

PEPP-TALK

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During the past week we who follow sports in the Kootenays have suffered a great loss, the death of Ernie Gare, the gentleman who resided in Nelson, but the impact of whose personality was felt even beyond the area of the Kootenays, for his work in the sports field.

My son, Rick, attended Notre Dame University during Ernie's tenure as physical ed instructor there and to say that he idolized Ernie would be putting it mildly.

There must be hundreds of young people all over Canada today who have benefitted from the teaching of this fine athlete, so his memory will take a long, long time to pass.

Probably best known for his hockey playing ability, Ernie was outstanding in many lines of athletic endeavor and the name of Gare is being carried with pride by his hockey-playing sons. This corner would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family in their great loss; men like Ernie Gare don't happen along too often.

Also during the past week, I had the pleasure of going to Grand Forks and taking part in the Seniors Curling playdowns. We were one of three rinks who took part from Rossland with Phil Bateman and Angus Popplewell being the other rinks to make the trip.

Phil had Bob Stevenson, Arnold Vanness and Richie Watkinson on his rink while Angus had Jim Mauchline, Jack Hook and Cleve Cowland backing him up. George Dyson was our skip, Norm Harry was third, I was second and Herb Castle was our lead.

Lefty White of Nelson gave us a bad licking in our first game but we settled

down and lost only one of our remaining four. Our final game was probably our best as we came from behind to tie Chess Edwards' rink from the host club. Chess had Stan Hewgill, Harry Thorpe and Don Haymond, all former Rosslanders, who all played a good game. Our skip was on top of his game and it sure helped earn us the tie.

Trail's Roy Stone won the competition with an unblemished 6-0 record. They will continue on the trail that has already earned them several championships in this class of curling and our good wishes go with them.

It was something like old home week over there meeting guys like Cec Matheson and Art Snuggs. We got a picture from the Grand Forks paper of these two along with Harry Thorpe and Don Haymond for a win in a previous tourney over there. They're quite a handsome group.

On the women's curling front, Carol Albo has passed along the present standings in the Business Girls' League. Beryl Davis is on top with eight points followed by Irene Dunlop with seven, Vi Krest is next with six, then come Jane Feeney, Arlene

Dyson and Phyllis Woodward, followed by Bev Bell with three while Enza Boutry and Donna Price have two each.

For those who may be wondering who won the draws at the Winter Wonderland Spiel a week or so back I got the information yesterday from Fanny Albo. The winners were Eleanor DeBruyn of Fruitvale, Joan Allen of Trail and Marg Rosse of Rossland.

Well, another Warrior season has come and gone. Saturday night the team will hold its annual get-together at the Parish Hall and another season will go into the record book.

This has been a season of ups and downs and we saw a number of new faces among the ranks. Some of those faces will not be back, some we will remember for their contributions to the team effort, which at times was very good while at others it lacked something.

The age limit will lop off some, notably Billy Nazaroff, who has contributed his good share to the Warrior cause. We don't know at this time the status of Rob Martin and John Caron but these two boys have played a large part in whatever success the Warriors did achieve during

the past season. We would also like to think that Marty Lizzotte and Mike Bolton would be back, but this is problematical.

Doug DeGans proved himself to be an outstanding candidate for upcoming seasons as a top netminder around the KIJHL and Hoss Drake, as always, had his great games.

Allan Simm had a good first season with the club and will no doubt have more to come and our boy from Bay City, Bart Camaratta, caught the spotlight on various occasions. Bart is not expected to be back as university beckons.

The status of Dale Bailey and Terry Halisheff is not known at present but both boys did their share in the Warrior cause; Brian Edwards showed us a lot of improvement as the season progressed and Jim Nazaroff was his usual rugged self.

The two Terrys, Sander and Maglio, came along late in the season and showed a lot of desire. If they return, it will help.

The Warriors' big loss will be that of GM Jim Markle, who will be hard to replace. I for one will be interested to know whom they will get to take his place.