

Summerside Raceway enjoys highly successful season

Once again the harness racing season at Summerside Raceway proved a decided success.

Raced by the Prince County Horsemen's Club who directed the activity throughout 1964 and whose energetic group came through with flying colors. Improvements included the grading and seeding of the race track, the addition of a new starting gate.

Edgewood Scott paced the fastest mile over the western oval in 1964, 2:06.1 and Poplar Flash came through with the best trotting mark 2:09. Best mile by a Summerside-owned horse was Cadillac Gold Dust, 2:07.4. The great two-year old Doc Wilson surprised raceway spectators with a fine 2:13 mile.

On September 4, a fire at the barns sent one in flames and caused damage to the extent of \$50,000. Despite the heavy loss, the season was completed. At the present time work is underway on the erection of a fine new barn of cement block construction.

The season opened on June 10 and from then until closing night Summerside Raceway had loads of highlights. Here are a few of them. On opening night the mare, Miss Tom Scott, reined by George Frizzell and owned by Andrew Perry won dashes. Her best time was the trotting event in a straight the Cadillac Gold Dust (Basil Whalen) and Santiago (G. Cappelletto) split top honors. Both dashes were in 2:12. On June 17 Alora Pinou teamed his Sippy Queen to a double dash triumph. Her best mile was a nifty 2:09.1, the fastest on the Island up to that date.

On June 24 a lead beat between Lady Mar (G. Robinson) and Sir Smart (B. Whalen) gave the fans that little something extra. The evening the good trotter, Poplar Flash, capped two dashes. Best time was 2:10.2.

The Dominion Day cards, afternoon and night, attracted the usual big turnouts. The Sheik (H. Poulton) and Rio Grande (O. Willis) took turns at heading the parade in the feature trot. Times were 2:12.2 and 2:12.1. The latter a new record for the gelding owned by James Schurman, Summerside.

On the evening card on July 1, three horses came up with double victories. They were Happy Gallon C (L. Neill), July Abb (E. Bernard) and W.M.X. (E. Bernard). The feature pace had six starters. Sippy Queen (A. Pinou) grabbed the first mile in 2:10.2 and Elmer C (R. MacFarlyen) took the second in 2:10.5. Also on this card the young pacer, Sir Smart, was claimed by Stanley Maylow, Kinkora, for \$1000

from his former owner, Andrew Perry.

On July 8 another sizzling card sent patrons home in a happy mood. Three horses came up with new records. The smooth pacing mare, Donna-way, Orville Willis doing the driving, won two dashes. Her best mile of 2:10 was a new mark. The trotter, Rio Grande (O. Willis) captured the sixth dash in 2:10 fashion, also a new mark, and Santiago raced away with a double verdict in the feature, 2:09.4 and 2:07.3. The latter was a new record for the Maylow pacer.

GREATEST EVER

Lobster Carnival Week racing was by far the greatest ever experienced by the Summerside club. On opening night no less than five horses came up with new race tabs. The lone double dash winner on that occasion was Northfield (G. Frizzell), best time 2:09.3.

The sleek pacing mare, Miss Kimble, reined by Don MacNeill, won the fourth dash in 2:08.3 (a new record). Victory Scott (Art Barbini) was a

bang - up second. However, Danaway, had no much claim for the others in the next trot of this class, breacing to victory in 2:09. Donna-way is owned by Bill Moir.

The pacer, Part Hill Boy, (L. Neill) was in 2:10.1 that night, bettering his former mark by more than three seconds. Blue Mountain Girl (G. Robinson) took a new tab of 2:12.1 and the trotter, Happy Gallon C (L. Neill) sported a 2:13 rating after the night's activities.

On July 14 the daily double on April Building and Edgewood Hal paid a re-sounding \$190.40. That evening the feature event was the E. I. Jay Memorial Trot. Rio Grande (O. Willis) and Cyclone Kelly (L. Kelly) divided honors. Both miles were in 2:11.2 and each horse had a 1-3 summary. As a result both owners were presented with trophies. Other happenings that night included Runway (R. Barnard) taking a 2:17 record, Lucky V coping two dashes, best time 2:15 and Speaker's Pick (G. Frizzell) won the feature with E. I. H.

Ridge Eddy 2-3. Speaker's Pick is owned by Andrew Perry, Summerside. Another feature of this card was the exactor pay as Runway and Lanway C. Ticketholders got a handsome \$225.

Two nights later, July 16, Janet M (W. Downe) managed to escape with two dashes. Her best time was 2:12.1.

On July 17, the Ensur Bowness Memorial Pace attracted a very large crowd of spectators but the field was cut to four horses through sickness among the speedsters. Edgewood Scott reined by Elmer Smith took both dashes in 2:07 and 2:06.1. Mrs. Bowness presented driver Smith with the Ensur Bowness Memorial Trophy and Raceway president, Bob Desjar, presented the winning driver with a cooler

from Andy's Downtown restaurant.

On Saturday night July 18 the Lobster Carnival Week of racing came to a most successful conclusion. Billy Silver (Art Barbini) nabbed two dashes in 2:13 and 2:12.1, the latter the best time of the entire card. Miss Tom Scott was second both trips. The winner is owned by Arnold MacLennan, Summerside.

On July 20 rain cut the card to five dashes. Miss Tom Scott won in 2:14 and Northfield took the next trip in 2:12. Both were driven by George Frizzell and both owned by Andrew Perry. BIG PAYOFF

On Aug. 14 Lady Gallon C and Susan's Birthday combined for an exacte payoff of \$39.90. Three horses came through

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