

# PEPP-TALK

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With all the news these days on the hockey scene being concentrated on Canadians in foreign lands and the Soviet All-Stars playing over on this side against NHL teams, I have a little anecdote that concerns a young Canadian kid. Willie Anderson, 14, a bantam hockey player out of Kamloops, is referred to by his proud grandfather, Ralph Berry, as "our own Bobby Orr." At present he is in Finland with an all-star team from the Kamloops area.

I have never met this youngster but I get periodic tales of his on-ice exploits from Ralph. I am prone to compare him to some of our local kids whom I do know; some of the members of the so-called Green Machine that have played so well together over the past few years fit the image I have built up of Willie. Incidentally, Willie's team was entered in a tournament over there and didn't fare too well, tying one game and

losing two, however, they are on a tour now playing exhibitions and seem to be doing a little better.

It's really nice to see this sort of thing happening to our youngsters in the world of hockey. Not only will they grow up with a better knowledge of those people in the other countries they visit but it will help them in later years as they carry Canada's colors to the various parts of the world. Good luck, to you and your teammates, Willie!

Canada's Juniors edged into the medal bracket in the world tourney taking the bronze at Leningrad. Their final game against Norway could almost be called no contest and their defeat by Sweden was quite a blow to their hopes for the silver.

Closer to home, our Warriors came up with a big win in Nelson to start the New Year on the right foot. Bart Camaratta with two goals helped by others from Peter McLellan and Murray Walters saw the Rossland

boys take a 4-3 close one from the Junior Leafs who got all their goals from ever-dangerous Jim Perich.

I was unable to attend the Wednesday night celebration when the Warriors met the former Warriors and really got a drubbing from the not-so-old Oldtimers, we had visitors at the house but from what I hear there was a dozen goals difference between the two teams with the former greats scoring at will and the present-day team not really going too well. Anyway it was a good time to relax if you're going to.

The Warriors travel to Trail on Friday night to take on the division leaders and then it's on to Nelson for the All-Star game on Saturday. The West team has gotten into the habit of winning of late and we shall be looking for them to repeat this time around. A Rossland goalie was a potent figure in the West net last year with young Doug DeGans playing a big part in the victory, this

year we shall probably see another Warrior in the nets as Bert Brooker has all the credentials to get the call for some duty as Doug did last year.

The Retirees have now five games under their belts in the second competition with six left to play. No winning pattern has developed yet but they seem to be spread around a little more than last time.

Next Wednesday our club will be entertaining three rinks from Nelson and three from Trail, each will be composed of five members and we shall meet them with six rinks of our own. Our members will be picked out taking into consideration those who have already made a trip to Nelson earlier in the season, those who sat that one out will get a first chance at the Wednesday bash.

One of our very respected members, Ernie McAulay, was stricken by a heart attack during the holiday season and is now

recuperating. We shall miss him from the ice lanes for a while but we wish him a full and speedy recovery.

Our spare board at the club has grown some with Leo Lawlis, Carl McKenzie, Tommy Harrison and Tullio Lenarduzzi joining Al Besso and Bill Dobbs in the category of those who wish to curl spare time. Jim Scott will be taking some time off in January for knee surgery and Jim Thompson will fill in for Ernie now that he has returned from vacation.

A couple of shorties from a national magazine. An economics professor asked a class to give an example of non-profit investment. A student's answer was "taking your sister out on the town."

And when the Super Bowl was over, the fanatic turned off his TV with a sigh, looked around the room and discovered that his wife had left him in November.

"Nuff said," till next week, then.