

# PEPP-JALK

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The Rossland Warrior camp is going extremely well, according to Coach Doug Buhr. Dryland training has been going on for a couple of weeks now and on Saturday morning the boys take to the ice in the arena for the real business.

There are five new faces in camp and by the time you read this there may be more. I was introduced to three of the boys last evening as they were at work helping the coach clean out a warehouse. The three are from the Okanagan and are Mike Bolton, Martin Lizotte and Rocky Ponton, all good-looking, clean-cut youngsters whom Coach Buhr has hopes of welding into a team along with his local hopefuls.

There are two other boys in town, too. They are Mike Stegman and Bart Camaratta who have come all the way from Bay City, Mich. to try out for our Warriors.

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We wish them all the best of luck in their endeavors, and hope they stay to skate in Rossland's red and white livery this season and perhaps stay on to play again. Rossland has seen many of its citizens of the past and today come here to play a sport and stay on.

Yes, indeed, the ice Desi promised us is up there now and before we know it the hockey season will be upon us. The effort the committee is putting out to attract new adherents to watching local hockey, as opposed to the TV variety, is, I am told, beginning to bear fruit. A very ambitious program is in the works and will be on sale for the first exhibition game.

We may as well face it, summer as we have known it in 1980 is fast fading into fall and the time has just about arrived when we in Rossland start to think of skis, curling brooms and hockey sticks, put away the golf clubs and, or, tennis racquets and start looking for the first signs of snow on the surrounding peaks.

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Bertoia's house. Lido came over and handed me a black envelope containing pictures taken when Rossland's Centennial Park was under construction.

The pictures are clear and show a number of the people who took part in the development of a veritable wasteland and turned it into something we in Rossland can be proud of, a very fine ball park, which has evolved over the years into one of the best in the area.

The Play-for-Fun people along with the people who play Commercial ball are hoping to further add to its attractiveness in the coming years by putting in some sort of seating, possibly covered. This will be a big plus for an already great sport facility in our town.

But again, I stray from my intent, which was to recall the names of some of the people who took part in the effort to build a park in Rossland.

As is always the case in references of this kind, someone is going to be left out. I am going by a short resume given me by Henry Matthews, who, along with Lido, is pictured on the job when it was all starting. Along with them we have pictures showing such notable Rossland volunteers as Jack Molyneux, Bev Berry, Jim Leckie, Ed Caswell, Phil Neal and Kenny Stanton.

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will see the girls visit Nakusp Sept. 24, Selkirk Oct. 8 and Grand Forks Oct. 22. Sandwiched in between will be home fixtures with L. V. Rogers, Sept. 29, 4:30 p.m. and Stanley Humphries, Oct. 15, 4 p.m.

Exhibitions will be played against KLO from Kelowna in the Okanagan centre Sept. 26-27 and a visiting Summerland team at 4 p.m. Oct. 4.

Oct. 18-19 it's the Senior Invitational at Castlegar where six teams from around the province will contest the trophy. Along with Rossland there will be teams from L. V. Rogers, Stanley Humphries, Delta, Carson Graham and Salmon Arm. Oct. 25 it will be the West Kootenay playoffs in Grand Forks and Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 the provincials will also be played in the boundary town.

Peter's younger girls also have a couple of dates. Sept. 27 they have a Junior Invitational, also in Castlegar, in which Rossland's junior misses will tangle with teams from Salmo, Beaver Valley, Kinnaird, Stanley Humphries and Okanagan.

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playground must be spread far and wide.

These youngsters are here because they want to play hockey. There have been no promises of a spot on the team; that they have to earn. I understand they are billeted with local families and will see the camp out and try for a spot on the roster or leave and go back where they came from.

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An invitation which he extended to me back in the spring has been renewed by a letter from Peter Sinclair. Peter also sent along a schedule for his girls' field hockey team, a group of girls of whom he is justly proud. His invitation was that I come out and watch his girls in action.

The fall is the traditional time of year for field hockey and this season's schedule started Wednesday, Sept. 17, when the girls are hosts to J. L. Crowe from Trail at 4 p.m. at Jubilee Park. League play

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Three of the many people who helped construct Rossland's Centennial ball park come up against a minor stumbling block. The trio are (from left) Jack Molyneux, Phil Neal and Ken Stanton.