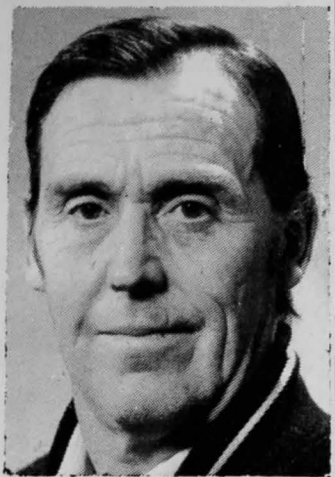


AS I SEE IT

WITH

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On the way to getting my personal sketches on members of this year's edition of the Warriors completed before the season runs out, I made contact with a few more of the boys this week.

My first contact this week was with Joey Caron, rugged defenceman usually paired with Bob Hook on the Warrior blue line.

Joe was born in Regina, Saskatchewan, on July 21st, 1953, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Caron and came to Rossland as a child. His schooling has been taken in Rossland schools up to and including Grade 11. Since then Joe has attended Vocational Tech at J. Lloyd Crowe in Trail.

Joe started his hockey in the Pee Wee Pup division of Rossland's Minor Hockey setup and was a member of all Rep teams in divisions from Pee wee up to Midget. It is natural that Joe should consider being a member of this year's championship team - the high point of his hockey career. He thinks the team will go on to be West Kootenay champs, but like some others will take the rest a game at a time.

Baseball is Joe's other sport, and he has played it since he joined Rossland's Little League. He also played with Bev Berry's Colts for 2 years and has played Senior Babe Ruth and a couple of games with the Senior Caps. Joe is a pitcher, where his size is quite an advantage.

Joe does not see any hockey beyond another year of eligibility with the Warriors.

My next contact was also one of the larger members of this year's Juniors. Kenny Bertoia is the oldest son of the Warrior team manager, Lido and Mrs. Bertoia, and is playing his second season with the Warriors. He is a big boy, standing 5-11 1/2 and weighing in the neighborhood of 180 lbs.

Kenny has played practically all his different sports in company with his present linemate on the Warriors, Mike Evans. In soccer and hockey both have now been on championship

Next week, I hope to cover the remaining four members of the team namely Jim Stuart, the two Rosse boys and Lyle "Tinker" Oliver.

The other day my boss said, "Will you dig up an all-star team from the W.I.H.L. for a coming issue?" I replied that my scant viewing of W.I.H.L. games this season would never qualify me as an expert on that subject. "O.K.," he said, "Get some help."

So, I went out and got some help.

First I asked Cal Hockley, President of the league and a long-time player for Kimberley and Trail. Then I got hold of Jack Ferguson, a hockey fan of no mean calibre, who works at Cominco with me. Last, but certainly not least, I asked "Pinoke" McIntyre, player for both Rossland and Trail and a member of Trail's last World Champions.

Each consented to do what I wanted and following is the result. Cal Hockley picked Phil Headley of Cranbrook as his first string goalie, Hugh Hooker of Nelson and Dwight Carruthers of Spokane as defence, and centre Terry Jones of Nelson backed up by wingers Ken Gustafson of Spokane and Ernie Moser of Nelson.

For his second team, Cal chose Russ Gillow of Spokane as netminder. On defence it was veterans Tom Hodges of Spokane and Bill Steenson of Kimberley. The forward line would be centred by Ron Huston of Spokane flanked by Bill Martin of Cranbrook and Tom Foxcroft of Nelson.

Jack Ferguson chose Headley for his first string goalie and Steenson and Hodges for defence on the first team, his forwards on the prime team being Huston, Gustafson and Foxcroft.

teams; Ken is a goalie in soccer and shows promise of being a good one.

This year, Kenny has changed from the mediocre player he was last year into a real opportunist and a digger who is ready, willing and able to mix it when called upon. His goal total this year is impressive and attests to his opportunism.

Kenny thinks the Warriors are capable of taking Trail if they can put it all on the line together, and going further under these circumstances.

Kenny's education has all been received in Rossland, where he is a Grade 12 student at present and hopeful of continuing, but as he says he has give the future too much thought up to now.

My third member this week is a gutsy little guy who answers to the name of Tommy Castle. His job on the Warriors is protecting the net from invading forwards with red hot pucks and Tommy does the job just about as well as anyone around.

Tom is the youngest son of Herb and Mim Castle and has lived all his young life in our town. He has played baseball and hockey all the way through the Minor Leagues, putting in three years with the Baseball Colts and one season as back-up goalie on Don Holmes' intermediate hockey club at the tender age of 15.

Tommy has been educated in our city and now is taking Grades 10 and 11 and expects to continue this in whatever city his hockey career should lead him to.

Yes, this young fellow intends to go all the way in hockey, if this is possible, and he has something about him which makes me think maybe he just may go quite a ways.

He intends to take a step next Fall by attending the Calgary Centennials camp, and to try to stay in Junior "A" if he makes it, is one of his aims.

Tommy will have surgery after this season is over to correct a cartilage problem in his knee.

For seconds, Gillow is also his choice for goal. His defence is made up of a rookie, Giroux of Kimberley and veteran John Thompson of Spokane. On the second string forward line are Bill McLelland of Kimberley, Martin and Brian Strimbiski of Spokane.

"Pinoke's" choices were, again, Headley for first team goalie, Ed Wyatt of Trail and Carruthers form his defence and Huston, Gustafson and Foxcroft will be first team forwards.

His second choices were Gillow in goal, Bill Bond and Bernie Reid of Cranbrook on defence and Terry Jones, Martin and Strimbiski as forwards.

So, there they are, 3 first teams and a like amount of second teams, picked by 3 knowledgeable hockey people and they are good enough for me. How about you?

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