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Event offers peek at Olympians

The Eglinton Equestrian Club was alive with ornate horse trailers, impeccably groomed horses, and hopeful riders last weekend as the country's best mingled with the everyday amateurs at the prestigious Tournament of Champions equestrian competition.

The timing of this \$170,000 prize purse extravaganza couldn't have been better, coming as it did just a few days after Toronto's Olympic bid came crashing down.

The Davis Drive facility had been earmarked as the venue of all equestrian events had Toronto won out.

As it turns out, the horses will be jumping at Atlanta, at a complex the Eglinton people insist is substandard to what they would have been able to offer.

Eglinton Club Manager Eva Maria Pracht, along with her husband Hans, were there in Tokyo to hear the bad news. But Eva Maria, who was on the 1988 Canadian Bronze Medal Dressage team, hurried home in time to take first place in Saturday's Grand Prix Dressage event at the tournament.

Martina Pracht, Eva Maria's daughter, who is short-listed for the Canadian team, finished fourth in the same event.

The \$40,000 Audi Grand Prix Jumping competition was won by Gail Grenough, with the renowned Ian Millar being forced to settle for third position.

Michele Leroux, the tournament's managing director, felt the grandiose nature of the tournament was just what the doctor had ordered to help forget the Olympic snub.

She raved about the volunteers who had enabled the world class tournament to go so smoothly. With a \$400,000 operating budget,



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there are many details to be tended to, and many sponsors to please, she said.

And even without the shot in the arm the Olympics would have given us, she feels Canada is becoming a significant world player in the horse game.

She noted the growing interest in things equestrian in Canada, how there are now 1.3 million people involved with horses in one way or another. Canadian sport horses, she claims, are becoming more and more popular throughout the world.

Ian Millar, she pointed out, is the only person ever to win the World Cup Show Jumping Championship two years in a row, having performed the feat in 1988-89.

And of course, the Bronze Medalist Canadian Dressage team have also helped the national stature.

Consequently, it has become easier, says Leroux, to entice the big corporate entities to invest their money in equestrian events such as the Tournament of Champions.

According to Leroux, the corporate set like the fact that equestrian

competitions are open to those of all ages, male and female. The corporations are always looking for quality exposure, and what better way to get that than to be associated with horses and riders in an open air, smoke and alcohol-free environment.

Thus, you find internationally known companies such as Audi, the Gerling Global Insurance Group, and Cantel putting money into events like the Tournament of Champions.

The Eglinton Club itself, which claims to be the oldest pony club in North America, has become a veritable mecca for aspiring riders from as far away as Toronto and its surrounding burroughs.

Leroux points to the wide appeal of riding, saying how the club has members ranging in age from seven to 78. With 200 members in all, the club becomes a hangout for horse fans on Saturdays and evenings. There's even a supervised room set aside for young students to do their homework on days when they come to the club straight from school, spending the entire evening there.

So having a peek at Millar, Jay Hayes, Michel Vaillancourt, Lisa Carlsen et. al over the weekend, the young members of the Eglinton Equestrian Club can now adjust their own sights and climb back into the stirrups.

And who knows, maybe the club will get the nod for the Olympic games in another decade or so.

At USGA Amateur

Streit places second

Stouffville golfer Marlene Stewart-Streit was runner up at the United States Golf Association (USGA) Senior Womens Amateur Championship at Modesto, Cal. last weekend.

Marlene, who won the Seniors Championship in 1985 and placed second on two other occasions, lost out to Anne Sander in a playoff Saturday.

The local veteran took a five-stroke lead into Friday's final round, but Sander shot a sizzling 71 to pull even and force the extra round.

Marlene carded a 78 Saturday, while her opponent took the title with a 72.

Marlene blamed her putting for her second place showing. "I played well, shooting a 72, a 77 and a 76 before the playoff. But I missed a few short putts the last two days, leaving some putts on the edge of the hole."

Marlene, who won the USGA Amateur Championship in 1956 and was runner up a decade later, took the Ontario Womens Senior Golf Championship in Oshawa this past summer.

She will play in the USGA Mid-Am Tournament this weekend in Pittsburgh, Pa.

SDSS off to a winning start

The Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans Senior boys volleyball team sharpened their pressure skills against a highly rated Laurier Secondary

decision in the opener of the three game match, but came back to square things 15-9 before eking out a 17-6 win in the rubber match.

School team in an exhibition set at the SDSS gym Friday.

The Spartans then went on to best Unionville 15-12, 15-10 in another exhibition encounter the same day.

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Thursday, September 27/90			Friday, September 28/90			Saturday, September 29/90			Sunday, September 30/90		
Time	Event	Building	Time	Event	Building	Time	Event	Building	Time	Event	Building
9:00 a.m.	Buildings Open		9:00 a.m.	Buildings Open for the day		9:00 a.m.	Buildings Open for the day		10:00 a.m.	Buildings Open for the day	
10:00 a.m.	Midway by Corbin Shows open		10:00 a.m.	Light Horse Show	Show Ring	10:00 a.m.	Light Horse Show	Show Ring	10:00 a.m.	Daily Boat Show	Livestock Arena
10:00 a.m.	4-H Dairy Club Shows	Livestock Arena	10:00 a.m.	Midway by Corbin Shows open		10:00 a.m.	BABY CONTEST	Entertainment Tent	10:00 a.m.	Goat Milking	Old MacDonalds
10:00 a.m.	Markham 4-H Dairy Club	Livestock Arena	10:00 a.m.	Heavy Horse Show	Race Track	10:00 a.m.	Midway by Corbin Shows open		10:00 a.m.	Chevalais Cattle Show	Livestock Arena
10:30 a.m.	Sheep Shearing Demo	Old MacDonalds	10:30 a.m.	Mrs. "B" - vertebrologist	Entertainment Tent	10:30 a.m.	Amazing Cow	Old MacDonalds	11:00 a.m.	Sheep Shearing Demo	Old MacDonalds
10:30 a.m.	Entertainment Tent Continuous shows		10:30 a.m.	Sheep Shearing Demo	Old MacDonalds	10:30 a.m.	York 4-H Beef Club	Livestock Arena	11:00 a.m.	"KIDEO"	Entertainment Tent
10:30 a.m.	Mrs. "B" - vertebrologist	Entertainment Tent	10:30 a.m.	Goat Milking	Old MacDonalds	10:30 a.m.	Beef, Sheep, Hog Show	Livestock Arena	11:30 a.m.	Sheep Shearing Demo	Old MacDonalds
11:00 a.m.	Goat Milking Demo	Old MacDonalds	11:00 a.m.	Goat Milking	Old MacDonalds	11:00 a.m.	Sheep Shearing	Old MacDonalds	11:30 a.m.	Goat Milking	Old MacDonalds
11:00 a.m.	Glenn Ostway - magician	Entertainment Tent	11:00 a.m.	Glenn Ostway - magician	Entertainment Tent	11:00 a.m.	Sheep Shearing Demo	Old MacDonalds	12:00 noon	Midway by Corbin Shows open	
11:30 a.m.	Aerobics Demo	Entertainment Tent	11:30 a.m.	Aerobics Demo	Entertainment Tent	11:30 a.m.	Town Criers Cry - Off	Entertainment Tent	12:00 noon	The Amazing Cow	Old MacDonalds
11:30 a.m.	Sheep Shearing Demo	Old MacDonalds	11:30 a.m.	Sheep Shearing Demo	Old MacDonalds	11:30 a.m.	"KIDEO"	Entertainment Tent	12:00 noon	"KIDEO"	Entertainment Tent
11:30 a.m.	Sutton/Sheen 4-H Dairy Club	Livestock Arena	11:30 a.m.	"KIDEO"	Special Events Tent	12:00 noon	Sheep Show	Livestock Arena	12:15 p.m.	Glenn Ostway - magician	Entertainment Tent
11:30 a.m.	"KIDEO"	Special Events Tent	12:00 noon	Face Painting Demo	Livestock Arena	12:15 p.m.	The Amazing Cow	Old MacDonalds	12:30 p.m.	The Story of Beef	Old MacDonalds
12:00 noon	Face Painting Demo	Entertainment Tent	12:00 noon	The Amazing Cow	Livestock Arena	12:30 p.m.	The Story of Beef Demo	Old MacDonalds	1:00 p.m.	"KIDEO"	Entertainment Tent
12:00 noon	The Amazing Cow	Livestock Arena	12:30 p.m.	School Children Presentations	Entertainment Tent	1:00 p.m.	Sheep Shearing Demo	Old MacDonalds	1:00 p.m.	Student Spelling Bee	Contest Stage
12:30 p.m.	Official Opening	Livestock Arena	12:30 p.m.	Beef Cow Demo	Old MacDonalds	1:00 p.m.	"KIDEO"	Entertainment Tent	1:00 p.m.	4-H Rabbit Show	Old MacDonalds
12:30 p.m.	Mrs. "B" - vertebrologist	Entertainment Tent	1:00 p.m.	Guernsey & Jersey Cattle Show	Livestock Arena	1:00 p.m.	Standard Beef Horse	Race Track	1:00 p.m.	Standard Beef Racing	Race Track
1:00 p.m.	Glenn Ostway - magician	Entertainment Tent	1:00 p.m.	Mrs. "B" - vertebrologist	Entertainment Tent	1:30 p.m.	Par Mutual Betting	Old MacDonalds	1:00 p.m.	Shorthorn Cattle Show	Livestock Arena
1:00 p.m.	"KIDEO"	Special Events Tent	1:00 p.m.	"KIDEO"	Special Events Tent	1:30 p.m.	Clip Off The Old Black	Contest Stage	1:45 p.m.	Glenn Ostway - magician	Entertainment Tent
1:30 p.m.	Sheep Shearing Demo	Old MacDonalds	1:30 p.m.	OPP GOLDEN HELMETS	Motorcycle ride	2:00 p.m.	The Story of a Horse	Old MacDonalds	2:00 p.m.	Aerobics Demo	Entertainment Tent
1:30 p.m.	Aerobics Demo	Entertainment Tent	1:30 p.m.	Glenn Ostway - magician	Entertainment Tent	2:00 p.m.	Goat Milking	Old MacDonalds	2:00 p.m.	Goat Milking	Old MacDonalds
2:00 p.m.	Goat Milking	Old MacDonalds	1:30 p.m.	Sheep Shearing	Old MacDonalds	2:00 p.m.	Sheep Shearing	Old MacDonalds	2:00 p.m.	Good Brothers	Special Events
2:00 p.m.	Face Painting Demo	Entertainment Tent	1:30 p.m.	Goat Milking	Old MacDonalds	2:30 p.m.	KICK UP A FUSS CLOGGERS	Entertainment Tent	2:30 p.m.	Sheep Shearing	Old MacDonalds
2:30 p.m.	Local High School Band	Entertainment Tent	2:00 p.m.	Sheep Shearing	Old MacDonalds	3:00 p.m.	Toronto Barjo Band	Entertainment Tent	3:00 p.m.	The Amazing Cow	Old MacDonalds
2:30 p.m.	Sheep Shearing	Old MacDonalds	2:00 p.m.	Aerobics Demo	Entertainment Tent	3:00 p.m.	Bubble Gum Blowing Contest	Contest Stage	3:00 p.m.	Kick Up A Fuss Cloggers	Entertainment Tent
7:00 p.m.	DEMOLITION DERBY	Race Track	2:30 p.m.	Glenn Ostway - magician	Entertainment Tent	3:00 p.m.	Beef, Lamb & Pork Show	Livestock Arena	3:00 p.m.	Toronto Barjo Band	Entertainment Tent
7:30 p.m.	Holstein Black & White Show	Livestock Arena	1:30 p.m.	Sheep Shearing	Old MacDonalds	3:00 p.m.	Beef, Lamb & Pork Show & Auction Fill Your Freezer	Livestock Arena	3:00 p.m.	Donna Dee & The Northern Dwellers	Contest Stage
8:30 p.m.	LIVE BAND	Special Events	2:30 p.m.	Goat Milking	Old MacDonalds	3:00 p.m.	GOOD BROTHERS	Special Events	3:00 p.m.	Sheep Shearing Demo	Old MacDonalds
10:00 p.m.	Buildings close for the day Midway open until midnight		3:00 p.m.	Local High School Band	Entertainment Tent	3:00 p.m.	Goat Milking Demo	Old MacDonalds	4:00 p.m.	Kick Up A Fuss Cloggers	Entertainment Tent
12:15 a.m.	Last transit bus leaves for Markham		4:30 p.m.	Pet Show	Livestock Arena	3:00 p.m.	The Amazing Cow	Old MacDonalds	4:30 p.m.	Toronto Barjo Band	Entertainment Tent
			7:00 p.m.	TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL	Race Track	4:00 p.m.	Donna Dee & The Northern Dwellers	Contest Stage	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Exhibitors pick up their exhibits	
			8:00 p.m.	COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW	Livestock Arena	4:30 p.m.	Sheep Shearing Demo	Old MacDonalds			
			8:00 p.m.	BONNIE PROPHET & GLOVY-ANN DAN PAUL ROGERS, BUSTER & PAULINE BROWN & THE DUELLING DANCERS	Entertainment Tent	4:30 p.m.	Kick Up A Fuss Cloggers	Entertainment Tent			
			8:45 p.m.	GOOD BROTHERS	Special Events Tent	6:00 p.m.	Toronto Barjo Band	Entertainment Tent			
			10:00 p.m.	Exhibit buildings close for the day Midway open until midnight		6:00 p.m.	NORTHERN PRICES BAND	Special Events			
			12:15 a.m.	Last transit bus leaves for Markham		7:00 p.m.	In concert	Special Events			
						7:00 p.m.	CANADIAN TIRE TRUCK SHOW	Race Track			
						7:00 p.m.	Old MacDonalds	Entertainment Tent			
						7:00 p.m.	Old MacDonalds	Livestock Arena			
						7:00 p.m.	GOOD BROTHERS	Special Events			
						10:00 p.m.	Exhibit buildings close for the day Midway open until midnight				
						12:15 a.m.	Last transit bus leaves for Markham				

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