

Fobert's win tourney

# Marshall's grab sinks Whalers

Second basemen Hugh Marshall made a spectacular diving catch for the final out Monday night to give Milton Fobert Real Estate a 3-2 win over Georgetown Whalers in the championship game of the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League tournament. The realtors took home first prize money of \$175, plus a handsome trophy.

Whalers had runners at second and third with two out in the bottom of the seventh and would have at least tied the score and forced extra innings, if Marshall had not lunged to grab Fred Kotani's bloop, which was ready to fall behind first base.

Fobert's took a 2-0 lead in the top of the fourth when Larry Campbell singled, Peter Hawke reached first on an error, Chris O'Brien walked and Mike Cullen was safe on an error.

Whalers, who finished first in the Mississauga league during the regular season, countered with a single run in their half of the fourth. Moe Leeking walked, moved up on an error and scored when Bob McKay grounded out.

Leeking's error in the top of the fifth led to the third Milton run. Peter Hawke cashed that one in with a single.

The Georgetown club narrowed the count to 3-2 in the sixth. Jim Hall led off with a single, then came all the way round to score, when Fobert catcher Ed McLeod threw wildly to first base on a

pickoff attempt. Milton pitcher Mike Cullen retired the next three batters to shut off the rally, however.

Grant Clatworthy and Tom Adams had singled for the Whalers in the bottom of the seventh, before Marshall made his spectacular catch to end the ball game.

Perk's Barber Shop of Georgetown won the consolation championship by blasting Elmer's Natural Gas, also of Georgetown, 12-0. Mike McCandless, Al Densmore and Wayne Densmore walloped homers for the winners.

The tournament started two weeks ago, but rain delayed playing of the semi-final and championship games.

## Hockey school spots open

Milton Minor Hockey Association's beginners' school starts Friday afternoon at Memorial Arena, and there are still 10 spots open in the 4:30 p.m. slot.

All positions have been filled in the 5:30 p.m. class. Don Leonard is the co-ordinator of the school, and he will be helped by a number of instructors.

Anyone still wanting to register can do so at the rink after 4:30 p.m., Friday afternoon. The school is for 5 to 9 year olds.

## MDHS runners 14th, 15th at York

Milton District High School won the boys' side of a dual cross-country meet with Acton last week, but lost the girls.

In an Ontario-wide competition at York University in Toronto on Saturday, the midget boys finished 14th and the girls 15th in a field of over 25 schools.

In Acton, John Phelps, a junior, finished second, followed by midgets Fred Venoit, Scott Dixon and Roy Poloni in third, fourth and fifth respectively. Mike Baynton was seventh.

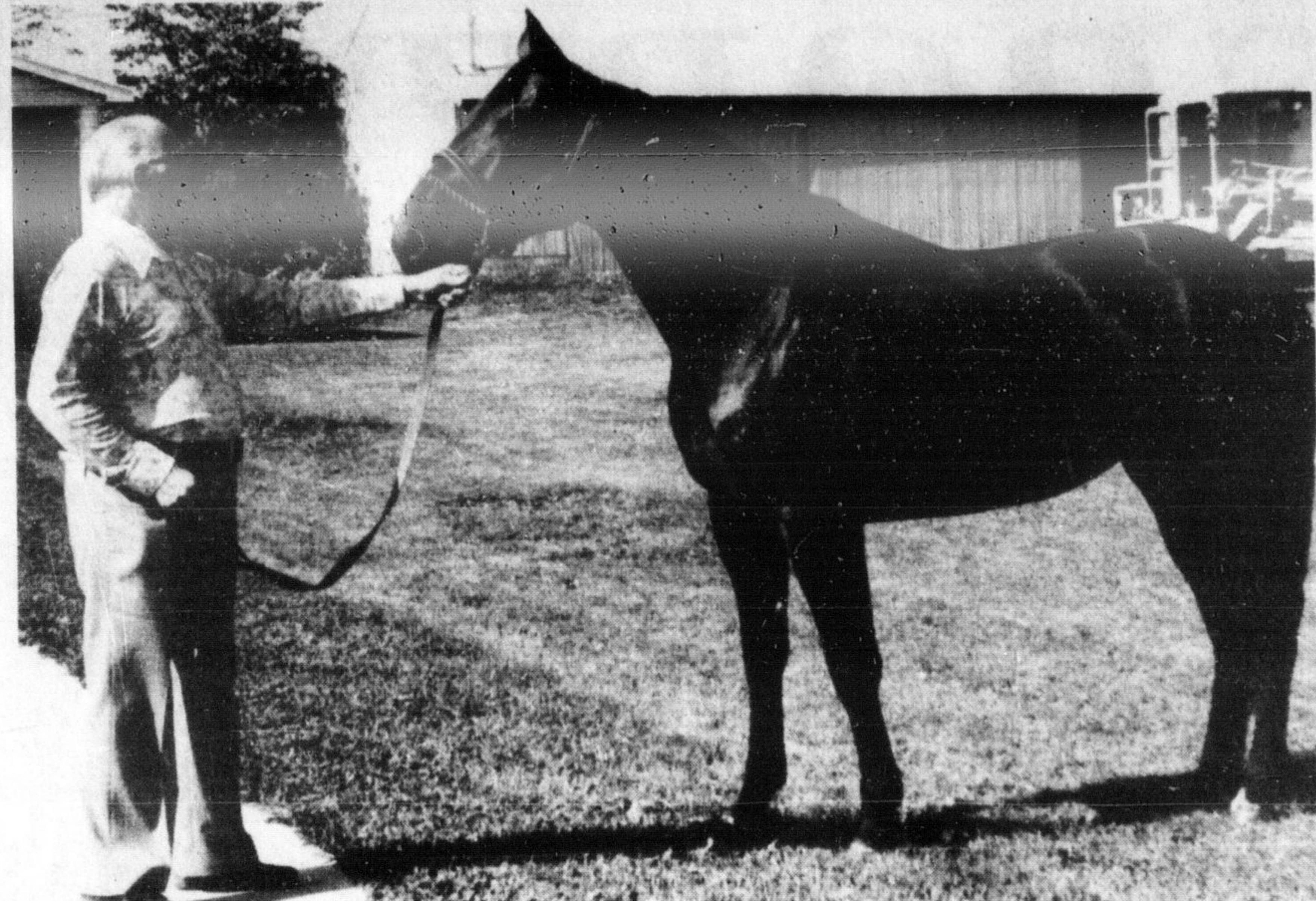
## T-Ball

Richardson's Chev-Olds won the T-Ball Championship over Elsley's Pharmacy in the two game final.

In A-Ball play the Halton Regional Police Force (Campbellville) entry captured first place undefeated. The playoffs begin this Saturday with Richardson's Furniture facing McCuaig's Insurance in a one game final at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday at 10 a.m. Milton Sports Unlimited goes against the Optimists for a one game final.

The winners of those games will square off on Saturday at 1 p.m. for a one game final. The winner of that game will face the HRPF for a sudden death final.

The T-Ball League is holding a bun feed in the basement of the United Church Hall at 1 p.m. while the A-Ball will gather at 3 p.m. on Oct. 16.



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duties. The owner of Argyle Farms, Howard Oster, said he is leasing the horse from its owner for seven years.

# Sir Dalrae retires at Argyle Farms

By Rod Jerred  
Sir Dalrae, one of the greatest pacers in the history of harness racing is now residing at Argyle Farms on Guelph Line.

The stallion is being leased by Howard Oster, owner of Argyle Farms, for seven years for breeding purposes. From 1973-75 Sir Dalrae won the U.S. Pacing Championships and in 1973 he was declared the Harness Horse of the Year. It was in 1973 that he won an unprecedented 13 consecutive races averaging 1:57.4 for the mile race. During that year he also broke three track records in 15 days, including a 1:57.3 mile at Greenwood Raceway in Toronto which still stands today.

In his pacing career, Sir Dalrae won \$684,000 and had 32 wins under the two-minute mark as well as 66 two-minute miles.

Mediocre trotter  
Not bad for a horse which started out as a mediocre trotter but found fame as a super pacer.

Sir Dalrae was bred to be a trotter but after doing badly, his trainer Jim Dennis decided to switch him to a pacer.

A trotter moves his right front leg and left hind leg forward simultaneously while a pacer moves the right front and hind legs forward at the same time. This change of style agreed with Sir Dalrae who went on to win \$307,354 during 1973.

Oster thinks the secret of Sir Dalrae's success is the horse's toughness.

"I don't think any horse has raced as many miles as Sir

Dalrae," he said. "His breeding line wasn't really good lookers, but they sure were tough."

Porterhouse sire  
Sir Dalrae's sire was Porterhouse and broodmare was Queen's House.

But now, at the ripe old age of seven, Sir Dalrae has retired to the fields for study purposes.

Only as the old saying goes, "It ain't what it used to be." Years ago, people pictured a noble stallion grazing in fields with a field full of mares to choose from when it was announced the horse was going to be used as a stud. Nowadays technology has changed everything.

Science has taken over and all the breeding of standard-bred foals is done through artificial insemination. The mares are still there. In fact Mr. Oster expects over 100 mares will come and go from Argyle Farms between December and March, but Sir Dalrae will see few of them.

Location important  
Oster explained why the mares must be on the farm where the stallion is. "With cattle you can ship the sperm to where the cows are, because all you're trying to do is get fatter cows," he said. "But with horses you have to have everything controlled because betting is involved. You have to be sure each horse is sired by such and such."

Oster said Argyle Farms has a lab on the grounds and has two veterinarians visit daily to oversee the breeding operations and general health of the horses.

Oster obtained Sir Dalrae after Dennis phoned him and asked if Oster would be interested in leasing the horse. Oster said he would and later got together with Sir Dalrae's owner Bill Smith, of Los Angeles, to arrange a deal. Two days later Smith phoned back to make sure the deal was set.

"The Australians were bugging him about buying Sir Dalrae but I told him I was sure about the deal," Oster said.

Papers for horse  
Oster picked up Sir Dalrae in Chicago and brought him to Argyle Farms. Taking a horse across the border is easy if you have all the right

documents, he said. These include Canadian Standard-bred Horse Association and the Ontario Horse Racing Commission.

Registering with the latter enables all the foals to race in the Ontario Sires Stakes Program.

"That's the appealing part to many of the people in the States," Oster said. "They can bring in one of their mares and the foal can race in Ontario."

Oster said there was about \$3 million in prize money in the Ontario circuit last year. In addition to Sir Dalrae, Oster also has Smog, a stallion owned by an American syndicate and his own horse Mystic Armbo available for breeding purposes.

Smog and Mystic have won \$235,000 and \$200,000 respectively during their careers.

Still racing  
Oster said Mystic still is competing in races and might even trot at Mohawk Raceway this fall, but will retire at the end of the year.

During the winter all three horses will be kept busy producing semen for the influx of mares. Oster said the winter is the best time to breed the horses because of the rule which says all horses become one year older after January 1, no matter when they were born.

It was only six years ago that Oster first became inter-

ested in raising horses for competition. He picked up his first horse, Armbo Mystic, at a public sale in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

"It's become a fairly active hobby," he said. Oster speculated thousands of horses each year are bred for racing purposes, but few ever hit the track.

Great expectations  
"You could call it a business of great expectations," he said, "and one that's not without certain hazards."

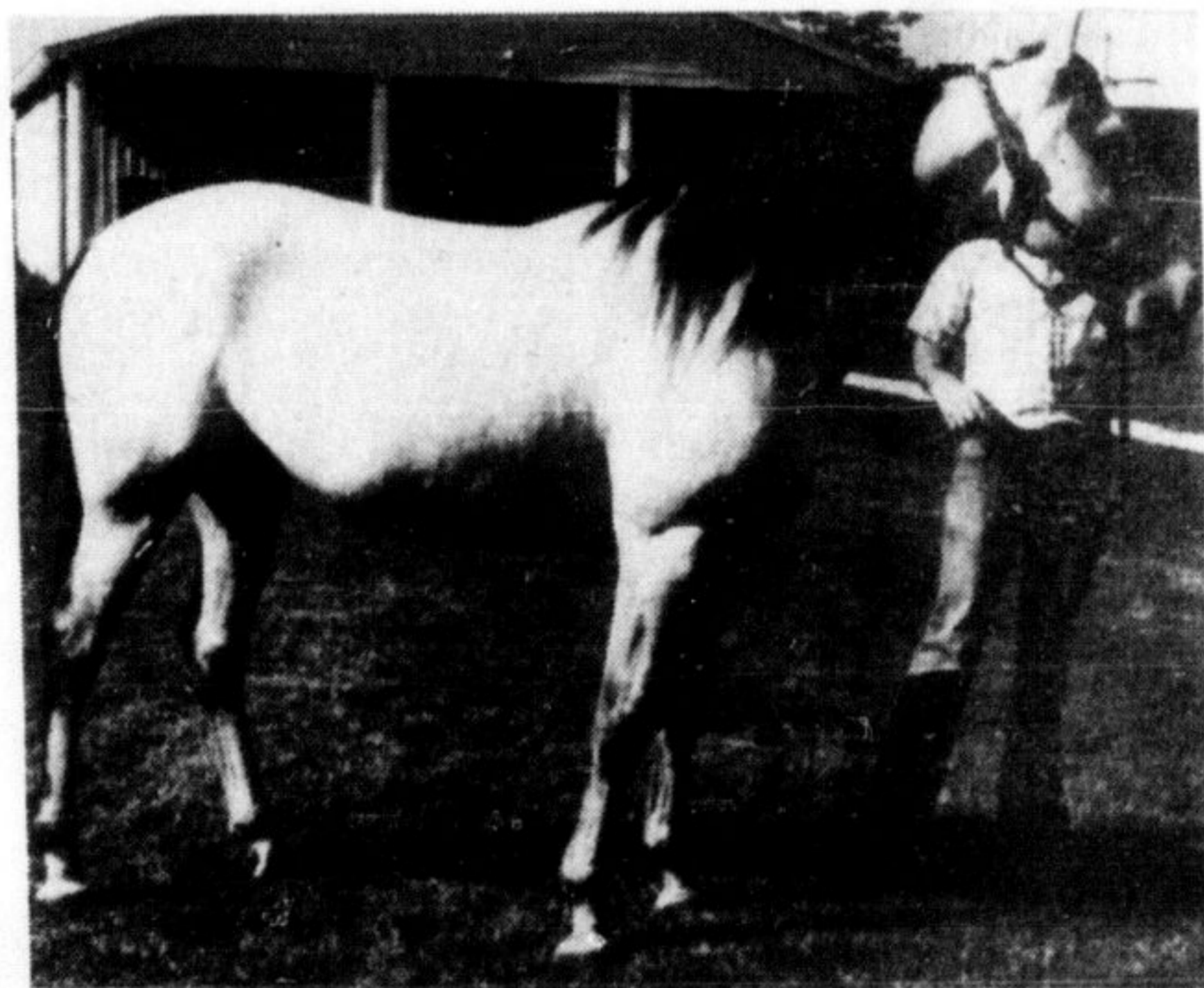
These include such things as broken bones which can destroy a horse's career. Also very few last as long as Sir Dalrae did.

"Most of them wear out fast," Oster said. "I guess that's because they weren't meant to go so fast."

John Jones is the manager of Argyle Farms and has been associated with all of the big trainers in Canada and the United States at some time or other during the past 24 years. He's been with Oster for the past six years.

"It's hard to pick a horse and say he'll be a winner because very few fit the perfect combination of what a perfect pacer should be," he said.

"If anybody knew how to spot a winner," laughed Oster, "he'd be a multi-millionaire overnight."



SMOG, WINNER OF ABOUT \$235,000 is also residing at Argyle Farms for stud duties along with Sir Dalrae.

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# Thornborrow unwinds wins MFL hardware

Behind the pitching of Nick Gauthier, Thornborrow BP swept to the best-of-five Milton Fastball League championship by swamping Fobert Realty 13-6 for their third consecutive win Thursday night.

Their previous games had been closer with Thornborrow winning 4-2 Wednesday night and 4-3 Tuesday. Fobert won the first two games of the series.

Gauthier was the winning pitcher in all three games. Fobert's had been leading 2-1 Tuesday until Randy Valin drove in two runs in the eighth inning with a triple and scored on Bruce Chinnery's single to put Thornborrow ahead 4-2.

Grisold tripled  
Fobert came back with one run in the ninth when Ray Grisold tripled and scored on a single by Randy Coulson, but Gauthier retired the side to win 4-3. Mark Grenke and Randy Coulson pitched for Fobert.

In the second encounter the score was tied 2-2 when Chinnery and Doug Williams punched out singles with both scoring on Valin's double. Grenke was the loser for Fobert.

Insurance runs  
Singles by Paul Kinsmen, Hymers, Williams and Scott

Thornborrow jumped to a quick six-run lead in the first inning which allowed them to coast to an easy victory in the final.

Chinnery led off the hitting attack with a single and ran home on Doug Williams' double. Williams was knocked in by Valin's single and advanced to second on a single by John Jones. The rest of the runs that inning were scored on three Fobert errors.

10-0 in second  
Thornborrow made it 10-0 in the second inning on a triple by Chinnery, a single by Carl Hymers, a double by Williams and a triple by Jeff Scott.

The losers closed the gap, scoring four runs on a single by Dave Campbell, consecutive doubles by Ron Foxcroft and Hugh Marshall and a single by Ed McLeod in the third inning.

In the same inning Thornborrow scored one run to make it 11-4. Fobert's managed to score two runs in the fifth inning which Grenke knocked in with a single, but they were shut out for the rest of the game.

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produced two more insurance runs for Thornborrow in the seventh inning as they won the game 13-6 and captured the championship.

Gauthier picked up the win with relief help from Mike Cullen while Coulson and Grenke pitched for Fobert's.

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