

Easter parade at Mohawk showcased Princess Pacing Series

Mohawk staged its first ever afternoon card of racing on Easter Sunday, showcasing three divisions of the Princess Pacing Series for three year-old distaffers.

Dear Me and driver Dave Wall set the tone of impressive performances with a sparking 1:57.1 mile in the first division worth \$14,000. The win was the fifth in six career tries for the eye-catching grey filly who is trained by

Gregg McNair for Chatham owner Robert Chapple. Bountiful Bid was second with Lets Do Lunch third.

Hop Irish, a daughter of Albatross was the best in the second division turning in a brilliant 1:56.2 effort for trainer/driver David Keyes.

She defeated Cinnamon Reel and Kesons Sonshine. Norman Keyes of Mississauga is

the owner of Hop Irish, now a winner of six of nice season starts this year.

The third division saw Tarport Sensation extend her personal unbeaten streak to six with a lifetime best of 1:56.2 for reinsman Doug Brown.

The Tyler B miss who captured the Miss Vera Bars Series at Mohawk in November and the Blizzard Series in January at Greenwood,

sports close to \$75,000 in career earnings. Bill Sharp trains for owners All and John Locke and William Dorsers.

The Princess Series continues with the second leg on April 26 and closes out with the \$68,000 final on Saturday, May 2.

In the \$25,000 Free For All Trot, Billyjojob returned from a two month layoff to win handily in 1:58.2.



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Miserable effort as Merchants lose

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

The Milton Merchants lost 5-2 to Kitchener at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday night in Game One of the all-Ontario Junior B Championship final.

"The score is flattering to us," said Milton coach Rick Bince. "We didn't deserve two goals and they could have scored three or four more."

Bince blamed a lack of practice time for the flat play of the Merchants. The Dutchmen outshot Milton 40-22. Milton was last on the ice six days previously when they wrapped up their semifinal playoff with St. Catharines.

"The layoff hurt us, no question," said an unhappy Bince. "We had no ice to practice. We just went through the motions tonight."

Kitchener scored first notching a goal at 6:53 of the first frame, a period characterized by the teams just feeling each other out. Former Hamilton Duke, Chris Code, finished off a play which included his brother Tony and Rob Trussler.

The Dutchmen owned the second

Merchant rumours quashed

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The more things change, the more they remain the same in Milton Merchant hockey circles.

Rumours swirling around the club include coach Rick Bince's moving to a junior A team, and owner Brad Grant's interest in selling the team. Both men denied those rumours on the eve of Milton's entry into the all-Ontario junior B championship.

"No one's approached me," said Bince, though rumours had three teams making contact with the Milton coach. "As far as I'm concerned I'll be back in Milton. Mr. Grant has given me a tool box full of tools. All owners give you the box but with nothing in it. I'm happy."

Grant, said that he wanted to quash rumours of a sale of the team. Though, he made it clear that as a businessman, he would have to consider any serious offer for "the right price."

"Some guy asked about it in St. Catharines, but no, I'm not interested in selling," Grant said.

"The future is bright. I've worked six years to come this far, and it's been a hell of a ride and I'm enjoying it.

period, netting three goals and, for all intents and purposes, the hockey game. Dutchmen Mike Allen and Scott Barker worked a nice two-on-one on the left side of a three-on-two break for the goal. Allen beat Milton netminder Jason Chipman at 6:29. Chipman had just made a great stop on a pure two-on-one on the previous rush.

Less than four minutes later Barker took a Derek Innanen pass in the slot and beat Chipman low to the stick side for a 3-0 lead. The goal came one second after Shawn Healey's penalty for slashing expired.

Milton had a great chance to get back into the contest when Healey stole a puck in the Dutchmen zone and went in alone. His shot hit the post. Kitchener iced the game when Innanen gave the Dutchmen a 4-0 lead by tipping in a Jason Bracnale shot from the right point at 19:31 of the middle frame.

Milton managed a half-hearted comeback with a goal 28 seconds into the third frame and another at the 5:50 mark. Kelly Leroux was credited with the first when his shot from the point was tipped in by a Kitchener defender. The second came off the stick of Jason Ritchie, who picked up a loose puck high in the slot and flipped a quick shot past a startled Jeff Rutledge in the Kitchener net.

Kitchener's Tony Code finished the scoring at the 13:54 mark when his flip shot from the left side of the Milton crease put an end to Milton's hopes of a comeback.

"We only scored because they fell asleep," said Bince. "We weren't in it."

Bince said that Kitchener didn't do anything that surprised him, in fact, he said, Kitchener played the same style of hockey that Milton plays.

"Losing is bad," said Bince. "Show me a good loser and I'll show you a loser."

At Midland meet

Roselle grabs seven golds to lead swimmers

Members of the Milton Swim Team travelled to Midland on April 11 to attend the two-day 10th Annual Bell Canada Invitational Meet.

Milton competed against seven other teams and finished a strong second to the host Midland, who sported a much larger squad. Other teams attending the event were from Owen Sound, Barrie, Borden and Collingwood.

Coach Laura Durante was delighted with the effort put forth by all swimmers representing Milton.

Kristi Roselle, 13, had a banner



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Gaining position

Bishop Reding Secondary School tangled with E.C. Drury High School in a senior boys soccer match Wednesday at E.C. Drury. The senior game ended 1-1. Scoring for E.C. Drury was Tom Reichmayr while Paul Sewit scored Bishop Reding's goal. In other action the Reding Juniors opened their season as well, coasting to a 3-1 win over Acton thanks to a pair of goals by Shawn Kesik and a single by Jason Lescaik.

day, swimming to first place in all seven events entered and was high point achiever for girls 13 and over.

Also swimming well in the 13 and over age group was Scott Mills who took a number of top placings and more importantly improved his personal best times in all events. Mills was pushed in his events by teammate Ivan Popovic who also managed some top placings.

Results for the Milton team:

Girls 13 and over

First: Kristi Roselle — 400 metre

freestyle (5:36.52), 200 metre freestyle (2:41.37), 100 metre backstroke (1:25.97), 200 metre backstroke (3:09.53), 200 metre individual medley (3:01.63), 50 metre butterfly (38.16), 100 metre butterfly (1:24.08); Mary Anne New — 100 metre freestyle (1:14.34).

Second: Mary Anne New — 50 metre freestyle (35.13).

Third: Mary Anne New — 200 metre individual medley (3:11.60).

Fourth: Rebecca Mills — 200 metre breaststroke (3:46.78); Mary Anne New — 100 metre butterfly

(1:39.34).

Fifth: Mary Anne New — 100 metre backstroke (1:33.11).

Sixth: Rebecca Mills — 100 metre breaststroke (1:42.67).

The relay team of Mills, New and Roselle were joined by 11 year old Jessica Roselle to take first place in both the 200 metre freestyle and medley races.

Girls 11 and 12

All girls representing Milton were 11 years old in this tough division.

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