

# AS I SEE IT

WITH

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This week's column will be something of a mixture, and my first item will be to congratulate Alfie Albo Jr. and his rink for their fine showing in the Nelson Mens "Little" Spiel.

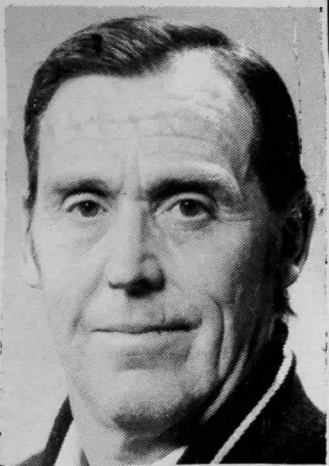
Alfie and his rink of brother Jim, Jimmy Driscoll and Ivan "The Terrible" Bell wound up with second prize in the "A" competition, losing by the slimmest of margins in an extra end game to the Benedetti rink from Nelson. Second prize, incidentally was a matched set of curling sweaters. Good going, fellas!

Next, those north-bound hockey players who form the Rossland Intermediates have been prepping for their trip to the tundra with games against an all-star team from the Creston District Intermediate League, whom they defeated 7-3. They will play a second game if time permits before the trip north. They also played one game against Laueners of the Trail Commercial League and won it 8-4. I'm sorry I don't have details of these games, so this will have to suffice for now.

Between the second and third periods of Saturday night's game against Trail at the Arena, Bev Berry, vice-prexy of the West Kootenay Junior Hockey League made presentation of the annual awards.

There were seven categories, the League Championship Trophy, won this year by the Junior Warriors, and accepted by Captain Jimmy Cotton.

The Top Defenceman Award was won by Cotton in a close battle with Trail's Morris Reg-



He has two younger brothers who aspire to be hockey players. They are Kirk, a member of this year's Bantam Repteam and Mike who plays on the Pee Wee Reps. Both are also defencemen.

Lyle has played all his hockey in Rossland's Minor Hockey setup, a member of all Rep teams from Pee wee up. His other sport is baseball, which he started in Little League and continued as a member of the Rossland Colts for 3 years.

Lyle is a grade 9 student at Rossland Secondary School and would like to continue his education in conjunction with hockey if possible.

He was a member of the 1967-68 Pee wee Champs which won the East-West Kootenay title, and he won the Most Valuable Player Award in his last season as a Pee wee Pup. Big enough to make a good solid rear guard, Lyle moves the puck out of his own end very well and has quite a good chance to make his mark in local hockey circles.

One of a brother act on this year's Warrior club, my next candidate is a forward like his older brother, Rick. Eddie Rosse is 16 years old and a member of a family of sports-minded people.

His mother and father are ardent curlers and brother Joe is to coach the north bound

nier.

Doug Jones was the League's leading goal and point-getter and took home the trophy awarded for the leading scorer.

Trail's Howie Wirsch won the Top Goalie Award for his iron-man role as Trail's lone goalie and the fact that Trail were the least scored on team in the League.

The other three awards were all won by Nelson's Brian Watson. The diminutive, bespectacles young centre, and captain of the Oilers, was on hand to accept trophies for the Rookie of the Year, Most Valuable to his Team and Most Improved Player, and for my money he was deserving of every one of them.

Well, I rounded up three out of the four remaining Warriors about whom I have not go around to writing a few words of tribute and introduction.

Now only one remains on my list. Jim Stuart was unavailable, being out of town until after my deadline.

Two rookies and one original Warrior make up my cast this week.

First, there is Lyle "Tinker" Oliver. This youngster is taking his turn on the Warrior defence and he certainly does not look lost out there.

Lyle is the oldest son of Lyle and Maureen Oliver and at 15 years of age is one of the youngest players on this year's edition of the Rossland club.

Intermediate team. Joe also had a fine Minor Hockey career.

Eddie played baseball, with his first organized play in Jr. Babe Ruth. He started in Pee Wee Pup in hockey and has been a forward on all Repteam all through his Minor League career.

His early education was taken in Rossland and at present he is attending Vocational Tech at J. Lloyd Crowe in Trail, where he is a grade 11 student.

Like Lyle, he was a member of the East-West Kootenay Pee-wee Champs; and also would like to combine hockey and education.

This young fellow carries himself well on the ice and will score a lot of goals for the Warriors in the next few years. Possessing a quick shot and accurate, Eddie does not shy away from the heavy going.

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Eddie's brother, Rick, is one of the veterans of the Warriors, and at age 19 could make a comeback when his suspension is lifted in January 1973.

He has been one of the most colorful players on the team for the past few years, digging hard and more than willing to mix it at the slightest provocation.

Rick broke into Minor Hockey as a goal tender but abandoned this role after a couple of seasons, and in 69-70 was selected as the Warriors' Most Improved Player.