

Make A Face captures Youthful with lifetime best time

The Youthful Pacing Series Final was won in the first quarter mile for Make A Face on Saturday, Apr. 17.

The talented three-year-old Jate Lobell gelding rallied against Bunyys First and Eicarl's El Diablo for the lead, got it and never looked back, controlling the mile with fractions of :27, :56.3 and 1:25.3 enroute to a lifetime best of 1:54.4.

Bunyys First had to settle for second after a picture perfect pocket trip and Befriender finished third.

"If it was a milder night I'm sure we would have set a track record but I'm happy with the mile. It was a very competitive group," said trainer-driver John Kopas.

Make A Face is nominated to the Opé Million Dollar North America Cup, set for June 26 at Greenwood.

Kopas plans to race Make A Face in the Mohawk Pacing Series, and the Burlington to prep for Canada's richest harness event.

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"He's just an exceptional colt," Kopas continued, "I can race him in front or from behind."

For owner Bruce Lloyd of Trent Valley Stable, the win was especially nice, "I'm very happy, naturally. Once we got by the three-quarters I thought we were okay."

It was the seventh win in 11 starts for Make A Face and the win bumped his year's bank account to \$48,720.

MacDonell's 1,500th win

One of the Ontario Jockey Club's

regualr harness drivers, Paul MacDonell, 30, of Orono, Ontario guided his 1,500th career winner Saturday night at Mohawk raceway.

MacDonell steered trotter Jazzy Kathy to a 2:00.3 victory in the fourth race to post the milestone.

"It's nice to get that one, now I can get on with the next 1,500," said MacDonell from the winner's circle.

Last year was the ninth straight year that MacDonell won more than 100 races and the seventh year in a row that he has earned more than \$1 million as he posted 188 wins and drove horses to \$2,226,262 in purse earnings.

The Oshawa native is consistently among the leading drivers on the tough OJC circuit with 50 wins and \$528,000 in purse earnings to date on the year.

He started his career working with the powerful Doug Brown stable before venturing out on his own. He won his first race in 1981 in only his third lifetime start.

Paul was introduced to harness racing through his father, Blaise, who had been around standardbreds all his life.

Bays Fella

One of the biggest victories in MacDonell's career, on a national level, came in 1990 when he drove the longshot Bays Fella to a surprising triumph in the \$273,458 Breeders Crown Horse and Gelding

Pace at Pompano, Bays Fella upset favoured Topnotcher to record the longest mutuel price in Crown history — \$140.60 for a two-dollar win ticket.

A year later he drove Billyjojob to a victory in the Breeders Crown for Horse and Gelding Trotters, at the Meadows.

Charity challenge

Ontario Jockey Club drivers took win, place and show honours in the 1993 Drivers' Charity Challenge held at Mohawk Raceway Sunday night as eight of North America's best harness drivers competed for children's charities.

The Challenge championship came down to the final race of the six leg series as Paul MacDonell, Steve Condren and Doug Brown were within 3 points of one another going into race nine.

Driver Paul MacDonell managed to capture the victory as he finished

second in the final race to earn 7 points to add to his previous 26. Mike Lachance guided the winner Stonehouse Johnboy while Steve Condren finished third and Doug Brown was fifth.

\$5,000 donation

MacDonell drove for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada and a cheque for \$5,000 was donated to this organization on his behalf.

MacDonell drove Whitney's Pride to a 1:57.1 victory in the first leg of the series, and followed that win up with two other second place finishes to lead the eight Challenge drivers.

Steve Condren represented the Jennifer Ashleigh Foundation and a cheque for \$3,000 went to this organization on behalf of Steve's second place finish.

A cheque in the amount of \$2,000 went to Easter Seals for driver Doug Brown's third place finish.

Medics wrap up season

In Milton minor atom AA hockey action, the Docs and Dents wrapped up the season, just ending up short at the tri-county championships.

Milton played Ancaster in the best of three series final. The first game saw the medic's Dave Kornack score the lone goal in the 2-1 loss.

The second game was played in Milton, with equal shots on net. Goalie Josh Arnold was the difference, with Milton winning 3-2.

The decisive third game saw Milton's Matt de Ree start the scoring, but Ancaster came back, scoring three unanswered goals. Steve Chuchmach narrowed the gap to one, but it wasn't enough. Ancaster scored in the empty net with 10 seconds left to clinch the game and the tri-county championship two games to one.

Before the championships, the boys played one final tournament in

REP HOCKEY

Warren, Michigan. The first challenger in the round-robin play was Brooklyn, Ohio. Dave Kornack scored once but Milton went on to lose 4-1.

Brothwell, Ontario was the next opponent for the medics. The Docs and Dent's Derek Mewhinney scored the hat trick, while Dave Kornack notched five assists, in a 6-1 win.

The last game saw Milton against Amherstburg. Milton took the game 3-1 on goals by Ventura, Theriault and Macdonald.

The Docs and Dents held an awards dinner at the beginning of this month. Matt de Ree received the most improved player award, with Kris Beal getting the most sportsmanlike player award.

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A GREEN POOL IS A GOOD THING (ENVIRONMENTALLY SPEAKING)

Making your pool go green (that's green as in environmentally "green") will not only save the environment from unnecessary damage. It will save you money, improve the comfort and convenience of your pool and give you the satisfaction of knowing you have done something significant and concrete to help the environment.

Swimming pools normally have a negative impact on the environment in several ways. The most common source of pollution from pools comes from the regular use of chemicals in the pool, such as: chlorine, bromine, algacides, conditioners, clarifiers, scale removers, sequestering agents, flocculants, etc. These chemicals don't simply disappear after they are poured into the pool. They react - their properties change - and most are filtered out by the pools filtering system. (It should be noted that some of the by-products of chlorine and bromine are suspected of causing cancer.) When the filter is cleaned the chemicals are flushed away. Do they disappear? No, they pollute the environment. They may be dumped into a storm sewer which empties into a river, which flows into a lake. Perhaps a lake from which your city draws its water. Some of those chemicals may come right back to your house in your drinking water! So what can you do to reduce this chemical pollution? Two things.

1. Don't waste pool chemicals by careless or improper use. Read the instructions, maintain the correct pool water PH and total alkalinity to assure the maximum effectiveness of the chemicals used.
2. Keep your pool clean. Dirty pools require significantly more chemicals to keep bacteria and algae down. Using an automatic pool cleaner will keep the pool water cleaner, thereby reducing the pool's chemical requirements and make maintaining the pool much less work (and more enjoyable). Pool blankets should be kept on the pool when it's not in use. Blankets help keep dust, bugs and other materials which increase the need for chemicals, out of the pool.

Consider using a new Canadian invention called the "Zinc-O-Lator." This device places a small amount of zinc into the pool water. Zinc, when used with a small amount of chlorine or

bromine, kills algae very effectively.

The biggest potential energy user on a pool is the heating system. It is not unusual for an average sized pool to require as much heat in an average season as an average sized house requires to stay warm during an average winter. All pools (except indoor pools and totally shaded pools) get some heat from the sun. This is free and does not pollute the environment. This amount of heat unfortunately is usually not enough to keep the pool warm enough for enough of the season to be practical. Solar blankets will significantly improve the period of time the pool is comfortable, while reducing chemical consumption at the same time. To improve the temperature or extend the season beyond this requires a heater. Four types are available. Oil, gas/propane, electric heat pumps, and solar systems.

The operation of a solar pool heating system does not cause any pollution. A properly sized solar system will extend the swimming pool season 4 to 8 weeks over the season available with a pool blanket. If you are going to heat your pool, solar is the way to do it. Professionally installed solar systems might initially cost more than either a gas heater or an electric heat pump, but as they cost nothing to operate, require virtually no maintenance, last for a long time, and when replaced can be completely recycled, they are the best buy economically and environmentally.

In summary it is possible to operate and enjoy a warm comfortable clean pool with very little impact on the environment. In fact it may have a new beneficial effect if your environmentally-friendly pool keeps you at home and off the road with your decidedly environmentally-unfriendly car!

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