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 a 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.

NEED FIRMER HAND

Vernon rider 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 can you suggest?"

The important thing to remember is that when you discipline a horse and she resents it and fights back, you should continue disciplining her right then until she respects you and stops what ever she was doing. 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 it. 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 he or she can't get away from you. This helps the horse know she's being corrected and must respond.

To apply the above philosophy to your biting problem, hit her hard on the chest (I never like to see a horse hit on the head) 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 get pawed.

I have been asked many times what is the best way to teach a horse to neck rein? My answer is as follows:

Neck reining can be a misleading term because the horse doesn't move entirely from rein pressure on the neck. He is also moving away from leg pressure. You start by reining two handed, with the inside rein you pull and position his head and neck into the arc of the turn. You lay the outside rein over the neck but with no pressure. At the same time you will be using your legs to cue him to turn. You move the inside leg away and slightly back. The outside leg you'll squeeze against him, actually forcing him to move away from the pressure. Always cue him the same and one day you'll find him turning just by a slight movement of the hand and the leg pressure.

FIRST WIN AGAINST LEADERS

Smith stops stunned Cents

(Daily News Photo)

By KEVIN MITCHELL
Daily News Writer

Some hockey fans will joke and tell you that goaltenders are a dog's best friend.

In other words, goaltenders are classified as weird or dumb, simply because they are brave enough to stand up and be a moving target for pucks going at extremely high speeds.

Trent Smith isn't weird or dumb, and who knows if he likes dogs, because the rookie netminder signed, sealed and delivered the hometown Vernon Canadians to an exciting 6-0 blanking of Merritt Centennials in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Tuesday night.

The win was the Canadians' first in nine attempts against the Centennials, who were shutout for the first time this season.

And what went right Mr. Smith?

"Everything . . . everybody was going well. We still made a few mistakes, but they just couldn't capitalize. It's about time we got the breaks.

"I felt I played pretty good," added Smith, I was praying a lot and waiting for the clock to wind down. I got lucky on one of those shots near the end as when I stopped it I looked up and it was going in behind me. I took a swing at it with my glove to knock it away."

TWO GOALS

Larry Pearson continued his fine ever-improving hustling game and managed to trigger a pair of goals for the winners who held period leads of 1-0 and 4-0.

Dale Slous, John Mercer, Dave Downton and Terry Lowe rounded out the Vernon scoring.

Lowe also collected a pair of assists to add to his league leading points total.

Merritt goaler Rob Polmatuin was not a Tom Ouchi fan Tuesday night as on no less than four excellent scoring chances Polmatuin thwarted Ouchi.

"I'm not looking, I'm just shooting," explained Ouchi, who along with Downton spent some time during the day with Ohio State University assistant hockey coach George Burke, who has scouted the interior Division teams thr past week.

Smith kicked out 37 Merritt drives in recording the victory, while Polmatuin turned aside 32 Vernon drives.

The scene in the Vernon dressing room following the big win was one of celebration.

And Pearson explains why his club beat the Division leading Centennials.

"Everybody was working hard because we wanted this game badly. Everyone was forechecking and skating well too . . . Yes, I had to work for my two goals. Anytime you get two goals in a tough hockey game you have to work for them. It was a great team effort tonight. It took us a few minutes to show everybody we were in the game, but everything started to click once we started hitting."

In other BCJHL action Tuesday night Kamloops Rockets remained five points up on Vernon in second place by downing Revelstoke Bruins 7-5, Kelowna Buckaroos defeated Penticton Vees 6-4, Nanaimo Clippers edged Langley Canadians 4-3 and Bellingham Blazers destroyed Delta Suns 11-3.

Tonight, Langley travels to Nanaimo and Abbotsford goes to Chilliwack.

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Two players battle for lead

As the North Okanagan Hockey League season heads down the home stretch, several things are yet to be decided.

Grindrod Elks have locked up first-place while Winfield Raiders and Revelstoke Selkirks have missed the playoffs. However, Westside Packers, Vernon Sport Cougars, and Rutland Molsons are battling for second-place and the home advantage in post-season play.

In the individual scoring race, Dave Caldow, of Vernon, and Grindrod's Gary Pearson continue to fight for top spot. Caldow has 72 points, two more than Pearson. Both players have five games remaining.

In the goal scoring department, Caldow's teammate Gary Gilchrist leads the NOHL with 33, two more than Winfield's Fred Parent. Gilchrist also leads the loop in penalty minutes, with 124, and winning goals, with five.

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
*Grindrod Elks	25	21	3	1	180	102	43
Westside Packers	26	14	10	2	151	124	30
Vernon Cougars	25	14	10	1	155	142	29
Rutland Molsons	24	13	11	0	141	117	26
Winfield Raiders	25	7	18	0	107	140	14
Revelstoke Selkirks	25	4	21	0	93	201	8

TOP 10 SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	G	A	Pts
Dave Caldow, Vernon		28	44	72
Gary Pearson, Grindrod		30	40	70
Gary Gilchrist, Vernon		33	29	62
Fred Parent, Winfield		31	19	50
Rick Harris, Grindrod		19	27	46
George Fargher, Grindrod		23	21	44
Tom Connatty, Packers		18	23	41
Ron Haggardt, Grindrod		16	25	41
Doug Oishi, Packers		16	24	40
Larry Keating, Rutland		14	26	40

PENALTY LEADERS

PLAYER	TEAM	PIM
Gary Gilchrist, Vernon		124
Lyle Brewer, Vernon		92
Clare Casaan, Winfield		85
Dave Lautsch, Winfield		85
Bernie Reed, Grindrod		81

WINNING GOALS

Gary Gilchrist leads NOHL with five winning goals. Eight players tied with 3 each — Larry Keating (Rutland), Gene Peacosh (Rutland), Chad Bodnar (Packers), Gary Pearson (Elks), Ron Haggardt (Elks), George Fargher (Elks), Rick Harris (Elks) and Don Oiswix (Rutland).

VOLLEYBALL SCOREBOARD

(Not including games played this week).

SUNDAY HONEYMOONERS

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
MCJ Victors	9	7	2	0	7
Tornados	9	7	2	0	7
Old Stylers	9	5	4	0	5
Camptown Racers	9	5	4	0	5
Hot To Go	9	5	4	0	5
Bill Busters	9	5	4	0	5
Friends	9	5	4	0	5
Outlaws	9	3	6	0	3
Sliders	9	2	7	0	2
M A S H	9	1	8	0	1

MAJOR MEN

aders	24	24	0	0	24
Vernon Cable TV	24	16	8	0	16
Ajax	24	13	11	0	13
Highball Stutters	24	11	13	0	11
Lucky Lagers	24	10	14	0	10
57 Selects	24	9	15	0	9
Village Green Spikers	24	8	16	0	8
Nads	24	6	18	0	6

MAJOR WOMEN

Village Green Inn	24	20	4	0	20
Woodstocks	24	20	4	0	20
Justice	24	15	9	0	15
Coldstream Hotel	24	12	12	0	12
Bumpers	24	11	13	0	11
Hotshots	24	7	17	0	7
Vernon Motor Products	24	7	17	0	7
Go Getters	24	4	20	0	4

INTERMEDIATE "A" WOMEN (RED DIVISION)

P T S	12	10	2	0	10
Thorne Birds	12	9	3	0	9
Geisha Girls	12	5	7	0	5
Multi Enterprises	12	4	8	0	4
Lively Set	12	3	9	0	3
Fallowfin	12	2	10	0	2

INTERMEDIATE "A" WOMEN (BLUE DIVISION)

Dirty Diggers	12	11	1	0	11
Jokers	12	8	4	0	8
Kootenay Six	12	7	5	0	7
Setters	12	6	6	0	6
B J's	12	4	8	0	4
M & M's	12	3	9	0	3

INTERMEDIATE "B" WOMEN (BEAIRSTO SCHOOL)

Guzzlers	12	10	2	0	10
Six Pack	12	9	3	0	9
Freestylers	12	6	6	0	6
Power Packs	12	5	7	0	5
Jim's Motley Crew	12	4	8	0	4
Ball Breakers	12	2	10	0	2

INTERMEDIATE "B" WOMEN (SILVER STAR SCHOOL)

Moonshiners	12	10	2	0	10
Shakers	12	10	2	0	10
P J A S	12	6	6	0	6
Seven Up	12	5	7	0	5
Scrapers	12	3	9	0	3
Wonder Women	12	2	10	0	2

INTERMEDIATE "B" WOMEN (REC COMPLEX)

Spinoffs	12	8	4	0	8
Shell Oil (Twin Elves)	12	6	6	0	6
Silver Six	12	6	6	0	6
Honey Bunch	12	4	8	0	4

HYDRO CHAMPS

Vernon's Doug Spencer rink captured the 'A' event in the recent B.C. Hydro Bonspiel at the Vernon Curling Club. Members of the winning team are from left, back row, lead Gord Frentice and second Fred Fowler; front, third Don Ehalt and skip Spencer. Ole Ekren, of Salmon Arm, won the 'B' event while Mica Creek's Rick McDougall captured the 'C' event. Twenty-four teams, from throughout the Southern Interior, took part in the spiel.

Vernon Pee Wees ready for tourney

By DALE MAJOR
Daily News Sports

The Vernon Watkin Motor Pee Wee Reps have been playing improved hockey lately since dropping a decision to a tough Kamloops squad, the locals have reeled off five straight victories against some stiff competition.

As they take to the ice for the eighth annual Vernon Winter Carnival Pee Wee Invitational Hockey Tournament they couldn't pick a better time to put things together.

Vernon Co-coach Mel Major wasn't too interested in making any predictions about his team, but he did say, "If we play to our capabilities, we'll be tough. Lately we've been moving the puck the best we ever have and against Kamloops we played extremely well and should have actually beat them."

DESIRE AND PRIDE

Major feels the team's strength lies in its desire and pride. He said, "We have a lot of pride on our club and the desire to do good. Fundamentally we have some excellent skaters on this team, but we do fall behind some of the other clubs in conditioning since they get five or six hours a week of practice to our one."

"I don't know much about the other teams in the tourney, having only played Fort Saskatchewan who beat us in overtime in Red Deer, but I think we'll handle them down here. The two other teams I'll be watching for are Brandon and Saskatoon."

Going into the tournament, the Vernon team will be without the services of Les Olsen who will sit out with a broken collar bone. Bruce Major, who suffered a fractured collarbone 10 days ago will play with a protective brace.

The Vernon coach said, "Bruce will be limited somewhat and we'll miss some of his work in the corners. Losing Les is a real disappointment since he is the kind of player that really gives the team a lift."

FIRST ROUND

First round games Thursday have defending champion North Shore Winter Club taking on Brandon at 1 p.m.; Fuller Lake, B.C. going up against Fort Saskatchewan at 3:30 p.m.; Vernon battling with Santa Rosa, Calif. at 6 p.m.; and Saskatoon meeting Terrace at 8:30 p.m.

Allison wins hoop contest

Allison and the Dirty Dunkers both triumphed in Vernon Intermediate Men's Basketball quarter-final action at Fulton Junior Secondary School Tuesday night.

Allison smoked the Red Devils 73-40 and the Dirty Dunkers disposed of the OK College Padres 38-25.

Next action is Tuesday when Allison tangles with Coldstream Bruins and Fulton Academicals take on the Padres.

BOXER STARS IN FILMS

Heavyweight boxer Ken Norton played the leading role in two films, Mandingo and Drum.

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Cahan and Buchanan disagree on everything

By KEVIN MITCHELL
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Larry Cahan and Mike Buchanan agree that the Vancouver Canuck Oldtimers are a good hockey team, but that's about all they agree on.

Both former Western Hockey League stars were in Vernon last weekend to take on the Vernon Oldtimers in a charity match at the Civic Arena.

When asked if they were in favor of a National Hockey League and World Hockey Association merger here's what they had to offer.

"It sounds like a good idea," said Buchanan, who added, "there's some good hockey centres in the WHA, especially in Canada with cities like Quebec, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Calgary where they have good hockey people and good arenas."

Cahan disagreed with the possibility of a merger.

$1 PERFORMANCE

"No, I would totally disagree with that simply because there are not enough good hockey players around. The bottom line is asking fans to pay $10 for a ticket and seeing a $1 performance on the ice. I speak for myself because I played in the WHA when I was 40 and there's no way I should have been there.

"The calibre of the WHA comes right down to the fact that some players who leave go on to play senior hockey where they aren't even one of the better players. Fans are not getting their money's worth so we've got to go to a protection system where each team can carry 10 players and then we won't have so much of the haves and the have-nots."

When asked to speak of the player they found the most exciting in professional hockey today, Buchanan said the following.

"I like this guy Salming on defence with Toronto, he's very exciting offensively."

LIKES LAFLEUR

Cahan, also known as Hank, said, "I think Salming is one of the reasons Toronto can't get out of third place. I watch him closely and if you ever watch his goals against record it's horrendous. I don't think he's a good team player . . . I think Lafleur is the best thing that has happened to hockey by a country mile. He's like an Orr, Howe or Hull. He's got that dynamic knack of dominating a game."

Cahan agrees that hockey needs more Lafleurs, but he said kiddingly, "People are always asking where do you find more Guy Lafleurs or Cahans, but the problem is where do you find these guys."

And on the subject of owners.

Buchanan said, "Some of them in the U.S. are on ego trips, owning a big league team is a toy for them. It's also a tax write-off for them. Look at Ted Turner with Atlanta (Braves of Major League Baseball), he gets his name in the paper because of his team more than he would with his large corporation."

Cahan feels the federal government's decision to spend more than $18 million on the expansion of arenas in Quebec City, Winnipeg, Hamilton and Edmonton was a good idea.

LARRY CAHAN
. . . attacks Salming

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

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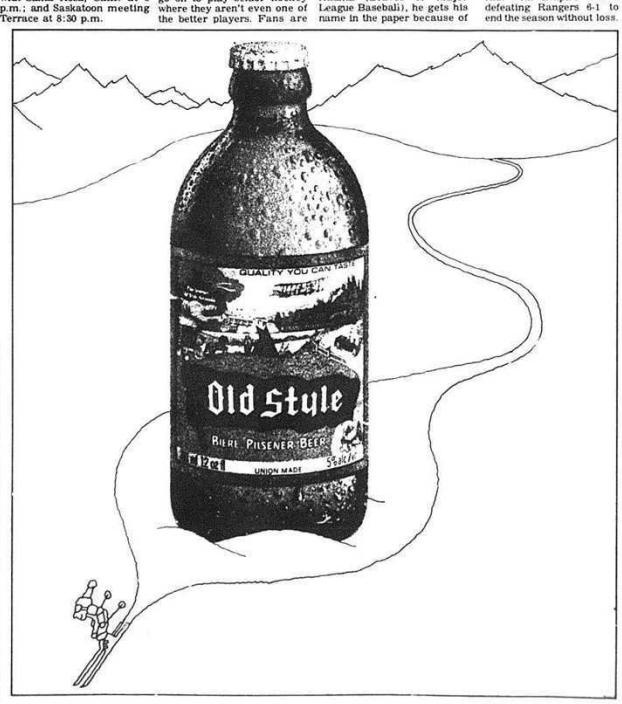
Junior Pup play ended its regular season play Saturday at the outdoor rink with Empire Meats defeating Rangers 6-1 to end the season without loss.