

AS I SEE IT

WITH

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I had two rather interesting chats with two veterans in the field of sports, locally, during the past week and I would like to pass on the information gained to the people interested.

The first will be of some interest to all Rossland ball fans, both young and old. To the older ones, it will have some nostalgic value. And to the younger ones, lots of whom must have wondered, as I have done, how the Caps got their name, it will be of more than passing interest.

Anyway, here's the story as told to me by the West Kootenay Baseball League President, Gerry Long, whom many readers of the "Miner" will remember for his "Sportlite" column.

It seems that a gentleman by the name of Schwartzen arrived in town and for some reason had to stay overnight. After getting his lodgings for the night settled, he set out to see what the town had to offer in the way of excitement, and to hear Gerry tell it, he didn't find it lacking.

He got into a poker game with some of the local sports and was shortly divested of his cash to the extent that he went out looking for some way to raise some more.

Among his luggage he was carrying a complete set of Vancouver Capilano Baseball uniforms which he was willing to give as collateral for the sum of \$60.00 which he was going to use to redeem his losses in the poker game and then come back and pick up his property.

However, as anyone knows who has ever participated in the game, this is not always the easiest thing to do. Anyway after the smoke had cleared he had to leave town without his uniforms, and after a court case was held over the affair the Rossland ball club became the Rossland Capilanos and have retained the name to this day. So the next time you see Gerry you might do well to call him "Mr. Capilano" instead of "Mr. Pres" as the former has more seniority.

The second story concerns

some info handed down to me by the newest recruit to the Caps, the former mastermind of some of Trail's better ball clubs, Lou DeRosa. Lou has certainly been able to fill a vital role for the Capilanos. Since coming to them, he has been a top utility man, filling in as pitcher, infielder and outfielder and has added his experience to the coaching needs of the club.

The story concerns a tournament that Lou will be running in Trail on the weekend of Sept. 10, 11 and 12.

It will be baseball of the double knock-out variety and will feature 4 teams, Trail-Rossland as the hosts, the Nelson Indians, Spokane (Gonzaga) Bulldogs and the Kamloops Okonots who won the Okanagan League recently when they defeated Kelowna 4 games to 0 in the finals.

First prize will be \$500.00 and second \$250.00 and the tournament will start Friday evening at 8:15 with Nelson going against Trail-Rossland Saturday evening at 6:00. It will be Kamloops vs Spokane and the losers of these two games will go against one another at 8:15 the same evening.

Sunday there will be games at 12 noon, 2:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. if necessary. All games will be of 7 innings duration.

I would like to wish you all the luck in the world in this venture, Lou.

Play-For-Fun playoffs got underway on Monday evening with league winner Hansons' Texaco clobbering the Irvin Hotel Mets 32-23 while second-place K.C. Knights shut out the Allan Hotel Roadrunners 7-0. Play resumes nightly at both parks till a winner is declared. Then we can get down to business on our organizing job for the banquet later in the fall.