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Rossland Warriors are definitely in a pretty tough spot. Their last two games have been disastrous, not only from a standpoint of wins and losses, but the loss of Rod Deibert. The torn ligaments in his ankle could easily mean that Rossland has lost their very best defender at a time when it will hurt the most — the drive to hang on to that fourth playoff spot.

As I said last week, their remaining games are no cinch and with the loss of Deibert they are going to be that much tougher. I didn't know while watching the game start on Saturday that Deibert was hurt, but I soon realized he was missing as the speedy Spokane wingers kept sweeping around the outside on the defence, a spot he always covered well.

The loss of Scott Armour won't help either. He is prone to take a lot of penalties but any defenceman as robust in his checking as Armour will always catch the referees eye and quite a lot of the time he takes his opponent with him. Making remarks

after going to the box or on the way there can lead to more trouble and I guess that is what happened on Saturday to lead to his suspension.

As for Bart Camaratta, this young fellow is known to have a pretty short fuse and when he gets upset he usually shows it — a good way to draw extra time on the bench or, in this case, in the stands.

He is probably among the top point getters for the Warriors and his loss will put an extra burden on the remaining attackers.

Looking over the results of weekend games I see Nelson didn't make any headway out of the Warrior losses. They were losing their only weekend game to Cranbrook, but other results don't offer the Warriors much hope for the remaining games to be any easier. Elk Valley knocked off Trail, no mean feat, and Rossland's only remaining game in the East Kootenay is against Kimberley which beat Elk Valley on Friday. Creston, the Warriors opponent Friday night, beat the

Castlegar Rebels on Saturday.

Going from hockey to football for a moment, I was pretty happy with the Super Bowl game. It was a fine game for the Redskins to win in such a come-from-behind manner. A great effort by Joe Theisman and what can you say about the way John Riggins has played all the way through the games leading up to the final. A more deserving player never won "player of the game" honors. On top of that, I won 10 bucks.

Now to curling, etc. The retirees finished their second competition last week and it ended with four teams tied for the top spot. Dan Burnett, Phil Bateman, Angus Popplewell and Bob Stevenson all led their rinks to the top with identical 6-4 records good for 12 points. The tie will be broken this week as each player in the four rinks will make two tries for the button. Best rock for each to count, no sweeping and holding the broom will be optional.

Dan Burnett had Cleve Cowland, John Irvin and Kenny Stanton with him,

Phil Bateman had Jack Hook, Wes Graham and Lew Freeman, Angus Popplewell had Rich Watkinson, Gord Halladay and Gordon Seafoot while Bob Stevenson had Bert Morrow, Clyde Nyman and Cliff Davidson.

Rinks are now drawn and play begins Tuesday on third draw. We're still going with 11 rinks. Four morning games, one in the afternoon and a bye. We also have four spares.

Other events on the curling calendar will see the Mixed Club hold a one-day 'spiel on March 6. A list is up in the clubroom and the mixed club will welcome anyone wishing to sign up for this event, as has been stated before in this column. This is a club that is booming and growing all the time.

The Legion annual one-day spiel will be held on March 27. It has previously been a stag event, however, this year its complexion is changing. The powers-that-be in charge have decided to allow the women to participate. The formula will be one woman to a rink, otherwise the format will be the same as previously used. Members are asked to contact friends from other

branches and make this year's another bang-up effort.

Now, to the other events coming up on the social calendar. Bob Glover, energetic exec of the Orwell Derby Club, asked me to remind everyone that if you haven't got your tickets for the Feb. 18 banquet and dance be sure to see a member of the club executive and pick 'em up. Line up a party and join in the fun.

And, finally, a dart tournament at the Castlegar Legion will be held on Saturday with teams from Nelson, Trail and Rossland. The Rossland contingent will load up a bus to leave town at 11:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Any dart-playing Legion members are welcome to join the party.

And, to wind this up. The taxi passenger was scared when his driver ignored a red light. "Don't worry," said the driver. "My brother does it all the time." The driver stopped at the next green light and the passenger asked why. "Because my brother might be coming the other way!" said the driver.

See you next week.