



# 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 advice 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.

**BURRS!**  
This time of the year, if you have your horses out on pasture, you will probably be bothered by burrs in the mane and tail. Apart from just about pulling out their hair, a helpful hint to aid in getting them out is to pour baby oil on the burrs. Let them soak for a half hour or so and then carry them out. Don't forget that it is also that time of the year when shoes should possibly be pulled off, if your horse isn't being ridden and he's not **SPOILED FILLY!**  
Vernon girl writes: "... the filly I just got bites and kicks. When she bites I pop her on the nose, and she then rears and puts her ears back. It's the same with her kicking, but I slap her on the rump. What do you suggest I do?"

The important thing to remember is that when you discipline a horse and she resists it and fights back, you should continue disciplining her right then until she respects you. This applies both to the biting and kicking. With your kicking problem, if she kicks back at you when you pop her on the rump, hit her again, using a buggy whip so you won't get kicked. Strike her sharply, so she'll respect you and look around to see what happened, rather than just resent you. Keep this up until she does quit kicking and throwing her fits.

Whenever you correct a horse, always have a halter and lead on her so she can't get away from you. This helps the horse know she's being corrected and must respond. If she can get away, you're not curing anything. To apply the above philosophy to your biting problem, hit her hard on the chest with a bat when she bites. If she then rears, jerk hard on the lead and speak harshly to her. Be careful not to get too close so you could get pawed.

### HOSE HAPPENINGS

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### Daily News

# SPORTS

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## Cents stretch winning streak

**MERRITT (Staff)**  
Merritt "Centurians" don't do anything fancy, but they win a lot of hockey games.

Centurians stretched their winning streak to eight games Tuesday night with a 7-1 victory over Vernon Canadians in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before 250 fans.

Merritt used sharp passing, potential defence, and aggressive forechecking to dominate the game.

Centurians led only 1-0 at the end of the first period, but the shots on goal, 17-3, told the real story.

A steady stream of penalties caught up with Canadians early in the second period when Merritt banged in two quick powerplay goals. Goals led, and was well on its way.

Rod Danchuk, Randy Will Dale Ames, Gary Sirkin, Nick British, Rick Mettler, and Vernon minor hockey graduate Earl Smith scored for the Centurians.  
Another Vernon product, Glen Foster, assisted on two Merritt goals.

**ONLY GOAL**  
Terry Lowe got Canadians' only goal, on a pass from John Neild, midway through the third period.

Vernon was without Kevin Balfour, Tom Ouchi, and victory over Vernon Canadians, who are all injured, and Dean Hascarl, who is serving a three-game suspension.

In addition, Canadians lost defenceman Wayne Roberts early in the first period, for being the aggressor in a fight.

Three Salmon Arm juveniles filled in for Vernon, giving the club a total of 13 skaters.

Vernon goalie Len Lot made 40 saves while Merritt's Bob Poinatnik blocked 21 shots **CALLED BACK**  
Lot got more help from his defence. Merritt had two goals called back and rattled three shots off the post.

Canadians' General Merritt short-handed and expect to win. They've got a good hockey team and we weren't ready for them."

## FOLK WILL BE TOUGH

# Car Spiel starts on Friday



### TEAM OF THE WEEK

The W. L. Seaton Junior Secondary School girls' field hockey team recently captured the north zone title and qualified to compete in the valley championships. In November, at Kelowna in seven league games, Seaton won five, lost one, and tied one. The only loss was a 1-0 decision to Kalamalka, the zone's other representative in the Okanagan tournament. Most impressive effort was an 11-0 victory over

Shuswap, of Salmon Arm. Team members are, from left, back row, Deanne Robertson, Coach Ray Worley, Lynne Zwarzych, Angela Beaulieu, Mary Ann Aarsen, Jackie Haak, Donna Smith, and Connie Mhuise. Front row, Sherry Slobodin, June Turek, Heather Andrew, Charlene England, Laurie Kallens, Leslie Andrew, and Sue Steward. Missing is Theresa Cameron. (Daily News Photo)

**By DON KENDALL**  
Daily News Sports Editor  
The fifth annual Vernon Carling O'Keefe Car Spiel gets under way Friday at 8 a.m. at the Vernon Curling Club. Thirty-two rinks, from throughout Western Canada, will compete in the four-day event.

For the first time, the spiel's defending champion will not be on hand. Paul Gowell, of Calgary, is curling in S.M., and then carry them out. Don't forget that it is also that time of the year when shoes should possibly be pulled off, if your horse isn't being ridden and he's not **SPOILED FILLY!**

One of the men to beat will be Rick Folk, of Saanichton. Folk is the defending Saskatchewan champion and captured the national mixed title in 1974.

**TIED SPARKLES**  
In last year's Brier, he finished tied for second place with Vancouver's Bernie Sparkes, one game back of Ed Lakowich, of Alberta.

Folk told the Daily News the Vernon spiel compares favorably with any in Canada. He said, "There are only a handful of bonafide in the same league as Vernon - Edmonton, Calgary, and Regina come to mind. The competition is always extremely tough."

Folk Thompson is back as Folk's third and Tom Wilson is again throwing second rocks. However, Jim Wilson has replaced Roger Schmidt as lead.

**TROWING WELL**  
Folk said, "I'm sure we'll be heard from. We've got seven games under our belts this season and we're throwing the rocks pretty well."

What makes the personable Folk so tough to beat is the way he can adapt to any style of game. He is just as adept at playing draw, as takeout.

He said, "I think that is the main reason for our success - we can change our game plan at any time. If we're behind, we can draw. And if we're in front, we can hit good quality to keep the ice clean."  
Folk missed qualifying for



RICK FOLK  
... any style

the eight-team playoff in last year's car spiel by one game. But don't count on him going home early this time around.

**IN THE HOUSE:** A total of six Vernon rinks will be competing. Herb Van Grootel and Randy Brown qualified last weekend to join the four who went through the local competition the previous week.

Doog Hanson of Kelowna and Vancouver's John Campbell are the other two qualifiers from the open competition.

Fewee Pickering was elected as an MJA in last week's Saskatchewan provincial election. Fewee, who will be making his fifth consecutive appearance at the car spiel, ran as a Progressive Conservative.

The banquet and Spielfest will be held on Friday night.

## LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

**OCTOBER, 1973**  
Bad luck came in pairs for the Nanaimo Clippers in B.C. Junior Hockey League action on the week end with the Bellingham Blazers winning two games, by identical 2-1 scores.

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