

# Sr. Royals finish regular season with decisive win

Bishop Reding's senior boys soccer squad finally flexed their scoring muscles and bombed Georgetown 6-0 Thursday in regular season-ending play.

Allen Lorenzo earned the shutout — his second of the week and 11th in the past two years — while leading offensively with a hat-trick was Onel Martino. Kyle Grant, who's dented the twine nine times in the past seven games, tallied twice.

The blowout victory followed a scoreless stalemate against Oakville's Loyola Hawks and gave the Royals a 3-2-1 record — good enough for fourth place and home-field advantage for today's opening round clash with Milton District.

Meanwhile, BR's junior boys also wrapped up the regular season in dominating fashion — only they did so against Acton, toppling them 6-1 Thursday.

Mario Sabatini had a pair of goals while chipping in singles were Mike Adcock, Rory Johnston, Kyle Thomas and Dave Wynne.

The win followed the juniors' first loss in

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two years last Tuesday. Minus suspended stars Sabatini and Wynne, Reding was whitewashed by Loyola 4-0.

The split gave them a 3-1-2 season record, placing them second in Halton's Volpe Division. The juniors, defending regional champs, host St. Thomas Aquinas in first round play Thursday.

### Mustangs on a roll

Milton District's baseball team extended its unbeaten streak to three games by humbling T.A. Blakelock 14-3 Wednesday.

John Melito was credited with the win while Nate Perrott was rock-solid in relief, closing out the week with three shutout innings. He also contributed offensively with one of three homers. Also taking the host pitching staff downtown were Melito and Jarrett Konkle while standout out at shortstop was rookie Mike Fratarcangeli.

Two days earlier the Mustangs outshone White Oaks 7-3. Konkle and Perrott combined on the mound while their teammates struck early and often for the win.

The winning week further distanced MD from a tough 6-5 season-opening defeat at the hands of Bishop Reding and has all but ensured them a playoff spot.

### Sitarz top 15 at OFSAA

Bishop Reding's Eva and Joanna Sitarz took top 15 honours recently at the OFSAA Badminton Championships in Thunder Bay.

The Royals' sister act — who captured gold at the regional finals and secured silver at the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference (GHAC) championships — toppled North Western Ontario's Michipicoten 15-9, 15-10 in round one before a heartbreaking 8-15, 15-11, 7-15 defeat at the hands of Toronto's St. Joseph's Park. From there they dropped down to 'B' flight and were swept by a school from Durham County.

The Sitarz were BR's first badminton players to ever reach the provincial championships.

# Mohawk plays host to first OSS event of year Thursday

By SANDRA SNYDER  
Special to The Champion

Mohawk Racetrack will play host to its first Ontario Sires Stakes event of the 2001 season Thursday. The lucrative program is worth more than \$17.5 million this year and fans at the Campbellville oval will watch the province's top trotters and pacers compete for more than \$3.1 million in 14 Gold Series events and eight Super Finals.

Leading off the action-packed schedule are an impressive group of three-year-old trotting colts, including last year's Super Final champion Banker Hall.

After wintering in Florida with trainer Harold Lunde, the winner of \$601,412 was slated to qualify earlier this week at Mohawk in preparation for next week's Gold Eliminations.

In addition to capturing the Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final, Banker Hall bested the cream of the North American trotting colt crop in the Breeders Crown and earned himself year-end honours on both sides of the border.

In nine starts last season the Balanced Image

youngster, owned by Tommy Andersson of Sweden, appeared in the Mohawk winner's circle six times.

The OSS season opener will be the first stop on an action-packed schedule for Banker Hall, who has the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Yankee Paco, another son of Balanced Image who dominated the Ontario Sires Stakes last spring before heading for the United States and etching his place in harness racing history by capturing the \$1 million Hambletonian.

Also prepping for Thursday's contest are all three colts that earned more Ontario Sires Stakes dollars than Banker Hall — Coldspot, Son of Grace and Bionic Ballard.

The top 10 finishers in the elimination round return to Mohawk May 25 for the first \$100,000 Gold Final event on their lucrative schedule. The colts will also vye for points toward their \$250,000 Super Final at the end of the season.

Points are up for grabs in each Gold Elimination and Final, with the top 10 point earners securing a berth in the rich season finale.

# Long-shot Whole Lotta Class plays the spoiler at Mohawk

Not a whole lotta people were backing Whole Lotta Class in last Friday's \$71,500 Mohawk Pacing Series Final at Mohawk Racetrack.

At post time, Whole Lotta Class closed as the longest shot on the board — at 89-1 — but miraculously was the first horse to cross the finish line in a three-horse photo.

Owned by The Merks Stake, headed by Charles Merker of Scarsdale, New York and trained by Joe Pereira, Whole Lotta Class had a fourth-place finish in the opening leg of the series, and in last week's second leg was ninth after going off stride in the early stages.

Paul MacKenzie, who drove the son of Bilateral during his two-year-old season was reunited with the colt for this race.

"I wanted to make sure he stayed pacing tonight and if possible get a covered up trip behind the favourite Southview Senator," said MacKenzie, who had driven at Flamboro in the afternoon, then went to drive in the first race at London, and back to Mohawk. "I drove him last year when he won in 1:54.3 at Sarnia, so I knew he had the speed."

Whole Lotta Class — a North America Cup eligible — and MacKenzie got away fifth in the nine-horse field as Famous War lead past the quarter in :27.1. Second choice DL Lyndie attacked aggressively at the three-eighths pole and took the field past the half in :55.3 and three-quarters in 1:23.3, with pressure most of the way from first over Glen Mark Lucky.

At three-quarters Whole Lotta Class was sixth and getting into gear from the back field. At the wire, he beat Southview Senator by a head.

White Star Jo Jo was a neck back for third. The 1:53.2 was a new lifetime mark for Whole Lotta Class, who earned his first win in four starts on the year.

The field was separated by four-and-three-quarter lengths at the finish. Famous War, Glen Mark Lucky, McIntower, DL Lyndie, Presidential Lies and The Tourist also started. Marcat was scratched.

Whole Lotta Class returned \$181.30, \$23.40 and \$8.50 across the board, combing with Southview Senator for a \$515.60 exactor. White Star Jo Jo rounded out the hefty \$2,250.90 triactor.

*Fax your team reports and sports story ideas to Steve LeBlanc at 878-4943, or drop them off anytime at 191 Main St. E. If office is closed, please slide reports through mailslot.*



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