

Flint falters and Callie Rankin cleans up the awards

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After getting parked to the opening quarter in 27.2 seconds, you pretty well figure Strike The Flint would be looking forward to starting a new win streak in his next start.

Devon Conrad stopped the Flint's streak at four with an impressive 1:59.3 over the half mile oval.

Driver-trainer Rene Bertsch brought the four-year-old son of Dream Maker to Flamboro after a win in the Open and a second-place finish in the Preferred at Western Fair Raceway in London, Ontario.

Devon Conrad parked Strike The Flint to the opening quarter in 27.2 seconds and after that, held off the rest of the field for a two-length victory.

Down a windy stretch Ralph Again (Bill Budd) got up for the place position and Style Wise with Norm McKnight Jr. placed third.

Pair of winners

On the same card, McKnight had a pair of winners. Moshannon Reaction, an eight-year-old Volk Hanover daughter, came from fourth at the half to get her first win of 1990 in 2:06.1.

Moshannon Reaction, who has a lifetime best of 1:59.4 is owned by McKnight Stables, Albert Santucci and Karol Balaz. McKnight also handles the training duties.

He also scored with Legal Pride, a three-year-old colt by Legal Notice, in 2:02.1.

McKnight trains this winner of \$19,844 lifetime, who has won in 2:01 for the Maks Stable of Hamilton and Murry Smith of Oshawa.

On April 5, Township Directeur was an impressive winner with a tag of \$8,500. Claimed the previous week

Many qualify from Drury for badminton

The East Halton Badminton Championships were played last week in Oakville with several Milton winners.

The top four finishers qualified in the All-Halton finals Thursday (yesterday) at Lester B. Pearson High School in Burlington.

Lilly Lam of E.C. Drury High School collected the ladies singles crown while teammate Melanie Jans was third.

Lisa Johnston and Tina Hotten won the ladies doubles title while fellow Drury students Jennifer Cheevers and Sonya Lyall finished third.

In mixed doubles action Karri Martin and Baldev Solanki, both also of E.C. Drury, won the mixed doubles title.

Swim club clarification

The Milton Swim Club raised about \$3,000 in their recent swim-a-thon.

Wednesday's issue of The Champion reported the amount as \$2,000 with \$1,750 going to Swim Canada and \$250 being spent locally.

In fact, about \$1,000 is being forwarded to Swim Canada as Milton's contribution to that organization, which oversees regional and national swimming events.

The remaining \$2,000 will be kept by the Milton club to assist the club in financing local club activities.

Tracking Flamboro Downs

by trainer John Ciarpelli for \$6,000, the six-year-old son of Meadow Weston was first over at the half, and won by two lengths for Bill Budd.

Township Directeur was an upset

winner in the Snow Days Pace Claiming Series on March 22, for previous owner, trainer and driver Gary Mills.

Township Directeur now sports a 1990 racing record of 11-3-0-0 for \$6,957.

The same card had Gas Leak, a four-year-old son of Fundamentalist-Helens and Helen-Kingly Way recorded the 45th two-minute mile in two minutes even for driver-trainer Paul Matthews.

Matthews pulled the winner of

\$117,011 lifetime from fourth after an opening quarter of 28.2 to the lead by two lengths at the three-eighths pole.

Four-length win

After a half 59.2 and three quarters in 1:30, Gas Leak cruised to a four-length win. Kawartha Playtime, the leader at the opening station was second for Len Lalonde. The Brat, making his first start in two months got up for the show spot for Dave Keyes.

Callie Rankin, Flamboro's top

reinsman in every category, missed out on the January awards, but cleaned up in February and March.

To date, Callie is four wins shy of the 100-win mark at Flamboro Downs.

On April 8, Besta Jocko, a three-year-old Jocko Hanover gelding, made it two wins in a row.

Besta Jocko went coast to coast, carving out a five length win in 2:03. Bill Budd drives this impressive youngster for owner-trainer Hans Luebke of Sutton West, Ont.

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