

# 1952 Maritime Harness Racing Review 1952

## Thrilling Season Recalled, Featuring Photo Finishes, Larger Purses, More Performers

With Performances Over Five Night Racing Plants and Other Tracks.

HERE THEY ARE!!

by Lt.-Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D.S.O., V.D., (Fr. Croix de Guerre)

Thrilling racing with more heats, more performers, more photo-finishes and more money raced for featured the Maritimes' biggest racing season of all time. Fourteen tracks (five less than last year) gave purses totalling \$239,286.03, \$21,000 more than the previous year. Truro Raceway, Ltd., paid out \$65,300.01 in purses, Charlottetown Exhibition Association \$38,175.03 and in addition \$2,000 was paid out by the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club for their Colt Stakes at Charlottetown track. Sydney Sports Centre paid out \$46,274. This included three meets raced at Northside Track, North Sydney. Woodstock paid out \$25,955.20, St. John (Coldbrook Track) N.B., \$20,434.80, Fredericton, N.B., \$6,509, St. Stephen \$4,168.25, Dieppe, N.B. (Moncton) \$3,750, Summerside, P. E. I. \$2,899.93, Chatham, N.B., \$1,699.84, St. Peters, P. E. I. \$1,600, Kinkora, P. E. I. \$1,200, Covehead, P. E. I. \$1,199.87.

Matinee races were also held at several tracks but only purse races are taken into account in our review.

Races started at Sydney and Truro, N. S., May 24th and the last races held were at Sydney, October 17th. A pleasing feature was the greater interest taken in racing at Saint John, N. B., where attendance constantly increased right up to the close of the season. The track which is under the management of the Exhibition Association, is being improved and will be a stronger link in the chain of Maritime speedways the coming season.

Harley Harrison of Port Elgin, N. B., leads Maritime drivers in percentage with 487. Harley is a thorough horseman who can not only train and drive but is also an expert blacksmith and very greatly esteemed by fellow drivers and the public. We heartily congratulate him on his well deserved success.

Len O'Meara of Charlottetown is top dash winner with 48. Lucky Chief 2.04%, eight-year-old bay stallion by Chief Abbedale 2.00, owned by P. J. Cadeagan, Glace Bay, N. S., and driven by Worrell Lewis, paced the fastest mile over a Maritime track, winning at Sydney July 25, in 2:07%. The three fastest heats were stepped at Truro, August 27 by Iola Henley, 13-year-old brown mare by Peter Henley 2:02%, 2:07%, 2:09%. She is owned and was driven by Clayton MacLeod, Westville, N. S. Feather Duster, bay mare by Abbe Worthy 2:05, owned by Lester Johnston, Fortune, P. E. I., and driven by Lorne Kelly, trotted the fastest heat in the Maritimes—2:10 at Covehead, July 9. Lucky Chief 2.04% and Iola Henley 2.07% were tied for top dash winner, each with 19 wins. Iola Henley also lowered her own and the Truro Raceway pacing record to 2:07% and Lucky Chief lowered the Sydney track pacing record to 2:07%.

More horses were raced and more new or reduced records were made than in any previous year. The number of persons who witnessed racing in the Maritimes is estimated at half a million. More race horses were purchased at the fall sales and brought to the Maritimes than in any previous year we have record of—over forty.

The 20th annual Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club's Colt Stakes were held at the Charlottetown track Wednesday night, Sept. 10th, with \$2,000 in purses. Several good prospects showed up, one of them in the Three Year Old Trot, Ginger Worthy by Ginger, that took a record of 2:20%, and in the Three Year Old Pace, Just Rita by Abner T. Clegg, that won all three heats with the fastest in 2:15%. Good future prospects were also raced in the Two Year Old Pace and Two Year Old Trot. The President of this Club

is Dr. R. F. Seaman and the Secretary-Treasurer, W. G. Gillespie, both of whom deserve great credit for the time and energy given to make these annual colt stakes a success.

Five new track records were made during the season. At Kinkora, P. E. I., August 6th, a new pacing record was set up by Ann's Boy 2:12%, owned by Don Baker, Summerside, and driven by Ensor, Bowness, time, 2:13. The same afternoon a new trotting record was made by Guy Harvester 2:13, owned and driven by Fred Reeves of Freetown, time—2:14%. At Sydney, Lucky Chief 2.04%, owned by P. J. Cadeagan, Glace Bay, N. S., and driven by Worrell Lewis, lowered the track pacing record to 2:07% and at Truro, Iola Henley 2.07%, set up a new track pacing record of 2:07%. She is owned and was driven by Clayton MacLeod, Westville, N. S. At Saint John, N. B., the track trotting record was lowered to 2:17% by Nell Kalmuck, 2:10, owned and driven by Thomas Etter, Moncton, N. B., October 13.

**38 Miles in 2:10 Or Better**  
Only 38 miles in 2:10 or better were clocked in the Maritimes the past season, the lowest number reported in a great many years, and ten less than in 1951. Lucky Chief 2.04%, owned by P. J. Cadeagan, Glace Bay, N.S., topped the list with 10. He was driven in five of them by Worrell Lewis, in three by his owner and in two by Rannie MacDonald. Lucky was also the fastest performer with a mile in 2:07% over the Sydney oval.

In second place again this year was Iola Henley 2.07%, brown mare by Peter Henley, owned by Clayton MacLeod, Westville, N. S., and driven in all her races by her owner. Iola accounted for six of the fast miles, one of them being her new record—2:07%. Seven horses had two to their credit, namely, Babe Britton 2.09%, owned by George Thompson, Summerside, P.E.I. and driven by Len O'Meara; Lock Hanover 2.07%, owned by Wallace B. Nevers, Woodstock, N. B., and driven by Frankie Carr; Miss Knox 2.06%, owned by Cmdr. G. H. Buntain, Charlottetown, P.E.I. and driven by Len O'Meara; Pat D. 2.06%, owned by

### Fastest Maritime Bred Performers Season 1952

**Fastest M. B. Trotting Mare—** Feather Duster 2.10 (L. Kelly). Owned by Lester Johnston, Fortune, P. E. I. July 9. Covehead, P. E. I.—2.10.

**Fastest M. B. Pacing Mare—** Babe Britton 2.09% (L. O'Meara). Owned by Geo. Thompson, Summerside, P. E. I. Aug. 23, Truro, N. S.—2.09%.

**Fastest M. B. Pacing Stallion—** Royal Bank 2.12% (H. Harrison). Owned by Frank A. Ryder, Moncton, N. B. Sept. 27, Truro, N. S.—2.12%.

**Fastest M. B. Trotting Gelding—** Bud Kalmuck 2.12 (Moffatt). Owned by Sportsmen's Driving Club, Sydney, N. S. Sept. 9, Sydney, N. S.—2.12%. Mack Fingo 2.13% (Moreside). Owned by F. Moreside, Lower Sackville, N. S. Sept. 1, Truro, N. S.—2.13%.

**Fastest M. B. Pacing Gelding—** Joey Harvester 2.09% (J. Conroy). Owned by Lahey & McNeill, Dartmouth, N. S. and Southport, P. E. I. Sept. 22, Truro, N. S.—2.09%.

**Fastest M. B. Four Year Old Trotter—** Tyndall Semple 2.14% (T. Semple). Owned by George Woodside, Fredericton, N. B. Aug. 15, Charlottetown, P. E. I.—2.14%.

**Fastest M. B. Four Year Old Pacer—** Doctor J. A. 2.09% (B. O'Brien). Owned by Dr. J. A. Donahoe, Truro, N. S. Sept. 1, Fredericton, N. B. 2.09%.

**Fastest M. B. Three Year Old Trotter—** Ginger Worthy 2.20% (G. MacDonald). Owned by George MacDonald, Mermaid, P. E. I. Sept. 10, Charlottetown, P. E. I.—2.20%.

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Worrell Lewis, Cape Breton's noted race driver.

Ryder, Moncton, N. B. Sept. 27, Truro, N. S. 2.12%.

**Fastest M. B. Two Year Old Pacer—** Bellhop B. 2.21% (L. O'Meara). Owned by Mrs. James Poulton, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Aug. 2, Charlottetown, P. E. I.—2.21%.

**Fastest New Performer—** Protestor's Boy 2.10% (P. Craig). Owned by Phil Craig, Lower Sackville, N. S. Aug. 27, Truro, N. S.—2.10%.

**Fastest Miles In Maritimes Season Of 1952**

**Fastest Mile Trotted—** Feather Duster 2.10 (L. Kelly). Owned by Lester Johnston, Fortune, P. E. I. July 9, Covehead, P. E. I.—2.10.

**Fastest Mile Paced—** Lucky Chief

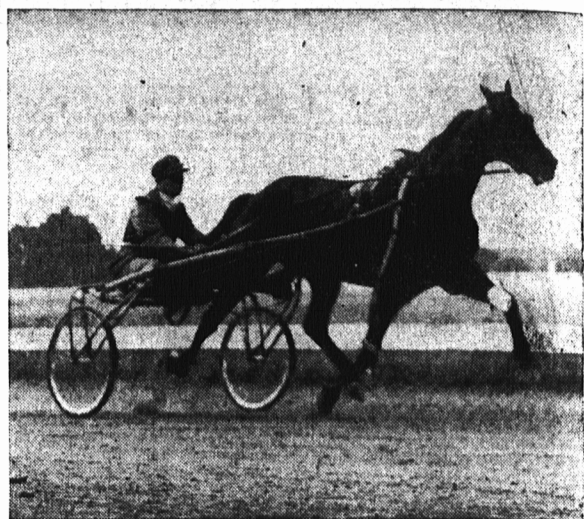
2.04% (W. Lewis). Owned by P. J. Cadeagan, Glace Bay, N. S. July 25, Sydney, N. S.—2.07%.

**Fastest Three Heats Trotted or Paced—** Iola Henley 2.07% (C. MacLeod). Owned by Clayton MacLeod, Westville, N. S. Aug. 27, Truro, N. S.—2.07%, 2.08%, 2.09%.

### Maritime Race Winners

There were 1455 heats or dashes raced in 1952 as compared with 1313 in 1951. Nova Scotia with its two large night racing plants had a total of 655 dashes for 75 meets. Broken down these figures are: North Sydney with three meets, 28 dashes; Sydney with three meets, 25 dashes; and Truro with 39 meets, 352 dashes. New Brunswick race tracks are next in number with 59 meets and 478 dashes raced. Chatham with one meet had 19 dashes; Fredericton with three meets, 26 dashes; Moncton with five meets, 37 dashes; St. Stephen with four meets, 35 dashes; Woodstock, 26 meets and 206 dashes; Saint John, 19 meets, 161 dashes; Shediac, one meet, three dashes; Prince Edward 29 meets, 263 dashes; Covehead, one meet, nine dashes; Kinkora, one meet, 14 dashes; and Summerside, two meets, 22 dashes. In addition to the above purse racing, matinee racing under U. S. T. A. rules was held on various tracks. We do not report matinee races in this review.

This season there is a tie for top dash winner in the Maritimes between the 13-year-old pacing mare Iola Henley 2.07% and the free for all pacer Lucky Chief 2.04%, each with 19 wins. There is also a tie for second place between the pacer Jacob Withrow 2.12% and Joey Harvester 2.09%, each of them having 14 firsts. Babe Britton



Iola Henley 2:07 2/5 and driver Clayton MacLeod, Westville, N. S.

2.09% follows with 13 and there are three ties. Abbedale 2.10%, Doctor J. A. 2.09%, both pacers, and the trotter Card Shark 2.06, with 12 wins.

Other winners were: 11 dashes—Dean Swift 2.14%, Jock Martin 2.11%, Jo Jo Spencer 2.10, Shining Hour 2.11%, Symbol Majesty 2.12%, 10 dashes—Bonus Abbe 2.19%, Clipper Dale 2.15%, Cobblestone 2.11%, Freddie Scott 2.11%, Free Spirit 2.05%, Johnnie Kalmuck 2.10%, Nova G. 2.12%, R. H. Byrnes 2.09%.

Nine dashes—Ann's Boy 2.12%, Beck Dale 2.16, Mack Fingo 2.13%, Miss Donna Mae 2.11, Monty Budlong 2.12%, Pat Hanover 2.13%, Tyndall Semple 2.14%.

Eight dashes—Ann's Dream 2.14, Arlene's Money 2.14, Billy P. C. Parker 2.11%, Bud Kalmuck 2.12, Colonel Hantsford 2.10%, Dan Budlong 2.16%, Doctor L. B. 2.12%, Honan Crowley 2.07, Just Lucky 2.13%, Mildale 2.14%, Piney Boy 2.11%, Royal Bank 2.12%, Surprise Lady 2.16%, Vella La Vella 2.08%, Wayne S. Grattan 2.15%.

Seven dashes—A. G. Scott 2.09%, Anyway 2.16%; Betty Reamore 2.25, Bonnie H. 2.10, Brook of Athlone 2.11, Cyclonic 2.08, Dominion D. 3, 2.15%, Dot Cash 2.14%, Gallonage 2.11%, Josedale Clipper 2.08%, Lock Hanover 2.07%, Mary's De-light 2.14%, Miss Daisy Mae 2.25%, Neil Budlong 2.12%, New Look 2.11, Ohio 2.14, 2.09%, Pastan 2.11%, Prairie Pete 2.13%, Ridgewood M. 2.11%, Single Streak 2.10, Trixie Volo 2.18.

Six dashes—Brighton 2.11%, Calumet Onward 2.13, Crusader Chief 2.09%, Dr. Bunter 2.18%, Earl's Prince Charming 2.10, Esso 2.12%, Gary D. 2.15%, John Clegg 2.11%, Peterkin Aubrey 2.16%, Protector's Boy 2.10%, Senator Crumley 2.18, Victory Bell 2.15%, Viola McKinney 2.14%, Wilkin 2.08.

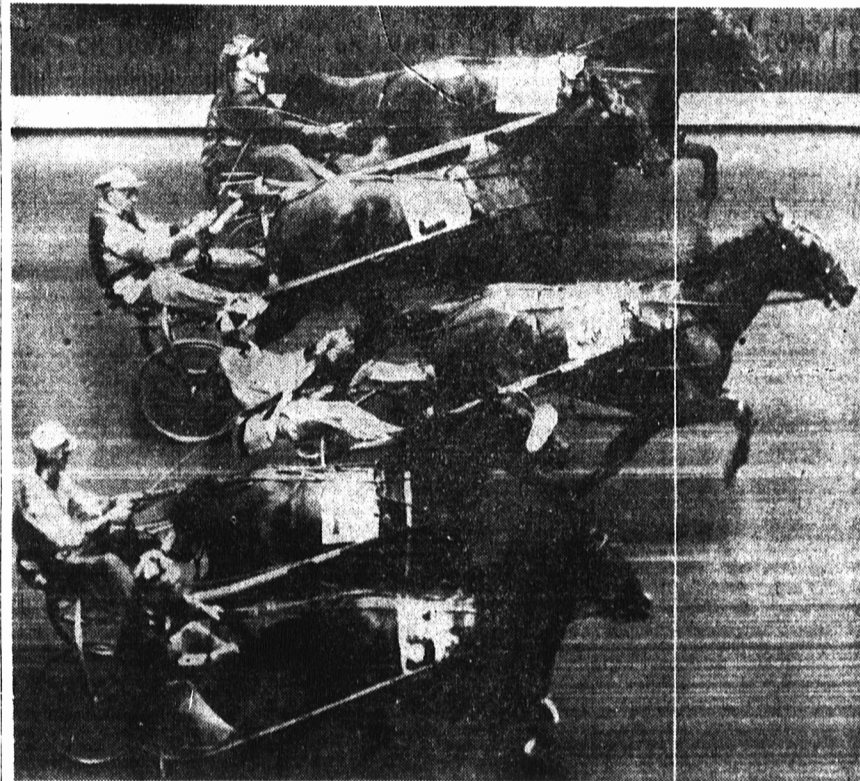
Five dashes—Argot Pointer 2.07, Bellhop B. 2.21%, Billy McVay 2.09%, Buddy Clegg 2.16%, Campbell's Buddy 2.11%, Dellah B. 2.09%, Diana Mc 2.21, Diana O. Grattan 2.13%, Feather Duster 2.10, Follow Up Jr. 2.08%, Friar 2.11%, Good Luck 2.22%, Great Don 2.14, Hedgewood Chief 2.06%, Hyland's Pride 2.17%, June Be 2.11%, Just Rita 2.15%, Lahey's Dream 2.15%, Laurel Le 2.16%, Lillian Budlong 2.15, Mason's 49 2.16%, Maudine Reamore 2.16, May Harvester 2.13%, Miss Eloise 2.12%, Morris Direct 2.13, Nancy Britton 2.16%, O. K. Volo 2.10%, Pat D

2.06%, Rajah Hanover 2.13%, Real Fingo 2.18, Roy Shelburn 2.09%, Sandy Budlong 2.11%, Texas Girl 2.14, Trixie Scott 2.13, Westphal Girl 2.13%.

Four dashes—Adagio 2.11, Anchors Aweigh 2.12, Anuncio 2.20, Barbara Ann Scott 2.26%, Bellini Mite 2.18%, Bett Ellis 2.16, Billy Kalmuck 2.13%, Bonnie Clegg 2.20%, Buzaway 3, 2.17, Cedric Hanover 2.14, Coal Dale 2.17, Dale B. 2.11%, Dianadale 2.15%, Donald G. R. 2.08%, Facecloth 2.15%, Flaxey Pointer 2.06, Frankie Budlong 2.14%, Gahagan 2.15%, Gertie Reamore 2.21, Guy Bryson 2.20%, Guy Harvester 2.13, Hartley 2.08, Heinie Henley 2.08, Hollywood Anna 2.10%, Jimmie A. 2.13%, Joandale 2.15, Johnnie Lee 2.11, Lady Reamore 2.28%, Marion Budlong 2.15, Miss Knox 2.09%, Neil Kalmuck 2.10, Peter Brooke 2nd 2.09, Playaway 2.17%, Prince Budlong 2.11, Raymond Brewer 2.18%, Rusty Hanover 2.07%, Silver Hanover 2.13%, Sim H. 2.16%, Skipper's Pride 2.13%, Time Table 2.03, Tony Mite 2.13%, Victory Dale 2.05%, Whirlaway 2.16%, Yankee Dale 2.14, You'll See 2.17%.

Three Dashes—Abbie's Boy 2.15, Amico 2.14, Aubrey Budlong 2.11%, Billie Whistler 2.08, Billy Sunday 3, 2.23, Bob Long 2.14%, Bonnie Frisco Can 2.14%, Canada Brooke 2.21%, Captain Missouri 2.14%, Carl Frisco 2.03, Chocolate Dip 2.13%, Chris McElwyn 2.12%, Colonel Sherbrooke 2.12, Dean Gallon 2.17%, Defender 2.12, Douglas Scott 2.26%, Duddie Dale 2.21%, George Direct 2.16%, Grace Reamore 2.18%, Heinie Strong 2.09%, Iris Abbe 2.15%, Jennie Kalmuck 2.10%, Jenuny Lyn 2.06, Jerry Lee Volo 2.10, Jimmie Clegg 2.20, Judy Budlong 2.14, Kalmuck Bells 2.26%, Kerwin Hanover 2.18, Lady Ruthie 2.16, Leah Federal 2.20%, Lee Budlong 2.15%, Lee C. Brewer 2.16, Lucky Spencer 2.18%, Lusia 2.13, Lusly's Queen 2.14, Mack Stout 2.14, Maxie Federal 3, 2.16%, Maxine Duds 2.17, May Josedale 2.12, Mischief Claire 2.07%, Miss Cherry Valley 2.13, Miss Federal 2.23, Mr. Frank Belwin 2.23%, Patricia Direct 2.24%, Question V. 2.09%, Riot Jr. 2.19%, Rockford 2.15%, Royal Jr. 2.01%, Royal Tell 2.15, Sandy Marr 2.18, Sandy Reamore 2.26%, Scotty Boy 2.16%, Silk Hal 2.09%, Sister Verna Hoo 2.19, Skelter 2.07, Skipper Budlong 2.13%, Stan H. 2.07%, Steamboat 2.15%, Sunny B. 2.18, Tartan 2.15%, Toddewyn 2.18, Todd McKay 2.20%, Tom Stuart 2.16%.

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BUNCHED AT THE WIRE — Miss Donna Mae shown in the official photo by Godfrey winning the third heat of the 2:19 Pace Second Division Monday night, August 11th at Old Home Week Races. Finishing second in the inside in this thrilling race is Chocolate Dip. Third is Calumet Onward. Fourth and fifth places respectively went to Resourceful and Esso.

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### OLD HOME WEEK and PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

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### Season's Greetings

The Directors of the Exhibition Association take this opportunity of thanking one and all for their support the past year and extend Best Wishes for a Happy New Year in 1953.

### Racing Programme

NIGHT RACING will open on June 20th and June 27th will feature the opening of the first Early Closing Event for the Summer season.

There will be two nights racing commencing July and continuing through the summer; each week will feature two Early Closing Events.

A new charter will be acquired which will enable the management to race later in the season, weather conditions permitting. The purse money for dashes and also OLD HOME WEEK has been increased.