

REACTION PAGE

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The Rossland Warriors are now 0-5 in the won-lost column. While the team's performance is lacking something, willingness is still a big factor. Fans are coming out to the games and enjoying them as much or more than they have in the last few years.

The first four home games, one of which was an exhibition match, have seen good Rossland play for two periods. It has been in the third period in all the league games at least that the opposition's experience has shown to advantage.

In last Friday's game the Warriors went into the dressing room after two periods ahead 6-4 and came back out to see Beaver Valley change its style to a forechecking game which saw goals by Mike Barzal, Lou Parent and Scott Makway put the Nite Hawks ahead to stay. Makway added another in the late going of the period to shut off a possible Rossland rally. Along with their forechecking the Nite Hawks got off 25 shots on Bert Brooker in the Warrior net and the tiny netminder from Moose Jaw came up with

some really fine stops, when it was all over the Warriors had been outshot 62-21 over the route.

The game on Friday was well handled by a top-line crew of officials, Dave Murray — chief referee for both the KIJHL and the WIHL, was ref and his linesmen were Skip Ferguson and Jim Schuck. The way they are handling the fighting this year is a breath of fresh air in a very smoky scene. I'm quite impressed. Someone said it was the same last year, if it was, it wasn't enforced near as well as it is now.

Fanny Albo stopped me the other day to report that the Rossland Ladies' Club is going to hold Open House on Oct. 26-28. It will be in the afternoon at 2 p.m. and the main men's club is on the same day in the evening. They both would welcome anyone wishing to learn the game. Starting from day one, the ladies' club has been particularly hard hit by a number of different factors over the past couple of

years. The once proud club is just a shadow of its former size and its clout has greatly diminished. Mind you, a real good recruiting drive couldn't help but add desperately needed blood.

The Retiree's Club of Rossland is getting a real shot in the arm from their participation, along with the golf club, in keeping the Rossland course open. While it is expected this will not continue for much longer, it has been a real boon to the club and has seen quite a number of our curlers dig in and help out in a situation with which, some of them are not at all familiar.

A note from Winston Baines has presented some info regarding the performance of some of the Rossland kids who are members of the Trail-Warfield Stingrays.

Winston is quite happy with the way a number of the Rossland kids are doing and rightly so since a couple of the top performers on the club are his own kids, Pamela and Gordon. Other youngsters on the team from our town who did par-

ticularly well are Scott McAulay and Karen Rasku.

Pamela, for her season, logged around 3,000 miles of travel and along the way picked up the following awards: four gold aggregate medals in the Kootenay region, a gold and a bronze aggregate in two meets in the Okanagan, a gold in the regionals and qualification to swim in four events in the provincial championships in Vancouver.

Pamela had an excellent meet for a summer club swimmer at the provincials, a bronze in the back stroke and fifth-place finishes in the 50-metre fly and the 100-metre individual medley. A poor turn disqualification robbed her in the 100-metre freestyle, her favorite competition.

Because of her performance at the Vancouver meet she was invited to swim for B.C. interprovincially against Alberta at a meet in Rutland. Her results here were even better and she won three silvers in individual events and two bronze in the relays.

To top off her season, Pamela was awarded the Trail-Warfield Stingrays "Most Valuable Female" trophy and an achievement trophy for her age group. All those awards go to show that we have here a youngster who is among the best swimmers in her group.

Brother Gordon won a bronze aggregate in a meet at Golden and the TWS "Achievement" trophy for Division II boys, Scott McAulay won the "Achievement" award in Division IV boys.

Karen Rasku was double-blessed, her mother accompanied Karen to Vernon Summer Games and acted as a volunteer chaperone at the Games, Karen also won an achievement award in the Division V section for girls.

All I'm going to add to this is, we should be proud of our kids and thankful that they have the kind of parents who think enough of them to take such an avid interest. There can't be much reason for kids from homes like this to stray very far off the beaten track.