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PEPP-TALK

with
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Last weekend Rossland's entry in the Kootenay soccer sweepstakes took two of four possible points by winning a 4-3 decision from Fernie United Saturday before bowing to Kimberley 4-1 Sunday.

The playing conditions were deplorable for both

games; nonetheless we did see some pretty robust play. In fact, play became so aggressive referee Jack Fisher called a halt to proceedings in the second half and had a talk with both team leaders.

The Kimberley team is a pretty good aggregation, led

by Henry Volegaar up front they have a solid defence who cover all the angles and a solid goal-tender in Rossland's former star goalie, Jack Macdonald.

Rossland was playing a very spirited brand of soccer but, three quick goals, scored before they got their game plan working put them in a hole. They lacked Kimberley's forcefulness. Where the East Kootenay team sent five men in, Rossland relied on three and most of the time these attacks were thwarted by the defensive efforts of the opposition.

Robbie Martin scored Rossland's only goal from a penalty shot late in the first half, a couple of minutes afterward Volegaar was pulled down and Kimberley had their chance from the spot. Pat Lavigne pulled off a remarkable diving save on Volegaar's low drive to his left to prevent Rossland's getting further behind.

Martin came close a number of times but he still needs more help up front to open up chances for his accurate shooting. Joe

Hughes and Ron Joseph make for stability at mid-field and Armando Demidaros anchors a defensive unit that will improve with experience. The goal tending, with either Lindgren or Lavigne in there, is adequate.

Kimberley's markers were scored by Randy Fisher, Volegaar and Gary Phenuff with a pair.

Also, in soccer, Rossland's Pee Wee 2 Royals took a 3-1 win over Warfield Rangers to win a Trail Minor Soccer tournament in their category. The team is managed by Maurice MacArthur and are coached by Greg Thatcher and Doug Schneider, a number of these boys play for Maurice during the winter as part of the so-called "Green Machine".

In other categories of the tourney, Fruitvale Flames wiped out Sunningdale 4-0 in Pee Wee 1 while West Trail edged Fruitvale in the Bantam section by a score of 2-1.

Recently we went out to Castlegar to their Retirees invitational golf. We had glorious weather for a change and the company was excellent, I played with a couple of Castlegar gents and thoroughly enjoyed the whole proceeding. We started on No. 13 and played nine holes and since 13 was on our way to the clubhouse, Ken Miles and Gil Besso joined us and we played along as a fivesome. Having had a six first time out I was pleased with by bogey on the par three hole second time around.

Winners in the very pleasant day's outing were Ernie Carkner of Castlegar for low gross, Andy Honchar of Castlegar and George Wilson of Trail for low net. Sam Maber of Trail had the highest score on any hole, Allan Selbie of Castlegar was the most honest golfer and Reg Symons, 81, was the oldest.

Forty-four golfers took part in hidden partners and low net at the Upper Course Tuesday under mostly sunny skies, it was our best turnout of the year and was masterminded by Morris Sawyer and Jack Gellatly.

Low net winners in the hidden partners were Rick Watkinson and Gil Besso at 70, Phil Bateman and Jack Gellatly came in at 75 as did Ron Gardner and Jack Molyneux, Bill Dobbs and Gil Page had 76.

Next Tuesday it will be low net and least putts and the details will be handled by Archie McCannell and Bill Charters.

Sunday, at the upper course is the Father's Day Social and smorgasbord, for all the details call Dorothy Fines at the clubhouse or Ed Caswell who will handle the playing arrangements, Ed's number is 9939 and the clubhouse's at the Upper Course is 5045. Hope they have a better day for it than Local 480 had for its tourney last Sunday.

Rossland's annual slo-pitch tourney will take place on June 28-29, all the usual hoop-la will be evident with play going on, come rain or shine, in all the parks. There will be a Bavarian garden in the Arena and food available at all stops. More details will be forthcoming in next week's column.