

PEPP-TALK

with
Harry
Pepper

The Christmas season is rapidly running out for another year, for some I guess it was a hectic time, we actually spent it quite quietly at home with friends, we hope that all our friends and acquaintances thoroughly enjoyed it as we certainly did.

Now we are easing into the New Year 1981, we hope it will be a great year for all of you. We hope our country will come through all the difficulties she has experienced in 1980.

Between Christmas and New Year's, a new trend was started in the sports field as far as Rossland is concerned, Sunday, Dec. 28, the Warriors of today hosted the Warriors of the past in a very pleasing spectacle of hockey, I would very much like to suggest that this event be made an annual affair. Young men who used to wear the red and white of the

Warriors, some from teams back as far as the early seventies and some just removed from the junior age group were on hand to show that they still are able to skate with the young 'uns.

The crowd on hand, while not large, was better than some we have had. A get-together was held in the lounge following the game and everyone of the players was there plus a goodly number of fans. It was indeed a night to remember, renewing old acquaintances and hearing how this one and that one are proceeding with the business of living. It was indeed a pleasure for me and I imagine it was so to a lot of the people who crammed into the lounge.

The game itself was really a great effort on the part of both teams. It made one feel pretty proud to know that all the young men out there on the ice had once been proud

to be a part of our Warrior organization. They are scattered now through this province and into Alberta, but they were still happy to be part of the plan to help the present-day team in their effort to add a little fuel to the financial burner.

The game was barely 15 seconds old when Murray Price showed us some flashes of his former brilliance with a drive down the wing and a perfectly timed and executed pass across the goal mouth which Doug Davis had no trouble converting for the first score. The Warriors, realizing that they maybe had a tiger by the tail, pulled out all the stops and had a 3-1 lead until the closing minutes of the first period when the ex-Warriors got a goal from John McMaster to make it close.

The over-age boys reeled off five more goals in the

second and third periods to move to a 7-3 lead before the Warriors newest recruit, Murray Walters, up from the Juveniles, got his second of the night to make the final 7-4.

Among the other players on the ex-Warrior squad were Jim Stuart, currently playing with the Nelson senior team, Ken Bertoia, Gary Stanton and Rick Dominici who all scored goals, Mike Popoff, Don Savinkoff, Larry Price, Dan Hachey, Rick Woodhouse, Mike Oliver, Ross Eccles, Jack Wert, the lone net-minder, Bob Hook and Pat Lilburn.

The Warriors who were without Bart Camaratta, Bill and Jim Nazaroff and Marty Lizotte, also got goals from John Caron and Terry Hallsheff. I suppose their previous encounter with the Castlegar Rebels had taken something out of them, but they made no excuses for their loss to the hard-working former Warriors.

There was one cloud on the otherwise serene horizon however, I talked to at least two or three former Warriors who were very unhappy at not being invited to participate, I am not aware as to who was responsible for the invitations, I only know that there were several people who were quite unhappy that they didn't receive one, it

effort on offence. Homebrew, Allan Simm came up with his first KIJHL hat-trick and Brian Edwards recorded his first-ever goal as a junior, the other goals came from veterans Rob Martin, Peter Corrado and Billy Nazaroff.

Missing from the Warrior lineup were Camaratta and Lizotte who are home for the holidays.

One other note which will not sit too well with people close to the Warriors, while welcoming the ex-Warriors on their return to our arena, Manager Jim Markle dropped a hint that this may be his last year at the helm of the Warrior ship, it is hoped that his decision will not be final; perhaps he can be persuaded to continue. We who have realized what the Warriors mean to Jim and he to them, know he will leave a pretty big hole up front if he goes through with his wish to retire.

we hope that all our friends and acquaintances thoroughly enjoyed it as we certainly did.

Now we are easing into the New Year 1981, we hope it will be a great year for all of you. We hope our country will come through all the difficulties she has experienced in 1980.

Between Christmas and New Year's, a new trend was started in the sports field as far as Rossland is concerned, Sunday, Dec. 28, the Warriors of today hosted the Warriors of the past in a very pleasing spectacle of hockey, I would very much like to suggest that this event be made an annual affair. Young men who used to wear the red and white of the

skate with the young uns.

The crowd on hand, while not large, was better than some we have had. A get-together was held in the lounge following the game and everyone of the players was there plus a goodly number of fans. It was indeed a night to remember, renewing old acquaintances and hearing how this one and that one are proceeding with the business of living. It was indeed a pleasure for me and I imagine it was so to a lot of the people who crammed into the lounge.

The game itself was really a great effort on the part of both teams. It made one feel pretty proud to know that all the young men out there on the ice had once been proud

present-day team in their effort to add a little fuel to the financial burner.

The game was barely 15 seconds old when Murray Price showed us some flashes of his former brilliance with a drive down the wing and a perfectly timed and executed pass across the goal mouth which Doug Davis had no trouble converting for the first score. The Warriors, realizing that they maybe had a tiger by the tail, pulled out all the stops and had a 3-1 lead until the closing minutes of the first period when the ex-Warriors got a goal from John McMaster to make it close.

The over-age boys reeled off five more goals in the

Among the other players on the ex-Warrior squad were Jim Stuart, currently playing with the Nelson senior team, Ken Bertoia, Gary Stanton and Rick Dominici who all scored goals, Mike Popoff, Don Savinkoff, Larry Price, Dan Hachey, Rick Woodhouse, Mike Oliver, Ross Eccles, Jack Wert, the lone net-minder, Bob Hook and Pat Lilburn.

The Warriors who were without Bart Camaratta, Bill and Jim Nazaroff and Marty Lizotte, also got goals from John Caron and Terry Halisheff. I suppose their previous encounter with the Castlegar Rebels had taken something out of them, but they made no excuses for their loss to the hard-working former Warriors.

There was one cloud on the otherwise serene horizon; however, I talked to at least two or three former Warriors who were very unhappy at not being invited to participate, I am not aware as to who was responsible for the invitations, I only know that there were several people who were quite unhappy that they didn't receive one, it is to be hoped that when another year rolls around that this will be taken care of by the people in charge, the game is a fun thing and everyone wishing to be there should be given the chance even if you have more players in the box than fans in the stands.

Saturday, Dec. 27 the Warriors played what was probably their best game of the season, staying away from the penalty box, they got a real gem from Hal Drake, steady defensive play from all members of the defensive corps and a sup

Martin, Peter Corrado and Billy Nazaroff.

Missing from the Warrior lineup were Camaratta and Lizotte who are home for the holidays.

One other note which will not sit too well with people close to the Warriors, while welcoming the ex-Warriors on their return to our arena, Manager Jim Markle dropped a hint that this may be his last year at the helm of the Warrior ship, it is hoped that his decision will not be final; perhaps he can be persuaded to continue. We who have realized what the Warriors mean to Jim and he to them, know he will leave a pretty big hole up front if he goes through with his wish to retire.