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A ROYAL IND. The Queen's

Campbellville breeder had good feeling

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The Champion

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Iris Bristow may own the minority share of Archers Bay but her role in the thoroughbred's recent Queen's Plate triumph was far from insignificant.

After breeding and raising horses for nearly a decade on her farm in Campbellville, the onetime west coast business woman knows what it takes to develop a champion.

And therefore, she has "equal say" with majority owner Eugene Melnyk and trainer Todd Pletcher as to decisions surrounding Canadian horse-racing's latest success story.

In fact it was Bristow who was first drawn to Archers Bay two years ago when as a yearling he was being unloaded with most of his stablemates from Oshawa's Windfield Farms.

"Eugene (Melnyk) and I had owned various horses before and when Archers Bay became available at a dispersal sale in Kentucky we put him at the top of our list," she recalled.

"He's the great-great-grandson of Northern Dancer, perhaps the most successful horse in the sport's history, and has six generations of pure, uninterrupted parentage on both his father and mother's side.

"They did a great job breeding him."

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Gallinger leads rally for Mavs

Just call him the special teams saviour. Turning the tables at crunch time, Rick

Gallinger shone during both powerplay and shorthanded stints to give the bantam Mavericks a 4-3 comeback over Owen Sound Monday at John Tonelli Sports Centre.

Rally time began late in the second when he fired back-to-back powerplay goals five minutes apart to even the count.

The visiting North Stars would go ahead once more just moments into the final frame but this only afforded Gallinger another opportunity for glory.

Two men short

With Milton two men short he dodged a pair of defenders and planted the equalizer down low midway through the third. From there — with the hometown crew once more at a five-on-three disadvantage — he set up Jonathan Ram for the game winner with just two minutes remaining. It came on a two-on-one break, again with a bottom-shelf blast doing the trick.

Sharing third-period heroics was goalie Jordan Lumb, who came up with two key shoulder block saves and stoned one of Owen Sound's top gunners on a picturesque backhand. The Mavs' tender turned aside 15 of 18 shots on the night.

Corbin assisted

Kevin Corbin drew assists on goals one and three while Kyle Goertz picked up a helper and was an effective penalty killer in the second.

Milton's comeback came during a heated battle with plenty of stick work and general roughhousing. Countless trips to the sin bin for both sides ate up nearly one quarter of the running time game.

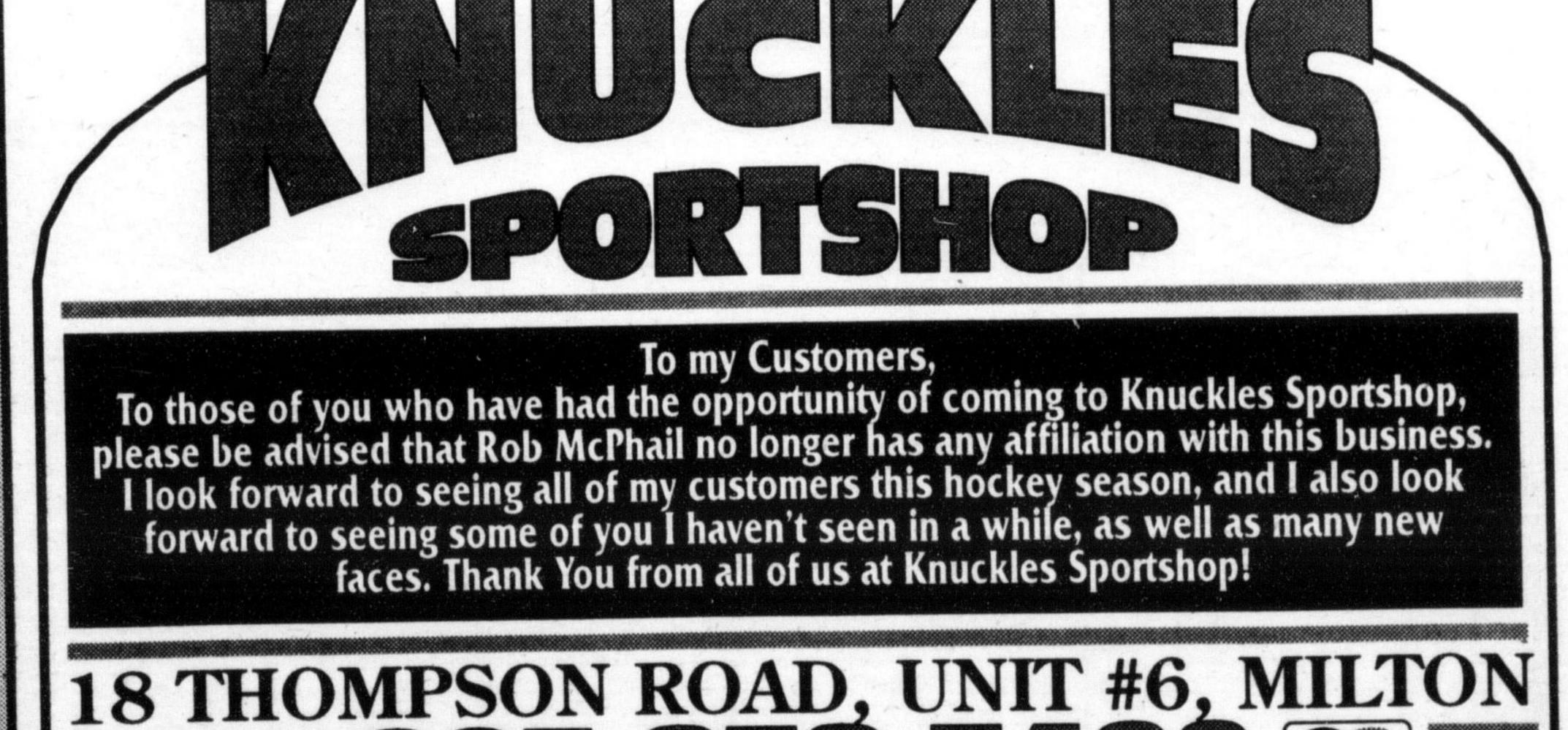
The Mavericks, who now sport an 8-2-1 record in Zone 8 league play, travel to Arthur Monday before welcoming Owen Sound back to Tonelli arena Wednesday at 8 p.m.



Jockey Kent Desormeaux guides Archers Bay into the winner's circle

after the recent 139th running of the Queen's Plate at Woodbine. In the win-

ner's circle (right) are Desormeaux, Campbellville co-owner Iris Bristow,



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