

## Let's talk about HORSES

with Jennifer Barr

Big excitement at our house last week—Gypsy, our little jumping mare, was photographed for television. She's never been quite the same since she played a part in "The Battle of Old Fort Henry," a CBC film. So what she's going to be like when she sees herself on television, I shudder to think. We'll have to put a star on her stall.

Hurdles anyone? It all started, classically, with a phone call from Jack Carpenter, a news photographer for CTV among other things. He wanted some horse photos to flash on the screen periodically as a background for any equestrian news that comes over "World Beat" or "News Beat", Channels 9 and 13. Several types of horse activities would be on files and Jack wanted some shots of a horse jumping. Did I have a horse that wouldn't mind jumping the same jump a great many times? Yes, I sure did. Gypsy is the world's most enthusiastic and reliable jumper.

A date was made. Marie was asked if she would ride Gypsy and agreed it would probably be a bit of a laugh. I don't care for jumping enough to jump for two hours solidly, besides I'm liable to do something stupid when someone's watching and fall off. A fear of heights doesn't encourage me either—which is why our house has only a two-foot step ladder and a bunch of short horses.

So, Marie it was. Blind leg, please. The big day was sunny and hot but Jack was delayed so we stood

around polishing Gypsy for ages. The little mare was "top glossed" and "hoof blacked" until she was unrecognizable. She really looked quite smart as she stood tied to the fence, hip shod, lip drooping, and fast asleep.

Jack arrived and Marie shot into the house to change jeans and flowing hair for breeches and a hair net. I attempted to wake up Gypsy and succeeded in getting two protest bucks out of her. Marie appeared in full regalia looking like Pat Smythe, Barbara Simpson, and Princess Anne all rolled into one.

Cameras appeared and a local reporter requested a casual pose of Marie standing by a fence with her "back leg up". Marie looked startled and retorted that she only had front legs!

Cool and calm The remainder of the afternoon went without a hitch. Gypsy jumped and jumped and jumped, only refusing when she thought she was going to jump on that man with the camera. Marie handled her beautifully and they both stayed cool and collected. Mac and I ran around importantly being ring stewards and beer fetchers.

When it was all over, Gypsy back in the pasture and Marie being fortified with straight tea. I had time to think of the pleasure my mother, in England, would feel when she hears of her dearly loved little mare gracing Canadian television. And to appreciate fully the 17-year-old mare who would jump more than 40 times on an 80-degree day without batting an eyelash or even setting warm.



DISSTON CANADA, an entry in the Acton Soccer League placed a 4-0 win over Acton coaches at Acton High School Sunday afternoon. The team includes, front row, left to right, Hamid Masih, John Smith, Siddique Masih, Ed Hillier. Back row, left to right, Richard

Masih, Oskar Tankovitz, Elston Adams, Bill Diggins, Bill Patey and Bob Dyc. Goals were provided by Tankovitz with two and singles by Diggins and H. Masih.

(D. Pink Photo)

## Midland bows to Rams

Using a borrowed goalie, Acton Rams chalked up a 2-1-2 victory over Midland Hurons last Wednesday night. The win solidified Rams' hold on second place.

Acton Rotary midgets Terry Holmes and John Pink suited up to replace regular Ram netminders Turkoz and McNabb. Holmes played the entire game.

## Newman leads chess circuit

Ted Newman amassed 22½ points in 39 games to take the lead in the Acton Chess Club round-robin series. Ted has recorded 22 wins, 16 losses and a draw.

Henry Harmsma is holding down second spot with 17 points while Bill Lumberink and Bert Van der Laan share third position with 14 points each. In the last three weeks of play Gord Covic, Henry Harmsma, Bert Van der Laan and Bill Lumberink have each picked up six points, Mike McGuire and Lyn Perry five, Mark Pratt three and a half, Eric Caulfield, Ted Newman, Jim Piehl and Doug Garrett three, Peter Moss two and a half, Dave Piehl and Jim Huxley two and Ralph Williams with one.

Games have been taking longer recently as everyone's game is improving. Final date for the round-robin series is August 29. The Chess Club meets tonight (Wednesday), 7:30 at the Y.M.C.A. For information call Ted Newman, 856-4650 or Doug Garrett, 853-0341.

## A's decision

Acton A's posted another win over Acton B's in a repeat of their first meeting with a 10-7 decision in intermediate girls' softball.

It was a good game all around with the A's having a slight edge from Dorothy Kaiser's hitting. Dorothy slammed a homer in the third to spark the A's. Kim Van der Eyken of the B's belted the only other four ply hit.

Heather McEachern pitched her club to the win and Debbie Brown hurried for the B's.

B's—Carol Jordan c, Cathy McIure ss, Susan Mathews lb, Jennifer Krapek lf, Patsy Storey 2b, Kim Van der Eyken cf, Donna McLuc 3b, Debbie Brown p, Sherri Phillips rf.

A's—Heather McEachern p, Susan Lehn c, Laurel Murchison ss, Norma Bateman lb, Dorothy Kaiser of, Cheryl Hunter 2b, Kim McCristall 3b, Sherry Ismond lf, JoAnne Berry rf.

## Shows plan of subdivision

Mike Brodigan appeared before Erin township council representing Windland Associates with a draft plan of a new 66 house subdivision, east of Erin, on the west half of Lot 16.

The lots would have 9,000 square feet or over with possibly their own water supply from an auxiliary well in the park area. The developer has 1500 houses now under development in Ontario.

## Industrial golf tourney July 12

Acton Industrial Hockey Meadows golf course Thursday. League will have its golf tournament and steak fry at Acton July 12.

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## County staff studies regional problems now

In spite of objections by Burlington Deputy Reeve Dave Coons, Halton County Council's Administration Committee granted Clerk-Administrator Garfield Brown permission to schedule meetings for department heads with other municipalities to study implementation problems of regional government.

Mr. Coons said since no position appointments in the Halton region had been confirmed, meetings with other regional governments should wait until after implementation.

When he suggested there would be a smooth integration of old and new services in regional government, other committee members jumped on him with examples of potential problems.

County Treasurer Jim McQueen mentioned difficulties in arranging the new payroll, in light of the creation of new groups such as the regional police force. Since a new finance director would be appointed late

in the year, Mr. McQueen emphasized the need for as much pre-planning as possible.

Other committee members spoke of unforeseen problems and agreed with Milton Deputy Reeve Mrs. Marjorie Powys that the administration committee should depend on the judgment of Clerk-Administrator Brown to send county staff to regional study meetings.

Halton county officers will be meeting with regional government officials for the York and Waterloo regions.

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