

# PEPPER-JALK

with Harry Pepper

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The 1984-85 KIJHL season ended for the Rossland Warriors last Saturday. After making a 2-1 lead stand through two periods and part of the third, they gave up two goals to the Junior Smokies and lost 3-2.

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In retrospect, I would say this was one of the best teams Rossland has iced in recent years. Their attacks were fast and furious and resulted in the team being second in their division in goals scored and fourth overall, behind the Rebels, Columbia Valley and Cranbrook. Their defence made some mistakes and shaky goaltending didn't help.

On the whole however, they were great. Their long passes which clicked about 99 per cent of the time were something to watch. I've seen a few possibly more sophisticated teams come out of our town, but none that I enjoyed watching as much.

Now the boys will be going home to Moose Jaw, Prince George, and some spots in between. Some will go to school and some will go to work, but whatever it is they do, if they do it in the fashion they have showed us on the ice, there is not much chance they will wind up missing the mask of success in their later lives.

So to Darryl, Warren, Steve, Brian, Darren, Rod, Gary, Danny, Troy, Dallas, Garnett, Rob, Gord, Tony, Terry, Patrick, Russ and Jay, I want to thank you for all the good sportsmanship

and athletic ability you have shown us. To those of you who will come back I want to say we'll welcome you with open arms, to those who don't, the best of everything to go with you in whatever you do.

To Lloyd, Terry, Doug, Kenny and Dan, for all the work you've done you deserve a real round of applause. The same goes for the boys and gals who worked behind the scenes to make the games so pleasurable to attend.

I can't forget those guys in the scorekeepers station. Arnie and his crew had a pretty classy act to follow and did a pretty good job of it. Hope to see you all back at the same station next time around.

To other things for a while, this weekend will see the Rossland Ladies' Curling Club play host to visitors who will be along to take part in the annual Winter Wonderland bonspiel. It's always a good show and this year we have good ice and a roarin' Rossland welcome for you. This year the official activities will be spiced by a show the Ladies of the club have dreamed up for your entertainment. But I won't tell you what is on the bill but it was well received at the Ladies' and Retirees' combined Christmas party!

There will be a new format in force in the operation of the lounge this year, it seems to be working well and you will have to judge for yourselves what you think of it.

The Ladies' club recently completed their Secombe Cup competition and the Edie Harasin rink was the winner. Edie had help from Mary Vickers, Sis Churchill and Barb Davis. Runner-up was the Helen Ling rink skipped by Dotie Albo it had Helen third, Mary Bruce second and Janice Hamilton lead. A new competition is now well under way.

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And two rinks will be going to Nelson next week to the over-60 playoffs. Angus Popplewell has Russ Broughton, Gil Besso and Cleve Cowland with him and I have Bart Dudley, Bert Morrow and John Bruce with me. Let's hope we can do something over there to make the trip worthwhile.

So, until next time, then!