

JUVENILE HOCKEY

Vernon advances to finals

HOOF BEATS

with
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A weekly column to aid the novice horseperson. Signs of spring are unmistakably about and with thoughts turning to outdoor riding, you may be considering increasing the number of your horse family. Or, you may be purchasing a horse for the first time but will have to keep it in a field boarding with other horses. We will discuss today the approach to take when introducing the new horse to a field of horses who have been living together for some time. It is a process that requires some thought and caution in order to avoid fights and perhaps injuries.

INTRODUCING THE NEW HORSE

In any herd of horses, no matter how large or small, there is an established pecking order, or chain of command. The Boss Horse, whoever he or she may be, has first choice of friends, water, food and shelter and defers to no one. The second in command has second choice of all the desirable goodies, obeying only the Boss Horse, and so it goes on down the scale until we reach the poor wretch at the bottom of the ladder who is chased and bullied by all, not unlike the human social system, especially at school. When a herd is established, every horse knows its place and is more or less happy in it without too many skirmishes, but what happens when we disturb this community by adding another member?

The Boss Horse can be of either sex and size is not a determining factor. My son recently owned a 12 1/2 hh Welsh gelding, Charlie Brown. Little "C.B." ruled the roost as well as any boss stallion, including my big 17 1/2 hh event mare, under "the belly he could easily have walked" if stabling is available, it is easier to take a horse out of the field who, although not the boss horse, seems to get on well with everyone. Stable the two side-by-side for a night or if each rideable, then ride them out together so they may get to know one another and the newcomer will not feel quite so alone. If stabling is not possible, then the next best route to go would be to again take the horse who is friendly and put it in a separate field with the new one for a day or so. It is important when putting the new horse into a field, that he has an opportunity to look over that field and to get to know it before subjecting him to being inspected by the rest of the herd. It is very probable that if you were to turn him out right away with the established group that they would chase the new member around and perhaps run him into a fence or trap him. If a new horse is intimidated or injured by new companions, he will not forget and will either lose condition because he is not allowed to eat or fit out peacefully, or he will learn rapidly to defend himself and become a bully and a fighter.

Always make sure that when putting a new horse in a new field that you turn him loose in the middle and not close to any place where he could get trapped or injured immediately - give him a chance to get away from the others if necessary.

COMING EVENTS

Don't forget to take in the HORSE EXTRAVAGANZA at the Poison Place Mall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week.

Each day there will be different breeds and sexes of horses in pens inside the mall; stallions, mares and goals. The Okanagan College, Horse Council of B.C., SPCA, and various breed groups and riding clubs will have booths and will give out information and have displays. Films and slide shows will also take place. This will lead up to the BCRAHA All Breed Stallion Auction and Select Sale on Sunday, at the Four Seasons Equestrian Centre (above the Poison Place Mall).

Public viewing will start at 10 a.m. with the auction commencing at 12 noon. Thirty-four stallions and 16 using horses will be there representing 13 different breeds. Altogether a very exciting four days of fun to everyone. See you there!



FALKLAND BONSPIEL

Ken McAfee rink, of Falkland, captured the 3rd event in the recent Falkland Men's Open Bonspiel. Twenty-eight teams competed in the six-day event. From left are: lead Pat McAfee, second Martin Vanhoof, third Jack Goodie, and skip Ken McAfee (kneeling). McAfee scored a six-ender, in the eighth, to beat Wayne Fleming of Chase, 4-3. Don Lavery, of

Vernon Coca-Cola Juvenile Reps advanced to the Okanagan-Mainline League finals with a 3-1 victory over Penticton, Tuesday night, at the Civic Arena.

The win gave Vernon a two-game sweep in the best-of-three semi-finals. Deciding game in the other semi-final series, between Westside and Kamloops, is scheduled tonight.

SCORED THREE
Rod Kaishaba led the Vernon attack with three goals while Ray Williment added a pair. Singles went to Randy Jones, Ron Iltterman, Tom DeVries and David Popichak. Vernon held period leads of 3-1 and 6-3.

Coke Manager Art Fester told the Daily News he was confident his club could handle Penticton.

"In 12 games this season, we beat Penticton eight times and tied it once," he said. "I think our guys wanted the series more than Penticton - we worked harder."

QUICK SERIES
The best-of-three final series will get under way this weekend and must be completed by Tuesday.

Vernon is scheduled to leave next Wednesday, for Prince George, where it will represent the Okanagan at the British Columbia Winter Games.

Panthers in third spot after nipping Kelowna

Vernon Panthers edged Kelowna Owls 7-1-0 in Okanagan High School Basketball League action Tuesday night in Kelowna.

The win gives Panthers 10 points, two ahead of second-place Kamloops Red Devils. North Kamloops Saints have clinched the regular season title with 14 points.

SCORED 28
Lance Page led the Vernon attack with 26 points while Daryl Ivins added 14 and Dale Olson sunk 10.

Page was also a dominant force on the boards with 14 rebounds. Olson pulled down 12 rebounds.

Glen Emms, with 23 points, and Paul Johansen, with 18, were the top snipers for Kelowna.

Owls led 25-20 after the first quarter, the teams were tied 27-27 at half-time and Panthers led 61-50 after three quarters.

Vernon Coach Jack Yamaoka said, "After the first quarter, we really tightened up on defence. Then when we got the lead, we tried slowing things down and made a lot of mistakes."

FINAL GAME
Panthers (9-4) play their final league game Friday in Penticton, against the Lakers (4-4). That meeting could decide third place in the standings.

Valley playoffs are scheduled March 5-7, at North Kamloops. Meanwhile, girls' playoffs get under way Thursday, at 3:30 p.m. when Vernon Royals host Kamloops Red Angels.

Winners of that game faces Penticton, on Friday, in Salmon Arm.

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SPORTS

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Bucks blank lowly Lakers

Kelowna Buckaroos stretched their winning streak to seven games with a 7-0 win over the lowly Vernon Lakers in B.C. Junior Hockey League action Tuesday, in Kelowna.

For Lakers, it was their 18th consecutive outing without a victory.

Paul Houck, Mike Rousseau, and Ken Filbey scored two goals each for Bucks while Dan Nugent added a assist.

Kelowna netminder Mike Malsonemive made 23 stops to post his first shutout of the season.

Bucks led 6-0 after the first period. Lakers are back in action Thursday when they host Merritt Centennials, in a make-up game at 8:30 p.m.

Richmond goalie Dave Brereton scored 31 shots and Ken Baker was credited with 36 saves for Abbotsford.

At Revelstoke, all scoring was done in the first period, with Butch Swanson, Mike Stanton and Terrance Grams tallying for the Rockets, while Mark Blonden repaid for the Centennials.

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