

Horse Talk

Training & Handling with Don Fraser

This column is presented as an aid for non-professional horsemen. 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.

WON'T BE STILL IN LINEUP

VERNON GIRL WRITES: "I have an 11-year-old mare that I show. I have two problems with her. She does fine on the rail but when she line up she starts to throw her head all over."

After we stand there a while she then, when the judge asks us to back up she backs into the horse next to her. When I practice at home she does fine. She doesn't throw her head and she backs up just fine. I would appreciate your help."

This mare, being 11-years-old, has probably been shown quite a bit in pleasure. This is a common problem that we see a lot nowadays in the youth events, and in other events, because of the older riders that have been shown a lot and are beginning to sour from the show. This mare is probably acting this way lining up because she is anticipating leaving the arena. She's all over and she gets to go back outside and tied to the trailer or whatever.

It's a real hard problem to correct because these real smart horses know when it's all over and start acting silly because of it. You might try lining this mare up for a while, down on the end of the line where she doesn't have a worry on both sides of her.

Possibly you could hold her that way — by just having to worry about one side and not both sides. And I'd work on this mare more at home. You say you don't have any problem with her at home so that's what I suggest. I suggest not riding her at all in the arena at home. Work her out in the pasture if you have a pasture that has been there her outside. Just let her relax and try to keep her from anticipating.

When backing your mare, you should use a leg correction method. She is evidently backing crooked if she is backing into the horse next to her. If she backs one way or the other, use her foot on the side to cue her away from the pressure. And back her with the reins and bits of course, but also use your legs to keep her backing straight. Then, when you are able to get her to be able to back her straight with your legs to keep her from backing into the horse next to her.

DRIVING CLINIC

Tentative plans are being made to have a driving clinic in the Armstrong area with Doris Ganton, well known driving authority from Victoria for the later part of April. The course will consist of basic driving and possibly advanced. This clinic is being held in conjunction with The Okanagan Equestrian Club and pre-advance registration is necessary. For more information contact Sheila Greutz of Amara Arabians at 546-3211.

Lotus hammered by WHL leader

Coldestream Hockey Sabres thumped Lotus Gardens 7-3 in White Valley Hockey League action this week at the Lamby Arena.

The loss drops Lotus to third-place in the league. Lotus is a four-point buge over second-place Lumbly Royals.

Mike Mondin scored two goals for Sabras while John Kully, Mike Clark, Steve Hubbard, Bill May, and Dave Punowick added singles.

Tom Williamson, with two, and Jack Worth repitied for Lotus.

Coldestream held period leads of 3-2 and 5-2.

In other games, Lumbly edged Village Green Merchants 2-1 and Vernon Blades edged Lotus Gardens 2-1.

Glen Waite and Randy Gieverly scored for Royals while Steve Hubbard and Bill Dakin, and Larry Fisher also scored for Vernon.

Barons tied two goals and two assists.

Coldestream took three of four minor penalties.

Three players battle for lead

Houling down the homestretch, the North Okanagan Hockey League scoring race has turned into a three-way battle.

Rick Harris, of Grandroid Elks, has held down first-place most of the season, but could easily drop to third.

Dave Caldwell, of Vernon Canadians, is tied with Harris for top spot. Just behind them are Jeff Todd, of Tom Connarty of Westside Packers.

Connarty leads the NHL in goals with 24 and Caldwell is the top playmaker with 24 assists.

In the goalding department, Ian Snow moved into second-place by holding Whiffo to one goal as Kelowna Moltons trounced the Raiders 7-1.

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Grandroid Elks	18	7	1	0	99	23	14
Westside Packers	18	7	1	0	70	17	14
Kelowna Moltons	18	7	1	0	70	17	14
Vernon Canadians	18	7	1	0	70	17	14
Vernon Raiders	18	7	1	0	62	97	14
Winfield Cougars	17	7	0	0	82	87	14

TOP SCORERS	P	G	A	Pts
Rick Harris, Elks	22	19	41	41
Dave Caldwell, Can.	17	24	41	41
Tom Connarty, Packers	24	19	43	43
Jeff Todd, Can.	10	20	30	30
John Shirley, Cougars	10	18	28	28
Doug Doherty, Packers	16	11	27	27
Larry Keating, Moltons	16	11	26	26
Don Moore, Raiders	16	11	25	25
Jeff Wilson, Moltons	10	15	25	25
Don Tate, Moltons	16	11	23	23

LEADING GOALIES

PLAYER	MIN	GA	AVG
Tom Connarty, Can.	186	49	2.63
Ian Snow, Moltons	458	131	2.86
Charlie Briskman, Can.	398	131	3.29
Gerry Dyck, Moltons	309	59	4.88

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
8 p.m., VSSS, Vernon Royals vs. Salmon Arm Jewels

6 p.m., VSSS, Vernon Panthers vs. Westside Packers
At Fulton: 7 p.m., Magnificent Seven vs. Woodstocks and Bib and Tucker and Genifer Hot Shots; 8:45 p.m., Vikings vs. Village Green Inn and Justice and Coldestream Team.

MEN'S COMBINATION VOLLEYBALL
7 p.m., Seaairto School; 7 p.m., Church of God vs. Kal Tree; 8 p.m., Sun Auto Parts vs. Royal Rebels; 9 p.m., Trinity Thunder vs. Roth Barbs.

MEN'S INDOOR SOCCER
At Kal School: 7:30 p.m., Barons vs. Roadrunners; 8:30 p.m., Hawks vs. Wanderers.

COMMERCIAL WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
At OK Landing School: 7 p.m., Bridge All-stars vs. Medica; 8 p.m., Guzziera vs. Jokers; 9 p.m., Sneakers vs. Dyna Mates.

At Silver Star School: 7:30 p.m., P's vs. Se'; 8:30 p.m., Dollies vs. Kal Tree; 9:30 p.m., Gufo '83, Patsworth.

At W.L. Seaton: 7 p.m., Howlers vs. Kootenay Six and Stomper's vs. Heroes; 8 p.m., Mission Impossible vs. Six-clets and Foosey's Girls vs. OK Weiders; 9 p.m., Toros vs. Almada and Silver Six vs. Copy-Cats.

PLEASANT VALLEY LEAGUE
7:30 p.m., Civic Arena, Super-Valu Flames vs. Tril-Lake Cougars.

SPORTS BRIEFS

COULDN'T FLY BACK
CLEVELAND (AP) — Bob Feller, former Cleveland Indians pitching star charged last week with flying an airplane without the owner's consent, said the incident is the result of a misunderstanding. Feller is returning to the plane to fly to Pennsylvania. But he was stranded in Harrisburg, Pa., by the severe winter storm and could not return on time. A hearing was set for Feb. 13.

U.F.O. WANTS TO PLAY
BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Buffalo Bills said Monday running back O.J. Simpson wants to play longer than the one season left in his contract with the National Football League. Simpson, who missed the last half of the 1977 season because of knee surgery, has one year remaining in a three-year contract with the Bills.

CONNORS BEING SUED
BOSTON (AP) — Bill Jordan, former manager of Jimmy Connors, filed suit in federal court Tuesday to recover money he claims the tennis star owes him under contract. The agreement, Jordan contends Connors owes him 15 per cent, or \$78,000, of some \$520,000 in prize money. Connors already has received from five contracts negotiated by Jordan under a 1974 agreement.

REPLACE TROTTER
HULL, Que. (CP) — Royal Commission of Montreal has been named to replace Guy Trotter as coach of Hull Olympiques of the Quebec Major Junior A Hockey League. Jameson, a coach

of some 2800, was in the running when Trotter was named last fall. Trotter resigned as coach and general manager of the Olympiques Monday for the good of the team."

CELTICS INTERESTED
SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Boston Celtics Tuesday they are interested in acquiring guard Ernie DiGregorio, put on National Basketball Association waivers Monday by Los Angeles Lakers. Celtics general manager Red Auerbach said he would like to have DiGregorio, who starred for Providence College.

JOHN VAUGHN RESIGNED
OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — John Vaughn, who led University of Mississippi to national football prominence, Tuesday after 22 years as coach and athletic director.

VERNON VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

COMMERCIAL MEN
Stingers 21, Pacesetters 11; Hammers 21, B.C. Hydro 14; Stingers 21, Hydro 18; Hammers 21, Pacesetters 9; Hammers 21, Stingers 7; Pacesetters 21, Hydro 17.

HONEYMOONERS
In league play this week: Up-n-a-tom, bombed 20, Lightnings 15-15, 15-8, and 15-2; Lightning's slump continued Tuesday, 15-12, 15-4, and 15-8; Coasters rolled over Jam Tarts 16-6, 15-15, and 15-10; Super Six defeated Sunrimsers 14-16, 15-8, and 15-8; and Rockets 15-15, 15-15, and 15-15.

MAJOR MEN
Wallbuilders 1, 57 Selects 1; Vernon Pees 2, Village Green 0; Village Green 1, Vernon 1; Village Green 2, Wallbuilders 0; Lagers 2, Nads 0; Wallbuilders 1, Nads 2; Nads 1, Lagers 0; Nads 2, Vernon 0.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

FEBRUARY, 1973
Vernon Pees Selects defeated Saanich Braves 4-2 to win the "A" championship in the second annual Winter "arnival" invitational. Pees Wee Hockey Tournament.

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RICK RELLY ... from old Blades
LES SALO ... hard shot

Winter Carnival Cup will be up for grabs

Vernon Vikings have been up against some stiff competition this year, but none will be more formidable than the opposition they face on Sunday, at 2 p.m., at the Civic Arena.

Vikings will be up against the former Vernon Esos and Bladen in the first annual Alumni Game. At stake will be the Winter Carnival Cup.

Odie Lowe, who coached Esos to two provincial championships in the early '70's, is a wealth of 'st to choose from on the Alumni team.

On defence will be King Cam (66), Clay Anderson (71-72), Bob Powell (71-72), Jim Inglis (71-72), Bob Mayer (69-70), and Gary Stankevich (71-72).

Don Mason (69-70), Barry Dye (71-72), Jeff Shirley (71-72), and Tom Williamson (68), will skate at centre.

Patrolling the left side will be Wayne Dye (68-72), Dave Caldwell (72-74), George Fargher (71-72), and Willy Bevan (71-72).

On right wing are Greg Walmisley (74-75), Les Salo (71-72), Lawrence Quechuk (69-70), and Rick Relly (65).

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye told the Daily News it was impossible for many of the ex-Esos, now playing in Kelowna, to attend the game. However, he had no trouble filling the roster.

Dye said, "I think we could have put together two teams if we'd wanted. The guys are really excited about the game."

Panthers to host Westside

Vernon Panthers have their sights set on third-place in the Okanagan High School Basketball League's north zone.

One of the teams Panthers will have to beat to take third spot, is Westside of Kamloops. And the Whundas are in town tonight to battle with the Panthers at 7:30 p.m.

VSSS Coach Rick Inrig said, "We know what we have to do — and I think we'll do it. Kamloops and Salmon Arm pretty well have the top two spots wrapped up, but I think we can beat Westside and Norcam for third."

Guard Mike Ondik has been away from school with the flu, but was expected back in class today and will see action in tonight's game.

For added bench strength, Inrig has called up forward Mike Bailey from the Vernon 'A' team.

Prior to the boys' game, at 6 p.m., Vernon Royals will take on unbeaten Salmon Arm Jewels.

Royals' Coach Delroy Routley said, "Basketball fans should treat themselves by coming to watch the game. There is no doubt about it, they are the best team in the province."

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Meanwhile, Merritt scored three in the Salmon Arm and then coasted to a 9-5 victory over Penticton Veas Tuesday night in one of two "A" games played.

The home-ice win gives first-place Centennials a five-point lead over the Veas in the Interior Division. Kamloops beat Revelstoke 8-5 in the other game.

Ed Beers, Blake Stephens and Kelly Forner each scored twice for the Centennials while Bud Langstrom, Ron Pockhars and Randy Will completed the Merritt attack.

Dave Smith, Terry Olson, Ron Vincent, Kevin Maxwell and Ross Fitzpatrick scored for Penticton. Smith scored on a second-period penalty shot.

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