

Milton Honda peewees split exhibition pair

The Milton Honda minor peewee AA reps recently played, and split, a pair of exhibition games in preparation for their hockey season opener Saturday.

This season the team is made up of five returnees and nine new members from house league and the A team.

Milton Honda lost the first game 2-1 to Oakville. It was the team's first sanctioned contact game and they reportedly handled themselves well.

Oakville opened the scoring at 1:33 of the first period on a powerplay when Milton could not clear the puck. In the second frame Andrew Sandziuk tied it up for Milton when he gained control of the puck at the Oakville blueline, forced his way past the last defender and flicked a sharply angled shot past a

downed goalie. The goal was unassisted.

Oakville went ahead with the winner at 1:12 of the third when a forward completed a circuit of the net and popped the puck in the right side. Despite that setback, both Ian McGill and Peter Dennis were effective in goal for Milton.

In their next contest Milton managed a come-from-behind win over Brampton.

Sandziuk scored the opener for Milton in the first period when he broke down the left side, rattled a shot off the left post and then scored on the ensuing scramble.

Trevor Petherick scored in the second to tie it at two. Justin Antoine scored the winner in the second period on a pass from Graham Darling. Both the tying and winning goals were scored

Topnotcher has Midas touch and Apaches Fame return triumphant

One of the Ontario Jockey Club's best aged pacers and the circuit's leading driver proved to be an unbeatable combination in the \$197,750 Mohawk Gold Cup Final for three year olds and up on Sunday.

Doug Brown reined Topnotcher, a four year old son of Abercrombie, to an impressive 1:52.9 head victory over fast driving Stormi Compensation, despite high temperatures in a race that shaped up almost as a carbon copy of the previous Sunday's Gold Cup preliminary.

Dorunrun Bluegrass with John Campbell at the helm took over for a 27.3 opening quarter, a 56.5 half mile station and reached the three quarters mark in 1:23.9.

Once again Topnotcher, who had been pacing first over for the last half mile, shifted into high gear and paced away with a 1:52.9 mile despite a late charge from Storm Compensation. Dorunrun held on



for show money.

The win was number 10 in 21 starts for Topnotcher and increased his season's earnings to \$574,837 for owners Alex Horn of Campbellcroft and Alan Berk of Willowdale.

Trainer Rene Laarman was in awe over the win. "This is just unbelievable," he said.

"He's been at the top of his game since he was three," explained his regular pilot, Doug Brown. "He's bigger and stronger this year and the best thing about him is his great desire to win."

Topnotcher's next race will take him to Edmonton for the Stewart Fraser and that will be followed by a trip to Pompano for the Breeder's Crown.

Milton final set

Driver David Smith gave Madagascar Hanover what one would call a "textbook drive" to win the first \$20,000 elimination of the Milton Stakes for three year olds and up, fillies and mares, at Mohawk Saturday night.

Leaving from post three, Smith alertly tucked Madagascar into the two hole while Ms Magic showed the early way with the prohibitive favourite Caesar's Jackpot lurking dangerously on the outside.

While these two battled it out, Smith waited patiently until the field turned home before tipping Madagascar off the rail. She responded, winning by a length over Caesar's Jackpot in 1:56.1.

Owner Martin Bardeol was delighted with the victory. "She's so tough and comes to race every week."

Viewstar paced to a three quarter length victory for driver Doug Brown and trainer Gerald Sloan in 1:57.7 over L Dees Trish and Lady Silber in the second Milton elimination.

The mud didn't seem to bother Cheery Hello as she was "strong the entire mile" according to driver John Campbell. Cheery Hello paced to a 1:57.9 five-length victory in the third Milton elimination over Windy Answer, with Yankee Caroline garnering show money.

Cheery Hello came from well off the pace to get up within striking position of Windy Answer at the top of the stretch before she drew away from the field.

The \$201,250 final of the Milton Pacing Stakes will go postward on Sunday.

Other races

Shipp's Belle highstepped her way to a 2:03.5 four length victory over Pure Yankee and Hornby Maid in the \$15,000 Robert Stewart Preliminary for rookie trotting fillies on Saturday night. The race determined post positions for the \$86,400 final, to be contested on October 7.

North America Cup winner Apache's Fame paced to a 1:58.1 win over the sloppy Campbellville oval on Saturday night for driver Brad Fritz and trainer Bud Fritz in a \$16,500 three year old open event.

It was the first time since winning the million dollar Cup that Apache's Fame has started on the OJC circuit.

The win was his 16th in 21 season starts and bumped his purse account to \$1,027,046 for Dovers Venture II of Chatham.

Belford paces Drury runners

On Saturday the E.C. Drury cross country team travelled to Heart Lake Conservation Area in Brampton to compete in their first meet of the season.

Mike Belford achieved the best performance of the day with an 11th place finish in the junior boys race which featured 122 entrants running almost 6,000 metres.

Greg Hesketh also ran well in his first race placing 26th in the midget boys category. The course stretched for almost 4,000 metres and was contested by 82 runners.

In the senior girls race Tiffany Scobie was in third place when she was forced to retire from the race with an injury. Jennifer Guzman did not run, she was also out with an injury.

Dave Gillies finished 28th and Jim Twist was 32nd in the tough senior boys race over a 6.9 kilometre course. Some 75 runners started the race.

"We're working hard," said cross country coach Richard van der Wal. "Perhaps with a few more members we can field some very competitive teams."

Springers successful in training new coaches

As summer turns into autumn the Milton Springers Gymnastics Club is back for another season with approximately 250 girls and boys signed up for the fall program.

Springers classes are available for children as young as two years old and many of the gymnasts are part of the kindergym program, for those aged six and under. There is also a

group of girls at the other end of the spectrum. They are teen recreation girls and they form a special class.

To be a "teen rec'er" you must be at least 11 years old, though there are some who are 15 or 16 and have been with the club for some time.

The Springers created the class because they saw loyal members getting better and more experienced

and looking for new challenges.

Under the guidance of coach Alissa King the girls work out two and a half hours per week. While there is a ranking system in place, the gymnasts themselves participate greatly in the decisions on what they will learn.

This is not a competitive group. While some may compete on their

high school teams, they participate in teen rec because of a keen interest in the sport of gymnastics.

The club puts this enthusiasm to good use.

The first group of coaches-in-training came exclusively from teen rec and now there are several girls who are both gymnasts and fine young coaches.

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