

Gold final at Mohawk

Ontario Sires Stakes Gold Final action hits the stage tonight at Mohawk Raceway.

Talented two-year-old colt Armbro Scorpion will return for the \$103,440 event. The Balanced Image colt has left a very favourable impression with local fans since opening night when he finished in a national record 1:57.3 to win the Campbellville Stakes.

From there he topped a single Gold Series elimination event in 1:58.1 for Milton driver Steve Condren, who'll be in the sulky behind him again tonight.

Big bucks

Owned by trainer Bob McIntosh — in partnership with CSX Stables of Ohio and Stonebridge Canada of Arva, Ontario — Armbro Scorpion has a 6-2-1 standing in 10 lifetime starts for earnings of \$235,130.

Five of his six wins have come in OSS action and, in what is even more bad news for his rivals, the star trotter has drawn the rail post position in the Gold Final, which is carded as race five tonight.

Passing difficult on championship course

• from **WORLDS** on page 19 explained Redden. "However, it was the last event in a long season and to crack the top 10 is a significant accomplishment."

She tamed the 36-kilometre course in 2:22, finishing four spots back of top Canadian Alison Sydor of Vancouver and nine minutes behind overall winner Laurence Laboucher of France.

Tough course

Describing the race as uncharacteristic, Redden said there was hardly any passing among the top riders and that from the onset it was quite apparent where she would finish.

Mount Ste. Anne's course, she said, was extremely challenging, with several small hills that made getting into any kind of groove next to

impossible.

"The descents were a lot more technical than on other courses, so there was very little time to relax mentally," she added.

Persevering through these obstacles — plus that of competing in front of 50,000 screaming fans — Redden turned in a flawless performance that involved no mechanical mishaps or muscle cramping.

This wasn't the case two weekends earlier in Bromont, Quebec where for the second time this year she crashed during a World Cup series event.

As a result, she slipped three spots and finished 11th in the season point standings.

Cseff reaches goal

Eric Cseff had hoped for a top 40 placing in the world championship men's downhill event and

actually managed to one-up that goal — finishing 30th in a field of 130 riders.

The 20-year-old racer negotiated the four kilometre course, which featured a dreaded 2,000 foot vertical drop, in 5:18. He clocked in just half a minute behind the winner.

Feeling good

"I feel pretty good about my performance, especially considering how rainy and muddy it was that day," said Cseff of the September 19 competition. "The only problem I had was trying to pass this one guy and I eventually did."

His strong showing on the global front follows a gold medal performance at the national finals — number two in as many years for the highly talented rider.

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