

PEPP-TALK

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The Rossland Retirees' Curling Club swung into action Friday morning. The boys had had a couple of warmup games previously but now it's down to the nitty-gritty. There are some faces missing from our midst, some will be playing occasionally, some will play a half-season and leave for warmer climes and we have some new faces.

To date we have named 10 rinks with spares enough to man a couple more, but as it always is when we are dealing with the older people there are some who won't feel like playing sometimes and then the spares will be needed.

The draw will necessitate two rinks to stand by each time we curl as we have only the four sheets up there and it might be problematical to get the extra sheet when we need it.

Among the missing regulars from a year ago are Leo Telfer, Russ Broughton and Arnie Vanness, who were all skips and Dave Tweed and Father Maglio. Those thrust into the skip spots are Len Scott, Dick Cotton, Rich Watkinson and Jack Mitchell, the holdover skips are George Kent, Phil Bateman, Doug Harrison, Norm Harry, Angus Popplewell and George Dyson.

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they are playing this season, I suppose some of it has a basis in fact, but a lot of it is critical hogwash by quite a number of people who take a great deal of pleasure out of it.

I don't have to name names, the guys that are doing it make sure I hear them up at the arena on hockey nights and any time it comes up for discussion. As I said before that some of it is factual, but it's the elaboration of simple stats that I can easily get along without.

Sure one or two players are penalty-prone and are certainly not helping the team when serving penalty time. Perhaps the statistics of the game in Kimberley will help

put the problem in perspective for players who have been putting in a lot of penalty-time.

While serving only 14 minutes of penalty time in the game they skated to an impressive win over one of the better teams in the league on foreign ice. A youngster who wishes to continue this sort of performance is bound to be receptive to a coach's admonitions to stay as far away from penalty-time as possible. We hope this little thought on the subject will be taken for what it is worth.

There is no doubt that the Warriors have a lot of latent talent on hand this year, their skating and passing is as good as any in the league, the goal tending is excellent, the

defence thus far has been questionable in that everyone is only too willing to mix it up when trying to protect the goalie.

You can go so far along this line but you have to know when to stop and that's before it goes too far and whistles start to blow.

The Warriors don't pick up too many penalties on attack. Most of these come when they try to get out in front of the opposition net, trying to set up for a pass, the sticks come up far too easily and boom, the next thing you know the sticks drop and the clutching and grabbing starts.

Maybe the win in Kimberley will give the boys a real boost in morale. We can only say, "We hope so."

Dyson.
Among the new faces who will probably be on deck are Ernie McGauley, Ab Nichols, Gordie Brennan, Herb Castle, Chuck Harkness, Joe Rosse, Toby Edworthy, Harry Lefevre and Ted Holloway and there may be more looking to grab a spot.

Each team will play nine games, one against each of the other teams in the competition and sit out twice during each trophy run, making a total of 11 games in each competition. With a two-week lapse for the holidays we can run three competitions by the latter part of March when they will start thinking of taking the ice out of the arena.

Still on curling, this time the Ladies' Afternoon Club, word from Dorothy Fines tells us they have seven rinks this season. In their first two outings Dorothy beat Helen Ling, Marg Rosse won over Gert Sandulescu and Edie Harasin beat Fanny Albo; Marg Harrison had the bye. The next time it was Fines and Rosse in a tie game, Ling over Harrison and Sandulescu over Harasin; Albo had the bye.

Next week I will try to catch up with the Men's Club and the Business Girls' Club and anyone else who has something going.

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The one above my humble abode is really something to gaze up at. They call it the LeRoi Apartments and I understand from conversation with the owner that another will be started in the spring. When both are finished there will be a real hive of activity on a piece of land which previously was a part of the wild mountains which surround our town.

Speculation is rife around town as to what is under way in Rossland, as to what is going on with all the construction. I guess it is natural for people to wonder, all this came on so quickly and the reasons for it are bound to cause a lot of thinking people to ask questions. We would like to know, too.

I have been asked on a couple of occasions to attend a midget hockey game when the Rossland team is playing and twice I have had to miss them.

I'm really sorry that something else has come up each time, just give me a call before your next game and I'll try to come out and watch you perform. It's good to see the kids who will be trying out for the Warriors in another year or so. I've been told you play a pretty good brand of hockey and I'm looking forward to seeing you at it.

We hear much criticism of the Warriors and the way