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.

FEAR OF CARS

Vernon girl writes: "We live on the outskirts of town and have to ride on the side of the roads a lot. My gelding has suddenly developed a fear of cars coming up behind him. It doesn't bother him as long as they come facing him. He isn't afraid of anything except cars."

From what you have told me it is difficult to determine where this problem originated. It is possible that one day he may have had his attention on something else just as a vehicle passed and it frightened him. A small rock may have been thrown up by a tire of a passing vehicle which frightened him. And in all probability, you are now in the habit of tensing up when a vehicle approaches from behind because you are afraid of what his reaction will be. This will only make the problem worse. Your fear makes him think there is really something to be scarred of.

I would suggest that you stop and face the approaching vehicles, pat him and talk calmly to him until it has passed, then continue on. If space permits, taking him into a small circle at a walk may help, again talking calmly to him. Where and when it is possible, I would suggest riding him towards the oncoming traffic rather than with it. This also allows you to see what's coming.

CHEWS BIT

Lavington rider writes: "I have a six-year-old mare which I ride English with a snaffle bit. She is always chewing on her bit and letting her tongue hang out of her mouth. I always make sure that her bit is on top of her tongue, so I know this isn't her problem. Some people have suggested using a drop noseband on her. What is a drop noseband?"

A dropped noseband may help as it does keep the horse's mouth closed, but its primary purpose is to prevent the horse from evading the bit by gapping at the mouth. They may be purchased or ordered from most tack shops. It consists of a light adjustable headstall which is sewn to two small rings on each side. Attached to these rings are the top and bottom portions of the noseband. The bottom portion is usually adjusted as to allow two fingers to pass between it and the chin.

COMING EVENTS

March 24 to 31 inclusive — Western Riding Clinic at the Armstrong Fairgrounds. Instructor Bob Jesson, sponsored by the Armstrong-Enderby Riding Club. Fees are $25 for A.E.R.C. club members and $35 for non-member. For entry forms or more information phone Mrs. Marg Steven on at 546-3882 evenings or 546-3161 weekdays.

April 7, 8, 9 — BCBRA Clinic. Barrel racing . . . $25. Undecorating . . . $30. Pole Bending . . . $25 or all three events for $85. Qualified BCBRA instructors. Location: Hook's Arena, Kamloops. Registration closes April 5, 1978. For more information contact Lorraine Dahl at 372-8385 (after 6 p.m.) or write Box 352 Kamloops, B.C.

VERNON VIKINGS' defenceman Dave Schneider bangs the puck (located below the goalie's glove) past Kamloops Chiefs' netminder Blair McKie during Tuesday's BCJHL game at the Civic Arena. This goal tied the score 3-3, but Chiefs went on to win 6-5. Late in the game, Schneider was assessed a match penalty. (Daily News Photo)

Chiefs edge Vikings with three illegal goals

Vernon Vikings, and in particular goalie Darrell Morin, played well enough to win a hockey game on Tuesday night.

Unfortunately, for Morin and his team-mates, Vikings ended up on the short-end of a 6-5 decision against the Kamloops Chiefs before a sparse crowd at the Civic Arena.

Despite the loss, Vernon remains only four points back of fifth-place Revelstoke Bruins in the battle for the final playoff berth. Bruins were pushed 13-3 on Tuesday by Merritt Centennials.

Mike Mesic scored an illegal hat trick to lead the Kamloops attack. Eight seconds after Mesic's third goal, Vikings asked for a measure, of the curve, in his stick. The stick was found to be illegal, the third goal was disallowed, and a two-minute penalty assessed.

ALLOWED GOAL

However, after checking the rules, the referee allowed the goal because Vernon did not ask for the measurement before the puck was put back into play. But, Mesic had to serve a two-minute minor.

Jay Kozak, Brian Graves, and Doug Lidster were the other Kamloops snipers.

Dale Slous, returning from a bout with mononucleosis, scored twice for Vikings while Dave Schneider, Gary Gassoff, and Darcy Wilkinson added singles. Wilkinson and Gassoff also had three assists.

Morin kept his club in the game, despite a painful knee injury. The pain was so bad that Morin had to pull himself for 90 seconds late in the second period. During that time, Rick Hugi faced one shot and was beat by Graves.

47 SAVES

Morin made 47 saves, but was suspect on the winning goal. With 2:41 remaining, Lidster took an innocent looking shot, from just inside the blue line. However, it rolled on end, curved, and bounced in off Morin's stick.

Heading into the final nine games of the season, Vernon will be without one of its steadiest defencemen, and policeman, Dave Schneider. Schneider was assessed a match penalty during a fracas at 19:55 of the third period.

Only seven minor penalties were assessed until the brawl broke out which resulted in two fighting majors, four game misconducts, and Schneider's match.

General Manager Vern Dye said, "That is the fourth consecutive game we've played well enough to win and haven't come up with one point. We had plenty of chances."

MISSED BREAKAWAY

With the score 4-4, Wilkinson missed a clearcut breakaway, while playing short-handed. Then, with 52 seconds to go, Scott Cozins missed an open net by three inches.

Vikings are scheduled to travel to Revelstoke, on Thursday, to face the Bruins. But, the game may be rescheduled because of a civic strike in Revelstoke.

Revelstoke, playing at Merritt, trailed 5-0 after one period and 9-1 after two as the Centennials rolled to their victory.

Merritt got goals from 11 players. Pat Rabbitt and Ed Beers each scored twice while singles came from Kelly Ferner, Bob Deschamps, Ian Tennant, Ken Stroud, Blake Stephens, Gary Sirkia, Ron Flockhart, Ken Perrier and Greg Aiken.

Scoring for Revelstoke were Darren Field, Randy Zinn and Ian Ramsey.

Mondin tops WVHL scorers

Lumby Royals edged Coldstream Sabres 4-3 in Whale Valley Hockey League action Tuesday night at the Lumby Arena.

Mike Mondin got a goal and an assist for Sabres, in a losing cause, giving him the WVHL scoring title. The two points tied him with suspended Tom Williamson, of Lotus Gardens. However, Mondin gets the title because he scored more goals.

Pete Vlasveld, Don Rosin, Glen Waite, and Paul Deuling scored for Royals.

Steve Hubbard got the other two goals for Coldstream.

Lumby held period leads of 2-1 and 3-1.

CLOSE GAMES

In other WVHL games this week, Lotus edged Blades 4-3 and Burger Barons outlasted Village Green Merchants 7-6.

Ray Horochuk led the Lotus attack with two goals and an assist. Bruce Ritchie and Lionel Grey added singles.

Wally Fisher, Dave Thorlakson, and Willy Madden countered for Blades.

Lotus, which held period leads of 1-0 and 3-1, took five of nine minor penalties.

FOUR GOALS

John Reusch did most of the damage for Burger Barons. He scored four times and set up another for the cellar-dwellers.

Bill Cawthorn, Leon Buttineau, and Don Lee also scored for the Barons.

Jim Stapely, with two, Larry Lochheed, Dwayne Arychuk, Barry Finnemore, and Eric Helbert replied for the Merchants.

Barons held period leads of 1-0 and 5-4.

WVHL playoffs are scheduled to get under way next week at the Lumby Arena.

North Shore wins tourney

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News
Correspondent

Defending champions North Shore came through the back door to dump Vernon Falconettes 37-34 in the finals of the recent third annual Falconettes Native Women's Basketball Tournament.

North Shore had previously lost to undefeated Falconettes, in the double-knockout affair, but in the game that counted they put it all together with some fine shooting.

In a good basketball game which was close in every aspect but on the scoreboard, North Shore led all the way holding quarter leads of 12-6, 27-16, and 41-28.

Shelly Powell paced the winners with 16 points while Leanne Rivers added 13.

Iva Jewels was Vernon's top shooter with 14 points Marilyn Dennis added eight.

In the consultation final, Musqueam of Vancouver topped Westbank 59-43.

Debbie Sparrow sunk 14, Lee Sparrow added 13, and Thelma Stoker notched 12 to lead Musqueam.

Bonnie Goebel was high scorer for Westbank with 18 points. Dorothy Cluff dropped in 14.

BEST GAME

Probably the best game of the tourney was Vernon's 48-42 triumph over North Shore Saturday. Jewels and Pat Wilson shared the bulk of the Falconettes scoring with 16 points each.

ALL-STARS

Vernon and North Shore dominated the all-star teams. On the first squad were Jewels and Shella Alexis of Vernon; along with Shella Powell, Jewel Thomas and Francis Nahaney of North Shore. On the second team were Pat Wilson and Dennis of Vernon, Laurie Johnston and Leanne Rivers of North Shore, and Marilyn White of Musqueam.

Most Valuable player of the tourney was Nahaney.

NORTH SHORE, captured the first place trophy in the recent Vernon Falconettes Invitational Basketball Tournament. Left, John ston, centre, accepting the trophy for North Shore, is flanked by second-place Falconettes' winners; left front, Marilyn Dennis, second all-star; Iva Jules, first all-star; rear left, Sheila Alexis, first all-star, and Pat Wilson, second all-star. (Daily News Photo)

DAILY NEWS SPORTS ALERT

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

B.C. senior boys' 'A' basketball championships at Pleasant Valley Secondary School, in Armstrong. Howe Sound vs. Armstrong at 3 p.m.; Prince Charles vs. Hazelton at 7 p.m.; and Kumsheen vs. University Hill at 8:45 p.m. Play starts Thursday at 11:45 a.m.

MEN'S INDOOR SOCCER

At Kal School: 7:30 p.m., Barons vs. Hawks; 8:30 p.m., Wanderers vs. Roadrunners.

MAJOR WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

At Fulton: 7 p.m., Justice vs. Bib and Tucker and Bumpers vs. Woodstocks; 8:45 p.m., Village Green vs. Coldstream and Geniers vs. Magnificent 7.

MEN'S COMBINATION VOLLEYBALL

At Beairsto: 7 p.m., Rooh Barbz vs. Trinity Thunder; 8 p.m., Royal Rebels vs. Sun Auto Parts; and 9 p.m., Kal Tire vs. Church of God.

WOMEN'S COMMERCIAL VOLLEYBALL

At Silver Star: 7:30 p.m., Fatswith vs. Gustos; 8:30 p.m., Kal Tire vs. Dollies; 9:30 p.m., Setters vs. PTs.

At OK Landing: 7 p.m., Dyna-Mates vs. Sneakers; 8 p.m., Jokers vs. Guzzlers; 9 p.m., Medi-Cats vs. Bridge All-stars.

At W. L. Seaton: 7 p.m., Copy-Cats vs. Six-o-lets and Almada vs. OK Welders; 8 p.m., Stompers vs. Mission Impossible and Howlers vs. Fonsey's Girls; 9 p.m., Heroes vs. Toros and Kootenay Stx vs. Silver Six.

Five teams in loop

Vernon Major Men's Softball League will operate with five teams during the 1978 season.

Kal Tire, Tradeland Realty, Kal Hotel, and Lumby Royals will be joined by a second team from Lumby. The one-year-old Price and Markle team has folded.

League President Chris Nelson said, "With the two teams from Lumby, the league will be in a position to play more games in the same amount of time because the Lumby teams will be playing their home games in their new ballpark.

"I'm confident the league will be at least as entertaining as last year. With new players coming into the area, and the calibre of local players improving, the loop can't help but get better."

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A Military Career Counsellor will be in Vernon on Tues. Mar. 14th at the Vernon Lodge Hotel from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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