

PEPP-TALK

with
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black ice was the cause. Luckily none of the occupants of the car were badly hurt. The bouts in which they engaged in at the Coast were a first for some of the boys and all gave a better-than-average showing. I am told this club is proving to be a real boon to youngsters around the district.

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Backing up Bert is local boy Darryl Lindgren. The opposite of Brooker in size, Darryl has not seen too much ice-time, but in the Grand Forks game he came on to fill in when Brooker was hurt, and did a really creditable job. The Warriors have had a lot of good netminders since I started watching hockey here. I would venture a guess this year's duo rate pretty well over-all.

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Both boys are turn in a husky lad, he wears No. 20 and makes some moves that would be a credit to a youngster with a lot more hockey behind him. Diebert and Cahoon are both big boys and can use the body and even score the odd goal for you.

Up front we have Michigan native, Bart Camaratta, back again and he has shown a lot of good moves and ability to score goals. Peter McLellan is a little guy with a lot of heart. Ken David, another local boy who is no giant in stature, but is a real digger with a wicked shot. A kid who could be Rossland's rookie of the year, Gordie Stanton, has a lot to live up to with a name like that. From what we've seen so far he is going to do just that.

Rounding out the roster are Kevin McMaster, who revels in the heavy going and can score goals too, Murray Walters, this year's team captain and pretty good player to have around in any circumstance, Danny Ferguson, who is from a real athletic family, Terry Karenko, who played some minor hockey in Trail but is a Rossland boy and Danny Demchuk of Trail. This youngster is about as cool a customer as you'll find in

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On Friday night they ran roughshod over Grand Forks Border Bruins 10-3. That was one of their best efforts of the year.

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The rest of the defence has another Moose Jaw boy, Rod Diebert, Trail product, Gary Cahoon and another Rossland youngster, John Howes. This last youngster has really shown that he knows what this game of hockey is all about. A real

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All in all, I have to agree that this Warrior team is not a basement-dweller. Before this season is over they will make this fact known. I thank coach Lloyd McLellan for giving us a pretty exciting brand of entertainment.

Thank you, Warriors!