

# Sports

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Driver Jack Moiseyev leans back as he urges Ponder to a late charge win over Arts Chip in Saturday's \$831,000 Canadian Pacing Derby at Mohawk. Below, Moiseyev hoists up the coveted trophy and a placard signifying his induction into the \$100-million career earnings club.

## Moiseyev guides Ponder to Derby triumph

It was a banner night for Jack Moiseyev, in more ways than one.

With a late stretch flurry, the Moffat driver and Ponder rallied from well off the pace to nail Arts Chip at the wire and capture the 63rd edition of the Canadian Pacing Derby Saturday night at Mohawk.

As if that wasn't sweet enough, the winner's share of the \$831,000 purse lifted the local reinsman over the \$100-million plateau in career earnings.

Ponder — a four-year-old son of The Panderosa, who's trained and co-owned by Bob McIntosh of Windsor — stopped the clock in a lifetime-best equaling mile of

1:49.2 for his seventh win in 16 starts this year.

It was the fourth Canadian Pacing Derby title for the hall of fame trainer, who offered high praise to Moiseyev in the winner's circle.

"Jack worked out an absolutely perfect trip," said McIntosh. "When he went to dig in, the horse just dug in and he fought hard and Jack fought hard. You want to get a shot at a race like this. You just hope for a little bit of racing luck and we got it tonight."

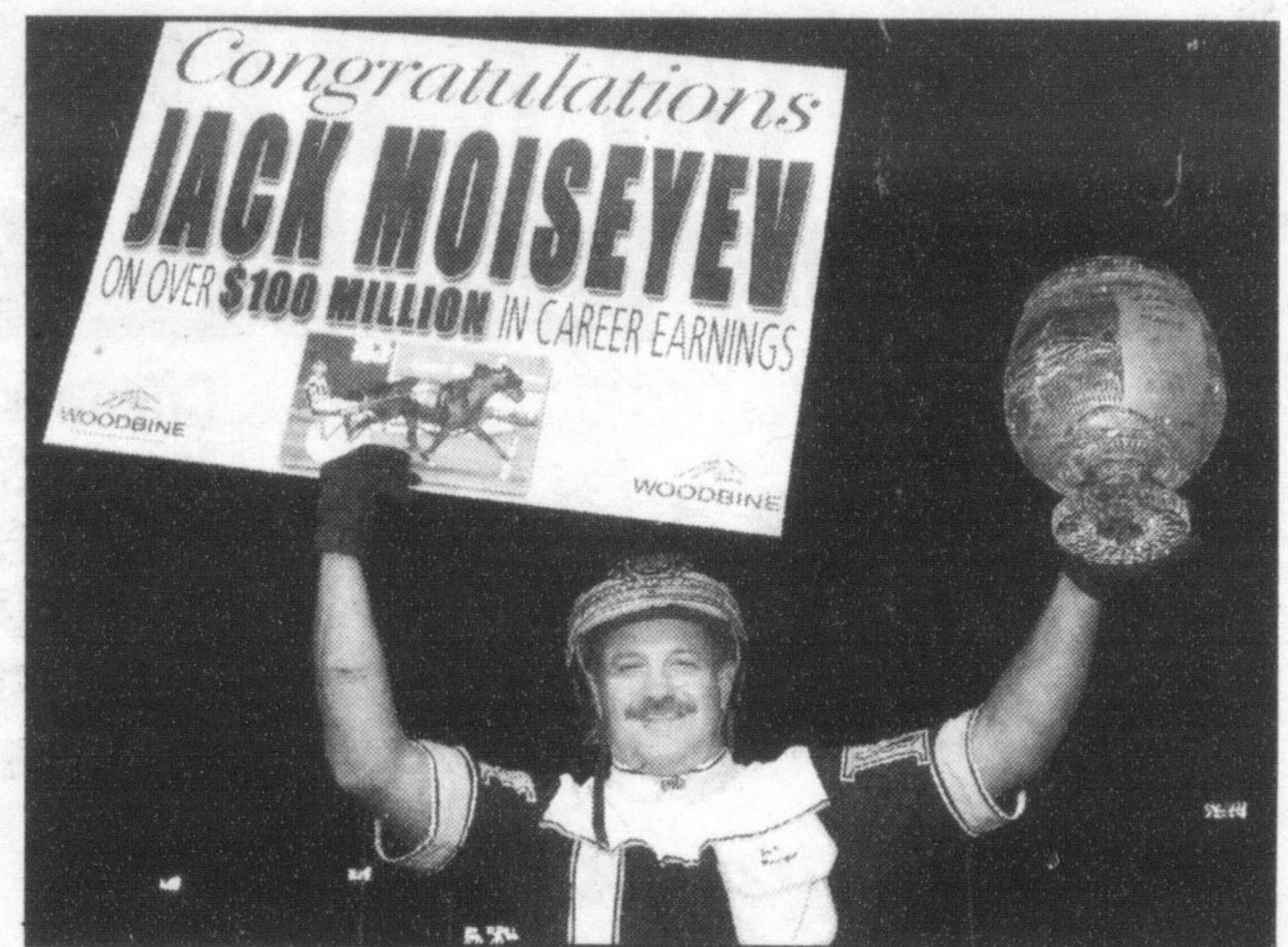
Saturday's triumph provided sweet vindication for Ponder, who was struck with misfortune last year when a broken bone put the brakes on a very promising three-

year-old campaign. The victory more than doubled his career bankroll to just under \$760,000.

"It's (Canadian Pacing Derby) been a great race for me. Growing up as a kid, it was a legend. For my (late) father, Jack McIntosh, it was a special race to him. I dedicate this one to him."

In the ultra-competitive 10-horse field, Ponder was sent off as the fifth choice at odds of 5-1. He returned \$12.70 to win and topped a \$418.20 triactor with Arts Chip and third-place finisher Tigerama.

Quality Western — who with trainer Blair Burgess and driver Luc Ouellette had the strongest local ties of the field — settled for sixth.



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