

AS I SEE IT

WITH

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Had a chat with newly-appointed coach of the local Junior "B" Warriors on Tuesday evening and it turned out to be quite informative.

Lloyd McLellan aired his views on most every aspect of the local hockey scene, and one can tell by listening to him that he knows something about which he speaks.

First of all he went over the list of prospective players whom he expects into camp when it opens on Monday or Tuesday.

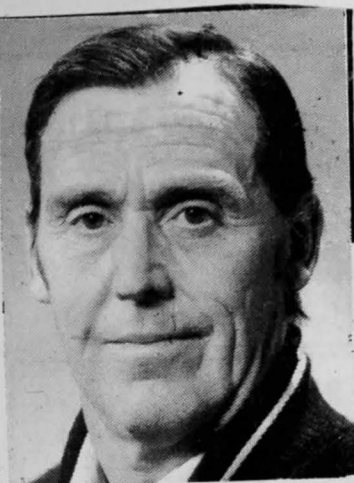
First, he will have what he considers, and I agree with him, four of the top-notch candidates for coal-tending chores that are to be found in this district. They are Tommy Castle, Jackie Wert, Robby Richardson, all local youngsters, and last but certainly not least talented, the Thrums youngster who did such an outstanding job for the Castlegar Apollos last year, Lorne Kinakin.

Coming back for another year's action will be defence-men Bob Hook, Jimmy Cotton, Joe Caron and Doug Davis. To these we can add Ed Bradford of Castlegar, who played some for the Warriors last season after the Apollos folded, his former defence mate and Apollo captain, John Reith, Jay Nastasi who also saw some service with the 1970-71 Warriors and local midget star, Lyle "Tinker" Oliver. Each one, Lloyd tells me, will be given a long look.

Up front two tried and tested centremen will again don the Warrior colors, Jimmy Stuart and Mike Evans will be back at centre, while the status of John Stanton and Doug Jones, both of whom have offers from Kelowna, is to say the least, rather uncertain. Should they return to Rossland, Lloyd's centre ice worries would be over.

year with the emphasis on improvement by Grand Forks and Nelson and possibly a slight weakening in the Trail line-up.

The proposed exhibition games with Cranbrook and Spokane Juniors loom as a challenge which could add a lot to our hockey entertainment this winter.



Returnees to the wing spots will be Rick Rosse, Ken Ber-toia, Tom Stanton and Ernie Jacobsen. Mike McCormack and Eddie Rosse will also get a good shot at a wing spot and Gary Stanton could also find a spot at centre or on the wing.

Two more former Castlegar Minor Leaguers fill out the present prospects and are Bill Henne and a lad named Savinkoff, they tell me he is a brother of Bill, of the refereeing staff, but about 2 sizes bigger.

Lloyd tells me he will welcome any new prospects and each one will get that same long look, while he has not been approached by any Trail youngsters yet, he feels that this is a distinct possibility and will certainly welcome any who wish to try out.

Hockey is a game which increases the pace of a youngster's physical approach to adulthood and Lloyd feels that if these kids can gauge their mental approach in the same manner, these youngsters could turn out to be a pretty good hockey team.

But, the whole team will have to forget to be upset by things which come up, whether it be from the fans, the city fathers, rink management or even the executive.

Their main job is to play hockey and that's a big enough one without any added worries.

Lloyd thinks the league could be a little better balanced this