

Down The Back Stretch

A trotter to a pacer and laid the groundwork for his future greatness. Roach MacGregor did the rest. He looks like one of the most valuable horses in the Maritimes as he has intense speed, good manners and soundness.

The fastest three heats trotted during the meeting were by Dean Gallon—time 2:12, 2:09 4/5, 2:10 2/5. The fastest three heats paced were on Monday night—Headway, owned by James Given of Halifax, and driven by Harry Harrison—3-1, Jerry's Nightmare, owned by James O'Brien, Alberton, and driven by Earle Semple, 1-3-2, time—2:10 3/5, 2:11 1/5, 2:14. Average time—2:11 4/5. This time Friday afternoon by Abbeband, owned by James Watt, Little River West, Que., and driven by W. Jardine. Time, 2:12 1/5, 2:11, 2:12 3/5.

Annually for many years the Macdonald Tobacco Company of Montreal has donated the British Consols Trophy for leading driver, but this year they decided that a cash prize might be more appreciated so they have given a \$25.00 cheque which will go to the driver of the largest money winning trotter in America in 1913, Baden by Bingara, that was afterwards sold to the Russian Government for \$50,000. Forty-one years have elapsed since then and it is certainly remarkable to see him still forge to the front over so many younger rivals.

Joe O'Brien was right in the limelight at the Hambletonian races held at Goshen Good Time mile track recently in the 2.20 pace he was 2-2 with Mack Primrose in 1-1, 3-5, 2:00 1-8, and in the Arthur S. Tompkins Two Year Old Memorial Trot, purse \$11,800, he was second to Galophone in 2:07 and third in 2:03 3-5. In the Geers Three Year Old Pace, purse \$11,295 he was 1-2-1 with Diamond Hal, heading Parker Byrd, that won the second heat, Cimmaron Forbes, Jug Chief and other top three-year-old pacers of the United States. The time was 2:00 2-5, 2:01 1-5, 2:00 3-5. In the third heat Diamond Hal equalled his new mark of 2:00 2-5 taken in the first heat and was easy at the end. He was second at the quarter in 29 2-5, was leading at the half in 59 2-5 and won by open lengths as Joe tried to get him home in a second. This was the richest Geers stake and the second victory for O'Brien, who won two years ago with Mighty Sun, owned by Mr. Camp.

Joe also won the trotting derby, purse \$5,450, with Scotch Victor, Kimberly Kid won the opening heat in 2:00 with a strong stretch drive that gave him two minutes to become the first two-minute trotter of the year and the first for his great sire Volomite. In the second heat Kimberly Kid went to the quarter in 30 4-5, then Morse Hanover took over at the half in 1:01. Kimberly Kid took out the five-eighths and Scotch Victor, which was second then third along the rail, came right along with him in the last eighth. Scotch Victor was flying. He collared the leader in the stretch to score a length win in 2:01. Scotch Victor also won the third and deciding heat in this race with Kimberly Kid second and in doing so became the second trotter to step in 2:00 this season.

Next week will be Futurity Week at Summerside and the Summerside merchants and Summerside Raceway extend an invitation to all interested in harness racing to attend the afternoon and evening races on Wednesday, August 25th, and the night racing on Thursday and Saturday nights, August 26 and 28. There will be 13 heats featuring the finest 2-year-old, 3-year-old and 4-year-old trotters and pacers bred and produced in the Maritimes. A total of 65 colts are entered, the get of 21 royally bred stallions. In addition there are 15 classified

Walter S. Found of Merced, California, paid a flying visit to Charlottetown early this week. His horses are racing at Foxboro and he took an opportunity to see his relatives and old friends here while so near. Walter's horses are doing well, two of them were winners at Foxboro a few nights ago. He has relieved himself of a lot of business responsibilities by selling his lumber business in Merced. We hope that he will sometime come back with us and make a long stay.

With the 1934 racing season at midway point, Billy Haughton,



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New York reinsman appears heading for a successful defence of the national race and money winning crown he won last year and if the 33-year-old driver can continue his present pace he will set up a new modern record for races won. Figures compiled up to and including August 1st by the United States Trotting Association credit Haughton with 83 wins and \$185,000. Trailing Haughton in the money winning column are Jim Jordan, Orlando, Florida, with \$188,861; Clint Hodgins, Clarendon, Ont., \$117,982; Stanley Dancer, New Egypt, N. J. with \$85,248. In the races won category Hodgins is followed by John Chapman of Hamburg, N.Y. with 64; Donald E. Turner, Dartmouth, N.S., with 47; Stanley Dancer with 44 and Frank G. Daniels, Lawrenceville, N.S. with 43. Our congratulations to our Maritime horsemen for the splendid showing they are making.

And at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Raceway, Aubrey Rodney, is leading driver and appears to be on the way to winning another driving championship at that track. He was the driver of the largest money winning trotter in America in 1913, Baden by Bingara, that was afterwards sold to the Russian Government for \$50,000. Forty-one years have elapsed since then and it is certainly remarkable to see him still forge to the front over so many younger rivals.

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Free For All Trot and Pace. The officials of Summerside Raceway have a splendid track, excellent facilities and trust will have a most successful meeting, which they certainly deserve. Last year's futurities were among the most interesting we have ever witnessed and this year's promises to be equally as good, if not better. The Futurities are promoted by the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club, whose President is Dr. R. P. Seaman and the Secretary is the very active W. G. Gillespie. These men with others have promoted these very worth while contests for years and they have been the means of bringing out many of the best trotters and pacers campaigned through the years and racing campaigned now in the Maritimes, and elsewhere.

And now we take a glance over the past week's racing throughout the Maritimes and we note that on Saturday night, Aug. 14, at Fredericton, N.B., Federal's Girl, owned by C. H. McGinley, Houlton, Maine, and driven by Allison Langille, won the first dash in 2:30. Bevo's Orphan Annie (Johnston) won the 2nd and 6th dashes were won by Victory Belle, owned and driven by R. E. Hamilton of Woodstock with Prince Abner (Burt) 2-6 and Calso Boy (Jensen) 6-2 Time, 2:19 2-5, 2:18 2-5. The 3rd and 7th dashes were won by Princess Tina, owned by Mrs. Allison Langille and driven by Fraser & Hamilton (Hamilton) owned by F. Violette, Edmundston, Top Royal (Carr) 2-3, Slicker Tass (McDonald) 4-2. Time, 2:11 2-5. The 8th and 9th dashes were won by Shamrock Thoughts (Mount), owned by Edwards & Mount, Fredericton, with Ritzky (Linden), owned by P. W. Bridges, 2-2. Time, 2:10, 2:11 4-5.

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The very cold windy night out down the attendance at the Charlottetown Raceway Tuesday night but those who braved the elements saw some excellent finishes. In the 1st and 5th dashes Bob Clegg (Goguen) owned by E. Ford, was 1-4, Belle Budlong (Semple) 4-1. Time, 2:17 2-5, 2:21. In the 2nd and 6th dashes the trotter Tartan (C Smith), owned by Ray Stewart, was 1-5, Real Gingo (O'Meara), owned by Mrs. E. Mustacalis, was 3-1. Time, 2:17 1-5, 2:19 4-5. The 3rd and 7th dashes were won by Barbara Ann Queen, owned by H.

Monaghan, Sydney, and driven by Cyril Smith, was 1-1, Abner McGrew (Campbell) 2-5, Chocolate Dip (Semple), 6-2. Time, 2:17, 2:18. Budlong, owned and driven by Harold Cudmore, was 1-3. Fairgo, owned by Kennedy & Williams and driven by S. Kennedy, was 2-1. Time, 2:16, 2:14. Fairgo's performance under the conditions was a good one.

We had the pleasure of a short visit from S. Thane Belyea, well known horse lover of Fredericton, N.B., who has helped this column for years and is one of the best informed horsemen in the Maritimes. Thane is looking remarkably well and he says that the night racing is going over good in Fredericton and more and more people are becoming interested in it. He left on return yesterday afternoon and intended taking in the races at Moncton last night.

One of this province's greatest athletes whose other exploits included mushing to the Klondike in the early days searching for gold, and whose record in the ring was a notable one—Jim Pendergast—is back here residing in Charlottetown after spending some months at the Pacific Coast. Jim has always taken a great interest in harness racing and some of our pleasantest experiences were at his New Annan track. Despite a bad accident which he met with he is still the same Jolly Jim.

The excellent program and the presence of the free-for-all My Volo 2:02 2-5, brought a large crowd to Wednesday night's racing at Summerside, and My Volo did not disappoint them, pacing the first mile in 2:09 1-5—the fastest mile trotted or paced in this province this season. Second to him that

Starters And Post Positions

SATURDAY NIGHT RACES SUMMERSIDE RACEWAY

POST TIME 8:30 STANDARD TIME

CLASS C.C. TROT AND PACE		RACES 1 & 5—PURSE \$250	
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5-3 CLEAN UP			
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1-6 LOU KALMUCK	6-5 EVA BUDLONG		
2-7 MEG	7-4 JANET CLEGG		
3-3 CAPTAIN MORGAN	8-1 MANNISTER DIRECT		
4-8 MISS COMMANDO	Also eligible—Belle Budlong, Propane		
5-2 BRUCE'S SISTER			
CLASS A.A. PACE		RACES 4 & 8—PURSE \$350.00	
1-3 MISS DONNA MAE	6-7 ABNER THE GREAT		
2-5 MISS KNOX	7-4 BILLY BUDLONG		
4-8 MY DARLING	8-6 MONEY ROYAL		
5-1 ESSO	Also eligible—Commander Bill.		

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SUMMERSIDE RACEWAY

help was the pacer Yuta (MacGregor), owned by Andrew Perry, with Robert Bruce (MacNeill) 3. In the succeeding dash Robert Bruce, owned by George Brookings, was 2. Yuta 3. Time, 2:09 2-5. Gahagen (Campbell) was 4. My Volo is owned by W. F. McBibb and was driven by F. Carr. In the B Class Pace, Lady Clegg (Semple), owned by J. Turner, was 1-3, Ill Conto, owned and driven by Eddie Coles, 7-1, Rusty Hanover (Carr) 2-2. Time, 2:17 1-5, 2:16 1-5. The Class A Trot was won by Frisco the Great, owned by Reg Smith and driven by George Sobey, with Peggy Ella (Stead) 2. In the second dash New Forest, owned and driven by Bob Holman, came through along the rail to win in 2:16 3-5. This dash brought great applause from the grandstand. It is the second excellent drive he has made in a week, the other one being at Old Home Week when he won with his 3-year-old, Rubison Clegg. In the Class B Pace Jay's Hope, owned and driven by Art Jay, Borden, won the first dash with Propane (Sobey) 2. Propane, owned by Small & Arnett, Summerside won the next dash with Lady Abner (Smith) 2. Time, 2:16 3-5, 2:17 3-5.

Wednesday night was Ladies Night at Saint John Exhibition track and a total of 3,300 fans were on hand to see some excellent racing. In the 1st and 4th dashes Oliver Chief, owned and driven by Art Davidson, was 1-2, share of the money, last week my Donald G. R., owned and driven



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by Lloyd McKinney, 3-1. Time, 2:16 2-5, 2:14. In the 2nd and 5th dashes Billy Direct Hair, owned and driven by H. Kirkpatrick, Saint John was 1-4, Valuable Doc, owned and driven by H. E. Jones, Lower Kars, 3-1. Time, 2:16 3-5, 2:17 3-5. In the 3rd and 7th dashes Shirley Doris, owned and driven by Joe Robichaud, Buctouche, was 1-3, Billy Prosester (Renaud), owned by T. Leeger, Buctouche, 3-1. Time, 2:20 2-5, 2:21. In the 5th and 8th dashes Ramona Chips, owned by the Bright Spot Club and driven by M. Lawson, was 1-1, Cedric Hanover (Chase) 2-4. Time Table (Downey) 3-2. Time, 2:14, 2:14.

The Earle Semple stable with nine horses left late this week for Lewiston, Maine. Earle expects to race them at two or three other meetings before returning home.

We were delighted to have a letter from our good friend Rennie MacDonald of Sydney, N. S. who is campaigning Harry Hirsch's stable on Quebec tracks. Here are a few extracts from 11: "Blue Bonnets and Richelle are having bang-up racing with record crowds and the betting on the mutuels running from one hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand every night. Lord Brookville 2:04 2-5 broke the track trotting record at Blue Bonnets last night with a mile in 2:05. Cape Breton horses are winning their share of the money, last week my Donald G. R., owned and driven

had three wins and two seconds and Don Patchford had a couple of wins. Top Brass, owned by Richard Jubilee, North Sydney, won one of the best heats here this season. He stood for his life to get to the front but each time was shut off, then came on at the last end of the mile to win in 2:10." Rennie thinks there will not be many miles in better than 2:10 this season over Canadian tracks, due to so much rain which makes heavy going.

OBSTINATE ORPHAN

WHITSTABLE, England (CP)—A baby seal five times persisted in swimming back to shore after being put into the sea at this Kent resort. He finally was given a temporary home in a tin bath and fed on shrimps until he was taken to Maidstone zoo.

OVERSEAS INVESTMENT

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