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.

UNRULY MANE AND TAIL

Bonnie Caverly, Vernon writes: "... my horse has a long mane that is marred by short, untidy hairs that stick out along the crest of his neck. Will pulling these hairs solve the problem or will they grow back and look worse? At the base of the mane, along the withers, the hair has also become short and jagged. Should this be cut? Also, at the tock of his tail, the hairs are short and untidy. What can be done to fix this problem?

First, of all check your horse for lice and also worms. This can be done by your local veternarian. It is possible he is rubbing causing the untidy hair problem. Barring that, don't cut the mane or tail as this will only add to the problem in time.

If you are using a metal curry comb, this could be splitting the hair. I would just use a soft body brush and lots of elbow grease. A little dab of dippety-do works wonders.

WINTER RIDING

Vernon rider writes: "I will be riding throughout the winter (it won't be indoors). When the snow comes I won't be schooling or jumping anymore, but I want to keep my horse fit or she will become a hay-bag. Could you give me some advice on winter riding?

Winter riding doesn't differ too much from the summer other than your length of riding usually shortens considerably which is good because I like to see a horse that is consistently schooled or shown during the summer given a rest. A half hour a day of light riding should keep your horse in reasonable shape. By light riding I don't mean riding around in an arena but out on the roadside or trails.

If you have a problem with snow balling up on your horse's feet, a light coating of cooking oil will prevent this. Don't use motor oil as it has an acid in it and will dry out the hoof.

Royals devour Burger Barons

In the three games played in the White Valley Hockey League this week, the Lumby Royals destroyed the Burger Barons 13-3 in a Monday night game, and in Tuesday's play, the Coldstream Hotel Sabres edged the Vernon Blades 2-1 and Lotus Gardens defeated the Village Green Merchants 7-3. All games were played at the Lumby Arena.

The Monday night matchup between the Royals and Barons saw the Royals open the scoring early in the first period.

GOAL MARCH

The Barons were able to come back and tie up the score five minutes later, but from that point on, the Royals never looked back. They managed two unanswered goals to bring the first period total to 3-1 in their favor, and exchanged goals in the second to bring the two-period total to 6-3. Third-period play saw Lumby vanquish their foe, scoring seven unanswered goals to bring their game score to 13-3 after regulation time. Scorers for Lumby were April with two goals and three assists, Vlasoelt with two goals and two assists, Vashold with one goal and three assists, Robatzek with two goals, Sarretore with one goal and one assist, Waite with two goals, and Deuling, Stecyck and Kuroaka all with one goal. Scoring for the Barons were Ruesch, Cawthorn and Hawkins.

SEDATE GAME

In the first Monday game, the goal scoring output was considerably more sedate when the Coldstream Hotel Sabres met the Vernon Blades. Bill May of the Sabres was the first to beat a goaltender his goal coming at 14:31 of the first period. At 16:17 of the same period, Bill Dakin of the Blades tied the game up at one apiece.

Neither team managed to score a goal in the second period and it looked as if it would be a tie game until Bert Fulowski came through for the Sabres with just a minute and a half remaining. The Blades ran out of time and the score stood at 2-1. The Sabres were outshot 24-17 over the duration by the opposition.

FINAL GAME

In the final game of the night, Lotus Gardens was quick to open the scoring in the game, chalking their first point at 1:35 on a drive by Horochuk. Monahan upped the score to two for Lotus Gardens nine minutes later. Village Green got their only goal of the period around the 16:00 minute mark on a shot from Ayrchuk. Rogan and Williamson added one apiece in the closing minutes to leave a first period total of 4-1 in favour of Lotus Gardens.

The first goal of the second was scored 13 minutes into the period coming from Ritchie. Ritchie scored his second five minutes later but not before Sherk of the Merchants managed to get one. This left the tally after two at 6-2 for Lotus Gardens.

UP COUNT

Both teams scored a goal in the third, coming just 37 seconds apart. Stapely of the Merchants was the first to score upping the count to 6-3 for the Lotus Gardens. Joly of the Gardens was able to put it all away at 14:49 for a game final of 7-3.

Next week's play will feature the Lotus Gardens against the Blades on Monday night and the Barons against Village Green and the Royals against the Sabres on Tuesday night. Game times are 9 p.m. for Monday and 7 and 9 p.m. for Tuesday. All games are at the Lumby Arena.

ALL IN THE SWEEP

These ladies are part of the Tuesday afternoon Women's Curling League here in Vernon. Skip Thelma Trickett, foreground, leads her sweeping crew in bringing rock into the house at the Vernon Curling Club.

Bloom and Sigalet bounce back to life

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Vernon Bloom and Sigalet Midget reps kept their Wrigley hopes alive this weekend in OMMHA play.

Bouncing back from an 8-2 loss in Kelowna this Saturday, the locals downed Kamloops 8-3 this Sunday in Kamloops.

Vernon, which has a 6-3 record now, just has to win its next game this Saturday against Rutland to advance to the first round of the prestigious event.

SOLID PERIODS

On Sunday, in Kamloops, Vernon played three solid periods of hockey, holding leads of 3-1 after the first 20 minutes and 6-2 after the second.

Rod Trentini led the Vernon attack with three goals, Kevin Balfour added a pair of goals and three assists, while Lance Vachon, Bob Sophonow and Dwayne Strieger scored singles.

Randy Beninoff, Carry Cannon and Pat Kobayashy countered for Kamloops.

On Saturday, Kelowna scored five unanswered goals in the third period to break a close game wide open. Vernon had held a 1-0 first period lead before Kelowna rallied back in the second for a 3-2 edge. Rod Trentini and Lance Vachon shared Vernon's goals. Randy Endo had a three goal game for the winners.

Also on the weekend, the Vernon Watkin Motor Pee Wee reps stretched their winning streak to six games, in OMMHA play, blasting Merritt twice, 16-0 and 10-1 in Merritt.

FILL NET

On Saturday, Donald Cindrachuk paced the Vernon team with three goals, David Munk, Lance Marcoux and Mark Holland scored a pair each and Kevin Thorlackson, Keith Major, Billy Baron, Rudy Poeschek, Ronnie Sparks, Richard Knellar and Greg Moore notched singles. Stan Walstrom and David Abersek shared the shut out.

Sunday's scorers included Moore and Munk with a pair each, Thorlackson, Major, Baron, Poeschek, Marcoux and John Barber with singles.

PUP REPS

Vernon Star West Realty Pup reps filled the nets 47 times over the weekend, hammering Spokane 25-3 and 22-3 in a pair of exhibition games. On the Sunday game, Vernon got off to a slow start but rolled with eleven second period goals. Bruce Major held the hot stick for Vernon with a big 12 point game, scoring seven times and assisting on five others. Also with big games were Les Olson with three goals and six assists, Troy Mick scoring four goals and two assists and Jeff Finley getting two goals with five assists. Danny Martin and Derek Webb scored a pair each in the game and Warren Schneider, Alan Godel, Toosh McBride, Brent Gilchrist and Danny Nolan scored singles.

THREE QUICKIES

At one time in Saturday's game, Vernon scored three goals in 28 seconds and seven goals in four minutes on route to the onslaught. Major, Martin, Gilchrist, Finley and Mick had big games for the winners. Major had five goals and two assists, Martin and Gilchrist each had three goals and four assists, Finley notched a goal and seven assists and Mick scored four times. Also, Olson had two, Webb, Nolan and Schneider rounded out the scoring with singles and Alan Godel had six assists.

FIRST LOSS

Vernon Sun Valley Bantam Reps suffered their first loss of the year, dropping a 6-3 decision to Kamloops on Saturday. While in Merritt on Sunday, they edged the home team by the score of 4-2. Vernon's record in league play now stands at 6-1-1 for the season.

On Saturday in Kamloops the host club built up period leads of 3-1 and 4-2 and held off a late rush by the Vernon club with an insurance goal late in the period. Perry Clen, Ian Kato, Rob Kassan, Bruce Olsen and Brent Cropp scored for the winners while Tom DeVries with two and Brad Moore with one replied for the Vernon cause.

On Sunday, in Merritt three first-period goals were all Vernon needed for its win. Moore scored a pair, Bobby Wensley and Kevin Beavur, scored singles.

Merritt slides into top slot

MERRITT, B.C. (CP) — Merritt Centennials moved into a first-place tie with Penticton Vees in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League's Interior Divison, downing the Vees 7-2 Tuesday before 700 fans.

Both teams have 30 points though Merritt has played one less game.

The teams were deadlocked 1-1 after the first period and Penticton went ahead by one at 1:17 of the second.

Merritt goalie Keith Ferney shut out the Vees the rest of the way as the Centennials scored five goals in the second period and one in the third.

Pat Rabbior and Ken Stroud led Merritt with two goals each while singles went to Gary Sirkia, Glen Johnson and Dale Ames. Carey Eades and Kevin Pedersen scored for Penticton.

Merritt outshot Penticton 49-21 and took eight of 15 minor penalties. The teams split six majors.

League action continues tonight as Revelstoke Bruins play the Chiefs in Kamloops.

KNUTE DID A FINE JOB

Knute Rockne coached football at Notre Dame for 13 seasons and won 106 games, lost 12 and played five ties.

SPORTS BRIEFS

HONEYMOONERS

Four games were played in Monday Honeymooners action this week. In the first game, Super Six beat the Subtractors 15-6, 15-8 and 15-6. Rockets outscored Jam Tarts 15-9, 17-15 and 8-15. Desperados edged Sum Timers 16-15, 15-13 and 15-11 and the Tempests whirled to a 10-15, 15-12 and 15-8 win over the Orangatangs.

NEED OFFICIALS

The Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation District advises that the Vernon Senior Secondary School Gymnasium will not be available for the Mens' Basketball Program on Thursday and on Dec. 15. Parks and Recreation also announces that anyone interested in officiating in the Commercial Mens' Broomball League are asked to call 545-6035. Games are played on Thursday evenings commencing Dec. 1. Officials are paid $7.50 per game.

WILLIS DIES

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Ron Willis, a St. Louis Cardinals relief hurler on the pennant-winning teams of 1967 and 1968, died in a hospital Monday night. He was 34. Willis underwent surgery for a brain tumor in January and again in July and was admitted to hospital Friday after suffering a seizure. Funeral services are to be held Wednesday in Neubern, Tenn.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

NOVEMBER, 1972

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