



Kal Tire Racing Team busy 12 months a year

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GOOD BYE 1980! You were a good year but it is always exciting to welcome in a new one. Resolutions are fun to make even if we don't keep them all. I trust you didn't forget a little extra something for old Dobbin's Christmas dinner after you indulged in your turkey and trimmings!

SOMETHING SUCCEFUL! During the winter, when your horse can't get the tender grass roots, apples, carrots, turnips, in fact most root vegetables, are relied in your horse's daily diet. One whole rather than cut them into nice round circles! These can choke a horse. If you wish to cut them, then slice them lengthwise - it is safer.

HORSE YEAR IN REVIEW
 It was a very busy year for horses in the Okanagan with activities for everyone from Pony Club to Three-Day Eventing. I saw a lot of activity in Competitive Trail Riding, with more people than ever finding they could combine their pleasure riding with competition, but without the spit and polish and feverish activity of the show scene - nor the increasing expense!

Shows had most of the normal classes, with an increase in the driving and sidesaddle classes. Driving, particularly, with the increased price of gasoline and the enjoyable method of transport for shorter distances one day, the world is in too much of a hurry to way and there is nothing nicer than to saddle or harness up and combine business with pleasure!

When we were in England, we always exercised the hunters by riding one and ponying two to do our weekly banking in the village 10 miles away. The fairer was visited 15 miles away by hitching a pony to the trap and leading the horses to be shod behind. The groceries could be picked up at the same time. Fortunately, we did not have to contend with the enormous trucks - these were only allowed on the main highways in our area, leaving the country roads (which were many, and delightful) to cars, bicycles and foot traffic. I never ceased to amaze me how much more I saw when going by horse. If only one could afford to live content here. However, we have a little paradise right here and if we could just get rid of a lot of the traffic and get back to a few basics I am sure we would all be better off in the Okanagan.

Local fairs were well attended and the horse entries were bigger than ever. The B.C. Summer Games were successful. All in all, our local riders have held their own in local, provincial and national competitions.

BREEDERS DO WFL!
 Local breeders have shown their best in 1980 with many successes in the show ring and the marketplace. They have proven that we can produce the best in the country right here.

GUIDE REPORT

Kalamalka Derby all set

BY SMOKKY TRUMBLEY
DERBY NOW CERTAIN
 Because of the very unusually mild weather so far this winter - the big Lake January 1 to January 11, 1981 is now a certainty. There is no way the lake will freeze over regardless how cold the temperature gets from now until closing date.

The fishing derby we are talking about is CKAL's Kalamalka Hatchery Pond Fishing Derby. Winter fishermen will have the opportunity to set a line in one of the largest winter fishing derbies ever to take place in fresh water. Non-fishermen who are community minded and would like to see the sport fishery in Kalamalka and Okanagan Lakes enhanced will also be able to take part in the big derby by purchasing a derby ticket and depositing it in a container at Seymour Marina (the weigh-in station). You may win a 1981 Skidoo snowmobile which is the fourth prize and the winner in this event will be determined by a draw of all derby tickets sold. "Harrie and Leisure, and NOCA Dairy are fourth prize sponsors.

\$5,000 IN PRIZES
 Prizes in the first annual CKAL Kalamalka Hatchery Pond Fishing Derby total \$5,000. First prize for the Largest Rainbow or Lake Trout 12 foot aluminum boat - Harbor Manufacturing

By DON KENDALL
 Daily News Sports Editor

Blair Peden's Formula Ford racing car is getting as much attention this winter as it does on race tracks during summer months.

Peden's car is touring B.C. to publicize the provincial government's Counterattack program, which promotes safe and sober driving.

The car has been displayed for the past several weeks at malls and schools throughout the Okanagan. Next month it leaves the area for a more extensive tour.

IN VANCOUVER
 After a week-long stint at the Vancouver International Auto Dealer Show, the car will embark on a 35-city tour, co-ordinated by Kal Tire.

Peden's sponsor, according to Peden, his sponsor has made it possible for him to continue racing and promoting Counterattack. "Since we formed the Kal Tire Racing Team last August, the company has been fantastic."

Peden, a probation officer, promotes Counterattack as a community service. "We receive no money from Counterattack. I've seen and heard about a lot of terrible things related to drinking. I want to do something to help keep drinking drivers off the road."

Shortly after the promotional tour is completed, the 1981 racing season opens, in April. Peden plans to compete in 15 races next year at tracks in Vancouver, Portland, Seattle, Victoria, Spokane, and Edmonton.

WON RACE
 After winning a race last summer, Peden is excited about his chances. "We're putting in a new 1600 cc motor this season, which should make a big difference. Our top speed will be about 160 miles per hour."

Racers need every edge they can get. At one event last year in Seattle, the difference in qualifying times between the first 18 cars was only 1.5 seconds.

Peden said, "I'm hoping to do well enough to qualify for the Canadian championships (Mosport, Ontario) and the Canadian Grand Prix (Montreal)."

EXPENSIVE HOBBY
 The racing and travelling cost money. Peden's Formula Ford is valued at about \$15,000 and Peden estimates it will cost him \$10,000 to operate his vehicle in 1981.

"Kal Tire, and my other sponsors, give me 90 per cent cooperation. I couldn't do it without them," Peden said.

He also receives assistance from Ford Motor Company, Good Year, Star Auto Body, and mechanic Ken Stone, of Kelowna's Performance Unlimited.

"There are more than 100 Formula racing cars on the circuit... and only seven of them won races last year," he said. "I plan to be a member of that winner's group again."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Smith traded to Buckaroos
 Vernon Lakers former captain Earl Smith has been traded to the Kelowna Buckaroos for an undisclosed amount of cash and a player to be named later.

Laker director Vern Dye said the trade was made Tuesday in other Laker news, the team will be meeting MERRITT here, Friday and will be hosting Kelowna, Sunday. Game times respectively: Dye said he hopes the team gets good fan support for the games to help keep the team going.

DEMANDS SAFETY
CINCINNATI AP - Pitcher Tom Hummel wants him to ask for an unusual provision in his next contract with Cincinnati Reds - a guarantee that on road trips he'll stay in a hotel room within safe jumping distance of the ground. Hummel and his wife, along with Reds pitcher Bill Bonham and his wife, were staying at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas when it burned in

November, killing more than 80 people.

FINISHES FIRST
QUEBEC (CP) - Gaetan Boucher of Ste. Foy and Sylvie Daigne of Sherbrooke, Que. continue Tuesday in the Canadian speedskating Olympic-style senior championships Tuesday will be a first-place finish in both the 500 and 1,000-meter events. Boucher won the 500-meter event for senior men earlier in the week.

PROVIDES FREEDOM
NEW YORK (AP) - A clause in the new basic agreement between the players and owners is reported to have a provision under which veterans such as Fred Lynn of Boston Red Sox could become free agents immediately. said Marvin Miller, executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association.

RACING DRIVER Blair Peden looks over his Formula Ford with Kal Tire representatives Larry Martin, left, and Dennis Crawford, right. Kal Tire sponsors the car and as a community service, the vehicle promotes the provincial government's Counterattack program. Peden plans to compete in 15 races throughout B.C., Alberta, and Washington State next year. (Daily News Photo)

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

DECEMBER, 1975
 Vernon Royals placed third in their own girls' basketball tournament over the weekend at VSSS. Royals dumped Kelowna.

DECEMBER, 1975
 Vernon hammered Kerrisdale 9-3 Monday to move into the final game of the Christmas Pee-wee Hockey Tournament.

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