

# AS I SEE IT

WITH

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I intended this should have been in last week's issue, as it would have been a little more timely, however, it will have to be better late than never.

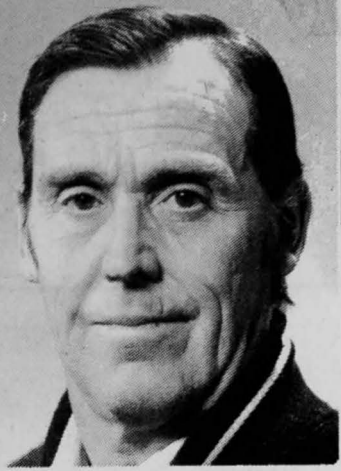
This is intended to be an answer, and if needs be, an explanation, to my friend (?), Bill Staats, of the other local newspaper. Bill, it seems was somewhat perturbed by my actions while acting as statistician for the West Kootenay Amateur Soccer League, in that I did not go out of my way to pass along the current results of the week's action. Tut! Tut! Bill, I don't think the paper I scrawl for would think much of a system which saw you get the news for your daily while our readers had to wait on theirs till Thursday.

However, I was under the impression that you were getting most of the stuff I turned over to John Hogan for his radio broadcast until I heard the rumour from a Trail source that you were peeved because the paper didn't want to print second hand news.

I don't think I did anything really wrong in keeping my stats to myself and the broadcaster, because throughout the season you never once phoned me to see if I would give or note. That's all it would have taken. My job as statistician and the one I try to do on the MINER have no relationship. Except in that particular sport, I have a little bit of a jump on the opposition by being closely associated with what's going on.

Perhaps you're too proud to ask for a little assist, however, I don't see why, for the time it would take, you would have very little to lose.

And one other thing I remember, when you were a statistician a year or so back, the shoe was on the other foot. You didn't go out of your way to make the news available. I guess in this news business it really hurts to let the other feller get even a small scoop, so that's enough of that.



The Play-for-fun schedule will wind up this week and possibly another week will be needed to play out the postponed games, lagging because of the company shutdown, then it will be into the playoffs, which I hope will be completed before the second half of our soccer season starts.

From where I sit, it looks as though the power-laden KC's should sweep everything before them, but surprises could come all down the line. Hanson's and Wisers Scrap are both hustling young teams with a lot of desire and definitely should not be counted out. The two Hotel teams, Allan and Irvin are both a mixture of veterans and youngsters and will give it a good try. However, due to considerable shift commitments neither will be able to field their strongest clubs, but they'll give it all they've got.

The Firemen have not had a good year, mainly due to inability to field a full team, so don't expect too much from them, they may have to wait till next year.

Owing to the fact that I am writing this on Tuesday evening I cannot tell you how the Senior Capitanos made in the first game of the West Kootenay Baseball Playoffs. They were scheduled to play Trail in a second versus fourth series at Butler Park Wednesday night. The other series, Nelson vs Grand Forks, goes on Sunday Grand Forks, goes on Sunday in Nelson. The Indians were league winners and Grand Forks, third.

Talking to Don Holmes, who along with Rich Miller, Barry Seal and Lou DeRosa repre-

The Rossland Royals Softball club is now finished for the season, as far as play is concerned. But in what I thought was a nice gesture, a couple of carloads of the girls went out to a steak fry at Birchbank a week ago. The do was sponsored by the West Kootenay All-Star team which will head for North Vancouver to try to bring back another provincial title to the Kootenays.

It was put on by the team in the hope that some shekels would be added to the coffers for the coast trip and although I have had no official word I thought it was very well attended.

There were several girls from the East Kootenay, including the "Blonde Bomber", Margene Bidder, and her husband Fred. Margene will be going along on the coast trip to back up the pitching strength of Carol "Punkie" Clark and Flo McArthur. With three like that, Coach Maurice McArthur will have to look elsewhere for defects in his all-stars. Somehow, I don't think he'll find too many; looks like a pretty strong contender to me. I'm hoping to go along with the team to cover the tourney for the MINER and am certainly looking forward to the trip.

sented the Caps on the all-stars on their not-too-successful trip to the coast last weekend, Don think some positive thinking by all the Caps could pull them through to take yet another Kootenay championship. Of course some top-notch pitching jobs and some tough hitting could help loads too.

Well, another Bobby Kromm Hockey School is history and for the youngsters who attended let's hope it will be well-learned and well-remembered history too. For my money, this effort by Bobby and his team of teachers has to be the best spot of business that has happened to kids in this area for a long, long time. Norm Lenardon has shown a lot of talent on the ice over the years, but one of his off ice talents that I was not aware of was that of Maitre D' at a steak supper. What I'm trying to say, Norm, is that my steak at Birchbank was superb.

I did not get to see the wind-up hockey game last Saturday, but some who did, told me that our boy, Joey Zan. was his same perpetual motion self, as he smeared all and sundry who came within reach. Sure would be nice to see you doing the same up in the NHL this coming winter, Joe.