

Cinnamon Reel captures exciting Princess Series final

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Although there were nine three-year-old fillies contesting the \$58,000 final of the Princess Pacing Series on Saturday, it was fair to say the trio of Tarport Sensation, Hop Irish and Cinnamon Reel carried the biggest credentials and as post time arrived the 'big three' didn't let the handlers or the crowd down.

As the wings unfolded, David Keyes shot Hop Irish out for command from the six hole and the tandem lit up fractions of 27.3 second, 57.4 and 1:25.4 with Tarport Sensation sitting

a patient second and Cinnamon Reel taking to the outside, third. With the field facing a fierce head wind in the stretch, it was Cinnamon Reel and reinsman Paul MacDonell outduelling Hop Irish by half a length in a spirited mile time of 1:55.4. Tarport Sensation was another half length back in third.

"They were definitely the two to beat," said MacDonell of his nearest competitors, "but I was very impressed with her after last week and I thought we had a big shot. With the wind she was happy to see the wire, but so was everybody."

The talented Cam Fella Miss pushed her

season earnings over \$61,000 for trainer William Elliott and owners Pat Jr. and Dan Daly of Hamilton.

Four weeks after the tragic barn fire at Mohawk, Magnum Gass, one of the fortunate survivors made a triumphant return to the races for Campbellville's Norm McKnight. The six year-old grey horse won in 1:58.3 on May 1.

The opening leg of the Mohawk Pacing Series for 3 year-old colts got underway on Sunday, May 3 with four divisions.

Steve Condren captured both halves of the daily double with Si Sahib in 1:55.1 and JCS Skipparoo in 1:56.2.

"He's a nice horse to have in the barn," understated trainer Jim Petruccelli of Si Sahib, whom he acquired after his freshman campaign, in which he won an astounding 18 of 19 races.

Paul MacDonell's weekend streak continued by winning a division in 1:55.2 with Ritches Empire, a son of Seahawk Hanover, who was shipped north from New Jersey into the care of Elliott.

Doug Brown steered North America Cup eligible Bills Jet to a 1:56 victory in the fourth division for Toronto owners Marvin Katz, Sam Goldband and Al Libfeld.



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Hanley wins GM National opener at Sanair Speedway

Before one of the largest crowds in recent history, Campbellville's Junior Hanley saw his dominance of the Quebec's Sanair Super Speedway extended one more race in the GM quick Service 150 on April 26.

Hanley was pushed to the limit however as the Molson Export — Quaker State Ford driver was able to overcome a race-long challenge by Chevrolet pilot Randy MacDonald to win the opening event of the GM National Stock Car Series.

The victory was Hanley's third consecutive at the 1.3 kilometre tri-oval.

The defending ACT (American and Canadian Tour) and GM Series champion started third in the 42 car field and swapped the lead several times with Oshawa's MacDonald before both pitted during a mid-race caution.

Hanley took on four tires in two stops while MacDonald opted for just a splash of fuel.

That decision was probably the determining factor as Hanley's fresher rubber gave him just enough of an advantage down the stretch to

claim a half-car length victory over the 1990 GM Series title holder.

Following Hanley and MacDonald across the line was Vermont's Kevin Lepage, also in a Ford, and a pair of Chevrolet drivers, Maine's Ralph Nason and hometown favourite, Claude Leclerc rounded out the top five.

Bill Zardo, Sr. of Brampton started on the pole but Hanley quickly overpowered him for the lead. MacDonald, who started alongside Zardo, took a few laps to compose himself for his run at Hanley. The American-Canadian Tour's 1985 rookie of the year blew by Hanley on the 19th lap only to give up the lead after pitting.

Rookie Jeff Hanley, son of the winner, finished 22nd after bowing out with clutch problems with only seven laps remaining. The senior Hanley won more than \$8,000 for his efforts.

Hanley leads the ACT point standings after two races with 257 points, ahead of Randy MacDonald's 235 points and Robbie Crouch's 224 points.

A little wet

New slo-pitch season underway at Omog Bog

The opening game of the 1992 Milton Men's Slo-Pitch League season was played Monday, out of Omagh, in less than ideal conditions. With a record rainfall in April the players were dubbing the outfield the Omog Bog. Before the start of the third inning the score was already Canadian Pacific 13 and Fat Freddy's 6.

This scribe decided it was too cold to stay and watch another seven innings but I was wrong, as the last seven innings turned out to be a little more exciting as the Forsters held on to win 23-14.

Leading the assault with four hits and four runs scored was Paul McDermott. Barry Batanoff and Paul Page chipped in four hits apiece, while seven other players had three hit nights for Can Pac.

Fat Freddy's Den Brown was a perfect six for six and Bill Zammit, Ken Philips, Phil

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Dimaso each had five hits. The Fat ones scored six runs in the ninth to make the contest close.

Brian Best was unplayable Monday, so the Dickens and Bousfield Auto game was moved to Bronte Meadows where the field was a little dryer. Bousfield Auto started quickly posting a 15-3 lead after five innings and cruised home with a 17-9 win.

Rob Comport and Barry Fletcher each pounded out three hits while eight others sup-

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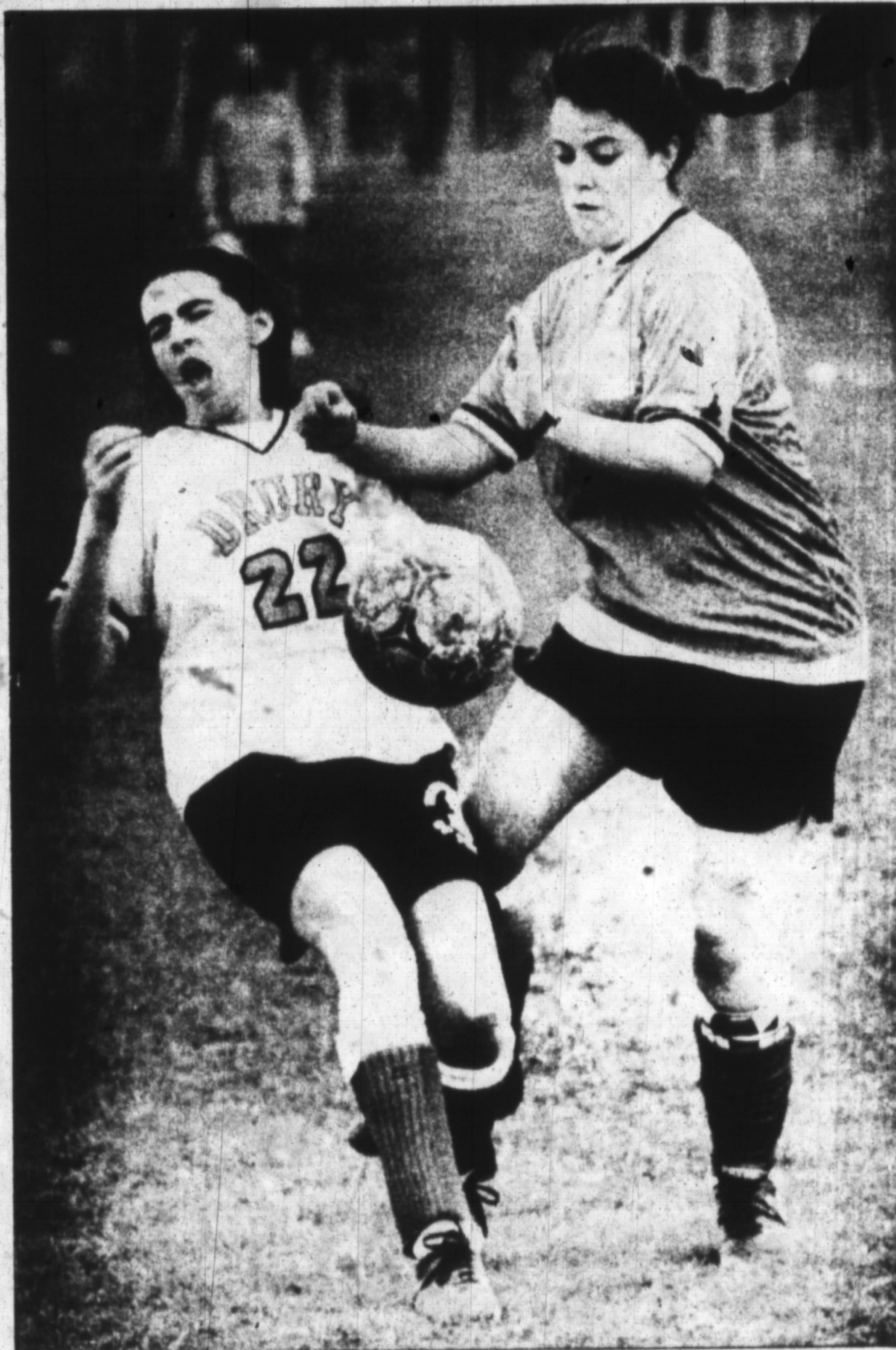


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Fighting for possession

E.C. Drury's Wendy McNutt (left) and Bishop Reding's Elza Sneyd collide for control of the ball in their senior girls soccer game hosted by the Spartans last week. Bishop Reding won the contest 2-0 with goals by Nicole Remedios and Joanna Millen.

Three-pitch tournament

Home Hardware Stores have scheduled a company three-pitch tournament for Drumquinn Park on June 7 with proceeds benefitting the Asthma Society.

The one-day affair will feature teams from Waterloo, Toronto, Orangeville, Brampton and Hanover. Tournament entry fees, and money earned from concessions will be forwarded to the charity.

Games begin at 8:30 a.m. and finish about 6 p.m. The tournament arose from a successful challenge game between Milton and Georgetown last year. That game raised about \$500.

Select juveniles ousted in national final

Good effort but volleyball team falls to eventual champion

The Canadian junior gold medal eluded the juvenile Peel Selects women's volleyball club this past weekend in Drummondville, Quebec.

The team was playing up a division thanks to their stunning victory in the provincial tournament.

Friday's pool play started off with Quebec's F.X. Gameau team winning the first best-of-five match in four games.

Peel then met British Columbia's repre-

sentative from Burnaby and took this match in four games.

Saturday's pool saw Peel face the number one seed, Quebec's Bois de Boulogne team, and although the match went almost two hours, Peel could not gain advantage in the attack and lost the match.

This moved the team to the consolation round to face the second Ontario team, the Scarborough Solars, who they handled in three games.

The final match for the Peel Selects was

against Manitoba's University of Winnipeg team for fifth place overall. The locals couldn't mount an attack and lost.

The gold was taken by the Bois de Boulogne team in three games over the Quebec Sherbrooke team.

The same Peel Selects team will travel to Winnipeg next weekend for the Canadian juvenile championship.

The Selects feature locals players Tracy Fowler of Bishop Reding and Marsha Van Cedar of Milton District High School.