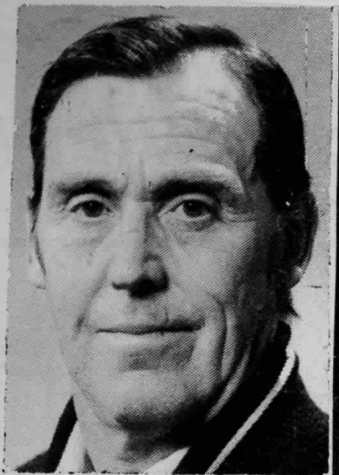


AS I SEE IT

WITH

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Two young Rosslanders are going to be the subject of this weeks' column. I'm not going to put them down by saying that the reason for my writing about them is the fact that sports news in our town in the past week has been non-existent. But it does give me a chance and an opening for a series I hope to write about local young people, which I hope will be acceptable reading to the local public.

"Butch" Boutry, muscular, 30 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boutry of our town, has lived practically all his young life in our locality, and at the present time is engaged in teaching the finer points of ski racing to a group of people in the 13-20 age group, known as the Columbia Valley Racers, and at the same time carrying on a full-time business, that of promoting and selling Yamaha products in this area.

"Butch" received all his education in Rossland schools and during those days participated in Minor League Hockey and Ball as well as Senior Lacrosse, in his later years. But it was the slopes of Red Mountain that enticed this adventure-some young man.

Starting to ski at the age of 5 years, "Butch" graduated to competitive skiing at the age of 13 in Western Canada, and at the age of 18 he started in international competition in both Canada and the U.S.

"Butch" rates his capturing of the Western Canada Championship in 1963 as the highlight of his career in skiing.

He hopes to coach for some time while combining it with his business career and credits two people with futuring his skiing career, Ernie McCullagh, who was director of skiing at the Mont Tremblanc resort in Quebec and Larry Nelles of Revelstoke, with the National Ski Team for the past 8 years.

"Butch" asked me to pass along the following, to tell all the young skiers at present

He took part in all the sports offered in this area at the time of his youth, playing Minor Hockey as well as Little League Ball. And as he grew up, he starred in both Junior and Senior Baseball as well as playing a year for the famous Rossland Lacrosse Redmen.

1956 saw Lloyd in Saskatchewan playing Junior Hockey for the Melville Millionaires and the following year he came back to play for Trail along with Gerry Fabbro, Al McCluskey, Rudy Pantuso, Mike DiVito and the two Secco boys, Ernie and Primo. This was the year that unfortunate occurrences at Kamloops so upset league officials that they saw fit to bar some members of the team, Lloyd among them, for up to 3 years. The next time Lloyd played hockey, was locally in a commercial league.

He rates the years of '56-'57-'58 as among his most memorable. These were the years he played with guys like Bob Morton, Joe Rosse and Joey Zanussi on the Junior ball team.

People who contributed to the furtherance of his sports career include Babe LaFace and Sarge Sammartino, whose offensive battling gave Lloyd quite a kick, and Irv Lavorato who coached him for a time during his Junior ball years.

The one thing that impresses one when talking to Lloyd about anything, and sports in particular, is his overall dedication and honesty.

Believe me, if the Junior Warriors, whose coach he is this season, don't benefit from the association, it won't be Lloyd McLellan's fault.

He has given me quite an insight into the workings of his

under his wing that he is very pleased with their performance and to remind everyone that competition for all "B" and "C" Class skiers, will take place this weekend at Red Mountain in the form of slalom and downhill races, downhill on Saturday and slalom on Sunday.

With the prominence of the Yamaha line of sports equipment, and skiing in the Rossland area, it looks like "Butch" has got himself into an exceptional line of work. Good luck, "Butch"!

The other young man in my pair of aces is none other than the young fellow who is doing such a bang-up job of coaching our Junior Warriors this season. His name, as you all know, is Lloyd McLellan.

Born in Rossland in 1938, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray McLellan, Lloyd has gotten all his schooling in area schools, and at present is in the employ of the district school board.

Lloyd is married to the former Helen Gallamore and they have 3 children, 2 of them are boys, Peter and Geoff, while the third is a beautiful daughter, Robin.

My most vivid memories of Lloyd's young athletic career were compiled in the days when he played Little League Ball, and my impressions of him were that of admiration of his competitiveness. Losing a ball game was a major catastrophe in Lloyd's young life.

hockey club that have made me re-assess the boys' chances of winning.

I'm firmly convinced that Lloyd's idea of 'getting it all together' is going to be a tremendous factor in the coming weeks, and what comes out of it all is going to depend on how everyone reacts.

The past week has been the holiday season and all sports have taken the regular year-end break, consequently no sports, however next week should be different.

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