

# AS I SEE IT

WITH

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Well, I could say I told you so, but I don't think that would be appropriate because I hesitate to flaunt my far-seeing talents before the perusers of my column.

However, I am going to give Coach Joey Zanussi and his Caps a real nice pat on the back for the grand way in which they backed up my judgment in their series with the Trail Silver Kings.

There is an old saying which puts across the following message: "A team which won't be beat, can't be beat", and I put a great deal of store in this. Let's say, three straight over the Grand Forks boys and prove it, hey!

While in Calgary over the past week, I managed to take in one of the final games between the Calgary Cubs and the Foothills Giants. Both are Calgary teams and they represent the best that Alberta has to offer in the field of Senior Baseball. The League is called Alberta Major Baseball League. They have recruited far and wide for players, just as Penticton and Kelowna did a year ago, but from what I saw they would have a real hard time with any of the teams in the West Kootenay League.

Anyway, this game I saw was going along pretty good, 2-1 Giants, until the eighth when the roof fell in on Bob Baird, the Cub pitcher, when the smoke cleared after a combination of wild pitches, throwing errors and a scratch hit or two, the score read 10-1 and I remarked to my companions at the game that I had seen enough. They didn't hesitate to go along with me.

For future reference it might be a good idea to keep an eye on the Alberta tournament schedule, because I think an all-star team from this area could make a killing, financially, by entering some of their tournaments.

Also, while I was up in Calgary I had a chance to talk to one of Rossland's illustrious daughters who is making quite a splash in the softball circles of the big town, playing for the Rockettes, an Intermediate

"A" team in the City League. Carol Stanton led her team in home runs, one grand slam, and two in one game, and also was tied for the league lead in RBI's. As I have said many times before, there is no substitute for class and that's one thing Carol has in abundance. She was telling me that she has been offered a job as playing-coach of a ladies basketball team this coming season, but she thinks she will turn it down and just play.

I would like to add a note of interest here to anyone going to the Foothills metropolis. Don't ever leave without taking a trip to the top of the "Husky Tower". Boy! What a thrill! The tower is 625 feet high, has a high speed elevator, 63 seconds from bottom to top, a revolving restaurant, one complete circle every hour, and a lounge on the mezzanine above the observation deck. From here one can see to the farthest reaches of this most remarkable of cities.

I remember that I mentioned in my last column that I was hoping to see my new granddaughter. Well, I did and I wasn't disappointed--she's a real doll.

It may be a little early to start talking about hockey, but I have been thinking about it and I'm wondering what is in store for the young Warriors in the coming season. I will have to talk to some of the exec members to see if they have any clues on coaching or player prospects. I heard one rumor recently that the Kelowna executive have been trying to lure Rossland's slick centreman, John Stanton, into their camp. If they are successful this would be quite a blow to the young Warriors' chances. During the next week. I will try and give you some facts next Thursday.

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Last week's column was a real good example of what someone can do with information that is incorrect and I will have to say sorry to my readers for dispensing the information about the senior playoffs which I reported on which was not official.

However it has taught me a lesson which I won't soon forget, that of not writing something without checking it first.

About the only things happening in the local sports world today are the senior playoffs in baseball, and preparation for the upcoming senior "e" playoffs in ladies softball so tonight I called Coach Maurice McArthur to get all the dope I could on the subject.

The provincial tournament that will be held this year in North Vancouver is to take place on Aug. 28-29, and there will be representatives from the Kootenays, the Okanagan, Northern B.C., the Coast and the Island. I will be there to report it for the paper.

A total of 16 girls will travel to the tourney. They will consist of 4 from Trail, 2 each from Slocan, Salmo and the East Kootenay and the remaining 6 will be from Castlegar.

Representing Trail will be Joanie Ferguson, Renice Coombes, Dee Keriaff and Donna Moyes. Brenda Lewis and Joy Johnson will be there from Slocan Valley and Salmo will send Carol Clark and Alta Eberts.

The East Kootenay girls will be Cheryl Milne and Margene Bidder and the Castlegar contingent will consist of Flo MacArthur, Ann Nazarov, Hazel Demoskoff, Ann Stafila, Chris Edin and Kathy Raster.

Coaching the girls will be Maurice MacArthur and Tony Borsato. MacArthur thinks this team has great possibilities

and although I have only seen some of the girls only once what I saw then leads me to agree with him.

In this column I would like to welcome to the sport news editorial desk, the successor to Les McInnis, now departed for other fields. He is Howie Hebig, who did some pretty good photography for the "Times" in Trail a while back and I want to wish him all the luck in the world in his new job. Personally I hope he makes it and stays with it.

It must have been very satisfying for Coach Joe Zanussi to get that 9-0 victory over the Silver Kings after the close loss in Butler Park on Monday, especially as he went all the way on 4 hits himself. This makes two games and all Trail have got off him and Larry Brandt are 9 hits and that's only one more than the Caps got in the first game loss, which leaves strong-armed Barry Seal for the next and final game of the series. And Seal is money pitcher, especially tough when the chips are down and I'm going out on a limb and say I think the Caps will win this series and I sure hope when I get back from Calgary this weekend my belief will be backed by fact.

If the Caps win this one I also predict their momentum will carry them past either Grand Forks or Nelson for the West Kootenay title which Rossland has come to regard as its personal property.