

PEPP-TALK

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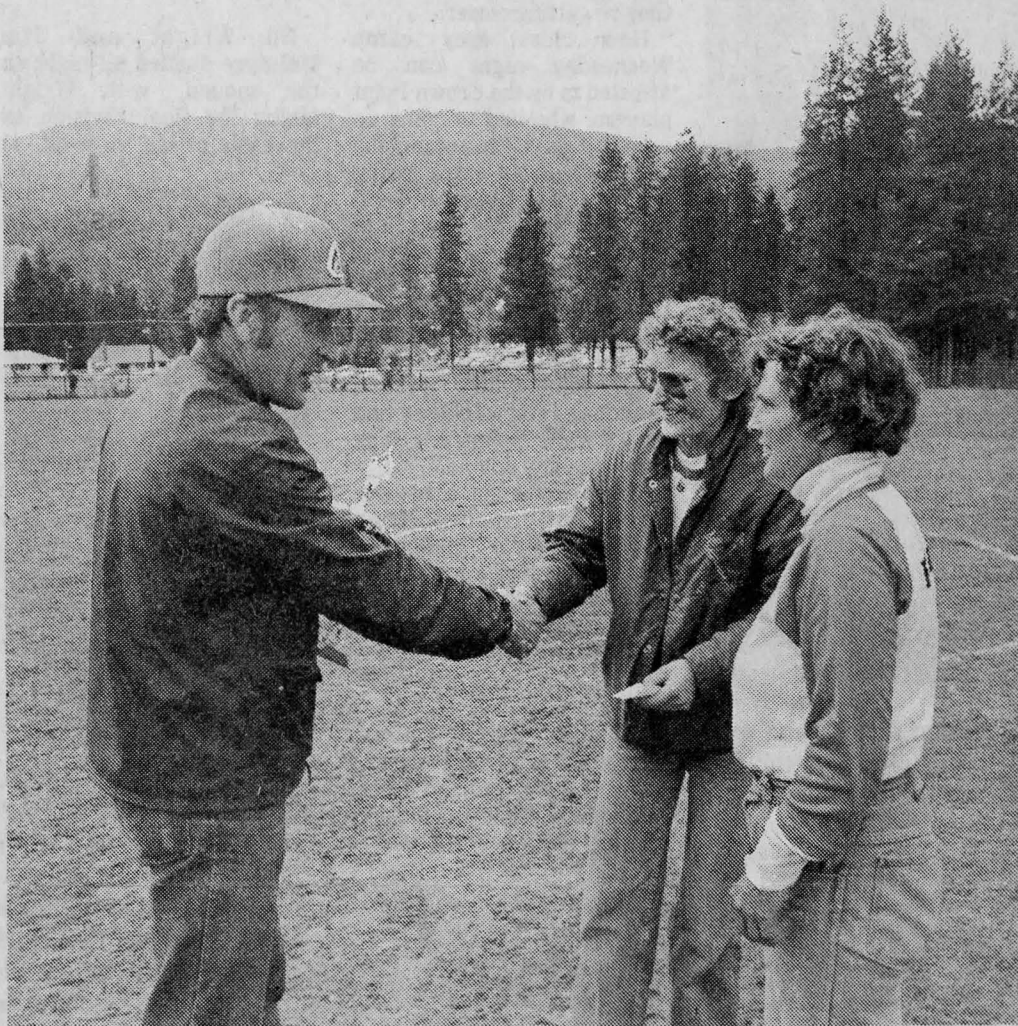
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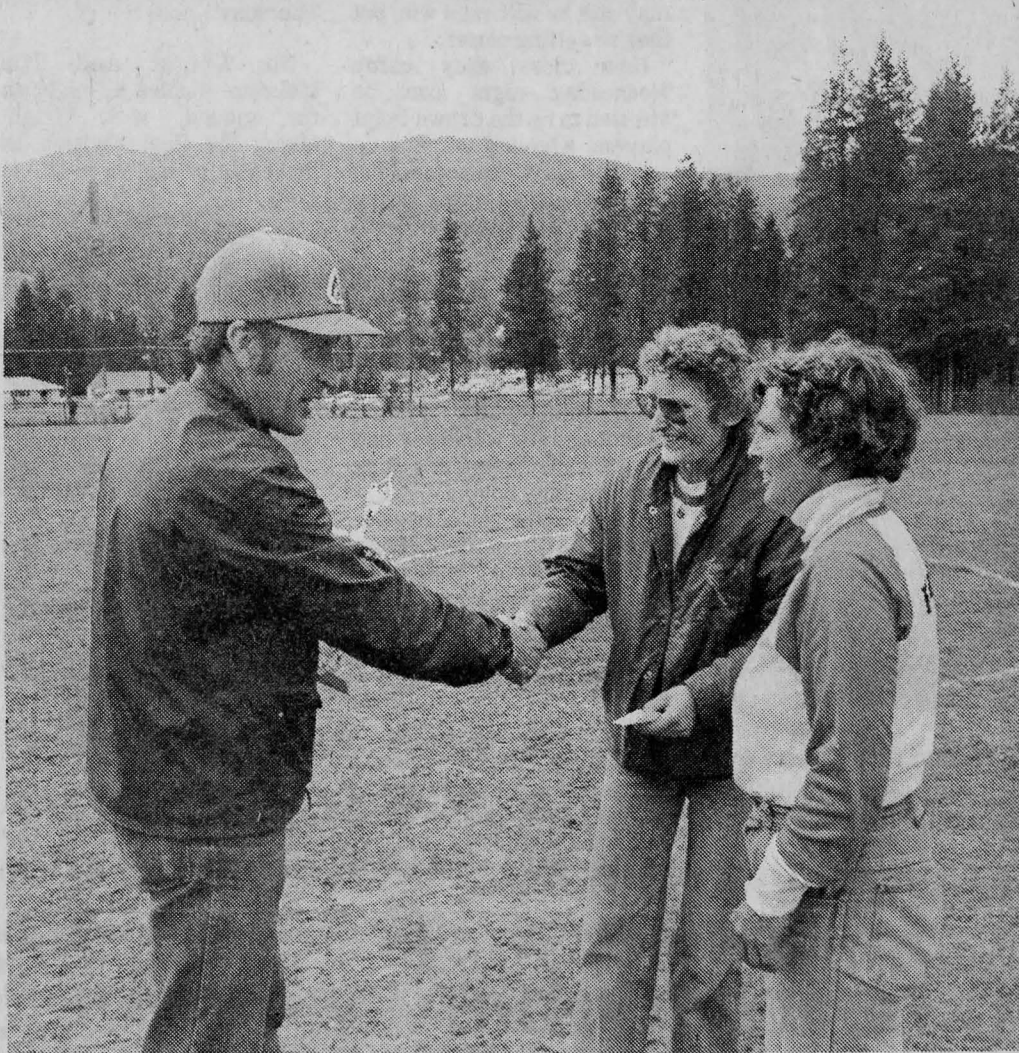
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But I would bet that every one of them put all the effort into that weekend out in the Valley as they did in any game they ever played. Congratulations on your MVP award, Carol, I wish I had been there to see that one.

Well, the local Lions club's annual extravaganza for 1980 has come and gone. Last Friday night at the Rossland High School the club got some excellent support from the



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Minor soccer is now back in full swing following the ban imposed because of the ash fallout after the eruption of Mt. St. Helens. I just got to see one game during last week, when Jack McDonald's Bantams were beaten 3-0 by the Warfield Wolves on Saturday at Jubilee. Daron Ink scored twice for the

winners and Wesley Mussio got the other; Rossland threatened on various occasions, hit goalposts and the crossbar and had one excellent chance tipped over the bar in a desperation move by the Warfield keeper.

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Also on soccer, the Labatts game scheduled for last Saturday evening was cancelled because no referee was available to handle the contest against Creston, so it

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The team is champing at the bit to get to the big exhibition game against the Australian All-Stars July 2.

Advance tickets are already on sale for the evening game. Be sure you get yours. The Aussies must be a world-class team and it should be a big test for our Redmen.