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Sun comes out Sept 1/71 for HorseShow

Sunday shone on Cobourg's Horse Show and the crowds came, after two days of rain and drizzle.

And a spectacular show it was, too, with "Torchy" Millar, St. Marguerite, P.Q., winning the Cobourg Grand Prix first prize of \$1,500. sponsored by Rothmans. Millar is individual bronze medalist from the recent Pan-American games at Cali, Colombia.

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seriously affected by the rain, although this year's entries were higher than ever—with over 300 entries in the various divisions. Despite the storm clouds, attendance by Saturday night appeared to be only 500 below Saturday of last year, and with Sunday's sunshine, figures moved ahead, and the worried look began to disappear from Horse Show officials.

By the time it came for pinning on Grand Prix winners on Sunday afternoon, Dr. Tom Hawke was positively beaming. Vice-president H.G. Blow was doing his best to push out a few extra dollars of revenue, with a late-afternoon cut in price for the attractive souvenir program.

Cobourg Kiltie Band helped to entertain Sunday afternoon, while a midintermission dressage exhibition was given by Christolot Hanson, Pan-American Games dressage champion.

Altogether, Rothmans gave \$5,000. for the Cobourg Grand Prix. It was shared by 10 riders. Only Elder managed to navigate the muddy, 970yard course without a knockdown by the end of the first round, doing it twice--once on The Immigrant and again on Adanac.

Millar and Gayford logged four faults by the end of the opening round.

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In round two, Millar jumped to a three-way tie for first with four faults.

Millar, Elder and Gayford had a jumpoff on a shortened course.

Millar finished the course in 52.5 seconds, and Gayford rode a faultless round in 57.2. Elder finished third with three faults.

The show was opened Saturday by the Hon. George Hees who was introduced by Master of Ceremonies Dr. Thomas Hawke.

An amusing incident at the opening ceremony was caused by a malfunction in the microphone.

Dr. Hawke was the victim of several sound failures during his opening remarks, but when Mayor Jack Heenan came forward to say a few words the trouble disappeared; that is until Dr. Hawke returned to introduce the next speaker.

Once again he was cut off when the mike failed, but fortunately the trouble vanished completely after the second bout of trouble.

Other guests on the opening day playform were - Russell Honey MP; Blow; Douglas Atkinson, president of the Cobourg Horse Show; Ronald Jorgensson, chairman of the English division; June Barrett, chairman of the Arabian division.

Col. H.R. Ferris, commandant of the Canadian Forces Base was also present to carry out what was his last official duty in Cobourg before the final wind-up of the base this week.

Horse Show on CBC-TV Sunday

Cobourg Horse Show's Sunday afternoon Grand Prix event will be shown on nationwide CBC television next Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

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Entitled "The Cobourg
Grand Prix", the 90minute show will feature
the afternoon's events
which saw the \$1,500 first
prize won by Torchy Millar
in the \$5,000 Rothman
sponsored classic.

This is one of only three horse shows across Canada which has been given a national television audience.

The show will be seen locally on both Cannel 6, Toronto and Channel 12, Peterborough.