

Young hopeful

Shannon Gwillam, 12, a junior level gymnast with the Milton Springers, polishes up her floor routine in hopes of qualifying for the provincials to be held in Mississauga in May. See another photo on page 19.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Hare Hare hops along to take opening leg of Youthful Series

Colt wins easily in 1:58 to kick off Mohawk's spring meet



Hoof Beat

with BRUCE MURRAY

The North America Cup eligible Hare Hare led the way in the first of four \$12,000 divisions of the opening leg of the 1996 Youthful Series on Sunday at Mohawk Raceway.

It's the first stakes series each year, kicking off the spring meet.

Hare Hare is a Precious Bunny-Joy Hanover colt who took a two year-old mark of 1:55.2 from just seven freshman starts. In the first division of the Youthful Series opening leg he was given a second-over trip by Doug Brown to stop the clock in 1:58.

"He's a nice colt but is still very green and learning his manners," Brown said after the race. "This is a good series for him to start his three year-old season in."

Owned by Lothlorien Equestrian Centre of Mississauga, Hare Hare races from the Bill Robinson stable. He was close to a length better than Broadcast, driven by Treyor Ritchie, with Benfica third in rein to Dave Wall.

Brown had a driving double in the Series' first leg, also scoring in 1:58 with Waltster. This Walton Hanover-First Abroad colt is trained by Dave Green for Jumble Stable of Tottenham, Ontario. Waltster halted down the pace-setting Sourire in the closing strides, with Big Boy Dexter third.

Park Twon Plaza, a Big Towner-Missy Robin colt, was the fastest of the division winners in 1:57.1. Dave Vance trains this winner for Dask Realty Trust of

Foxboro, Massachusetts, with Paul MacDonnell in the bike. Mattapult and Southview Matt followed in this split.

The fourth division went to Brittany Farms' Town Prophet. The Jate Lobell-Authentic colt, trained by Bob McIntosh and driven by Steve Condren, controlled the pace from the quarter the rest of the way to score under wraps in 1:58.2. Town Prophet won the Count B series final at Woodbine on January 19, and bested Whittler and Bobs Bunny in this one.

McIntosh and Condren teamed up again for Brittany Farms to win the \$35,000 Free For All on the same March 23 card with Make A Deal. The No Nukes-Leah Almahurst five year-old carried favored Camtastic Dream to the quarter in :27, then sat second over behind Horan Hanover and came by in the stretch to win in 1:54.1 over Ash Blue Chip and Music Director.

Triple T-Storm turned in an eye-catching 1:56 win in the March 18th Free For All trot, a Canadian season's record. The Triple T Crown-Triple Misty six year-old was taken on March 3rd by trainer and co-owner Doug Berkeley out of a \$60,000 claimer, and he downed Dell Ridge Image and Hay Dude for his 42nd career win with Tony Kerwood at the lines. A week previous at Woodbine, Triple T Storm had taken a mark of 1:55.3. This win pushed Triple T Storm's lifetime earnings to more than \$250,000.

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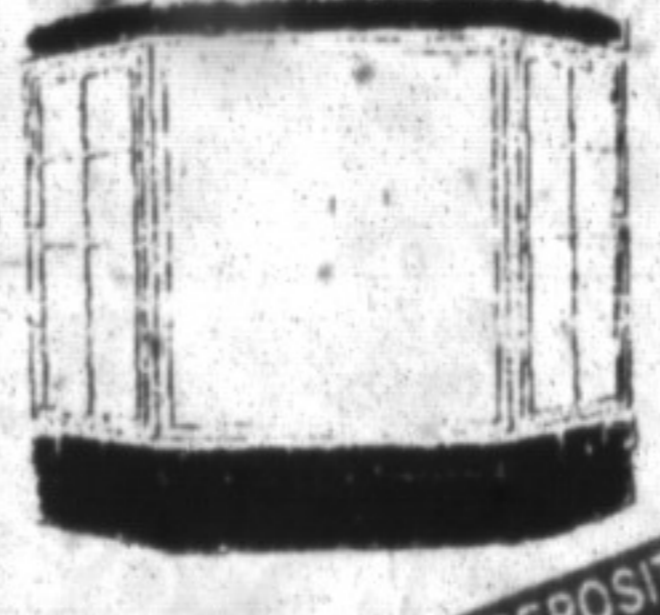
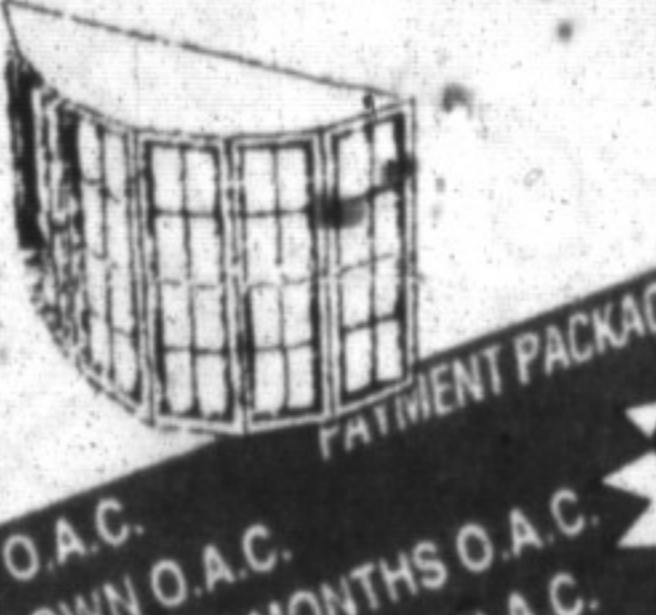


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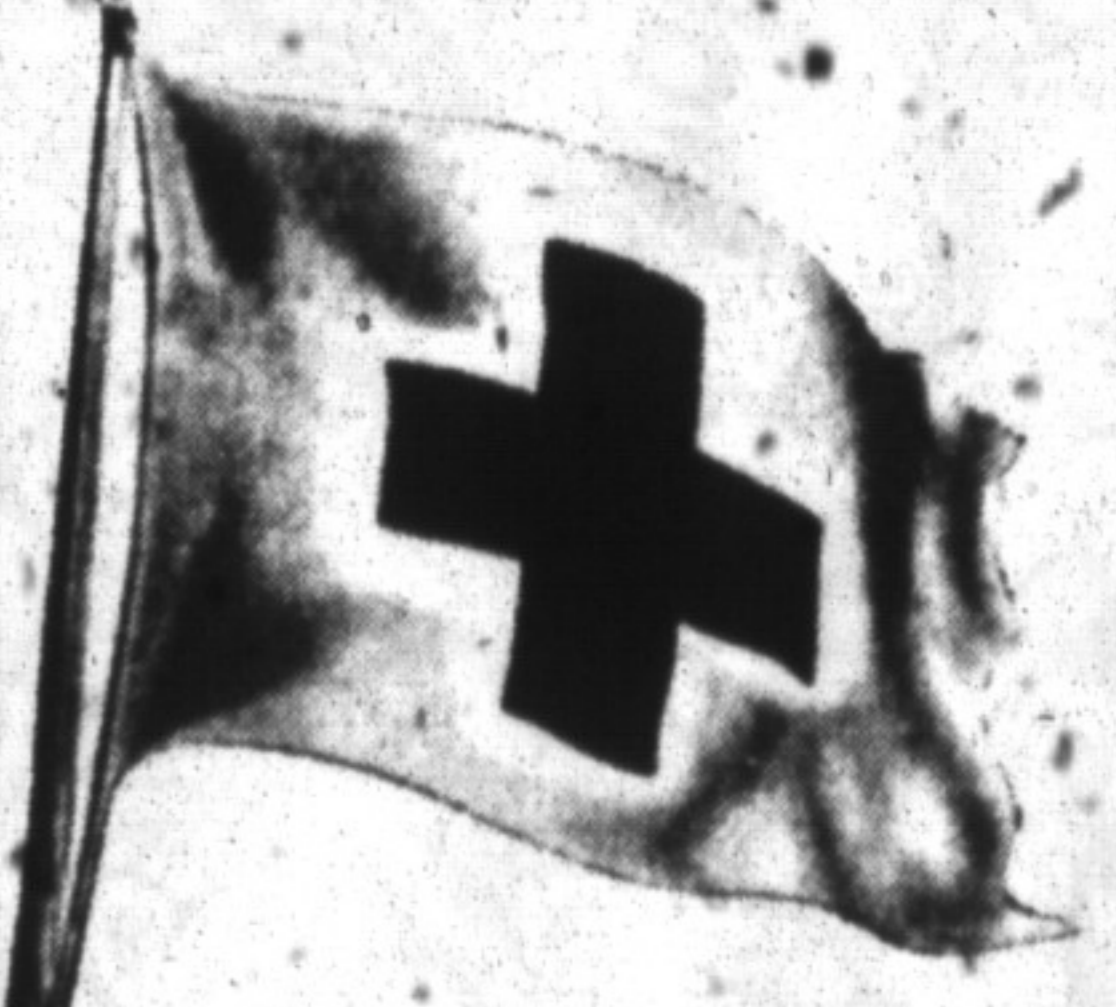
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