



## 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.

**MARE WON'T LOPE**  
Coldstream girl writes: "I'm 15 and I have a 9-year-old mare. Whenever I start to lope she just takes off. I use to have that much trouble stopping her. Just keeping her at a smooth lope, she used to be a barrel racer. My friends think that's why she takes off all the time. What should I do?"

A horse who wants to lunge or charge off at a long hard lope and doesn't submit should go back to basics. Lope in small circles, make your circle expand gradually and bring the horse back into a small circle. Don't do a lead change right off or reverse your horse. Stop your horse, pick up your off lead and continue into this circle until this horse relaxes and finds out life is not all just straight ahead, wide open, full bore. And keep circling the horse.

Keep the horse's nose, tilted to the inside slightly so the nose will follow the head regardless of which direction you're going. With a little bit of work and effort, the horse will gradually slow down and react to your bridle rather than trying to act on its own.

**MARE BACKS WHEN BEING MOUNTED**  
The Armstrong girl writes: "I own a half Quarter Standardbred mare and I'm 14. My problem is when I get on my horse to ride, she puts her head down to her knees and runs back to the safe and no one can stop her. I use a hackamore on her. Please help."

When a horse strikes his head between his legs and runs backwards, one of two things is happening. You're causing pressure pain under the jaw, if using a hackamore or in the mouth. The horse is trying to get away from the pain, and the more you lift up with the reins to stop her from backing or resisting, the more you're causing the horse to do it. Go to a simple snaffle bit. As you get on your horse, turn her in a circle. Turn your horse away rather than letting her get her head down to start with. Without the pain from pressure, and the freedom to move forward, moving out and away should simplify this problem.

**HORSE HAPPENINGS**  
Western Clinic - instructor Bob Jesson from Kamloops March 24-31 Cox Palace, Armstrong Fairgrounds. For more information contact Marg Stevenson at 546-3622 evenings.

## Big rearguard predicts victory

Vernon Vikings host Penitence in a must-win B.C. Junior Hockey League game tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Arena.

With four games remaining, Vikings must win three times to catch Revelstoke Bruins and earn the final playoff berth in the league's Interior Division.

One player who thinks Vernon will win tonight is rearguard Dave Schneider.

Schneider said, "Beating Bellingham last weekend gave us a big lift. Penitence isn't that great - they're coming off a brawl last weekend against Merritt. If we can beat them out hitting we can beat them."

**100 MINUTES**  
The 18-year-old rookie rearguard knows plenty about hitting. He provides the Vikings with muscle as his team, leading 180 penalty minutes prove.

Schneider said, "I kind of expected to be a policeman because of my size. In fact, he coach Hank Wendt said I played like one. He'd turn me into a goon because of my size."

Schneider is the only local minor hockey product on the club, told the Daily News by

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## FOR TOURNAMENT

# Oldtimer teams invading Vernon

The third annual Molson Oldtimers Hockey Tournament gets under way Saturday at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Seven B.C. teams, as well as Spokane, will be competing in the two-day event. "First game, at 8 a.m., will have Spokane taking on Quesnel. The following games have: Vernon vs. Prince George at 10:15 a.m.; Rossland vs. Kamloops at 12:30 p.m.; and Kimberley vs. Calgary at 2:45 p.m."

Two games are scheduled Saturday night with play resuming Sunday at 9 a.m. The consolation final will be at 1:30 p.m., with the championship game at 3:45 p.m.

**TEAM TO BEAT**  
Tournament Chairman Chris Nelson told the Daily News Kimberley will be the team to beat.

Nelson said, "Kimberley was the 1977 national champion and was runner-up with this year to Saskatoon. They've lost goaltender Ed Babush and forward Ron Hutchison has moved to Vernon, but they've got a lot of depth."

However, Nelson feels any one of the eight clubs could take home the championship trophy.

He said, "I'm not counting anyone out of the battle."

## Daily News

# SPORTS

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There is going to be some great hockey players here."

After a poor showing last year, Vernon plans to not be a gracious host. The locals captured a tournament in Calgary last weekend and have the best roster in the team's three-year history.

**WELL-BALANCED**  
Vernon has three well-balanced lines with the likes of Odie Lowe, Jim Moroz, Jack Howard, Bill Simmons, Bob Hawkins, and Hutchison. The defence is led by stalwarts Don Jakes, Sheldon Bloomer, and Len Miller.

Rossland Warriors, runner-up in last year's Vernon tournament, have basically the same club.

Warriors are led by 1977

## Rossland joins lacrosse loop

Interior Lacrosse Association Commissioner Lloyd Cook announced today the league will have at least four and possibly five teams for the 1978 season.

Cook said, "Rossland has confirmed that it will join the B.C. Lacrosse Association and play in the I.L.A."

"It is a big moment for the league - there has never been a Kootenay franchise in the loop's long history."

Rossland joins Vernon Tigers, Armstrong Shamrocks, and Kelowna Bruins. And Cook told the

## Senior baseball finds a sponsor

Vernon Senior Baseball Team President Bob Adhead has announced that the club will be sponsored by the Coldstream Motor Hotel this season.

Adhead and Manager Al Simpson met with the owners of the Coldstream on Monday and reached an agreement which includes the team using the hotel's name.

Adhead said, "We've been looking for a sponsor for three months and it's a great relief to have an agreement finalized."

"The Coldstream Hotel has always been a very community-minded sports supporter and without people like

Daily News there is still a chance Kamloops will join the league."

He said, "The Kamloops group must get a bond by the next league meeting if it hopes to get back into the I.L.A. We would welcome them back with open arms, but they must fulfill their financial obligations."

Kamloops left the league in 1976 when plagued by a civic strike, which forced it out of the Kamloops Memorial Arena.

I.L.A. regular season play is tentatively scheduled to get under way on May 9.

It would have been difficult to develop the proper finances to operate.

"We're looking at an entirely new situation in the Vernon area as we require new uniforms, equipment and travel expenses. The hotel has also offered us the use of its bus for out-of-town games."

The North Okanagan League will consist of Kamloops, Enderby and Vernon, with possible entries from Merritt and Kelowna.

Practices start in April with the season scheduled to get under way in mid-May. Anyone interested in trying out is asked to phone Coach Mike McAvoy at 542-6270.



## SILVER STAR SPIEL WINNERS

The Marian Radcliffe rink, from Kelowna, won the 'A' event; in the recent Silver Star Ladies' Bonspiel. Left photo members of the Radcliffe rink are rear, the skip and third Martine Wilson; front, second Pegi Hayashi and lead Christa

## Horochuk the hero for Lotus

Dan Horochuk scored his second goal of the game, with one minute remaining in the third period, to give Lotus Gardens a 4-3 victory over Lumby Royals in White Valley Hockey League playoff action Tuesday night at the Lumby Arena.

Both teams now have one loss in the double-knockout playoff. Final game is scheduled tonight at 8 p.m. Scott McKinley and Ray Horochuk scored one apiece for the winners.

Faul Deuling, Jim White, and Jim Steycik replied for Royals.

The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and Lumby led 3-2 after the second.

Lotus' goalie Mike Kirk made 26 saves while Rick Ostroski blocked 20 shots for Royals.



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