

# Harness racing returns to Mohawk for fall season

Mohawk Raceway, the O.J.C.'s picturesque country track, will kick off the fall harness racing meet in "grand" style on Sunday, September 6 with Grand Circuit stakes and great offers for racing fans.

Grand Circuit's \$300,000 Champlain stakes and \$220,000 Simcoe stakes, boasting North America's finest rookie and sophomore pacers will headline the action on track while fans will be welcomed back with \$1 Grandstand admission, free general parking, and free programs.

Grand Circuit continues opening week with over \$1.7 million in stakes events headlining the racing

from September 6 through to September 12.

Post time on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays is 7:30 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. each night and there is no racing on Wednesdays or Thursdays.

The 1992 fall meet is packed full of world class harness racing.

The \$700,000 (est.) Metro Pacing Stakes, which annually attracts the sport's finest freshmen will go post-ward with eliminations on September 19 and the lucrative final on September 26.

On Sunday, September 20 the aged distaffers will move into the limelight for the \$100,000 (est.)



Milton Pacing Stakes for three year olds and up, fillies and mares.

The highlight of the fall meet is The Breeders Crown, the championship forum in harness racing. On Friday, October 9 Mohawk will host the four finals with a total of over \$1.3 million in purse money for the aged pacing horses, aged pacing mares, aged trotting horses, and aged trotting mares. These events

will showcase many of harness racing's superstars - both horses and drivers.

Racing fans can expect to see harness racing's one-hundred-million-dollar man, John Campbell, in fine form behind the amazing Artsplace; Hall of Famers Bill O'Donnell and Ron Waples, the incomparable pacing mare Shady Daisy, millionaire No Sex Please, along with returning Breeders Crown champions Billyjojimbob, Delinquent Account, Camluck, and Me Maggie.

Back by popular demand for the fall is The People's Horse promotion where racing fans have an opportu-

nity to share in the ownership of a harness horse.

In 1990 over 5,000 racing fans participated as owners of The People's Horse - Magna Graphic who earned over \$34,000 for his honorary owners.

Of course the autumn meet wouldn't be complete without the annual Mohawk Fall Fair, which is earlier than usual this year, scheduled for Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26. The fair features handicraft booths and demonstrations, agricultural displays, homebaked goods, an auction, and nightly entertainment - something for the whole family!

HALTON HILLS WEEKEND

## SPORTS

### Sports

#### SHORTS

##### Lost! Found!

Are you missing your favorite sock? shoe? pair of shorts? towel? All of these and more can probably be found in the Recreation and Parks Department's Lost and Found located at the Civic Centre.

##### Pool Closures

Both the Acton and Georgetown Indoor Pools will be closed for repairs and maintenance from September 6 to 20. They will reopen September 21.

##### Non-contact hockey

Attention hockey players, Georgetown Non-contact Hockey League is looking for a team entry. All players must be 30 and older. The league has been running for some time and currently has 10 teams. For details call president Dale Avery, 877-8912.

##### Acton Figure Skating Club

The Acton Figure Skating Club's registration is scheduled for Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Acton Community Centre. For more information call 853-3226.

##### Hoop loop

After a very successful inaugural year, the Halton Hills Men's Basketball League is looking forward to the commencement of a new season on Tuesday, September 22 at 7 p.m. at the Georgetown District High School Gym.

Participation is open to all males over the age of 18 who are not members of a competitive high school or university team. New participants are invited as registration is on a first-come first-served basis.

Four teams will be organized and play once a week on Tuesday nights, either at 7 or 8:30 p.m. until the season ends on May 25, 1993.

Camp begins on Sept. 22 with league play commencing Oct. 13. Registration forms can be picked up at MVP Sports store or the Recreation and Parks Department. League contact persons are Victor at 873-8188 (daytime) or Jack at 877-4893 (evening).

##### Canadian Open

Lanny Wadkins, winner of this year's Greater Hartford Open and 1977 PGA champion, will return to the \$1.2-million Canadian Open Golf Championship following a 13-year absence.

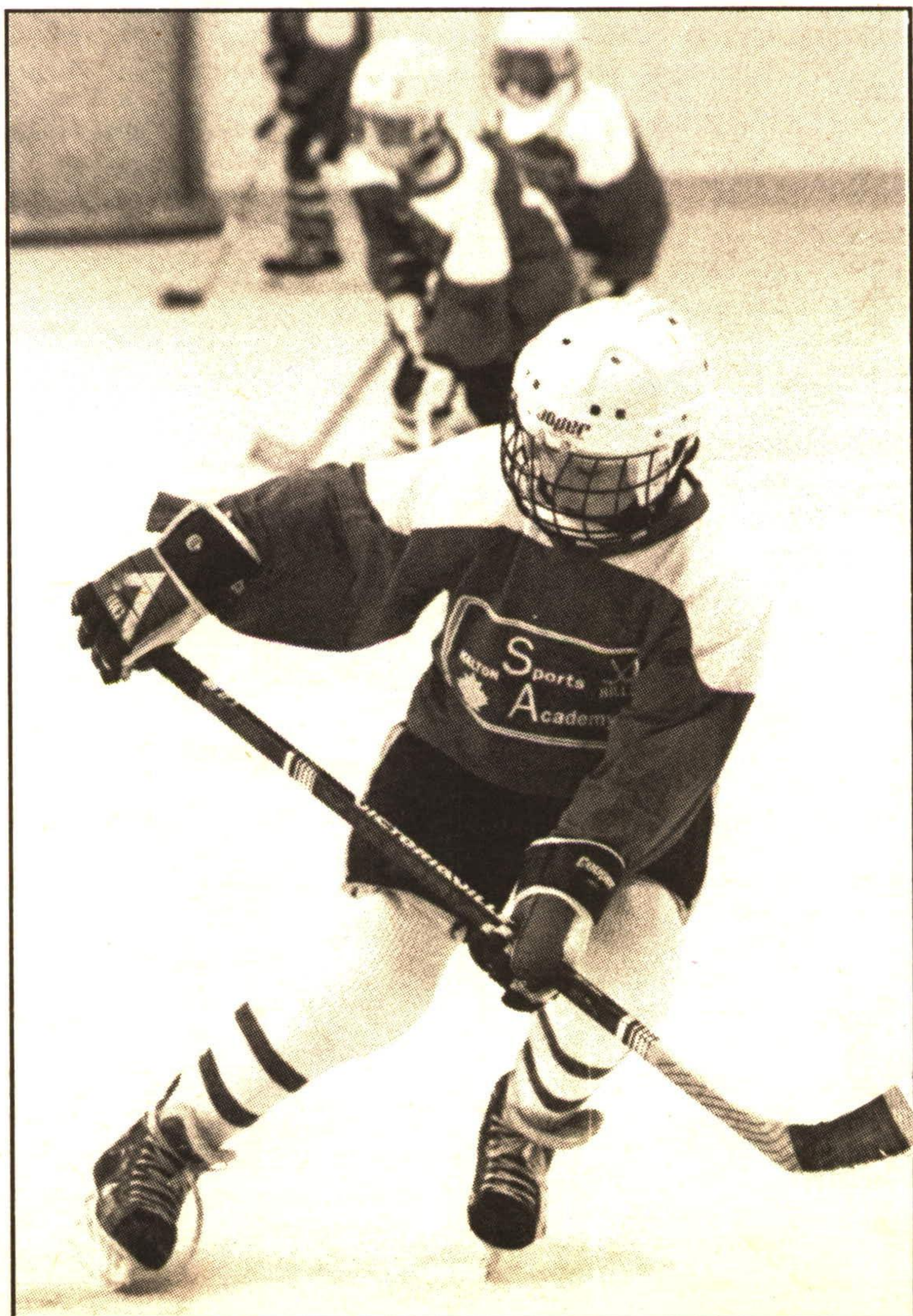
The 83rd Canadian Open presented by du Maurier Ltd. is being played at Glen Abbey Golf Club September 7 to 13, with the winner taking home \$215,000.



### Let the games begin

Hockey season is almost upon us and 130 youngsters were tuning up their game at the Halton Hills Hockey School at Gordon Alcott last week. Top, Davin Ciglen puts the youngsters through the paces. At right, a group work on their stopping and starting techniques while seven year-old Alex Barkhouse heads for the dressing room.

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### Spear helps Dorchester to 5th place

By STEVE LeBLANC

Special to the Independent/Free Press

Limehouse native Judy Spear and the Dorchester Jesters Ladies Senior A squad came up short in their bid to capture the gold at the National Ladies Softball Championships in Winnipeg, Manitoba August 24 to 30. The Ontario team took a fifth place finish in the week long competition.

Judy has been the star center fielder for the Chinguacousy Rockets Ladies Senior A squad for seven years. She was selected to join the Jesters and represent Ontario at the nationals after her team was defeated in the provincial finals by Dorchester.

A total of 14 team from across the country competed at the nationals this year. The British Columbia Renegades took the gold, a squad from Alberta took the silver and capturing the bronze was the West Vancouver team. Ontario was represented by three softball teams at the nationals: Dorchester, London and Pickering.

The Jesters qualified for the play-offs after posting a four wins, two losses record in round robin competition. They went on to beat Saskatchewan in the first play-off round but were defeated 9-5 by the West Vancouver team and were eliminated from competition.

"Unfortunately, we didn't play as well as we would have hoped," said Spear, "Our top pitcher had hand problems and we made a lot of errors in the final game, mainly because of the incredible wind that day."

The teams were divided into two pools of seven teams. In round robin competition, the Jesters lost to West Vancouver and Quebec. The team scored wins against Alberta, Manitoba 1, Manitoba 2 and New Brunswick.

Spear was the team's back up center fielder during the nationals. She played in four games of the tournament including the final game against West Vancouver.

She explains that she had only one at bat in the final game and didn't really play enough to comment on her performance.

"I'm a little disappointed with the performance of the Ontario squads this year, it seems as though we could have done better."

This was Spear's third trip to the nationals. She and the Chinguacousy Rockets won the championship as the host team in 1989 and represented Ontario well as defending champions the following year in British Columbia.

Along with Spear, the Jesters picked up Rocket first-baseman Julie Boudreau and shortstop Kim Downard as well as a player from the Kitchener team.

The Jesters didn't have a coach with national coaching status so Rocket assistant coach Robin Sluce made the trip.