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Fortunes in the KIJHL have definitely turned topsy-turvy this season. The teams usually considered in recent years to be the have-nots have shown quite a reversal, with Grand Forks and Nelson sitting up on top of the Western Division.

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The Nelson Junior Maple Leafs are also putting together a pretty good act, winning with regularity over teams from Trail, Castlegar and Rossland. When you consider that Nelson sent

three outstanding youngsters to the Penticton Knights who could quite conceivably have been playing for the Maple Leafs this season, you can figure that Nelson's minor hockey movement is really coming through for them.

I get regular information from the Knights' camp through the good offices of former Rosslander, "Chow" Sdao, now living in Penticton and commuting back and forth to his home town with amazing regularity. "Chow" is quite high on these three kids, 16-year-olds Bruno Campese and Marc Centrone and 17-year-old Morey Gare, who it appears are welcome additions to the BCJHL team.

Meanwhile, Trail and Castlegar are having so-so seasons so far, losing more than they are winning but in a position where a good run of wins would have them challenging for the lead, but the way Grand Forks and Nelson are going now, that's going to be a tall order.

The Warriors are at present in the throes of a nine-game losing streak; they are showing some flashes of really good hockey but can't seem to get it all together. Some of the fans wish for a couple of good defencemen. The attack seems to be able to get the goals to win lots of games but the opposition always seems to get more; the goalies are under a constant bombardment and are doing a helluva job of standing up as well as they are.

The Warriors seem to be playing catch-up in their games so far this season. It's not exactly the best prescription for a winning hockey season, however the Warriors seem to be in every game they play and a few breaks in the right direction could turn a lot of things around for them.

Over in the East Kootenay the Knights and Colts are on top of their division but not exactly making a run away of it. A run of a couple of wins

could put Spokane and Fernie in the picture and Creston is not out of it either. The Columbia Valley team seems to be doing about the same as the Warriors are at present, with just two wins in nine starts.

With the seniors, the Smokies are having an excellent start to their season, picking up where they left off last season and if they continue along these lines they may be able to lure some of their faithful back to the fold. The promotion is there and with a so-so junior team in town they may be able to recoup some of their losses by getting some decent crowds out for their games.

Up in the NHL, the Canucks are beginning to get rolling and are hanging on to top spot in their division. Right now they look as if they are beginning to have things fall into place for them with really top-notch goal-tending and that come-from-behind ability when they need it.

After the Lions debacle against the Stamps, the Canucks could really help the B.C. cause by pulling something like the Whitecaps. However, it looks like Philadelphia is setting up for another run at the Stanley Cup and with the fortunes of the Canadiens not exactly top-hole the Flyers may just be able to repeat their glory days. Don't however, count the Bruins out for awhile.

there was enjoying every minute of it, something was going on all the time and everyone on the floor was mixed up in it. The referees came in for a good share of the buffoonery which was aimed at them in a lot of cases. When those Globetrotters start to pass that ball around in front of the basket, it would take a magician to follow it, that's the word I was looking for, "magician", that's the word for every one of those Globetrotters. Don't you just love every one of them?

The Retirees Club get-together party for our Senior citizens at the Arena last Saturday night could be called a flop. However the few who did show enjoyed a good old bull-session and played a few games of pool and shuffleboard; there were also a few darts enthusiasts around and after a little coaxing the piano was given a workout.

Maybe it was a bad night to have it, just before Armistice Day with people probably lining up to go to the Remembrance service, however the Retirees want everyone to know that the facilities are there and are open from 10 a.m. to ?

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Well, they told us that the Globetrotters were the tops in entertainment and that was no promotional gimmick. Down in Trail last Wednesday night they put on a show of power basketball plus plenty of the laugh-it-up type to have the fans in the stands in a thoroughly enjoyable mood. That Twiggy was really something to watch, all seven feet of him. Those antics of his are performed in the most natural way possible, nothing seems calculated or practised, just the mark of a remarkable comedian. I think everyone

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