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Down The Back Stretch

44. The Great G. (Smith) 7-7-6, Tracey Hanover (Harrison) 6-6-5, Uscita Britton (Semble) 5-5-3. Best time 2:07 1/2 by Jolly His best showing that year was in the NAMED Pace at Truro, Sept. 1, where he was 1-1-1. Uscita Britton 5-4-2. San Ton 2-1-3. Hal McKinnay 4-2-4. At Charlottetown Good-time meet Rhea Mae was 2-1-1. The Great G. 1-4-4, Jolly 3-2-2, Chestnut Bars 4-3-3, Hal B. Direct 5-5-3. Time, 2:08, 2:08, 2:12 1/2. Rhea Mae was owned by F. C. Coates, Amherst, N.S.

George McIntyre, Montague, has sold the extremely well bred mare Daisy Budlong 2:15 by Calumet Budlong 2:02 3/4, dam, Daisy Peters 2:12 by Peter G. 2:04 1/2 to R. N. MacKinnon, Bristol, P.E.I. In conversation with George on Monday he stated that Jack Annear and Dr. Preston McIntyre were very anxious to hold some racing on the Montague track, which is still in good shape, and there is seating accommodation for 500 persons. It is planned to have races next Wednesday afternoon, particulars of which will appear in the press. Montague track is one of the oldest in the province and has been the scene of some of the most stirring contests in years ago. The track pacing record is 2:07 1/2, made by Patrick Direct 2:07 1/2 (Imor) on Aug. 8, 1934, and the track record trotting is 2:08 1/2 made by Heatherbell (MacKinnon) August 4, 1936.

One of the pacing sensations of the 6-year-old bay mare Ruth Chips, by the Ontario sire Mr. Chips. She is owned by Earl Barnes & Sons, Ailsa Craig, Ont. and in the Free For All Pace recently, purse \$2,500. She won the first dash in 2:04 1/2 with the high-priced H. B. Chief 1:58 1/2 winning the second dash in 2:05 1/2. Ruth Chips 2. The Quebec owned Dr. Holman 2:05 and 1/2. Later at the same meeting Ruth Chips won another free for all pace, purse \$1,200. We also notice that Bud's best, by Calumet Budlong, owned by Duncan MacDonell, Sydney, and driven by Haley, was a winner at Blue Bonnets, reducing his record to 2:12 and Harry Hirsch's trotter Roll on won the Junior Free For All, purse \$2,000, a mile and a sixteenth, in 2:15, and Worrell Lewis won with Shining Hour, owned by Mrs. Ralph Bages, Forest Hills, N.Y. in 2:11. The 3-year-old Stewart's Gallon by Big Gun, won the B. Pace, purse \$600 in 2:09, heading a real good field of pacers. Big Gun is by Guy Abbey and was brought to this province by the late Pictou Brown, then sold to a horseman in Newfoundland and afterwards to a party in Ontario.

The seven-year-old pacer Lindy 2:15 1/2 by Simcoe Harvester 2:04 1/2, has been racing quite well at Sydney, N.S. We notice where he won on August 17 and again won both dashes on August 27. He is a horse with a lot of speed and should take a much faster record.

Joe O'Brien is continuing his winning streak. At the Grand Circuit meeting held in Indianapolis he won the Three Year Old \$10,922 Horsemen's Futurity Stake with Diamond Hal, the first heat in 2:01 with Queen Adios winning the next in 2:00 3/4 and Diamond Hal the final in 2:01 1/2. The following afternoon in the \$88,041 Horsemen's Stake for Two Year Old trotters Joe won the first heat with Butch Hanover in 2:04 1/2. Galophone won the next heat in 2:05 and the final in 2:06. In the \$7,199 Stake for Three Year Old trotters Stenographer was the winner in 2:03 1/2, Earl's Gal with Joe up was second, time, 2:01 1/2. Stenographer is the world's champion two-year-old trotting

filly over both a mile track—time 2:05 1/2—and a half-mile track—time 1:59 1/2—and is the champion three-year-old filly over a half-mile track—2:08 1/2—and in a race over a mile track—1:59 1/2. In addition she holds several two-heat records which boost her lifetime total to nine.

In The Harness Horse of September 8 is an excellent picture of Prince Adios 4, 1:58, with the Canadian driver Clint Hodgins up and the following: "The Adios 6-year-old died on the track Friday at Roosevelt Raceway after finishing second to Phillip Scott in 2:02 1/2 in the \$15,000 Invitational Pace. Owned by Grant Hodgins of Clarendon, Ont., Prince Adios has earned \$123,895 and was the co-champion 4-year-old pacer in a race with Direct Rhythm. The first performer for Adios, Prince Adios this season won the \$25,000 National Pacing Derby in 2:31 1/4 from Adios Boy at one and one-quarter miles and took the fastest dash in the \$26,000 American Pacing Derby at Vernon Downs in 1:59."

Canadian drivers Del McTavish and Earle Avery have been going great guns at Roosevelt Raceway, their names figuring very frequently in firsts for large purses. Another driver that is making good there is Johnny Simpson, who a few years ago was the leading money winning driver and had the largest stable operated by any reinman. Then he entered into a contract to train and drive Hanover Shoe Farm horses exclusively. This year his stable is showing up exceptionally well.

Savage, Minnesota, a town named after M. W. Savage, the man who made such a success with International Stock Food and its products, has only 312 inhabitants. It was there that the M. W. Savage racing stable was located and horses trained nearby. Every year there is a big celebration known as Dan Patch Days and this year over 20,000 people were present to celebrate the memory and deeds of world's champion Dan Patch 1:55, without doubt the greatest pacer that ever wore harness. Highlight of the two-day celebration honoring the Indiana bred pacer was an hour long horse parade, part of which was seen later that evening by many more thousands via the TV screen.

The writer remembers a representative of the International Stock Food Company visiting George E. Hughes' Apothecary's Hall in the early 1890's and selling Mr. Hughes an enormous quantity of International Stock Food products. He provided advertising medium and advertising space in the papers and the entire shipment was sold out in a few weeks time and more ordered. International Stock Food is still going strong and no doubt the pictures of Dan Patch appear on many of the products.

Walter Gibbons has made a big change in the conduct of racing at Bay State Raceway, Foxboro, Mass. Better types of horses are racing there and the public has responded with an upping of attendance of 44 per cent, the average night's attendance being 6,921 persons. All sorts of inducements are being given to drivers who make good performances at night racing played in the United States and we see where a gold watch was awarded to Hugh Bell for the fastest performance during the 20-night meeting at Ocean Downs. He drove Trustful Hanover to a new track record of 2:02.

The American bred Muscletone 2:02 1/2, one of the fastest trotters that ever was exported or ever raced over a European track, died recently at Milan, Italy. He was

by Mr. McKinnon and his dam was Ruth M. Chenuit. He was foaled in 1931 and exported in 1934 and supposedly sold for a price of \$35,000. Among the many European stakes which he won before being retired to the stallion ranks was the famed Prix de Amerique at Vincennes, France, which he won as a four-year-old.

James "Roach" MacGregor is still continuing his winning streak at Quebec Raceway. The past week he had two wins with Yuta and reduced his record from 2:10 4/5 to 2:09 1/8 and he won with Bay State Pat in 2:09 4/5, which is a new record for Bay State Pat. Again our congratulations to driver MacGregor and owner Andrew Perry, Summerside.

At Rutland, Vermont, last week the veteran owner-driver-trainer John Porter of Ticonderoga, N. Y., who has driven over almost every race track in the New England States, drove his 55th consecutive year at Rutland races.

No victory of 1954 was more popular with race fans than the winning of the Free For All at Indianapolis, Indiana, Grand Circuit meeting by Guinea Gold of Frankford, Ind. Among the pacing greats that he defeated was Popular Dell, that recently took a record of 1:58 1/2 and Guinea Gold cut his mark to 1:59. Thousands of Indianans turned out to see him win and the applause was terrific. They have not forgotten the days when the greatest pacer of them all halted from that state—Dan Patch.

So many horsemen are asking for stalls on the Pine Tree State circuit in Maine that stables are at a premium. In fact this condition exists all over the racing map in the United States. Never in the history of the sport have so many trotters and pacers undergone training or made starts as in 1954. A letter from our friend C. H. McGinley of Houlton, Me., enclosed clippings re the racing there and he states there are so many horses in Maine now that it is difficult to get races for them, especially in the slow trots and pacing classes. A couple of Harold Birmingham's Bell Boy's 2:01 get have won at Freehold, N. J., Valie Belle (3) in 2:12 1/2 and Gilda Belle (4) in 2:11 1/2, and June Morning's colt, Tab Direct, won in 2:13 at Windsor also Playalong by Playdale, won the first class C trot at Lewiston.

Our friend S. Thane Belyea of Fredericton, sent us a copy of Saturday's Fredericton Daily Gleaner with a page of pictures headed

"Behind the Scenes at Fredericton Exhibition Raceway". It shows the horses behind the gate with the starter and driver of the Gate, a picture of the Tote Board and the crowd rushing to place their money on the horses of their choice; the times; Guy Burden, Hugh O'Neill and W. Stewart and the Photo Finish, also the judges with Colonel "Gentleman Jim" Calkin presiding. On another page is an excellent photo headed—"Al-Minded Islanders" showing F. S. Arnsk, Jerry Shoen, Mary Silliphant, Don MacNeill, Mrs. F. A. MacNeill, Willard MacDonald holding Miss Knox 2:09 1/4, Ralph Silliphant, George Brookins, Rev. W. E. Monaghan and Roy Silliphant.

Saturday night's race card at Truro which could not be carried out due to the storm was raced on Monday night. There were four single dashes and two double ones. Race 1 was won by Stranger Boy, by Pax Volo, owned and driven by A. E. Cleveland, Kenville, and he returned his backers \$41.60. Race 2 was won by Mae Jossdale (MacLeod), owned by Billy McManus, Truro, with Rita Federal (Harrison) 2. Time, 2:18. Race 3 was won by Miss Bluenose, owned by Harley Spence, Bridgewater, and driven by Harley Harrison, Peaceful Peter (Washington) 2. Wayne Budlong (Kennedy) 3. Time, 2:20 1/2. In races 4 and 7 Judge Miller (MacLeod), owned by C. E. Brage, Collingwood, was 1-3. May S. Grattin, owned and driven by Herb Wisener, Pictou, 3-1. Tonymitte (D. Turner) 2-2, time, 2:13 1/4, 2:14 1/4. In races 5 and 8 Honors High Jinx (Ripley), owned by Kaiser and Nicholson, Halifax, was 1-1. Tessie Girl (Pinkney) 2-4. Patrick Budlong (G. Turner) 5-2, time, 2:15 1/4, 2:13 1/4. Race 6, Mischief Clare (Walker) 1, Johnny Lee (Mauger) 2, Vesta Budlong (Connors) 3. Time, 2:19 1/2. Mischief Clare is owned by C. J. Walker, Halifax.

Wednesday night's program at Truro was one of the best liked of the season. New records were made and the Junior Free For All was the top event on the card, with Joey Harvester, owned by Well MacNeill, Southport, and driven by Johnny Conroy, 1-2, Daniel Ha Scott, owned and driven by Herb Wisener, Pictou, 6-1. Miss Knox (MacNeill) 2-4, Hedgewood Chief (Harrison) 3-3. Time, 2:13, 2:15 1/2. Race 1 was won by Eddie Hoosier, owned and driven by Sam Walker, Lower Sackville, Calumet Pearl (Williams) 2. Time, 2:21 1/2. In race 2 Peaceful Peter, owned and driven by J. E. Washington, Truro, was 1. Hamilton cemetery Thursday Wayne Budlong (Kennedy) 2. Time,

2:20 1/4—a new record. In races 3 and 7 Junior Hal (MacLeod), owned by E. Whalen, was 1-3, Yankee Joan, owned and driven by Don MacNeill, Summerside, 6-1, Mischief Clare (S. Walker) 2-2. Time, 2:16, 2:17 1/4—a new record for Yankee Joan, a chestnut mare by Squire Hanover 2:08. Race 5 was won by Signal Bill, owned and driven by R. Layton, Newport, Peggy's Pride (Mauger) 2, time, 2:18 1/4. Race 8 was won by Mae Jossdale owned by William McManus, Truro, and driven by Clayton MacLeod, Reta Federal (Harrison) 2, Twilight Melody (Pinkney) 3. Time, 2:20.

Over 2,500 fans braved chilly weather to witness the races at Saint John Wednesday night. The feature of the night was the handicap dashes in the 3rd and 7th events, and in the former Diana O. Grattan, owned and driven by J. Robichaud, was a surprise winner, coming home first in 2:17 1/2 and in the 7th dash the Fredericton owned Cedric Hargrave with Herb Chase in the driver's seat, was the winner in 2:16 1/2—the fastest mile of the night. In the 1st and 4th dashes Guy Song (Andrews), owned by W. Douglas, Saint John, was 1-1, Colonel Sherbrooke (C. Wood) 2-3, Dannie Scott (Devlin) 2-2. Time, 2:19 1/4, 2:18 1/4. In the 2nd and 6th dashes Pinesy Boy, owned by the Bright Spot Club and driven by E. Lawson, was 1-8, Valuable Doc, owned and driven by H. D. Jones, Lower Kars, 2-1. Time, 2:19 1/2, 2:19. In the 5th and 8th dashes the 14-year-old pacer Agnes Hall, owned and driven by Billy Keyes, St. Stephen, was 1-1, Spencer Key (Barry) 2-2, Winnie's Last (Bernard) 3-4. Time, 2:18 1/2, 2:17 1/2.

Billy Keyes is probably one of the oldest drivers racing in the Maritimes and some 25 years ago he raced the finest stable of trotters and pacers in the Maritimes and set up track records galore, one of them at Charlottetown with Bula H.—2:08 1/4—and he also won the \$10,000 stake at Windsor, Conn. with another pacer owned by S. A. Wathen, Fort Fairfield, Me. Billy was equally at home with trotters and pacers, in fact he was one of the most finished drivers that ever sat in a sulky in the Maritimes.

THUGS WRECK CEMETERY HAMILTON, Ont. (CP)—In one of the most wanton acts of destruction this city has seen in years, 54 monuments and tombstones were toppled over, defaced and in some cases damaged beyond repair by vandals who desecrated a Hamilton cemetery Thursday night.

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