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So here it is the last week in November 1985 and everyone is looking forward to Christmas with its annual parties, visitations, and such. The CFL football wars are over for another year, as probably the most maligned team in either division became Grey Cup champions. It was a battle of the quarterbacks for most of the way with Roy Dewalt getting considerably more support than his counterpart Ken Hobart. One had to feel a little sorry for the little Hamilton QB. He battled the Lions right down to the wire but his support was not forthcoming. Dewalt, on the other hand, had pretty good receivers every time he unloaded a long one and Passaglia as usual, was at his best.

Back home here in Rossland, the Grey Cup breakfast held annually at the Legion was a pretty good day as the upstairs hall was crowded for game watching. There were a goodly number at the breakfast prepared by Bernie Fournier, Fred Thompson, Carl and Garry Seefeldt, bacon, sausages, eggs, pancakes, fried spuds, and biscuits were on the menu and enjoyed by all.

The hockey game on Friday night at the arena saw a vastly-improved Nelson Maple Leaf Junior team in town to battle the Warriors, which they did, down to the wire. With a new coach, formerly a member of the senior team, Hugh Hooker, in the box, the Nelson kids stayed away from getting into fighting trouble most of the way and showed a lot of good passing savvy, which is something they didn't have much of on their first showing here. Hooker must've done a good job with them.

On the other hand, the Warriors started slowly but the momentum built up and they were full value for a 9-6 victory. Darryl Lindgren played the last two periods in goal and really performed well, blocking some that looked like sure goals and going out to cut down the angles and to smother the puck on several occasions.

Because of other commitments I was unable to see the Tuesday game versus Trail but I'm told that it was another Trail victory which could have been as one-sided as the Saturday game except for one little guy who hails from Summerland. Dusty Imoo is his name and he must have had a pretty hot hand on Tuesday night, anyone who can hold Trail's 1985-86 edition down to seven goals when he gets 57 fired at him has to have something going for him. Welcome, Dusty, to the Warrior lineup!

Now to curling for a bit of news. On Wednesday last, I went to Trail to take my weekly notes to the

paper and I dropped into the curling rink to watch the Retirees playing their games in the morning draw. Bill Woodburn dropped by to pass along the news that the Legion Zone 'Spiel is being held in Nelson January 17, 18 and 19, 1986. So all you Legion curlers sharpen up, pick your rinks and be ready for a good weekend in the Queen City.

Back home, our Retirees are moving along according to schedule. Jake Lilburn's rink, composed of Rich Watkinson, Elmer Thompson, Lou Freeman and Willy Dorey are out in front with a perfect record 4-0. Our rink, with Joe Rosse Sr., Bill Dobbs, Al Besso and Ray Scott are now in second place at 3-1. We play Tuesday and Thursday, four games in the a.m. and one after lunch. I'm told that one of our rinks has been formed to attend a 'spiel in Grand Forks this weekend for their Seniors event.

Just got word from Angus Popplewell, our Retirees president, that he has been given some copies of the rules that govern play in Trail Retirees Club. He says we are going to study them with an eye to improving our club's operation.

There is still time to get your name on the list for that one-day spiel the Mixed Club is holding this weekend. Drop by the curling lounge and put your name down.

Last weekend, the Rossland Legion saw the formation of a Past Presidents Club with Roy Fines chairman, Dorothy Gyte secretary, Ina Austin treasurer. Details of the first meeting were of an exploratory nature and the group will contact Lefty White of Nelson to get information on how their club operates.

To be a member, one must be a paid-up member of Branch 14 and their aim is to assist the L.A. or branch executive body in an advisory capacity, especially with the upcoming 60th Jubilee. Any funds collected will be used for social activities. The club will not be turned into a money-making proposition. The next meeting of this club will be called by the chairman when deemed necessary.

On the sporting front, the branch has also formed a cross-country ski club. Last Saturday was their first outing and they congregated at the branch later for a chili supper and refreshments and a dance later in the evening. Look for this club to really prosper, they have a lot of good material to work with.

And with that, I'll say.
Til next time, then!