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Real Desire, trained by Blair Burgess, appears ready to return after a strong qualifying mile at Mohawk Tuesday.

Real Desire appears ready to make return

Top pacer delivers strong qualifying mile

Real Desire, last season's Breeders Crown and Meadowlands Pace champion, is one step closer to making his return to the races after a stellar qualifying mile in less than stellar conditions Tuesday morning at Campbellville's Mohawk Racetrack.

On a rain-soaked surface in which the Ontario Racing Commission judges allowed two extra seconds for the track condition, the four-year-old son of Life Sign floated out of the starting gate second, and then eased to the front for trainer Blair Burgess long before the half in :59.

Real Desire's pace then quickened as he spun off a back half of :56.1 to leave the rest of his rivals 26 lengths behind by the time he tripped the teletimer in 1:55.1.

"He seemed good. He was all by himself and it was just like a training mile for him," said Burgess, who surprised some

backstretch followers by qualifying in the rain.

"He's definitely (qualifying) again. The reason I went today was that it gives me the option of going again next Tuesday or taking the extra three days and going on the Friday."

After a number of sensational battles with arch-rival Bettors Delight through the grueling three-year-old events last season, the winter of rest has done wonders physically for Real Desire.

"He's definitely gained a lot of weight," said Burgess. "He's longer and taller."

Owned by Campbellville's Robert Burgess and Miltonian Karin Olsson Burgess — along with American partners Brittany Farms and Perretti Farms — Real Desire will enter his four-year-old campaign with career earnings of \$2,100,024.



Environmental Review Tribunal Tribunal de l'environnement

Case Nos.: 01-224/01-233/01-236/01-237/01-240

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION AND PRELIMINARY HEARING

In the matter of five appeals by The Regional Municipality of Halton filed between March 4, 2002 and March 18, 2002 for a hearing before the Environmental Review Tribunal pursuant to Section 100 of the *Ontario Water Resources Act* with respect to Certificates of Approval issued by the Director, Ministry of the Environment, under Section 52 of the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, regarding groundwater supply systems serving: the Georgetown community in the Town of Halton Hills in the Regional Municipality of Halton located at Princess Anne Wells, Lot 9, Concession 8, Halton Hills Town, Regional Municipality of Halton, (Certificate of Approval #2196-543M6H); the Town of Oakville in the Regional Municipality of Halton located at Oakville Water Purification Plant, 21 Kerr Street, Oakville Town, Regional Municipality of Halton (Certificate of Approval #8570-56UKCY); the Town of Milton in the Regional Municipality of Halton, located at Kelso Well Field, Lot 5, Concession 7 and Walkers Line Well Field, Lot 13, Concession 4, Milton Town, Regional Municipality of Halton, (Certificate of Approval #9945-53YK9V); the Village of Campbellville located at Campbellville Well Field, Lot 5, 6, Concession 4, Nassageweya, Milton Town, Municipality of Halton, (Certificate of Approval #9092-53YJUS); and Acton, located at Davidson Well Nos. 1 and 2, Acton Well System, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, Ontario (Certificate of Approval #3183-57DKM2).

The Ministry of the Environment issued, under the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, new Certificates of Approval to operate municipal water works across the Province.

The purpose of this hearing is to enable the Tribunal to determine whether it shall confirm, alter or revoke the Director's Certificate of Approval issued for the sites noted above.

Public Information Meeting:

In order to advise the public of its hearing process, the Environmental Review Tribunal is conducting Public Information Meetings at various locations across the Province.

A member of the Tribunal's staff will conduct a Public Information Meeting on **Monday, June 10, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Glenorchy/Dakota Room, The Regional Municipality of Halton, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario. The purpose of this Public Information Meeting will be to provide groups or individuals with information on the hearing process and the different ways in which they can participate in the Hearing; to identify groups or individuals who wish to participate in the Hearing; to provide an opportunity for those with similar interests to discuss their issues and concerns amongst themselves to see if an umbrella group could be formed to represent their common interests at the Hearing; to compile a list of potential Parties, Participants and Presenters; and to answer any other questions the public may have. At this session, staff will not hear any evidence and are not empowered to make decisions or rulings related to the issues of the case.

Preliminary Hearing:

A Preliminary Hearing (which will form part of the Hearing) will be held **Tuesday, June 11, 2002 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Glenorchy/Dakota Room, The Regional Municipality of Halton, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, and will be conducted by a member of the Tribunal. The purpose of the Preliminary Hearing will be to receive submissions from groups and individuals who are seeking Party or Participant status and to rule thereon; to identify the preliminary issues to be considered at the main Hearing; to establish the pre-hearing process (information and document exchange, meetings of Parties and their legal and technical representatives, scoping of issues, planning of the main Hearing), to deal with any other preliminary matters that may be raised by Participants and Parties; establish dates for the main Hearing and to finalize and issue Procedural Directions. **The Tribunal has selected a central location for conducting preliminary hearings for several appeals in your general area; however, the main hearing will be held in the municipality where the water works is located.**

How You Can Participate:

Groups or individuals interested in participating in the Hearing may express either their private concerns/views or their concerns/views regarding the public interest. They may participate as either a Presenter, Participant or Party. A Presenter may make a statement to the Tribunal, either orally or in writing. A Participant may make a statement to the Tribunal, either orally and/or in writing, may receive copies of all documents relied upon by the Parties, and attend site visits. Normally a Participant is expected to attend every day of the Hearing. A Party assumes the rights and responsibilities of this fullest form of involvement in the hearing process. Parties are usually represented at the Hearing by legal counsel or an agent. The Tribunal will consider requests for Party and Participant status at the Preliminary Hearing. **Anyone who wishes to participate in the Hearing should attend the Public Information Meeting and the Preliminary Hearing.**

Important:

Any person who wishes to participate in the Hearing as a Party or Participant **must** notify the Tribunal Secretary in writing (or electronically) by **4:00 p.m. on May 31, 2002**. Contact the Tribunal Secretary for further details. Additional information about the Tribunal and its process can be obtained from the Tribunal's website at www.ert.gov.on.ca.

There will be no court reporting services provided by the Tribunal for the hearing. If Parties consider that they require a transcript of the proceedings they may, with the Tribunal's approval, obtain such service at their own expense.

If you require the assistance of a French language interpreter, or any other assistance, please advise the Tribunal Secretary as soon as you receive this notice, and the Tribunal will attempt to accommodate your needs.

TAKE NOTICE that this hearing date is **peremptory** to all Parties. If you do not attend at this hearing and identify yourself to the Tribunal, the Environmental Review Tribunal may proceed in your absence and you may not receive any further notice in these proceedings.

DATED at TORONTO, this 9th day of May, 2002.

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Neely's sponsorship boosted for 2002 CASCAR season

Miltonian Rob Neely will have some more horse power for 2002.

The CASCAR veteran — who begins the new season tomorrow at Delaware Speedway — has recently added Holmar Plumbing to his list of sponsors. And that means Neely Motorsports will be able to compete in all 12 Castrol Super Series events this year.

"We are really excited to have Holmar Plumbing on the car this year," said Neely, who began his racing career on the go-kart circuits at the tender age of 10, "They have been involved in CASCAR for a couple of years and know what our team has to offer."

Holmar Plumbing joins returning sponsors

Dodge/Chrysler and Thompson Mechanical on Neely's #97 Intrepid. Neely Motorsports ran a limited schedule in the 2001 CASCAR Super Series when a lack of funding forced the team to sit out several events.

Remarked Neely, "The car was competitive whenever we ran, but we had a limited budget. With the support of all our sponsors, I'm looking forward to even more competition this year."

The Milton driver will look to erase the memory of last year's Delaware Speedway event, when two flat tires cost him a top-10 finish.

He'll also look to rediscover the consistency that resulted in a second-place finish in CASCAR's Super Series points race in 1999.

Pepi Lavec prevails at Mohawk

Last year's queen of the freshman trotting division earned her first three-year-old crown with a victory in her Gold Elimination at Mohawk Racetrack Monday night.

Pepi Lavec survived a tough trip to capture the second of three Gold Eliminations by three quarters of a length in 2:01.2.

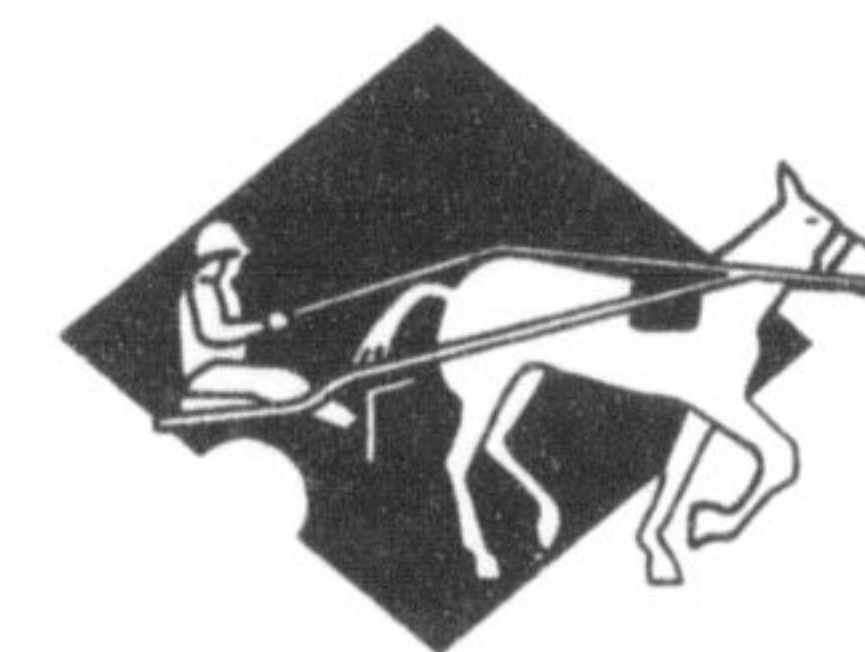
Leaving the local oval from post seven, the Mr. Lavec daughter and driver Paul MacDonell landed third on the outside in the early going and rarely saw the pylons throughout the remainder of the mile.

Up and driving before the three-quarter mark, Pepi Lavec took over the lead through the final turn and hung on gamely for the win over Imnosuckybaby and Trenna Seelster. "She raced big tonight, right back to where she was last year," said trainer Jon Bax, who shares ownership on the winner of \$307,726 with Campbellville's Glengate Farms.

The Peterborough native also trained Natashas Kiss to a third-place finish in the first Elimination and Gramolas Image to a fourth in the last of three Gold contests. Pepi Lavec and Natashas Kiss are guaranteed spots in Monday's \$130,000 Gold Final and Gramolas Image could advance if her name is drawn from among the fourth-placed contestants.

The other two Ontario Sires Stakes trophies went home with brothers Paul and Larry Walker. Paul opened the Walker show when his Early Secret delivered an upset victory in the second race.

The Earl daughter, who was last season's Grassroots champion and finished second to Pepi Lavec in the



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Canadian Breeders Championship, went directly to the front from post eight and never needed to glance back — coasting home to a 2:01.4 triumph.

Dietrich finished one length behind Early Secret and Natashas Kiss was another length and three quarters back for third. Paul Walker trains Early Secret for Malcolm MacPhail of Dover Centre and breeder William Loyens of London, and Keith Oliver piloted her to Monday night's win.

Larry Walker followed his brother's footsteps to the winner's circle after race six with favourite Taste Test, who scored an easy two-and-a-half length victory in her Ontario Sires Stakes debut.

The Mr. Lavec filly stopped the clock in 2:02.1 to score her second win in just three lifetime starts. Give Me Samoa and Smoky Sunset rounded out the top three. Walker trains Taste Test for Spring Eternal Stable of Sutton West, which has already banked \$38,198 during its filly's brief career.

The top three fillies from each Gold Elimination and one fourth-placed finisher will make a return appearance at Mohawk Racetrack Monday for their \$130,000 Gold Series Final.