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Kate Trainor of Georgetown, aboard Mysticstar, wheels around a barrel during the recent Ontario Rodeo Association finals in Stratford. Trainor, 14, finished fourth in the junior barrel division.

Photo courtesy Kate Trainor

Trainer finishes fourth aboard 'old' Mysticstar at Ontario rodeo finals

The teaming of young and old paid off for Kate Trainor. Riding a horse that was four years older than her, Trainor finished fourth in the junior barrel race division at the recent Ontario Rodeo Association finals in Stratford.

"I didn't think I would do that well because my horse is really old," Trainor said of Mysticstar, the 18-year-old horse that is four years older than she is.

But it took just six events before Trainor and Mysticstar teamed up for their first victory at a rodeo in Kirkland Lake on July 1.

Trainor, who has been riding since the age of nine, earned her spot in the provincial final through her performance on the 28-event Ontario circuit this summer. Competing almost every weekend, Trainor was one of only five riders invited to the provincials.

Trainor had gone for Western riding lessons at the Cactus Circle P Ranch just outside Acton when she saw Jennifer Marriott, who now coaches her, practising barrel riding. Trainor decided she wanted to give it a try.

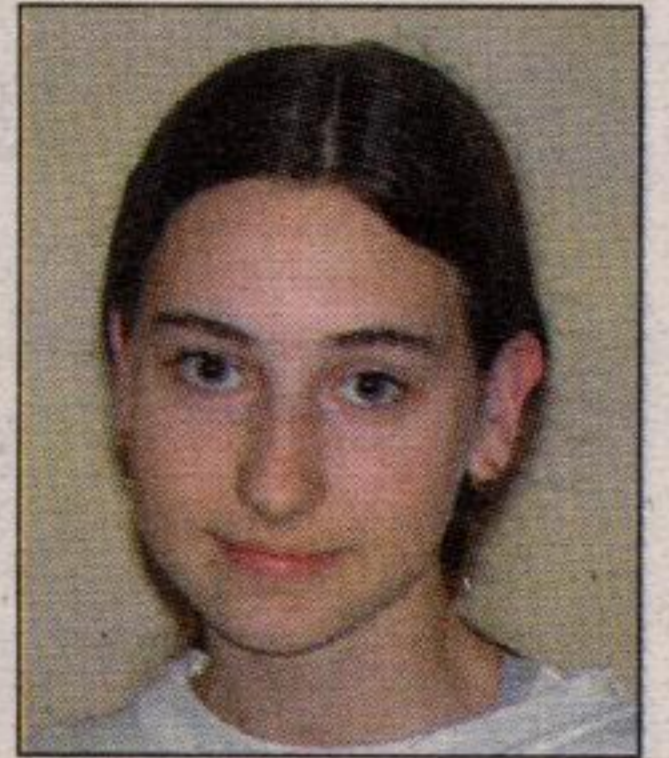
"I really like the speed in barrel racing," Trainor said.

The Grade 9 student at Georgetown District High School opened the provincials with her strongest of three runs, finishing the course in just over 17 seconds.

"We ran in the dark (on the first run) and my horse loves running in the dark," said Trainor.

Trainor followed that up with two solid runs to place fourth overall.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



KATE TRAINOR

Raiders hire Kalapaca as coach

The Georgetown Raiders' search for a new assistant has yielded a new head coach.

Mike Kalapaca, a former Provincial Jr. A coach of the year, stepped behind the bench for the first time last night in Mississauga. Kalapaca was as an assistant with Milton until the Merchants fired their coaching staff last month. He also spent 12 years with Streetsville, five years as head coach.

"The division is up for grabs," Kalapaca said before running the Raiders through his first practice Monday. "There's a good core and one of the reasons I'm here is I like what I see."

The Raiders also like what they see in Kalapaca.

"He's a good coach and more importantly a good coach for the Georgetown Raiders," said GM Jack Moon. "He's an excellent teacher of defensive hockey and if you look at the teams that win championships, they all play well defensively."

Charlie Hanman, who has been coaching the



MIKE KALAPACA

team for the past two weeks following the firing of John French, will assume his former position as an assistant. Moon said the team was looking for someone with experience and if the right person was available, Hanman was willing to step down.

The Raiders got their first choice in Kalapaca.

"Charlie knows him well and it's important to have good chemistry with the coaching staff," Moon said. "They're both from the same mold."

Kalapaca said he will be looking for the Raiders to improve in their own end.

"To be successful, you have to be strong in your own end and have the guys play as a unit," he said. "These guys have already shown they can score goals."

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—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

At under-19 championship

Late goal sinks Bulldogs

Peterborough scored with 46 seconds to play to edge the Halton Hills Bulldogs 9-8 in the Ontario Lacrosse Association Under-19 field lacrosse championship.

The Bulldogs led 7-5 in the final quarter before Peterborough struck for three goals in 3:40. Daryl Veltman's second goal with 1:51 remaining tied the game 8-8 but Peterborough scored in the final minute to claim the title.

Todd Bloxam also scored twice for the Bulldogs and Mike Dube had a goal and two assists. Marc Burton, Matt Mayerhofer and Kyle Goertz also scored for Halton Hills. Veltman, Burton, Richard Haan and Dave Ingram assisted on the goals.

The Bulldogs pulled out a close game, edging Mimico 9-8 in the semifinals, to reach the championship. Bloxam had four goals and Veltman had a hat-trick and set up two more for the Bulldogs. B.J. Brown also scored and Dube netted the winning goal. Marc Burton, Bloxam, Haan, Dube and Ingram drew assists.



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