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I don't know what the figures are, but I am inclined to think the Warriors are doing better at the gate this season. The improvement in the lineup is bringing the fans out in larger numbers than in recent years.

When the season started, I listened to a lot of arguments — pro and con — regarding the large number of promising young players not being included in the lineup, but this has died down. The boys who left here to go to the Trail Minor Hockey Association have found what they were looking for and the win over the Bruins was boys brought in by the Warrior brass are doing well.

The very vigorous campaign conducted by the administration has done a good job of selling Junior "B" hockey. Our town is rivalled by few others supporting KIJHL teams.

Another reason attendance is up is that many people in our town go out on a Friday or Saturday night to have a couple of drinks with friends, usually at one of the local bars. In Rossland you can watch a live hockey game and have a drink of your choice at the same time.

Last Friday night, the 8-7 score flattered the Bruins. At least one of their goals was of the dubious variety. Another was one of those things that go up high, come down, take a bad bounce and

it's in before your goalie can get an eye on it. When the Grand Forks coach pulled his goalie to try for a tie, Rossland's forwards hit two goal-posts and a cross-bar while just missing the empty net on a couple of others by inches.

I mentioned the power-play last week and I have come to a conclusion that getting over-anxious in the man-advantage situation is one of the prime causes of its lack of success.

One factor contributing to the five-goal performance of Brian Zollen. This young feller has what it takes to make a good hockey player, skating, a good eye for the opening, a wicked shot and the size to put himself in the position.

Anyway, to look ahead to this weekend, the Warriors, again, have a chance to do themselves a lot of good. Though this time they will be going against two of the

toughest teams in the West, Castlegar tonight in Rossland followed by their first venture across the line to take on the Flames in Spokane Saturday. With all the goals now starting to come in bunches, anything can happen. This weekend could be the portent of things to come since they are favored by the home-away schedule (10-7) in games to play.

There are three items of interest on the Legion calendar. This weekend you can dance up a storm to the music of Billy Nolan. I was given the job of advertising this but fouled it up. It went up in the Town and District two weeks ago and the ad I was supposed to put in then, will be in that section this weekend. It concerns New Year's Eve tickets. They are now on sale at the branch.

The other item concerns our branch election. We would like to see if we can

top last year's record turnout of 90. You'll have 25 candidates to choose from, so come on out and cast your ballot.

Till next week, then!