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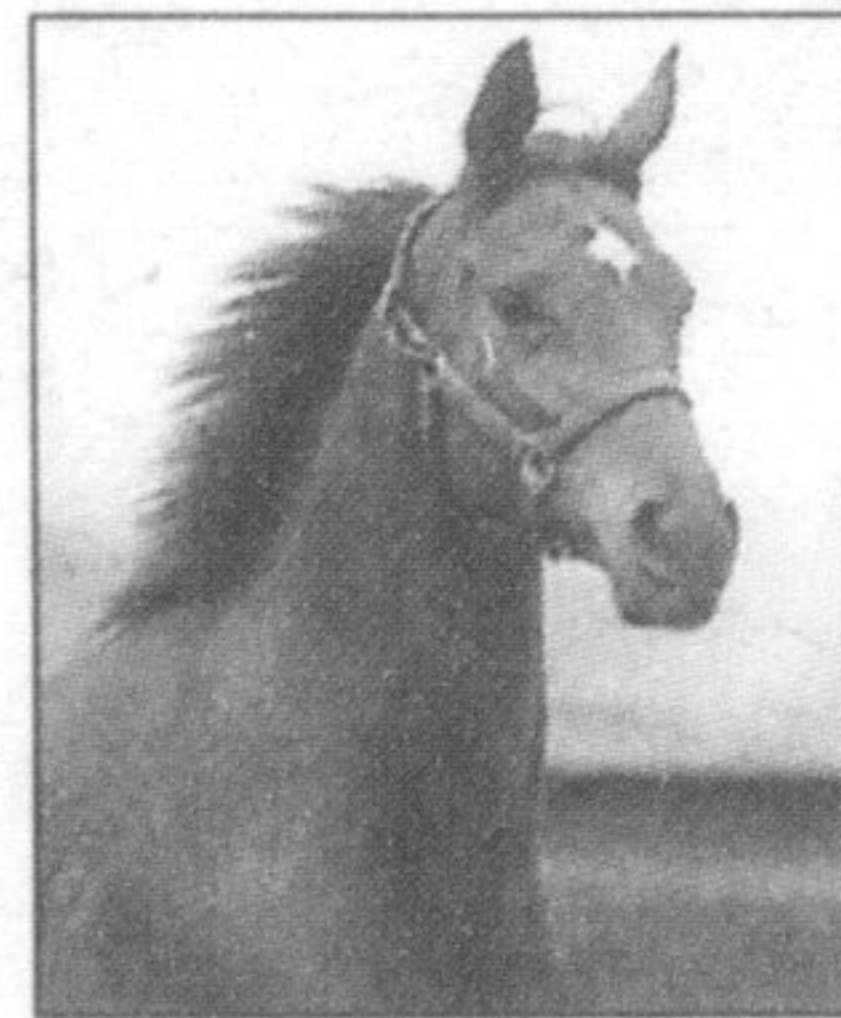
GRAHAM PAINE / CANADIAN CHAMPION

LEARNING FROM A PRO: Former NHL defenceman and Stanley Cup winner Jay Wells runs through a drill at the Bryan Trottier Hockey Camp this week at Milton Sports Centre. Due to other commitments, Trottier and fellow New York Islander alumnus Billy Smith only made it for the tail end of the camp.

Farewell, Dance Smartly

Champion horse put down following injury

Canada's horse racing industry has lost one of its all-time premier fillies, with the passing of Dance Smartly.



Dance Smartly

The champion and hall-of-famer was euthanized last weekend after suffering an irreparable injury in her paddock, related to an arthritic stifle. Nineteen years of age, Dance Smartly — owned and bred by Milton's Sam-Son Farm — was not in foal, and her last foal is a two-year-old filly, Gone West.

"Dance Smartly was a once-in-a-lifetime horse," said Sam-Son president Tammy Samuel-Balaz, in Monday afternoon's announcement of the passing. "She was magic and gave us incredible thrills as both a racehorse and a broodmare. While we were fortunate enough to have bred and owned her, she truly was Canada's horse."

Destined to become racing royalty — coming from a prized bloodline and born with a star-shaped marking on her forehead — the Jim Daly trainee is best known as the first filly to sweep the Canadian Triple Crown, doing so in 1991 to highlight a perfect season.

She retired as the leading money-winning filly or mare in the world — having amassed \$3.2 million.

Greatness continued to surround Dance Smartly, as she would go on to become the first mare to produce back-to-back winners of the Queen's Plate — among other standout offspring.

King captures Ontario PGA head pro title

Big finish gives Milton golfer one-stroke victory

Danny King had to be feeling quite good heading into yesterday's Jane Rogers Memorial Championship at Mississauga's Lakeview Golf Course.

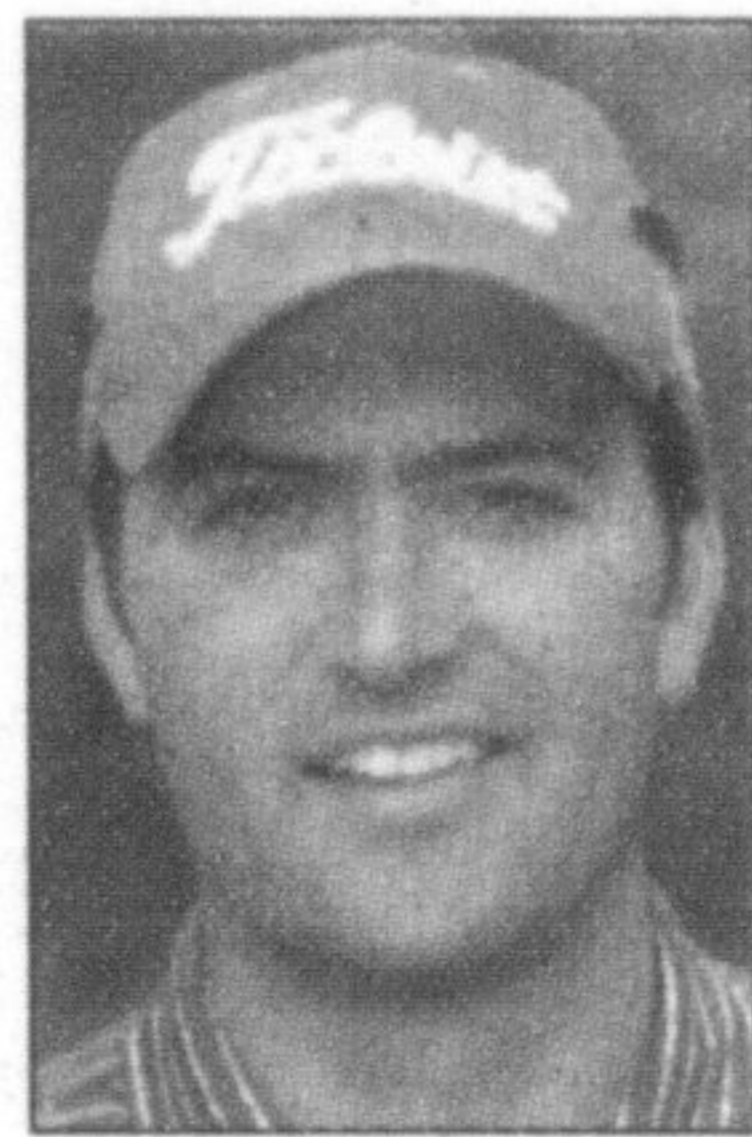
But then seven birdies in a single round and a subsequent overall victory are bound to boost one's confidence.

That birdie-fest propelled the 39-year-old Miltonian to a sizzling 65-shot, six-under par finish Tuesday at Peterborough Golf and Country Club — allowing him to eclipse highly-accomplished playing competitor Jerry Anderson for the Titleist and Footjoy

Ontario PGA Head Professional Championship title.

"It was a good day. My ball striking was sharp and committed," said the director of instruction at Aurora's Magna Golf Club, whose one-shot lead after Monday play held up when he and Anderson tore up the Peterborough course with matching 65s. "It was basically a continuation of the (Canadian) Open."

With the win, King put his stamp on the Al Balding Memorial Trophy in just the second year of the tournament's existence — and cre-



Danny King

ated ample momentum for this week's Jane Rogers appearance.

The two-time Open competitor — who missed the weekend cut by just two strokes last month at Markham's Angus Glen — said he wasn't too focused on how Anderson was performing in Peterborough.

"With a guy as successful as Jerry, if you start worrying about what he's doing you're going to fall," said King, who shed nine shots off his fourth-place performance at the inaugural event. "I just concentrated on beating the course and seeing what happened from there."

The Jane Rogers Memorial, a Canadian Tour event where King is now playing on a sponsor's invite, continues today.

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