

Lots of upsets at Mohawk Saturday in Classic Series

It was not the night of the favourites as the lucrative Classic Series was contested at Mohawk Saturday in second leg action.

With six big Classic events on the card, the lone chalk to come through was the class of the FFA trotters in 2001, Magician.

Owned by William Augenstein, trained by Earl Cruise and driven by David Miller, the Royal Prestige wonder took the lead before the half and romped by four lengths in the \$129,200 Trotting Classic.

The time was 1:55. Magician has already made over \$221,000 this year and over \$2.1 million lifetime.

Mark King started things off with a bang as he guided his Leather Hocklear to a 15-1 upset in the \$68,400 Classic Oaks first division. Hocklear came three-wide at three-quarters, poked a nose in front at the stretch and won by one-and-a-quarter lengths in 1:56.4. King also trains and owns the A Worthy Lad mare trotter.

The heavy favourite Fern didn't fire at .15 odds. She was seventh.

The second Classic Oaks was even more surprising, and it was the major shocker of the night as the Richard Beinhauer-owned, trained and driven four-year-old mare Spring Melody at 95-1 took a cover trip and parlayed it into a head victory in 1.56. She paid \$192.40 to win.

It was just the second win in 12 starts this year for Spring Melody, who earlier in the year finished fifth in the Horsemen's Trot at Woodbine.

The 8-5 favourite Rum Boogie still can't find her best stride on a consistent basis and was seventh.

Mare pacers were next on the agenda and Eternal Camnation went off as an uncharacteristic 7-1 to take the Classic Distaff first division, which offered a \$68,400 purse. The Cam Fella four-year-old mare, driven by Hornby's Randy Waples, got out fifth and ranged into contention by following the cover of Lifetime Member and sprinted off by two lengths at the wire to win in 1:52.4.



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Camnation is owned by Eternal Camnation Stable and trained by Jeff Miller. It was her first win in three starts this year. She goes well over \$1.2 million in her career.

Yes Its True, who earlier in the year won 14 races in a row, went off as the 2-5 favourite based on her Classic Distaff win at Dover, but had no pop for the stretch and finished fourth.

Ventura 2000 Stable's Cammibest, trained by Mayotte, was a pocket rocket as he won the \$129,200 Pacing Classic in 1:51. At 12-1, it was an overlay as Cammibest has been first or second in his last three starts.

Camotion and Baillargeon, also 12-1, were the pace-setters and were a solid second. Third went to 55-1 Life Source, with Zeron.

The 4-5 favourite Royalflush Hanover had a perfect second over trip and finished fourth.

The second \$68,400 Classic Distaff produced only a mild upset as the 2-1 Only The Best, a younger full-sister to Cammibest, owned by Jeff Langfelder and Ephraim Spielman, trained by Nat Varty and driven by Miltonian Chris Christoforou, used a :27.0 final quarter to win by a head in 1:51.4.

Sanabelle Island, with Steve Warrington driving, just got caught at the wire as the pacesetter and 4-5 favourite third was Fast Lane, driven by Saftic.

Magician won his fourth straight race this year in the Trotting Classic.

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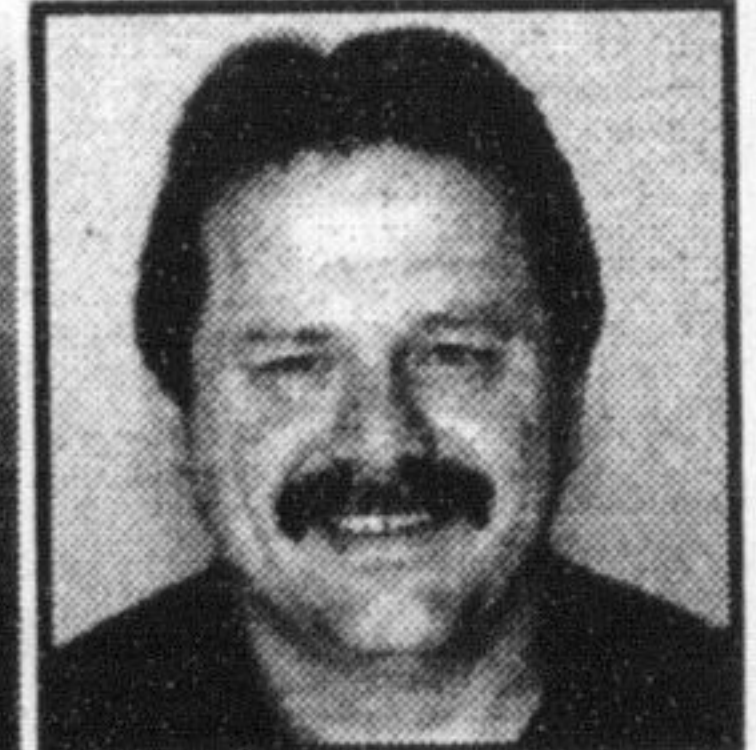
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