

# Ouellette dominates at Woodbine Thurs.

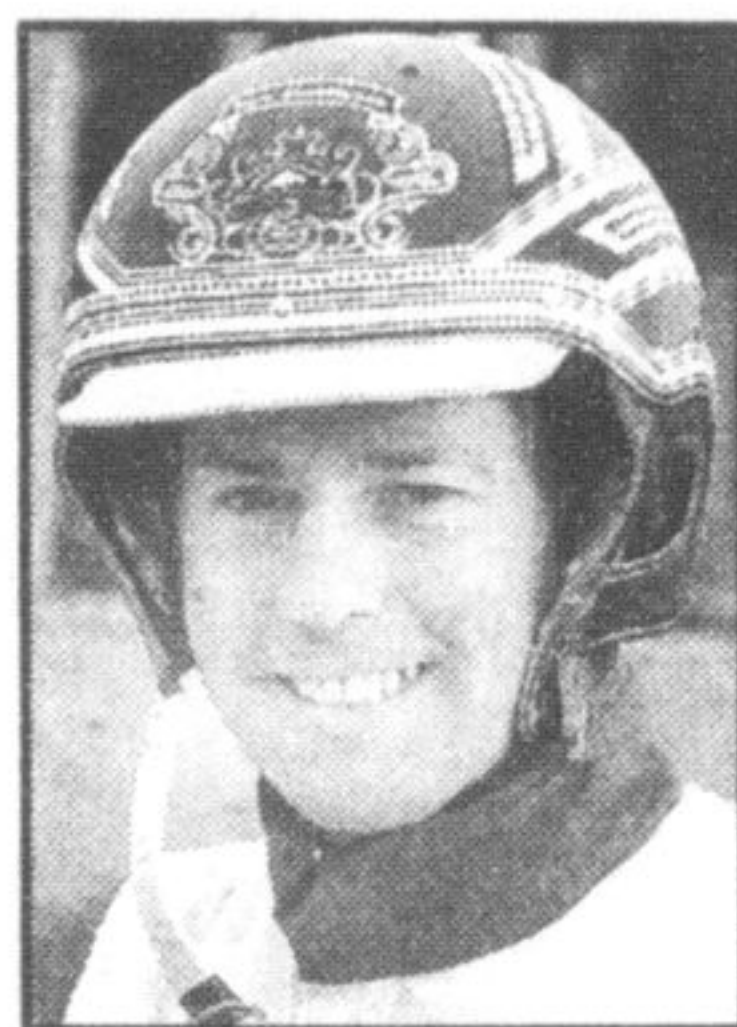
With a full state of drives on Thursday's 11-race program at Woodbine, Luc Ouellette bagged a cool half-dozen victories after getting started early.

After capturing the first dash in 1:55.2 with Paul Buer-trained pacer Ecstatic, the Milton driver — who's currently leading the Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) circuit in wins this season — went on a tear.

He swept the third, fourth and fifth races — doing so with Zakos, Cup Of Joe and Lady Arc respectively. The fourth and fifth wins were in identical 1:53.2 finishes.

Fast forward to the 10th race, when Ouellette notched his fifth triumph with even-money Kissino in 1:53.

Then he made it a hat trick for Kevin



Luc Ouellette

McMaster's stable by piloting Lucky For Her — another even-money entry — to victory in 1:53.3.

Ouellette's record for most wins on a single card came in 1995, when he became the first driver in history to take nine races at New York's Yonkers Raceway.

Thursday's hot streak put his career win total to 7,031. He now has 301 wins and a little over \$7-million in earnings on the WEG circuit this year.

# NFC's 2004 awards list heavy with Milton Marauder names

The Northern Football Conference announced its 2004 all-stars late last month, and as expected the list was heavy with Milton Marauder names.

A total of a dozen players earned distinction, with defensive back Jason Nunez — a huge part of the team's league and national championship victories — standing out as Defensive Player of the Year.

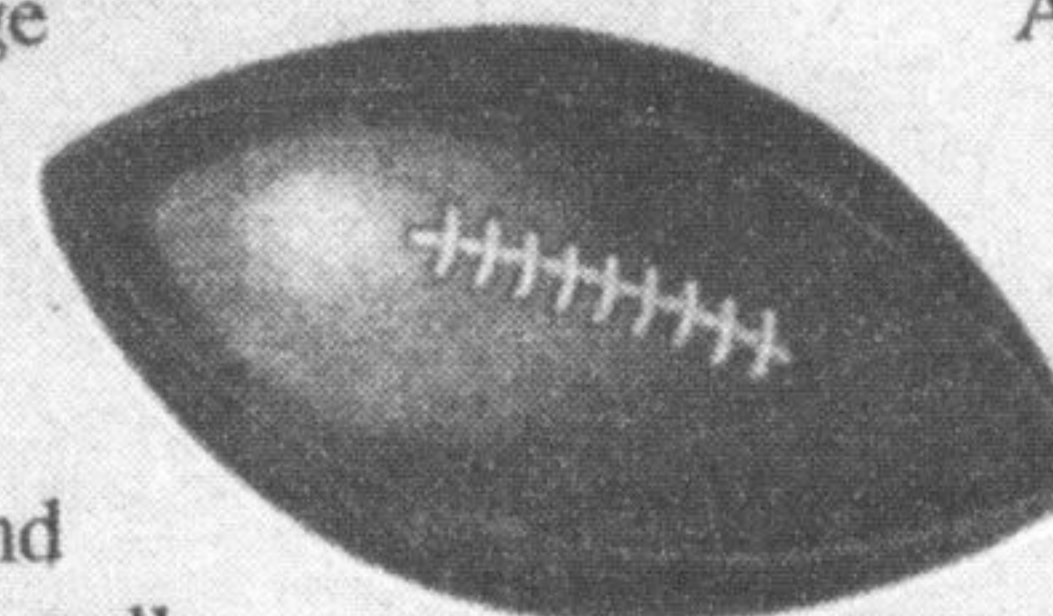
Taking the honour for the second straight year, he was also a three-time all-star — enjoying first-star status at defensive back as well as at punt and kick return on special-teams play. Nunez had eight interceptions this past season and countless knock-downs, frustrating more than a few quarterbacks — or just plain wiping out their passing game.

Steve Lubin was the NFC championship game MVP for his two touchdowns that helped power the Marauders to their 35-14 decision over Oakville August 21.

Also earning first-star honours were receiver Crispin Barnes, running back Jon Nedeljkovic, offensive lineman Steve Szimanski, defensive linemen Kojo Millington and George Psomomis, linebackers David Joseph and Wayne Sliwinski and defensive back Jimmy Singh Sandhu.

Running back Tony Okorodudu and punter Len Watkins were named second-team all-stars.

The Marauder standouts will receive their all-star and league awards, as well as team awards, at a banquet at the Royal Canadian Legion Saturday.



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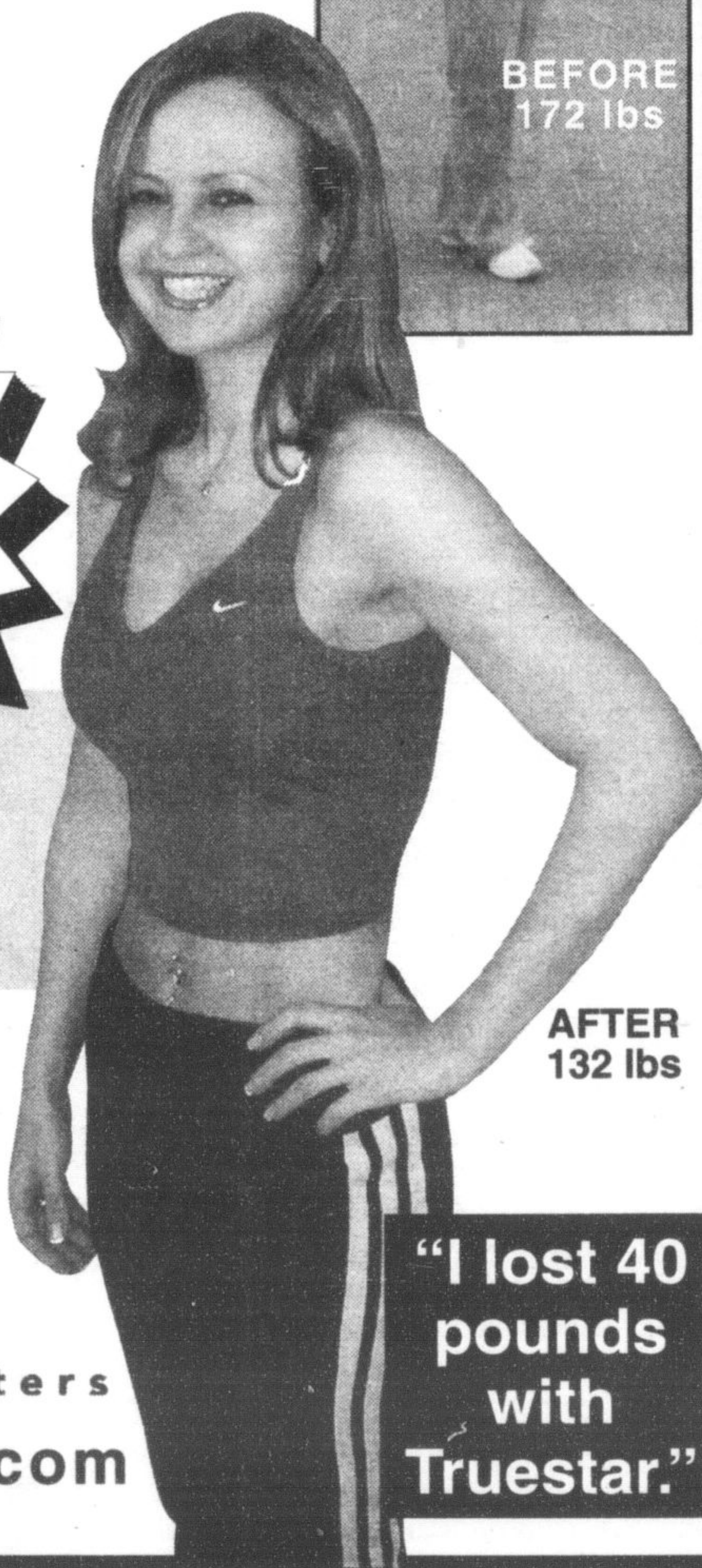
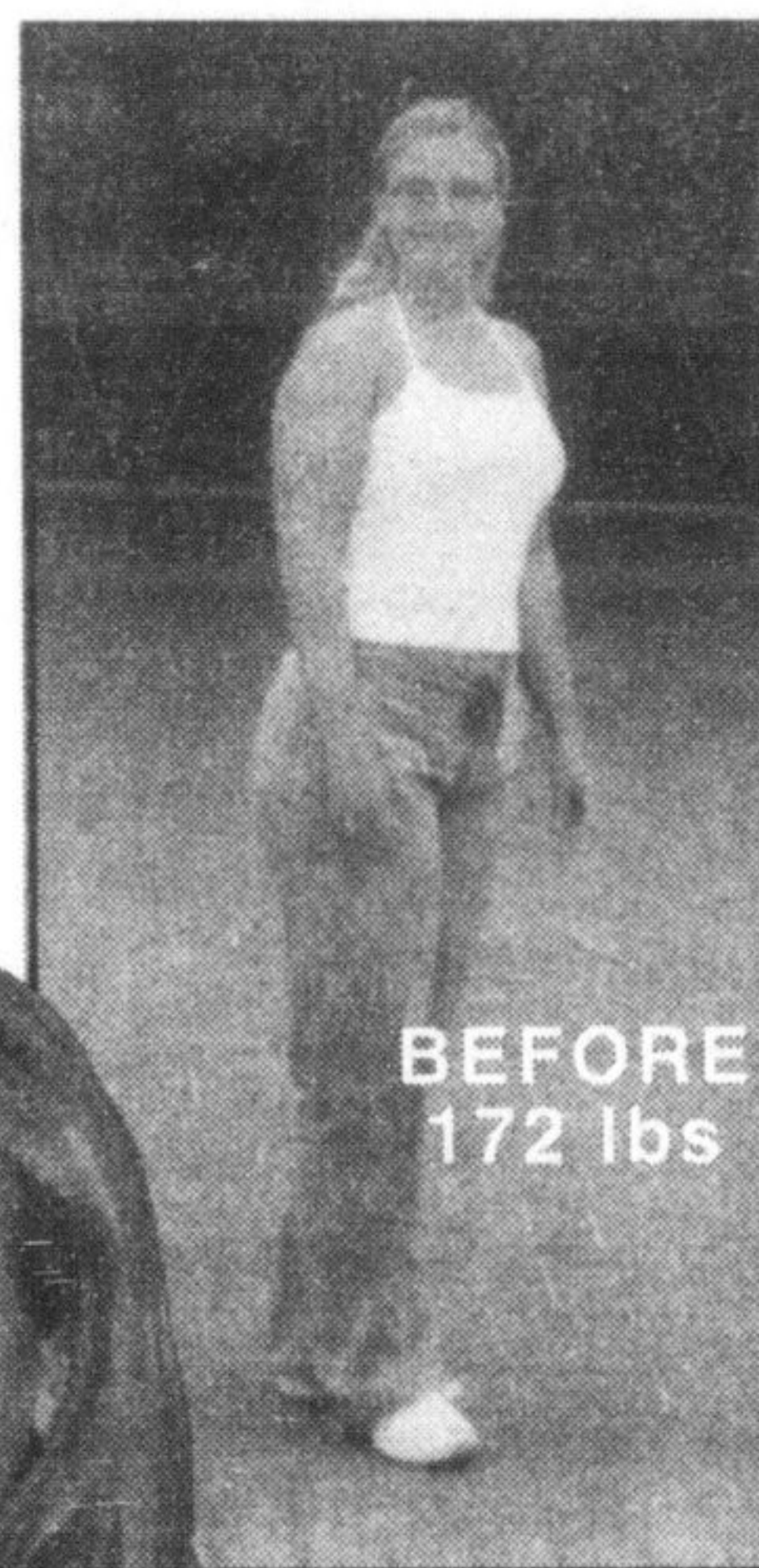
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# Mr. Lavec sons shine over sloppy Flamboro track

Mr. Lavec sons had the key to the winner's circle at Flamboro Downs Saturday afternoon, as the two-year-old trotting colts competed in a pair of \$48,385 Gold Series Eliminations.

In the first split, Mill Work delivered an impressive come-from-behind victory over the sloppy track — rated two seconds slower than normal. Leaving from post nine, trainer-driver Rick Zeron settled the fan favourite in seventh and sat well off the pace through the first three-quarters of the mile. Heading up the outside on the last turn, the pair moved into striking position and then powered down the stretch to score the neck win over fellow Mr. Lavec offspring St. Lads Speedy.

Freewheel Hanover was one length back of the dueling leaders for third, while fourth-place finisher Sam McCord also advanced to Friday's \$100,000 Gold Final.

Zeron handles Mill Work for his partners Leonard Tucker and Gestion Charest Ltd. of Montreal and numbered company 9131 5929 Quebec Inc.

The group acquired the colt for a bargain \$23,000 at last fall's Forest City Yearling Sale, and have since banked \$195,097 on his behalf through 11 starts.

In addition to Saturday's 2:02.4 triumph, Mill Work captured a September 27 Gold Elimination at Mohawk Racetrack and the August 11 and August 27 Gold Finals at Windsor and Rideau Carleton raceways respectively.

### Another narrow decision

Three races later another pair of Mr. Lavec sons battled to a neck decision, with Feeling Frazzled prevailing over reigning Gold Final champion Classic Lavec in 2:03.3.

Feeling Frazzled landed in fourth from post six and was quickly sent up the outside by trainer-driver Raymond Kinney. The colt made steady progress and had a half-length on the field turning for home. Classic Lavec and Paul MacDonell attempted to spring by the stretch, but Feeling Frazzled stayed game to claim his second win of the season.

Kinney trains the colt for William Roberts of Bad Axe, MI and opted to start the talented youngster in the August 26 Grassroots event at Hiawatha Horse Park, where he scored an 11-length victory in 2:01.3.

Two weeks later Feeling Frazzled finished fourth in an elimination of the Campbellville Stake at Mohawk, and then logged a runner-up finish behind top freshman trotting colt Ken Warkentin in the \$464,900 Final September 20.

In his September 27 Gold Series debut at Mohawk, Feeling Frazzled finished second in his elimination, and he was favoured in the October 4 Gold Final won by Classic Lavec, but made an early miscue that took him out of contention.

Former Gold Elimination winner Stonebridge Diablo and pacesetter He Rocks also advanced to Friday's Gold Final out of the second elimination.



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