

# PEPPER-TALK

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Once again the Warriors split the weekend points, losing to Trail 10-7 and then dominating two periods to trounce the Kimberley Knights 8-2 on Sunday afternoon.

Trail, always a team to take advantage of lapses on the part of the opposition, did just that on Friday, giving the Warriors a two-goal lead in the early going and then roaring back with three quick goals early in the second period. They came again with three more in quick succession and from there on the Warriors were forced into playing catch-up.

On Sunday it took a little time to get untracked but once the Warriors got their game together, there was no stopping them. They rattled in six goals in the second period and were never in danger from then on.

The play of the defence left something to be desired against Trail but they certainly played well against Kimberley.

I particularly like the work of Ron Lauriente back on that blue line, he's not big but that doesn't stop him from throwing some pretty good checks. When he chooses to carry the puck he does it like a seasoned veteran.

On Friday night they lifted Hoss Drake after a couple of quick goals got by him in the second period and put in young Darry Lindgren. The youngster

finished the period and then Hoss went back in for the third, the move was probably made to take some of the heat off Drake and it worked, he only gave up two goals during the third when the Warriors outscored Trail 3-2.

On Sunday, young Doug DeGans gave a fine performance after giving up two goals in the first period he kept his citadel clear of stray pucks from then on making a number of fine saves while his teammates were making life miserable for young Blair Fornwald.

Robbie Martin and Allan Simm combined for four of the Warrior goals on the young Kimberley netminder who was absolutely unbeatable in the first period. These two boys have the potential to score a lot of goals for the Warriors but it is always good to see the goal-getting taken care of by more than just a couple of players. John Caron and John McMaster have that capability and when everyone gets it all together the Warriors will command a lot of respect in this league.

Tim McNulty who has shown us quite a lot of heart during the early part of this season is now sidelined for awhile, he has to have an operation on his knee while Scott Armour is out with a broken wrist.

It's good to see the senior Smokies get themselves untacked and winning some

games. Winning on the road is always a good sign. Now if they can do it at home, it can't help but get the fans worked up, maybe even enough to fill the Cominco Arena for a change.

Dan McFarland took a Russ LaFreniere slap-shot on his knee in practice recently and will be out for a while.

In the big-time, the Montreal Canadiens look to be the class of the league up to this point. The way they handled the only other unbeaten team, Philadelphia, makes one wonder if they are on their way back after last year's sorry showing. The Canucks, meanwhile, continue to flounder while one of their young former stars, Brent Ashton, is looking good with the Rockies. He's right up there among the leaders in the scoring stats.

The Rossland Ladies' Curling club will hold their open house for prospective curlers today and Tuesday. We hope they will have a good showing and go on to a good season.

According to all reports the Retirees' Club will take to the ice this weekend or early next week for practice and to welcome any newcomers to the fold. Play in earnest will probably begin early in November and we are hoping for an increased membership. From the questions we get asked we could be in for a really

healthy increase in our membership.

Well, it's almost time for the ghosts and goblins to roam the streets. That night usually signals the start of winter in our town. We hope the kids will have fun and not get into any serious trouble. People who are driving that night should take a little more care to watch for the host of youngsters out on the prowl, it should turn out to be a fun night for all.

The Rossland Legion will hold a big masquerade dance on Saturday and if you would like to take part better plan to get there early. Entertainment chairman George Dyson looks forward to a big gathering to enjoy the music to be supplied by the Commodores. Dances at the branch are rapidly becoming the in thing in Rossland these days, George has done a lot of work on decorating the place up for the occasion and it should be a real fun night.

Chris Christianson, whose son Walter is Rossland's representative on Canada's field lacrosse team that made a successful trip to the Eastern U.S. recently, related a funny thing that happened in connection with the trip. Walt had mailed them a card from Baltimore and it just arrived yesterday, and we thought the Canadian Postal Service was slow.