

1955 ❖ Maritime Harness Racing Review ❖ 1955

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 without doubt, one of the Maritimes' best years. Twelve tracks gave purses totalling over \$400,000. Nine night racing plants were in operation—Sydney, Truro, Sackville Downs, N.S., Charlottetown and Summerside, P.E.I., and Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton and Woodstock, N.B. They paid out as follows: Sydney, \$43,781.57; Truro \$88,000; Sackville Downs, \$40,741.76; Charlottetown \$55,528; Summerside, \$13,425; Moncton, \$35,700; Saint John, \$78,161.25; Fredericton, \$41,714; Woodstock \$3,850. Other tracks paid out—Halifax \$14,808.19 Chatham, \$2,550; Montague, \$1,350.

Matinee races were held at Summerside, P.E.I., Windsor, N.S., Middleton, N.S., Noel, N.S., Truro (Horsemen's Club), Woodstock, N.B. and St. Anthony, N.B. Races were held on the three-eighths of a mile track at Halifax during the late fall, winter and early spring months. Races over the half mile tracks started on May 23rd at Sydney and Truro and concluded at Sackville Downs on November 9th.

The newly constructed track at Sackville Downs lived up to all the promises of the proprietor, B. C. Cruikshank of Halifax, and while late in starting—August 24th—after a few races were held, it safe promise of being a very attractive track and with its fine buildings, grand stand and accommodation for horses a most pleasing place for owners, drivers and grooms and the large public patronage which it is bound to attract.

Our grateful thanks are due to Harold M. Haswell for the time and trouble he has spent in compiling statistics of our Maritime drivers, so that we are in a position to give their starts, number of wins and placings and their points made. Only their performance on Maritime tracks are taken into account. We have much pleasure in announcing that John Conroy of Truro is the leading driver with George Turner of Dartmouth runner up.

Bay State Pat 2:02 3/5, owned by Andrew Perry of Summerside, and driven by James MacGregor, paced the fastest mile over a Maritime track, winning at Summerside July 23rd in 2:06—a new track record. The honor of trotting the fastest dash—2:12—was shared by three, April Bud 2:12, owned by Mrs. Emma Mustacalis, Truro, and driven by Dave Constable, Patrick Direct 2:12, owned and driven by George Turner, Dartmouth, and Mt. Carroll 2:11, owned by Rowe Sylvester, Mars Hill, and driven by Frank McAlduff, Bonnyville 2:08, owned by MacKinnon and Roach, New Waterford, N.S., and driven by M. Chasson, is top dash winner with 22 dashes won.

More horses were raced and more new and reduced records were made than in any previous year. The number of persons who witnessed harness racing in the Maritimes is estimated at over 800,000. New speed was purchased at the various fall sales and also by individual purchase at several places and they will add greatly to the interest in racing next season.

The 23rd annual Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club's Coll Stakes were held at Charlottetown, Sept. 7th with \$2,500 in purses. Several good young trotters and pacers showed up that give promise of being worthy contenders in years to come. The President of the Club is Dr. R. F. Seaman and the Secretary W. G. Gillespie, both of whom deserve the greatest credit for the time and energy they have given to make these coll stakes a success.

The British Consols trophy which is annually awarded by the Macdonald Tobacco Company, Ltd. of Montreal, to the driver making the most points at Old Home Week racing at Charlottetown with dates August 15-20 in-

Fredericton, Aug. 17, Charlottetown—2:12 2/5.
Fastest M.B. Pacing Gelding—Peter Clegg 2:08 4/5, (H. Harrison), owned by G. H. Brookins, Kensington, P.E.I., Oct. 10, Truro 2:08 4/5.
Fastest M.B. Trotting Gelding—April Bud 2:12, (D. Constable), owned by Mrs. E. Mustacalis, Truro, Aug. 20, Charlottetown—2:12, Patrick Budlong 2:12, owned and driven by George Turner, Dartmouth, Aug. 19, Charlottetown—2:12.
Fastest M.B. Pacing Mare—Jerry's Nightmare 2:09, (R. LeBlanc), owned by Karl McCully, Truro, Sept. 17, Truro—2:09 1/5.
Yuta 2:09, (J. MacGregor), owned by Andrew Perry, Summerside, June 18, Charlottetown—2:09 1/5.
Fastest M.B. Trotting Mare—Nell Kalmuck 2:09 1/5, (H. Harrison), owned by L. C. Dysart, Moncton, Aug. 6, Truro—2:13 4/5.
Fastest M.B. 4-year-old Pacer—Chevie G. 2:11 1/5, (A. Gould), owned by Lorne Letcher, Springhill, N.S., Aug. 24, Truro—2:11 1/5.
Fastest M.B. 4-year-old Trotter—Joppa Maid 2:16 3/5, owned and driven by Ellwood Shaw, Charlottetown, Sept. 7, Charlottetown—2:16 3/5.
Fastest M.B. 3-year-old Pacer—Jinny Budlong 2:13 2/5, (B. LeBoeuf), owned by—J. C. Underhill, Campbellton, N.B. July 30, Moncton—2:13 2/5.
Fastest M.B. 3-year-old Trotter—New Idea 2:30, (Bir), owned by G. H. Brookins, Kensington, Sept. 7, Charlottetown—2:30.
Fastest M.B. 2-year-old Pacer—Just Betty's Mark 2:20, (D. Seaman), owner by Mrs. J. Donald Seaman, Charlottetown, Sept. 7, Charlottetown—2:20.
Fastest M.B. 2-year-old Trotter—Ruthie's First 2:29 4/5, (I. Collins), owned by James Shaw, Montague, Sept. 7, Charlottetown—2:28 4/5.

Wilson, Fredericton; Direct Mite 2:06 3/5 (A. Gould), owned by Lorne Letcher, Springhill, N.S., Aug. 24, Truro—2:06 3/5. (F. Inman), owned by J. N. Porter, Easton, Me.; Gahagen 2:09 2/5, (E. Shaw) owned by Dr. Geo. Bishop, Lexington Ky.; Handbook 2:03 2/5 (D. Ratchford) owned by Richard Jabalee, North Sydney; Jo-Jo Spencer 2:09 1/5 (J. MacGregor), owned by Andrew Perry, Summerside; Judge Miller 2:07 (C. MacLeod), owned by C. E. Bragg Collingwood, N.S.; Mighty Boy 2:02 3/5 (E. Haley), owned by Eric Wheeby, Dartmouth; Robert Bruce 2:09 2/5 (E. Lindon), owned by Newcastle Stables, Newcastle; Shamrock Thoughts 2:04 (H. Mount), owned by Edwards and Mount, Fredericton; Yuta 2:09 (J. MacGregor), owned by Andrew Perry, Summerside.

WHEREF 2:10 MILES WERE STEPPED

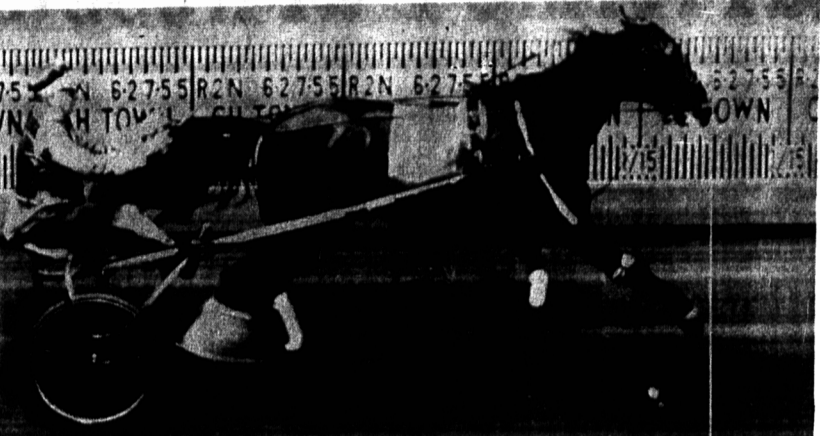
For the second year in a row Truro Raceway accounts for the most 2:10 miles, 24 in all, Charlottetown is second with 17, Sackville Downs third with 11 and Fredericton fourth with 10. Summerside has 5, Woodstock 2 and Sydney and North Sydney one each. James MacGregor is leading driver of 2:10 miles with 16 and in second place is Don Turner, Dartmouth, with 12, Archie Leavelle, Hunter River, P.E.I., and Robert Troy, Woodstock, four; Johnny Conroy and Robert Ryan three; Ed Haley, Harley Harrison and Don MacNeill two. C. Connors, A. Gould, P. Hickey, F. Inman, R. LeBlanc, E. Lindon, C. MacLeod, G. Mauger, H. Mount, D. Ratchford, A. Ringuette and E. Shaw have one each.

FASTEST PERFORMERS ON MARITIME TRACKS SEASON 1955

Fastest Pacing Stallion—Josedale Clansman 2:07 1/5, owned and driven by Donald Turner, Dartmouth, N.S., Sept. 5, Truro, N.S.—2:07 1/5.
Fastest Trotting Stallion—Lakeburn 2:12 2/5, (J. T. Akins), owned by Akins and Downey, Fredericton, N.B., Aug. 17, Charlottetown—2:12 2/5.
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Fastest New Performer—Janelle 3, 2:11 3/5, owned and driven by Harley Spence, Bridgewater, N.S., Sept. 10, Sackville Downs, N.S.—2:11 3/5.

FASTEST MARITIME BRED PERFORMERS 1955

Fastest M.B. Pacing Stallion—Abner McGraw 2:10 4/5, (E. Shaw), owned by Dr. George Bishop, Lexington, Ky. July 25, Charlottetown—2:11 4/5.
Fastest M.B. Trotting Stallion—Lakeburn 2:12 3/5 (J. T. Akins), owned by Akins and Downey,



Pet Hanover winning at Charlottetown, June 18th, time 2:14 1/5, driven by the compiler of this review. My stable made 30 starts, I was 9 times first, 7 times second, 5 times third, twice fourth and twice fifth all at Charlottetown. My percentage, 485.

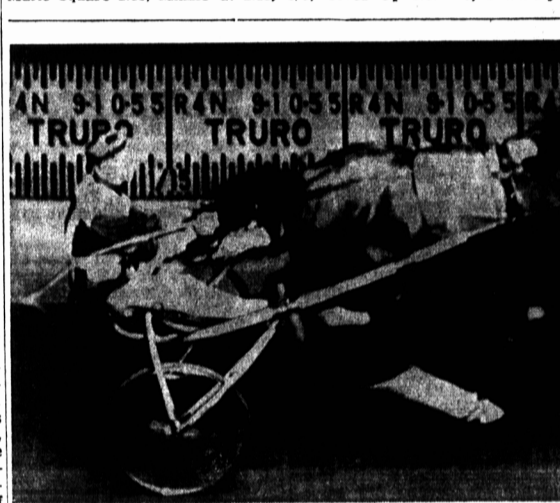
cluded in our statistics. At the same time we wish to point out that the tracks holding matinee races and the Halifax Commons have been the means of giving education to horses that have afterwards performed creditably on the tracks where purse racing is held.

The top dash winner is Bonnymite 3, 2:08, an 8-year-old bay gelding by Bonnycastle, that was purchased at the Harrisburg sale of Sydney and passed into the hands of MacKinnon and Roach, New Waterford. He proved to be one of the best buys brought to the Maritimes in years. This season he has won 22 dashes and in 19 of them was driven by M. Chasson and in three by J. MacDonald. Right on his heels is Josedale Clansman, 6-year-old stallion by Dick Reynolds 1:58 1/2, owned and driven by Don Turner, Dartmouth, N.S., who won 21 dashes with him and lowered his record to 2:07 1/5—a new track record for Truro Raceway.

With 17 wins is Ben Brook C 2:11 2/5 and Peter Federal 2:11 4/5. Sixteen wins—Jet Master 2:08 2/5, Fifteen wins—Bay State Pat 2:02 3/5, Sir Joseph 1:58 4/5, Fourteen wins—Jolly Girl 2:07 3/5, Thirteen wins—Barbara Ann Queen 2:09 2/5, Guy Tucker 2:11 2/5, Pepper Boy 2:12 2/5, Twelve wins—Colonel Dan 2:06 3/5, Eva York 2:15 4/5, Gay Music 2:10 3/5, Mighty Flashy 2:14 3/5, Nell Kalmuck 2:09 1/5, Oulton Adam 2:11, Peter Clegg 2:08 4/5, Eleven wins—G. Ann C. 2:14, Peter Lee Brewer 2:10 2/5, Roy Scott 2:09, Ten Wins—Bud Henley 2:14 2/5, Crusader Chief 2:09 4/5, Lily Lee 2:15, Real Fingo 2:11 3/5, Shining Hour 2:10 1/5, Top Royal 2:12 2/5.

Nine Wins—Chevie G. 2:11 1/5, Gideon Hanover 2:06, Helen Hooser 2:18 3/5, Jerry's Nightmare 2:09, Mae Federal 2:17, Meg 4:5.

Five Wins—Ableway 2:09 4/5, Abner the Great 2:11 1/5, America's Ace 2:15, Ann's Boy 2:10 3/5, Avalon Gal 2:14, Bay State Joe 2:10 3/5, Bell Banks 2:12 4/5, Billie June 2:14, Brady's Battle 2:12, Clamont Onward 2:13, Cedric Hanover 2:12, David G. 2:13 1/5, Doctor Brodie 2:03, Doctor F. C. 2:13 3/5, Donald G.R. 2:08 2/5, Easter Marie 2:16 2/5, Eddie Hoosier 2:14 1/5, Foxy Grapes 2:05 1/2, Ginger Worthy 2:16 2/5, Headway 2:06 3/5, Homestretch Ade 2:10 4/5, Jagoo 2:18 1/5, Jolly George 2:17, Jolly Jim 2:18 4/5, Josedale Double Hal 2:05 1/5, Lady Abner 2:15 1/5, Lakeburn 2:12 2/5, Leah's Girl 2:15 3/5, Leo's Dream 2:15, Mac Fingo 2:13, Marie Square 2:18, Minnie G. 2:13, 3/5, Cover Up 2:17 4/5, Danny



Johnny Conroy, leading driver in the Maritimes 1955, winning with Nell Budlong, owned by Well MacNeill, Southport, P. E. I., and giving him a record of 2:11 2/5.

Dale Boy 2:11 2/5, Duke of Hyland 2:12 4/5, Dusty Bars 2:16 2/5, Esso 2:11 3/5, Famous Boy 2:15 3/5, Faraway Lady 2:14, Feather Duster 2:10, First Again 2:09 2/5, Fortunate Boy 2:04 2/5, Gail Budlong 2:17, Gary D. 2:15 3/5, Grace Reamore 2:16 1/5, Hal Alone 2:15 4/5, Haley's Alpha 3, 2:17 1/5, Hedgewood H. 2:12, Heine Strong 2:09 1/2, Henry Day 2:14, Hero 2:10 2/5, Hero's Child 2:16, H. K. Volo 2:10, Honey's Rascal 2:17 4/5, Howie's Pride 2:20, Hum Dale 2:11 2/5, Hurry Up 2:05, Jinny Budlong 3, 2:13 2/5, Jo-Ann Castle 2:08 2/5, Judy Clegg 2:14, Juna Lee Direct 2:11 2/5, Junior Bell 3, 2:16 2/5, Justice Dillon 2:04 2/5, Just Rita 2:11 2/5, King Hedgewood 2:09 3/5, Laurel Henley 3, 2:16 3/5, Lee Hy 2:10 3/5, Lina C. Scott 2:15 3/5, Lou Kalmuck 2:14 1/5, Mae Signal 2:18 4/5, Margo Dale 2:18 2/5, Marion E. 2:14, Merilyn B. 2:20 2/5, Mighty Boy 2:02 3/5, Miss Cherry Valley 2:10 4/5, Mitchell 2:09 1/5, Mountain Speed 2:20 3/5, Mt. Carroll 2:11, My Sin 2:14 4/5, New Idea 3, 2:30, Pepper Clegg 2:17, Pet Hanover 2:13 2/5, Pink 2:19, Premier J. Walter 2:12 3/5, Princess H. 2:12, Queen Primrose 2:12 4/5, Rajah Hanover 2:13 3/5, Randie 2:16 2/5, Ritaque 2:08, Ronnie Spencer 2:09, Rosalie Hooper 2:11 2/5, Roxy Mae 2:21 3/5, Scotland's Ace 2:09, Scottish Boy 2:01 3/5, Shelby Vic 2:10 2/5, Shirley Doris 2:15, Single Streak 2:10, Sparkle Dawn 2:18 1/5, Sunlight Joe 2:17, Susie Spirit 2:18 4/5, Theo. A. Nick 2:08, Time Table 2:03, Tony York 2:17 4/5, Trixie Scott 2:13, Tryon 2:21, Tyndall Semple 2:14 2/5, Walt For Me 2:16, Winnie's Last 2:15.
Two Wins—A. B. Train 2:19 3/5, Agnes Hall 2:15 3/5, A. G. Scott 2:09 4/5, Andy's Right 2:12 4/5, Applejack 2:06 2/5, Ariene's Money 2:11 1/5, Athlone Ruler 2:01 4/5, Becky Smith 2:10 1/5, Ed Ed 2:12 3/5, Billie Direct Her 2:08 3/5, (Continued on Page 7)

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Aerial View Charlottetown Driving Park and Provincial Exhibition Grounds

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