Wallace colt captures Junior Free For All

By JEFF RENTON

Special to The Champion

Milton conditioner Ben Wallace and Hamilton driver Keith Oliver teamed up with Locofoco N in Sunday's Junior Free For All Trot at Woodbine Race Track.

The gelded son of Sondon and Lochaway didn't just stop the clock in the afternoon event, but also took one-fifth of a second off his career mark with a 1:55.1 mile.

Miltonian Mario Baillargeon handled Orbit's lines and finished a length back for second, while Mario Vanderkemp and Diamond Goal closed hard from the back of the pack to place third.

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As the field of seven pushed the gate away for the card's sixth race, Oliver sent six-year-old Locofoco N hard to battle double-millionaire Cameron Hall, who had Acton's Trevor Ritchie at the helm.

"I just wanted to get him (Locofoco N) away handy in the race," said Oliver. "Trevor beat me away, but he was backing up like he wanted some cover, so I moved around him."

Oliver jettisoned his two-hole position early after Ritchie carved out a :27.2 opening quarter. From there, Oliver displayed Locofoco N's sharp form as of late, and the duo never looked back. Oliver rated the career winner of 15 races to a:57.2 \$122,314 in earnings.

half and a 1:26.4 three-quarter posting.

Orbit challenged Locofoco N in the lane, but the Wallace pupil came home in :28.2.

"We got some good fractions and he trotted home strong," said Oliver. "He's been racing great and he is really good right now."

It was the second start of the year for Locofoco N at Woodbine's June Free For All ranks. In his first test he finishes second, a length back of Zizis Balance.

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E.C. Drury's mat prowess contin-

Spartan wrestlers enjoyed two more prosperous meets last week, starting with an all-around championship performance at the Howard Gairy Memorial Tournament in Brampton December 4.

Within the confines of Turner-Fenton High School, Drury sent nine grapplers to the podium, while 13 of 15 Spartans cracked the top five for a thoroughly balanced contribution to the overall victory.

Peter Leaman and Mac Filman won their first open gold medals, while Jesse Ronan ran his unbeaten record to 11-0 and picked up his third title. Also reigning supreme were Gary Ferrier and Kevin Tyrer, each of whom secured first-place honours for the second time this season.

Taking home silver were Kyle Smith, Alan Moffat and Blake Hillier, while rounding out the haul with a bronze — his first open-class medal - was Drew Evans.

Fourth-place efforts were delivered by Chris Flannigan, Justin Webber and Steve Shortt.

At the CWO Championships in Hagersville Saturday, Drury placed second in the cadet division — thanks largely to golden performances by Hillier and Kevin Iwasa-Madge.

The duo's winning efforts earned them passage to the Ontario Winter Games in March. Hillier prevailed in four straight matches and upstaged Moffat in the finals.

Also earning silver was Nick Ronan, with Rob Rubino grabbing bronze. The Spartans will have another chance to qualify more wrestlers for the Winter Games at February's Ontario Open.

Among the juveniles, Ferrier collected his third gold of the year, while Leaman settled for the silver.

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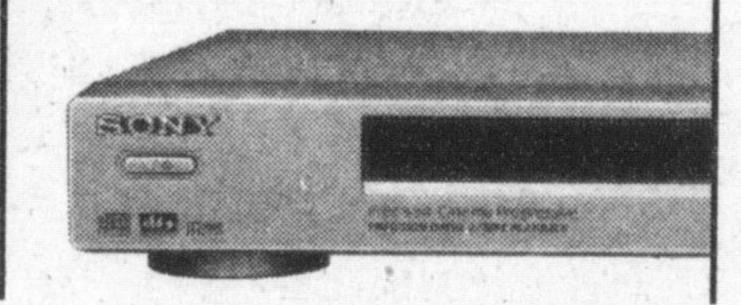
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