

Ouellette big winner in eliminations

Milton driver Luc Ouellette swept the trot divisions while the track record was put in jeopardy later in the evening as the three-year-old fillies took centre stage last Friday night at Woodbine during the Canadian Breeders Championship eliminations.

He got the ball rolling with Trophy Hall in the opening \$24,165 class, turning in a 1:55.4 mile while racing as an 18-1 longshot. Ifhallsould talk and Acton's Trevor Ritchie finished second and Incredible Iam and Phil Hudon took third.

After leaving hard, Trophy Hall reclaimed the lead from the three hole once the quarter mile time flashed at :28.1. Clearing to the front before the 57-second midway mark, the daughter of Angus Hall and Trophy Bass passed the third station at 1:26.1 and delivered a :29.3 final fraction for her maiden breaker.

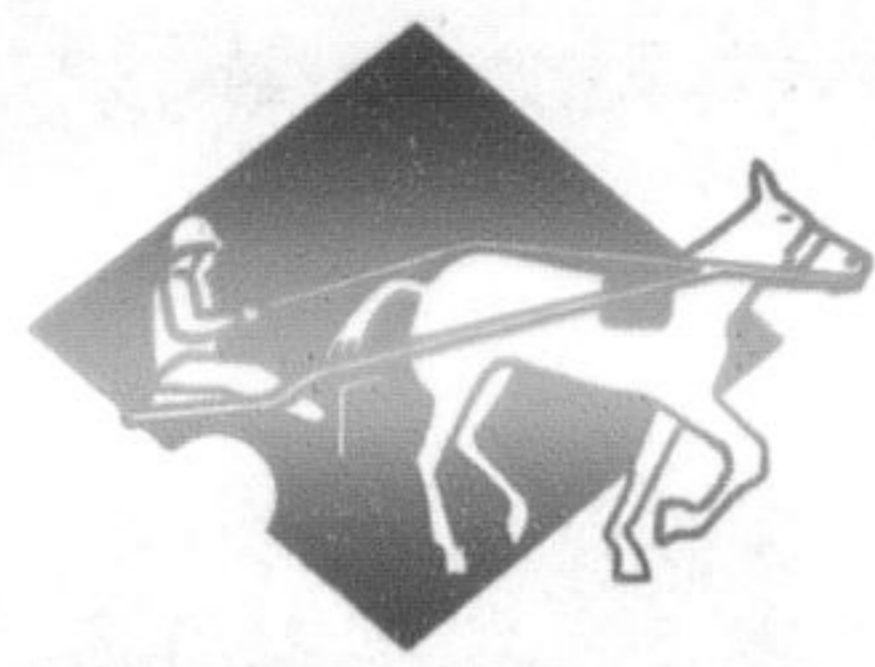
Owned by Burlington's WDM Stables and trained by Don LeBlanc, Trophy Hall now has a 1-1-1 record in six starts this year after finishing off the board in both of her starts last season.

With a strong second-quarter rush from the five hole, Bliss and Ouellette grabbed the lead and darted away in the lane, stopping the clock in the second showdown with a mark-lowing 1:56.2 mile.

Icy Pleasure and fellow Miltonian Mike Saffic were second, while Sno Doubt About It — in rein to Randy Waples — fended off even-money Zorgwijk Emani for third.

Jobstown, New Jersey's Joie De Vie Farms owns Bliss, a Meadowlands invader who now has a seasonal record of 2-0-2 from seven starts. The Angus Hall-Evita P miss is trained by Paul Buer.

"The first one (Trophy Hall) I had never sat behind, but this one (Bliss) I believe I



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sat behind last year," said Ouellette, after sweeping the early Daily Double wager. "Both of them are just perfect fillies. You can move them whenever you want to. They stay on their feet and they have got some go.

"To tell you the truth, when the wings opened I couldn't keep up, so we (he and Bliss) had to race from behind. It shaped up in our favour."

When the pacing fillies hit the track for the first of their eliminations, Invitro and a catch-driving Rick Zeron turned some heads, as they turned in a 1:51 mile — which was just two-fifths of a second shy of the track record established last summer by Burning Point.

In the second frame — after sitting a gapped fourth — Zeron and the Camluck-Keystone Trinidad miss made a charge to the front and engaged Lucys Fame and Phil Hudon, who had sliced the early :26.3 and :55 fractions.

Battling head-to-head past the 1:22.4 three-quarter mark, Lucys Fame hit the wall and Invitro drew off to almost a tote board length lead before capturing the \$29,792 contest.

"I didn't think she was coming out of the hole that fast," Zeron said of his mount, who took a full second off of her lifetime mark. "I just slipped over and spoke to her and she went right up to Phil. I just hung there for a little bit until the head of the

lane.

"It was like getting into my BMW, starting it up and putting it into drive and then putting it into superdrive when you want to go faster."

Invitro trainer Gordon Irwin co-owns the filly with Norwood, Ontario's Murray Ross. The pair have now seen their filly scamper to four straight wins, which include two in \$130,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Gold Finals.

Los Angeles, in rein to Ritchie, finished second, while Double Crème and Waples placed third.

The chalk came in during the final elimination of the evening, as Illusionist and driver Mark Macdonald went to the lead during the second quarter and never looked back — prevailing in 1:54.

Sitting fourth as the first fraction was passed in 27 seconds flat, Macdonald sent the Carl Jamieson pupil to the front after Pauls Peanut and Doug Brown had cleared from the three hole. After her strong attack, Illusionist and Macdonald spun off the three-quarter time in 1:25.2 before coming home with a :28.3 final split.

Bastet Hanover and Ouellette grabbed second-place honours, while Pauls Peanut and Brown rounded out the top three.

Ontario-based owners Scott Enman, Larry Cometto and John Dragojevic hold the papers on Illusionist, who notched her eighth win to go along with two seconds and three thirds in 15 starts this year.

The \$116,480 final for the pacers and the \$103,884 trot final are slated for tomorrow night at Woodbine. Also included on the program are the finals for the colts and geldings.

All of the action can be seen live on The Score.

Human foosball event at Dickens

The Dickens and Firkin Pub will be the place to be for foosball lovers next weekend.

The Mill Street watering hole is set to host its first annual Human Foosball Tournament in support of the Deidre and Friends Foundation on August 7 and 8.

Spaces are still open for teams of eight members, at a cost of \$20 per player. Participants receive a t-shirt and a chance to contend for local bragging rights and a shot at taking on the Frigate and Firkin Pub from Brampton on day two.

Competition will be held in the Dickens and Firkin Pub parking lot.

Those interested in forming a team or finding out more information are asked to call Diego at (905) 878-6680.



MILTON MINOR HOCKEY

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A reminder that all cheques for registration will be cashed August 1st for those that registered between March 27th and July 30th.

Milton Minor Hockey will be accepting out of town registrations for House League starting in August. Registration is filling up fast, please call 905-878-8340 to register.

If you have used goaltender equipment and you would like to sell, please contact the MMHA office at 905-878-8340.

Jr. Sox's prosperous run continues with big victory

By STEVE LeBLANC
The Champion

Things are starting to come up rose for the Junior Red Sox.

Distancing themselves from a rather dismal first half of the season, Milton has won five of its last seven games — including Monday's 9-4 decision over Brampton.

An impressive fielding campaign complemented Keith Duster's six-and-two-thirds inning effort. That plus balanced hitting proved to be too much for the host Braves.

Evan Jeans and Liam Tennant — who closed things out on the mound — scored two runs each, while Conan O'Brien also stood out with a pair of RBI.

Monday's victory followed a highly-credible tournament showing in Wallaceburg, where the Red Sox engineered two wins before being edged 3-1 by Essex in the gold medal semifinals Sunday morning.

Milton had bombed Essex just three

weeks earlier in Byron Tournament play, but had all sorts of trouble this time around with an effective junkball right-hander.

"He threw all kinds of breaking and off-speed stuff," explained manager Glenn Turner. "We haven't seen anything like this in our league this year."

Neither team did much damage at the plate — managing just four hits apiece — although the Red Sox left half-a-dozen runners in scoring position, which proved to be the difference. Stranding the bases loaded in their last at-bat put a particularly painful exclamation mark on the semifinals, and spoiled a big outing by Pete Nicolaichuk.

Rob Bennett scored the lone Milton run in the fifth, on a well-executed squeeze play by Jeans.

The Red Sox reached the semifinals by doubling up Stoney Creek 8-4 and then outdueling South West London 8-5 — thanks to complete-game efforts by Tennant and O'Brien respectively.

Milton exploded for seven runs in the first inning to sink Stoney Creek and staked itself to an early lead against South West London as well.

Tennant, Kevin Cooper and Nick Mazzorato swung heavy bats through the qualifying campaign.

Now 6-12-1 in COBA competition and looking to go to the Ontario 'C' championships for a second straight year next month — which requires them to play two more games for 85 per cent completion of league play — the Red Sox are hoping to get in at least one make-up game this weekend before closing out the regular season in Burlington Thursday.

MILTON INTERCHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

STANDINGS AS OF 26-JULY-04

	TEAMS	G	W	L	T	PTS
1	KNOX	13	12	0	1	25
2	ST. GEORGES	14	12	2	0	24
3	BOSTON	16	10	6	0	20
4	NEW LIFE "A"	16	8	8	1	16
5	HOLY ROSARY	15	7	7	1	15
6	ST. PAULS	16	7	9	0	14
7	MILTON BIBLE	15	7	8	0	14
8	SOUTH SIDE	13	6	7	0	12
9	NEW LIFE "B"	15	2	13	0	4
10	HILLCREST	15	2	13	0	4



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Correction

A sports story in the July 23 Champion contained incorrect information.

It was reported that the locally-based Soccer Development Model Academy is run by Professor Horst Wein of Germany and costs \$180 per player. The camp is actually run by local instructors and modeled after Professor Wein's program, while the cost per player is \$160 per player.

The Champion regrets these errors.