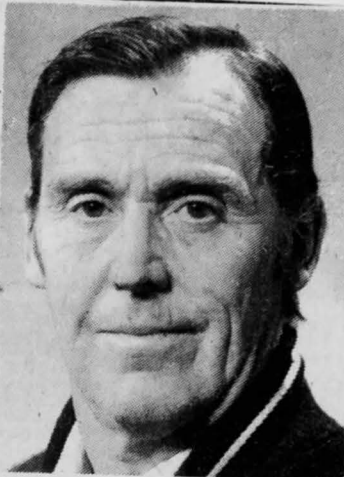


AS I SEE IT

WITH

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be back in the thick of things, and just think of all those youngsters Lyle McDonald has coming along. The future editions of the Royals will definitely be something for the other teams in the league to take into consideration.

This coming weekend will see a couple of teams of local soccer youngsters competing in Trail's invitational tourney. Gerry Bowen will handle the reins of the Pee wee team which will be an all-star outfit from the Royals and Rovers. He will be helped by Jim Pollock.

John Rykers will look after the fortunes of the Bantam entry, assisted by Gwyn Hughes.

Teams entered in the Pee wee section are Castlegar Comets, Nelson North Shore, Trail Sprites who will be the Rossland team's first round opposition, Genelle, Nelson City, Fruitvale, Nelson Fairview, Trail Wizards, Kimberley and Castlegar Rangers.

The Bantam line-up consists of Nelson City, Castlegar Rovers, Kimberley, Fruitvale, Rossland, whose first round opponents will be Castlegar Kings, Trail, Nelson Fairview, Rutland and Genelle.

In the Juvenile section will be Trail, Nelson, Rutland, Kimberley, Vernon and Kelowna. The games will all be played in a total of four parks, Butler, Sunningdale, Tadanac and Glenmerry with the first starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday and the windup on Sunday afternoon.

This is something entirely new for this area and is a brain-child of the new West

past month or two skiing. In town for a few days before he heads for a coaching job at Whistler Mountain on the coast, "Butch" is a picture of good health, shows what the good life can do for an energetic young man.

Coming down to earth for a moment and trying to forget that we are suffering one of the worst summers we have ever experienced, we will dwell for a moment on the exploits of the Senior Capilanos. One win, over Nelson, and a close loss Tuesday to Trail have been the sum of the action since last I wrote something about the Caps. Since his return to the club after surgery, Larry Brandt has pitched both games, and it is with a lot of admiration that I speak of him now. While he suffered a loss on Tuesday evening at the hands of Don Mainland and the Silver Kings his performance against the Nelson club was a sheer gutsy effort. Time and again he was up against it but he managed by sheer courage to beat his way back for the win. He was helped in the opening innings by a truly remarkable fielding play by right fielder Les McInnis. Les made an over the shoulder catch of Al Roemer's long blast to take at least 3 runs-batted-in and a certain homer away from the giant Nelson outfielder. His catch and relay will have to rank with the best I've seen all season, reminiscent of one I saw Bobby Haymond make in Butler Park in Trail some years back.

I was called on to umpire a girl's softball game on Tuesday evening between John Slubowski's Royals and the Castlegar girls coached by former Rosslander, Maurice McArthur.

The game was won by Castlegar with a 5-run uprising in the 7th inning. From my umpiring position behind the plate I witnessed some mighty fine pitching in a duel between former Rossland star, Flo McArthur, and this year's Royals pitching standby, Betty Guyitt. Both girls showed remarkable control and it was a pleasure to call this game. One little lady on the Royals impressed me immensely, not much bigger than a minute, little Lori Gibson certainly did a jumbo-size job of catching. Don't worry, with what I saw out there on Tuesday Rossland will soon

Kootenay League. We certainly hope it goes over and if so offer our warmest congratulations to the executive for a job well done.

The play-for-fun boys expect to hold a stag this weekend. While this is not finalized as yet, if it does materialize it will undoubtedly be a bang up time for all who take the trip. It will be held at Paterson starting around 4 on Saturday afternoon.