

Campus Women



QUOTE OF WEEK

'Opportunities are usually disguised by hard work, so most people don't recognize them.'

Ann Landfers.

WOMEN IN SPORTS: Harness Racing

Harness Racing has long been known as "the sport of kings" but it also has some queens. It is typically a male dominated sport with women occupying "behind the scenes" positions, ranging from cleaning stalls to jogging horses. The number of female drivers in the maritimes was unavailable from the USTA but Kevin "Boomer" Gallant from the CDP says 'there is no more than five, that he could think of'.

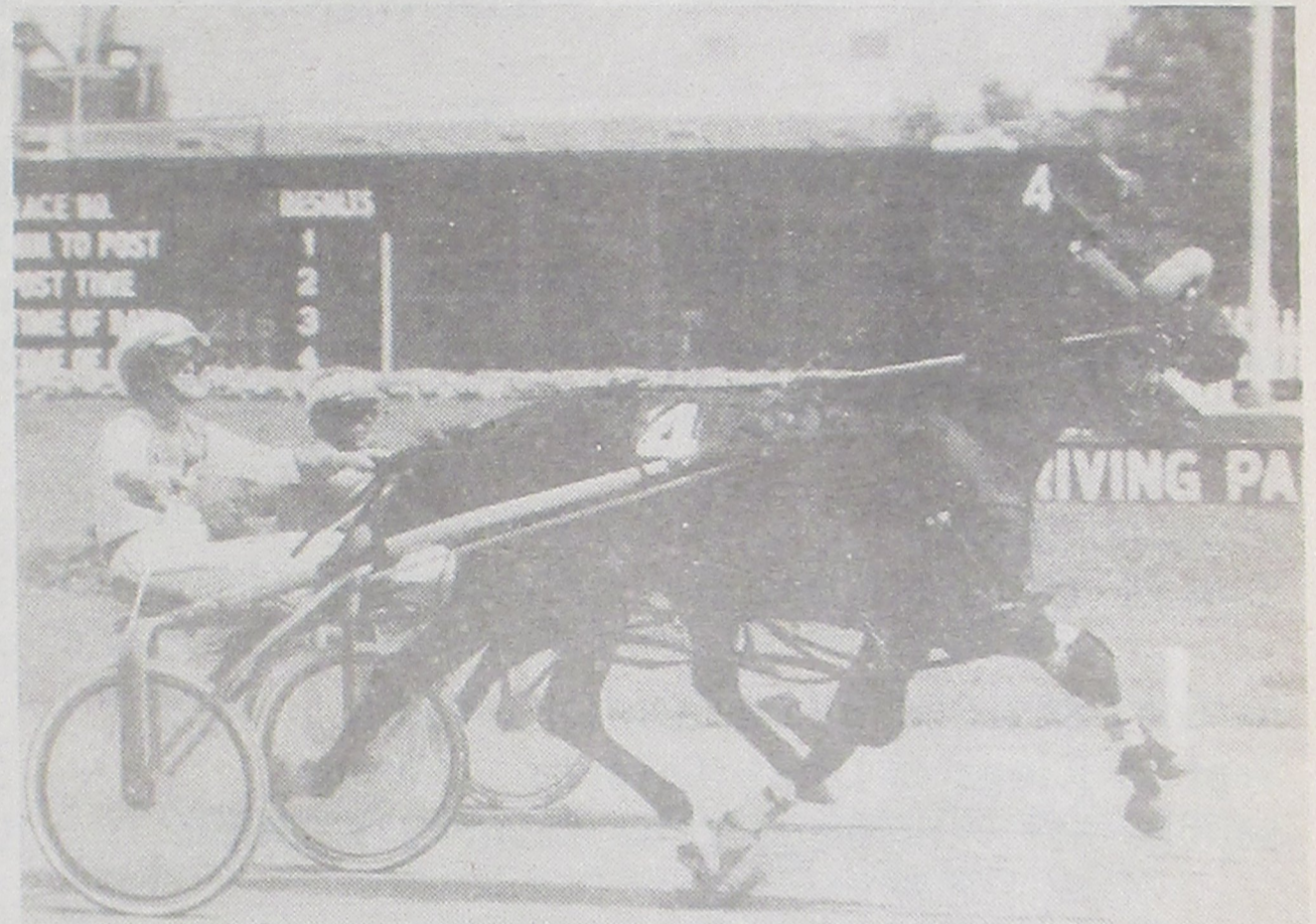
One of these queens is Clare Macdonald, Ladys Driving Champion two years in a row in Summerside and now Canada's second fastest female driver going a mile in 1:57.4 with the sensational three year old Kilkerran Engle. Other than Emmons Mackay, Clare is the only other person to ever drive Kilkerran Engle. When asked how she felt being asked to drive Kilkerran Engle she answered 'honoured, it was one of the races I enjoyed most.' The race she did enjoy most was in Truo against world class driver Billy O'Donnel.

Clare Macdonald recieved her licence when she was sixteen and had always been in the harness racing business through her family. When she started driving she says 'I was not treated differently, but I think it was because I've always been around the horses'.

Clare now runs the West River Stock Farm which has between 15 to 20 horses. They breed, train, and race the horses out of the farm. Clare cando everything that is required to run her farm even shoeing her own horses. If this doesn't keep her busy enough she is also the mother of three/ 2 boys ages 12 and 6 and one girl age 1.

Tracy Smith

Clare Macdonald in a close finish against Gilles Barrieau.



Mark Macdonald (6), Joe Kennedy, Clare Macdonald, Haley Macdonald (1)

