

Wet win at Mohawk

The month of May opened with showers at Mohawk Raceway, but that didn't stop Victoria Dare from doing a rain dance around six rivals in the \$53,500 final of the Princess Pacing Series.

The three-year-old daughter of Artsplace got off to her usual slow start and found herself second last in the early going as Village Mystic grabbed control of the race-track for Paul MacDonell in an impressive :28.1.

As the half flashed up in :57, Milton's Randall Waples moved second choice Kesons Delight to the top and tried to get a breather before Victoria Dare came calling.

Too late as it would turn out, as Roger Mayotte already had Victoria Dare in top gear and blew on by to reach the three-quarters in 1:25.2, courtesy of a middle half in an explosive :55.2.

She still kept enough in reserve to pace to a comfortable victory in 1:55.3, winning by one-and-three-quarter lengths over Cosmic Angel — who nipped Kesons Delight for second.

While obviously pleased with her effort, Mayotte said Victoria Dare was an adventure behind the starting gate.

"She's always been bad behind the gate and just didn't get up to it like last week

when she was better than ever," said Mayotte.

"When the gate left she was going backwards away from it so I got away a little worse than I wanted to.

"Then, when I moved her, I saw Randy cleared and I figured I better not let him get a breather so we came at him pretty hard. I was able to clear around him before we got into the turn. She has very high speed."

After such a fast middle half mile, Mayotte admitted he was concerned entering the stretch.

He recalled, "She was a little tired in the lane, but she just kept going."

Young bought the sturdy filly for what has turned out to be a bargain \$25,000 U.S. back at the Meadowlands Sale in January.

After a somewhat lacklustre fourth-place finish in her first start for Young, Victoria Dare has since reeled off seven consecutive victories.

The \$26,750 Princess cheque boosted her 2000 earnings to an impressive \$90,085.

Young said Victoria Dare's schedule calls for a trip east to New Jersey for some stakes races this month before returning home June 3.

Mustangs corralling wins in boys baseball

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
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The only thing Milton District High's baseball team has been unsuccessful at through the first half of their regular season schedule is finding adequate competition.

A quick glance at their numbers and that point isn't even remotely debatable.

Since blanking Acton 7-0 to open the year, the Mustangs have widened their margin of victory each time out. Heading into yesterday's battle against Burlington's Nelson Lords, MD had given up a measly three earned runs in four games and outscored their collective opposition 42-7.

"Pitching is definitely our biggest improvement so far," said manager Jason McGuffie. "Bar none, we have the strongest pitching staff in the league. Adam (Finkbeiner) may be our main guy, but we've really got six aces out there."

The 4-0 'Stangs closed out last week as one of just two teams

still unbeaten in the Halton Region Richardson Division — Burlington's Notre Dame Irish being the other. They kept their perfect record intact with a sweep of their cross-town rivals.

At Maplehurst Park Wednesday, MD exploded for nine runs in the fifth inning en route to trouncing the E.C. Drury Spartans 12-3.

Leading MD's offensive charge, which included only four extra-base hits and no homers, was Jarrett Konkle. After working four solid innings on the mound — in which he surrendered just one run on three hits — he belted consecutive doubles in the same inning to drive in three runs.

Also contributing at the plate was rookie Ian McGuffie — who delivered a two-run single in the final frame to add insult to injury.

The following afternoon at Brian Best Park, MD enjoyed a sensational start and wound up mercying the Bishop Reding Royals 13-2.

Jeff MacLeod crushed a two-run homer to highlight a five-run first inning while Paul Duff capped things off with a three-run shot in the sixth. Konkle and Mike Leishman each had a pair of hits while rookie Curtis Davies recorded his first hit.

Finkbeiner held opposing batters at bay through his allotted four innings, allowing just three hits and one run, while McGuffie and Melito were solid in relief.

MD's skipper said the most encouraging aspect of his team's success so far isn't their dominance — but rather their focus and refusal to look past teams.

"Nobody's talking about what we're going to do next week or in the playoffs," noted McGuffie. "They've been taking it one game at a time."

That kind of concentration will certainly be needed now as the playoff-bound 'Stangs head into a much tougher second half that includes games against M.M. Robinson and Notre Dame, plus an appearance at this weekend's Corbett's Tournament.

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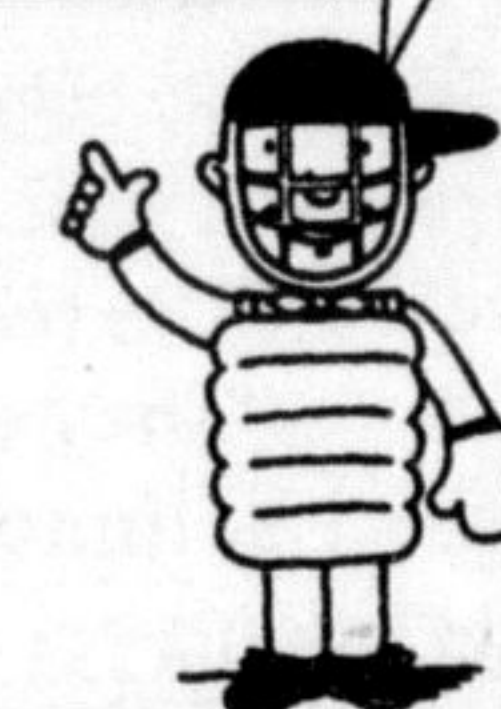
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