

Back Stretch

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Division of the 218 Pace—Babe Britton (L. O'Meara), owned by George Thompson, Summerside, made a clean sweep with 1-1-1; A. G. Scott (L. Lecher) 3-5-2; Abbeland (M. Goguen) 5-2-4; Shining Hour (W. Lewis) 2-6-6. Time: 2:10, 2:09, 2:06.

Wednesday night's races had the largest crowd of the season, filling the grand stand and bleachers and other accommodation. In the Classified Event No. 2, Whirlaway, owned and driven by Laurie O'Brien, was 1-1; Shinar Direct (W. Carroll) 6-2; Vallie Long (Lowery) 2-dr.; Suffolk Chief (Downey) 4-3; Norine Grattan (Sobey) 3-5. Time: 2:17 3/5; 2:16 3/5—a new record for Whirlaway. In the 3rd Division of the 218 Pace Sandy Budlong (W. Carroll) was 1-1-1; Henry Day (C. Downey) 1-2-2; Lily Marlene (Stead) 2-6-5. Time: 2:15 4/5; 2:15 4/5; 2:17 1/5. Sandy Budlong is owned by M. V. Valli, Sydney, and Henry Day by H. O. Downey. Henry took a new record the first dash. In the 2nd Division of the 218 Pace Freddie Scott (R. O'Brien) was 1-1-1; Time Table (M. Downey) 3-2-3; Crusader Chief (W. Lewis) 2-5-5; Vanguard (D. MacDonald) 6-6-2. Time: 2:10 1/5—a new record for Freddie Scott. He is owned by Dr. J. A. Donahoe, Truro; 2:12 1/5. His first heat in 2:08 4/5 was the fastest of the meeting.

Thursday afternoon's racing was featured by one of the greatest Free For All seen in the Maritimes for years and by a really sensational performance in the Two Year Old Trot and Pace in which Janet Clegg by Abner T. Clegg, owned and driven by George Sobey, Summerside, won both heats in 2:19 and 2:17 2/5, shattering the previous Maritime best record for two-year-old pacers, Chevie G, another good two-year-old, was 2-2. Premier J. Walter (Lowery) 3-3. All three heats of the 2nd Division of the 220 Trot were won by Arionway, owned and driven by Harold Cudmore, Brackley; Waymark, owned by Dr. R. F. Seaman and driven by Pat McKenna, was 2-2-8; Wait N'See (L. O'Meara), owned by George Gregory, 3-4-2. Best time 2:16—a new record for Arionway.

The Free For All Pace which carried a purse of \$1200 had the tops of the Maritimes in it including the recent \$5000 import, Prince Maplecroft, a four-year-old that had won over Foxboro track in 2:08. Also Pontiac (Historian) that raced against the best pacers in the U.S.A. last season. Others were Headway 2:06 3/5, that was raced with success in the Wathen stable last season, Direct Mite 2:06 3/5 from the same stable. Handbook 2:08 2/5, purchased in Ohio last spring by Richard Jahalee, Hedgewood Chief 2:06 2/5, owned by Mappo Stables, Summerside, and Lucky Chief 2:04 1/5, owned by P. J. Cadegan, Glace Bay. These seven pacers cost their owners close to \$35,000 and each of them had made the headlines many times on the U. S.

night racing tracks. Lucky Chief (R. MacDonald) won the first dash in a close finish from Headway (Harrison), with Pontiac (Cormier) 3, Handbook (Ratchford) 4. In the 2nd dash Pontiac nosed out Headway with Hedgewood Chief (Somers) very close up in third place. In the final it was Lucky Chief and Prince Maplecroft (W. Carroll) that finished so close that the photo showed a dead heat. Lucky Chief is owned by P. J. Cadegan, Glace Bay; Pontiac by Rimouski Stables, Rimouski, P. Q., and Prince Maplecroft by R. J. Logue, Sydney, N.S. Time: 2:07 4/5, 2:06 4/5, 2:08 1/5. The middle mile paced by Pontiac is the fastest in the Maritimes this year.

Looking over previous fast miles made in Free For All at Charlottetown we find that at Old Home Week, Aug. 24, 1934, Tot Gate 2:00 1/2, owned and driven by H. M. Sweeney, Bridgewater, was the winner with miles in 2:06 1/2, 2:06 1/2. His middle effort stood as a track record until Aug. 20, 1938, when Bud Wenger 2:05 1/2, owned by T. V. Holdaway, Houlton, Maine, and driven by Earle Avery, was 1-1-1; Calumet Bold was 2-2-2, time: 2:05 1/2, 2:06. The middle mile is still the track record. Since that date on Aug. 12, 1947, Time Counts 2:06 3/5, owned by P. J. Cadegan, Glace Bay, and driven by Worrell Lewis, won the 218 pace with 1-1-3. His first heat in 2:08 4/5 was the fastest of the meeting.

Thursday night's racing events drew the largest crowd present at the Fair racing up to that time, and everyone thought it was one of the finest programs of the series. The 225 Pace was a great battle between Peter Clegg (D. McNeill) and Whispering Hope (C. Smith), with Peter winning the first in 2:15 4/5, Whispering Hope the second dash in 2:13 3/5—a new record—and Peter Clegg winning the third by a very small margin in 2:13 4/5. It was Peter Clegg's second race win of the meet. He is owned by George Brookings, Kensington, and Whispering Hope is owned by Arnold Weeks, Fredericton.

The 220 Pace was a surprise win for driver Sobey up behind Chocolate Dip. The Rimouski Stables' Becky Smith set a sizzling pace to the three-quarter pole, being several lengths in the lead, then Chocolate Dip started to cut it down, winning by a neck at the wire in 2:11—a big slice off her former record of 2:13 4/5. In Race 2, the middle dash was won by Bessie Budlong, owned by Alex Beaton, Flat River, and driven by Leo Collins. She was forced to a new record of 2:12 3/5 by Wayne S. Grattan (Taylor). The 3rd and 6th dashes were two real hummers. Tru Single G. 2:02, former star on the Grand Circuit, that races with a silver tube in his throat and was nicely handled by owner Laurie O'Brien, won the third dash from Vella La Vella (J. MacDonald) in a close finish, Texas Brewer (Campbell) 3. Time,

2:11. In the 6th dash Vella La Vella just won by the smallest margin from Tru Single G. in 2:10 2/5, the fastest mile of the night. She is owned by Angus McRae, North Sydney.

And now we bring our readers up to date on racing over other Maritime tracks. At Woodstock, August 6th, races 1 and 5 were won by Titan's Lucy (Troy), a four-year-old by Titan Hanover, with 1-1; First Again (Langille) 2-6; Miss Federal (MacArthur) 3-2. Time: 2:47 2/5, 2:17 3/5. Titan's Lucy is owned by Bob Brown, Woodstock. Her dam is also the dam of Rajah Hanover 2:13 3/5 and she was bought at the Harrisburg sale for \$400 and is now racing with other horses owned by Mr. Brown, at Presque Isle, Maine. In Races 2 and 6 Pure Gold (Langille Jr.) was 1-2, Just Lucky (Langille) 2-1; time, 2:14, 2:17. Pure Gold is owned by Al Langille, St. Stephen, and Just Lucky by J. H. DeWitt, Woodstock. In the 3rd and 4th races Dominion D. (MacArthur) was 1-1; Mighty Bold (McAlduff) 2-4; Heinie Strong (Britton) 3-2; time, 2:13, 2:11 1/5—a new record for Dominion D., owned by Herb Lindsay, Woodstock. He is a four-year-old by Abner T. Clegg. In Races 4 and 8 Royal Jr. (Langille) was 1-2; Free Spirit (Hamilton) 4-1; Skitter (Troy) 2-4; Margy Frisco (DeWitt) 3-3. Time, 2:11, 2:11 4/5. Royal Jr. is owned by Mr. Al Langille, St. Stephen, and Free Spirit by Fred Violette, Edmundston. Margy Frisco and other horses owned by J. H. DeWitt are racing at Presque Isle, Maine, this week.

Bob Brown picked another bargain pacer at Harrisburg last fall in Worthy Rosecroft by Symbol Gantle 2:01 3/4, dam, Town Talk 2:08 1/4. The price was \$325 and at Woodstock Aug. 3rd this three-year-old was 2-1 in the 1st and 5th races and took a record of 2:19.

At Truro Raceway August 5th, the three-year-old pacer Little Clegg, owned by W. B. Morrissy, Halifax, and driven by R. LeBlanc, reduced her record to 2:22; Pepper Boy by Pepper, owned and driven by George Turner, Dartmouth, reduced his record to 2:21, and Gahagen, owned by Dr. George Bishop, Lexington, Ky., and driven by Ellwood Shaw, reduced his record to 2:12 4/5. Over the same track August 8th, Race 1 was won by Billy P. C. Parker (Gould) and owned by Prescott Harvey, Windsor, in 2:15 1/5. Cardinal's Echo, owned and driven by John Jewell, was 2. Time, 2:15 1/5. In Race 2, Sport Volo (Gould), owner P. Race 2, was 1, Lady Ruthie T. (More-side) 2. Time, 2:21. The third race was won by Jimmie Clegg (Daniels), owned by R. N. Dares, Eidersbank, N.S.; Iris Abbe (Gould) 2. Time, 2:20 2/5. In the 4th and 8th races which was a stake for two-year-old pacers, Premier J. Walter by Real Money 2:09 1/2, owned by Jack Annear, Montague, and driven by Alfred Lowery, was 1-1; Jollity's Queen, owned by Alfred Arsenau, and driven by Clayton MacLeod, was 2-4; Peter

Federal by Federal, owned by F. A. Ryder, Moncton, and driven by Harley Harrison, was 4-2; Miss Train, owned by Vernon Irving, Shediac, and driven by Johnny Conroy, was 3-3. Time: 2:22 1/5, 2:23. The 5th race was won by Lombardy Peter, owned and driven by Frank Daniels; Dr. P. Chips (Harrison) 2. Time, 2:17 3/5. In the 6th and 9th races Nova G, owned by Mrs. Weeks and driven by Scott Weeks, was 1-3; Victory Dale, owned by B. C. Cruikshank, Halifax, and driven by Bert Cruikshank, was 5-1; Freddie Scott (Ray O'Brien), owned by Dr. J. A. Donahoe, 2-5, and Future Counsel (J. Conroy) 3-2. Time, 2:10 4/5, 2:11 3/5.

Over 4,000 fans saw harness racing and stock car racing at Summerside August 8th. Top performance of the night was by Budlong's, owned by George Huggins, Brackley, and driven by Harold Stead. She won the 3rd and 5th races with Shinola (G. Sobey) 3-2; Little Delbert (Semple) 2-6; time, 2:16, 2:14 1/5—a new record for Eva. In the 1st and 4th dashes Tim Oshanko (E. Goguen) was 3-1; Sir Francis Drake (G. Sobey) 1-4; Arionway (Cudmore) 4-2. Time, 2:17, 2:17 4/5. Tim Oshanko is owned by Blair Bernard and Sir Francis Drake by K. MacDougall. The 2nd race was won by Robert Bruce, owned by George Brookings and driven by Don McNeill. Time, 2:16 4/5—a record for Robert.

The most exciting race on the program at Roosevelt Raceway last Friday was the \$10,000 Free For All Invitational Pace. Six of the fastest pacers in the world started and Direct Rhythm 1:56 1/5 won by a small margin with Prince Jay 1:58 3/5, owned by Sol Camp and driven by Claude O'Brien, 2; Guinea Gold 1:59 1/5, 3; Red Sails 1:59 2/5, 4; Prince Adios 1:58, 5, and Thomas B. Scott 1:59 1/5, 6. As they rounded the turn coming into the home stretch Prince Jay was in 5th place then Claude pulled him out and he came home with a terrific rush. Time, 2:01—certainly fast stepping for a half-mile track.

A famous sire, Lee Harvester 2:16 1/2, passed away recently at the Manchester Farm stable of the late F. S. Scott, Galt, Ont. He was 35 years old and was buried at Forest Hills, the summer home of his late owner. His sire was the world's champion trotter Lee Axworthy 1:58 1/4, and he looked to be a champion himself until he met with an injury which forced his retirement. He has sired 88 trotters and 102 pacers. He sired the 2:00 trotter Lee Hanover and three pacers that took records of 2:05 on half mile tracks. One of them, Simcoe Harvester 2:04 1/2, is owned here.

The four-year-old pacer Royal Bank was a winner at Roosevelt Raceway Monday night, driven by Earle Avery. Time, 2:08 1/5. He is owned by Frank Ryder of Moncton, N.B. This is his second win

Hunters Corner

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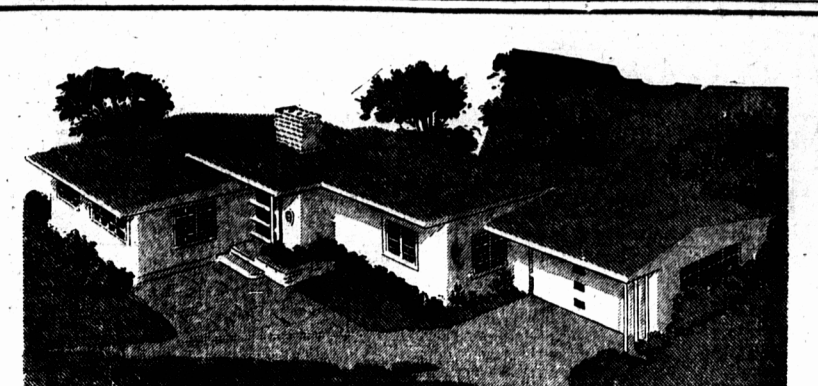
may be an indication of a change of policy as respecting the different flyways. As mentioned in last week's column the Atlantic Flyway is fairly static in its waterfowl flight. If next fall western hunters have their duck crop cut in half, as could easily happen, their daily bag limit may be cut to 5. We in the Atlantic Flyway are now under no obligation to follow suit providing our duck crop is normal.

The following may interest members of our County Fish and Game Association. The Maritime Wildlife Federation Meeting on the M. V. Abegweit will be held in the latter part of September. Two new Wildlife films will be shown and the guest speaker is expected to be one of the heads of the U. S. National Wildlife Association. The specific date will be published shortly. Another item that will interest local hunters. On the U. S. Atlantic Flyway the States on the eastern seaboard will have the choice of 60 consecutive days or two periods of 27 days each. This is an increase of 5 days over last year. Better prospects for ducks this fall over 1952 is given as the cause for the increase. Bag and possession limits on ducks remain the same as last year—4 a day and 8 in possession. It is passing strange how duck hunters have yet to reap the extra crop once the duck population indicates an upward trend... would it be too bad if ducks got too plentiful?

in two weeks.

Wednesday night's races at Truro had the largest attendance of the season, in fact it was an overflow crowd and some splendid events were featured. Here are a few of the summaries:—Race 1: Doctor L. B. (L. Walker) 1; Jerry Sprague (D. Pinkney) 2; time, 2:14 2/5. Race 2: Miss Cherry Valley (Connors) 1; Judd (S. Walker) 2. Time, 2:15. Race 3: Lady Ruthie T. (F. More-side) 1; Pepper Boy (G. Turner) 2; Jimmie Clegg (Daniels) 1; Jerry Sprague (Pinkney) 2. Time, 2:15 4/5.

At Saint John Raceway Wednesday night the first dash was won by Capt. Smileydale (Queen), Dr. Bunter (Wood) 2. Time, 2:25 1/5. The second dash was won by June Henley (Cormier), Millie's Son (Elder) 2. Time, 2:21 2/5. The third dash, Oliver Chief (Davison) 1, Colonel Sherbrooke (Jones) 2. Time, 2:19. The fourth dash was won by Doc B. Grattan (Renaud) and the seventh dash by Silver Hanover (Carr), Abbie's Boy (Horseman) 2-2. Time, 2:16, 2:15 1/5. In the fifth and eighth dashes Dixie Belle B. (Gallant) was 1-5, Monty Budlong (Armstrong) 4-1, time, 2:13 1/5, 2:13 3/5. In the sixth and ninth dashes Diana O. Grattan (Robichaud) was 1-3, Honan Crowley dnf-1. Time, 2:17 3/5, 2:15.



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It is not an easy task to co-ordinate and set-up the machinery leading to the smooth running of this great WEEK of ENTERTAINMENT and EXHIBITION and your Association is grateful to a hard working staff and to all those who assisted in making the 1953 "Old Home Week" the success it was. We confidently look forward to BIGGER and BETTER things in this great sporting event and show window of our Live Stock production, Handicraft, Home Cooking and other displays in 1954.

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