

Classic clash expected

A pair of unstoppable forces will collide tomorrow night at Mohawk in harness racing's most highly anticipated match-up of the season.

American invader Donato Hanover and Quebec import Val Taurus are set to clash for the first time in the \$1-million Canadian Trotting Classic for three-year-old colt trotters, which goes as race seven of the 12-race program and is scheduled for 9:53 p.m.

Both colts come into the race riding incredible 15-race win streaks, and both are unbeaten this season. In fact, Val Taurus has never tasted defeat in his career, while Donato Hanover hasn't been beaten since his first career start last summer at the Meadowlands.

The connections of both horses had the luxury of choosing their post positions for tomorrow's final follow-

ing elimination victories. Val Taurus will start from the number two spot, with Donato Hanover leaving right beside him in the three hole.

The co-feature of the night is the \$693,500 Maple Leaf Trot for the older trotters, which has been slated as race nine on the card and will go post-ward at 10:43 p.m.

Former Hambletonian winner and double-millionaire Vivid Photo will be joined by Breeders Crown champ Equinox Bi and the exciting European invader Going Kronos in the star-studded field of 10.

The strong under card will feature world record holder Somebeachsomewhere, who captured the \$1-million Metro Pace September 1 in 1:49.3 — making him the fastest two-year-old pacer in history.



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HEFTY HAUL: Milton jockey Emma-Jayne Wilson, who became the first woman to capture the Queen's Plate in June, poses with trophies from a whole different sport — namely hockey's coveted Conn Smythe, Hart and King Clancy Memorial awards. The trophies were part of the Shoot for a Cure Horse Racing fundraiser the accomplished jockey was part of at Woodbine Race Track Tuesday evening. Money raised will go to spinal cord research, as well as the Avelino Gomez Foundation.

New owners are raring to go

Though less than six months into their ownership of the IceHawks, Dean Piett and Rob DeVincentis' road to Memorial Arena began long before.

"We started developing a business plan to buy a Tier 2 Jr. A club about five years ago, which included familiarizing ourselves with the league and its players," said Dean Piett, who operates a Burlington-based development company and as team president will serve as the more 'public face' of the ownership duo. "This certainly didn't just start when we handed over the cheque."

That prep work led the new brass to the conclusion that bringing back head coach Randy Novak and assistant Mike Kalapaca wasn't a difficult decision.

"They were the right choice and we've been really pleased with their hard work and dedication," noted DeVincentis, a

construction company owner out of Hamilton.

And those aren't the only returnees, as longtime executive David Dermo was recently welcomed back into the fold as Director of Operations — while pretty much the entire volunteer base has signed on for another season.

The IceHawks have also added to their coaching staff with the addition of Miltonian Kevin Elkins, who led the Burlington Eagles AAA minor midgets last year and will serve as the third assistant — working with the forwards alongside Novak.

Kalapaca and former junior standout Mike Rusk — who recently returned to the area

after a near decade-long pro career and a subsequent move into coaching — will guide the defence.

While Piett and DeVincentis are currently helping with the general manager duties, that's where their influence on the team part of the club ends.

"The coaching staff will be responsible for what happens on the ice," said Piett, addressing a query about Novak's showdown with the Brampton Capitals owner over the discipline of a player that led to his departure last November.

Addressing the season ahead, Piett wouldn't offer any predictions or a timeframe in terms of when the IceHawks should be back in the Western Conference title picture. He simply stressed that he and DeVincentis are committed to icing the best team possible.

"I'll tell you what I've been telling Randy, just win baby."



Dean Piett

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