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Well, the curling season has opened, not without its attendant woes, such as missing personnel, etc., but taken all in all it was not bad. We got under way on Tuesday last and had not a rink with any less than four persons on it. This year we have adopted the five-man rink. We are doing it a little different to the formula used in the Trail Retirees. All five come out each time and each curler plays eight ends. We felt that way we keep everyone interested.

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to watch the Canucks, after that ball game. That hockey game must have been something of a let-down.

The Warriors have finally made the top rung on the ladder of the West Division of the KIJHL. After losing a ding-dong battle at home to Cranbrook Colts in overtime they went on to take another squeaker from the Junior Smokies by an identical score again in overtime. Then they invaded Spokane and came away with a 5-3 win.

The Warriors face a stern test this weekend as they go up against the two Valley teams in the East. It's Columbia Valley on Saturday and Elk Valley on Sunday. These two teams handed their opponents a 3-1 loss for the leaders first loss of the young season. Rossland beat Elk Valley in the game played in Rossland by a 6-2 margin. From the results so far it looks like Creston is making a much better showing in the East this season.

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Rosslund lineup it would appear that one aspect of their season so far is the fact that they have had quite a number of different people that can put the puck in the net. Last weekend Terry Ferguson and John Howes both came up with three-goal performances.

Well, the snow has started to fall in earnest and I guess one could safely say winter has arrived.

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week. First there's Vet's banquet and dance tomorrow night and then the following Sunday it's the big day, Nov. 11. There will be another dance on the Saturday evening before that.

Then, the Sunday after that, Nov. 18, the branch will host its Grey Cup do. This year it will be brunch served from 10 a.m. till noon instead of the usual breakfast. Tickets will be on sale within the next few days.

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Our man in charge will take over next week and we shall then get an idea of how things are going to work out under the new system.

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Quite a gang of local people went down to the last Lions game at B.C. Place and from all reports they all enjoyed the experience. I talked to Bert Pengelly and Mike Kraftchick and both were loud in their praise of the dome's facilities. A few stayed on

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