

Matts Scooter sets world record at Mohawk



Matts Scooter crosses the finish line in a world record time of 1:51 during Sunday's running of the Mohawk Gold Cup final. In addition to setting a world mark for aged pacers, the 1:51 is also the new track record at Mohawk Raceway in Campbellville. The driver in the race was Mike Lachance.

After Matts Scooter's solid one minute and 53.3 second (1:53.3) winning performance in the \$30,000 Mohawk Gold Cup prep race last Sunday at Mohawk, people were starting to wonder what the speedy four-year-old son of Direct Scooter could possibly do for an encore.

Matts managed to answer that question and make believers out of those in attendance at Mohawk on Sunday when he peeled off a 1:51 mile for a world record effort on a five-eighths mile track for aged pacers.

An awesome display of sheer speed and talent by a horse which many in the sport view as the best ever. The swift one held a captive audience spellbound as he stopped the clock in 1:51, an unprecedented time on the Mohawk teletimer.

For driver Mike Lachance the incomparable effort was no surprise.

"I saw the 53.3 half and knew we were going to break the track record (1:53.1). But I didn't have the world record in mind. When we took the lead on the back stretch Matts took a hold to let me know he was alive," explained Lachance.

After a torrid opening quarter of 26.1 by Soft Light, Runnymede Lobell and driver Yves Filion took over the controls for a blistering 53.3 half. Matts was out and rolling at this station and pulled alongside Runnymede before carrying him past an unheard of 1:21.4 three-quarter mile pole.

Matts shifted into high gear with Barely Visible giving some chase in the stretch. But the night and the Gold Cup belonged to Matts. He was the best and worth his weight in gold, by three-and-a-half lengths over Barely Visible. Soft Light was third and Runnymede Lobell fourth.

Trackside, amidst flashes of cameras, congratulations, presentations and the warm and appreciative applause of the fans who knew they were a part of harness racing history,

stood trainer Harry Poulton. He was obviously very pleased and proud but managed, as he always seems able, to remain poised and controlled.

"I was surprised at that time," beamed Poulton. "He's a great horse and he's never been better."

Matts will fly west to Edmonton Northlands for the Stewart Fraser on October 14 and finish up his racing season with the On The Road Again series at Yonkers, New York, on November 4.

To date on the year, Matts now has 17 wins in 24 starts and \$803,494 on for his proud and lucky owners, Gord and Ila Rumpel of Port Perry and Charles Juravinski of Dundas.

Armbro Feather is well on her way to becoming 1989's top aged pacing mare in North America.

"She is awesome," stated driver John Kopas after reigning the brilliant pacing mare Armbro Feather to a short-lived track record 1:53.3 mile in a \$20,000 elimination event of The Milton Pacing Stakes for three-year-old and up fillies and mares.

"She's been awesome all of her life and is as good now as she's ever been. She keeps getting better with age," continued Kopas.

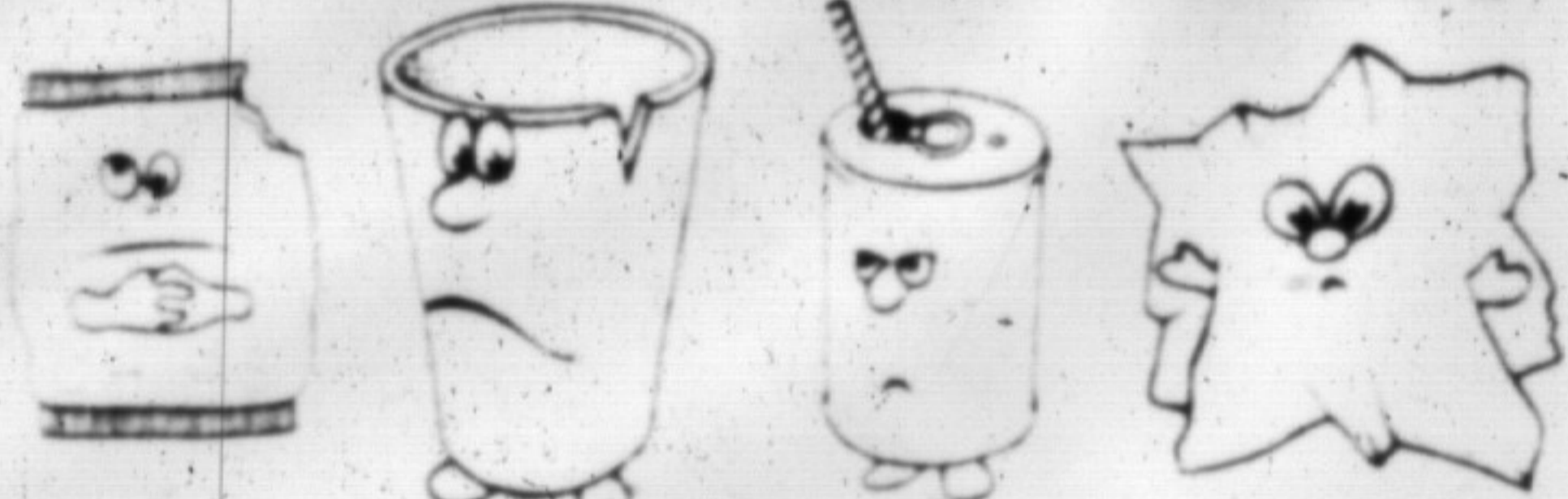
Annicrombie confirmed that she's here to defend her Milton Pacing Stakes crown. The six-year-old daughter of Abercrombie paced a solid 1:56 mile over Township and Kittiwake for catch driver Dough Brown in winning the second elimination heat.

"I was just a passenger," said Brown after the race. "She's a good mare who acts perfectly and she's real handy."

The top four finishers from each of the eliminations advanced to the Milton final on Sunday. They were Armbro Feather, Storm Tossed, Sal Harbor, Ms. Magic Annicrombie, Township, Kittiwake and Sweet Sharon.

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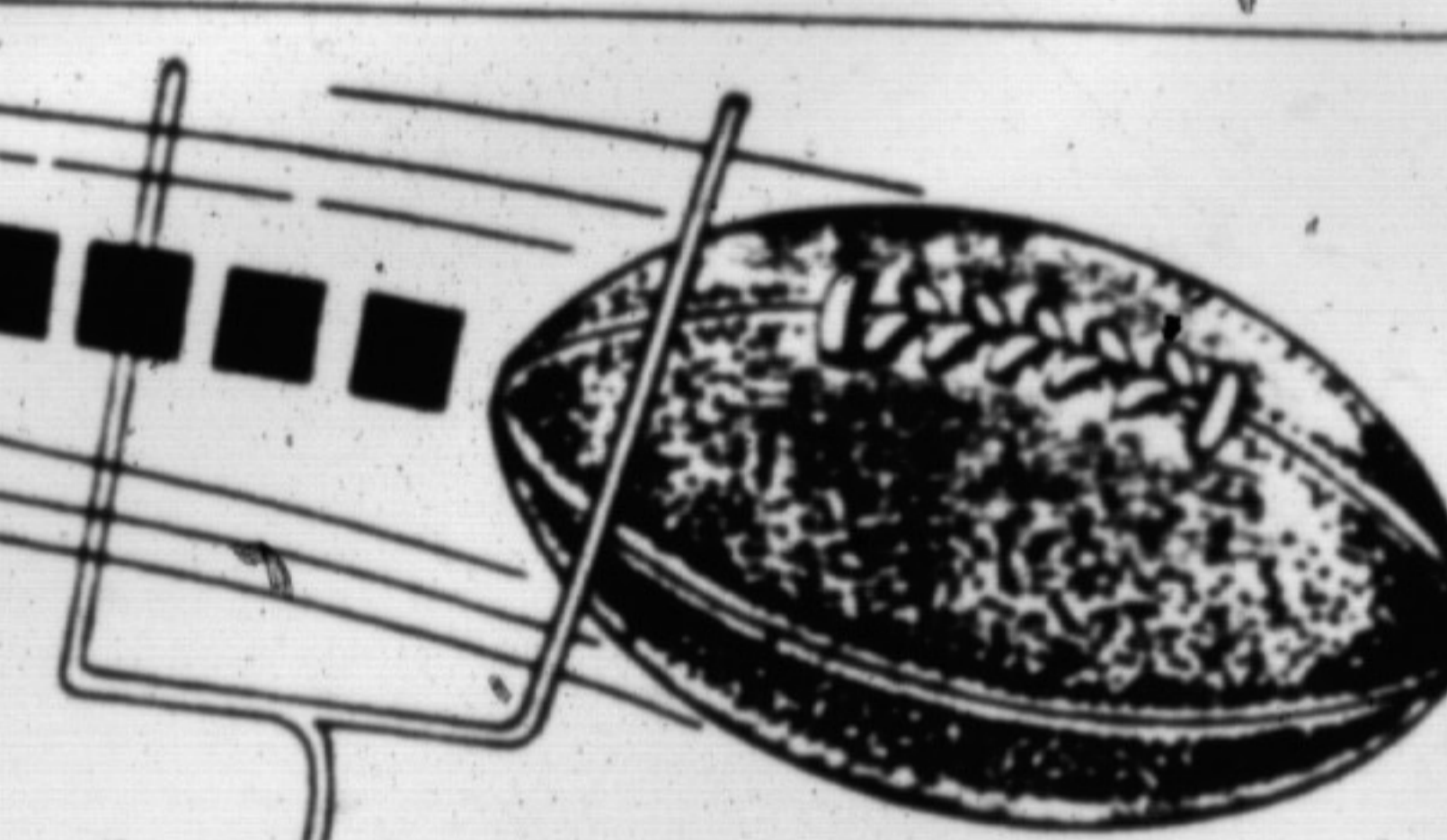
The last chance for interested men to join the Milton Men's Hockey League is Sunday night.

In order to be eligible for the draft, new players must attend one of two exhibition games, the first of which was held Sunday. This week's game is at 7:30 p.m. at John Tonelli Sports Complex.

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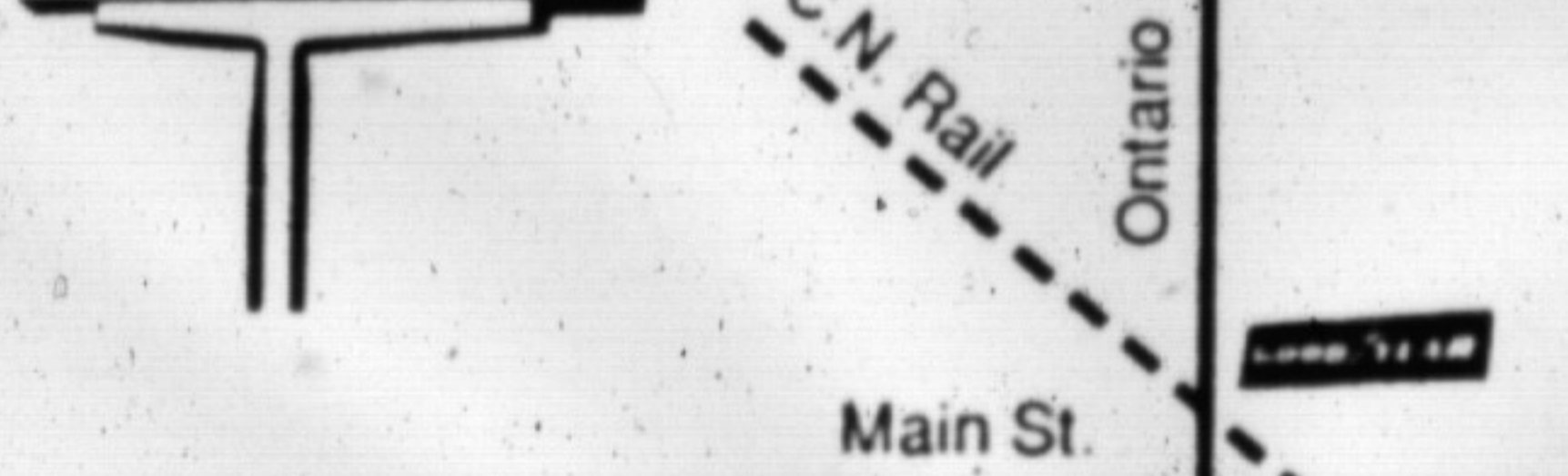
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