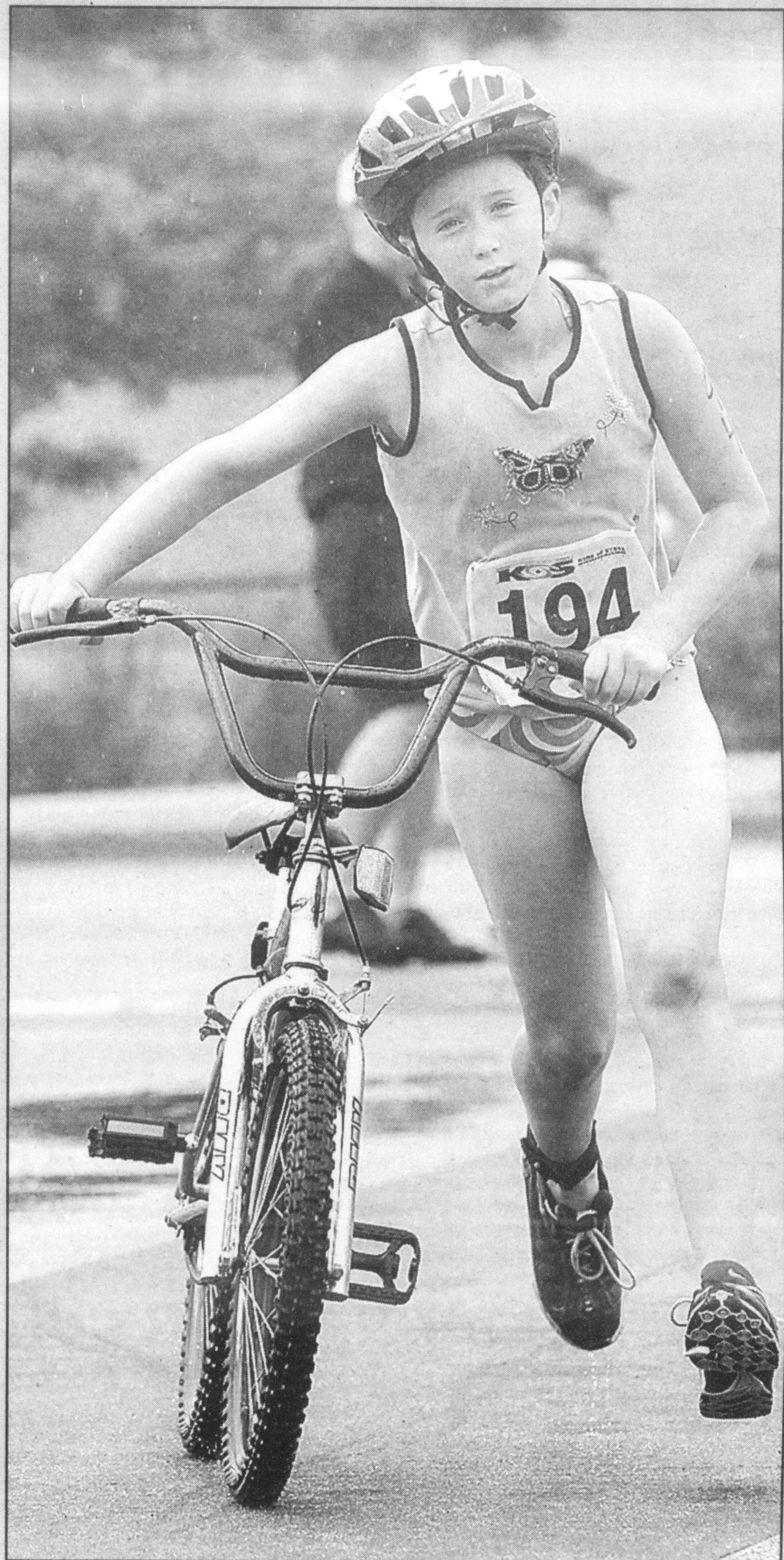




On the move

At left, Courtney Noble enters the transition area after completing the swim portion of the recent Milton Kids of Steel event. She finished 22nd in the 10 and 11-year-old division. Above, Milton's Rachel Duivesteyn cools down after taking 16th spot in the 6 and 7-year-old class. At right, Olivia Whitford of Milton heads into the transition area after completing the bike portion of the 10 and 11-year-old race, in which she placed 14th. The event's top local finisher was Campbellville's Scott Davis, who secured second-place honours in the 10 and 11-year-old loop.

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Mohawk heats up with CBC eliminations

Cest Un Lucky Deal and Fan Favourite took their respective \$32,596 trotting eliminations, while Tatootina and Lady Dillinger scored in their \$32,721 pacing eliminations of the Canadian Breeders Championships Friday evening at Mohawk.

In rein to Jacques Hebert for trainer Colin Johnson, Quebec invader Cest Un Lucky Deal snared the first trot elimination, racing in the three-wide path through the lane to record her eighth win in 11 starts this season, hitting the wire in 1:56.1.

After cutting the opening half-mile, World Class Image and Milton driver Randy Waples finished two-and-three-quarters back in second, bottoming out a \$45.10 exactor. After a bold three-wide move on the final turn, Bernies Babe and Tony Kerwood completed a rather healthy \$228.20 exactor, finishing four-and-three-quarter lengths in arrears.

The mile was a mark-lowering performance for Cest Un Lucky Deal, a brown daughter of

Victorys Force-owned Gestion R. Zane Inc. of Lachine, and Jerome Lombart of Bromont, Quebec.

Cest Un Lucky Deal, a career earner of \$122,963, now sports a 2005 record that reads 8-2-0 and \$76,085 in the bank.

Fan Favourite and fellow Miltonian Luc Ouellette prevailed in a three-horse photo finish in the second trot split, stopping the clock in 1:58.1 — which represents a new lifetime mark for the bay daughter of Angus Hall.

The Paul Buer pupil closed four-wide in late stretch and just got a head up on Ja El Ginger, who had late trot in the three path and bottomed the \$23.80 exactor.

After cutting the fractions in :28, :57.4 and 1:27.4, What I Did For Love and Trevor Ritchie almost wired the field, but fell just short at the wire, finishing a neck back and completing the \$58.90 triactor.

Fan Favourite notched her first win in six starts this season, sending her overall bankroll over



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\$239,000 for Jobstown, New Jersey's Joie De Vie Farm.

The familiar Milton combination of trainer Joe Stutzman and driver Chris Christoforou got the job done in the first of the pacing splits, as Tatootina notched a three-quarter length tally in 1:53.1.

Reinsman Jody Jamieson and Lucks Mistress finished second and completed the \$12.50 exactor after cutting the fractions in :27.2, :56.4 and 1:24.4. Helena Handbag and driver Kelvin Rose bottomed out the \$182.70 triactor, finishing three-and-one-quarter lengths back.

Leechburg, Pennsylvania's Robert Key leases Tatootina — a daughter of Island Fantasy — and the filly now has lifetime earnings of \$147,114, the majority of which has come from her 9-2-4 record this season.

Wiring the field of the second pace split, Lady Dillinger and driver Scott Coulter stopped the timer in 1:53.3, one-and-a-half lengths in front of Lady DM and pilot Ross Battin, who completed the \$20.20 exactor.

Iserighthrough U finished two lengths back in third for driver Reg Gassien, bottoming the \$136.20 triactor.

Bred, owned and trained by Waterdown's Gaetan Hebert, Lady Dillinger — a brown DM Dillinger filly — increased her 2005 resume to 2-0-2 and \$97,019 in earnings from seven starts.

For her career so far, Lady Dillinger has banked \$527,763.

The CBC finals for the three-year-old fillies, colts and geldings take place Saturday at Mohawk.