

Artsplace wins The Metro in near record time

A "sleepy" colt call Artsplace, who's all business when he races, posted a career best 1:53.9 victory in the \$797,400 Metro Pacing Stakes on Sept. 22. It is both Canada's richest stake for two year olds and the richest event in the history of Campbellville's Mohawk Raceway.

Nine of North America's outstanding freshmen colts assembled for the lucrative event, in what many believed to be the most competitive field of the season for two year old colts.

Based on his previous week's winning performance in the \$40,000 Metro elimination, Artsplace earned the coveted rail position. From start to finish the freshman son of Abercrombie controlled the tempo of the mile to orchestrate his win.

Driver John Campbell guided Artsplace quickly to the leader's position to pace a blistering 26.9 second opening panel. Three Wizards, with driver Ben Webster, showed strong opening speed, leaving from the outside post position and settling in behind Artsplace at the quarter. Stand And Deliver, who followed Artsplace out of the gate, was tucked in third.

The tandem took a little breather for the second quarter, reaching the half mile station in 57.1. By that time



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some action in the field was starting up behind the pacesetter as Happy Family pulled out to fourth on the outside and June's Baby followed him with cover.

However, their attempt to catch or even challenge Artsplace never materialized as Artsplace opened up almost two lengths on his rivals and showed no signs of slowing down or easing up. He posted a 1:25.3 three quarter mile mark and cruised home to a three and a half length win.

The night, and the 1990 Metro Pacing Stakes, belonged to Artsplace in a solid 1:53.9, just one tenth of a second off the track record and three tenths of a second off the world record.

Stand And Deliver, who got a three hole trip for three quarters of the mile, pulled out and closed for second while Three Wizards held on for third.

For Artsplace, one of the two colts

in The Metro trained by Gene Riegler, it was his eighth win in 10 starts and bumped his bankroll to \$504,882 on the year for owners George Segal and Brian Monieson of Chicago.

Driver John Campbell was pleased with Artsplace. When asked about the brisk opening quarter, he said, "he felt so good the first quarter I wasn't going to let anyone go... he seemed extra sharp tonight."

"The best thing about Artsplace is his consistency. He's very easy to drive — like a 10-year-old pacer. He knows what he's out there for."

Trainer Gene Riegler was equally pleased and proud. "I knew after his first two qualifiers that he was good. Now I can say he's the greatest colt I've ever trained."

At age 63, Riegler, a veteran star on the Ohio circuit, seems to produce top calibre pacers and trotters year after year. Aside from Artsplace, Riegler trains two other top rookie colts — Silky Stallone (fourth in The Metro) and Nuclear Legacy.

For the second consecutive year, Ontario Jockey Club veteran trainer John Burns had to settle for place money. However, Burns confirmed, he was almost as pleased with his colt's effort as if he had won the race.

"How could I not be pleased with my colt's effort? That's a world re-

cord mile on any other night," Burns said. He shares ownership of Stand and Deliver with Ed Perry and John Ferguson. Ron Waples was at the helm.

Both colts are scheduled to go on to the Governor's Cup at the Breeders Crown. But the most immediate plans for Artsplace include a well deserved rest.

People's Horse wins

Magna Graphic did it. The People's Horse paced a lifetime best 1:55.7 victory for his honorary owners last Friday at Mohawk Raceway.

The four year old gelded son of

Panorama paced a wire-to-wire effort for driver Tony Kerwood, leaving quickly from post two.

"He raced fabulous," said trainer Joel Fekete.

Magna reached the quarter in 27.5 seconds, the half in 57.5, the three quarter mark in 1:25.9 and stopped the clock comfortably in 1:55.7, ahead of Courtland Boushay and New Heights.

The win was number four in 31 starts and increased his purse account to \$40,342 on the year.

For his honorary owners, Magna's bankroll has increased to \$7,340 in just three starts.

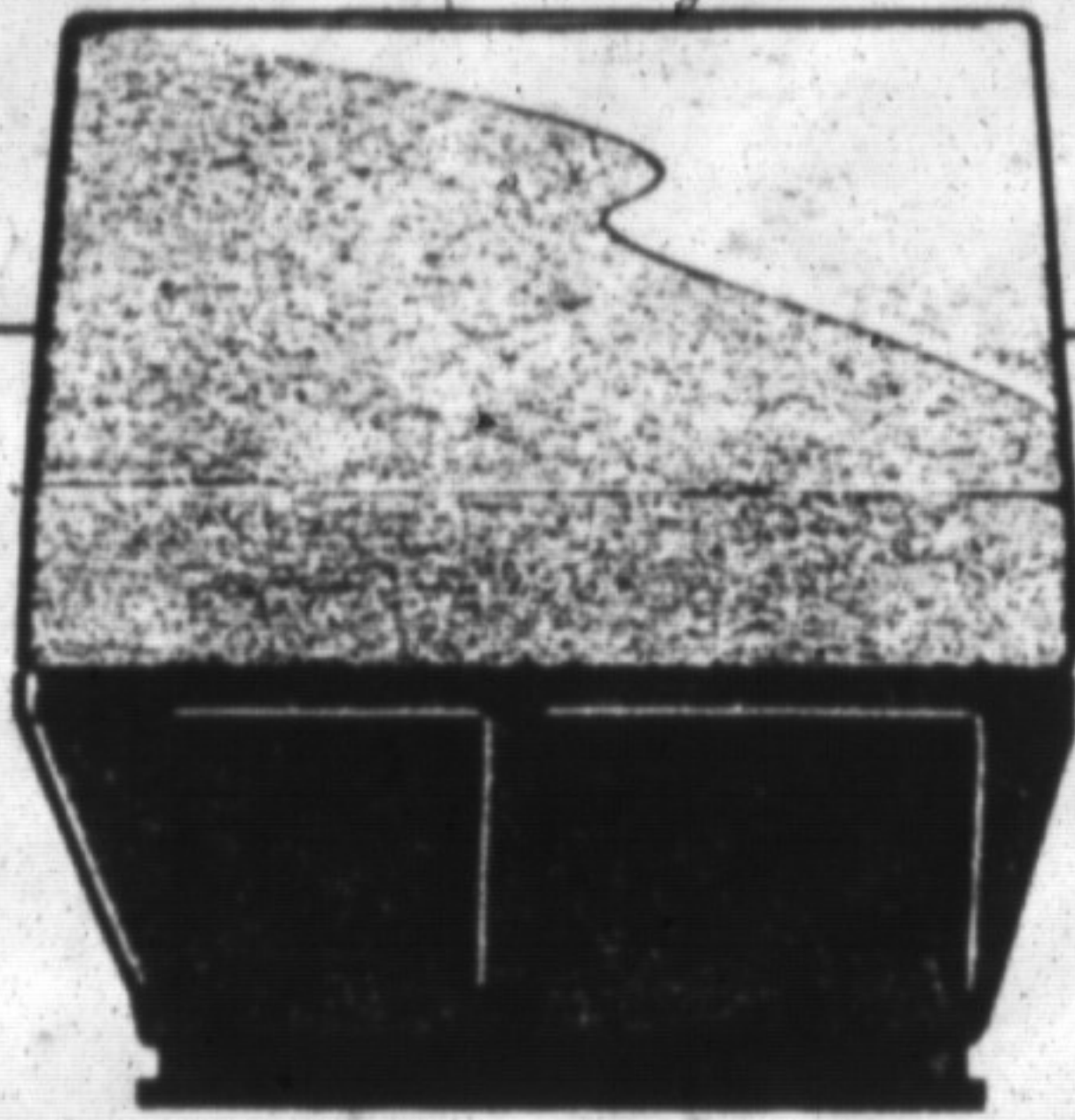
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