

# 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 are useful for the authors.

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.

**QUARTER HORSE WON'T WALK**

Vernon girl writes: "I own a quarter horse riding that is very spirited at the oddest times. When I'm riding out in the country or even if I ride a long distance in the city, he will not walk. Even if I keep a tight rein he won't walk. After awhile it gets monotonous. He always does well in an arena, especially at shows. But he won't walk for anything out on the road. He walks the cement sidewalks but he won't walk on the grass."

Every time your horse breaks from a walk, stop him and make him stand. Try that for a few days. If that doesn't work, then each time your horse breaks into a faster gait you should stop him, back him up, and make him stand. Repeat this over and over until you get through to the horse. It may take a long time to change this habit, meaning many, many repetitions done faithfully every time your horse disobeys.

If you let a friend ride the horse and he or she lets him run off, then you'll be back to where you started. Be consistent and be patient, and results will come.

**PONY WON'T TAKE BIT**

Armstrong girl writes: "I own a half Welsh, half Shetland pony, seven years old. I can't get the bit in. He won't open his mouth... So what do I do? I have to pull my muscles so hard that when I finally get the bit in, I'm tired."

When I have a horse that won't open his mouth, I'll push his lower lip against his teeth with my thumb. If your pony opens his mouth at least a little, you can press his lip against the cheekpiece of the bridle.

If he won't open it up at all, then force the lip up hard against the side of a tooth until he is uncomfortable enough to give in. At the same time, you should be keeping his head from going up by holding your right hand between the pony's ears.

It takes a while to coordinate both hands and the use of each finger in holding the bit and opening the mouth, but with a little practice you will find that eventually the difficult horse will not be a problem. Be sure that you are not jamming the bit forcefully between the teeth when the pony does open his mouth, as this will hurt him and make him harder to bite.



### LUMBY SPIEL WINNERS

Charles Bloom Secondary School students displayed the results of their school instruction in the recent Lumby Spiel, that officially opened the season there. Three Bloom students were on the A event winning Cam Hanna, first; Clayton Merriack, second; Allen Sheardown, and lead Jeff Twan. Second place went to the "Wishes" foursome Below. 'B' event was won



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# CROSS-COUNTRY

## Seaton girls tops in Okanagan

W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School is known throughout the Okanagan as a cross-country powerhouse. The school is now in the process of expanding its reputation to province-wide.

Seaton became the first Vernon school to ever capture the junior and senior valley cross-country championships on Tuesday when its girls' team defeated all comers in the senior meet, in Pentiction. Seaton Coach Greg Fraser said the Daily News he was hoping his team would qualify for the B.C. meet (top four teams are eligible), but he had no idea it would place first.

Fraser said, "I guess the senior high schools are sitting up and taking notice. I'm hoping we can crack the top 10 in Vancouver."

Seaton girls last qualified for the B.C. championships in 1973, when they placed 12th. Fraser said, "We have the same type of team now that we did in '73 - no individual stars, just a good team effort."

In Pentiction, Julie Johnston was the top Seaton runner in seventh spot. She was followed by Lisa Morgan sixth.

Seaton girls volleyball team travelled to Valey Forks to take part in an invitational tournament, and finished second in round robin play.

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## Daily News

# SPORTS

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8 VERNON DAILY NEWS, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9, 1977

## Alain announces ski appointments

Canadian Ski Association Western Division Freestyle Chairman Bruce Alain, of Vernon, announced three appointments this week.

Lin Macdonald has been named Okanagan Zone freestyle chairman. Steve Hubbard has been selected to coach the B.C. Freestyle Team, and Duncan Stewart is the new coach of the Silver Star Ski Club freestyle division.

Macdonald, from Vernon, has an extensive background in skiing, both as an instructor and judge. From 1960-62, she was a gold medalist, and skier in dance and freestyle.

Alain said: "With the tremendous growth in freestyle, the need for a zone chairman became evident."

Okanagan zone stretches from Pentiction to Revelstoke.

One of Macdonald's tasks will be to host the Fado Shack Freestyle Event, at Silver Star, Feb. 11 and 12. It will have the top amateur skiers in B.C. competing for the provincial championship.

Hubbard is moving up to the B.C. team from the SSSC. He has taught freestyle for the past two seasons. Hubard's responsibilities include picking and coaching the team at all national freestyle events. He has his level two freestyle and is also a judge and examiner for the CSA.

Stewart, from Westbank, has taught at the Gerry Gouge School of Skiing for the past two years. He has high qualifications including his level three instructor apt level one freestyle.

## Halasz provides spark for improved Vikings

Vernon Vikings won two of three B.C. Junior Hockey League games last weekend. The team's play has improved considerably, after a dismal start, and one major reason could be a little bundle of hustle and guts named Darren Halasz.

Halasz, 17, suffered a fractured wrist during the pre-season schedule and missed Vernon's first 10 league games. He returned to action last Friday still wearing a cast. But, it didn't seem to bother him. He scored three goals in three games, including a winner over Revelstoke in overtime.

**COACH PLEASED**

Vikings' Coach Terry Penny couldn't say enough about the 150-pound left winger after the three weekend games. Penny said: "The way Darren played, maybe I should put casts on everyone."

Halasz played in the tough Edmonton AA midweek game last season. He scored 20 goals, added 25 assists, and was invited to Medicine Hat "Tigers" training camp this season.

He said: "I would have loved to make the Tigers, but my first year out of midget, I felt I'd be fortunate to make tier two."

When released by Medicine Hat, he decided to come to Vernon for two reasons. Halasz has been playing on one farm team in St. Albert has a powerhouse this year. "I was not sure how much ice time I'd get here."

"The other reason was my brother Calvin. He played for Vikings and liked it here."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**TINY TOYS**

Tiny Toy recreation is holding a drop-in, open house on Nov. 25, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Recreation Complex gymnasium. All parents and pre-schoolers are invited.

**ON MONDAY**

In Monday Honeycombers Volleyball action: Rockets erased Subtracors 15-8, 9-15, and 15-9. Orangatangas out scored Desperados 15-8, 12-15, and 15-11. Jam Tartis blew over Tempests 15-2, 8-8, and 18-16, and Super Six beat Sun Timers 14-16, 15-10, and 15-8.

**COMMERCIAL MEN**

In Men's Commercial Volleyball action Tuesday night at Fulton School: Lakers trounced Consumers 15-17, 15-2, and 15-9. Walibargers took down Silencers 15-13, 15-6, and 15-6. Hook-ups dumped B.C. Hydro 15-4, 11-15, and 15-9. Village Green whipped Nads 15-3, 15-3, and 15-12.

**VINTNERS WINS**

Defending B.C. champion Roy Rothens of Vancouver endured a difficult last-rock takeout to defeat Glen Hillson of Vancouver 8-5 Monday in the championship final of the \$18,000 Labatt's Crown of Curling in Kamloops.

**FERRARI STARTS TESTS**

MARANELLO, Italy (AP) - Ferrari began tests of its cars for the new Formula 1 racing season Tuesday.

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## One second remaining when Fisher ties game

Larry Fisher scored his second goal of the game, with one second remaining, to give Blades a 2-2 tie with Village Green in White Valley Hockey League action Tuesday night at the Lumby Arena.

Barry Finnmore and Eric Hebert countered for the Green.

The teams were tied 0-0 after the first period and 1-1 after the second. Hebert put

## DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

**MEN'S ROAD HOCKEY**

At 11:00 a.m. Raiders vs. Lumbermen in consolation final. 7 p.m., Vernon Lodge Tigers vs. Forty-niners in championship game.

**ALL EMPLOYE VOLEYBALL**

At Heintz School 7:30 p.m., Vernon Auto Sport vs. Kai Tire, and 8:30 p.m., Lettrick vs. Sun Auto Parts.

**MAJOR WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

At Kal School (7:30 p.m.), Coldstream Hotel, Bumpers, Speedies, and Hot Shots.

At LK Lodge School 7:30 p.m., Hib and Tucker, Justice, Woodstacks, and Village Green in Hib.

**WOMEN'S COMMERCIAL VOLLEYBALL**

At Fulton School 7:30 p.m., Guston and Heres vs. Wesco. 8 p.m., Roadrunners vs. Gustlers and Cobras vs. Puzze's Girls. 9 p.m., All-stars vs. Isolites and Clatskanie vs. Flyers.

At Seaton 7:30 p.m., Kai Tire vs. Patwath and Setters vs. Mission. 8 p.m., Smashers vs. Stompers and Cold Tigers vs. Mixed Nads. 9 p.m., Red Top vs. Stompers and Magnificent Seven vs. Howlers.

**PLAYERS VALLEY HOCKEY**

At 11:00 a.m., Coldstream Shadow vs. Super Vatu. 7 p.m.,