

# AS I SEE IT

WITH

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After seeing Sunday evening's hockey contest in Trail I am more convinced than ever of the value of positive thinking.

This is one subject that the Junior Warriors are going to have to bone up on if they ever hope to beat the Junior Smokies on Trail ice.

I really think that the easy Saturday night game was a bad thing for our kids. It could be compared to someone feasting themselves at a free smorgasbord and then having to go out and fight to get their next meal. I would suggest that had they had to battle a team like Cranbrook in the Saturday fixture instead of a bunch of patsies like the Spokane crew they would have known better what to expect.

This year's Trail entry is not as strong as last year's team and I think the Rossland crew is stronger. But when playing against a hard-driving crew, which is something all Roy Casler-coached teams are, you have to have all you can muster going for you and the Warriors didn't look like they had too much of anything going for them. The missed chances were terrible and when a young goalie makes 46 saves plus two from his own players you just know that things are not going right.

This is not intended as criticism of any one player, coach or executive member, rather I would like to speak my mind as a hockey fan who hates to see two evenly matched teams play a game in which one has a psychological advantage over the other, and I'm sure this was the case on Sunday. Trail had that game won before they stepped on the ice, so you see what I mean by the value of positive thinking. A team will never do a job with negative thoughts.

ville, Kathy Rafter, Chris Evin, Florence MacArthur, Ann Nazarov, who was named the most valuable player, and Ann Stasila of Castlegar, Verna Chernoff, who was scorekeeper and reporter on the Vancouver trip was also honored as was her husband, Harry, who was an Assistant Coach to Maurice and Tony Borsato at the Championship. Maurice was present to receive his memento, but Tony was absent.

Absent from the trophy presentation were Marjean Bidder, from Marysville, Donna Moyes of Trail and Carol Clark and Alta Eberts from Salmo.

After the girls had been roundly applauded, Mr. Stasila went on to honor the regular league team, the Castlegar Lionettes. Receiving trophies were members of the team, Nancy Cheveldave, Debbie McGauley, Lisa Kursoff, Leona Baresinkoff, Verna Chernoff, Anne Peterson, Kathy Rafter, Chris Evin, Ann Nazarov, Florence MacArthur, Hazel Demoskoff, Ann Stasila and Marlene Kirby who acted as team scorekeeper.

Harry Chernoff and Maurice MacArthur were again honored as team coaches.

There were several individual awards of which I neglected to check names of sponsor and recipient so for fear of making an error I won't name them.

I wish to wind up by saying how much I enjoyed being a part of the ceremonies and meeting so many nice people. Thank you Maurice and Flo and also "Skip" and Joanie who provided the transportation and company.

## CASTLEGAR LIONS HONOR LADIES SOFTBALL CHAMPS

On Monday evening I was honored to be invited to a supper that the Castlegar Lions Club put on to honor the Ladies Softball team, which under the banner of the Lions and the name of the Valley All-Stars went to Vancouver this Fall and brought back to the Kootenays our second Ladies Senior "C" Softball Championship.

After some refreshment and a delicious cafeteria-style supper, such as you don't eat every time you go to a banquet, every man there was asked to stand and introduce himself and his guests. Then president Jim Chapman introduced the head table, among whom was the editor of the Castlegar News, Mr. Bruce Ramsay, a very interesting gentleman who spent many years on the Vancouver papers. He is also quite well-known for his books, of which he has written several. He was to be the guest speaker of the evening.

Frank Stasila, who headed the Softball Team Committee then took over and asked Coach Maurice MacArthur to introduce the All-Star players present. After Maurice finished, Mr. Stasila had the girls go to the front of the clubroom where "Torchy" Torresan, who is commissioner for the Kootenay area in the B.C.A.S.A., presented each girl with a personal trophy.

Girls who were present to receive their trophies were Jay Johnson and Brenda Lewis from South Slokan, Joan Ferguson, Dee Keriaff and Renice Coombs of Trail, Terry Milne from the East Kootenay town of Marys-

The Rossland Minor Soccer Association will be holding its wind-up do for the soccer playing kids early in November, time and place to be decided at a meeting to be held shortly, so watch this paper for further information. The draw for the stereo, etc. will be made at that time and winners announced in this column.