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TOY FOR A TOONIE NIGHT: IceHawks Dean Kulla (left) and Jeremy Price help promote this Friday night's 'Toy for a Toonie' IceHawks' game, where fans bringing a new toy to the game against Brampton get in for just \$2. The club is hoping to collect enough toys to fill a hockey net, just in time for Christmas.

Harness racers hit milestones

It was a milestone weekend for two of Milton's standout harness racers.

Set to celebrate his 30th year of professional driving next season, Mario Baillargeon hit the 6,000-win plateau Saturday afternoon at Flamboro Downs.

The 49-year-old journeyman reinsman notched his milestone victory with two-year-old Camotion filly Sweet Notion — trained by fellow Miltonian Ben Wallace. The two grabbed the lead before the half-mile mark and scampered away to a half-length win in 1:59.2.

In the midst of another strong season, Baillargeon — who perennially sits amongst the top-10 in the Woodbine Entertainment Group drivers' colony — has piloted the winners of more than \$61-million in purses.

Less than 24 hours earlier, Chris Christoforou put his 5,000th triumph in the record books — no small feat for someone just 35 years of age.

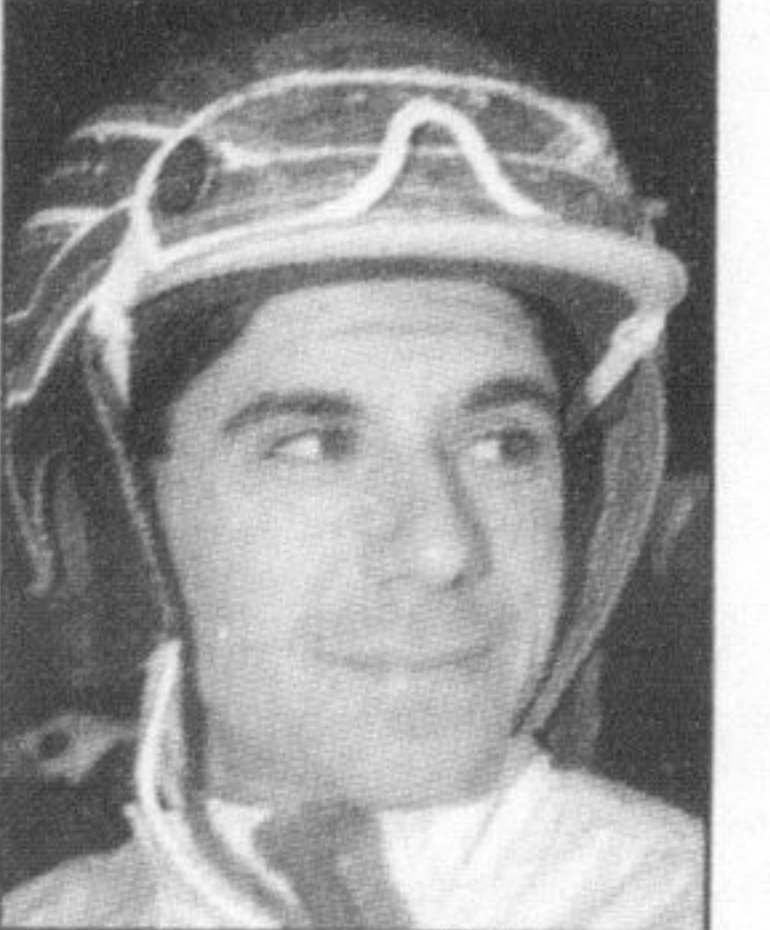
Now in his 16th season on the WEG circuit, the three-time Canadian Driver of the Year recipient secured the memorable victory with Joe Stutzman-trained Kristen's Joy — clocking in at 1:55.1.

Raking up the wins since he first stepped onto the scene in 1990, Christoforou has had his fair share of high-stakes success. He triumphed in the Little Brown Jug with the late Astreos and has a trio of Breeders Crown wins under his belt.

He's guided the winners of more than \$77-million in his career.



Mario Baillargeon



Chris Christoforou

OHL veteran sees trade to Owen Sound as fresh start



Elgin Reid

Relocated and revitalized.

That was the story this past weekend for Elgin Reid, after being dealt to the Owen Sound Attack following three-and-a-half seasons with the Ottawa 67s, where he was serving as co-captain up until Thursday night's departure.

The 19-year-old defenceman — who helped Ottawa win the Eastern Conference championship and reach the Memorial Cup in 2005 — was traded for Owen Sound's second-round pick in 2008.

This marked the first time in Brian Kilrea's 30-year tenure with the 67s that he parted ways with one of

his captains, although the move wasn't exactly unexpected.

Frustrated with his diminished ice time this fall — in the midst of one of Ottawa's worst seasons in recent memory — Reid had told management that he'd be open to a trade. Neither the 67s nor their former co-captain seem to bear any ill-will about the situation.

Kilrea said that with eight defencemen, Reid just wasn't getting the time expected from a veteran and that the move rectified that. Meanwhile, the five-foot-11-inch, 185-pound blueliner stressed that he and Kilrea left on good terms and that he's happy about

the trade.

"It's a fresh start," said Reid, who had three goals, nine assists, 27 penalty minutes and sat at a minus 1 upon leaving the last-place 67s. "Owen Sound needed some help in the back end, and it's encouraging to go to a place where I can jump in and play a lot."

Reid wasted no time contributing to his new team, scoring in both Friday's 5-3 loss to London and Sunday's 4-3 defeat to Sarnia. Sandwiched in between was a 4-3 overtime victory against St. Michaels.

The Attack now sport a 15-12-0-2 record, good enough for third in the Mid-West Division.

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