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When Will Wagner, of the Circle W Quarterhorses at Armstrong, went into the horse breeding business five years ago it was not a move to simply indulge a hobby activity.

Wagner planned from the beginning to make the horse operation into a paying system. Now, he said, "That goal is in sight."

Within another year or two, when his broodmare band has reached the level of quality and quantity that he wants, the horses will be paying for themselves and showing a profit.

Circle W Quarterhorses began in 1976 when the Wagners purchased their first two mares. One of these original mares is still in the broodmare band producing fine foals. The quarterhorse breed was chosen for the popularity and versatility which make it a widely marketable animal.

WORKED TOGETHER

Will and his family all worked together to build the fine stable complex that now is the focal point of their farm. The broken leg suffered by Will didn't hold up the construction. He could still stand at the saw cutting the boards which the family teamed up to apply to the building. The finished stables, indoor arena, and living quarters are now enjoyed by people and horses alike. Functional design and attractive features are in evidence throughout the structure.

Wagner is promoting three stallions this year. The most prominent of these is American Man, the Texas-bred son of Three Bars, out of Slight Five by Silver Wimpy. The 11 broodmares on the farm carry on the bloodlines of such greats in the breed as Three Bars, Poco Tivo, Silver King, Leo, and Snipper Reed. Two are daughters of Bueno Chee and Standstard. Ten foals are expected in the spring.

YOUTH CHAMPION

The breeding program at Circle W was not slow in producing championship material. The first foal raised has won a National Youth Championship at age three. Wagner's daughter, Sheila, is trainer and rider. The competition in the show ring is in halter and show classes as well as in performance categories. Bridle Path Hack and Western are the most popular feature is that all but one of the 30 points needed for the championship were won at one show in Edmonton.

Although Suzy's Dyno Mac, the national youth champ, portrays the calm, even temperament characteristic of the Circle W stock, he is not above showing his individuality as an escape artist. He has perfected his methods of getting out of any horse blanket to the point where there is never a fear or a broken blanket. This is a small frustration to horse show competitors who must avoid blemishes and soil on their mount at all times.

Sheila and her horse are now carrying on the work of the stables and the show circuit themselves. They believe that scrupulously clean and well maintained facilities promote good public relations with mare owners and prospective buyers. Travelling extensively and showing their stock is the biggest promotion for the business. Last season they attended between 25 and 30 shows. Next year they will have more horses in their show string than ever.

THIS YEAR

Sheila's many youth championships will be climaxed this year, it is hoped, by the Supreme Youth Championship. She is in her last year to youth competition and will be working hard toward this award. However, in her spare time she will be taking a few outside horses for training and is happy to help other young people with showmanship, or English and Western riding.

Wagner, who retired from the dairy business before starting his horse breeding operation, was well experienced in agricultural ventures. His planning and promotion are also part of his success.

For other horse breeders he advises that a careful look be taken at the new federal budget. It has some help for breeders and your accountant can help you take advantage of them.

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IN EXHIBITION GAME

Lakers surprise Kamloops

By BLAIR ORR
Daily News Writer

Vernon Lakers upset their Western Hockey League affiliate, Kamloops Oilers, 6-5 in an exhibition game Tuesday, at the Civic Arena.

More than 450 fans watched the game battle to a 2-2 tie after the first period and Lakers take a 4-3 lead after 40 minutes.

OPENED SCORING

Peter Oliphant opened the scoring for Vernon, at 2:24 of the first period. Dennis O'Neil made the score 2-0 eight minutes later.

However, two quick goals by David Kromm and Ron Propp, late in the period, tied the game.

In the second period, Vernon connected for two goals, nine seconds apart. Jeff Armitage

got the first and then set up Richie Olfend, who put a wrist shot past Kamloops netminder Rob Becker.

PERFECT PLAY

Czech defector Jan Ludwig, playing his first game with Kamloops, made a perfect play on a two-on-one break to narrow the gap to 4-3. Ludwig beat a defender and fed a pass to Dar-

rel Murray, who tipped the puck into the net.

Oilers' Coach Ron Harris later said he is impressed with the import forward, although Ludwig is still out of shape, from a seven month hiatus, and is nervous in his new surroundings.

BLISTERING SHOT

Kamloops took the lead for the first time, in the third period, on

goals by Kromm and Jim Landertse.

They Taylor tied the game for Lakers, on a blistering shot from just inside the blue line, at 9:15. Then, four minutes later, defenceman Dale Reimer scored the winner.

Vernon goalie Shawn Oswald, Dale Woods, and Sebastian Taylor faced a total of 41 shots while Brad Armitage and Becker were fired upon 44 times. Woods started the season with Dauphin Kings of the Manitoba Junior 'A' League and is on a trial with Lakers.

Harris, who played in the National Hockey League with New York Rangers and Detroit Red Wings, said he was surprised with the tenacity displayed by Lakers.

"They had the second effort we never showed," he said. "They showed an awful lot of hustle."

Lakers' Coach Gord MacBeth said the experience of playing a tier one team was good for his squad and to beat Oilers was particularly exciting.

"It really gives them a lift to beat a team of bigger, faster skaters," MacBeth said.

Harris told his club to lay off the body to prevent flaring of tempers or injuries, however, he admitted his team worked hard because they wanted at least a tie. Oilers have won only one of their last 19 league games.

Lakers return to the ice Friday night when they host Merritt Centennials. Game time is 8 p.m.



KAMLOOPS OILERS' defender Paul Cloutier harassed Vernon forward Ron Ford as he picks up his own rebound, in front of

Oilers' netminder Rob Becker, during a junior exhibition game Tuesday at the Civic Arena. Lakers edged their tier one affiliate 6-5.

Cloutier was called up by Kamloops, from Vernon, last month. (Daily News Photo)

Sonics third in hoop tourney

PIN POINTS

Seaton Sonics placed third in a recent junior boys' basketball tournament in Kamloops.

After defeating Brookfield of Kamloops, 47-39, Sonics lost to the West Westside Whundas 41-26.

In the consolation final, Sonics defeated John Peterson, also of Kamloops, 44-36.

Brent Nixon, who scored 36 points in Seaton's three games, was named to the first all-star team. Paul Morgan, of Sonics, was selected to the second all-star squad.

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