

Motor City Smitty drives away with victory ✓ Big win for 'Hawks

It wasn't a showdown in Motown but for a damp Friday night in February at Mohawk, Motor City Smitty put on a pretty fancy show just the same in the \$54,600 final of the Snowshoe Pacing Series.

Driven by trainer and co-owner Carman Hie, the handsome four-year-old Dexter Nukes gelding sprinted home to win going away by two lengths over runner-up and co-favourite Mattarocket in 1:55.2.

Motor City Smitty, named after flashy former Toronto Maple Leafs winger and current Colorado Avalanche scout Brad Smith, won

for the seventh time in only 13 career opportunities. Incidentally, Smith — who was pleased to learn about his namesake — planned on attending the race, but was called out of town with a hockey commitment Friday morning.

He plans on catching up with Motor City Smitty in the near future. Mattarocket made an aggressive move to the front after a :28.1 opening quarter and held the lead until mid-stretch. For awhile up the backstretch, it appeared Motor City Smitty was in some difficulty, locked in fifth on the rail.

However, Bodice Ripper tired



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just outside of him, allowing the smooth-galting gelding to stick handle his way out. Once clear, he skated toward the front, then scored. Hear A Rhapsody, the early leader, closed up the rail to edge Mr. Casino for the show position.

"He tries hard and like what he's

doing," said Hie, who also bred Motor City Smitty. "I was worried when I was boxed in, but when Clark Beelby's horse (Bodice Ripper) tired, there was plenty of room to move and overall I couldn't have asked for a better trip."

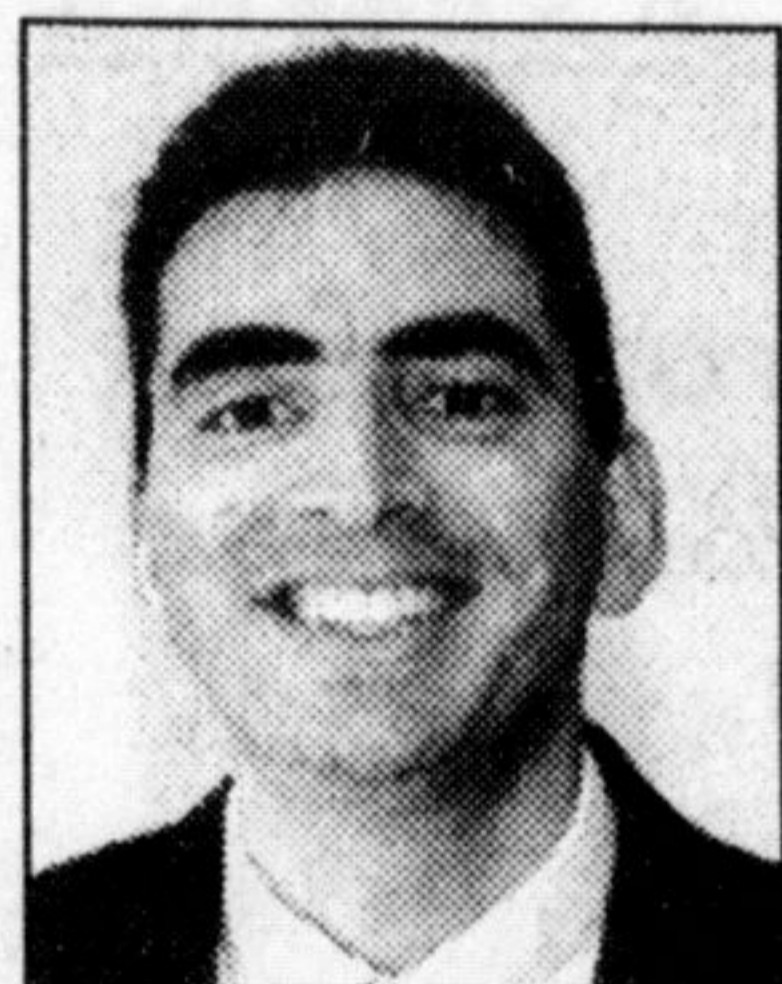
After skipping the first leg of the series, Motor City Smitty qualified for the final with an impressive victory last week. The winner's share of \$27,300 bumped his career earnings to \$69,514 for Hie and partners Roy Austin, Peter Holubowsky and William Livingston.

Milton's AA minor bantams power-played their way to new life in round one of the provincial playdowns at Memorial Arena Saturday.

Scoring six times with the man-advantage, they knotted the best-of-five series at one win apiece by hammering the undisciplined Orangeville Flyers 9-1.

Leading the way were Jonathan Ram and Darryl Teed. Each tallied twice and added an assist.

Also scoring were Derek Blanchard, Chad Boisvenue, Lee Frittenburg, Barry Kosmalski and Tim Warmels. Brett Turner finished up with three helpers. Tim Johnston was rock solid between the pipes. The series continues tomorrow in Orangeville.



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FEB 5	MINOR ATOM	HOME CINEMA VIDEO GORRUD AUTO	N/A N/A	HUNT CHRYSLER JEEP LIFESTYLE/CAR GUYS	N/A N/A
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FEB 6	MAJOR NOVICE	HUNT CHRYSLER JEEP BRIAN'S AUTO	5 Daniel Lewondowsky 4 Andrew Smith	SHOPPERS DRUG MART CANADIAN TIRE	4 Mark McNeill 3 Kaitlin Shuvera
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