

Eternal Camnation delivers remarkable Milton Stakes effort

Courage, guts and astonishing determination.

With all of her incredible resources called to task on Saturday evening, Eternal Camnation responded with one of the most memorable performances in the 39-year history of Mohawk Racetrack to win the \$308,000 Milton Stakes.

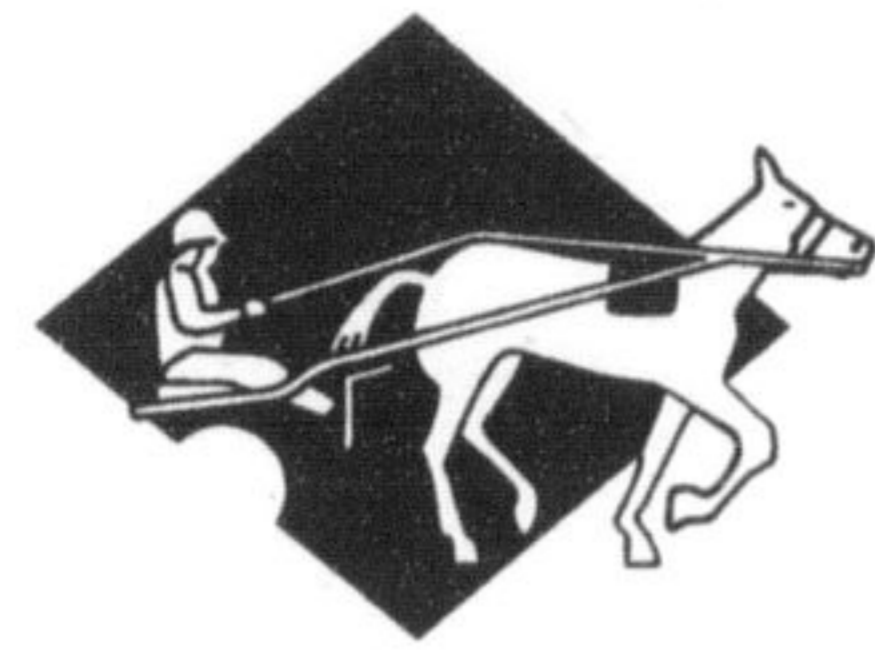
With no openings on the rail, the world champion pacing mare was forced to race the entire mile on the outside, but she still somehow managed to fight off valiant bids from Cathedra Dot Com and pacesetter Bunny Lake.

After blazing fractions of :25.4, :53.2 and 1:22.1, Eternal Camnation and Bunny Lake took off as a team before being joined in mid-stretch by Cathedra Dot Com. However, approaching the wire, Eternal Camnation and driver Eric Ledford stepped away to a length decision on their two rivals in a mile time of 1:51.1.

"I'm just amazed," said trainer Jeff Miller of harness racing's all-time richest female pacer. "I thought she was beat at the half. I think it just goes to prove that a great horse makes people like Eric and myself look good, because I mean she just truly did it on her talent."

Ledford echoed Miller's remarks.

"It's beyond a doubt, she's definitely proved to everyone that she can overcome my driving," Ledford said with a shake of his head. "She won a big race up here (the 2001 Roses Are Red Stakes at Woodbine) when I parked her the entire mile, but those weren't the same type of fractions.



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"I really wanted to make this start for her because it could be one of her last major races of her career. At the top of the stretch I still thought I had a shot to win it. Unbelievably, she was strong. I grabbed back a hold of her around the bottom turn and she actually was still digging in. It just shows her heart and determination and why she is the top money-winning filly pacer of all time."

Sent off as the 2-1 second choice behind 7-5 favourite Bunny Lake, Eternal Camnation returned \$6.30 to win and topped a \$24.50 exactor with Cathedra Dot Com. The triactor with Bunny Lake was worth \$40.60.

It was the 32nd career win for the five-year-old daughter of Cam Fella, who boosted her lifetime bankroll to \$2,620,252 for Eternal Camnation Stable of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Though her connections have hinted that this could be her final campaign, Miller left the door open for a possible return in 2003.

"Boy, if she's that good, how can I put her away," he said.

Boulder Creek a whole lot better in latest outing

Before Friday night's Ontario Sires Stakes event at Mohawk Racetrack, trainer Bill Budd said fans should discount Boulder Creek's fifth-place finish in his last start and expect an improved performance from post five in the Gold Series Elimination.

Four days later the Pacific Rocket son proved Budd right with an impressive upset win over his more famous stablemate Sir Luck.

As Budd suggested, driver Rick Zeron allowed two-year-old pacing colt Boulder Creek to float off the starting gate and come down onto the rail through the first turn — six lengths behind early leader Au Rumba.

Through the :26.4 opening quarter and the :55.4 half, Zeron sat patiently on the rail, looking for an opportunity to make a move up the outside.

As the colts passed the 1:25 three-quarter mark, Zeron had Boulder Creek driving for

the lead up the outside and Sir Luck and Mt. Vernon Hanover — the fans' first and second choices respectively — were trying to beat him to it with bold three-wide moves.

At the top of the stretch, Boulder Creek and Sir Luck were shoulder to shoulder at the front of the field, but less than 15 seconds later it was Boulder Creek flashing under the wire one-and-a-half lengths ahead in 1:52.4.

Sir Luck earned the second-place finisher's share of the \$120,271 purse and Mt. Vernon Hanover stayed game for third.

The win was Boulder Creek's second and his first in Gold Series competition — boosting him into second spot in the division standings with 132 points.

Cliff Siegel's C and I Siegel Racing Stable Ltd. owns both Boulder Creek and Sir Luck, giving the Brooklyn, New York resident a \$90,202 payday.

All-stars strong at tourney

Milton's Under-8 all-star boys soccer squad capped its season recently with an undefeated tournament campaign.

However, the win and two ties delivered during round-robin play wasn't quite enough for the Magic to advance to the quarterfinals.

Netminder Mitchell Adamson was rock solid between the pipes in holding the opposition to just a pair of goals in three games — which included a 2-1 decision

over Kleinburg and stalemates with Pickering (0-0) and Collingwood (1-1).

Liam Robinson potted a couple of goals, while chipping in the other was Evan Royle.

Matthew McPhail played a strong set-up role on the weekend.

Top-notch defense was provided by the entire back-field — with standout efforts given by Adam Blay and Eric Shroeder.

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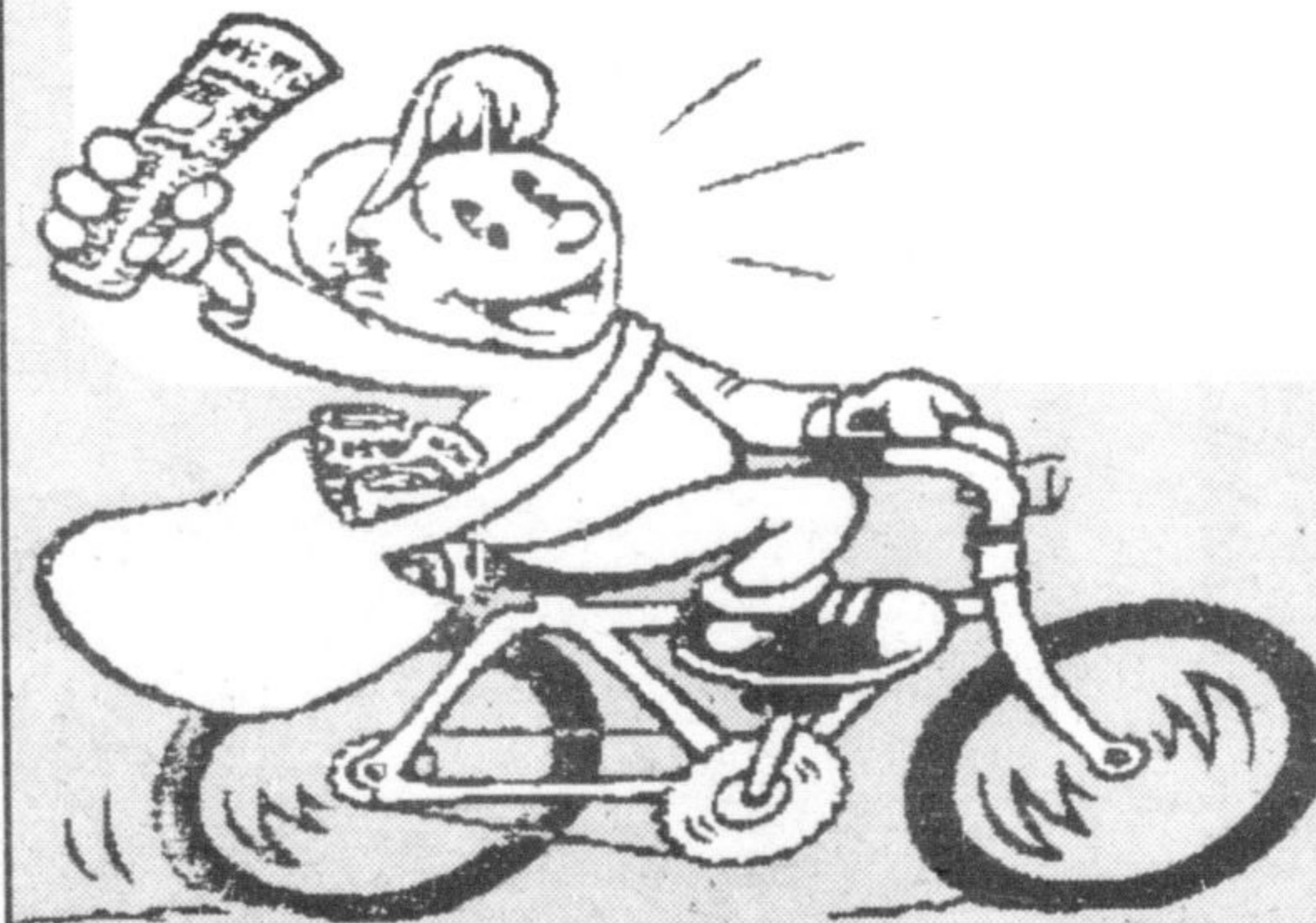
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