

# 1956 ❖ Maritime Harness Racing Review ❖ 1956

## Biggest Racing Season Of All Time Reviewed

With More Horses Racing, Thousands More Spectators Than Any Previous Year and More Money Paid Out In Purses.

HERE THEY ARE!!

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Fast racing with more 2:10 miles, more night racing and more money in purses featured what was the Maritimes' best year. Ten night racing plants were in operation—Sydney, Truro, Sackville Downs, N.S.; Charlottetown and Summerside, P.E.I., and Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton, Sussex and Woodstock, N.B. They paid out as follows: Saint John, \$93,725.00; Sackville Downs, \$88,945.76; Truro, \$58,800.00; Charlottetown, \$58,801.00; Moncton, \$49,175.00; Fredericton, \$40,752.00; Sydney, \$18,699.98; Woodstock, \$8,914.00; Sussex, \$8,650.00; Summerside, \$8,192.

Other tracks not holding night racing paid out: Halifax Commons, \$8,523.00; St. Stephen, \$1,177.50; Riverside, \$1,000.00; Port Elgin, \$600. Total—\$445,826.04.

Matinee races were held on several tracks in the Maritimes and during the late fall, winter and early spring months races were held on the three-eighths of a mile track at Halifax by the Halifax Harness Horse Club, and early in November the Truro Horsemen's Club put on races which will be held during the winter and spring months.

The regular race programs commenced on May 21st at Sydney, Lower Sackville and Truro and concluded at Sydney on November 21st.

The largest amount of money—\$5,000.00—offered by any track this season for two dashes was for the Invitational Pace race at Fredericton, August 9th. There were seven starters and they finished as follows: Jerry's Nightmare 2:06 1/4; Slicker Tass 2:06 2/5; 2-2; Ann's Dream 2:06 4/5; 3-5; Flaming Way 2:04 3/5; 4-3; Dave Grant 2:05 2/5; 4-4; Abbott Maple 2:06 3/5; 6-6; Josedale Double Hal 2:05 1/5; 7-7; Time, 2:06; 2:09. The 2:06 made Jerry's Nightmare the fastest pacing mare in the Maritimes this season.

The second largest purse event was the Monctonian Free For All Pace, purse \$3,000—\$1,000 a dash—was raced at Moncton on July 16th. It had ten starters and was raced in three dashes. The first dash was won by Dave Grant 2:05 2/5, time, 2:05 2/5—a new track record. He is owned by the L. & G. Stables, Halifax, and was driven by L. Walker. The second dash was won by Ann's Dream 2:06 4/5, owned by J. K. Curran, Summerside, and driven by G. Robinson. Time, 2:06 4/5—a new record for her. The third dash was won by Josedale Clansman 2:07 1/5, owned and driven by Don Turner, Dartmouth. Time, 2:07 4/5.

Another spectacular event was the Free For All Pace at Old Home Week, Charlottetown, Aug. 17. The purse was \$2,100—\$700 a dash, and all three dashes were won by Newport Chief 1:59 3/5, owned by B. C. Cruikshank, Halifax, and driven by Buddy Cruikshank. Time, 2:05 2/5. An average of better than 2:05 2/5. Newport Chief's first dash wiped out the old track record of 2:05 1/2 made by Bud Wenger, Aug. 20, 1936, driven by Earle Avery. It is also a new record for her. The third dash was won by Walter Dale at Fredericton, N.B., Sept. 15, 1936. Time, 2:07 2/5. 2:02 1/2, 2:06 3/4. He was driven by Henry Clukey.

More horses were raced and more new reduced records were made than in any previous year. The number of persons who witnessed the racing is estimated at more than 900,000. More new horses were purchased at the various fall sales and from individual parties and they will add greatly to the interest in racing next season.

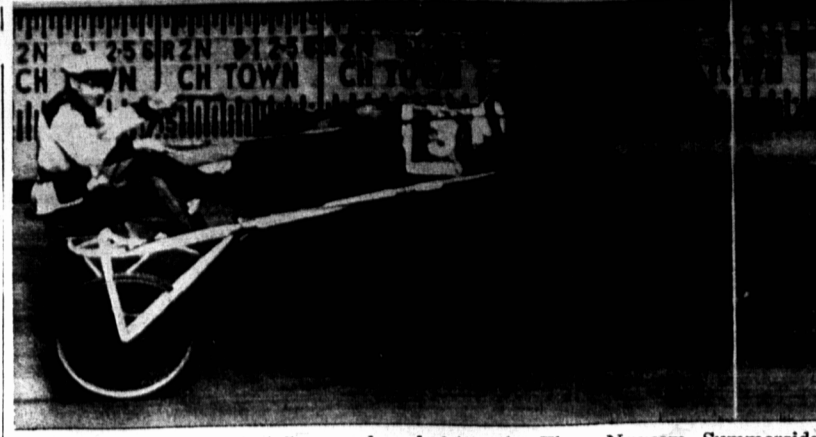
The 24th annual Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club's Coll Stakes were held at Charlottetown Sept. 12th with \$2,500 in purses. Valuable trophies were given to the winners and the meeting was marked by the setting up of a new Maritime 2-year-old trotting record by Palacoona, owned and driven by Elmer Newsum of Summerside. Time, 2:19 4/5, and the 3-year-old race was won by Just Betty's Mark in 2:12. She is owned by Mrs. J. D. Seaman, Charlottetown and was driven by Don Seaman.

Those colt races have been the means of creating interest in breeding and are looked forward to with great interest every year. Their success is largely due to the enthusiasm of the president, Dr. R. F. Seaman, and the secretary-treasurer, W. G. Gillespie, both of whom give unstintingly of their time and energy to make these colt stakes a success.

The British Consols trophy which is annually awarded by the Macdonald Tobacco Company of Moncton to the driver making the most points at Old Home Week racing at Charlottetown, the dates of which were August 13th to 18th inclusive, was won by Len O'Meara of Charlottetown.

For the first time in the history of harness racing on Maritime tracks over 100 miles were trotted or paced in 2:10 or better—actually 107. Comparing this with the past ten years we find that in 1946 there were 83; 1947—96; 1948—42; 1949—57; 1950—60; 1951—48; 1952—38; 1953—54; 1954—24, and 1955—71. At the top of the list is Convair 3: 2:01, owned by Harry Hirsch, Sydney and driven by George Mauger. In second place is Flaming Way 3: 2:04 3/5, owned and driven by Lorne Letcher, Springhill, with 13. In third place is Slicker Tass 2:06 2/5, owned and driven by Bruce MacDonald, Lincoln, N.B., with 12. Then comes Farscud 3: 2:07 1/5, owned and driven by Don Turner, Dartmouth, with 8 and Sir Joseph 1:58 4/5, owned by H. R. Bevan, Charlottetown, and driven by Archie Llewellyn, with 6.

FLAMING WAY 2:04 3/5, owned and driven by Lorne Letcher, Springhill, N.S., equalling the track pacing record of 2:07 1/5 at Sackville Downs, N.S., Sept. 8, 1956. Convair had previously set the record on July 28th.



PALACONA 2: 2:19 4/5, owned and driven by Elmer Newsum, Summerside, P. E. I., setting up a new Maritime trotting record for 2-year-olds of 2:19 4/5 at Charlottetown, Sept. 12.

Walker have 4 each. Clinton MacLeod has three, Harley Harrison, James MacGregor and Joe MacDonald two each and with one each to Rufin Barrieau, W. Carr, Harvey Cormier, T. Devlin, A. Gould, F. Inman, W. Jardine, C. Killam, A. Langille, Sr., Myron MacArthur, H. Mount and L. O'Brien.

**Fastest Performers on Maritime Tracks Season of 1956**  
Fastest Pacing Stallion—Newport Chief 1:59 3/5 (B. Cruikshank). Owned by B. C. Cruikshank, Halifax, Aug. 18, Charlottetown—2:05.

Fastest Trotting Stallion—Singing Sword p. 2:01 1/2, 2:01 2/5 (L. Walker). Owned by L. & G. Stables, Halifax, Aug. 18, Charlottetown—2:06 4/5.

Fastest Pacing Gelding—Dave Grattan 2:05 2/5 (L. Walker). Owned by L. & G. Stables, Halifax, July 16, Moncton—2:05 2/5.

Fastest Trotting Gelding—Sena-Craigville 2:10 2/5, owned and driven by H. T. Ramsay, Sackville, N.B., July 26, Sussex—2:11 3/5. Wee Michael 2:11 3/5, owned and driven by George Turner, Dartmouth, N.S., Sept. 3, Truro—2:11 3/5.

Fastest Pacing Mare—Jerry's Nightmare 2:06 (C. McCulloch). Owned by K. E. McCully, Truro, N.S., Aug. 9, Fredericton—2:06. N. S. Aug. 9, Fredericton—2:06. Owned by T. E. Fryer, Sackville, N.B., July 21, Moncton—2:13 2/5.

Fastest New Performer Pacing—Adio Chief (B. Campbell). Owned by W. A. Roberts, Durham Bridge, N.B., Aug. 14, Charlottetown—2:12 3/5. John Jolly 1:18, owned by J. A. Coates, Fredericton, July 16, Fredericton—2:12 3/5.

Fastest New Performer Trotting—Lorne Budlong (L. Kelly). Owned by S. J. MacDonald, Souris, P.E.I., Aug. 17, Charlottetown—2:13 1/5.

**Fastest Maritime Bred Performers 1956**  
Fastest M. B. Pacing Stallion—Chevie G. 2:10 (A. Gould). Owned by Lorne Letcher, Springhill, N.S., Aug. 2, Woodstock—2:10.  
Fastest M. B. Trotting Stallion—Lakeburn 2:12 4/5 (J. Akins). Owned by Akins & Downey, Moncton, N.B., Aug. 16, Fredericton—2:12 4/5.

Fastest M. B. Pacing Gelding—Donald G. R. 2:07 4/5 (T. Devlin). Owned by L. S. McKinney, Gagetown, N.B., Sept. 3, Fredericton—2:07 4/5.

Fastest M. B. Trotting Gelding—April Bud 2:12 (L. O'Meara). Owned by Mrs. Emma Mucall, Truro, N.S., Aug. 18, Charlottetown—2:12.  
Fastest M. B. Pacing Mare—Jerry's Nightmare 2:06 (C. McCulloch). Owned by K. E. McCulloch, Truro, Aug. 9, Fredericton—2:06.

Fastest M. B. Trotting Mare—Celia Sharon 2:13 4/5. Owned and driven by Donald Rankin, North West Arm, N.S., Sept. 1, Sydney—2:13 4/5. Nell Kalmuck 2:09 1/5 (H. Harrison). Owned by L. C. Dysart, Irishtown, N.B., June 9, Truro—2:13 4/5.

Fastest M. B. 4-year-old pacer—Miss Abner T. 2:11 4/5 (W. Burt). Owned by George E. Wauchope, Fredericton, N.B., July 12, Fredericton—2:11 4/5.

Fastest M. B. 4-year-old trotter—Jolly Dick 2:14 1/5 (D. Wisener). Owned by Mrs. Jas. Poulton, Charlottetown, Aug. 25—2:14 1/5.

Fastest M. B. 3-year-old pacer—Just Betty's Mark 2:12 (D. Seaman). Owned by Mrs. J. D. Seaman, Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 12, Charlottetown—2:12.

Fastest M. B. 3-year-old trotter—Miss Russell 2:28 1/5 (W. Simmons). Owned by Walter & Leslie Simmons, Summerside, Sept. 12, Charlottetown—2:28 1/5.

Fastest M. B. 2-year-old Pacer—Blue Cheer 2:18 2/5 (B. Campbell). Owned by Campbell & Roberts, Nashwaan, N.B., Sept. 12, Charlottetown—2:18 2/5.

Fastest M. B. 2-year-old Trotter—Palacoona 2:19 4/5, owned and driven by E. Newsum, Summerside, P. E. I., Sept. 12, Charlottetown—2:19 4/5.

**Fastest Miles In Maritimes**  
Fastest Mile Paced—Newport Chief 1:59 3/5. Owned by B. C. Cruikshank, Halifax, and driven by Buddy Cruikshank, Aug. 18, Charlottetown—2:05.  
Fastest Mile Trotted—Singing Sword p. 2:01 1/2, 2:01 2/5. Owned by L. & G. Stables, Halifax, and driven by L. Walker, August 18, Charlottetown—2:06 4/5.

The three fastest miles ever trotted or paced in a race in the Maritimes go to the credit of Newport Chief 1:59 3/5, for his performance in the Free For All Pace at Charlottetown, Aug. 18. They were: 2:05, 2:06 3/5, 2:06 2/5, a total of 6:16. The versatile Walter Dale's performance in the Free For All Pace at

Fredericton, N.B., Sept. 15, 1937. His times were: 2:07 1/2, 2:02 1/2, 2:06 3/4, a total of 6:16 1/4. Walter Dale still holds the Maritime pacing record for one mile of 2:02 1/4.

There were 274 race programs this season in the three provinces and they consisted of 2,247 dashes. In Nova Scotia races were held at Sackville Downs, Sydney, North Sydney and Truro with 128 events having 1,043 dashes. New Brunswick saw races at Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton, Woodstock, Sussex, Port Elgin and St. Stephen with a total of 112 events and 920 dashes. In Prince Edward Island races were held at Charlottetown, Summerside and Riverside with 34 events and 284 dashes. Matinee races were also held on various tracks and racing on the three-eighths of a mile track at Halifax Commons. These matinee races have been the means of giving education to horses that have later performed well on tracks where purse races are held.

The top dash winner is Farscud 3: 2:07 1/5, a 7-year-old bay gelding by Spud Hanover, owned and driven in all his races by owner Don Turner of Dartmouth. This season he won 24 dashes, eight of them in 2:10 or better. Next to him with 20 wins is the 8-year-old bay gelding Connally 3: 2:10 2/5, owned by C. L. Dauphinee, Halifax and driven in 18 of his races by B. Jones and in two by Fergie Baxter. In third place is Flaming Way 3: 2:04 3/5, owned by Lorne Letcher, Springhill, with 19. He was driven in one dash by A. Gould and in the rest by his owner, Convair 3: 2:01, owned by Harry Hirsch, Sydney, and driven by George Mauger, is fourth with 18 wins, all but one of them better than 2:10 and that one was in 2:10 3/5. The trotter Pepper Boy 2:12 2/5 is next with 15 wins. He is owned and was driven by George Turner, Dartmouth.

With 13 wins: Countess Carla 2:09 1/5; Florence Harmony 2:08 3/5; Globetrotter 2:08 2/5 and Grey Eagle 2:10. Twelve wins: April Bud 2:1; 2:12; Colonel Dan 2:06 3/5; Inkus Truax 2:13; Jet Master 2:08 2/5; Prince Tag 2:05; Sandy Fingo 2:04 2/5; Slicker Tass 2:06 2/5; Walter Rosecroft 2:07 1/5.

Eleven wins: Ben Brook C. 2:11 1/5; Flaming High 2:08 4/5; Royal Jr. 2:01 1/4; Scotty Boy 2:13; Theo. A. Nick 2:08.  
Ten wins: Peter Federal 2:09; Sport Volo 2:13 4/5; Tom Day 2:12 4/5; Tronia's Bob 2:04 4/5; Vanguard 2:08 3/5.  
Nine wins: Adomite 2:12 1/5; Alfreda Hal 2:20 3/5; Big Boy 1:21; Chevie G. 2:10; Jack C. Chips 2:14 1/5; Jerry's Queen 2:10; Jimmy Counsel 2:04 4/5; Mighty Deb 2:08; Mr. Rock 3: 2:06 1/5; Myrtle's Boy 2:11 3/5; Onton Adams 2:11; Prince Amer 2:13; Scotland's Ace 1:20; Shinning Hour 2:10 1/5; Ted Genessee 1: 2:10 4/5; Wilkin 2:06; Zukie Volo 2:15 4/5.

Eight wins: Abbelland 2:08 2/5; Becky Counsel 2:11 4/5; Crusader Chief 2:09 4/5; Dominator Pick 2:12 4/5; Dominion's Pride 2:07 4/5; Forever Rosecroft 2:09; Holbert Grattan 2:07 2/5; Ima Belle 2:14 1/5; John Jolly 2:12 3/5; Jolley Lad 2:10 1/5; Jolly Jim 2:13; Josedale Clansman 2:07 1/5; Just Rha 2:11 2/5; Just Hanover 2:06 3/5; Marion Budlong 2:10; Mighty Grand 2:10 2/5; Perfect Hal 2:06 2/5; Ramona Chips 2:12 2/5; Sir Joseph 1:58 4/5; Theora's Ensign 2:12 4/5; Voltecor 2:13 2/5.

Seven wins: Adio Chief 2:12 3/5; Arabian Nights 2: 2:20 2/5; Blue Prince 1: 2:19; Bonny-mite 2:06; Bud Henley 2:11 1/5; Daniel Hal Scott 2:10 1/5; Direct Mile 2:06 3/5; Dusty Velveteer 2:15; Earl Forbes of Hi-Lo 2:09 2/5; Eleanor's Dream Boy 2:16; Ginger E. 2:13 1/5; Guy Adam 2:13; Hamilton Lady 2:16 2/5; Hedgewood H. 2:09 4/5; Hi-Lo's Baron 2:09 4/5; Hi-Lo's Kilt 1: 2:18; Impact 2:05; Jerry A. Hanover 1: 2:06 1/5; Jerry's Nightmare 2:06; Jimmy Flood 2:17; Jolly Lash 2:12 2/5; Laurel Henley 2:12 2/5; Lily Belle Lee 1: 2:14 2/5; Loretta Lee 1: 2:12 1/5; Lorne Budlong 1: 2:13 1/5; Mahlon Harvester 1: 2:13 4/5; Marie Squire 2:18; Mr. Lee Chips 2:15; My Darling 2:08 1/5; Panama Chief 2:07 3/5; Pepper Clegg 2:13 1/5; Peter Clegg 2:08 4/5; Senator Craigmyrie 1: 2:11 3/5; St. Rufan 2: 2:07 1/5; Super Hal 2:05 2/5; Turfan 1: 2:15 2/5; Turida Bay 1:11; Texas 2:07 2/5; Texas Hanover 2:01 1/4; Time Table 2:03; Vanly Lee 1: 2:15; Volon 2:11 2/5; Wee Michael 1: 2:11 3/5.

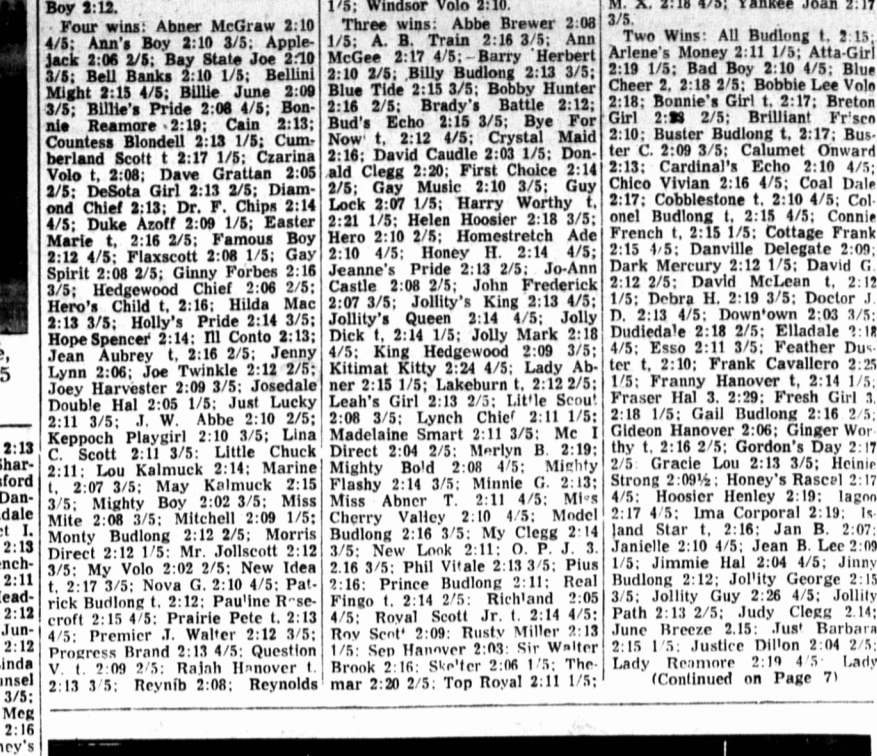
Six wins: Allen Spencer 1: 2:03 1/5; Ann's Dream 2:08; All Spice 2:14 4/5; Avalon Gal 2:14; Black

Wick 2:13 4/5; Shandon t. 2:05 3/5; Silver Lining 2:13 4/5; Singing Sword p. 2:01, t. 2:01 2/5; Sparkle Dawn 2:15 4/5; Sunny Maid 2:16 2/5; Tenniswood 2:09 2/5; Titan's Lucy 2:12 4/5; Uscitia's Boy 2:12.  
Four wins: Abner McGraw 2:10 4/5; Ann's Boy 2:10 3/5; Applejack 2:08 2/5; Bay State Joe 2:10 3/5; Bell Banks 2:10 1/5; Bellini Might 2:15 4/5; Billie June 2:09 3/5; Billie's Pride 2:08 4/5; Bonnie Reamore 2:18; Cain 2:13; Countess Blondell 2:13 1/5; Cumberland Scott 2:17 1/5; Cecelia Volo 1: 2:08; Dave Grattan 2:05 2/5; DeSota Girl 2:13 2/5; Diamond Chief 2:13; Dr. F. Chips 2:14 4/5; Duke Azoff 2:09 1/5; Easter Marie t. 2:16 2/5; Famous Boy 2:12 4/5; Flaxscott 2:08 1/5; Gay Spirit 2:08 2/5; Ginny Forbes 2:15; Hedgewood Chief 2:06 2/5; Hero's Child 2:16; Hilda Mac 2:13 3/5; Holly's Pride 2:14 3/5; Ho Spenser 2:14; Ill Conto 2:13; Jean Aubrey t. 2:16 2/5; Jenny Lynn 2:06; Joe Twinkle 2:12 2/5; Joey Harvester 2:09 3/5; Just Lucky 2:11 3/5; J. W. Abbe 2:10 2/5; Keppoch Playgirl 2:10 3/5; Lina C. Scott 2:11 3/5; Little Chuck 2:11; Lou Kalmuck 2:14; Marine t. 2:07 3/5; May Kalmuck 2:13 3/5; Mighty Boy 2:02 3/5; Miss Mite 2:08 3/5; Mitchell 2:06 1/5; Monty Budlong 2:12 2/5; Morris Direct 2:12 1/5; Mr. Jolliscot 2:12 2/5; My Volo 2:02 2/5; New Idea t. 2:17 3/5; Nova G. 2:10 4/5; Patrick Budlong t. 2:12; Pauline R. Sacerot 2:15 4/5; Prairie Pete 1: 2:13 4/5; Premier J. Walter 2:12 3/5; Progress Brand 2:12 4/5; Question V. 2:09 2/5; Rajah Hanover 1: 2:13 3/5; Reynib 2:08; Reynolds

Hanover t. 2:16; Robert Bruce 2:09 2/5; Scott Cash 2:06 1/2; Scot 1: Frisco 2:08 3/5; Sea Plant 2:12; Senator Quay 2:10; Shelby Vic 2:10 2/5; Sunkist Joe 2:14; Swift Trick 2:08 2/5; The Nibbler 2:09 1/5; Windsor Volo 2:10.  
Three wins: Abby Brewer 2:08 1/5; A. B. Train 2:16 3/5; Ann McGee 2:17 4/5; Barry Herbert 2:10 2/5; Billy Budlong 2:13 3/5; Blue Tide 2:15 3/5; Bobby Hunter 2:16 2/5; Brady's Battle 2:12; Bud's Echo 2:15 3/5; Bye For Now t. 2:12 4/5; Crystal Lady 2:16; Dave Caultle 2:03 1/5; Donald Clegg 2:20; First Choice 2:14 2/5; Gay Music 2:10 3/5; Guy Lock 2:07 1/5; Harry Worthy t. 2:21 1/5; Helen Hoosier 2:18 3/5; Hero 2:10 2/5; Homestretch Ade 2:10 4/5; Honey H. 2:14 4/5; Jeanne's Pride 2:13 2/5; Jo-Ann Castle 2:08 2/5; John Frederick 2:07 3/5; Jollity's King 2:13 4/5; Dick t. 2:14 1/5; Jolly Mark 2:13 4/5; King Hedgewood 2:09 3/5; Kitimat Kitty 2:24 4/5; Lady Abner 2:11 4/5; Leash's Girl 2:13 2/5; Little Scout 2:06 3/5; Lynch Chief 2:11 1/5; Madeline Smart 2:11 3/5; Me I. Direct 2:04 2/5; Merlyn B. 2:19; Mighty Bold 2:08 4/5; Mighty Flashy 2:14 3/5; Minnie G. 2:13; Miss Abner T. 2:11 4/5; Mister Cherry Valley 2:10 4/5; Model Budlong 2:16 3/5; My Clegg 2:14 3/5; New Look 2:11; O. P. J. 3: 2:16 3/5; Phil Vitale 2:13 3/5; Plus 2:16; Prince Budlong 2:11; Real Fingo t. 2:14 2/5; Richard 2:06 3/5; Royal Scott Jr. 1: 2:14 4/5; Roy Scott 2:08; Rusty Miller 2:13 1/5; Sep Hanover 2:03; Sir Walter Brook 2:16; Sk'ler 2:06 1/5; The-mar 2:20 2/5; Top Royal 2:11 1/5;

Two Wins: All Budlong t. 2:15; Arlene's Money 2:11 1/5; Atta-Girl 2:19 1/5; Bad Boy 2:10 4/5; Blue Cheer 2:18 2/5; Bobbie Lee Volo 2:18; Bonnie's Girl t. 2:17; Breton Girl 2:08 2/5; Brilliant Frisco 2:10; Buster Budlong t. 2:17; Buster C. 2:09 3/5; Calumet Onward 2:13; Cardinal's Echo 2:10 4/5; Chico Vivian 2:16 4/5; Coal Dale 2:17; Cobblestone t. 2:10 4/5; Colonel Budlong t. 2:15 4/5; Connie French 1: 2:15 1/5; Cottage Frank 2:15 4/5; Danville Delegate 2:09; Dark Mercury 2:12 1/5; David G. 2:12 2/5; David McLean t. 2:12 1/5; Debra H. 2:19 3/5; Doctor J. 2:13 4/5; Downtown 2:03 3/5; Duedale 2:18 2/5; Elladale 2:13 4/5; Esso 2:11 3/5; Feather Frater 1: 2:10; Frank Cavallero 2:16 1/5; Franny Hanover t. 2:14 1/5; Fraser Hal 3: 2:29; Fresh Girl 3: 2:18 1/5; Gail Budlong 2:16 2/5; Gideon Hanover 2:06; Ginger Worthy t. 2:16 2/5; Gordon's Day 2:17 2/5; Gracie Lou 2:13 3/5; Heine Strong 2:09 1/5; Horse Rascal 2:17 4/5; Hoosier Henley 2:19; Lagoos 2:17 4/5; Ima Corporal 2:19; Island Star t. 2:16; Jan B. 2:07 1/5; Janelle 2:10 4/5; Jean A. Lee 2:09 1/5; Jimmie Hal 2:04 4/5; Jiny Budlong 2:12; Jolity George 2:15 3/5; Jolity Guy 2:28 4/5; Jolity Path 2:13 2/5; Judy Clegg 2:14 1/5; June Breeze 2:15; Just Barbara 2:15 1/5; Justice Dillon 2:04 2/5; Lady Reamore 2:19 4/5; Lady

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JERRY'S NIGHTMARE 2:06, owned by K. E. McCully, Truro, N.S. and driven by Clayton MacLeod, setting up a new track pacing record at Fredericton, N.B., August 9, 1956—time, 2:06.

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