

Fredericton campaign is longest in many yrs.

Harness racing fans in Central New Brunswick witnessed the longest racing season in recent years, as Community Racing Ltd., operators of the Fredericton Raceway, staged two weekly cards from June 8th through until Nov. 14th.

In all thirty-eight races were run off, including the famed Walter Dale Memorial Race of Aug. 26th. Sobriety, a ten-year-old pacer, from the Bramble and York Stable at Fredericton, B.N.S., took the ninth renewal of the racing classic, finishing with a 3-1 morning Sobriety paced the mile in 2:06.3. The popular Dew's Boy, from the Scotian Stable at Dartmouth, N.S., took the first dash in 2:06, but was drawn in the second half after hitting the starting gate.

On July 2nd., the first of four early closing features was presented. Fourteen horses of non-winners of 5000 lifetime earnings remained eligible. Estrella C., owned by H. S. Campbell of New Wilshire, P.E.I. and driven by Jackie Beauville, walked off with top honors. The five-year-old mare by Jolly, won the first division in 2:14 and the final in 2:13.

Another early closing added money event, open to all four-year-olds and five-year-olds that did not win over \$1,000 in 1965, was held on July 13th. The classy four-year-old Meadow Lands colt, Lanky, owned by Francis Breaux of Moncton and handled by Ruffin Barcena, breezed home the winner in 2:07.4, a new individual record, and turned back the field the second time out in 2:10.

The Capital City Pace, third leg of 1965 New Brunswick Junior Free-For-All Circuit was run on July 30th. Scotch Maplecroft, owned by Mrs. Clayton Dickson of Debec, P.E. and driven by her husband, fashioned two good miles. The eight-year-old lowered his record to 2:06.4 and won again in 2:07.4.

OTHER FEATURES

Feature attraction at the

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ing week and while he trotted three-fifths faster for a mile in 2:07.2 it was in a losing effort as Miramichi Fred was three lengths ahead of him with a mile in 2:06.4. On another occasion, the trotter was raced-time in 2:07.2, finishing a lapped-on second to the pacer Watchin's Star in that same time.

These were the two outstanding highlights of the past season. A new track pacing mark and the trotting mark equalled. There were of course in a variety of accomplishments that created quite a stir among fanciers of the sport. For instance there was the night that Harvey Cormier marked Dudley H., in 2:06.2 and it was Miramichi Fred who set it all up. The chestnut son of Fred Scott was over to the quarter in :26.2 and at the half in a brilliant 1:00.2 for one of the fastest exhibitions of speed ever witnessed over the Moncton oval. Dudley H., in the "two-holer" all the way, pounced out to challenge at the three-quarter marker and went on to take his mark. Scotch Maplecroft also went touring at a pretty good clip, clocking one in 2:06.2 and Miramichi Fred grabbed a mark of 2:06.4. Another nice trip was Donna Wey's effort in 2:07.1 and just a tick away from that was Watchin's Star in 2:07.2.

The "frags to riches" story unfolded by Ukon King also added some color and excitement to the local picture. The often forgotten and quite often erratic side-saddle, dubbed as "The \$10 free for all" purchase could have provided a much faster script had Jackie Beauville been able to get him rolling a little earlier in the season. He picked up his first win in 2:15 and then went on to gather in eight more victorious miles, ending up with a mark of 2:04.4. Later on, in much chillier conditions, he met and defeated some of the top spongers in the maritime tracks, and had conditions been warmer, he undoubtedly would have paced even quicker. For instance on November 11,
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Raceway during Exhibition Week was the Dave Griffith Memorial Race, named to honor the man who acted as race secretary at the local track prior to the Second World War. Jockey Willin C., from the Devon Stable of Fredericton and driven by Willard Carr, captured both dashes of the second leg of the Memorial Race. The eleven-year-old son of Mighty Atom registered his fastest winning effort of the season with a 2:07.1 clocking in the opening dash and came back to take the final in 2:09.2. The Saint John owned horse, Bud News, won the first leg of the race, but Lord Willin C.'s 2:07.1 mile was the fastest in the series.

Clayton Dickson brought Scotch Maplecroft back to Fredericton Raceway on Sept. 12th, and the bay gelding walked off with the major share of the \$1,300 purse in the early closing event for non-winners of \$4,000 lifetime earnings.

On Oct. 1st the feature was the Three-Year-Old Trot and Pace. Cindy's Pride, owned by Raymond Kaiser of Halifax, emerged the overall winner. The Gene Aube pacer was timed in 2:09.3.

Greenbrier speed earn over \$15,000

The big trot, owned by Charlottetown's Greenbrier Stables, earned \$15,000 in the 1964 racing campaign.

That great pacing queen, June started the list with \$5973. Eloise Wick, the youngster which raced to a new record of 2:02.2 this past season accumulated \$5602 and the outstanding trotter, Avalon Worby brought home to the Greenbrier Farms owners \$4630.

June started 32 times. She was first twice, second on four occasions and was in the show position 11 times.

Eloise Wick got home in front 12 times, was second half that number and had one third to her credit.

The trotter, Avalon Worby, sported a 7-7-4 summary for the season. Avalon Worby faced the starter on 30 occasions. Probably the greatest thrill Greenbrier Farms achieved during the entire campaign was on August 21 at Charlottetown Driving Park when June Byrd captured the great pacing Gold Cup and Sancer classic. After finishing third in the opening dash, won by Edgewood Scott, June came through with a dramatic win in the second trip and finished with the best

Andy's Son, owned by Harry Wiehly of Dartmouth, and driven by Dave Finkney gave the Fredericton Raceway a new record for two-year-old pacers. The fine bay gelding by Amctezar, toured the local oval in 2:11, lowering the mark from 2:16.4 set by Hal again in 1957.

HORSE OF YEAR

"Horse of the Year Award" went to the four-year-old pacer Starbours, owned by Mrs. Eliza Williamson of Fredericton. The son of the noted sire Lakburn, dam Miss May Hal, faced the starting gate twenty seven times in his first year of racing. He scored eight wins, five seconds and two thirds. On six occasions the little bay horse lowered his record, ending the season with a mark of 2:11.2.

Wagging at the Raceway in 1964 totalled \$385,000 with an average nightly handle of \$10,300. Horsemen received \$51,000 in purses during the past year.

Officials at Fredericton Raceway hope to get an earlier start next year, and are looking forward to the 1965 racing season.



Eloise Wick, B.F.-3-2-06.3—By Gene Abbe, dam Candy Frisco, owned by Greenbrier Farm. The Maritime's fastest paced filly in 1964.

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