

Mohawk fans take in south-of-the-border action

Ontario Jockey Club horses and horsemen were successful in major stakes south of the border this past weekend and Mohawk fans were afforded the luxury of watching and wagering on them via simulcasting.

On Friday night at Northfield Park in Ohio, Kingsbridge from the Roger Mayotte stable upset favorites Western Hanover and Survivor Gold to score a 1:54.4 victory in the \$300,000 Breeders Crown for three-year-old pacing colts and geldings.

Leading OJC trainer Bill Robinson's Survivor Gold and reinsman Dave Wall set the tone for most of the mile, pacing to a :27.4 quarter, a :56.4 half and a 1:25.1 three-quarter mile station with Western Hanover going the long mile, parked out. Mayotte and Kingsbridge picked up the cover from Western as they followed, second over to mid-stretch and pulled out to take command and the lucrative win.

It was Mayotte's first drive in Breeder's Crown event and Kingsbridge's richest payday of his sophomore career. The son of Jate Lobell, owned by Irving Horowitz's Fern Stable of Kettlby, has been knocking at the door all season long in search of the big win.

And this one was his 9th in 24 starts and increased his bank account to \$406,321.

"I followed a great horse," said Mayotte, referring to his second ever trip behind Western Hanover, a winner of \$1.7 million. "My horse is usually tough in the lane and tonight he was 100 per cent."

Kingsbridge, trained by Mayotte's assistant, Kevin Banting, showed some potential earlier in the year with a victory in the elimination of the North America Cup and fol-

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lowed up with a third place finish in the Million Dollar Final. After that he was given a couple of months off and according to Mayotte is just now rounding back into shape.

Western Hanover was second and Doug Arthur's Bo Knows Jate closed for show money.

Kingsbridge rewarded his backers with \$25.40 for a \$2 bet at Mohawk.

Bob McIntosh, a five-time winner of Canada's Trainer of the Year Award, scored his second Breeders Crown victory of '92. His first Crowning moment of the year came with Artsplace on Oct. 9 at Mohawk Raceway. Friday night his prized filly So Fresh continued her dominance of the sophomore pacing filly ranks with a gate to wire 1:56 unchallenged victory in the \$300,000 Breeder's Crown event at Northfield. Come Unwound was second and Simply Ravishing was third.

John Campbell guided the talented Laag filly for his 22nd victory during the 9-year history of the championship forum and third Crown win of the '92 season.

It was win number 15 in 19 season starts for So Fresh who was purchased as a yearling by current owner George Segal. (Brittany Farms of Kentucky)

A healthy bankroll of \$643,348 on the year and numerous stakes wins puts her well on her way to div-

isional honours in the United States.

So Fresh handled her seven rivals with ease. Leaving from the rail position which she earned after a 1:56.1 win in her elimination test the previous week, she got away quickly from the gate to command the tone for the entire mile. So Fresh clocked fractions of :28.2, :58.3, 1:28 before cruising to a one and a half length win. The closest anyone came to contesting the filly was to come first up and pace within a length of her at the three-quarter mile marker. That bid was from Hop Irish and trainer-driver Dave Keyes.

"She's very intimidating from the rail," said Campbell, "She leaves the gate well and I felt very confident after she had a breather at the half. She's just so strong."

So Fresh returned only \$2.30 for a \$2 win bet.

On Saturday night trainer Tom Artandi's Direct Scooter colt, Armbro Local was a 1:54.4 winner in the \$194,048 Presidential Stake Final at Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland.

Driven by Mike Lachance, Armbro Local swept past pacesetter Life Sign and went on to capture the lion's share of the purse for freshman pacing colts. Beastmaster, driven and co-owned by Trevor Ritchie along with trainer Brad Maxwell, Hyatt Holdings and Dutch Boy Stable was a neck back and Life Sign hung on for show money.

At Mohawk, Staying Together Continued his winning ways scoring his 15th victory in 26 outings on Saturday night in a \$14,800 conditioned pace.

Driven by Tom Strauss for trainer Jack Parsons and owner Bob Hamather the sophomore son of

Panorama got a pocket trip behind pacesetter Shore Patrol until the final turn where he pulled out to pace to a three length 1:54.4 win. Penates got up for a second and Shore Patrol held on for third.

Must Be Invincible persevered a first up mile enroute to a 1:56.3 one length decision over Anken Jocko and Monkey Business in the evening's second \$14,800 conditioned pace event.

Driver Harold Stead pulled Must Be Invincible out of the clubhouse turn and stayed there until the head of the lane when they paced on to get command. Cross Country set the pace for the mile clocking fractions of :27.4 for the quarter, :58.3 for the half and 1:28.1 at the three-quarter mile station.

Vine Street's future looks bright after he scored his second consecutive win in as many pari-mutuel out-

ings for driver Steve Condren and trainer Bob McIntosh. The Storm Damage colt did so in impressive fashion as he showed no mercy to his opposition, cruising to an eight-and-a-half length win timed in 1:59 in a \$7600 conditioned event for two and three year olds.

Abdul Kerim benefitted from a pocket trip behind Arcan Hanover in the \$18,000 Junior and Free For All Pace.

Twaddle managed to pull the five year old son of Springer out of the pocket to find late racing room and get up for a head 1:55.3 victory over Arcane with Happy Family taking show money.

It was win number 11 in 23 trips postward this year for Abdul Kerim and bumped his season's bankroll to \$106,813 for owners Joe Stutzman, William Izaryk, Don Scott and Futile Chase Stable.

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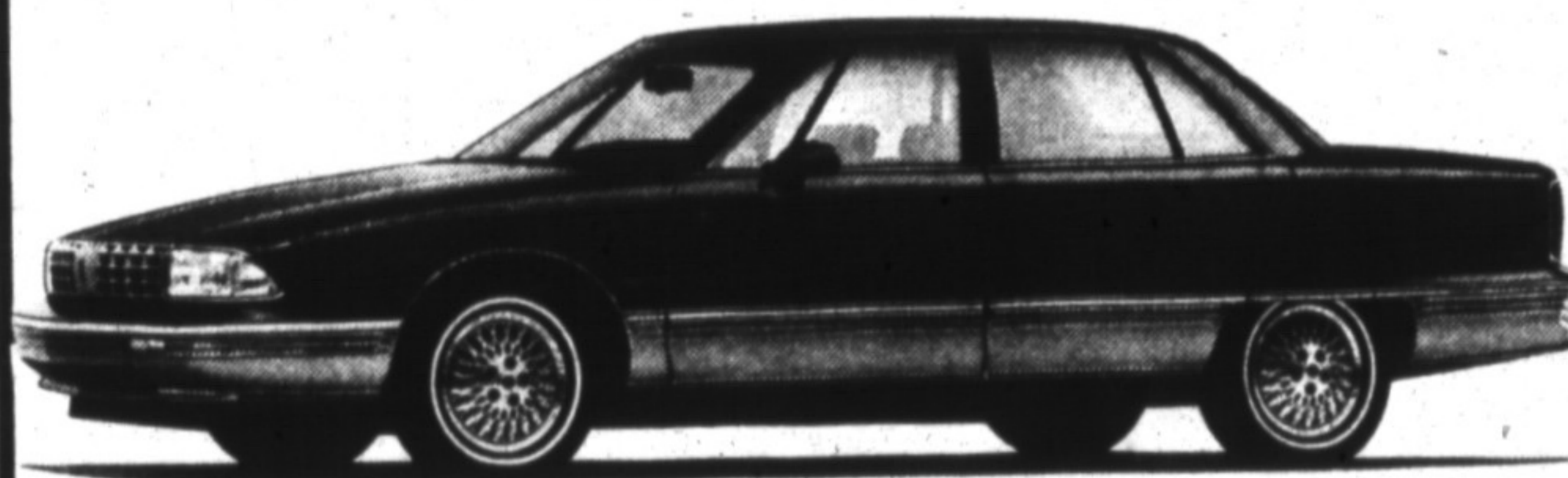
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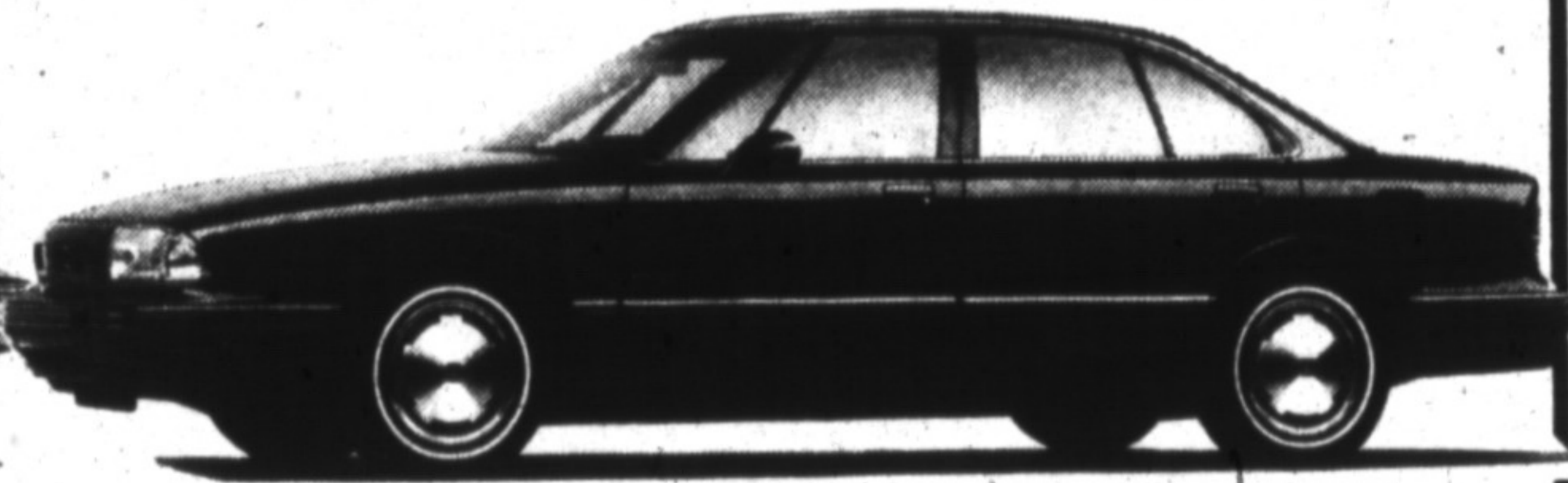
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