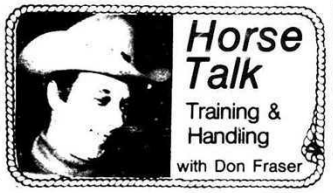

# Horse Talk

Training & Handling

with Don Fraser

This column is presented as an aid for non-professional horsemen who share common training problems. It serves as the medium for novice and experienced riders to seek advice and for the passing along of training tips that have worked for the author.

If you have a problem with your horse, drop a short note to The Vernon Daily News and Don Fraser will try to answer it.

**BARN SOUR**

**Coldstream boy writes: "I have a 4-year-old gelding that does not want to leave the barn and rears when you try to make him. Even if you lead him away from the barn when you get on him he rears. I have tried to ride him with a tie-down, but that makes him worse. I longe him using a tie-down and saddle, but when you try to ride he's just as bad. I have tried using bits and hackamores, but haven't made any progress."**

The tie-down or longeing the horse for this purpose, I don't think will help. What usually starts this problem is riding the horse too close to the barn, then when you get through, you unsaddle him, put him up in a nice, big stall and feed him. Pretty soon he gets a little anxious to get back to the barn. I'd try giving him a whipping with a quirt or doubled up rope to make him leave that barn. Then when I brought him back to the barn, I would cinch my saddle up another notch, tie him up and leave him a while. Then ride him again, and if he didn't want to leave the barn, give him another whipping. This will take time and once cured, you will have to be careful that it doesn't happen again.

**WHICH HORSE TO BUY**

**Oyama girl writes: "I am 12 years old and want to get a horse. I would like to know what is a good horse for beginning riders. I heard that when you get a horse the owners who sell them trick you."**

I think a beginner should get some professional advice, or some one they have confidence in, to help them select a horse. The main thing for the beginner is to get a good horse that's safe and one he can build his confidence up to ride. I like to see beginners get an older schooled horse that can teach the rider; but not a machine horse, one he has to learn to use. By learning to use, I mean a horse that is responsive when given the correct cue, and not responsive when given an incorrect cue. The rider has to learn to use that kind of horse. I don't go along with getting a young horse for a beginner rider. It's awfully hard for an inexperienced rider to learn on a green horse.

**HORSE HAPPENINGS**

July 10th — Armstrong Enderby Riding Club is having a trail ride starting from Rod Horsley's on Larkin Road.

**TEAM ROPING**

It was thrills and excitement, with a lot of ability, during the Canadian Team Roping Association sanction, I meet at Louis Lunzman's ranch, east of the village, during Lumby Days. It went for two days last weekend. Here, John Bich of Quesnel has the calf by the neck and Danny Lytton of Dawson Creek goes after the hind legs. It's 10 points if he gets both, but only five if one is in the noose.

(Alleyne Tull photo)

# Royals advance to finals

It will be Kal Tire and Lumby Royals in the Vernon Major Men's Softball League finals.

Lumby scored three runs in the final inning, to overcome a 3-1 deficit, and edge Tradeland Realty 4-3 on Tuesday night at Alexis Park.

The victory gives Royals a two-game sweep in the best-of-three semi-final series. It was the fourth consecutive win for the red-hot Lumby crew.

Earl Rook was the winning pitcher while Ted Lucuik got tagged with the loss.

First game in the best-of-five finals is tonight, at 6:30 p.m., at Alexis Park.

# Tigers secure position by hammering Kelowna

Vernon Lodge Tigers strengthened their hold on first-place in the Interior Lacrosse Association by blasting Kelowna Bruins 16-7 on Tuesday night at the Civic Arena.

Tigers lead the second-place Bruins by six points, however, the Kelowna squad has two games-in-hand.

Vernon had only 13 players dressed, including goalie Rich Zecchel, but still managed to outhustle the Bruins.

Tigers' Coach Bill Roth told the Daily News it was a very satisfying victory.

Roth said, "They beat us the last two times we played and our guys are getting a little down on themselves. But, we came up with a big effort when we needed it."

**FOUR GOALS**

Gary Holte led the Vernon attack with four goals while Terry Mosdell and Dale Rintoul added three apiece. Dan Holte scored twice with singles from Don Kendall, Rick Horsley, Bruce Townsend, and Marty Stein.

Graydon Brown, with two, Bill Kirkland, Doug Parrent, Bill Shephard, Jeff Shirley, and Greg Walmsley replied for Kelowna.

Bruins led 4-3 after the first period, but Tigers came roaring back to lead 9-5 after the second.

Zecchel picked up right where he left off last weekend. The nomadic goalie was selected best defensive player in the Prince George Tournament, and on Tuesday night, he was equally as brilliant. He blocked 29 shots and set up two goals.

Kelowna goalies Mike Neid and Kelly Derdak faced a barrage of 81 shots.

Bruins were assessed 10 of 14 minor penalties, two of four fighting majors, and a 10-minute misconduct.

Tigers are back in action on Friday night when they travel to Armstrong to tangle with the Shamrocks. On Saturday, Vernon journeys to Calgary for an exhibition game.

**GOALPOSTS:** Former Prince George Old Styler star Larry Calder made his first start for Kelowna. However, the big defenceman is obviously out of shape . . . Vernon goalie Charlie Brinkham is suffering from a lung infection that will keep him out of action this week . . . Tigers were also without their top scorer, Gilles Bezeau, who has the flu.

**WATSON LEADS**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tom Watson remains the leader on the Professional Golfers' Association money-winning list with $269,115.

# Vikings open hockey season on Sept. 30

Vernon Vikings will open their 1977-78 B.C. Junior Hockey League season on Sept. 30 at home, against defending champion Nanaimo Clippers.

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye told the Daily News the BCJHL season will be a month longer this year.

Dye said, "The final league games are scheduled March 26, almost a month later than last season. That is possible because our first-place club, rather than playoff champion, will compete in Centennial Cup playdowns.

"I think it is good to stretch out the season so we don't have so many back-to-back games."

BCJHL Chairman of the Board Ernie McLean said, "Last year Nanaimo represented us in Centennial Cup, but they were tired after three tough series in our league. So, this year, we're going to make sure we have a fresh club competing."

There was considerable talk about reducing the schedule to 54 or 60 games, however, the clubs decided to play 66 again in 77-78.

## LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

Dave Barr of Kelowna and Mike Fussel of Vernon were the two major winners at the annual Vernon Open Golf Tournament. Barr came up with the Monahan Trophy after taking Doug Stewart of Calgary on an extra hole to win the low gross.

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# SPORTS BRIEFS

**WON TROPHY**

LUMBY — Every July 1 a junior-local, junior-senior golf tournament is play.d at the Lumby golf course for the Nan-She trophy. This award was donated by Sheila LeFrancois of Lavington in memory of her mother, Mrs. Bill Bunting. Prize winners this year were Gerald and Scott Altwasser with runners-up, Iris Girard and Gene LeFremiere.

**RACING DAYS**

For the first time, Vernon Racing Days have been extended to three days this year. Races are slated for July 15, 16, and 18, at Kin Race Track.

**GALS WIN**

Al's Gals thumped Commerce Aces 20-8 in the opening game of the women's Sun Dodgers Slowpitch League on Tuesday night. In other games, Wesco edged Sound Team 10-8, Les' Angels drilled OK Tel Polecats 8-3, and Sluggers blasted Trend Salon 17-4.

**CHURCH CHAMPS**

Vernon A's recently captured the Church Slowpitch League title by thumping Alley Cats 21-14 in action at Alexis School.

**FUN DAY**

Vernon and District Riding Club is holding a fun day on Thursday, starting at 7:30 p.m., at the club grounds.

**SIGN KEARNS**

VANCOUVER (CP) — Veteran defenceman Dennis Kearns, 31, has signed a two-year agreement with Vancouver Canucks, the National Hockey League team announced Tuesday. The Kingston, Ont., native set a club record for defenceman last season with 66 assists and 80 points.

## SPORTS ALERT

**MEN'S SLOWPITCH (All games 6:30 p.m.)**

VSSS 1, Speedsters vs. National Hotel

VSSS 2, LCB Braves vs. Armadillos

VSSS 3, Vernon Raiders vs. OK Landing

VSSS 4, Royal Bank vs. Roo Crew

Alexis 1, Lumbermen vs. 1 & 2 Electric

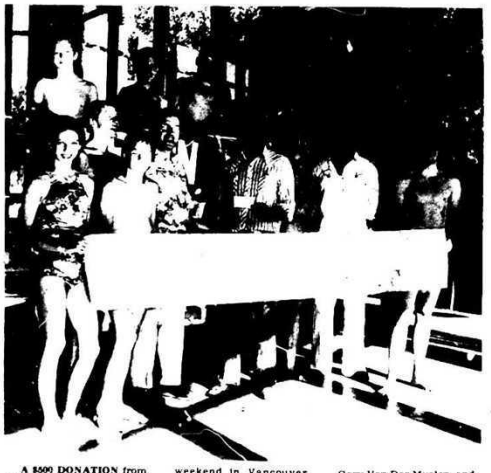
Alexis 2, Gage Gorillas vs. CUPE Selects

**SENIOR C LADIES**

7 p.m., Kelowna, Coldstream Hotel vs. McClelland

**MAJOR MEN'S SOFTBALL**

6:30 p.m., Alexis Park, Kal Tire vs. Lumby Royals



**A $500 DONATION** from the Kinsmen Club of Vernon made it possible for nine members of the Vernon Kokanees Swim Club to compete in the B.C. summer swimming championships last weekend in Vancouver. Making the cheque presentation to Kokanees' President Jim Strachan is Kinsmen President Art Aiello, right. The swimmers are from left, top row, Philipe Schnare, Gary Van Der Muelen, and Dean Sutherland. Front row, Margie Potyrala, Bruce Berger, Jim Morden, Mike Potyrala, Coach Vince Mikuska, and Troy Allum. Missing is Laurie Kaliszuk.

# Kokanees place 10th in summer swim meet

Nine members of the Vernon Kokanees Swim Club took part in the B.C. Summer Championships last weekend at the Canada Games Pool in New Westminster.

Kokanees placed 10th in the 26-team championship. At last winter's meet, Vernon finished 21st.

Margie Potyrala made the finals in four events. She placed fifth in the 100 backstroke, sixth in the 200 back, eighth in the 200 individual medley and eighth in 50 freestyle.

**TO EDMONTON**

She also qualified for the division two nationals, to be held July 27-30, in Edmonton.

Bruce Berger reached the finals in three events. He finished fifth in the 200 back, sixth in 100 back, and eighth in 1500 freestyle.

Berger has joined the New Westminster Hyack Swim Club and will be training in Spain, with that team, before heading to the division one nationals, in Montreal, from Aug. 2-6.

Jim Morden also made three finals, in the 11 and 12 boys' age group. He was seventh in 200 IM and eighth in the 50 free and 100 back.

Phillippe Schnare placed 11th in the 1500 freestyle.

**FOURTH TWICE**

The 11 and 12 boys' relay team with Gary Van Der Meulen, Dean Southern, Schnare, and Morden finished fourth in both the 200 free and 200 medley relays.

Troy Allum qualified for the division two nationals in the 50 free and missed the 100 free time by only .4 seconds.

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