600 fans witnessed the contests.

Eskimos gained the finals by stopping Sexsmith 4-1 in the opening contest and then drew a bye. Fairview disposed of Beaverlodge 8-1 after topping Falher 3-1. Falher had eeked out a 1-0 win over Peace River on a seventh inning tally.

The Esks - Outlaws game saw-sawed back and forth until the tenth when rightfielder Fleckinstein gained first on an error, stole second, moved to third when Dale Yerxa grounded out and came home on an infield single by Ken Fox. The throw home by shortstop Jimmy Johnston was too late.

Eskimos looked like they would make a runaway of the game in the first frame as they tallied three times. Murney Nellis and "Stump" Flohr walked, Ray Stokke slashed a single, Allie Peterson struck out but Jimmy Johnston cracked another safety. Don Richards bombed a double and G.P. had a 3-0 lead.

Fairview got on the score-sheet in the second frame when Fleckinstein, Yerxa and Ken Fox hit consecutive singles. Only a fine double play got Eskimos out of the jam.

Outlaws busted the contest wide open in the third, when some erratic pitching by Jimmy Johnston and timely hitting plated four runs and a 5-3 lead.

Johnston yielded four bases on balls, coupled with an error by second baseman Richards and singles by Yerxa and Fox gave Fairview the margin. Bill Robinson came on and snuffed out the rally.

In the top half of the fourth, Eskimos pulled to within one run when Johnston and Al Campbell stroked singles, sandwiched around an error by Yerxa on Gary Nellis' hard grounder.

Fairview padded their lead to two runs in their half as Fleming and Mel Watchorn led off with singles and Fleming scored on an infield out. A double play pulled Esks out of the hole.

The game headed into the ninth with Fairview protecting their 6-4 lead.

Bill Robinson, the Eskimo workhorse, smashed the first pitch by Jim Fox over the left field barrier to cut the margin

to one run. Murney Nellis followed with a double to left as the ball fell in between Ken Fox and Mel Watchorn. Flohr banged in the equalizer with a sharp single to left. Fox got out of the inning by fanning Johnston and Richards and getting Peterson on a pop-up. This set the stage for the dramatic tenth.

Pat Friedel started for the winners but didn't get by the first frame. Ken Fox took over and lasted until the sixth. Mel Watchorn relieved in the sixth but gave way to Jim Fox in the ninth, who picked up the win.

Bill Robinson suffered the loss.

In Wheat Belt action Friday Peace River and Falher battled to a 5-5 deadlock and Beaverlodge and Sexsmith couldn't break a 1-1 tie.

In the Sexsmith tourney Grande Prairie picked up second prize money of \$100 with Falher coping the \$50 third place prize.

Tuesday night Eskimos play host to Rainiers at Richmond Park.

STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts.
Peace River	2	0	1	5
Sexsmith	1	1	1	3
Grande Prairie	1	0	0	2
Falher	0	0	1	1
Beaverlodge	0	1	1	1
Fairview	0	2	0	0

Stampeders Whip South Peace Clubs

Five games went on the boards in yesterday's Wheat Belt League action and after it was all over Peace River Stampeders continued on top by copping two wins to hold a two-point margin over Beaverlodge.

Peace River scored easy wins, blasting Beaverlodge 11-3 and thumping Grande Prairie Eskimos 9-0. The Eskimos had whipped Falher 7-4; Royals downed the Pirates 11-5 and Fairview recorded their first win by blasting Sexsmith 16-4.

Friday night's scheduled games between Eskimos and Beaverlodge and Fairview and Peace River were rained out.

The sun shone hot at Twelve Foot Davis Ball Park in Peace River, and so did Joe Weremy of the Stampeders.

The veteran lefthander hurled a four-hitter and his mates continued to avoid hitting slump as the Stampeders spanked Grande Prairie.

Weremy cooled the Eskimos who were fresh from a home run uprising against Falher. He whiffed eight Eskimos on strikes and never allowed a runner past second base after the third inning.

The Stampeders cracked a two-run lead wide open by pushing across three runs in the sixth, and then plated two runs in each of the next two innings to tuck away the win.

Consecutive doubles by Bill Dyck and Stan Digout provided the scoring punch in the sixth. The winner received a bases-loaded walk for one of their runs in the seventh and collected three hits to score two runs in the eighth.

Weremy surrendered a double to Eskimos' Ray Stokke to lead off the second inning. Stokke reached third base and attempted to steal home on a squeeze

hunt. However, the bunt was popped up and it turned into a double play.

Alvin Flohr with two hits and Al Peterson with one safety accounted for the other Eskimo hits.

Earlier in the day, the Eskimos rode a brilliant 12-strike-out performance by Bill Robinson, to their 7-4 come-from-behind win over Falher.

Robinson was backed up by his mates who rocked Pirate pitching for three home runs. Robinson yielded just four hits and aided his own cause with a perfect 4-4 at the plate.

Esk took a one run margin in the second when newcomer Dale Stokke connected for a solo shot.

After two were out in the bottom of the second, Falher took advantage of three bases on balls, and two Eskimo fumbles to jump into a 4-1 lead.

Jimmy Johnson continued his torrid hitting pace for the Eks in the third when he clouted a roundtripper following a single by Robinson, making the score 4-3.

In the fifth "Stump" Flohr cracked a four-bagger to knot the score. Consecutive singles by Robinson, Don Richards and Johnston in the seventh edged G.P. into a 5-4 lead.

In the ninth the trio again struck for three safeties and, coupled with an error, gave Eks a final score count of 7-4.

The victory boosted Eskimos into third place behind Peace River and Beaverlodge.

Against the Royals, Pete Czuy scattered eight hits for the Stampeders to pick up the win. Peace River hopped into a 10-1 lead after three innings and simply coasted the rest of the way.

Ray Eldon took the loss for

the Royals after coming on to pitch in the second inning for starter Gerry Walker. Walker stayed in the game and collected three hits.

About 200 fans were on hand for each of the two games at Peace River.

At Falher Sunday evening, Beaverlodge Royals spotted the home team a 5-0 lead after two innings and came on strong to defeat the Pirates 11-5.

The big blow for Beaverlodge was a three-run circuit clout by Eldon Ray. Jerry Walker went all the way to gain the win. McQuaig took the defeat for Falher. Marshall Nelson hit a solo home run for the winners and Ralph Walker connected for Pirates.

Fairview Outlaws blasted Sexsmith 16-4 and handed Rainiers their third consecutive loss.

Fairview showed lots of muscle at the plate by blasting four home runs in the first two innings to back up a fine pitching effort by Ken Fox.

Mel Watchorn, Dale Fleming, Pat Friedel and Buck Lund did the honors as Rainiers used four pitchers in a futile attempt to stem the tide.

Outlaws held a commanding 12-1 lead after three innings and Fox coasted to the win.

Jerry Pitman was the starter and loser for Sexsmith. Bob Zaichkowski and Dennis Ferguson relieved in the fourth and 15-year-old Greg Chrenek came on to finish out the contest.

STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts.
Peace River	4	1	1	9
Beaverlodge	3	2	1	7
Grande Prairie	2	1	0	4
Falher	1	2	1	3
Sexsmith	1	3	1	3
Fairview	1	3	0	2

Esks Win 9-0 On New Diamond

The new Eskimo diamond got its baptism last night but Sexsmith Rainiers are probably sorry they ever saw it. Grande Prairie bombed the Rainiers 9-0 in the first game of the southern division semi-final. The game was called after five innings because of darkness.

The new right field fence got its christening on the second pitch of the game as Don Richards smashed a Bob Zaichkowski fast-

ball for a solid double.

The Esks tallied one run in the first and this stood up behind the two-hit, six strikeout performance of Bill Robinson.

They added five more in the second and wrapped it up with three in the fifth.

Stump Flohr followed Richards' lead-off double with a base on balls and the runners were sacrificed to second and third by Jim Johnson, Dale Stokke

walked to load the bases with one out. Zaichkowski then struck out Ray Stokke but forced in a run when Garth Roberts walked out. Murney Nellis stuck out to end it.

Three walks and four singles plated the five runs in the second as the Esks showed awesome power.

Gary Nellis led off with a bouncer through short and Robinson and Richards drew walks to load the sacks. Flohr blistered a shot to left, driving in two runs. Johnson gained first on a free pass and D. Stokke followed with a golf drive single to plate another. R. Stokke was out on a bunt attempt but Roberts loaded the bases again with a line smash. M. Nellis lifted a high fly to left to score Johnson with the fifth run.

Gerry Pitman came on for Sexsmith in the second and held the Esks scoreless until the fifth.

Zaichkowski continually got himself into trouble as he issued six free passes in the first two innings.

Robinson nearly lost his shutout in the second as Willie Jackson rapped a single with two out. Jackson stole second and as the throw from Roberts sailed into centre field Jackson scampered to third. The throw from the outfield nearly got away from R. Stokke but Jackson held up. Robinson then struck out Greg Rycroft to preserve the shutout.

Robinson allowed only five base runners during the game and one was wiped out as Gerry Pitman was caught trying to steal second.

Pitman lost his control in the fifth as he issued three base on balls and, coupled with two Sexsmith miscues, allowed three more runs.

As darkness was closing in, R. Stokke deliberately forced himself at the plate to end the frame. The game was called as the Esks were about to take the field for the sixth inning.

The two teams will meet again in a home and home doubleheader on Sunday. The first game gets underway at Sexsmith at 2 p.m. with the second at Richmond Park at 6 p.m.

About 150 fans turned out for the contest.

Eskis Crush Royals, Outlaws Unbeaten

It was a pitcher's nightmare as far as Beaverlodge Royals were concerned last night as the new-look Grande Prairie Eskimos opened at home and crushed the Royals 18-4 behind the two hit pitching of playing coach Jim Johnston.

Beaverlodge opened the scor-

Team	W	L	Pts.
Fairview	4	0	8
Grande Prairie	2	1	4
Beaverlodge	2	2	4
Sexsmith	1	2	2
Peace River	1	3	2
Rycroft	0	2	0

ing in their first turn at bat but that was the end.

The Eskis came back with three in their half of the inning, another in the second, plated four in the third, five in the fourth, three in the fifth and rounded it out with two in the seventh.

Beaverlodge tallied one more in the fifth and scored two in the seventh.

Coach Greg Walker used three pitchers in trying to stop the Eskimos but none of them could stymie the cannon shots coming from the plate.

In other league action at Peace River the visiting Fairview Outlaws maintained their unbeaten streak with a 10-3 victory over the Stampeders.

In the game here Art Ingledew didn't get out of the first inning for the Royals to take the loss. He was replaced by Barry Ray who gave way to Larry Harmata in the third.

The Eskis collected 15 hits of their combined offerings.

With the game well out of

reach in the fourth inning, Johnston started platooning using up most of his bench which the Royals still couldn't cope with.

Ken Best making his first start for the Eskimos played a strong game in right field and also chipped in with two hits. Another rookie Harvey Heller showed some fine base-running sense stealing home on one occasion.

Johnston besides his fine pitching in which he struck out eight also was the big stickman clipping three singles and blasting a triple.

Beaverlodge pitchers faced 52 Eskimo batters over the nine inning contest in a devastating display of power.

Donnie Richards, Gib Popkey, Gary Nellis, and Best chipped in with two hits each while Stumpy Flohr had a double along with Keith Porter, who is showing a fine throwing arm from third base.

At Peace River Dale Fleming, the second man up for the Outlaws blasted a homerun and the Fairview crew didn't look back.

Jim Fox went all the way for Outlaws to pick up the win while Pete Czuy took the loss with relief help from Kenn Gall in the sixth.

The win by Fairview gave them a four point cushion in the standings over Beaverlodge and Grande Prairie.

In league games tonight Beaverlodge visits Sexsmith and Peace River plays at Rycroft.

ON THE BENCH . . . Johnston's no-hitter ended one pitch after hurler Gerry Pitman commented to sportswriters on the bench that he had one going for him. "You're not supposed to say anything," one sportsman told Pitman. On the next pitch, Hank Nelson rapped a single to left . . . Stump Flohr got a ribbing from his fellow players over the condition of his feet during the contest. Seems Flohr missed his ride back from the Beaverlodge Sports and was forced to hike it from Wembley to the city Monday night. That's about 13 miles.

Royals Hit Third Spot

Beaverlodge Royals made a big noise with their bats last night and moved into sole possession of third spot in the

	W	L	Pts.
Fairview	10	1	20
Sexsmith	7	2	14
Beaverlodge	6	6	12
Grande Prairie	5	6	10
Peace River	3	8	6
Rycroft	0	8	0

Wheat Belt Baseball League.

The Royals batsmen sprayed the ball to all fields off a duo of Grande Prairie Eskimo hurlers en route to 11-7 victory at Beaverlodge.

In another game Fairview Outlaws strengthened their hold on first place with 6-3 victory over the Rycroft Rebels at Rycroft.

The Esks moved ahead 4-0 after three and a half innings before Beaverlodge plated five runs in the bottom of the fourth and took control of the game.

Starting pitcher Jim Johnston of the losers was knocked out of the game in the five-run rally and Dale Stokke came on to finish up. Stokke was charged with the loss.

Eldon Ray worked the nine innings for the winners to emerge with the win.

Grande Prairie tied the score at 5 - 5 in the fifth before Beaverlodge cashed in hits and walks for two runs in the bottom of the fifth, two in the sixth and two in the eighth. The losers mustered their final two tallies in the seventh.

Phil Headley of the Royals cracked a booming double that

bounced over the fence in centre field.

Rod White of Grande Prairie connected for a triple and a double and Murney Nellis uncorked a pair of two-baggers.

Esk's catcher Alvin Flohr was thrown out of the ball park by plate umpire Phil Melin after disputing a called strike on him in the seventh.

Flohr labelled the umpire "blind" after he was called out on a disputable pitch.

The Rebels blew a 3-1 seven inning lead and watched the heavy hitting Outlaws pull away in final two innings.

Winning pitcher Mel Watchorn teed off with a three-run homer in the eighth inning to put the Outlaws ahead.

Esk, Stamps Win In WBL

Grande Prairie Eskimos jumped on Beaverlodge Royals for nine runs in the first and then held on to stop the Royals 13-

	W	L	T
Fairview	12	1	24
Sexsmith	10	3	20
Grande Prairie	9	7	18
Beaverlodge	7	10	14
Peace River	5	10	10
Rycroft	0	12	0

8 in a Wheat Belt League baseball game played at Richmond Park last night.

In other league action at Rycroft, Peace River Stampeders stopped the Rebels 11 - 7.

Starter Angus Nelson didn't get past the first inning for the Royals as the Esks racked up seven hits and picked up two base on balls to take a quick 9 - 0 lead.

Donnie Richards and Stump Flohr led the way with two singles each in the inning. Ray Stokke, Dave Littlechild and Jim Johnston also punched singles before Nelson gave way to Larry Harmata who got out of the inning.

The Royals started pecking away at the lead scoring two in the second on singles by Harmata, Ken Walker and Allan Rycroft and a hit batsman.

Beaverlodge made the count 9 - 4 in the fifth on hits by Phil Headley and Jerry Walker and base on balls to Walter Johnson and Brian Harcourt.

Grande Prairie got one back in the sixth but the Royals cut the margin to 10 - 8 in the seventh when K. Walker and Rycroft were on errors, Merlin Jenner singled and Harmata followed with his second hit of the game setting the stage for

a booming triple by J. Walker which unloaded the sacks.

Jim Johnston, who started for the Esks and picked up the win gave way to Gerry Pitman at this point and the righthander shut the door to preserve the victory.

Stump Flohr and Donnie Richards led the Esks attack with Flohr picking up five hits and Richards four as the Esks pounded out 16 hits.

Rod White had five RBI's for the winners.

Jerry Walker with his triple had the big blow for the visitors. Walker also took over the pitching chores in the second inning and finished up for the Royals.

In action tonight the Esks will meet the Rainiers in Sexsmith and league - leading Fairview Outlaws will travel to Peace River to take on the Stamps.

Esks Drop 2nd One-Run Contest

BEAVERLODGE (Staff) — Beaverlodge Royals crept to within four points of the third place Grande Prairie Eskimos when they stopped the visitors 4 - 3 in Wheat Belt Action last night.

	W	L	T	Pts.
Fairview	17	2	1	35
Sexsmith	12	4	0	24
Grande Prairie	11	9	0	22
Beaverlodge	9	9	0	18
Peace River	6	12	1	13
Rycroft	0	17	0	0

The loss for the Esks was their second one-run decision in as many nights.

Jerry Walker went all the way to post the victory while Gerry Pitman pitched eight-hit ball in a losing cause.

Big blow of the game was a two-run double by Phil Headley in the third.

Beaverlodge jumped into a one run lead in the first frame when Ken Walker singled and scored on a double by Angus Nelson. Headley's blow in the third made it 3 - 0 and Jim Jingles followed with another two-base clout to drive in Headley with what proved to be the winning run.

Grande Prairie got two runs back in the fourth when Rod White took a base on balls, Ray Stokke singled and Stump Flohr was safe on a fielder's choice. Murney Nellis then blasted a double to drive in

Flohr and White.

Murney who yielded the big bat for the visitors knocked in the third Grande Prairie run in the sixth following a single to Flohr.

Walker then held the fort for the Royals to preserve the victory.

One game is scheduled for tonight with Rycroft Rebels taking on the Stampeders at Peace River.

Sunday sees three double-headers scheduled with Peace River at Grande Prairie Fairview at Beaverlodge and Rycroft at Sexsmith.

An Esks spokesman said the team will be out for blood against the Stamps as the Royals are starting to crowd them for the final playoff position in the south section of the league. Game times are set for 2 and 6 p.m. at Richmond Park.

Births In City

Births at the Grande Prairie
Municipal Hospital:

PATTERSON — Mr. and Mrs.
Wayne Patterson, 9323 103
Ave., Sept. 27, a girl;

PAQUETTE — Mr. and Mrs.
Ray Paquette, 10106 92A St.,

Sept. 29, a girl;

STEPANIUK — Mr. and Mrs.
Jerry Stepaniuk, 10814 100
St., Sept. 30, a girl;

COOK — Mr. and Mrs. Dick
Cook, 10282 110 ave., Sept.
30, a girl;

FLOHR — Mr. and Mrs. Al-
vin Flohr, 9320 103 Ave., Sept.
30, a girl;

QUINN — Mr. and Mrs. Wayne
Quinn, 10814 100 St. Oct. 1,
a boy;

McINNIS — Mr. and Mrs. Ben
McInnis, 10014 100 St., Oct.
1, a girl;

PETERSON — Mr. and Mrs.
Delmar Peterson, Sexsmith,
Oct. 1, a girl.

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Double Wedding Cake

DOUBLE SILVER WEDDING anniversary cake was made by Mrs. Carl Flohr of Grande Prairie for Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Alec Ray, both of Beaverlodge, who were married in double ceremony 25 years ago. Cake measures 14 inches high. Mrs.

Flohr, 50, has been designing cakes for 17 years and does it as a hobby. She makes about 20 annually although she has done as many as 50. She has made one 75th anniversary cake.

An artist at decorating wedding cakes

Summer is the time of the bride — and a very busy time for Mrs. Carl Flohr of Grande Prairie who is in the business of decorating wedding cakes.

Mrs. Flohr turned what was simply a hobby into a profession that sees her creations shipped as far south as Lethbridge and Edmonton and as far west as Vancouver

As a young person she was always decorating birthday cakes, experimenting with icings and working on new designs. When a neighbor, who was a professional cake decorator, saw her work she told Mrs. Flohr to "forget about the birthday cakes", — and that's exactly what she did from then on.

"It's the little touches that make it", says Mrs. Flohr as she adds a sprig of leaves here or a swirl of icing there.

"You would be surprised to see all the burned cakes I work on", she says. Some of the cakes are charred to a cinder but people bring them to her just the same. By the time they have six pounds of icing sugar on them, you can't tell whether the cakes are burned or not.

"Dad was a carpenter and he

was very fussy about perspective and level, says Mr. Flohr. He would stand back and tell me where the cake was crooked".

Mrs. Flohr works ten hours on a large cake. She "sets them up" one evening (she places the layers and gives them a thick basic coat of frosting). Then the

next day she adds the glamour touch with shell shapes and lattice work. She moulds flowers from firm icing and places them on the cake for the finishing touch.

Mrs. Flohr uses a book of examples so that prospective brides can give her some idea of what they want in the way of style and design. Then she adds the little personal touches that individualize the cakes.

One cake Mrs. Flohr was working on simply fell apart.

"By the time I got finished patching it together with icing, it was really glued together", she says.

It was past 11 o'clock when she added the final sprays to the top of that cake. The cake was mauve accented to match the mauve theme of the bridesmaids gowns.

Though Mrs. Flohr's cakes are very heavy and sturdy, when viewed from any distance they look like delicate fluffs of ruffles and lace.

The artistic talent shown by Mrs. Flohr's delicate finished products is becoming well known through the tiny pieces of cake that find their way under the pillows of wedding guests.



AN EXAMPLE OF MRS. FLOHR'S WORK

Esk vs. past

It'll be the young against the old Tuesday night at Richmond Park when the Alberta champion Grande Prairie Eskimos tangle with the Grande Prairie baseball oldtimers in an exhibition game.

Some of the golden oldies — like Vern Hawkes, Oeb Crough, Jim Patterson, Roy Wright, Arnie Kjemhus, Oscar Blais, Bob Rigler, Marv Johnston, Rudy Cepela, Bill Murray, Greg Walker, Simon Haakstad, Pete Wright, Harry Nellis, Don Swanson, Ken Head, Lou Chrenek, Stump Flohr, John Boyle, Buster

Brown, Jack Crummy and Mel Rodacker — will be asked to play and or manage the Oldtimers, in the exhibition contest.

Part of the fun of the benefit game will be a gala fireworks display put on by Harold McKay. He plans to entertain the fans with a fantastic series of explosions on the diamond following the game.

Proceeds from the game will be used to help cover the cost of the Eskimos' trip to Manitoba for the Western Canadian Bison championship. Game time Tuesday is 7 p.m.

Five-pin bowling a popular event in city 25 years ago

Five-pin bowling was a popular activity in Grande Prairie 25 years ago — illustrated by the fact that more than 200 people attended the annual awards night dance.

Bowling in those days was at the Donald Recreation Centre on Richmond Ave., across the street from where the Met is today. The operation was managed by Ed Stride.

The new executive for local keglers chosen at the awards night included president Harvey Riding., vice-presidents Alvin Flohr and Bill Lucas, secretary Janey Frederickson and treasurer Dot Klettke.

Awards included:

MONDAY MIXED

League champs: Ernie Ayre, Grace Ayre, Jean Elder, Lena Durda, George Lapp;

Playoffs: Harold McKay, Audrey McKay, Helen Schenk, Ann Henriksen, Gunnar Henriksen;

Team triple: Bill Lucas, Eva Lucas, Anne Rowe, Corine Rutberg, Bill Rutberg;

Ladies' triple: Eva Lucas; ladies' single: Verna

Whitlock; men's triple, single: Wayne Stanley.

COMMERCIAL

League champs: Cornie Martens, Helen Schenk, Verna Whitlock, Lorraine Lucas, Larry Foster;

Playoffs: Same;

Team single, triple: Same;

Ladies' single: Florence Breemer; ladies' triple: Betty McLellan; men's single, triple: Larry Foster.

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League champs: Bob Potters, Merv Reynolds, John Martens, Cornie Martens, Larry Foster;

Playoffs: Bill Rigler, Arnie Moon, Erwin Michaels, John Shofner, Cliff Scott;

Single: Alvin Flohr; triple: Bob Potters.

FRIDAY MIXED

League champs: Otto Klettke, Dot Klettke, Jean Hansen, Hilda Watson, Jim Watson;

Playoffs: Same;

Ladies' single, triple: Gladys Pelke; men's single, triple: Otto Klettke.

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"**STARRY ATHLETICS** lefthander Joe Weremey handcuffed Beaverlodge Royals with six hits Wednesday night to chalk up his third successive victory over the Royals," gloated the sports writer at Grande Prairie that week. "He struck out a dozen Beaverlodge batters in a fine effort.

"Royals have been defeated only three times in Wheat Belt Baseball League play.

"Elden Ray, Royal's big righthander, held the Athletics to five hits, while whiffing nine. That was a pitcher's duty all the way.

"Five scoreless innings were notched up on the score board when the Athletics sprang for a brace of counters in the top of the sixth.

"Marv Johnston got on base and was driven home by Elvin Flohr. Pete Wright boomed a solid hit into the outfield to score Flohr. Royals bounced back with a single marker in the bottom of the sixth when Ray tripled then scored on Lorree's sacrifice. Weremey sewed up his own game in the top of the seventh with a bases-empty homer to make it 3-1.

"Athletics final run came when catcher Garth Roberts worked his way to third, then scored on a wild pitch by Ray."

MARGARET BROWN DOE

Mrs. Margaret Brown Doe passed away at Grande Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, October 10, 1984, at the age of 66.

She was born at Common Cottage, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1925, to Alberta in 1950, and to Grande Prairie in 1957.

She is survived by her loving husband, Alex Doe; 2 daughters: Gloria Flohr of Grande Prairie, and Carol (Bill) Sharko of Grande Prairie; 2 grandsons: Terry (Tammy) Sharko of Grovedale, and Douglas Flohr of Grande Prairie; 6 granddaughters: Marjorie and Darlene Flohr of Rocky Mountain House, Debbie, Brenda and Tammy Sharko, and Gwendolyn Flohr of Grande Prairie; 5 great grandchildren; sister, Mary Bondy of Hamilton, Ontario.

A memorial service for the late Margaret Brown Doe will be held at the Oliver Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Saturday, October 13, 1984, at 10 a.m., with Captain Larry Bridger officiating. Cremation will take place at the Oliver Crematorium.

Flowers or memorial donations to the charity of one's choice would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Funeral arrangements by Oliver Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Grande Prairie, Alberta. Telephone 532-2929.

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Flohers mark 50 years

By MILDRED LAWRENCE

FIVE MILE — A large number of friends and relatives attended the 50th Anniversary celebration for old-timers Carl and Edna Flohr in the Five Mile Hall Dec. 23. It was a very cold day — nearly as cold as the day they were married in 1934 when we had a very bad year.

The fall of that year was very much the same as last year with a lot of rain. Most of the crops were stacked or left in the field in the stook. Some threshing of grain for feed was done in January.

Due to the frigid temperatures and lack of interest in ticket sales, the New Year's Eve dance which was to have been held Dec. 31 was cancelled, but we have several events of interest coming up: The first crib tournament of the year is Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

HOSTS WORKSHOP

The Five Mile Agricultural Society is hosting a workshop for agricultural societies in the centre Jan. 17 and we invite representation from all of the other agricultural societies. There will be guest speakers.

These are very interesting events as every organization has successes and problems and it is very heart-warming to get together and discuss these things and hear how others have solved some of their problems. Everyone welcome. For registration and information, phone Gloria at 567-2486.

Among the students attending university in Edmonton who were home for Christmas were Barry Brown, Gordon Pellerin, Tim Thompson and Brad Richards.

Birthday greetings to Bert Ogden of Pioneer Lodge, Murray Oatway, Cecilia Morken, Stella Kimble and Jane Waayenberg.

I have now been putting birthday and anniversary greetings in my column for a year. These are anniversaries of those of 25 years or more and birthdays of those where one partner is 50 or over. These have been given to me on a voluntary basis by friends or individuals themselves. As well, I have a collection of area history books which I use for references. Don't we all? You have also seen names of people from other areas in my column. Again, they were part of our area at one time.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the sudden death of "Pat" McNally on Dec. 31, 1984 at the age of 77. He had been a resident of the Grande Prairie area since 1931 and had worked in a number of places — the NADP being one, where he drove truck delivering to out-of-town places. He and his wife Jennie and family are well-known in the area.

The older boys of the area have been keeping fairly busy at the centre putting in "the finishing touches".

For hall rental and information, you can phone Clara at 532-6460 or Loraine at 532-0639.

CARL JOHAN FLOHR

Mr. Carl Johan Flohr passed away at Grande Prairie, Alberta on Sunday, September 20, 1987, at the age of 81.

He was born in Minnesota, U.S.A., and had been a resident of the Grande Prairie area for the past 60 years.

He is survived by his wife Edna of Grande Prairie; children: Alvin of Grande Prairie, Ed (Lorraine) of Lacombe, Larry (Evelyn) of Edmonton, Ivan (Laurie) of Grande Prairie, and Marlene of Grande Prairie; 16 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren; and his sister Martha Evanson of Hazeldean, Saskatchewan.

A memorial service for the late Carl Johan Flohr will be held at the Oliver Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Wednesday, September 23, 1987, at 3 p.m., with Rev. Dennis Aicken officiating. Cremation to take place at the Oliver Crematorium.

Memorial contributions to the M.S. Society, or the charity of one's choice would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements by the Oliver Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Grande Prairie. Telephone 532-2929.

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Donald Ivan Olson, 70, of Grande Prairie



Donald Olson, resident of Grande Prairie for 70 years, passed away at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital on Friday, April 27, 2001.

Don will be forever missed by: his loving wife Maxine (nee McColm), his children; Tamara (Witold Gutter), Trent (Debbie Klein), Terril (Tim Finley), his grandchildren; Bohtan, Tohler, Deklin, Julie and Cassandra.

Don was predeceased by his father Alfred Olson, his mother Inga (nee Bredeson), a baby brother Edwin and four brothers-in-law; Carl Flohr, Bob Ray, Bill Griffeths, and Walter Waldner. Surviving him are his sisters; Edna Flohr, Elsie Ray, Violet Griffeths, Angie Waldner, Allie (Tyke) Ames and his brother Gordon (Glenda) Olson as well as many nieces and nephews.

Don's life was spent designing and building in Grande Prairie and around Alberta, where he designed many homes and commercial buildings.

His favourite activities included woodworking, fishing, hunting and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

His good nature endeared him to all who knew him, and he will be missed by his family and friends.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2001 at 2 p.m. from St. Paul's United Church (10206-100 Ave.) Grande Prairie with interment to follow at the Glen Leslie Cemetery near Bezan-son, close to the church built by his Dad.

Luncheon to follow at the Golden Age Centre (10222-101 Ave) Grande Prairie.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Don Olson Memorial Award in Forestry c/o Grande Prairie Regional College Foundation office, 10726-106 Ave. Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V-4C4.

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Gordon Carl Olson, 68, of Red Deer



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear husband, father and grandfather, Gordon Carl Olson, on January 24, 2003 at the Richard Parsons Auxiliary Hospital, Red Deer.

He left us peacefully at the age of 68 after his struggle with Alzheimer's. Gordon was born on April 10, 1934 in Glen Leslie, Alberta, to Inga and Alfred Olson, and was a long-time resident of Grande Prairie.

He leaves to mourn his beloved wife Glenda, his five children and their spouses Janice Nielson (Randy), Okotoks, Alta., Karen Smith (Don), Grande Prairie, Darlene Olson (Darrell) Red Deer, Brian Olson (Connie), Edmonton,

Rhonda Roberts (Rich), Three Forks, Montana, and eight grandchildren.

Gordon is also survived by his sisters Edna Flohr, Grande Prairie, Elsie Ray, Beaverlodge, Alta., Violet Griffiths, Salmon Arm, B.C., Angie Waldner and Allie Ames, Bezanson, Alta. He was predeceased by father Alfred, mother Inga, brother Don, and infant brother Edwin.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 30 at Oliver's Funeral Chapel in Grande Prairie, followed by a luncheon at the Grande Prairie Legion. All those that wish to join us are welcome. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in honor of Gordon may be made to The Alzheimer Society, Red Deer and Central Alberta, 4620-47 Ave., Red Deer, T4N 6C3, or to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Central Alberta Chapter, 4322 - 52 Ave., Red Deer, T4N 6C3.

Edna Irene Flohr



Edna Irene Flohr, resident of Grande Prairie, passed away on June 12, 2010 at Mackenzie Place at the age of 93.

She was born on January 4, 1917 in Grande Prairie to Inga and Alfred Olson. She grew up in Glen Leslie area, and married Carl Flohr.

She is survived by her daughter, Marlene Pigeon, four sons, Alvin, Ed (Lorraine), Larry (Evelyn), Ivan; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; three sisters, Elsie Ray, Angie Waldner, and Alice Ames.

She is predeceased by an infant child, husband, one sister, and two brothers.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, June 18, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel with interment to follow in Glen Leslie Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Alberta Cancer Foundation for Grande Prairie Cancer Clinic.

Condolences may be sent by visiting www.oliversgrandeprairie.com

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