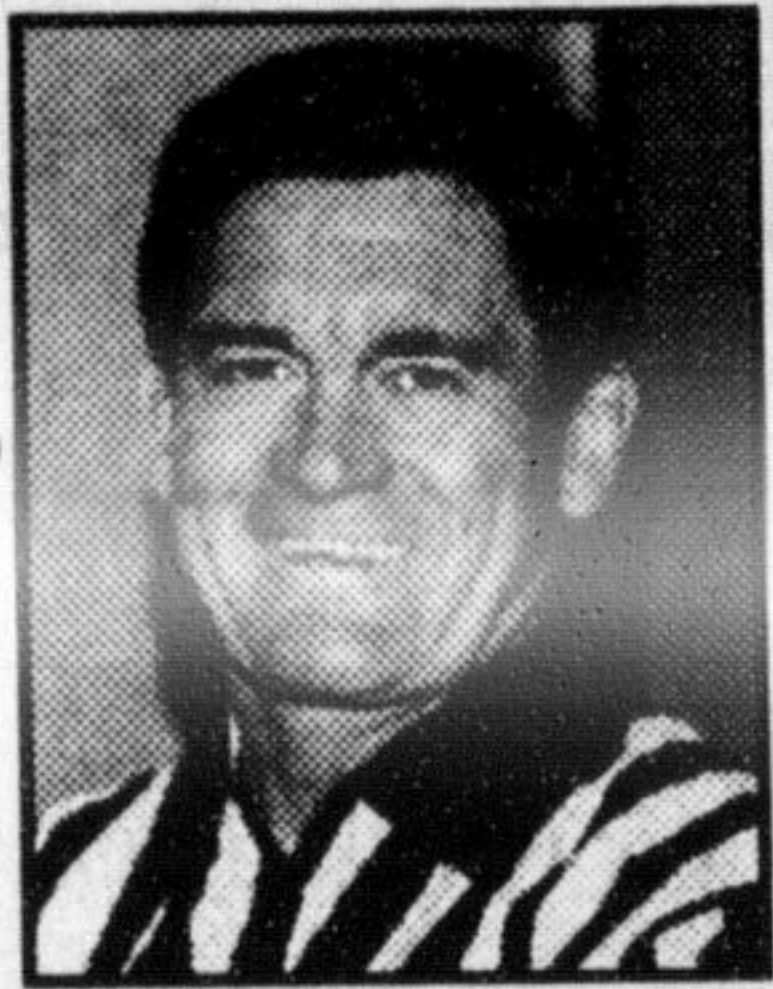


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CRYSTAL CRUISES - THE FAVOURITE OF MANY has quite an array of **DEPARTURES** lined up for their clients to choose from this year - **68 DEPARTURES** ranging from a trip of **SEVEN DAYS** right up to **99 DAYS!** Their **99 DAY WORLD CRUISE** out of Los Angeles to Lisbon, through the South Pacific, Australia, Asia, India, the Middle East, Africa and Europe, is one of their highlights. Along with other cruises, they too have some **GREAT MILLENNIUM TRAVEL OPTIONS!**



MEDITERRANEAN CRUISES ARE STILL POPULAR with many, even though the Kosovo conflict - although distant from Europe's top vacation destinations - has definitely affected total travel abroad. Additional cruise itineraries had been added for the season in the "Med" ports, based on last year's tremendous interest. Several cruise lines altered their routes to stay some kilometers away from this area, at present. Air, land, and cruise products abroad are all seeing less activity. **CRUISES TO ALASKA** are seeing the benefit, as many are switching their plans to make this junket, and putting off their Mediterranean cruise to another time.

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Mohawk Pacing Series

Driver Waples beats rush hour traffic

For more than half the \$67,000 final of the Mohawk Pacing Series last Saturday, Hornby's Randy Waples must have thought he was in the middle of rush hour on the Don Valley Parkway.

Heavy traffic congestion and plenty of speeding horses in front put the accomplished driver and favourite Salinas Hanover in a tight situation, sitting seventh with nowhere to go as Sioux Dawn (Sylvain Fillion) zipped off the half in a blistering 55 seconds.

When the Red Sea finally parted, Waples set sail on the leaders and Salinas Hanover moved into

striking position with a three-wide move past the three-quarter mark in 1:23.4.

Still with a two-length lead midway through the stretch, Sioux Dawn dug in gamely but couldn't fend off the charging Salinas Hanover at the buzzer in 1:51.4. It was a stakes record for the three-year-old son of Western Hanover, who notched his fourth win in five tries this year.

Nagano finished third in rein to Daniel Martin, while Windsong Flyer and early leader Sir William Wallace picked up the remaining cheques.

"I knew he was capable of beating these horses from behind but I never expected that kind of traffic," said Waples. "Once he got clear, I didn't know if we could catch Sylvain (Fillion) or not but he (Salinas Hanover) is a little digger, he keeps trying all the time. Sioux Dawn went a big trip too, but I knew he had been used early so I just kept hoping we could get there."

Trained by Dick Macomber for owners Dan, Matt and Pat Daly of Hamilton, Salinas Hanover — like Sioux Dawn — is eligible for next month's \$1 million North America Cup at Woodbine.

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Superb comeback too little, too late

E.C. Drury's girls softball team has scored early and often to win most regular season games this spring.

However, at Lions Sport Park Tuesday their efforts were too little and too late.

The Spartans staged a remarkable comeback bid against the undefeated St. Thomas Aquinas Raiders of Oakville, scoring a whopping seven runs in the fifth inning despite missing key sluggers Nicole May and Melissa Parcels.

But an uncharacteristically slow start — with just one run over the first four frames — eventually cost Drury a 10-8 defeat and dropped them to 5-2 on the season for second place in Halton's Volpe Division.

In one of their more interesting outings in recent years, EC had to contend with heavy winds and a brief rain delay plus the on-again, off-again pitching of Sabrina Snow.

St. Thomas Aquinas' ace hurler worked five separate stints on the mound — yet still faced the allotted 12 batters — in order to battle the top opposing hitters and maximize her club's chances of victory.

The strategy, rather confusing and frustrating at times for the Spartans, proved effective — at least through the early going.

After that the locals, refusing to fold up their tents, rallied from a huge 10-1 deficit to make things quite exciting.

Anne Jamieson began and ended their fifth inning explosion with RBI singles.

Also driving in runs were Mandy Huffman, Tracey Tonna and Jen Williams.

Scoring twice was Melissa Park, who split the pitching duties with Lindsey Harrold.

Drury was fairly strong on defence, with centrefielder Ameer May making two impressive catches and leading the way.

EC hosted White Oaks yesterday afternoon. They have two games remaining before the playoffs — which begin on June 3.

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