

The Frank Beckmann four-man team was the winner of the Commercial League Bonspiel last weekend at the

Vernon Curling Club. Winning team, left photo, back, third Ken Knight and skip Beckmann, front, second

Garry McMillan and lead Victor Peterson. Event winner was the Bob Reade rink. Back: third Kevin Garner

and skip Reade, front, lead Bryan Ertsmann, and second Don Reade. C event winner

was the Mike Perpelokin rink back row, third Rick Munk and skip Perpelokin;

front, second Gary Field and lead Ron Fuhr. D event winner was the Ken Altvasser.

rink. Back: third Garry Chamberlain and skip Altvasser, front, lead Paul

Kruger and second Steve Jensen. (Daily News Photo)



It was an exciting, jam-packed weekend for horse people and veterinarians interested in Competitive Trail Riding. This is North America's fastest growing equestrian sport. Riders in B.C. are getting right into the mainstream of events by turning their attention to the conditioning of horses for distance competition.

A seminar, featuring Dr. Kerry Ridgway, hosted by the B.C. Competitive Trail Riders, brought together veterinarians from across the southern part of the province for lecture and slide presentation last Friday evening. Ridgway gave the group guidelines for the effective judging of the condition of distance horses and challenged veterinarians to ride some of the toughest in order to better understand the competition from a rider's viewpoint.

WATCHED MOVIE
Saturday morning, the riders, ride managers and crews were inspired by a movie of the Levi Ride and Tie Race before getting into the "heart and breath" of the subject of competitive and endurance riding. Somehow, even those just viewing a movie became totally involved in the strain and elation of the race.

Some in-depth coverage was given to the subject of the relationship of conformation to performance, learning to evaluate your horse, training and conditioning, tack and equipment, health care, and nutrition. These discussions were illustrated with slides. Literature on related subjects was available. The value of horsemanship was stressed for the time before, during and after a ride.

For those attending who were new to the endurance and competitive trail scene, Ridgway gave numerous answers to the question, "Why Distance Riding?" He feels that distance riding is of great value to humans in that it is an environmental sport that keeps the rider in touch with nature and spirit, and provides opportunity for comradeship rooted in mutual respect. Distance riding is an extended education for the horseman in that the horses gain much better care and treatment.

DISTANCE RIDING
Ridgway, himself, is the very essence of distance riding. His own accomplishments in this, and related fields, are too numerous to list. As a veterinarian he has judged and advised some of the most difficult and prestigious rides on this continent including the Great American Horse Race (New York to California, 1979) and the Texas Cup (100 miles one day). He has ridden and won many times in this same class of competition. Most notable of these was his victory in the 1979 British Sport of 2,000 mile Pony Express Race.

As author of numerous articles in equine magazines and as a contributor to the book, "Endurance and Competitive Trail Riding," by Tullington-Tellinger, he is recognized as an authority in this field. Presently, Ridgway is owner of the Monticello Veterinary Center in Santa Rosa, California. Aside from his duties there, he is sought after as a lecturer for college and university equine departments, and for horse associations. Research, testing and study of various ailments and products backs up his lectures.

ATMOSPHERE OF FUN
While some of the business of trail riding can seem pretty heavy, Ridgway stressed that ride managers and veterinarians should encourage an atmosphere of fun. He is always entertaining and easy to listen to while giving the distinct impression that he is enjoying every minute.

Now, spring is here and the lure of the trail beckons to every rider. Getting your horse conditioned after his winter lay-off will occupy the next couple of months until the first of the B.C.T.R. rides in this area or the endurance rides on the Lower Mainland. Let's see many more of you giving your horse the advantage of this type of activity.

Remember, Ridgway stated that the truly missed horse is the one that stands, fat and bored, in his paddock for months or years without ever realizing his potential for performance.

YBC STANDINGS

Team	Wins	Losses	Points
Team 1	10	0	20
Team 2	8	2	16
Team 3	6	4	12
Team 4	4	6	8
Team 5	2	8	4
Team 6	1	9	2
Team 7	0	10	0

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Golfers set opening day

The ladies' section of the Vernon Golf and Country Club will hold its opening day April 6, at 9:30 a.m. New club pro Pat Little will be on hand. New season members are welcome. Featured events during the season include: foursome on April 13, wine and cheese party April 15, pin round April 20, and breakfast scramble April 27.

Playoffs start
Pleasants Valley Hockey League playoff action gets under way tonight, in the Civic Arena, when Carling O'Keefe plays RCMP. Other first round games include: Toronto battling Cougars, Thursday; Lakelanders meeting AE League Eagles next Monday; and Kinsmen taking on Camcon Raiders next Tuesday. All games are scheduled at 7 p.m.

Women's spiel
The Silver Star Women's Bonspiel gets under way, Thursday at 6 p.m., with 64 rinks entered in the four-event event. Of the 64 rinks, 12 are from Vernon, with the out-of-town rinks from Oka, Alia, and Sherwood. The teams will be competing for \$2,500 in prize money. There will be a bonspiel banquet beginning at 5 p.m., Saturday, and the bonspiel finals are scheduled Sunday, at 2 p.m.

League champs
Vernon Olympic captured the Monday Honey-mooners' Volleyball title this week by defeating "Triple Wave 34" in the championship match. In the consolation final, Spikers defeated Raiders 3-2.

Meeting tonight
Vernon Horsemen's Club will hold a general meeting tonight, 7 p.m., in the Centennial Atrium. New members are welcome.

Starts today
VANCOUVER (CP) - Argyre Pipers of North Vancouver, the top-rated team in the province, were to begin their quest for the C.C. High School Boys' AA Basketball championship today at the Agrodome.

The Pipers, coached by Bob Molinski, were to meet Notre Dame Jaguars of Vancouver in the opening round of the 16-team tournament.

On waivers
VANCOUVER (CP) - Winger David Thomas has been placed on waivers and given a free transfer by Vancouver Whitecaps of the North American Soccer League.

This means Thomas, 31, who remained in England rather than report to the club's training camp, is free to negotiate with the team of his choice.

Suspended
NEW YORK (AP) - Sly Williams was indefinitely suspended without pay by New York Knicks on Tuesday for the second time this season for

missing several practices, one game and appointments with the team doctor, the National Basketball Association team said.

Oliver unhappy
POMFANO BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Perennial 300 hitter Al Oliver said Tuesday he was disappointed to be traded to Texas Rangers to renegotiate or extend his current contract, which runs through 1985.

Defend title
MONTREAL (CP) - Tracy Austin of the United States is defending her singles title in the 1982 Players' Challenge women's tennis championship tournament chairman Jean Richer announced Tuesday. The 1982 tournament, with total prize money of \$200,000, will be played April 14-22 at Jarry Park.

Return engagement?
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - Los Angeles Rams are in the market for a quarterback and their former star Vince Ferragamo and Baltimore Colts' Bert Jones are the most prominent names mentioned. An official of the National Football League club said Tuesday the Rams might be looking toward Baltimore where Jones apparently will go on the trading block. Ferragamo, who signed with Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League where he played in 1981, Montreal has given Los Angeles permission to talk with Ferragamo.

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Vernon junior team remains at a standstill

By GORD SMILEY
Daily News Sports
Vernon juniors Ed the B.C. Junior Hockey League are at a standstill concerning next season's operation.

The club was to have held a meeting of its 12 directors last week, however, it was cancelled until the team knows the status of the league. The league would be a longshot.

"Our town is a little small and our arena is only 2,200, so it's really a long shot, just a mere possibility," said Parker.

Parker said he has yet to receive a decision from Chynoweth, but does admit acceptance into the league would be a longshot.

"If both of them are in a league right now? It's kind of hard to tell sometimes," said Parker. "We already pretty well have our team set for next year and I'm sure Vernon hasn't even started planning for next season, but they will come in here again next year and we'll beat them badly just like the year before."

Pentiction has been B.C. Junior Hockey League champion for the last two years and only five games this season. "It seems the other teams in the league don't take as much pride in their team as we do," said Parker. "I think we've outgrown the B.C.J.H.L."

Lakers' Coach Gord Macbeth

director set-up. "If everything goes right and the right people get involved and are given some power to move decisions on behalf of the club, then we'll be able to build our organization," said Thomas.

Even though Lakers haven't done anything in the way of scouting future players, their tier one affiliate, Kamloops Junior Oilers, have been busy.

The help we got from them this year was pretty well nothing, but that was to be expected," said Thomas. "Next year will mean a lot more because of their scouting programs they'll be sending some players down to us. We can't depend on them totally to do all the scouting, but they'll be able to help."

However, if for some reason Kamloops decided to drop Vernon as its affiliate, Lakers would have a hard time improving this season's dismal record which saw them win only nine games and the year on a 22 game winless streak.

Equipped with a lack of talented players, Lakers are also hit hard by a poor fan support. "Vernon defeated Kelowna 2-1 Tuesday to sweep the best-of-seven division final in four games."

Edmonton club to defend title
Eight teams, including defending champion Edmonton Oilers, will compete in the seventh annual Vernon Oilers' Hockey Tournament this weekend at the Civic Arena.

The tournament will go on the trading block. Ferragamo, who signed with Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League where he played in 1981, Montreal has given Los Angeles permission to talk with Ferragamo.

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SILVER STAR HOSTS FINALS

More than 100 skaters, including 17 from Vernon, will compete in the British Columbia High School Ski Championships this week on Silver Star Mountain.

Sters from 16 schools have qualified for the two-day event. Slalom will be held Thursday, with the giant slalom runs on Friday.

Meet Director Bob MacAulay, of Salmon Arm, said Okanagan and Kootenay skiers have been dominant in past years. "And I don't expect it to be any different this year."

There are 16 skiers easily accessible to most Okanagan and Kootenay cities.

