Monumental upset victory by Admirals Express

In an upset of gigantic proportions, 77-1 shot Admirals Express and regular pilot Pat Hudon of Milton got the best of the recently unstoppable Dragon Again in the second leg of the Toronto Pacing Series February 12 at Mohawk.

The original field of 11 was reduced to nine with the scratched of sick Noble Ability and Order To Go.

The gray son of Admirals Galley resembled a sling-shot off the gate and assumed early control well before the eighth pole.

The longest shot in the field put up the quarter in :28.1 before surrendering to Dragon Again, who then set the middle splits of :58 and 1:26.2.

Dragon Again drifted out just enough in the stretch, allowing Hudon to angle his mount up the fence to win by a quarter-of-alength in a personal best 1:53.4.

Artistic split horses in the lane to nail the heavily favoured Dragon Again for second.

"We got lucky," said an elated Hudon. "The cheaper fractions



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certainly helped. Mike (trainer Hales) told me he was good this

"Mike thought if we could get a two hole trip we'd be in good shape. Everything worked out well."

Owned by Gary and Laurel Gust and Cheryl and Ed Sayfle of Michigan, Admirals Express recorded his first win of the year in seven starts. The lion's share of the \$40,000 pot pushed his 2000 earnings to just over \$41,000 and his lifetime bankroll to \$123,981.

The winner returned a whopping \$156.50 and couple with Artistic, the exactor paid out \$1042.70. Dragon Again rounded out a hefty \$4099.20 triactor.

Dragon Again, who easily swept through the January Presidential Series at the Meadowlands, missed last week's opening leg of the Toronto Series due to sickness.

"He didn't take the ship back from New Jersey too well," said driver Brett Robinson.

"He had a bit of a fever, so we gave him last week off. I tried to be easy on him this week and wasn't successful. I apologize to the betting fans.

"I went too slow to the half and just couldn't get away from

"He's the type of horse that likes to race every week. He'll have no excuses of any kind next week."

The \$120,500 final of the Toronto Pacing Series is set for this Saturday.



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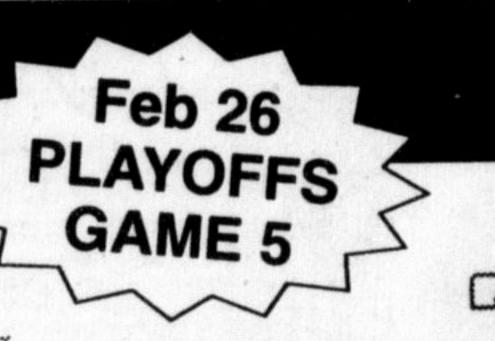
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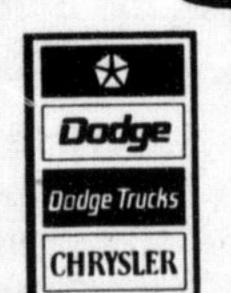
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