

# No Sex Please takes advantage of Billyjo's miscue to win

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Corps made history at Mohawk Friday night with a 1:58 win in the \$288,958 event for trotting mares.

The effort marked Peace Corps' fourth Breeders Crown victory, something no other horse has achieved.

Reined by trainer-driver Torbjorn Jansson, Peace Corps, the sport's all-time leading money earner, did not take command of the field until the top of the stretch. Instead Ro Julie, who won her elimination the previous week got away quickly from the rail for Italian driver Sergio Corona to clock fractions of :28.3, :59.1 and 1:28.3 before surrendering the lead to Peace Corps who was parked out for two-thirds of the mile.

## Swedish-owned

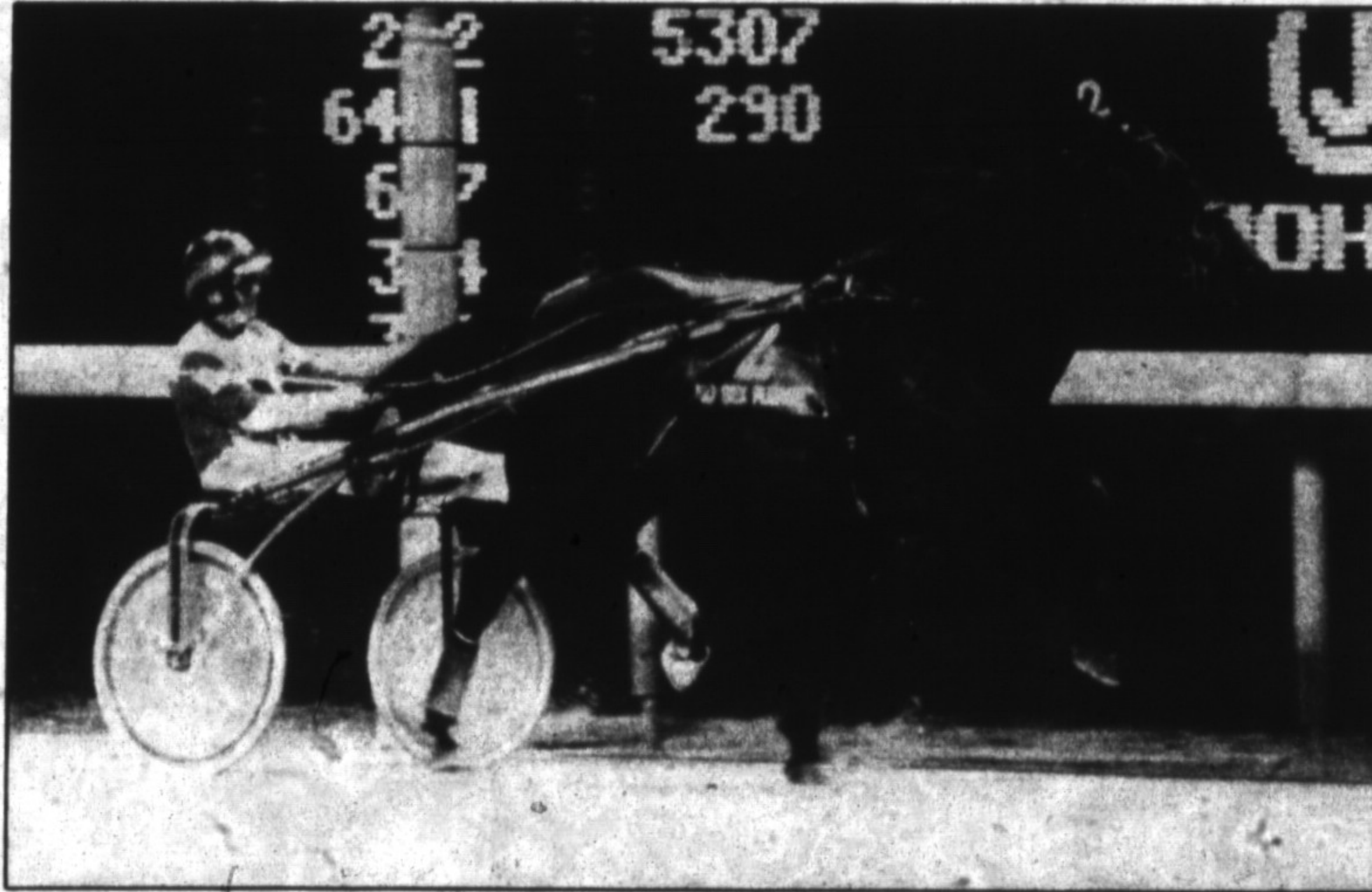
Peace Corps romped home to a five-and-a-half length win over Ebonita Hanover with Lady Orbitex getting up for show money.

Owned by Sweden's Stall Pieder, the win bumped Peace Corps' seasonal earnings to \$522,437 and her lifetime earnings to just less than \$5 million.

"It is a great feeling of course, to come here and win the Breeders Crown. It is a very big win for me," said Jansson of his first drive in Canada.

The Swedish driver was not worried about his mare being parked out for the mile because the fractions were not that fast. Peace Corps will follow her Breeders Crown win up with races in Holland and Germany later this month.

The \$368,100 Breeders Crown for trotting horses was supposed to shape up as a two-horse race between defending champion Billyjojimbob and 1990 Crown winner, No Sex Please.



An expected duel between No Sex Please (above) and defending champion Billyjojimbob failed to materialize in the \$368,100 Breeders Crown final for trotting horses. Billyjojimbob made an uncharacteristic break at the beginning of the race and although he gallantly fought back to finish fifth, wasn't a factor in the race. Ron Waples guided No Sex Please to a three-length win in 1:56.4.

Unfortunately a showdown between the two never materialized as Billyjojimbob made an uncharacteristic break just after the field left the hand of the starter.

That miscue left the road clear to the winner's circle for No Sex Please.

Out Of Ketchup and trainer-driver John Brooks wasted no time in getting to the front of the field for a :27.4 quarter then yielded to No Sex Please and Hall of Famer Ron Waples Sr. "Sexy" trotted a :58 second half and a 1:27.1 three-quarters before hitting the wire in 1:56.3 just one tick off the track record. Charlie Ten Hitch, who raced tough, parked out for the last half held on for pace money, three

lengths back and lightly regarded Out Of Ketchup was third.

Billyjojimbob managed an amazing recovery to get fifth money, beaten by only five and three-quarter lengths.

"It's a great feeling to win a race like the Breeders Crown, but when your son owns the horse, it's extra special," said Waples Sr.

"I looked over and saw Billyjo break and I felt real bad for him. But there's two kinds of luck and he had the wrong kind tonight."

Owned and trained by Ron Waples Jr. of Rockwood who purchased "Sexy" as a yearling for \$15,000, the seven-year-old son of Brisco Hanover has \$435,870 on the year and more than \$1.7 million in

lifetime earnings.

As to what's next for the veteran champion, Waples Jr. is unsure. "I'll probably give him some time off or maybe race him every other week. He'll be eight soon. I can't be expecting him to do this next year."

## Horse of the year

The invincible Artsplace clinched Horse of the Year honours with a dazzling 1:52 mile in the \$368,100 Breeders Crown for pacers, under the direction of the sport's \$100-million man, John Campbell.

Art left and was used to get to the top for a :27 opening panel, but stole a :30.1 second quarter with little dispute.

The four-year-old son of

Abercrombie picked up the pace with a blistering third quarter, getting there in 1:24.4 and shifted gears to blow the field away, as he paced to a commanding three length victory over Broussard with Camluck finishing third.

"He was very comfortable down the stretch," credited Campbell, "He was doing it all on his own. It was a fantastic feeling because you know a horse like this isn't going to come along every year."

Trained by Bob McIntosh, a five-time winner of Canadian Trainer of the year honours, Artsplace is undefeated in 15 starts and has one race remaining on his schedule — The Stewart Fraser at Edmonton Northlands.

The win gives Art \$833,325 on the year for his owners George Segal and Brian Monieson of Chicago and bumps his lifetime bankroll to just under \$3 million.

Breeders Crown night at Mohawk not only showcased the sport's best horses and horsemen but also marked a record handle as \$2,001,246 was wagered on the 11 race card. (Mohawk, Greenwood, Woodbine Intertrack)

The previous wagering record was \$1,989,159 set on October 28, 1988 when Mohawk hosted the \$453,274 Breeders Crown for sophomore pacing colts which was won by Camtastic.

In addition \$329,131 was wagered by other Intertrack partners which share common pools with the OJC and satellite tracks added another \$344,871 to the betting figures.

Fifteen tracks in North America watched and wagered \$478,901 on the four Breeders Crown championship races. Added to the OJC's pools, Breeders Crown wagering surpassed the million dollar mark. (\$1,163,268)

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