

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.

TACK SMUGGLING
I was recently sent a clipping out of a Vancouver paper which I thought might be of interest to horseowners. There is now in effect a campaign by an RCMP Corporal in Vancouver to make forgetful horseowners pay the duty on equipment they bought in the U.S. His name is Cpl. Cranston De St. Remy and all he requires from those who turn themselves in is that they cough up the duty on the gear plus any excise or sales tax that may apply. They can phone him at 604-732-4741.

If you don't police will demand the value of the gear plus the duty and applicable taxes and they are perfectly entitled to seize the goods. They can even seize the vehicle, boat or aircraft that brought the goods across the border.

De St. Remy's campaign began after he became interested in horses and soon discovered that most of the horses in local shows displayed expensive tack that was available from local tack dealers. That

sparked his investigation. De St. Remy said he hopes it won't be necessary to go to horse shows to collect from the delinquents but noted that all the callers so far have been members of the Arabian Horse Association. Quarter horse owners, "the big target," haven't yet called in.

Savings on tack purchased in the U.S. amount to about 27 per cent. Duty varies between 22 and 27 per cent. De St. Remy also warned that if police are forced to go to the shows to catch the delinquents, the more severe penalties will apply — value of goods, plus duty, plus applicable taxes.

He added it will be easy to trace the equipment because all high-priced gear carries serial numbers and police can quickly determine the manufacturer and the date and place of sale.

The policeman's job is made even easier by the way customs law puts the onus of proving that duties were paid on the purchaser rather than forcing police to prove that duty was not paid. All that police have to do is demand a customs receipt for payment of duty of the date that the tack was brought across the border so it can be checked.

A final note of advice, keep all sales slips from auction sales if you have purchased tack as most of it comes across the lines.



SPORTS ALERT

IN CHAMPIONSHIPS
Kim Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Schmidt, left today for the Parade of Champions B.C. Figure Skating Championships Dec. 8, 9 and 10 at Prince George coliseum. Kim became eligible to compete in the 1977 B.C.'s after competing in the Okanagan Mainline Figure Skating Competition in Kamloops, Nov. 11 to 13. Kim was the 1976 Juvenile B Champion and has placed in other events in the past six years. Kim, a member of the Vernon Figure Skating Club, will compete in Prince George against figure skaters from the Vancouver area, Kootenays, Fraser Valley and Northern B.C. Vernon has not had a skater eligible to enter the B.C. competitions in several years. (Don Heath's Photo)

MAJOR WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
At Kal School, 7:30 p.m.: Speedos vs. Woodstocks, Bumpers vs. B'n and Tucker, Hot Shots vs. Village Green Inn, Justice vs. Coldstream Motor Hotel.

WOMEN'S COM-MERCIAL VOLLEYBALL
At Seaton, 7 p.m.: Mission Impossible vs. Magnificent Seven, Fat-swirl vs. Red Top All-Stars, 8 p.m.: Howlers vs. Stompers, Sneakers vs. Mixed Nuts, 9 p.m.: Smashers vs. Setters, Gold Diggers vs. Kal Tire CPC's.

FLORISSANT VALLEY HOCKEY
At Civic Arena: Vernon Raiders vs. Super Valu Flames, 11:30 p.m.

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Snowmobilers to aid crippled

This winter, in cooperation with the Lions Society for Crippled Children, the B.C. Snowmobile Association will be sponsoring a "Snowarama," or a 100 mile ride-at-night to raise funds for crippled children in B.C. next February.

The association, which hopes to raise \$70,000 in this quest, feels that this figure is not at all unrealistic for an undertaking of this nature.

The ride is to be patterned after the Snowarama organized by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs and the Ontario Snowmobile Distributors Association, which has run for the past four years. Last year, three two organizations raised \$40,000 for the Society for Crippled Children in Ontario and a spokesman for that organization claimed that after approaching the snowmobile community, there was and has been a great response for the drive.

British Columbia Snow Vehicle Association spokesman Bill Shields of Vernon feels that the same thing can happen in B.C. and that he is very optimistic of the results that can be achieved through hard work by the snowmobilers. Pledge amounts for the ride will vary, but it's hoped that each rider can bring in over \$30. In Ontario, gas and bowls of hot chili are administered by the Easter Seal Society at the various established check points, so all the rider would need is himself and his machine.

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Toros rally for win

The Toros, with a four-goal output in the third period, were able to slide by the Kinsmen Club 6-4 in Monday P.V.H. play.

It was the Kinsmen Club, however, that opened the scoring in the first period, getting one off the stick of Sam Desimone. No more scoring resulted in the first but it was Desimone again opening the play in the second, with his second, tie the game later in the second on Wilson.

There was no scoring in the third period until the 12:20 mark, when Harry Wymnychuk on his first of two, put Toros ahead. Kinsmen started back for two more minutes later, to resume their command with a 4-3 advantage in play, but the Toros were not down by any means, as they came back with three more in the last five minutes of play. Wymnychuk, Bernie Mucua and Clark Inglis were the snipers.

Nine minutes of penalties were sustained and the Kinsmen were outshot 27-9 in their victory.

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Dye behind the bench as Vikings lose again

Vernon Vikings have lost another coach and game. Terry Perry, who took over the club seven weeks ago after rookie coach Sheldon Bloomer quit, resigned the post this week. Vikings were dumped in three consecutive B.C. Junior Hockey League games last week, apparently prompting Perry to the decision he wasn't getting anywhere.

President and General Manager Vern Dye was behind the bench Tuesday night when Kelowna Buckaroos edged the Vikings 4-3 in the Regatta City.

Dye told the Daily News he hasn't made a decision if he'll run the club for the rest of the season. He said, "It is unfortunate, but I guess Terry (Perry) just got frustrated. I don't think we're that far away from having a winning hockey team."

Brothers Rob and John Need, traded to Vikings last week by Kelowna, have not yet reported. Dye said, "I understand they want a little time to think over the deal. I hope to hear from them for our weekend games."

On Tuesday, Jim Croson scored the winning goal early in the second period as Buckaroos handed Vikings their 20th loss in 20 games. Kelowna took a 3-1 lead after the first period on goals by Brian Matthews, Rob McCrady, and Danny McAdam.

One line did all the damage for Vikings — centre Mike Winther scoring the first two goals and right winger Scott Cozins adding one in the third. Randy Struch blocked 22 shots for Bucks, while Rick Hagl turned aside 24 shots in the Vernon net.

Dye said, "If we can get some of our injured guys healthy again, it will make a big difference."

SEVERAL INJURED
Darcy Wilkinson is playing, but still recovering from a knee operation. Stacy Smader played his second game Tuesday, but is lacking timing after missing 30 games due to knee surgery. Cam Torgeason is still out of action with a twisted knee.

Vikings are back in action on Saturday night when they travel to Merritt to battle the

first-place Centennials. On Sunday, the Bucks are in town for a 2 p.m. game. At the Kelowna game, the Vikings' booster club will be raffling a car.

In another game Tuesday, Langley Lords edged Ab-

botford Flyers 4-1. Bob Taylor and Chris Tucker scored their second goals of the game in the final minute to give Lords the victory.

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