



Georgetown Minor Hockey Association rep tryouts have been going on the past few weeks, with a number of local residents out trying secure spots on the respective squads. Here goaltender Josh Barber watches a flying puck at the major bantam workouts.

'Sleepy' colt wins lucrative Metro stakes at Mohawk

A "sleepy" colt called Artsplace, who's all business when he races, posted a career best 1:53.9 victory in the \$797,400 Metro Pacing Stakes, Canada's richest stake for two year olds and the richest event in the history of Mohawk on September 22.

Nine of North America's most outstanding freshmen colts assembled for the lucrative event in what many believed to be the most competitive field of the season for two year old colts.

Based on his previous week's winning performance in his \$40,000 Metro elimination, Artsplace earned the coveted rail position.

From start to finish the freshman son of Abercrombie controlled the tempo of the mile to orchestrate his win.

Driver John Campbell guided Artsplace quickly to the leader's position to pace a blistering :26.9 opening panel.

Three Wizzards, with driver Ben Webster, showed strong opening speed as they left from outside post position eight and soon settled in behind Artsplace at the quarter. Stand And Deliver, who followed Artsplace out of the gate, was tucked in third.

The tandem took a little breather for the second quarter, reaching that half-mile station in :57.1. By this time some action in

the field was starting up behind the pacesetter as Happy Family pulled out for on the outside, and June's Baby followed him with cover.

However, their attempt to catch or even challenge Artsplace never materialized as Artsplace opened up almost two lengths on his rivals and showed no signs of slowing down or easing up for a 1:25.3 three-quarter mile marker, and cruised home to a three and a half length win.

The night, and the 1990 Metro Pacing Stakes, belonged to Artsplace in a solid 1:53.9, just one-tenth of a second off the track record and three tenths of a second off the world record.

Stand And Deliver, who got a three hole trip for three quarters of the mile, pulled out and closed to be second while Three Wizzards held on for third.

For Artsplace, one of two colts in The Metro trained by Gene Riegler, it was his eighth win in ten starts and bumped his bankroll to \$504,882 on the year for owners George Segal and Brian Monieson of Chicago.

Driver John Campbell was pleased with Artsplace. When asked about the brisk opening quarter, he responded "he felt so good the first quarter I wasn't going to let anyone go...he

seemed extra sharp tonight."

"The best thing about Artsplace is his consistency. He's very easy to drive—like a ten year old pacer. He knows what he's out there for."

Trainer Gene Riegler was equally pleased...and proud, "I knew after his first two qualifiers that he was good. Now I can say he's the greatest colt I've ever trained."

At age 63, Riegler, a veteran star on the Ohio circuit, seems to produce top calibre pacers and trotters year after year. Aside from Artsplace, Riegler trains two other top rookie colts—Silky Stallone (fourth in the Metro) and Nuclear Legacy.

For the second consecutive year, O.J.C. veteran trainer John Burns had to settle for place money. However, Burns confirmed that he was almost as pleased with his colt's effort as if he had won the race, "How could I not be pleased with my colt's effort. That's a world record mile on any other night." Burns shares ownership of Stand And Deliver with Ed Perry and John Ferguson. Ron Waples was at the helm.

Both colts are scheduled to go onto The Governor's Cup and The Breeders Crown.

But the most immediate plans for Artsplace include a well deserved rest.

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The People's Horse does it!

Magna Graphic did it! The People's Horse paced a lifetime best 1:55.7 victory for his honorary owners Friday, September 21 at Mohawk Raceway.

The four year old gelded son of Panorama paced a wire-to-wire effort for driver Tony Kerwood, leaving quickly from post two.

"He raced fabulous," said trainer Joel Fekete, "Tony rated him

well and he paced well within himself."

Magna reached the quarter in :27.5, the half in :57.5, the three-quarters in 1:25.9 and stopped the clock comfortably in 1:55.7, ahead of Courtland Boushay and New

Heights. The win was number four in 31 starts and increased his purse account to \$40,342 on the year.

For his honorary owners, Magna's bankroll has increased to \$7,340 in just 3 starts.

'Millionaire Topnotcher' another \$30,000 richer

Millionaire Topnotcher paced a 1:53.9 neck victory over Dorunrun Bluegrass in winning the \$30,000 preliminary of The Mohawk Gold Cup on Sunday, September 23rd.

The four-year-old son of Abercrombie left from outside post position seven and came from off the pace to catch the tiring Dorunrun in the stretch drive for reinsman Doug Brown. Chatham Light was third.

It was win number 9 in 20 season starts and increased his purse

account to \$475,962 on the year. Trained by Rene Laarman for Alex Horn of Campbellcroft and Alan Berk of Willowdale, it was Topnotcher's third consecutive win.

Dorunrun Bluegrass with John Campbell at the helm set the pace for most of the mile, clocking a brisk :27.2 opening quarter, reaching the half in :56.9, breaking the beam for a 1:25.4 three quarter mile station.

"I was a little worried when we had to go first over," said Laarman from the winner's circle. "But when I saw Campbell pull Dorunrun's earplugs, then I thought we had a shot."

"Topnotcher is a one in a lifetime type of horse. We'll race him in the Stewart Fraser, possibly time trail him in The Breeders Crown," he continued.

The \$197,750 Final of The Mohawk Gold Cup will go post-ward on Sunday, September 30th.

Ladies basketball Wednesdays

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