

Ritchie nets two more wins

Trevor Ritchie added two more feathers in an already crowded cap Saturday night.

The Acton resident drove two horses to victory at the Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final at Mohawk Racetrack. Following up a victory at the previous week's Breeders Crown, Ritchie and Banker Hall were again a winning combination. The two-year-old trotting colt pulled away down the stretch for an easy win in 1:57.3.



TREVOR RITCHIE

Ritchie again made his way to the winner's circle with Yankee Paco in the three-year-old trotting colt final. Yankee Paco was noticeably absent from the Breeders Crown after going off stride in the elimination and failing to make the final. However, the Hambletonian-winning pairing was back on stride in the Super Series Final.

Yankee Paco won by five lengths over Tracs in a time of 1:56.2.

New twirling club launched

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twirlers were also being offered other opportunities such as U.S. college scholarships and appearances in movies and commercials and half-time shows at Toronto Raptors games.

"There are a lot of other things that can be achieved. As long as they are happy and having fun," she said.

King is also planning for a special needs component in the new club. King said the need for recreational activities for everyone became apparent to her after she was temporarily wheelchair-bound after being hit by a car three years ago.

Although the club is adopting a new recreational focus, King said they will still have top instruction.

Tim is president and Darlene is

technical chair of the Canadian National Baton Twirling Association. Retiring members of their national championship team will round out the coaching staff.

The Kings Destiny teams, which won the silver medal at the world championships in England in April, will continue for those who wish to pursue the competitive side.

But the new focus of the club has King now fighting to change another perception.

"There's a stigma attached to activities like this," she said. "But it's not bad to be a cheerleader. It's not bad to be baton twirler. It promotes a lot of the old-fashioned values that we've lost like respect, spirit and pride in the community."

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Rep hockey roundup

Hurricanes blank Niagara Falls 4-0

Jeremy Ford and Grant Massey combined on a 4-0 shutout for the Halton Minor Novice Hurricanes against Niagara Falls. Brandon Denham, Nolan Banasco and Chris Taylor scored for Halton. Jean Phillippe Villeneuve, Ian McCrae, Daniel Marshall and Thomas Herren drew assists.

Michael Sgarbossa scored both goals in a 2-2 tie with Welland. Denham scored twice in a 5-1 win over Burlington. Stephen Silas, Daniel Marshall and Sgarbossa also scored. Herren, Villeneuve and Banasco assisted.

Minor Atom Raiders

After being shut out twice by Burlington, 10-0 and 5-0, the M&M Pro Sports Raiders lost a pair of close games, 4-2 to Milton and 4-3 to Guelph.

David Carscadden and Dean Banasco each had two goals and Shane Greaves had a goal and an assist. Also contributing were Ryan Thompson with a pair of assists and Kyle Andrews, Cody McCulloch, Jeremy Klein and J.J. Laforet with one apiece.

Midget Raiders

After rallying from a 3-1 deficit, the Sunny Acres Farms Raiders were edged 4-3 by North Toronto in the semifinals of the Belleville Minor Hockey Association Midget Tournament. Tim Mansfield, Russell Parsons and Andrew McGourty scored for the Raiders.

After being edged 4-3 by Hillcrest in the opening game, Kevin Bokowski blanked Cumberland 3-0 and the Raiders downed Belleville 3-2 to finish first in their division. Mansfield had three goals, Scott Rostrup had a pair and Thomas Stokes had a goal and three assists. Parsons scored once and set up two, Bryon Jacome had a goal and an assist and Keith Fraser also scored. Andrew McGourty had two assists.

Minor Bantam Raiders

Matt Velten scored twice and Jeremy Walsh scored the tying goal in the Dan Bodanis Raiders' 3-3 tie with Ancaster. Matt Brassard and Brad Torres drew assists.

The Raiders came back in their next game but Milton scored in the final 30 seconds to pull out a 4-3 victory. Matt Chisholme, Walsh and Torres had the Raider goals. James Mountford and Aaron Kirk assisted on the goals.

The Raiders battled through two scoreless periods before Caledon scored three unanswered goals for a 3-0 win.

Minor Pee wee Raiders

Mike LaRose capped a two-goal, four-point night, scoring with 37 seconds to play giving the Dan Bodanis Raiders a 5-4 win over Brampton. Mike Clost, Daniel Rankin and Andrew Farrugia also scored. Peter Bailey had two assists.

Mitch Thompson, Jordan MacKinnon and Rankin scored in a 10-3 loss to Caledon.

Curtis Sargent blanked Orangeville while LaRose, Farrugia and Thompson scored in the 3-0 win.

LaRose had a hat-trick in a 5-2 victory over Burlington. Thompson and MacKinnon scored and Clost set up two.

Major Novice Tanners

Brandyn McCarthy scored with 11 seconds to play as the Acton Major Novice Tanners edged Burlington 5-4.


The goal was McCarthy's second of the game. Jeesy Kuenzig also scored twice and Dylan Creasey added another for Acton. Colton Burgan and Bradley Kri each had two assists. Kuenzig and McCarthy each had one helper.

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