

Elegant Supreme prevails in Gold Final at Mohawk

Elegant Supreme extended his win streak to five races and shaved another fifth of a second off his personal best time with a narrow victory in Friday night's \$100,000 Gold Series Final at Mohawk Raceway.

The talented trotter received a masterful steer from veteran reinsman Dave Wall to score the 1:57 win over Scottmyboy.

Leaving from Post 9, the Balanced Image colt went straight to the front and clocked a :28.1 opening quarter before yielding to Tracs and Clayton Masse.

The two elimination winners led the field through a :58.3 half before Armbro Timothy mounted a challenge and cleared to the front.

When Scottmyboy and Curt Bond drove by Elegant Supreme past the half, Wall tipped the colt to the outside and as the field squared up to the long Mohawk stretch the top dogs were hunting in a pack — Armbro Timothy on the rail, Scottmyboy to the outside, with Tracs and Elegant Supreme right behind them.

Narrow victory

Together, they battled down the stretch and at the wire it was Elegant Supreme who stuck a neck in front of Scottmyboy to record the win.

Tracs finished third, but was ruled to have interfered with fourth-place finisher Armbro Timothy when the two touched wheels in the dash to the wire, so their order of finish was reversed.

"I've only raced him out of a hole a couple time, but he's a very smart horse and I knew he'd give it a pretty good kick," said Wall.

"I went to the front the last few times because that's where I thought he belonged and he didn't get much pressure. Tonight, he was going to get pressure if he stayed there so I thought we'd try the other route.



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"That horse of Curt's (Bond), Scottmyboy, has always been racing from behind, coming after me and he's always come close. Tonight, he was ahead of me and trotting about as much as I was. I just tried to keep my horse straight and he trotted on his own. What a bunch of good colts that were in here."

The win bumped Elegant Supreme's earnings to \$107,842 — for an average of \$17,974 per start this year. Not bad for a colt that trainer John Bax considered a right-off at two.

"When he started racing this year I wasn't expecting big things from him. I didn't know he had what he has," said Bax, who partnered with Aline James of Lindsay, Brian Grant of Whitby and Brian Parkinson of Sharon to pay \$25,000 for the colt at the 1998 Canadian Classic yearling sale. "We thought it was wasted money last year, but we found out he had a hairline fracture in his pastern behind."

The first indication Bax had that the colt might be a legitimate racehorse came during a trip to Mohawk in early spring.

The trotter's training program called for a 2:10 mile, but Elegant Supreme got in with a group of horses going a little faster and clocked his own mile in 2:02.

Elegant Supreme's desire returned \$4.60 to his fans on Friday night, with the 1-5-4 triactor of Balanced Image sons ringing in at \$150.50.

Junior Red Sox notch first home win of year

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

Milton's junior baseball team had already offered fans a few sneak peaks at its potential.

At Brian Best Park Sunday afternoon, it was time for the feature presentation.

Behind exceptional pitching and flawless fielding, the local lads posted their first home victory of the season — humbling Waterdown 6-1.

Pitcher Andrew Coe worked the first four innings on the hill and was credited with the win. He allowed four hits plus the visitors' lone run, courtesy of back-to-back doubles in the third.

Reliever Matt Dickson was even more impressive — restricting opposing batters to just a single hit and no runs over the final five frames.

An errorless game by the hometown boys was highlighted with some sensation-

al putouts by third baseman Bud Hall and shortstop Taylor Lawton.

First baseman Andrew Neilson was rock solid as well, using his reach to haul in a couple of less than accurate throws.

Offensively, Milton was fairly balanced with a handful of players scoring runs and a total of seven registering hits.

Jed Cosby — a standout in the club's only other win two weeks ago — put things out of reach with a two-run single in the seventh inning.

RBI hits were also delivered by Hall and Kurt Mitchell.

The Red Sox' first and third runs were unearned, as they capitalized on a pair of truly horrible defensive efforts by their guests.

Now 2-3, Milton will try to square its record tonight in Orangeville. The team sees its first tournament competition this weekend in Peterborough.

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