

It was a night to remember for Milton's Scott McEneny

By Kathy Wade Vlaar

Nov. 13 was a night to remember for harness horse trainer Scott McEneny of Milton, and owner John Grant of Hornby.

The two combined for a hat trick in the Canadian Breeders Championships at Mohawk to produce a career best night for trainer McEneny and a hefty pay day for Grant.

The stable star, Armbro Luxury, trotted to a 2:02.1 victory in the \$68,900 championship for sophomore trotting fillies. Dave Wall guided the Dream of Glory filly to the win, her 9th in 20 starts on the year which bumped her bankroll to \$458,723.

"I've never driven a horse who tries as hard as she does," praised Dave Wall. Luxury was a repeat winner in the Canadian Breeders as she captured the freshman trotting fillies division in 1992.

Classic Wish, a daughter of Armbro Emerson paced to a 1:57.2 win over Reef The Table in the \$85,725 Canadian Breeders Championship for sophomore pacing fillies with Steve Condren at the helm.

The win was her 8th in 29 season outings and increased her year's bank account to \$210,753.

McEneny was very pleased with her victory but admitted he thought she could have had an even more successful campaign. "She's had a lot of bad luck this season; bad racing luck and bad post positions. She should have won

more races."

The hat trick was achieved when John Grant's homebred pacing colt, Hornby Blaze, scored a 1:55.1 victory over Such Sparkle in the \$92,575 Canadian Breeders Championship for sophomore pacing colts.

For Hornby Blaze, a son of Armbro Emerson, it was his 5th win in 24 starts and bumped his '93 earnings to \$141,609.

Combined, Grant's three horses earned \$123,599 total on the night.

Armbro Leader held off a late challenge from Hay Dude in the \$78,350 Canadian Breeders Championship Final for three year old trotting colts and geldings. Bill O'Donnell handled the driving assignment for trainer-owner Bill Wellwood. The mile was timed in 1:58.3 and marked the Balanced Image offspring's 7th win in 20 trips while increasing his bankroll to \$288,596 for the season.

On Sunday night, Jailhouse Rock knocked off archrival Tanya Seelster in the \$79,525 Canadian Breeders Championship for freshman trotting fillies. With Doug Brown driving, the Balanced Image youngster fired out quickly from post 4 to trot to a :29.1 quarter before relinquishing command to Tanya Seelster for the :58.3 half.

Tanya Seelster had opened up on the field by 5 lengths down the backstretch but by the head of the stretch, Jailhouse Rock was right on her heels, within striking position. Jailhouse Rock got

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up for a two and a quarter length win, stopping the clock in 1:59.3 to post a track and Canadian season's record.

"She was well within herself," praised Brown, "she's getting stronger every start."

Trained by John Cechin and owned by George Lund of Sudbury, Jailhouse Rock's victory was the 7th in 14 starts and bumped her '93 purse account to \$220,195.

Ever Running broke her maiden with a 1:58 victory in the \$82,421 Canadian Breeders Championship for two year old pacing fillies.

Bill Gale handled the Run The Table filly for trainer Jeff Lilley and owner Robert Hamather. The win, her richest pay day of the season, increases her '93 earnings to \$63,589.

Woodman, a Balanced Image colt, dominated the \$83,075 CBC for freshman trotting colts, as he stepped off a ten and a half length victory timed in 1:58.4 for driver Bill Gale, trainer Doug McIntosh and owner Gordon Tabor of Indianapolis,

Indiana. That effort tied the track record for freshman trotting colts, set by Wesgagge Crown during Grand Circuit action.

It was his 9th victory in 11 starts and the win bumped his career bankroll to \$136,732. Woodman controlled the race from start to finish, clocking a :28.4 quarter, a "58.2 half, a 1:28.2 three-quarters enroute to his demolition of the field.

"He's a fast colt with a lot of natural ability," praised Gale of Woodman, "he has a lot to learn but he keeps going

ahead."

Start number 13 was lucky for Delayed Decision as he was a 1:55.3 length winner over Treecoscius in the \$113,995 CBC event for rookie pacing colts. Ross Battin handled the Dexter Nukes colt for trainer, owner William Wellwood.

Treecoscius was on top for a :27.2 quarter before surrendering command to Fun Bunch who clocked a sizzling :55.3 half. Fun Bunch stayed on top for a 1:26.2 three-quarter mile station. Delayed

Decision got away fourth and pulled first up just past the half to challenge Fun Bunch. Delayed Decision took command mid-stretch and managed to hold off a late challenge from Treecoscius while Fun Bunch tired to finish third. According to Battin, Delayed Decision's biggest asset in his durability. "He can live forever on the outside. He just keeps on rolling."

The win was his 6th and gives him \$133,010 in season earnings.

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