

Panthers entered in tough tourney

Vernon Panthers, still recovering from the licking they took before Christmas, head back into battle this weekend.

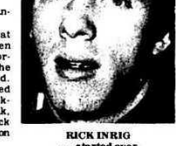
Panthers were literally destroyed in the annual Kewla Owl Basketball Tournament, which ended Dec. 17. This week, Panthers will hit the ice in the eight-team, two-day Britanna Bruins' Tournament in Vancouver.

Princess Margaret of Surrey, Coach Rick Irig told the Daily News he just tried to forget about the setback over the holidays.

"After the embarrassment in Kelowna, I decided to come back in January and start from scratch. We're going to use an open post offense — designed to keep the middle open and create more movement. And on defence, we're going to play full-cut, man-to-man."

Vernon's first game Thursday is against the host team, Britannia. Depending on the outcome, Panthers will tangle with either Mages of Vancouver or West Vancouver on Friday.

Irig said, "We know we're in a tough tourney, in fact, we might be over our heads. But we have to win in the eight-team or two to get back on track."



RICK IRIGO... started over

they travel to Kamloops to tangle with the Red Devils.

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 return of notes 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.

Olympic girl writes: "I own a two and one half year-old sorrel Quarter-Morgan cross that has been gelded for about six months. I show him in the summer about every one or two weeks. I have two problems. At shows he won't keep quiet. He will neigh almost all the time we are in the ring and everybody stares at me. My other problem is that he won't take his lead on his right lead. He does fine on his left lead. Please help!"

Since your horse is only two and a half and still loud, it's likely that the problem will in time go away. When your horse does make noises, you might try whipping him with the end of the reins once or twice. You could also snatch his head around sideways momentarily to divert his attention. Don't wait until after he's finished neighing — catch him as soon as you feel him swelling up to make a noise. Also, you'd better check to make sure that your horse wasn't proud out if he's acting studdy at the same time.

I'd advise taking your horse to some schooling shows and riding him around until you can get control of him because his constant neighing until you get to disturb an actual class. You'll save yourself some embarrassment this way.

As for the problem with the right lead, I'm sure you understand that most horses are left-handed like people are right handed and that they prefer to lead on their left lead. When teaching a horse to take a right lead, ride him to the left of the rail, pushing his hindquarters to the center and shorter your outside rein. When you get him going forward in this position ask him to canter by squeezing with your left leg slightly behind the girth. This forces his hindquarters to the right and he'll take his right lead. If possible, ask him for his right lead as you go into a corner to begin with as this will also force him to take the correct lead.

Caldow drops to third place

Tom Connarty of Westlake Packers, has moved into second place in the North Okanagan Hockey League scoring race, behind Rick Harris of Grindrod Elks.

Connarty was blanked in his club's 5-4 victory over Winfield Raiders last Friday, however, the previous game against Grindrod, the slick forward scored five goals and added three assists.

Connarty has 23 points, three more than third-place Dave Caldow of Vernon Price and Markie Canadians.

Harris still has an eight-point bulge over his nearest rival. In Elks' 6-2 victory over Vernon Sport Cougars last Sunday, Harris scored one and set up two others.

League standings are:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Grindrod Elks	15	9	5	1	79	70	19
Westlake P & M	17	7	5	0	61	60	14
Tom Connarty	12	6	0	0	49	14	12
Vernon Canadians	13	6	7	0	56	12	12
Kelowna Moisons	11	2	7	1	20	18	5
Winfield Raiders	11	3	8	0	52	61	6

TOP SCORERS	PLAYER	TEAM	G	A	Pts
	Rick Harris	Elks	22	19	41
	Tom Connarty	Westlake	12	11	23
	Dave Caldow	Can	12	16	30
	George Gardner	Elks	10	15	25
	John Tovey	Can	10	12	22
	John Strick	Cougars	11	17	23
	Don Fraser	Moisons	12	21	24
	Larry Keating	Moisons	7	10	18
	John Tovey	Can	7	10	18
	Willy Bevan	Cougars	8	10	18

LEADING GOALIES	TEAM	Min	GA	Avg
Len Nowak	Elks	208	9	2.67
John Tovey	Can	176	11	3.75
Chris Armstrong	Cougars	378	30	4.58
Jan Snow	Moisons	494	33	4.37

Last-place team upsets Green 6-2

Last-place Burger Barons whipped Village Green 6-2 in White Valley Hockey League action this week at the Lumby Arena.

Barons scored four unanswered goals, in the third period, to post the victory.

Brian Parker, Rob Graves, Rick Hawkins, Leon Buttingau, John Reusch, and Rob Hawkins scored for the winners.

Doug Heud and Garth Gillman replied for Village Green.

Two players cut by Vikings

Vernon Vikings, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, reduced their roster to 18 on Tuesday by releasing two players.

They were right wing Stacy Smeader, 19, and defenceman Ron Pastor, 18. Smeader was in his second season with the Vikings, however, missed most of this year with a knee injury. Pastor, who was joining shortly after the 1977-78 season started.

Coach Hank Wensley told the Daily News he had to cut anybody, but someone had to go.

YOUNGER PLAYERS
Wensley said, "Stacy and Ron are both good kids, but it came down to two things. Firstly, we feel we have to go with the young guys this year and I think we've got some 18-year-olds who can do the job. Secondly, they are both imports and we're trying to go with as many local kids as possible."

Wensley said, "We're concentrating on getting a run in the second period from 20 and 30 feet out. Also, we've got to start winning our share of the game. We're spending a lot of time on that."

After Friday's game, Vikings travel to Nanaimo to meet the Coast Division leading Nanaimo Clippers on Saturday, and Sunday, the team goes south of the border to play Sealingham Blazers.

Wensley hopes that our roster is reduced, I'd like to take a look at a few midgeids. We're hoping to take Craig Demetrick along on the trip, as long as it is alright with his coach.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

Vernon Midget All Stars returned from a more than a provincial midget hockey tournament in Quesnel as champions with a perfect five-zero win-loss record.

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Teenage jockey named best athlete in America

NEW YORK (AP) — Steve Cauthen, who missed his high school season because he was busy making horse racing history, was named Athlete of the Year for 1977 by The Associated Press Tuesday.

The 17-year-old jockey from Walton, Ky., is the first horse-racing personality to win of the 47-year history of the award.

"Nothing disturbs him," said Hall of Fame jockey Eddie Arcaro, who has jockeyed throughout his red-hot year. "In defeat he doesn't look back."

But Steve Cauthen will look back on 1977, and he will be hard pressed to see the defeats that are as much as part of a jockey's life as his back some scenes on which his mind's eye can focus:

—Dec 10: winning with Goldie St. Purne on Little Happy at Aqueduct to become the first jockey to ride winners of \$6 million in a single year.

—Nov. 29: riding six winners at Aqueduct. It marked the third time during the year he rode that many winners in a day in New York, an accomplishment matched by no one.

TAKES A SPILL
—May 23: suffering a broken wrist and ribs and cuts of the face and hand, when he fell during the fourth race at Belmont Park.

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—June 29: riding three winners at Belmont on his first day without an apprentices five-pound weight allowance.

At the end of the year Cauthen had ridden 488 winners and the number of his mounts totalled \$6,151,750. He was the regular jockey for two-year-old champion Affirmed and grass champion Johnny D., turning in super rides that both colts in key races that led to 1978. "But I don't pattern myself after them. I try to do things to suit myself."

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Propp takes over lead from injured linemate

CALGARY (CP) — Brian Propp of Brandon, who took Kings appears determined to pick up where team mate Bill Derlago left off in the Western Canada Hockey League scoring race, statistics show.

Propp, a left winger, has picked up 12 points during the festive season to take over first spot in the league's scoring race.

He is six points ahead of Derlago, sidelined with an injury, and Steve Tambellini of Lethbridge Broncos. Propp has 88 points on 27 goals and a league-leading 58 assists.

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Robertson, Victoria	32	47	79	79
O'Sullivan, Calgary	50	56	56	56
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