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PEPPER-TALK

with
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Well, the Minnesota North Stars did just what a lot of people figured they could or would do, they pulled out a win on home ice for their ever-loving fans, a 4-2 win for which they were full value.

Now the scene shifts back to the New York area and one would have to say the 1981 demise of the North Stars. Should this happen, the North Star youth movement has had quite an effect on the game of hockey and will be remembered for their untiring efforts to prove they are one of the better teams that have come to the fore in recent memory.

On Saturday Pat Zanier stopped by to ask us if we know of any statisticians to take care of some score-keeping needed for the big tournament being staged on the weekend May 29-31. Pat is one of the organizers looking after the tourney which will be held on Trail and Rossland parks over that weekend. He tells us that close to 40 games will be played on the busy weekend.

So if you dig the game as played in the Commercial League and have a yen to help out statistic-wise, call me at 362-5205 and I will pass

your offer along to the right people.

That's going to be quite a hectic weekend. Along with the Commercial tourney there is a golf visit to Christina Lake by the Rossland-Trail retirees, always a fun time for all concerned. The course at Christina is a very fine layout and we are all assured a real good time. This event actually starts a long weekend because it takes place Thursday, May 28.

Another big fun time occurs on the evening of the 29th when the Golden City Lions Club holds its annual Old Glory Nite, an event eagerly looked forward to by a large number of Rosslanders, plus quite a number of out-of-town visitors.

The evening has a variety of different forms of entertainment for those attending which is a large factor in its appeal and at the same time it helps fill the coffers for the various projects aimed at helping the less fortunate.

Some of you may still be wondering what happened in a part of my column last week when Gail had her

innings trying to describe what goes on down at Cook Avenue Park on Monday nights. Just to do that is quite a chore, now she has made a start maybe the going will get easier for G.M.C.

Anyway, here is her contribution for this week. She says, "My apologies for last week's 'schmozzle' on the Dingbats and Oldtimers. I must confess I was not present at the opening free-for-all, just picked up those comments at the conference later.

"However I did attend this past Monday and all I can say is, no comment. We did miss a few bodies. We are extending an invitation to any interested fun people.

"I might add, this is a non-serious evening out, no age limit, and beginners are more than welcome. Come out and enjoy Monday evenings at Cook Avenue."

Tuesday morning 38 retirees teed off on the upper course for their weekly get-together, led by a threesome composed of Leo Telfer, Bernie Ferrey and Bob Walley who took off while the dew was still heavy on the fairways and greens.

Competition was low net and least putts; winners in

low net were Bob Walley with a 33, while Bud Comba, Harold Dixon and Phil Bateman all had 35s.

In the least putts department Tim Jenkin and Sam Martin were joined by one of R-T's real veterans, Rossland's own Leo Telfer, with 15 strokes on the greens, during play on the first four holes. This has to be quite a feat since every putt generated its own wake as it rolled toward the hole.

Our foursome, second off the tee, was composed of Jack Hook, who will no doubt improve with practice, Henry Matthews who is rapidly putting his game together after a long time away from the golf course and some of whose putts make you gasp, myself, whose game really never seems to improve, some shots are good and other are "jest awful."

Rounding out our foursome was U.S. President Reagan's personal choice. To be sure too many jelly beans don't trickle across the border at Paterson, long a notorious trickling leak into Canada for Ronnie's favorite candy.

Of course I'm talking about H. P. "Toby" Edworthy whose game, like

mine, blows hot and cold. I can only add that Toby must have made the most of his short return to work on the jelly-bean project.

There's a rumor going round he may be in line for a citation. What else is new! They give them to all the astronauts!

Turning to lacrosse news for a moment, one of Rossland's favorite sons, Walt Christianson is making his presence felt on the lacrosse scene at the Coast. Grant Fines was telling me yesterday that Walter who has put in a lot of time playing the outdoor brand of lacrosse, will be training later on this summer to play on a rep team in a world-class tournament.

Two boys who starred on Rossland's team last summer are also having good seasons out at the Coast, Jeff Eder for Vancouver Burrards and Bill Thomas at Victoria.

To wind down this week I would like to say "goodnight, Jack" to my little friend, Jack Molyneux. Jack's been having a bit of a bad time and is now recuperating at his daughter, Joanie's, place. Get well, Jack!