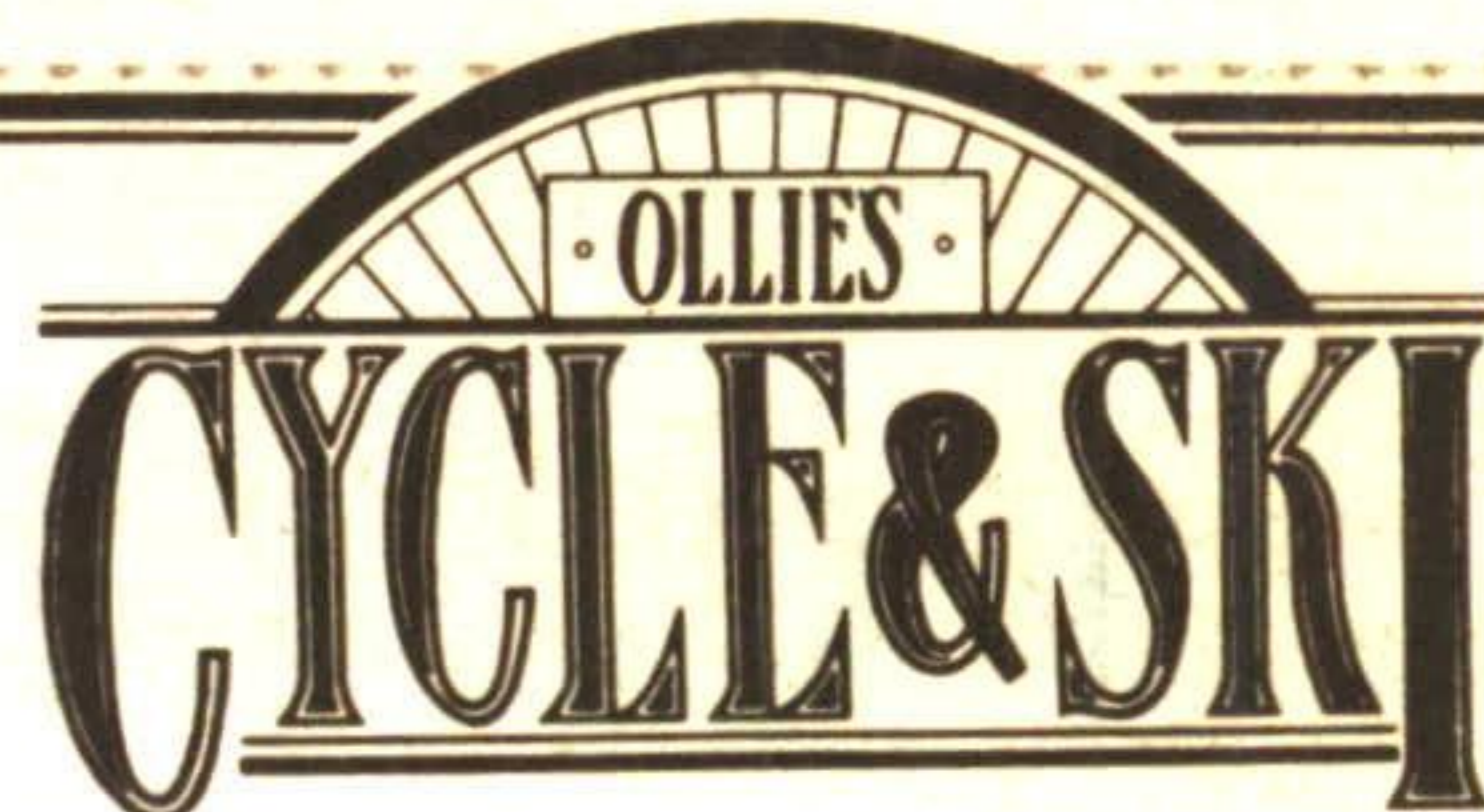


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Bronze makes three

Georgetown's Becky Dobbin claimed her third consecutive Canadian ladies field hockey medal last week. Dobbin added a bronze medal as the Ontario Under-18 team was third at this year's

tourney in British Columbia. The bronze are in addition to the previous gold and silver medals she has won at previous tournaments.

Injury bug really hurting Mariners club

By ALEX TOUGH

The Inter-County's Ancient Mariners are going through a tough spell. Beginning the season with several injuries and the strain continues into the eighth and ninth weeks.

What is even more interesting is that the team has yet to pick up one single point from their games to date. In three of them, goals in the last minutes have paid off, achieving the one point and last week it was the final 20 minutes which saw Marlin Travel, Streetsville, knock in four unanswered goals to nullify the two-goal lead Mariners had built up until that section of the match. In the end, Marlin were worthy winners and luckless Ancients will have to pull out some stops in order to remain in the top flight.

Acton Villa are on somewhat of a revival these days and are creating a few surprises along the way. Defeating Meteor, although by only one goal, is a measure of success not to be taken lightly. The other first division game ended abruptly when the stand-in referee called the game 15 minutes or so into the first half. Eagles were hosting Crown and Anchor in this encounter. After issuing several warnings for dissent, a disputed score came from the home team with the visitors claiming offside, which was not the

case. More claims for decisions came from Crown and Bill Innes "had had enough", he said upon leaving.

In the second division United, Meteor's second team, are running away with the opposition at their heels. A wide open result over Milton gained another two points. Meanwhile, Trexcon defeated Stingers 4-2 and Tam O'Shanter defeated Ajax by 2-1 to round off the results.

There has to be a place for house-league style play, however I am not in favour of the two styles of registration, which gives us house-league and competitive players. I watched a game last week at the youth age level and saw one team with eight players and the other with more than a full squad. Surely the object of the system is to teach the kids the skills and tactics of the game whilst, very importantly, giving them fun and exercise. Fun and exercise will not be achieved whilst sitting on the bench. There is substitution allowed and there are set times, locally, for substitution. Huge scores can be run up when one team has a full (plus) squad and the other has less than the complement.

Players sign up or are signed up and then drafted to teams. It is not possible to have a full history of the player, with holiday times etc., in the profile. Coaches change with the age groups and the new man or woman will have a hard time choosing players.

On the other hand, the competitive team coach is restricted to the players chosen for the duration of the season. There are, of course, circumstances allowing changes. However, each player registered as rep can be quite costly when changes are made to the roster.

I believe all players should register to play in the club system, and play where the clubs feel fit. I also believe that the representative teams should be just as the word implies. Players should be chosen when they are able to play, based on merit, at the time the games are scheduled. Just as national teams are chosen, or provincial for that matter. The squad should be interchangeable as required by form, injury, availability etc.

South America, Brazil in particular, has given us much exciting soccer in the past 40 years or so. Hopefully, the newest trend will not catch on. A couple of players, now playing in Sweden, assaulted a referee during a recent game. The referee was left unconscious for a brief time after being kicked in the head. Four players were arrested in the full incident. In recent years, the violence attached to the game has been confined to the "fans" and, although rising in England, has moved around other European centers, sadly.

It is probably a sign of modern times which we live in, generally. Violence is the modern-day curse.

Players should play the game. Officials should officiate. Administrators should administrate. And not interfere with tasks other

Hoof Beat

Waples nets world record with win

BY KATHY WADE

GREENWOOD RACEWAY- Everyone loves a hometown hero and as Ron Waples sauntered into the winner's circle after he guided his son's trotter No Sex Please to a world record 1:56.2 victory in the \$144,960 final of the Maple Leaf Trot Ron knew he was home. So too did the crowd which welcomed him with thunderous applause after sending his steed off as the heavy

Acton atoms claim a split with Hornby

Hornby atoms defeated Acton Red in atom division baseball play last week.

Jason MacArthur had two homers for Hornby while Chad Ervin and Ian McGuffie had single dingers. The Acton team trailed 9-2 in the second inning when Shawn Lockwood and Dean Pate each had a walk. Gavin Hall had two walks while Geoff Stoneham and Kevin Moreland had singles. Robert Turpin had a walk and singled to bring the score up closer. Good fielding by Kevin Moreland, Geoff Stoneham and Andrew Coe.

But Acton avenged that loss the next night edging Hornby 3-2. Ryan Valente, Andrew Coe and Geoff Stoneham all earned walks while Stoneham, Sandy Chapman and pitcher Turpin all fielded well. Ryan McHugh and Jason McGuffie had singles for Hornby.

favorite at odds of 7-5.

After finishing second in the first \$48,320 elimination of the Maple Leaf Trot to Mathers Streak, who set the initial world record of 1:56.2 for aged trotting geldings on a five-eighths mile track, it was Waples' turn to upstage Mathers Streak and Rick "The Whip" Zeron.

And they did just that. As the field of fine-tuned trotters left the wings of the starting gate Waples had No Sex Please out and gunning for the lead with Mathers Streak hot on the trail. He took the field to a quarter in :28.1.

Just past the quarter Zeron pulled Mathers Streak out and the pair duelled to the half in :56.1. Mathers went the long mile on the outside, getting the lead for a few brief strides before No Sex Please gained momentum and accosted the lead for a 1:25.3 three-quarter mile station.

At the head of the stretch the two still battled it out but it was No Sex Please who trotted faster, stronger and was the best on the night, breaking beam in 1:56.2 for driver Ron Waples. Lodestar Lobell, who sat in the pocket third for most of the mile, finished second and Incredible MA was third. The 1:56.2 clocking tied the world record for aged trotting geldings on a five-eighths mile track which was set only races prior by Mathers Streak.

The win was especially sweet for Ron Waples. No Sex Please is trained and owned by his son, Ron Jr.

"Jug," commented Waples Sr. "I knew Mathers Streak was the horse to beat so I thought I'd let him come to me. I always felt more confident if the best horse in the race is to the outside of me rather than in front of me."

Ron Jr. plans to give "Sexy" some time off racing for a month or so and is aiming for the Breeders Crown in early September as Sexy's major stake.

"He's a stronger horse this year and tonight he warmed up well for a change. Usually he's all over the track. We'll give him a break now for a month or so. He deserves it," informed Waples Jr.

"Well, this makes me feel a little better about Greenwood," Waples Jr. continued. "I kind of like this place now."

No Sex Please was a \$15,000 yearling purchase and at the time Waples Jr. thought he might make a decent Sires Stakes horse. He's knocked heads with the best in the United States and Canada for the past three years and has far surpassed Waples' expectations.

Waples, 25, returns to University of Guelph in the fall for the second and final year of a diploma agriculture program. But for the rest of the summer he's hot to trot, training horses on his farm in Rockwood.

The win was the fifth in 25 season starts for No Sex Please and the victory boosted his bankroll to \$273,260 for the year.

Completing the order of finish in the final were: Kawartha Pal, Go Get Lost, Mathers Streak, Glorious

Jazz and Arnie's Express.

The second elimination of the Maple Leaf Trot saw Lodestar Lobell steal a 1:58.1 mile over Incredible MA and Glorious Jazz. The top four finishers from each elimination plus one fifth place finisher advanced to the final.

In other action during the week at Greenwood winners in the \$8,000 Kindergarten series divisions were Apaches Fame (Bud Fritz) in 1:57.4, Majority Captain (Garth Gordon) 1:56.2, Litigant (Bud Fritz) 1:57.2 and Shipps Scoops (Trevor Ritchie) 1:57.0

Friday evening four \$9,000 divisions of the Summertime Series for three-year-olds went postward. Jolly Wally and Dave Wall teamed up for a 1:56.2 win over Omaha Joon and Wild Wings in the first division. Mike Saftic reined Able Bodied to a 1:57.0 performance over Shadows Radiance and Absconder in the second division. Doug Brown guided Shipps Trapper to a 1:57.3 win over Scooterama and Big Intention in the third and Roger Mayotte paced Hunterstown to a 1:56.2 win in the fourth division over Jesse Purkey and Keystone Dingo.

Also on Friday trotter Keystone Sheik won a \$14,200 conditioned trot in 1:58.0 over pace-setter Cosmic Storm. Harold Stead reined Keystone Sheik to the win, his fifth in his last six starts and 10th on the season.

Storm Tossed returned to ravage the fillies and mares ranks after her

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