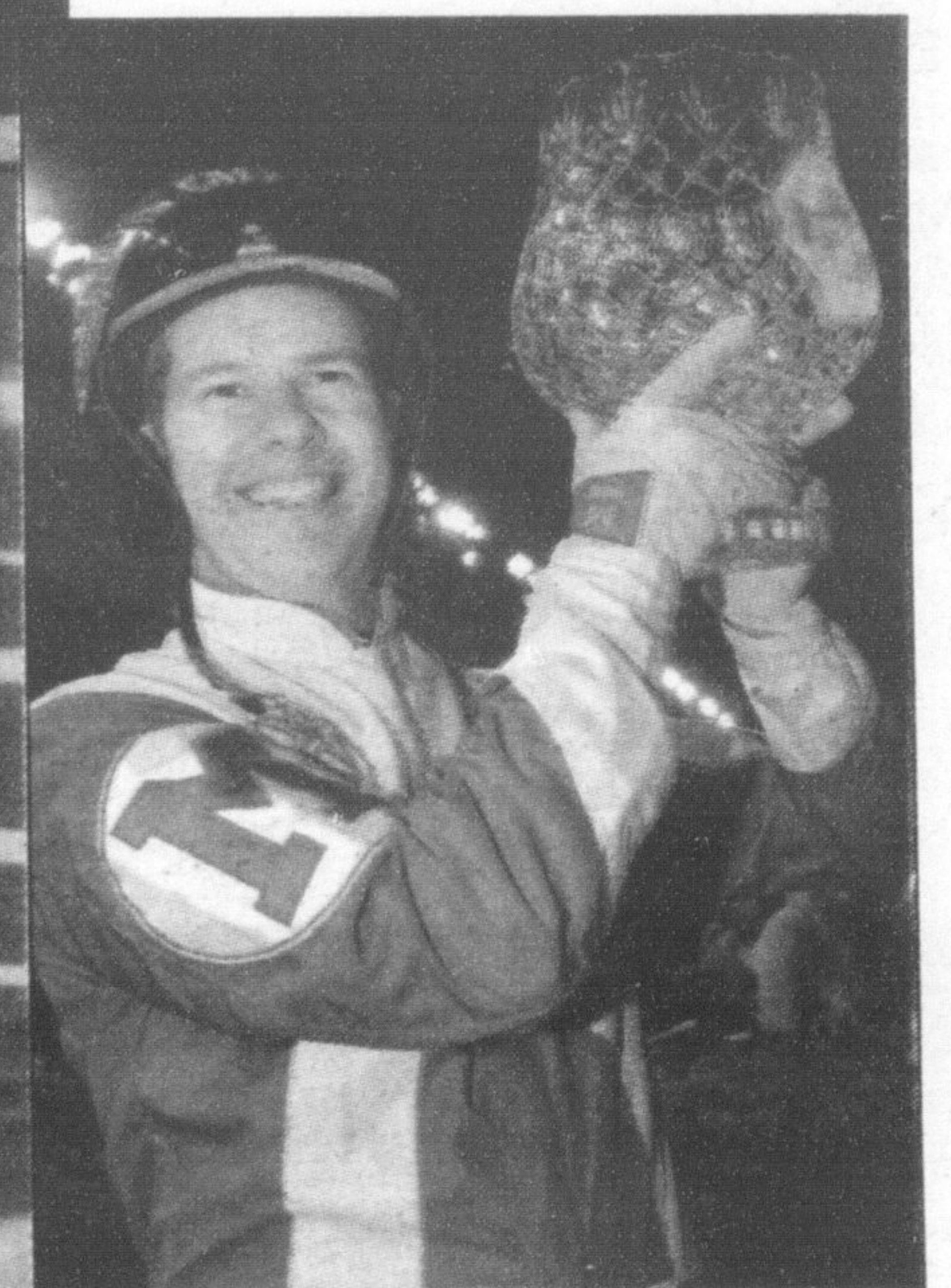


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RECORD-SETTING NIGHT: At left, driver Paul MacDonell guides Somebeachsomewhere across the finish line in a world record-setting time of 1:49.3 to capture the \$1-million Metro Pace (for two-year-old pacers) Saturday at Mohawk. Above, MacDonell proudly hoists the championship trophy aloft.

GRAHAM PAINE / CANADIAN CHAMPION

Anderson's 4s team bowls over national field

By Steve LeBlanc
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

David Anderson's national prosperity continues. Serving as vice, the 43-year-old Milton lawn bowler helped his Steve McKerihen-skipped Etobicoke 4s team to top honours at the recent Canadian championships in Montreal.

This marked his fourth gold and seventh medal at the national level.

It also served as a measure of vindication for a less-than-impressive performance in July's Atlantic Games in Ayr, Scotland.

"That seems to be the way it goes. Whenever we don't do that well in interna-

tional competition I come back and win at nationals," said the seasoned lawn bowler.

Upgrading last year's bronze, Anderson and company were thoroughly dominating on the way to their latest national title — winning all but one of their round-robin games, with most of those victories secured in decisive fashion.

"We played really well and picked each other up at the right times to avoid any big ends going against us. Other than the B.C. loss (14-11), the closest game we had was a 17-13 win against the other Ontario entry."

That provincial rival awaited them in the



David Anderson

championship, where McKerihen's foursome — which included second John Devonshire, a longtime partner of Anderson who moved to town just last month — jumped out to a quick lead and went on to an 18-7 rout.

Recalled Anderson, "We didn't even play the last two ends. We were actually the Ontario B team, having taking silver at provincials, which usually works out better for us at the nationals."

The eventual champs had a shot at an unbeaten national campaign, but a jammed bowl by McKerihen cost them a four-point end midway through their defeat to B.C.

Otherwise, Ontario's B entry managed to

sidestep any real problems in Montreal, thanks in large part to some big clutch play by McKerihen and about as much cohesion as they've ever enjoyed.

"If one of us had a bad stretch, someone else would rise to the occasion and make up the difference, so falling into a hole was never really an issue," explained Anderson. "To play that well all week at this level was great."

Winning Canadians was a major tune-up to next week's national selection camp in Burlington, where Anderson will look to solidify his third trip to the world championships — slated for next year in New Zealand.

"I'm playing well right now, but we'll just have to wait and see what happens."



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