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HOOF BEATS with Jeane White

A weekly column to aid the novice horseperson. In my column of Aug. 27, we had finished backing our horse pony and we had decided that if he was still quite young then he should be turned out to mature a bit.

There is a great temptation to carry on with a big strong two-year-old and the fact that they are raced as two-year-olds doesn't help! Let's just deal with that one first! The racing thoroughbred is generally very well done from birth. That means that he has had very special care and attention and particularly feeding. All of this helps a great deal towards his strength and development and the racing people, in their wisdom, feel he is then ready to race as a two-year-old. My personal views on this are fairly strong but as I do not wish to start a raging controversy on a much debated subject, suffice it to say that I do wish they would wait until the animal was at least three-years-old. If economics permitted, I am sure this would be the case.

A horse is still growing into his sixth year and he needs time to develop properly if he is to last a reasonable time. Horses pushed on too early and too hard will break down eventually on one way or another. I do not, however, advocate leaving our youngster to his own devices for three years! He would be far too strong for us and a bit set in his ways no doubt and so this is why the ideal situation is to handle the colt from birth and follow a training program.

THE RIDDEN HORSE We have now done all the things discussed in previous columns and have our two-year-old, or long yearling, ready for re-training, ready to progress from the handling, leading, long-reining and lunging stage. We have been on his back and have lunged quite a while. We have also, at some time in his training, walked him out on the roads while leading him, to get him used to things other than his own familiar surroundings. I will then spend about two, half-hour sessions per day of ridden work in the arena. This will consist of trying to achieve free forward movement and also to handle the colt with the brakes and steering work.

For the first day on his own, so to speak, I like to have an assistant handy. Our horse has presumably done his walk-ons and halts correctly on the lunge, long rein and with me on his back with an assistant walking beside. Now we want to see if he will associate all this with just me up there where he can't see me, and remember that there was a touch of the leg with the walk command, as well as a release on the mouth pressure. If he moves forward on commands and halts when asked, I will dispense with my assistant and make a number of circuits of the arena on both reins (right and left), also making frequent halts and easy turns. After a couple of days of this, if he is obeying well, I will ask my assistant to saddle up a quiet horse and we will go out on a L-ail, road, or whatever, (not the busiest road in town for the first time.) One of the tricks of training is to make sure you always put yourself in a winning position. Think ahead and plan so that you always have the advantage. As a little exercise - if your horse tends to move forward when mounting, then mount him with his nose up against a wall - not with the wide open spaces opening up in front of him.

WORK ON THE TRAIL One of our main objects in riding out will be to make up our animal. The trail is preferable to the arena for a number of reasons: It's interesting, so boredom (sourness) doesn't set a quiet animal beside him calm and reassure the young horse, giving him confidence. He will learn to negotiate hills with a clicker on his back (which is quite different from him doing it on his own). If time allows, I like to work a bit in the arena and ride out with the youngster each day and be always in the same order.

NO COLLECTION YET I do not use any artificial aids at this time such as manacles, tie downs, etc. If riding Westerns and he makes a sudden start, causing me to lose balance, I can grab the horn rather than hang on his mouth. If riding English, a neck strap is placed around his neck as a neck strap to serve the same purpose. It is most important not to jab the mouth in any way during the training period. The horse finds his own balance and do not try to collect him up in any way. However, he must move forward and no dragging of nose along the ground or stir leaning.

Next week - the training continues.

Racing meet scheduled

Okanagan Valley Pony Association will hold a two-day race meet this weekend at the Interior Provincial Exhibition grounds in Armstrong.

Racing gets under way Saturday, at 2 p.m., and Sunday, at 1 p.m. There will be a gymkhana held in conjunction with the meet.

Okanagan Valley Pony Association Secretary Charlotte Colter told the Daily News she is expecting a good turnout of racers.

We'll have racers from throughout B.C. and for students, 11 for pensioners, and children under 12 will be admitted free.

Skiers meet on Thursday North Okanagan Cross-country Ski Club will hold its annual general meeting Thursday, at 7:30 p.m., in the senior citizens' centre at the Vernon Recreation Complex.

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VERNON LAKERS' forward Rod Trentini holds on to the puck for a split-second before flipping it over Revelstoke goalie Brian Barnard during BCJHL exhibition action Tuesday night at the Civic Arena. This shot, which gave Trentini his second goal of the game, proved to be the winner as Lakers dumped the Rockets 8-6. The BCJHL regular season gets under way Friday. (Daily News Photo)

Need helps Vernon dump Revelstoke 8-6

Vernon Lakers defeated Revelstoke Rockets 8-6 in B.C. Junior Hockey League pre-season action Tuesday night before 210 fans at the Vernon Civic Arena. Those who attended the game were amazed when forward John Need skated on to the ice for the Lakers. Need had been traded Sunday by Seattle Breakers to New Westminster Bruins, of the Western Hockey League. Only hours before he was scheduled to leave for New Westminster, Need decided to ignore the trade and stay in Vernon. Need's Coach Russ Newton said, "Having John stay with us is a big plus. We couldn't replace a guy with his ability."

New Westminster reportedly surrendered goaltender Tracey Chapman and an unspecified amount of cash to acquire the tier one rights to Need. Need had a goal and assist in Tuesday's game to give him 21 points in six exhibition games. Newton said, "I think 'ohn realizes if he has a good season with us, he has a chance to be drafted by an NHL club."

TWO EACH Brian Ingram, Rod Trentini, and Darren Wetzel scored two goals each for Vernon while Dallas Gaurme and Need added singles.

Fred Bower replied with two goals for the Rockets with singles from Kelly Smith, Dav. Kirby, Murray Matheson, and Barry LeCase. Lakers led 5-2 after the first period and stretched that margin to 6-2 early in the second before Rockets narrowed the gap to 7-6 after 40 minutes.

CHEAP SHOTS It was evident from the start of the game that Revelstoke would try to intimidate the smiler Vernon club. On several occasions, the Rockets took cheap shots at Lakers' goalie Rex Sliak. The result was a total of eight major and 22 minor penalties being handed out.

Ingram was assessed a match penalty for spearing, which carries an automatic three-game suspension. Newcomer Eric Smith and Jeff Vest were two of the best performers for Lakers. Vest, 20, skated well and mixed it up in the corners. Smith, who joined the team Monday after two years with Merritt Centennials, saw

Garbutt said. The rookie coach is counting on four players to be the team's backbone. Defender Grant Nixon, midfielders Brian Dooling and Al Gee, and forward Dwight Mueller are considered the team leaders.

Dooling, one of the seven veterans, feels this year's club is not as strong as the 1979 version. "Our defence is a bit weak and we'll really miss Kelly Schley."

Schley, who graduated last year, was the key player on Vernon's backfield. Gee doesn't see much difference between the two coaches. He said "Garbutt, and B'okes coach the same type of game plan so I don't think we'll have to change our style much."

With goaltending and some other positions a question mark, Garbutt feels his strong midfield will determine the club's success this year.

SPORTS BRIEFS Untouchables record shutout

Al Christianson and John McGuire scored two touchdowns each to lead Untouchables to a 2-0 win over Wardhill Equipment in Men's Intermediate Flag Football League play this week at VSS. In other games, Fullon edged Torns 13-12, Coogers trounced Price, and Markle, 33-0, and Tigers defeated RCMP by default.

IN TOP SPOT Screaming Eagles took over sole possession of first place in the North Okanagan Men's Road Hockey League with a 3 win over Tigers this week at Centennial Outdoor Rink. For Eagles, it was their win in as many games. In other contests, Screaming Lizards dumped Godde's Mini Motors 8-5 and Camels doubled Seletas 4-2.

TWO GAMES' Vernon City Soccer League playoffs resume tonight, at 8:30 p.m., with two games at MacDonald Park. First-place National Hotel Oldtimers take on Riverside Dynamo while Vernon Motor Products tackles Lumby Kickers.

CLINIC TONIGHT There will be a women's volleyball clinic tonight, from 7 to 10:30 p.m., at Clarence Fullon Junior Secondary School. Players of any calibre are invited to attend. Cost is \$2 per person. Instructors will be Denis Murdoch, Cyril Foster, Chris and Vicki Nelson.



LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

SEPTEMBER, 1975 Two Vernon hockey players are scheduled to leave within the next week for National Hockey League camps. Kerry Holland will be leaving for Toronto Maple Leafs while Eddie Johnstone will be heading out for New York Rangers.

SKATERS REGISTER

Registration for the Vernon Figure Skating Club was held recently at the Recreation Centre. Carena Pike, a beginner, fills out her registration form with the assistance of Pat Parkinson, second vice-president and co-chairman for CPSA tests. The club will accept additional registrations during regular skating hours. (Daily News Staff Photo)

BOYS and GIRLS 12 to 18 years

JOIN AIR CADETS RED LION SQUADRON - VERNON TRAINING THURSDAYS 7:00 P.M.

Logo for Red Lion Squadron and list of Squadron Activities: 2 Week - 6 Week - 8 Week - Summer Camps, Fly in Gliders and powered Aircraft, Radio controlled Gliders and powered Airplanes (models), Aviation and industrial tours, Sports activities, Photography, Range firing, Link Trainer, Rocketry, Leadership, Citizenship, Uniforms. Includes 'JOIN NOW!' and 'SQUADRON LOCATION HUT No. E8 CAMP VERNON'.

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The Ender Figure Skating registration is held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. again Saturday, 2 to 4 p.m. This active and substantial program has been running for years, with no passing. The pro-Ed Edwards, for and between participants. The club's school was with more involved in sessions. Th looking at summer ahead ice weekend p.m. at the i kee times ar Thursdays fr The big ev fund-rais again be f skaters and with less an December. For more i club, phone 9280. LUMBY Registratio and District Club is Thur p.m. at Charc in Room 113. About 60 a

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