

PEPPER-JALK

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Last weekend the Warriors had what could be called a mixed bag, on Friday night they struggled through a very embarrassing 60 minutes of frustrating hockey against the Border Bruins. The Bruins used the talents, along with a lot of luck, of Mike McNelly, to

thwart the Warrior sharpshooters.

Then came Saturday and a trip to Spokane to go against the Flames, a team they have not had too much trouble against this season, and lo and behold they snapped out of a four-game losing grind with a 6-3 victory.

This weekend they face the truly fantastic leaders of the East Division and then go on to Nelson to tackle the sometimes - tough Juniors from that city. A Christmas present for their followers would be a couple of wins.

And now to follow a yearly custom, I'd like to extend to a number of my favorite people the compliments of the season.

First off to those truly wonderful guys and gals that make up the Retirees and Ladies Curling Clubs in Rossland. Our Christmas party this past week was a pretty special event. It usually is, but this year was indeed something special. The story, in case you haven't heard it, goes something like this. The girls looked over the possible theatrical talents of some of the old boys and came up with seven people who they figured could do a job of acting up and arranged a skit for the gathered guests.

Imagine, if you can, seven old codgers acting as contestants in a beauty contest. Well, without

going too far I can say the assembled onlookers seemed to get a kick out of it. Miss Castlegar, Toby Edworthy, was adjudged tops in looks, makeup and daintiness (that's a good word), Miss Grand Forks and Miss Rossland, John Irvin and Bill Ling respectively were runners-up. I was an aquatic beauty from Nelson and didn't place while Dick Cotton, Rich Watkinson and Ted Holloway rounded out the group with their various charms. One word here for my pal Lou, who claimed a work call prevented him from coming. Well it was a cold day and maybe his case started with his feet.

I would like to say a word of greeting to a couple of gents who made sitting in the arena lounge for a hockey game better, whether our team wins or not. One is the father of the Flames' Scooter Brown and the other Paul Kinakin, father of the Rebel net-minder Dave. Thank you, gentlemen.

To all the hockey players and officials of the KIJHL from president Terry down to the lowliest stick boy, may your holiday season be the best ever.

To my comrades in the Rossland Legion who did such a supportive job during an otherwise dull summer. Now we are back to normal I look for a continued run of good management and a real

top-notch public relations job.

Jim Markle tells me he has contacted seven players from the 75-76-77-78 era of the Warriors for the alumni game Dec. 27. They are Walter Christianson from Tumbler Ridge, Rob Sherstobitoff and Danny Hachey from Vancouver, Gerry Nixon from Calgary, Tim Flanagan from Sparwood, Gary Zelnik from Nelson and Larry Price from Golden. He hopes for more and has enlisted Arnie Sherwood as referee and Bill Profili as one of the linesmen. After the game Jim has arranged a get-together party at the arena lounge. This could turn out to be a pretty fine evening.

And to close off, I understand that several groups have requested the opportunity to have a chance to watch all that talent from the skit I mentioned. What a chance for some lucky people.

Yeah, I guess it's time I said. "Till next time, then!"