

1959 MARITIME HARNESS RACING REVIEW - 1959

Most Exciting Season Of All Time Reviewed

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HERE THEY ARE !!

Lt.-Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D.S.O., V.D., (Fr. Croix de Guerre)

More 2:10 miles and more track records broken, with Mighty Lee, driven by George Callbeck, pacing the fastest mile ever stepped on a Maritime track—2:03 4/5 at Charlottetown, July 30. (With the exception of Walter Dale's mile at Fredericton, Sept. 15, 1937).

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: Sackville Downs, \$140,876; Saint John (Coldbrook) \$92,175; Charlottetown, \$82,759; Sydney, \$73,745; Truro, \$54,100; Moncton (Dieppe) \$37,294; Fredericton \$32,989; Inverness \$7,195; Summerside, \$5,700; Port Hood \$5,421; Woodstock \$2,900; Chatham, \$1,700.

In addition races were held at Halifax Commons with \$6,589 in purses paid out to the owners of horses taking part, making a grand total of \$543,444.

At Charlottetown, July 30th, the Free For All Pace, Purse \$1,500.00 was won by Mighty Lee 2:03 4/5 (G. Callbeck), owned by Rankin McLaine, Charlottetown, and Willard MacDonald, Summerside, 1-1. Time, 2:04 3/5, 2:03 4/5.
Charlottetown, August 4, Invitational Pace, Purse \$3,000.00 (4 dashes), Mighty Lee 2:03 4/5 (G. Callbeck), owned by Rankin McLaine and Willard MacDonald, 1-1. Rainbow Clegg 2:07 (D. Pinkney), owned by W.E. Piers, Pugwash, N.S. 1-1. Jolley Lad 2:06 2/5 (E. Smith), owned by Mrs. Keith Thomas, Halifax, 1-7. Time, 2:05 1/5, 2:09, 2:07 3/5, 2:07 2/5.
Charlottetown, Aug. 10, Three-Year-Old Early Closer, Purse \$1,700.00, Morley's Pride, 3, 2:15 3/5 (R. Anear), owned by Jack Anear, Montague, 1-2. Vesta Wick, 3, 2:13 (J. MacGregor), owned by Sen. G.H. Barbour, Charlottetown, 2-1. Time, 2:15 3/5, 2:14.
Charlottetown, Aug. 10, Junior Free For All, 1st Division, Purse \$1,500, Rainbow Clegg 2:07 (D. Pinkney), owned by W.E. Piers, Pugwash, N.S. 1-1. Time, 2:07, 2:09 1/5.
Charlottetown, Aug. 10, Junior Free For All, 2nd Division, Purse \$1,200.00, Royal Onyx 2:08 1/5, owned and driven by James MacGregor, Charlottetown, 2-1, Sir Joseph 1:58 4/5 (H. Willis) owned by Horace Willis, Charlottetown, and George Henderson, Montreal, 1-4. Time, 2:08 4/5, 2:08 2/5.
Charlottetown, Aug. 14, Colonel Dan Free For All Pace, Purse \$2,000.00, Mighty Lee 2:03 4/5 (G. Callbeck), owned by Rankin McLaine and Willard MacDonald, 1-1. Time, 2:06 2/5, 2:05 3/5.
At Fredericton, July 9, The Walter Dale Memorial Pace, Purse \$2,000.00, Hal's Man 2:06 (C. Killam), owned by Valley Stables, E. Florenceville, N. B. 1-4, Hal's Mae 2:06 2/5, (T. Devlin), owned by Valley Stables, E. Florenceville, N.B., 8-1. Time, 2:06, 2:06 2/5.
Fredericton, July 28, A Pace, Purse \$1,000.00 (one dash) was won by Abbeland 2:07 2/5 (J. Goguen), owned by J.S. Watt, Little River West, Que. Time, 2:07 2/5.
At Moncton, July 15, The Monctonian, Purse \$2,000.00, Walter Roscroft 2:06 1/5 (R. Creamer), owned by S.H. Horsman, Moncton, 2-1, Mighty Lee 2:03 4/5 (G. Callbeck), owned by Rankin McLaine and Willard MacDonald, 1-3. Time 2:05 3/5, 2:06 2/5.
At Sackville Downs, July 1, Free For All Pace, Purse, \$1,500.00, Slicker Tass 2:06 2/5, owned and driven by Bruce MacDonald, Lincoln, N.B., 1-2 Dave Grattan 2:05 2/5 (L. Walker), owned by L. and G. Stables, Halifax, 2-1. Time, 2:11 4/5, 2:11.
Sackville Downs, July 25, Free For All Pace, Purse \$2,000.00, Rainbow Clegg 2:07 (D. Pinkney), owned by W.E. Piers, Pugwash, 1-2, Mighty Glib 2:04 1/5 (J. MacGregor), owned by James Given, Halifax, 2-1. Time, 2:07, 2:07.
Sackville Downs, Aug. 22, Free For All Pace, Purse \$3,000.00, Convoir 2:01 (R. Barrieau), owned by F.L. Breaux, Moncton, 1-2, Dave Grattan 2:05 2/5 (D. Hatchford), owned by L. and G. Stables, Halifax, 2-1. Time, 2:05 3/5, 2:05 2/5.
Sackville Downs, Sept. 7, Invitational Free For All Pace, Purse \$2,500.00, Fancy Queen, 2:02 3/5 (G. Manger), owned by Harry Hirsch, Sydney, 1-2, Mighty Lee 2:03 4/5 (G. Callbeck) owned by Rankin McLaine and Willard MacDonald, 4-1. Time, 2:05, 2:04.
Sackville Downs, Sept. 12, Free For All Pace, Purse \$1,500.00, Darn Good Pick 2:02 (E. Shaw), owned by Dr. George Bishop, Lexington, Ky., 1-2, Mighty Lee, 2:03 4/5 (G. Callbeck) owned by Rankin McLaine and Willard MacDonald, 3-1. Time, 2:08 2/5, 2:05 4/5.
Sackville Downs, Sept. 19, Three-Year-Old Haligonian Stake, Purse \$2,245.00, Watch Top 3,

of the number of 2:10 miles for the past ten years—in 1949 there were 57; 1950—60; 1951—48; 1952—38; 1953—54; 1954—24; 1955—71; 1956—107; 1957—118; 1958—161 and 1959—185.
The leading 2:10 miler is Mighty Lee 2:03 4/5, owned by Rankin McLaine and Willard MacDonald and driven by George Callbeck. He has fifteen fast miles to his credit. Convoir 2:01 is second with twelve. He is owned by F. L. Breaux, Moncton and was driven by Rufin Barrieau, at third place with ten is the 4-year-old gelding Jackie Jackson 2:09 1/5, owned by MacDonald and Logue, Sydney and driven by D. MacDonald.
Rainbow Clegg 2:07, owned by W. E. Piers, Pugwash and driven by D. Pinkney has nine and Mighty Arrow 2:06 2/5 has eight. He is owned and was driven by H.J. Cormier, Moncton.
With seven each are Darn Good Pick 2:02, owned by Dr. George Bishop, Lexington, Ky., and driven by Elwood Shaw, and Robertdale 2:06 3/5, owned by Frank Stanfield, Truro, and driven by C. MacLeod.
Jolly Castle 2:08, owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. Vincent, Dartmouth, and driven by Johnny Courroy, has six and with five is Runnymede Beale 2:08 3/5, owned by J.S. Savage, Fredericton, and driven by H. Mount.
With four each: Ann's Dream, 2:06 4/5, owned and driven by George Callbeck, Summerside, Dunlop B. 2:10, owned by E. Nicholson, New Wiltshire, and driven by C. O'Brien, Hal's Man 2:06, owned by Valley Stables, E. Florenceville, N.B. and driven by C. Killam, Jolley Lad 2:06 2/5, owned by Mrs. Keith Thomas, Halifax, and driven in three by E. Smith and one by R. Barrieau, Josedale Clansman 2:07 1/5, owned and driven by George Turner, Dartmouth, Lady Lakemuir, 1, 2:08 3/5, owned by Mapco Stables, Summerside and driven by J. Arsenault, Might Con 2:03 3/5, owned by Mrs. F. Hurlock, Hurlock, Me., and driven in three by E. Langille and one by W. Birt, Nell's Lad, 2:08, owned by H.B. Willis, Charlottetown, and George Henderson, Montreal, and driven by H. Willis, Our Con, 2:04 2/5, owned by E.C. Crutchshank, Halifax and driven in three by J. MacGregor and one by D. Walsh, Royal Onyx 2:06 1/5, owned and driven by James MacGregor, Charlottetown, and Titan Emlen 1, 2:08, owned by the L. and G. Stables, Halifax, and driven by L. Walker.
With three each:—Acemor 2:07 2/5, owned by Roach and MacKinnon, New Waterford and driven by M. Chaisson, Dave Grattan 2:05 2/5, owned by the L. and G. Stables, Halifax, driven in two by L. Walker and one by D. Hatchford, Sir Joseph 1:58 4/5, owned by Willis and Henderson, Charlottetown and Montreal and driven by H. Willis, and Top Royal 2:07 4/5, owned and driven by T.C. Collette, Moncton.
With two each:—Abbeland 2:07 2/5, owned by J.S. Watt, Little River West, Que., and driven by J. Goguen, Bad News 2:09 4/5, owned and driven by H.C. Fletcher, Truro, Bonnie Michael 2:09, owned by L. Queen, Coldbrook and driven by B. Queen, Downtown 2:03 3/5, owned and driven by J.W. Bernard, Hunter River, Fancy Queen 2:02 3/5, owned by Harry Hirsch, Sydney and driven by G. Manger, Gallant Way 1, 2:03, owned by Andrew Perry, Summerside and driven by D. Selman, Ginger E. 2:09 3/5, owned by C.O. Ellis, O'Leary and driven by Lorne Kelly, Hal's Mae 2:06 2/5, owned by Valley Stables, E. Florenceville, N. B., and driven by T. Devlin, Major's King 2:04, owned by C.F. Durley, Saint John and driven by W. Carr, Red's King 2:10, owned by Mrs. Keith Thomas, Halifax and driven by E. Smith, Salley Voldstad 1, 2:09 4/5, owned by Ray MacCallum, Marshfield, and driven by J. MacGregor, Slicker Tass 2:06 2/5, owned and driven by Bruce MacDonald, Lincoln, N.B., Stalag Hanover 2:06, owned by Lt.-Col. D.A. MacKinnon and driven in one by Col. MacKinnon and one by E. Bernard, after passing to ownership of Alfred MacNeil, Top Brass 2:04 2/5, owned by R.J. Jabalee, North Sydney and driven by P. Pinkney, Victory Scott 2:02 3/5, owned by Syndicate Stables, Summerside, and driven by P. Pinkney, Victory Scott 2:02 3/5, owned by E.A. Grant, Houlton, Me., and driven by R. Troy, Direct Mile 2:06 3/5, owned by C.H. Letcher, Springhill and driven by E. A. Lewis, Lord Knight 2:06 3/5, owned by P. J. Cadegan, Glace Bay, and driven by D. Pinkney, Truro, and driven by D. Pinkney, Don Trux 2:09 4/5, owned by D. Gallant, Saint John, and driven by G. Gaudet, Emperor's Miss 2:06 2/5, owned by Frank Stanfield, Truro and driven by C. MacLeod, Fresh Girl 2:09 1/5, owned by D.H. and J.D. Isner, Halifax, and driven by D. Walsh, Jet Master 2:07 2/5, owned by L. and G. Stables, Halifax, and driven by L. Walker, Johnnie Russell 2:07 4/5, owned and driven by S.H. Horsman, Moncton, Westfield, N.B. and driven by E. Goguen, Bud Henley 2:09 4/5, owned by Harry Wheby, Dartmouth and driven by M. Turner, Congressional Boy 2:03 2/5, owned by Mrs. A. Langille and C. Smith, Union Mills, N.B. and driven by E. Langille, Dan's Pal 2:10, owned by E.A. Grant, Houlton, Me., and driven by R. Troy, Direct Mile 2:06 3/5, owned by C.H. Letcher, Springhill and driven by E. A. Lewis, Lord Knight 2:06 3/5, owned by P. J. Cadegan, Glace Bay, and driven by D. Pinkney, Truro, and driven by D. Pinkney, Don Trux 2:09 4/5, owned by D. Gallant, Saint John, and driven by G. Gaudet, Emperor's Miss 2:06 2/5, owned by Frank Stanfield, Truro and driven by C. MacLeod, Fresh Girl 2:09 1/5, owned by D.H. and J.D. Isner, Halifax, and driven by D.



MIGHTY LEE 2:03 4/5, owned by Rankine McLaine and Willard MacDonald and driven by George Callbeck, as he broke the track record at Charlottetown, July 30, 1959—2:03 4/5, which is also a new record for the son of Mighty H. Mighty Lee also lowered track pacing record at Sackville Downs Sept. 7—2:04

Stables, Summerside and driven by J. Arsenault, Pinaland Duke 2:10, owned by K. G. Fraser, Dartmouth and driven by G. Turner, Watchin's Star 2:09 4/5, owned by Neil MacLeod, Dartmouth and driven by G. Manger and Wing Commander 2:04 3/5, owned by R.J. Jabalee, North Sydney and driven by P. Pinkney.

WHERE 2:10 MILES
Sackville Downs again leads in number of 2:10 miles—76—a wonderful showing. Charlottetown is second with 68, followed by Sydney with 17, Moncton 16, Fredericton and Truro 14 each, Saint John 7, Woodstock 2 and Summerside one.

The leading driver of the fast miles is George Callbeck, who has 19, followed by Rufin Barrieau with 15, D. Pinkney 11, D. MacDonald and J. MacGregor, 10 each, H. Cormier and C. MacLeod tied with 8 each and Johnny Courroy, Elwood Shaw, Lloyd Walker and Horace Willis have seven each. With five are J. Arsenault, H. Mount, E. Langille and E. Smith and with four each are C. Killam, C. O'Brien and G. Turner. The following have three each: M. Chaisson, T. C. Collette, G. Manger, P. Pinkney and Don Seaman.

With two each are: J. Bernard, W. Carr, T. Devlin, H.C. Fletcher, J. Goguen, Lorne Kelly, B. MacDonald, B. Queen, D. Hatchford, R. Troy and D. Walsh.
With one each, Roy Barnett, E. Bernard, J. Campbell, R. Creamer, F. Daniels, G. Gaudet, E. Goguen, E. Haley, J. Hennessey, S.H. Horsman, E. Kirkpatrick, A. Lewis, Col. D.A. MacKinnon, E. Moreside, R. O'Brien, Cyril Smith and M. Turner.
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Track Records
A new track pacing record was made at Charlottetown on July 30 when the big roan gelding, Mighty Lee, owned by Rankin McLaine and Willard MacDonald, lowered the former record of 2:05 held by Newport Chief 1:59 3/5, to 2:03 4/5, which was also a new record for the fleet-footed 6-year-old son of Mighty H. He was driven by George Callbeck.
At Saint John on September 15 Convoir 2:01, lowered the track pacing record to 2:07 3/5. It was formerly 2:07 4/5 and was held by Walter Roscroft 2:06 1/5. Convoir is owned by F.L. Breaux, Moncton, and was driven by Rufin Barrieau.
At Sackville Downs the pacing record of 2:06, held by Frenchman 2:06, was displaced when Mighty Lee 2:03 4/5 paced that oval in 2:04 on September 7. He was driven by George Callbeck.
The track trotting record was also lowered on September 30, to 2:08 by Titan Hanover, a 4-year-old stallion by Titan Hanover. He is owned by the L. and G. Stables, Halifax, and was driven by Lloyd Walker. The former record of 2:08 was held by Runnymede Beale 2:08 4/5.
At Port Hood new pacing and trotting records were set up, the former by King Peter 2:10 4/5, who stepped the mile in 2:10 4/5 on September 7. He is owned by Dr. J. MacLean, Inverness and was driven by A. MacEachern.
The new trotting record is 2:15, made on August 15 by Rockford 2:14, owned by Joseph MacNeill, Inverness and driven by A. MacEachern.
The post-war record of 2:06 pacing at Fredericton was equalled July 9 when Hal's Man, owned by Valley Stables, East Florenceville, N.B. and driven by C. Killam, went the mile in 2:06, which is also a new record for Hal's Man.
At Summerside, P.E.I. a new track trotting record was made by Blake Hanover 2:09 3/5, owned by Stanley Mayhew, Kinkora, P.E.I. and driven by Clark Smith on July 1. The time was 2:11 and it displaced the former record of 2:12, held by Jerry A. Hanover, 2:16 1/5.

2:10 OR BETTER MILES
The 195 miles paced or trotted in 2:10 or better in 1959 is an indication of the calibre of horses performing on Maritime tracks. The over-all average time was a lower, sensational racing proving the good work and excellent judgment of the classifiers. Forty-two of the above fast miles were in 2:08 or better, 23 in 2:07 or better and 12 in 2:06 or better. We again submit a comparison

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