

# Rum Boogie rebounds to win big tune-up race at Mohawk

Rum Boogie has had more than her share of troubles on the racetrack over the past seventeen months, but Saturday evening at Mohawk the five-year-old trotting mare looked a lot like her 1999 self when she was one of harness racing's premier three-year-old fillies.

In town to prepare for the May 5th Classic Oaks event, the Valley Victory daughter boogied from third to first with authority and marched her way home to win an \$18,000 conditioned race handily in 1:56.4. It was her first win in seven starts this year after also making just seven appearances in 2000.

Jimmy Takter, who's been training Rum Boogie since January, flew in from his New Jersey base to drive.

"She raced really nice, I was really pleased with the way she felt," said Takter, of the mare who finished second in the 1999 Breeders Crown at Mohawk.

The victory puts Rum Boogie at \$900,908 in career earnings for owner Lindy Racing Stable, and Takter said reaching the \$1 million mark is quite realistic this year.

Also on the card, Tellmeaboutit — who had his winning streak snapped at six last week — rebounded to win the \$46,000 Junior Free For All Pace for Doug Brown. The six-year-old How Bout It gelding reeled off a stunning :26.1 last quarter to win by two-and-three-quarter lengths in 1:52.1. Cammibest finished second and Elmos Blaze took third spot.

Owned by Lothlorien Equestrian Center of Mississauga, Tellmeaboutit has now won nine of 12 starts this season and boosted his bankroll to \$196,500.

Meanwhile, the opening leg of the 2001 Mohawk Pacing Series for three-year-olds was held at the local



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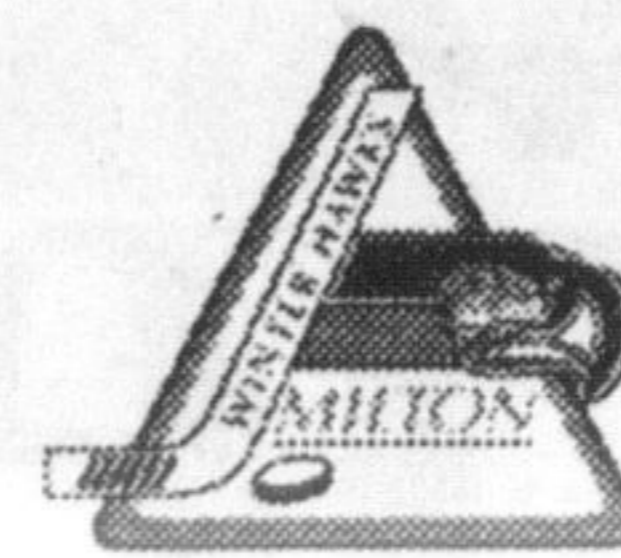
Southview Senator entered the opening leg on a three-race win streak — which included a victory last week in the \$46,600 final of the Youthful Series. The streak would come to an end as Marcatch held to narrowly defeat a closing Southview Senator.

Marcatch, driven by Miltonian Mario Baillargeon, took control of the race at the quarter in :28.0 and would not be caught, posting splits of :55.4 and 1:24.3 and was under the wire in 1:53.2.

The roan ridgling by Lagg is owned by his breeder Gord Pupil and Ecuries NDG and trained by Milton's Ben Wallace.

The win upped Marcatch's bankroll to \$69,990 lifetime and improved his three-year-old record to 4-1-1 in six appearances. Southview Senator and Hornby's Randall Waples were a half-length back for second while the show spot went to White Star Jo Jo and Paul MacDonell.

The series was open to three-year-olds who were non-winners of \$50,000 in 2000. The second leg will be raced Friday with the \$72,000 final scheduled for next Friday, May 11.



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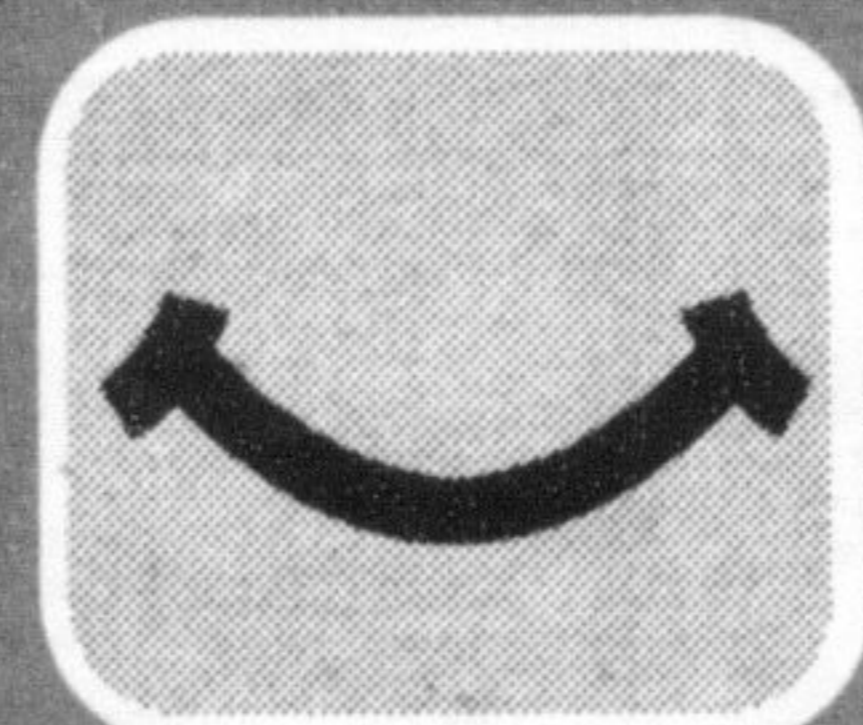
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