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PEPP-TALK

with
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I want also to contratulate our two Johns, Caron and McMaster, who along with all-star goalie Doug DeGans, were into the play ever minute they were on the ice and to every member of both

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The Rossland kids lost no time in jumping into a two-goal lead and went to the dressing room with a 5-1 edge at the end of the first. The clubs swapped goals in the second and came out of it with a score of 7-3 in Rossland's favor. In the third the Rossland boys again put on persistent pressure and added four goals to their opponents one.

Penalties called were all minors, a total of 50 minutes were assessed by referee "Skip" Ferguson, who did a fine job along with linesmen

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The Swedish team were given a banquet along with their opposition after the game. They are in Canada for a total of 12 days. A super effort by the town's people (Njurand) is responsible for their trip over here. They raised something like \$25,000 to bring the boys over and received some help from the Swedish Air Lines with regard to fares. Each kid had one parent along and these people foot their own bill.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could do something like this for our kids! Should we give it a try? What do you say?