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by six percentage points. Jackie Bernard was the most winning driver in all three categories with 38 wins, 39 seconds and 23 thirds in 182 starts the most by any driver. Bob Stevenson was second with 17 wins. Boyd Tremere, the only locally stabled novice driver, had a credible .231 average made up of six wins, eight seconds and 11 thirds.

Queen Scott, the fine six-year-old chestnut mare by Fred Scott out of Maxie Sandlin, whose racing career might be at an end as a result of a broken ankle suffered in Saint John late in the season, was the leading dash winner with 11. Sold by W. Hedley Wilson, who bought her as a two-year-old, to Arthur Craig of Summerside, P.E.I. in early September, the mare took a new mark of 2:07.3 on July 28. Fair

STALLION

"Federal" has as his third dam the greatest producing mare of them all -- "Emily Ellen." And don't bypass the potent sire "Peter the Brewer." "Lee Axworthy," "Peter the Great," and "Guy Axworthy" who round out Federal's family tree.

On "Laburnum's" maternal line, he is a grandson of "Lee Harvester" and a great-grandson of "Blagen" and "Guy Axworthy." This makes this blue-blooded stallion line-bred to "Guy Axworthy" with crosses to "Todd," "Blagen," "Peter the Great," and "The Harvester." Certainly these bloodlines will draw a smile of delight from those who are devoted to the study of genetics as it once again proves

that the old foundation sires are as potent today as they ever were. "Starburn's" dam, "Miss May Hal" is by the 2:00 performer "Lew Hal" ("Lew Axworthy" -- "Effie Laurie" by "Argot Hal") and out of the pacer, "May I. Henley," 2:04 3/4 by "Peter Henley"; once again a producing family tracing to the "Axworthys" and the illustrious "Henleys." This would give "Starburn" four direct crosses to "Guy Axworthy" in as many generations of descendants. That this line-breeding is highly successful is proven by the champion's full brothers, "Lord Lakeburn" 2:10" and the ill-fated "Mikeburn" 2:08 3/4.

HIS TENDENCY

True to his lineage, the Maritime champion has the tendency to be double galled. As a two year old, the Fredericton, N.B. campaigner trained on the trot looking very promising. Then

injury -- a fractured fibula bone. Upon recovery, converted to the pace, "Starburn" took a record of 2:11 3/4 at that gait as a 4 year old and has been lowering it every year since -- oddly enough by four seconds each year -- 2:07 3/4 at 5; 2:04 3/4 at 6. It is a great tragedy for Canadian racing that at the height of his career, shortly after his spectacular motion performance, this star was injured at St. John closing out his racing for 1966 at least.

All stars, human and animal

alike, are inclined to be temperamental and a little eccentric. "Starburn" is no exception. He prefers to race from behind and seems to hope the challenge created by this added handicap. Upon getting to the front in a field of horses, he considers the race over and the challenge gone.

While the future of "Starburn's" racing career is still gravely in doubt due to the serious nature of his injury, I am certain that I speak for horsemen everywhere in wishing "Star" a very speedy recovery and the finest season of his brilliant racing career in 1967. One thing certain, racing or not, "Starburn's" future is assured by his devoted mistress and Maritime horsemen everywhere who are eagerly awaiting his entry into the stallion ranks. Speed, endurance, lineage such as his can only add to the improvement of our great sport.

IMPROVEMENTS

Sandy Slator, Downstons Girl, Top Way, Paddy Land Girl, Aura, Mi Breeze, Charming Abbe, Borderview, Bob Lee. 3 dashes -- Susie, Clegg's Last, Sherman Andrew, Northfield, Basil Henley, Potomac Chuck, Gary T. Adios, Ira D. Clegg, Lord Lakeburn, Amstutz Direct, Lullax, Meadow Day, First Pick, Senex, Amethyst. 2 dashes -- Brewer Might,

RACING FAMILY

Yankee Blaze, 2:04, stands proudly in the infield of Charlottetown Driving Park following his 2:05 mile over that oval. With him are his

trainer-driver Emmet Bernard, his son, Albert Bernard and the youngest member of this horsey clan, Shane.

Unseasonable weather is plague at Fredericton

By MURRAY F. CAIN
 Fredericton Raceway, plagued with early unseasonable weather, was forced to wind up its 1966 program on October 13, the earliest in many years. But Community Racing Ltd. presented 37 race cards during the season, and while the \$405,929.00 mutual handle was less than in 1955, the purse payout of \$62,084. was a record.

Racing at the Fredericton Oval, other than financially, of which this corner has no knowledge, was certainly a success. A total of 59 dashes were raced in 2:10 or better representing approximately 25 percent of the races held. The fastest mile of the year was by J. Scotch Hal, who won the second leg of the Dave Griffith Memorial Pace during Exhibition Week in 2:05. This seven-year-old brown gelding by N.D. Hal out of Franny Hanover owned by Gordon McKinnon of Charlottetown paced six sub 2:10 miles, the most by

any performer. A total of 54 horses took new or reduced marks. Romance, a five-year-old bay gelding by Price Tag out of Betty Lou Budlong owned by Ronald Fagen of Woodstock who took a maiden mark of 2:18.4 on July 4 and reduced it by seven full seconds to 2:11.4 by July 31 showed the most constant improvement before being felled in a collision shortly thereafter. Romance retired for the season but this big spirited pacer will no doubt compete again in 1967.

The Early Closer for two-year-old pacers scheduled for August 25 did not fill and was cancelled due to the disappointment of track officials and fans alike. The event would undoubtedly have produced a new two year pacing mark by the sensational Wild Chance, who two weeks earlier paced the Saint John Oval in 2:06.2 to establish a new Maritime two-year-old record, defeating some of the top Maritime Free for Allers in the process. Making only one appearance in Fredericton he finished 3-3 in summary to J. Scotch Hal in the Dave Griffith Memorial in times of 2:07 and 2:05.

RECORD TUMBLED
 The four-year-old trotting record tumbled with suddenness when the Jackie Bernard trained and driven Bachelor's big Tom showed his wares for the first time. One of the most beautiful and gracious standard bred horses ever to appear on the local oval, in this corner's opinion, making only the second start of his career, the altered

son of Bachelor Hanover Miss Ann Key, trotted to a new lifetime mark of 2:08.4 with such class and ease that he received an ovation, well deserved on his return to the winners' circle. His repeat win in 2:10 later the same evening confirmed his class as he came well off the trot in the stretch to win by a nose. Stricken with splint trouble shortly after this performance, he was retired for the season. His injury has been fixed, and if he responds to treatment, Peter Pebody's 1964 track record of 2:07 will not doubt be surpassed next year.

The annual assault on Walter Dale's 2:02 1/4 track record was scheduled for June 23, when Fredericton Raceway offered the largest purse in its history, \$4125.00, in the International Pace, an early closing event. But the assault fell far short as prerace favorite, Andy's Son, the Maritimes Wonder Horse, won 4 easily in times of 2:06.1 and 2:05.4, the latter equalling his best win race mark. It was Andy's only appearance in Fredericton this year, as he was not invited to the Walter Dale or Dave Griffith Memorial.

Diminutive Clayton Dickson of Debec, N.B., with 40 starts, two more than the minimum requirement copped the Universal Driver Rating Average with a mark of .363 made up of nine wins, seven seconds and five thirds. He won over 71 other drivers participating at Fredericton Raceway during the 1966 season and edged veteran Jimmy Smith

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