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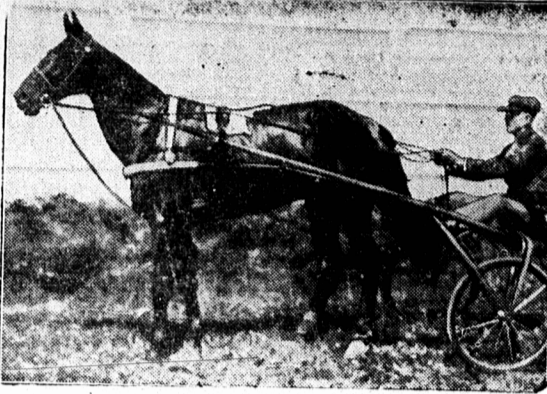
Active Year In Annual Review Of Harness Racing In All Branches Of Island Sport Prince Edward Island, Season Of 1936

As 1936 slowly fades out of existence once again we glance briefly over doings in Island sport circles for the year. While no noteworthy events have occurred nevertheless sport has enjoyed a fairly good year, that is as far as competition has been concerned. Attendances are slowly but surely falling off but still the participants in the various branches keep the old games going in the hopes that better days are ahead. For this they are to be commended and who knows but that in the near future their efforts will be rewarded by having Island athletics reach the high peak of not so many years ago.

Very few changes have occurred in Island championship teams, the majority of the 1935 titlist holding their crowns but in every instance they were faced with the stiffest of competition and had to prove their championship calibre. But the memory of battles in which Island athletes engaged, whether won or lost, will always live in their memory. 1936 is succeeded by the dawning of another year, a year in which let us hope is to be marked by the dawning of a new era in all branches of athletics.

To all the winners; to the losers on the way they played the game to all sportsmen of the Island Province we extend best wishes for a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Tops All Trotters



HEATHERBELL 2:08 1-4
The fastest trotter in the Maritime Provinces in 1936 with his mile in 2:08 1-4 made at Montague, and three miles in 2:09, 2:08 1-2, 2:09 at Fredericton, N. B. Owned and driven by Lt.-Col. D. A. MacKinnon, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

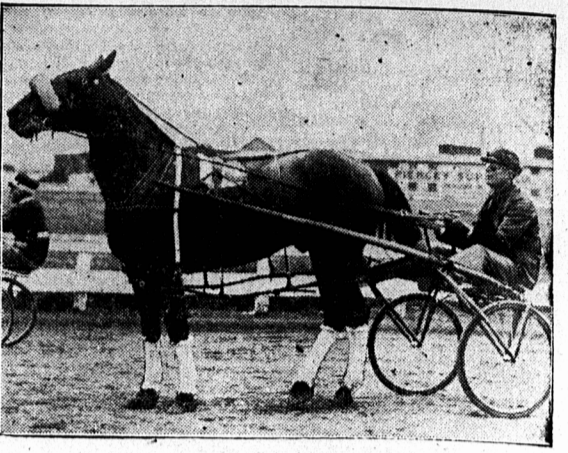
Records Fell Before Flashing Hoofs On Island Racing Circuits

The march of time has brought us to the end of another year and gives us an opportunity to look back in retrospect over the doings in harness horse sport so popular in our dear little province.

It was certainly a very active year, with perhaps the most sensational racing that we have record of. Several Maritime records were broken and 2.10 miles were very common, both on the trot and on the pace. Track trotting and pacing records were broken at Summerside, the track pacing record at Alberton was reduced, the track trotting record was lowered three times in one afternoon at Montague and again reduced by two seconds at a later meeting placing it where it now stands—2:08 1-4, which is also the provincial trotting record. Track trotting and pacing records were both lowered at Charlottetown at its big exhibition meet, and the trotting record again lowered at the Labor Day meet, and on this occasion new two-year-old and three-year-old pacink records for Maritime bred were set up. At a breeders' meeting held subsequently new trotting records for two-year-olds and three-year-olds, Maritime bred, resulted.

An Island owned trotter—Heatherbell—by reason of the 2:08 1-4 mile at Montague, August 5th, and the three winning miles at Fredericton, September 17th, of 2:09, 2:08 1-2, 2:09, has the honor of trotting the fastest heat and fastest three heats ever trotted by any Maritime owned trotter, either on a Maritime or any other track.

Fastest In Maritimes



CALUMET BUDLONG 2:02 3/4
The fastest horse owned in the Maritime Provinces in 1936, which paced in 2:05 1-2 at Fredericton. Owned by Mrs. Margaret Ballard, North Sydney, and driven by Billy Hood.

starters, best time 2:23 1-4, which is the fastest heat ever paced by a Maritime bred two-year-old. Nita Volo is owned by George Barbour, M.L.A., Alberton, and was driven by Lloyd O'Brien.

2:24 Pace First Division. Leta Kalmuck won the first heat in 2:14 1-4, August Queen won the second and third heats and race. Real Great won 2-2-5, Leona 6-4-2, Balbo 4-5-3, two other starters. August Queen is owned by Charles Craig, Halifax, and was driven by Billy McVeagh.

AUGUST 19TH

2:21 Pace. Billy Bonder was a straight heat winner, Peter Onward 2-2-2, Baronette 3-3-4, three other starters. The second heat was paced by Billy Bonder in 2:09 1-2, thereby earning him a place in the 2:10 list. He was owned by C. M. Alexander, Saint John, N. B., and was driven by Johnny Conroy.

CHARLOTTETOWN, LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Two-Year-Old Trot and Pace won by Bud Volo in straight heats, Nita Volo 3-2-2, Guy Kalmuck 2-6-6, three other starters, best time 2:25 1-4. Bud Volo is owned by Barbour Bros., Alberton, and was driven by Lloyd O'Brien.

Three-Year-Old Trot and Pace. Guy Ann was a straight heat winner, Millie Kalmuck 3-2-2, Miss Victoria 2-3-3, HI-Sox 4-4-5, two other starters, best time 2:16 1-2, a new Maritime record for a Maritime bred three year old pacer. Guy Ann is owned and was driven by George A. Calbeck, Summerside.

BREEDERS' MEETING CHARLOTTETOWN

A performance against time meeting was held October 7th at which Guy Kalmuck, two-year-old bay gelding by Quimlock, started to beat 2:29 trotting, and trotted in 2:22 1/4, which is the fastest heat ever trotted by a Maritime bred two-year-old.

On the same afternoon Millie Kalmuck in a trial to beat 2:30 trotting was timed in 2:14 3-4, a new record for Maritime bred three-year-olds. Guy Kalmuck is owned by George Lewis, Royalty, and was driven by Willard Kelly, who is also the driver and owner of Millie Kalmuck.

MATINEE RACES

Matinee races were held at Charlottetown early in June and in mid-summer. Successful matinees were also held at Northam, Hamilton and Kensington. These races showed up some good material that will no doubt be heard from next season.

The following horses entered the 2:30 list on Prince Edward Island tracks during 1936. Harvest Melody, t by Robert S. Bergen, Charlottetown, August 19th—2:10 1-4.

Soviet, p, by Lee Tide, Alberton July 8th—2:12. Millie Kalmuck (3) t, by Kalmuck, Charlottetown, Oct. 7th time record 2:14 3-4.

Aliset, t, by Longset, Charlottetown, Aug. 19th—2:15. Balbo, p, by Al Worthy, Montague, Aug. 5th—2:15.

Acé Bailey, p, by Colonel Aubrey Summerside, July 29th—2:18 1-2. Rosebud (4) p, by Bud Alexander Summerside, July 1st—2:19 1-2. Guy Kalmuck (2) t, by Kalmuck Charlottetown, Aug. 21st, race record 2:29. Charlottetown, Oct. 7th time record—2:22 1-4.

Nita Volo (2) p, by Pax Volo Charlottetown, Aug. 18th—2:23 1-1. Buddy Volo (2) p, by Pax Volo Charlottetown, Sept. 7th—2:25 1-4. The following horses already on the list, reduced their records on Prince Edward Island tracks in 1936.

Heatherbell, t, Montague, Aug. 5th, from 2:10 to 2:08 1-4. Silk Girl, t, Charlottetown, Aug. 21st, from 2:12 1-2 to 2:09 1-4.

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INTER. HOCKEY

For the first time in many years this Island Province was without a senior team. Big Four guys left its mark in many ways and it is likely that it will be a long time before fans flock to the rinks in the numbers they did to witness what was then the fastest hockey loop in Canada.

But while the seniors faded out of the picture the intermediates and Juniors played plenty of hockey. Borden Nationals little thought of all season came up for the playoffs at the peak of their game to win the Island title from Montague. Summerside, 1935 champions, Borden, after defeating the McLean League winners took Summerside into camp in a home and home series which Montague were beating the City League champs in the other semifinal series. This brought together Borden and Montague in the final and although the defending champions were favorites this did not deter the Borden team in any way; they won both games to march off with the Island title. Borden then went into the Maritime semi-finals but after beating the New Brunswick champions at Suediac in the first game they came back home to suffer elimination at the hands of this same team, losing a tough total-goal series by one goal.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Junior hockey on the Island last year was by far the best yet. Almost in every village there was leagues in operation and the day is not far distant when the youngsters will be holding the spotlight.

In the City a three-team City League was in operation that provided very keen, close competition between the participants, Rangers, Royals, and Abbies. Royals, coached by the veteran Chick Williams had too much class for the other two teams. Winners of the league schedule Royals stood by as Harry Richardson's Abbies upset the old apple cart by taking Johnny Williams' Rangers into camp in the semi-finals.

Summerside, the western Island champs then met the Royals for the Island title but the local team had too much polish and class and won both games handily to go into the Maritime playdowns.

MIDGET HOCKEY

Midget hockey had its local start last season and proved successful in every way. Backed by well known sport followers of the city, who saw in the youngsters the means of developing I.A. and hockey talent, the league had an auspicious start. The schedule of games were played with the youngsters, all under sixteen year of age showing plenty of ability. Jack McCourt's Canadiens proved to be the winners of the Lieutenant D. A. MacKinnon trophy. This team had been outstanding all season, but in the playoffs had to show every bit of their ability to capture the trophy. An interesting item in connection with this league was the donation of the Chester A. Campbell trophy for the payer adjudged to be the most valuable

to his team for the season's play. George McLeod young Ranger right winger was the winner, being closely pressed by several other players in the league.

This year the men who started the league last year are again solidly behind it and indications point strongly to an even more successful season than was experienced this past year.

BADMINTON

This is another game that is rapidly coming to the fore with the Holy Name Club, Y. and Armouries all having courts in operation and holding tournaments throughout the season. The Armouries with four courts for play was the scene of the city championships and tournament for the L. G. Lewis trophy. Both these matches drew large crowds and the badminton played was of a high order. Charlottetown racquet wilders retained the Lewis trophy in their games against Summerside defeating the Westerners 29 matches to 11 in the two nights play.

The City championships resulted as follows: Ladies Doubles—Miss Eleanor Bourke and Mrs. W. A. Smith. Men's Doubles—R. Hyndman and S. Jones.

Mixed Doubles—W. Goss and Mrs. H. Cudmore.

Towards the close of the season the Holy Name Club staged a club tourney that proved most interesting with the following club champions being declared:

Men's Doubles—J. Johnston and H. Spillett.

Ladies Doubles—M. Connolly and J. Blake.

Mixed Doubles—J. Blake and J. M. McQuaid.

BOXING

After being in the doldrums for a great many years, despite efforts of various promoters to bring back interest boxing made a great comeback last summer and fall that saw large crowds attending the matches.

The man behind the comeback was Joey McDonald, well-known and likable sport follower. After staging several bouts in the P. U. Hall, Joey decided that a heavyweight fight, something entirely new as far as Island bouts were concerned, was the thing to put on. His foresight proved the spark that was to ignite boxing interest to new and higher levels. Benny Binns and George Leslie met for the Island heavy title with Leslie beating his much lighter opponent in six thrill-packed rounds. But this was only the start.

Leslie, an entrant in Jack Dempsey's White Hope tournament, placed himself under the guidance of "Big Jim" Pendergast of Kensington and was literally besieged with offers. Stan B'ggar, Charlottetown boy was the first to get a shot at the title but he wasn't good enough and the champion scored a three-round knockout to retain his crown. But still there was many who doubted Leslie's ability. Leslie couldn't accommodate all the challenges that were being hurled at him from all sides so promoter McDonald hit upon the idea of an Island heavyweight elimination tournament to decide a challenger for the title. From the very first the idea went over with a bang; over two dozen fighters, representing every section of the Province sent in entries and the result of it was that a packed Forum was on hand on the night of the fights.

Jim Evans of Kensington, a former sparring partner of Leslie's was the winner after taking part in 3 grueling fights. Always a favorite when Evans stepped into the ring he had over 2500 fans solidly behind him and Leslie's former sparring mate sent the crowd mad with enthusiasm when he captured the crown by knocking out Leslie in two rounds.

But like Leslie had been, Evans was also besieged with challenges, and again a tourney was planned,

only this time the light heavies were given a chance to decide the best man in that division. Although the idea did not take as well as the first one nevertheless the bouts were staged and Dan McCormack of Souris marched off with the light-heavy title defeating Ken McInnis of Southport in the final, while Leslie, anxious for another fight with Evans battled his way to the winner's post in the heavy division.

However the season was pretty well advanced by this time and the title bout was postponed until next season rolls around.

These were only a few of the fine cards that were staged. Many mainland fighters showed their wares and the last bout of the season, a fight which shows clearly the calibre of the fighters taking part, was between Tommy Bland, Dominion lightweight champion and local champion of Westville, N. S. The bout after ten grueling rounds ended in a draw.

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SOFTBALL

Easily the best season since the local inauguration of the game softball had a great season last year with the game spreading all over the province. Many thrilling games took place and the champions of the respective leagues had to battle right to the finish before capturing their titles.

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The above gives but a glimpse of the wonders of 1936 racing which was featured on every occasion by the keenest rivalry which large fields of good horses made possible.

The average time made on the various tracks was undoubtedly faster than ever before. Charlottetown had the biggest Maritime meet of the year with four days racing at its Provincial Exhibition, with over \$4,500 in premiums—drawing one hundred individual entries. The average of heats trotted and paced during the meeting—exclusive of two and three-year-old classes—was as follows. There were nine heats trotted, the fastest being 2:09 1-4 by Silk Girl, the slowest that of Allset in the 2:25 Trot, 2:18 3-4. The average of the nine heats trotted was 2:12 1-2.

There were 21 heats paced during the meeting, the fastest that of Bud Wenger in 2:05 1-2 in the Free-for-All, and the slowest heat paced was that of Josie the Great in the 2:24 Pace Second Division, time 2:15 3-4. The average of the 21 heats was 2:10 3-4. During the meet three horses entered the 2:10 list, Billy Bonder with a record of 2:09 1-2, Quaker Girl with a record of 2:09 3-4 (both pacers) and one trotter, Silk Girl with a record of 2:09 1-4.

The following is a short summary of the race meets held giving winners, contending horses and fastest time made.

SUMMERSIDE, JULY 1ST.

The 2:18 Trot and Pace was won by Helen D. in straight heats, Calumet Bee second, McElwyn the Great third. Catherine C. fourth, best time 2:16 1-2. Helen D. is owned by Urban Gillis, Miscouche, and was driven by Tyndall Sempie.

The 2:23 Trot and Pace was won by Paddy Aubrey in straight heats, Leta Kalmuck second, Bud Cope third, Kitty McKane fourth, best time 2:18. Paddy Aubrey is owned by Harry O'Brien, Alberton, and was driven by Harry O'Brien.

2:28 Trot and Pace, Soviet won the first and third heats, Rosebud, owned by Harry Murphy, Charlottetown, winning the second heat and taking a new record of 2:19 1-2. Soviet equaled that time in the third heat, Helena Witte was third, Acé Bailey fourth, Tote fifth. Soviet is owned by Andrew Perry, Summerside, and was driven by Lloyd O'Brien.

The Three-Year-Old Maritime Bred was won by Guy Ann in straight heats, HI-Sox second, Miss Victoria third, Guy Todd fourth, Reymonette fifth, best time 2:23 1-4. Guy Ann is owned and driven by George A. Calbeck, Summerside.

ALBERTON

Races were held July 8th. The 2:16 Class was won by McElwyn the Great in straight heats, Trixie Volo second, Helen D. third, Winnie Winkle fourth, Mac Volo fifth, best time 2:11, a new track pacing record. McElwyn the Great is owned and was driven by Frank Calbeck, Summerside.

The 2:23 Mixed was won by Peter Onward in straight heats, Bud Cope second, Leta Kalmuck third, Paddy Aubrey fourth, best time 2:13 3-4. Peter Onward is owned by George Mathieu, Campbellton, N. B., and was driven by Bob Morrison.

In the 2:28 Class Soviet was a straight heat winner, Leona second, Rosebud third, Helena Witte, fourth, best time 2:12. Soviet is owned by Andrew Perry, Summerside, and was driven by Lloyd O'Brien.

MONTAGUE, JULY 15TH

The 2:15 Trot and Pace was won by Heatherbell in straight heats, Ross K. second, Star G. third, McElwyn the Great fourth, Hanover Aubrey fifth, best time 2:10 3-4—a new track trotting record. Heatherbell is owned and was driven by Lt.-Col. D. A. MacKinnon, Charlottetown.

2:15 Trot, Lusty Frisco won in straight heats, High Toby second,

Hackfast third, Calumet Bee fourth, best time 2:12 3-4. Lusty Frisco is owned by Charles H. Chandler, Charlottetown, and was driven by Fred Cameron.

2:24 Trot and Pace. Peter Onward won the first two heats, the second in 2:13 being the fastest of the three. Soviet won the third heat, Leta Kalmuck was third in the summary, Baronette fourth, Leona fifth. Peter Onward is owned by George Mathieu, Campbellton, N.B. and was driven by Bob Morrison.

SUMMERSIDE, JULY 29TH

The 2:17 Pace was won by Hanover Courier, Star G. taking the first heat in 2:14, then Couriers won the next in 2:12, a new track pacing record. McElwyn the Great was third in the summary, Peter Onward fourth, Trixie Volo fifth, Hanover Courier, Saint John, N. B., and was driven by Johnny Conroy.

In the 2:15 Trot Lusty Frisco won the first two heats, each in 2:14 which is a new track trotting record. High Toby won the third heat in 2:14 1-4. Captain Cope was third in the summary, Helen D. fourth. Lusty Frisco is owned by Charles H. Chandler, Charlottetown, and was driven by Fred Cameron.

2:29 Trot and Pace. This was a win for Acé Bailey, Hal Boojum accounting for the first heat. Acé Bailey won the second and fastest in 2:17 3-4. Helena Witte was third, Bonnie Mac fourth, Tote fifth. Acé Bailey is owned by Ensor Bonness, Summerside, and was driven by Mac Siede.

This was another straight heat victory for Guy Ann, HI-Sox 2-2-2, Millie Kalmuck 3-3-3, Guy Todd 5-4-4, best time 2:19. Guy Ann is owned and was driven by George A. Calbeck, Summerside, P. E. I.

MONTAGUE, AUGUST 5TH

2:15 Trot and Pace. Plucky Scott won the first heat in 2:08 3-4, Heatherbell the second in 2:08 1-4—a new track trotting record and the fastest heat ever trotted by a Maritime owned trotter on a Maritime track. Heatherbell won the third heat in 2:10. Star G. was third in the summary, Trixie Volo fourth, McElwyn the Great fifth, Hanover Courier sixth, Ross K. seventh. Heatherbell is owned and was driven by Lt.-Col. D. A. MacKinnon, Charlottetown.

2:15 Trot. This was another straight heat victory for Lusty Frisco. High Toby was 2-2-4, Helen D. 5-5-2, Calumet Bee 3-4-3, Hackfast 7-3-5, Captain Cope and Juliett alternated. Best time 2:14 1-4. Lusty Frisco is owned by Charles H. Chandler, Charlottetown, and was driven by Fred Cameron.

Classified Race. Peter Onward won the first and third heats and reduced his record to 2:11 3-4. Soviet won the second heat in 2:14, Billy Bonder was 2-2-4, Mac Volo 5-3-3, Baronette fourth and distanced. Peter Onward is owned by George Mathieu, Campbellton, N.B. and was driven by Bob Morrison.

2:25 Trot and Pace. Balbo won the first heat in 2:15, thereby taking a new record. Bud Cope won the next two heats and race, Hal Boojum was third in the summary, Melodina White fourth. There were six other starters. Bud Cope is owned and was driven by George A. Calbeck, Summerside.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION RACES, CHARLOTTETOWN, AUGUST 18TH

The 2:12 Trot and Pace was won by Marjorie M. in straight heats, Guy Britton 2-3-3, Plucky Scott 3-4-2, Brave Arion 4-2-4, Hanover Courier 5-5-5, best time 2:10 1-4. Marjorie M. is owned by R. Jabbee North Sydney, N. S., and was driven by Ollie Rudderham.

The Two-Year-Old Trot and Pace was won by Nita Volo in straight heats, Buddy Volo 2-4-2, Dillon District 3-2-3, Leland 4-3-4, Guy Kalmuck 8-6-5. There were four other

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