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HOOF BEATS

with Jeanne White

A weekly column to aid the novice horseperson.

RESTRAINT

It is all very well for a person of slight build and strength to handle large and strong horses when they are willing; but what happens when they are not?

Picture a 17-hand thoroughbred really full of beans being led by a 110 pound groom standing roughly five feet tall! In fact, this situation occurs regularly around a lot of race tracks where jockeys must double as grooms and one doens't often see the poor chap dangling from the end of a lead shank!

Keeping a lively horse under control on the ground for a novice owner seems to present more than its share of problems and so we will deal with a few methods in the interests of safety.

TRY MILDEST FIRST

Obviously one would not start off with the most severe form of control when a problem occurs if one is logical and concerned with the future of this animal and the relationship with it.

One of the most simple forms of restraint is the shank with a chain attached with a clip on the end of it. This can be used in a number of ways and it is important to know WHY you are using it.

For example, if the problem is a rearing horse, then attaching the chain under his chin would simply make the problem worse. If your horse is playing about with little rears (or big ones) and generally not wanting to settle down when he is being led, take the chain and thread it through a halter ring on the left side near the cheek bone and up over the nose and clip onto the opposite ring in the halter on the right side. In this way, pressure can be exerted on the nose when the horse tries to rear or jump about.

If he does not want to go forward, I would suggest a combination of the chain and shank, attached as above — you stand facing forward with your right shoulder by his left shoulder, chain end and shank in your right hand under his chin. Your left hand will hold a long whip or stick and will reach behind you to the left, giving him a tap on the rump at the same time you give the voice command to move on.

VARIATIONS OF THIS METHOD

Try the over-the-nose method first and if this does not work, the chain can be threaded through the mouth to be used as a bit. Next in severity would be placing the chain through the mouth but just under the upper lip. Sometimes it is necessary to use one of the above mehtods in conjunction with a twitch, which is a piece of twine or fine rope threaded through a hole in a top of a broom handle. This is then placed around the horse's upper lip and the twine is twisted. This must never be used for longer than 10 minutes at a time.

USE ONLY WHEN NECESSARY

These methods of restraint are not described here so they can be used as a regular thing or in place of training. These are for emergency situations. For instance, a horse may have injured himself and will not stand still to be sewn up. He is frightened and we must stay very calm for if we do not, he will become more frightened and this will make the whole situation worse.

Overfeeding, combined with lack of exercise, can also produce a horse that is difficult to control. Use the methods of restraint if absolutely necessary in a given situation, but afterwards think out the problem and work at solving it so it does not arise again.

COMING EVENTS

The B.C. Interior Arabian Horse Association is holding its annual Christmas party early this year and all are welcome. It will be at the Kelowna Riding Club Sat., Nov. 15. Phone 545-9896 for more information. A fun auction will also be held the same evening.

CRISS ASSUMES DUTIES

Lakers' coach resigns

CLOWNS COMING

Cowboy Cornelius and the rest of the Harlem Clowns will bring Clownball, their brand of basketball, to the Vernon Senior Secondary School gymnasium Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. The 1980-81 edition of Vernon Panthers will provide the opposition. Clowns have played throughout North America and toured overseas twice. A capacity crowd is expected.

Vernon Lakers' Coach Russ Newton resigned his post with the B.C. Junior Hockey League team Tuesday.

Under Newton, Lakers had won only two of 17 games so far this season.

Lakers' Director Vern Dye told the Daily News that Newton made the right move. "With our record, Russ did the only thing he could do," Dye said. "There were other problems, including a personality clash with several players, that also contributed to his decision."

Newton is in Clagary and was unavailable for comment at press time.

INTERIM COACH

Dye announced that Gary Criss has been named as interim coach. Criss played defence in the BCJHL with Merritt Centennials, Bellingham Blazers, and Vernon. He spent the last two seasons with Quesnel Kangaroos, of the Cariboo Intermediate League.

Criss was behind the bench Tuesday for Lakers' 7-1 loss to Penticton Knights, in Penticton.

Dye said, "our first job is to build the team into a contender. We've lost a few players in the past couple of weeks and we hope to get them back."

LOST SMITH

Winger Bruce Dougherty quit the club in October. Veteran Earl Smith left the Lakers last weekend and did not make the trip Tuesday.

"We can't afford to lose guys like Smith and Dougherty," Dye said. "We had the talent here to win our share of games."

Newton is the second coach Lakers have lost this season. Assistant Coach Ken Brown-John resigned his post in early October after a disagreement with President Hank Aarsen.

RUSS NEWTON ... resigns

Aarsen is currently holidaying in Europe.

SCORED TWICE

In Penticton, Barry Huber led the Knights with two goals while Bob Shaw, Craig Redmond, Bob Larscheid, Brent Gropp, and Greg Wilson added singles.

Darryl James got Vernon's only goal after a pretty passing play involving Dave Fish and Vaughn Peoples.

Penticton held period leads of 2-0 and 4-1.

Criss was impressed with his club's penalty killing. "We took too many bad penalties," he said. "But, our penalty killers did a good job. Knights only scored two powerplay goals, in 10 opportunities."

BUSY NIGHT

Penticton goalie Bruce Campese, who made 22 saves, and Vernon netminder Darren Zupp were standouts. Zupp had a busy night, particularly in the second period, when he made 16 stops.

Criss said, "We played good, fundamental hockey. If we had cashed in on our scoring chances in the first period, it might have been a different story. The score wasn't indicative of the play."

Many of the players welcomed the coaching change. Defenceman Darcy Lepine said, "I'm sure our practices will be different . . . and better. I think the team will start heading in the right direction."

BUTT-END

Defenceman Roger Foulds took a butt-end in the ribs, in the second period. He is scheduled to have x-rays today.

Lakers are back in action Saturday, in Revelstoke.

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Tassie defends title at cross-country meet

Vernon's Jane Tassie captured first-place at the Okanagan Cross-country Championships on Tuesday, in Clearwater.

For Tassie, a grade 12 student at VSSS, it was her second consecutive valley title. She covered the 2.6 mile course in 18 minutes, 19 seconds.

Second-place Cynthia Karras, of Salmon Arm's J. L. Jackson School, finished about 100 metres behind Tassie.

Roxy Prevost, of Lumby's Charles Bloom School, earned third spot.

FELT GOOD

"It was the best race I've had in a long time," Tassie said. "I had no tightness at the start of the race and my legs felt good all the way."

She has been hampered by a hip injury for most of the cross-country season.

In team competition, Charles Bloom placed first followed by Salmon Arm, VSSS, and Okanagan Mission.

Top five Vernon runners, who contributed to the placing, were Tassie, Donna Hanson, Diane Schell, Michele Murray, and Mardy Kristian.

BOYS' RACE

In the boys' team event, Salmon Arm was first followed by VSSS, Charles Bloom, and Kelowna.

Three Salmon Arm runners, Brent Tanemura, Chris Maika, and Steve Reid were the first boys to cover the 3.8 mile course. Bob Fitzsimmons, of VSSS, finished fifth.

Along with Fitzsimmons, Mike dePfyffer, Mel Rimer, Richard Haymond, and Derek Smith helped Vernon attain its second-place standing.

B.C. FINALS

About 75 boys and 50 girls took part in the event. Top four teams and the top 10 individual runners qualify for the B.C. Championships, on Nov. 15, in Vancouver's Stanley Park.

VSSS Coaches Greg Fraser and Jack Yamoaka were pleased with their team's showing.

Fraser said, "Jack and I were quite encouraged by the team's performance. We feel our runners, particularly the boys, will do well at the B.C. finals.

"One thing we have to do is improve the time of our fifth boy (Smith). If we can get his time up closer to the others, we'll be a real contender."

PIN POINTS

OCTOBER 26
SUNDAY MIXED 7-9

Women's High Single Carol Skotmore, 331. High Average Carol Skotmore, 223.

Men's High Single Marcel Gallon 290. High Triple Marcel Gallon 770. High Average Marcel Gallon 236.

Team High Single Pinners 1119. High Triple 5 Plus 1 219.

300 Club Carol Skidmore 331.
700 Club Carol Skidmore 739.

TEAM STANDINGS

Dyckes Ins	210
Stompers	206½
Bradley Bunch	182

OCTOBER 27
MONDAY MIXED 9-11

Women's High Single May Turek 343. High Triple May Turek 809. High Average May Turek 228.

Men's High Single Mike Orobko 292. High Triple Ira Arnold 701. High Average Mark Katzalay 241.

Team High Single What Eagles 1392. High Triple What Eagles 3797.

300 Club May Turek 341. Leanne Hews 307.

TEAM STANDINGS

What Eagles	252
Gravel Pits	227
Head Pins	211½

OCTOBER 27
MONDAY MIXED 7-9

Women's High Single Ihlma Schuh 262. High Triple Lil Jamieson 695. High Average Lil Jamieson 226.

Men's High Single Louis Vincent 331. High Triple Louis Vincent, 816. High Average Barry Gourlie, 241.

Team High Single Army and Navy 1368. High Triple Army and Navy 3769.

300 Club Louis Vincent 331, Marcel Gallon 302.
800 Club Louis Vincent, 816.

TEAM STANDINGS

Funseekers	277
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Coasters	208½
Army and Navy	205
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Pin Ups	199½
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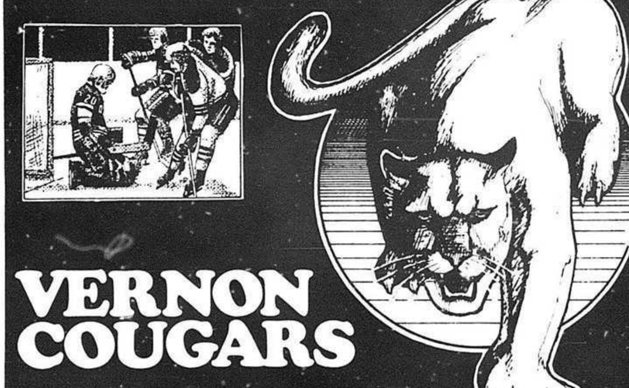

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Sat., Nov. 8, 11 a.m.
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