

This Senator certainly didn't underachieve

In the know sports fans get their news every Tuesday and Friday in The Canadian Champion.

Well, at least one 'Senator' performed up to his capabilities last week.

While the Ottawa Senators were a colossal failure in the opening round of the NHL playoffs, bowing out to underdog Toronto in four straight games, Southview Senator certainly didn't tarnish his burgeoning reputation in the \$46,600 Youthful Pacing Series Championship.

The three-year-old Matts Scooter colt was sensational in setting a new stakes record of 1:52.3 in last Friday night's feature at Campbellville's Mohawk Racetrack.

The race unfolded as expected, with loads of early speed.

Lefty Bruce crossed over from the eight hole and led the field to the quarter in a speedy :26.4. Glen Mark Lucky, a two-time elimination winner, came out of the pocket to take command before the half in :55.1.

Southview Senator, meanwhile, settled away fifth through the quick fractions before Miltonian Mario Baillargeon asked him to begin a challenge on the outside. By the 1:24.1 three-quarters, "the Senator" was in striking position, just a neck off the flank of Glen Mark Lucky and poised to clear.

That happened by early stretch and Baillargeon only had to be concerned about Lefty Bruce, who was craving to get out. But by the time daylight opened along



Hoof Beat

with BRUCE MURRAY

the rail, Southview Senator had virtually sealed the deal.

Famous War also closed with a flurry to grab third spot.

Elwood Lawton, who bred and owns Southview Senator, made the lengthy trip along with his wife Nancy from their home in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island and were rewarded with an impressive victory.

"We were hoping to get away good and were hoping the fractions would be fast to the half," said Lawton. "Mario gave him a super drive and of course the Robinson people were super. Bonnie (Goit), the groom, does a great job looking after him. The caretakers are the unsung heroes."

Lawton stated that until a month ago, he wasn't convinced Southview Senator belonged in this type of company.

Junior Royals annihilate Acton

Bishop Reding's junior boys soccer squad maintained its undefeated status by thrashing the Acton Redmen 8-0 Tuesday.

Persevering through a wicked cross-wind, the hosts dented the twine early and often on the way to lifting their season record to 2-0.

Phil Foley earned the goose egg — number eight in a row for the defending regional champions, who haven't been scored against since game two of last year — while leading offensively with three goals a piece were Mike Adcock and Dave Wynne.

Single markers were chipped in by Jason Ferriera and Rory Johnston. Sweeper Robbie Wilson delivered another standout performance — as did fellow defenders Lance Morin and Peter Schultz.

The Royals will be severely tested Tuesday at home when they take on the traditionally competitive St. Thomas Aquinas Raiders. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

Senior Royals win

Onel Martino scored midway through the opening half and his teammates threw up a great defensive blanket the entire afternoon.

The combination was enough for the Royals' senior boys soccer team to trim Acton 1-0 Tuesday in season-opening play at BR.

Martino beat the opposing cager with a close-range blast into the bottom left corner while Reding goalkeeper Allen Lourenco — part of the Halton champion junior squad last season — faced a

High School Round-up

measly one shot all game.

Providing exceptional defense in front of him were Frank Fazio, Matt Stockton and Ryan Taylor.

BR's seniors, who're expected to make a serious run at the regional title this season, were in Oakville yesterday to battle the T.A. Blakelock Tigers. Results were not available at press time.

Mustangs even record

Milton District's senior girls soccer squad squared their season record at 1-1 in commanding fashion Tuesday — whitewashing Oakville's Appleby College 4-0.

Cassandra Warner's natural hat-trick highlighted a second half uprising, during which the hosts snapped a scoreless stalemate to thump their guests. The Mustang sharpshooter buried two from long range, capitalizing on heavy afternoon winds.

Lee Carson capped the scoring while between the pipes for the shutout was Laura Thistle.

Providing her with rock-solid defensive support were ninth grader Lauren Beatty and Sharalee Dempster.

The shutout win was a big turnaround from the 7-1 pounding MD took at the hands of St. Thomas Aquinas five days earlier in season-opening play.

Calling all junior golfers

Local youths can once again swing into summer as part of the Wilson Junior Golf Tour.

Open to anyone 18 years and under, the 18th annual Greater Hamilton/Halton Tour features eight stops, including the qualifying day competition at Jerseyville's Oak Gables Golf Club Sunday, June 17.

Milton's Wyldewood and Trafalgar Golf and Country Clubs will also be part of the tour. Prizes are awarded to top finishers in each age division.

The tour has included such local participants as Jamie Webb, who finished top five among bantam boys last year.

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