

Year end a time to reflect for Jockey Club members

Year end means awards, milestones and innovations around the Ontario Jockey Club circuit. Breeders Crown champion Bilyojimbob, who was voted the OJC's Aged Trotter of the Year and is in the

running for aged trotter of the year in Canada and the United States, returned to the racing wars recently and captured a 1:59.1 victory in the \$21,000 Junior and Free For All Trot for driver Murray Brethour and trainer Mike Wade.

Vanilla Ice, a rookie son of On The Road Again who was purchased for \$15,000 in November, scored his fourth consecutive win on December 14 for trainer Garth Gordon, driver Mike Saftic and owner Leonard Coulson.

General Ring, a chestnut gelded son of General Star, remains undefeated as he posted his seventh consecutive victory on the OJC circuit, pacing to a 1:57.4 mile in the third and final \$9,000 division of The Valedictory Pacing Series.

General Ring now has \$29,150 on the year for his owners-breeders Morris and Brett Wright, a father and son combination from Hamilton.

"I'm just totally surprised," said Brett. "He's been so impressive, we just don't know how good he is."



Hoof Beat

with KATHY WADE-VLAAR

"This horse has a lot of ability but he also receives the very best care possible from trainer Bill Robinson," said Morris Wright. "Bill treats his horses better than a lot of children are looked after."

"Red", as he's called by his owners, is eligible to the Snowshoe Pacing Series and the Cam Fella Pacing Series.

"This horse is progressing so well I don't think we've reached bottom yet," said his regular driver Steve Condren.

Harold's ship came in. In this case it was harness horse owner and Mississauga developer Harold Shipp's rookie horse Shipp's Navigator, who

paced to a 2:00.4 victory to push the Shipp Stable earnings to more than \$900,000, an OJC record for owners.

"This is really great for Mr. Shipp," said reinsman and trainer for Shipp's Navigator, Tim Twaddle. "Milestones like this mean a lot to him."

For Shipp, the man who will tell you he owns more horses than any sane person should, it was another accomplishment to add to his lengthy list of accolades on the competitive OJC circuit this year.

Shipp was honoured as the OJC's leading owner during Grand Circuit Week at Mohawk and on September 21 his rookie colt Shipp's Saint scored his biggest payday as he paced to a 1:54.3 nose decision in the \$716,000 Metro Pacing Stakes final, Canada's richest event for two year olds.

Shipp has raced horses 265 times on the OJC circuit this year for 37 wins. Last year horses from the Shipp stable started 212 times on the OJC circuit for 29 wins and \$534,288 in purse earnings.

Racing fans will have a chance to try their handicapping skills Thursdays during January at Greenwood in the Sweep 7 Handicapping Sweepstakes. Fans will be required to pick the win-

ners of races three through nine to collect or share the \$5,000 jackpot. If no one does, \$1,000 will be added to the jackpot each week. If someone wins, then the jackpot will start more than at \$5,000 the following week.

As well, a great consolation prize will be awarded to the person who selects the most winners each Thursday if no one cashes in on the jackpot.

Saturday, Jan. 4 aged pacer Apaches Fame will make his final career race at Greenwood. Apaches Fame has banked more than \$1.7 million for the Dovers Venture II Stable of Chatham, under the care and guidance of trainer-driver Bud Fritz.

Apaches Fame is the fastest and richest Canadian sired pacer of all time and was the OJC's and Canada's three year old colt pacer of the year in 1990.

Mike Saftic has recorded his first 200 win season; trainer Bill Robinson became the first trainer to send horses to purse earnings of more than \$2 million in a single season on the OJC circuit; Tim Twaddle had a record year in the driving column — guiding horses to more than \$1.1 million in purse earnings.

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Senior Boys Basketball						Junior Girls Volleyball					
Volpe	G	W	L	F	Pt	Volpe Division	G	W	L	Pt	
Milton District	4	4	0	212	165	7	Oak. Trafalgar	4	4	0	7
Oak. Trafalgar	5	4	1	261	222	7	Georgetown	4	3	1	6
Bishop Reding	5	3	2	268	200	6	Acton	3	2	1	4
White Oaks	5	3	2	223	237	6	E.C. Drury	4	2	2	4
Loyola (Oak)	6	4	2	215	220	6	Bishop Reding	4	2	2	3
Georgetown	4	2	2	156	171	4	White Oaks	3	1	2	2
Appleby Coll.	2	1	1	38	55	2	Loyola (Oak)	3	1	2	2
Acton	3	1	2	71	175	2	Milton District	3	1	2	2
E.C. Drury	4	1	3	174	204	2	Thomas Aquinas	4	1	3	2
Last week's results						Last week's results					
Loyola 62, E.C. Drury 49; Milton District 81, Acton 51; Oakville Trafalgar 57, Bishop Reding 52; White Oaks 54, Georgetown 48.						Milton District 2, Acton 1; Oak. Trafalgar 2, Reding 0; G'town 2, White Oaks 1; Loyola 2, Drury 0; Aquinas 2, Appleby 0.					
Boys Hockey						Senior Girls Volleyball					
Volpe Div.	W	L	T	F	A	Pt	Volpe Division	G	W	L	Pt
Oak. Trafalgar	4	1	3	22	17	11	Georgetown	4	4	0	8
Bishop Reding	4	1	2	27	23	10	Bishop Reding	4	4	0	7
White Oaks	5	2	0	35	22	10	E.C. Drury	3	2	1	4
Loyola (Oak)	3	2	3	33	26	9	White Oaks	4	2	2	4
E.C. Drury	3	4	2	28	35	8	Oak. Trafalgar	4	2	2	3
Milton District	3	4	0	36	30	6	Milton District	3	1	2	2
Appleby Coll.	2	3	0	25	14	4	Acton	3	1	2	2
Thomas Aquinas 1	8	0	18	57	2	2	Thomas Aquinas	3	0	3	0
Last week's results						Last week's scores					
E.C. Drury 4; Loyola (Oak) 2; Loyola (Oak) 7, Thomas Aquinas 1.						Milton District 2, Acton 1; Reding 2, Oak. Traf. 0; G'town 2, White Oaks 0.					

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