



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.

HORSE WON'T WALK: TROT? LOPE?
Lavinia girl writes: "My horse will not walk, trot or lope right. When I ask for a walk, she does a jig or kick. When I ask for a lope, she runs. I would appreciate any help you can give."

You haven't mentioned the age of your horse. Assuming it is not a very old horse, you probably have no physical defects to prevent it from travelling properly. It sounds like you are just playing with this horse. You probably need to send this horse to a trainer for riding because you aren't making it do anything, except what it wants to. You should walk this horse for 15 minutes, trot it for 15 minutes and then lope it for 15 minutes, always making sure it is in the correct lead. You need to spend a bunch more time working this horse and not let it get away with doing what it wants. If you can't do it, get some professional training.

GIDDING BACKS IN A CLASS
Vernon girl writes: "I have a 4-year-old gelding which I've used all the training on myself. My problem is when we go to a horse show, he gives me trouble by sometimes kicking at other horses or even gives a buck or two. It doesn't matter whether it is a barback or saddle."

You probably aren't working this horse hard enough before going into a class. If you are going to enter this horse in pleasure classes you want to ride him at least an hour before the class.

By riding, I mean a lot of opening in circles. If he tries to buck, or lope too fast, tighten your cinch. He's still a pretty young horse and feeling his way.

As far as the kicking, have him more under control. You will probably help be sure to "up" yourself well spaced in a class as much as possible and don't let yourself get boxed into a corner where the gelding might get nervous and be more likely to kick or blow up.

HORSE HAPPENINGS
HORSE SALE: April 30th at 1 p.m. Armstrong Cowpale at the fair grounds. Sale and stabling all under one roof. For more information phone Fraser's Auction Services 546-6600.

Cougars record overtime victory

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
George Fritz scored at 9:58 of sudden death overtime Tuesday night to give Victoria Cougars a 4-3 win over Portland Winter Hawks in a Western Canada Hockey League playoff game before 4,604 fans.

The victory gave the Cougars a 2-3 record in the eight game round robin series to determine Western Division finalists. Portland is 1-4 and New Westminster Bruins are 4-0.

In other games, Brandon Wheat Kings defeated Regina Pats 5-1 and Billings Bighorns defeated Medicine Hat Tigers 6-2.

At Victoria, Fritz took a pass from Gary Lupul and beat goaltender Bill Hunter with a high backhand.

Doug Luyver, Brent Peterson and Ron Chorak scored for the Winter Hawks, who held period leads of 2-1 and 3-1. Geoffroy Robertsson, Don Fraser and Lupul were the other scorers for the Cougars, who held a 37-31 edge in shots on goal.

Kevin Eastman, a 17-year-old rookie from Lakelseville B.C. was in the Cougars net for the second straight Victoria victory.

At Brandon, Bill Derlago scored two first period goals to spark the Wheat Kings to their victory over Regina before 3,753 fans.

The win was Brandon's

CANUCKS KEEP ALIVE Sabres upset by Caps

By GLENN COLE
Buffalo Sabres could not quite pick up where time goes on their longest losing streak since the 1973-74 season while Washington Capitals have started playing their best hockey of the season a little bit late.

NHL Conference News

Montreal	15	21	12	17	13
Los Angeles	33	13	21	24	7
Pittsburgh	23	15	23	30	4
Washington	15	16	18	33	4
Boston	30	16	11	26	20
Toronto	22	17	21	23	19
Cleveland	41	20	26	29	9

Campbell Conference News

Islanders	15	17	22	20	10
Philadelphia	14	19	21	19	12
St. Louis	22	18	25	25	8
Rangers	29	14	23	24	7
Chicago	17	23	20	21	11
San Jose	20	17	24	26	5
Colorado	18	17	24	26	5
Minnesota	15	11	21	31	4

The Sabres, destined to finish second in the Adams Division for the third consecutive season, dropped a 4-3 decision to Washington for the 11th straight loss and now find themselves fifth in the National Hockey League overall standing.

Philadelphia Flyers still with a chance to capture the Patrick Division crown, moved into fourth place in the overall standings with a 3-3 tie over the Capitals.

In other games, Minnesota North Stars upset Colorado Rockies 5-3 and Vancouver Canucks edged St. Louis Blues 3-2 to get back into playoff contention.

In the World Hockey Association, left winger Marc Tardif scored two goals and two assists to set a league record for most points in a season as Quebec Nordiques clobbered Edmonton Oilers 9-1.

In another game, Houston Aeros defeated the Winnipeg Jets 6-3.

The Sabres have been at 101 points since edging Colorado Rockies 4-3 in Denver March 25. Since then they have lost 7-0 to Detroit Red Wings, 5-3 to Cleveland Barons, 3-2 to Toronto Maple Leafs, 4-2 to Atlanta Flames and to the Capitals.

Meanwhile the Capitals, who have 11 victories to "their credit," have tied Boston and Montreal Canadiens while dropping a 3-2 decision to the Islanders in the last week.

The Flyers, with three games to play, have 102 points, five behind the Islanders, who have two contests remaining.

Bob Bourne's power-play goal at 8:41 of the third period

gave the Islanders the lead and they now are two points away from ending the Flyers' three-year reign as champions of the Patrick Division.

The Rockies inability to win away from Denver hurt them again as their most recent loss to 2-7-31 with the loss to the North Stars.

Rookie Brad Maxwell broke a 1-1 tie early in the third period and the North Stars erupted for four goals in the final 20 minutes.

As a result, Colorado and Vancouver are tied for second place with 96 points in the Smythe Division and if they finish in a points tie, the team with the most victories will get second place and a playoff spot.

The Canucks have 20 victories compared with 18 for Vancouver and both teams have two games to play.

If both teams finish with the same 22 points, the Canucks then Colorado will claim second because they took nine of their 12 points from Vancouver this season.

ACEN FOOTBALL
In the West, the Nordiques clinched fourth place with the triumph over fifth-place Edmonton and tariff says his club is ready for the playoffs.

Quebec will play Houston in the WHA's first round. The Aeros are close to clinching third place and have 84 points, three ahead of Quebec.

Andre Lacroix scored two goals and added two assists to pace Houston to its win just after team owners announced the club was in its last WHA season and was applying for an NHL franchise.

Clenneth Schiltzer, one of five stockholders who purchased the team earlier this season, said the team would either play in the rival NHL or he and his partners would drop the WHA franchise.

No sponsor for golf tour

TORONTO (CP) — The Canadian Professional Golf Association has all but given up on finding a sponsor to back its tour. CPGA tour director Herb Holzschelzer said Tuesday.

"The matter of a national sponsor is all but dead for this year," said Holzschelzer. "There's difficulty in finding the amount of money needed to run a tournament this size. Peter Jackson put up about \$250,000 a year for prize money and promotions and that didn't include the Canadian Open or the Ladies Classic."

The tobacco company with drew its support after last year's tour and announced it will continue to sponsor only the Canadian Open, this year with a total purse of \$250,000, and the Ladies Professional Golf Association event.

"That leaves the tour, which had seven provincial events last year, in disarray. The Atlanta Open has been cancelled, the Quebec Open will likely be held with a purse as little as \$3,000 and the Manitoba Open is not yet confirmed."

The Ontario Golf Association is putting up its own money to stage a \$20,000 Ontario Open at St. Thomas June 16-18.

Whitacre reached an impasse with team owner Harry Ormest over operation of the team last week and entered his resignation Friday.

He made it official Tuesday following lengthy negotiations with Mission Brewery Ltd., which announced last month a promotional and marketing agreement with the team.

"I admit I made a mistake," Whitacre said. "You're never really in business for yourself until your own money is involved. I guess that's when I'll really have total control again."

Whitacre was named executive director of the year in 1977 in the PCI, for his work as general manager of Hawaii Islanders. He was owner and general manager of West Palm Beach Expos of the Florida State League for the previous five years.

Veets take stranglehold over Revelstoke Bruins

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Penetration Veet outshot Revelstoke Bruins 6-1-4 as they humbled the losers 10-4 Tuesday night to take a 3-0 stranglehold in their best-of-seven British Columbia Junior Hockey League quarter-final series.

In other games, Abbotsford Flyers doubled Bellingham Blazers 8-3, Nanaimo Clippers defeated Langley Lords 8-5, and Kamloops Chiefs beat Kelowna Buccaneers 6-4.

At Penitence, the Veets had period leads of 2-1 and 6-1 as they were led by three-goal performances by Ron Vincent and Ron Fitzgerald.

Walker scored twice and Andy Turner and Darcy Litschgaue scored singles.

Stu Robertson tallied twice for the losers while Harry Mahood and Doug Twidale added the others.

SQUARE SERIES
At Abbotsford, the teams were tied 1-1 after the first period but four unanswered goals in the second made the difference for the Flyers who earned their series at 2-2.

It was a team effort for the Veets as Don Werbeniuk, Rick Greenwood, Jim Dobson, Chris Chisholm, Brian Inkster, and Anthony McMurphy shared the Abbotsford scoring.

Steve MacDonald, Dave Brockhill and Alan Anderson tallied for Bellingham, which was outscored 4-0-3.

Abbotsford was assessed 13 of 25 minor penalties and a misconduct, and each team had a fighting major as the series continued to be a chippy affair.

In the third game at Bellingham, Flyer Pat McGill was charged with third degree assault after Blazer goalie Neal Girard was knocked unconscious. He skated to his dressing room.

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