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# Vernon Vikings placed on sale



**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.

**ROPING HORSE WON'T STOP**  
Vernon rider writes: "I have just started colt roping and I have problems getting my mare to stop on her hind feet. I've tried almost every bit, including severe backlashes, curb bits and snaffles. I've even jerked her front feet out from under her, but she still stops and bounces on her front feet. Please help."

I don't think jerking the mare's front feet out from under her will help at all. Since you've tried all the different bits and they haven't worked, the next thing I would advise is to get some heavy cattle and rope them. A lot of horses will learn to take care of themselves when working heavy cattle and they'll stop on their hind feet. But this horse sounds like it is one that naturally stops on its front feet, or something would have changed by now. I've tried other things for this, like pulling off the front shoes and rapping the feet down to make them sore. This worked as long as the horse was sore, but he'd go back to stopping on his front feet as soon as the soreness went away. Horses that always stop on their front feet usually have other problems. They may have health problems, lameness the next day, loss of weight, and likes what he is doing. I don't see any way that it can be harmful to him.

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**SPORTS**  
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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**THREE QUALIFY**  
Three North Okanagan zone teams will be competing in the B.C. high school boys' basketball championships, starting March 1, in Chase. Armstrong Blazers captured the valley title last weekend and gained the number one berth. Chase placed second but because it is the host team, third-place Lumby Timberettes are also eligible to compete. Other teams playing in the valley meet were Okanagan Mission, Immaculata, Oliver, and Princeton.

**CLINTON WINS**  
Clinton trumped Lumby Flying Frenchmen 10-3 in the championship game of the recent senior men's hockey tournament in Lumby. Kamloops placed third in the first annual event. Other teams taking part were 100 M.L. House, Nelson, Abbotsford, Savona, and the White Valley League All-stars.

**TWO GAMES**  
In Major Women's Basketball League play Tuesday night at Clarence Fulton School, Bucks edged Bulets 25-24 and Armstruc Lightning dumped Knicks 38-23. Laurie Ogasawara led the Bucks to victory with 12 points.

**HONEYMOONERS**  
In Hockey Women's Volleyball League play Sunday night at the Recreation Complex, Sun-downers beat Hotshots 15-10, and 15-13. Friends dumped Foot Pauls 15-12, 15-7, and 8-5. Vipers trounced Bankers 15-10, 15-4, and 15-2. Six Pack defeated Camptown Racers 15-9, 15-4, and 15-14, and Old Stylers drowned Goodtimers 15-2, 15-4, and 15-7.

**BREAKS TIE**  
Vernon Panthers meet Salmon Arm Golds in high school basketball action tonight, at 7:30 p.m. at VSSS. Panthers, who are currently tied with North Kamloops and Westside, can move into sole possession of third-place, in the north zone, with a win.

**ACQUIRE INKPEN**  
INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Indianapolis Racers have acquired defencemen Dave Inkpen from Quebec Nordiques and Glen Irwin from Houston Aeros. Racers coach Bill Goldsworthy announced Tuesday. Both players were required for future considerations.

**GREEN WINS BOUT**  
LONDON (Reuters)—British welterweight David "Joy" Green knocked out Roy Johnson, who fights out of Montreal and Philadelphia, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-rounder at Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday night. But Green injured his right hand and might have to postpone his British Commonwealth welterweight title match here March 17 against champion Clyde Gray of Toronto.

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Vernon Vikings Hockey League is officially for sale. Team President Fern Dye told the Daily News today the B.C. Junior Hockey League club can no longer continue to operate under the present conditions.

Dye said, "The club will either be sold or moved before the end of the season. The present state of the Civic Centre and lack of fan support make it impossible for the present owners to maintain the operation."

"The club's estimated deficit, accumulated over the last six years, is \$25,000."

Dye said, "We understand there is one group in town interested in buying, and two groups from out-of-town have been asking questions. Naturally, we hope the ownership remains on a local level. But, something must be done now, not in two months."

Present owners of the team are Roly Sammartino, Ernie Robatsak, Steve Viavveld, and Willie Madden, and Dye.

The president said, "We don't expect the new owners to cover all our losses, however, we're not going to give the team away either. We've put a lot of hours in dollars into the operation of the club."

**MEETING THURSDAY**  
The local group that is interested includes nine businessmen. However, a spokesman for the group said no public announcement will be made until after a meeting Thursday.

Dye said, "We don't want to threaten people — and we don't want to take the team out of Vernon. We have a group of very loyal fans, but there isn't enough of them."

"Last weekend we played good hockey and lost both games before sparse crowds. If there had been 700 or 800 people in the building, it would have given the kids a lift — perhaps enough to win one or both games."

"The Vikings' downfall started in 1972-73. The year after they captured the B.C. championship. Since that time, the team has lost money every



**VERNDYE**  
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they must beat to make the playoffs.

Dye said, "We don't have the best junior hockey team in the world, but we don't have the worst either. If we get a good crowd in the rink Friday, I'll guarantee the fans will see a good hockey game. But, it is tough for kids to play in front of 3,000 empty seats."

Meanwhile, in BCJHL action Tuesday night, Nanaimo Clippers stopped Langley Lords 7-4 and Penticon Vees dumped Revelstoke Bruins 5-5.

Nanaimo now leads the Coastal Division with 47 points, three more than Bellingham Blazers.

Penticon moved two points closer to first-place Merritt Centennials in the Interior Division. Merritt has 81 points and Penticon 75. Revelstoke is fifth with 18, four more than the last-place Vikings.

In the only game tonight, Abbotsford Flyers visit Nanaimo.

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## Horochuk brothers lead Lotus to victory

Lotus Gardens, playing without league-leading scorer Tom Williamson, dumped Burger Barons 5-2 in White Valley Hockey League action Tuesday night at the Lumby Arena.

Williamson was assessed a 10-game suspension for his role in a spearing incident last week.

On Tuesday, the Horochuk brothers picked up the slack. Daro scored two goals and assisted on three others while brother Ray picked up one goal and three assists.

Lionel Grey, Lester Ouchi, and Scott McKinley also scored for the winners.

John Reusch and Dave Damaeu replied for Barons.

Lotus held period leads of 3-1 and 6-1.

In other games this week, Coldstream Hotel Sabres dumped Village Greens Merchants 5-2 and Lumby Royals fought to a 5-5 deadlock with Vernon Bluns Steve Hubbard, Mike Mondin, Mike Clarke, Fat Maxnu, and John Watson scored for Sabres.

Dwayne Artyuk and Andy Vedan countered for Merchants.

The clubs battled through a scoreless first period and Coldstream took a 1-0 lead after the second.

In the other game, Royals had to overcome a 3-1 deficit to earn the tie.

Rob Kurokka scored twice for Lumby while Ernie Robatsak, Pete Viavveld, and Randy Cleverley added singles.

**FOUR POINTS**  
Dave Thorlakson had two goals and two assists for Blades while Terry Sammartino, Larry Fisher, and Willie Madden scored one apiece. Wally Fisher had three assists for Vernon.

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