



**MIGHTY GLIB, 2:04.1**, Halifax and driven by Harry Harrison. Setting up a new track record pacing at Truro of 2:06.3.

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2:00 3-5, and the Breeders' Filly Stake, \$16,228 at Indianapolis in 1:59 2-5 at California.

Diamond Hal, that has raced with such marked success for years, won several events and also placings and in one mile in California in which he finished third just back a few feet, was time in 1:57 4-5. Among his victories was the Laurel Invitation, purse \$15,000 and his season's total was \$30,870, which made his lifetime winnings \$334,151. We believe that he is the world's largest money winning pacer, of if not, then he is very close to being so.

The popular trotter Butch Hanover was also a strong factor in fast class trots this season and another good little trotter was Time Me, an extremely well-bred 4-year-old that now has a lifetime total of \$97,993.

In the 2-year-old class Joe had a very classy pacer in Meadow All, that was voted "2-year-old Pacer of the Year", the Camp Stable's second such honor. He is a free-legged pacer by Adios and tied for colt honors at 2:06 3-5, his mark being taken when he won the \$45,435 Fox Stake. He also won the Ohio Standardbred for \$13,740, the \$14,230 Meadows and the \$14,933 Ardene Downs Stakes. His total season's earnings were \$59,501 with 11 wins and five seconds during the campaign. The total winnings of the Camp Stable in 1958 were \$453,424, making the Stable the leading money winner for this year.

Joe's 1958 earnings were \$417,370, which places him in third rank for the top money winning drivers and he has been in the first five for seven straight years. He lost second place by a mere 157.

**EARLE AVERY**

Earle Avery, who trains and drives the Clearview Stable, owned by Norman Woolworth of Winthrop Maine, is another Maritime driver we have great pleasure featuring. Earle did not have as strong a stable this year as he had last season but he made his presence felt in many of the big stakes on the Grand Circuit and also at Roosevelt and Yonkers Raceways.

His best trotter was the 5-year-old Egyptian Princess 3, 2:00 4-5, that we understand has been flown to Paris to race in an International race at Vincennes. Earle has also gone over and will be put up behind one of the French trotters for a race or two to get accustomed to the track.

Among the classy events won by the Princess was the Empire Trotting Stake at Saratoga half mile track where she won in 1:02 2-5, which is said to be the best of the year for an aged mare on a two-lap track. She had taken a record of 2:03 1-5 in the Reading Futurity for 3-year-old trotters two years ago and it was there that she took the 3-year-old record which still stands. She won the \$20,000 final leg of the Buffalo Trotting Derby at Buffalo Raceway and the \$24,150 U.S. Harness Writers' Trot at Roosevelt Raceway. Her 1958 earnings total \$36,904 and her total earnings are \$155,248. While in France she will take part in three International free for all trots. The first one will be the last Sunday of this month, in the

famed Prix d'Amerique at Vincennes, near Paris.

The other trotter that raced so well was Sh'Boom, that had 15 wins and in 27 starts was 22 times first, second or third. Over both the mile and half mile tracks he was the season's champion 4-year-old trotting gelding. His top mile was taken in the Empire Classic where he stepped in 2:01 3-5 and took a half mile track tab of 2:02 4-5 in winning the \$7,500 trot at Brandywine and he also set a new track record there of 2:03 1-5. At Yonkers on September 9 Sh'Boom won the \$12,650 Thruway Trot from five other excellent trotters, time 2:05 2-5. His season's earnings total \$34,907.

In the closing stages of the campaign Earle showed up a 3-year-old pacing colt called Winnow, that looks like a better than 2:00 pacer in 1959. The reason they regard him so highly is that on November 14 he won at Yonkers Raceway in 2:03 1-5. The event in which he took part was for A Pacers and some of the best at Yonkers were racing against him. In the above mile Earle scored from eighth position with him and he came the last half in 1:00 1-5 and the last quarter in :29 3-5. His season's earnings were \$12,268.

Another good one he campaigned was Sova Hanover, 3, 2:07, record taken on a half mile track. Also Bonny Tell 2:06 3-5 and Dynamite Direct, 4, 2:03 4-5.

**AT THE SALES**

Norman Woolworth has bought out his brother's interest in the racing stable and at the recent Harrisburg sale added some yearlings. They will be winter trained at Pinehurst.

We would like to say that our Island boys who attend the sales at Harrisburg always come back with the report that Earle has been very very helpful to them and is always ready to talk to them and tell them about a ny horses they are interested in.

We regret that not much information is available on other Maritime drivers, but we do know that they have been doing quite well at various tracks in the United States with some occasionally journeying to Blue Bonnets and Richelieu. Angus D. Allen, whose birthplace was Halifax, Earle Semple of Kensington, John "Wendy" Carroll, Cape Breton, Joe MacDonald, Cape Breton, Don Larlee, Edmunston, John Quinn, Charlottetown, Len O'Meara, Charlottetown, and Rannie MacDonald, Cape Breton, also made good campaigns. Later in Down the Back Stretch we will give accounts of them.

**MANY THANKS**

The above concludes our Review of the 1958 season and we trust it will be interesting to our horsemen friends and other readers. For years we have been the recipient of much kindness from correspondents in the Maritimes and also further afield who sent us items of interest for Down the Back Stretch, and we wish to thank them very sincerely for helping us that way.

We want also to give our most sincere thanks to the secretaries of all Maritime race tracks for their cooperation in loaning us their Judges' Sheets which give the accurate summaries and times for all the races. Without that information we could not compile this Review.

We also want to thank the tracks for personal kindnesses we have received and to give them

credit for the earnest efforts made by the managers and secretaries to give good purses, good racing opportunities and good encouragement to owners and drivers. Their difficulties have been very considerable yet our readers will notice that they all have paid out more money than any previous season.

**PHOTO CREDIT**

This Review would be very drab but for the photos of outstanding trotters and pacers which appear in it. They have been given to us by Mr. Rupert Godfrey, importer and proprietor of the Godfrey Photo Chart System and an expert technician, whose worth has been widely recognized in the Maritimes and elsewhere. We have had an opportunity of seeing Photo Charts in Upper Canada and also in the United States and we can say in all sincerity that Mr. Godfrey's pictures are equal to any produced anywhere.

During the racing season Mr. Godfrey and his staff are very busy and it is a tribute to his system of organization when we say that we have never heard a complaint because of failure to provide the Photo Service or have it perfect it every way.

And now we would like to extend our best wishes to our readers and horsemen friends everywhere for a Happy and Prosperous 1959.

**Our Drivers Away From Home**

As usual, the feature driver away from home is Joe O'Brien. He continues to fill that spot in the limelight year after year and this year he has come up with a world's record and many other sterling performances that have placed him in the very top rank among the race drivers of America.

At the first of the season we were of the opinion that the S. A. Camp stable would not be nearly as strong as usual but as racing progressed we found that we had not taken into account the two 3-year-old members of Joe's string—Shadow Wave and Raider Frost.

**TO A PEAK**

The 1958 campaign started at Santa Anita in April and wound up in November back again at Hollywood Park. Joe's younger stock had been brought along carefully and slowly, as has been his custom for years, so he did not get into the limelight with any of them except Shadow Wave which caused quite a sensation when he won at Hollywood Park in 2:01. Last half in 1:59 3-5. He had not raced as a 2-year-old. It was not, however, until months later that he reached his peak and that was in The Little Brown Jug, purse \$65,252 which he won and paced a pair of miles in 2:01, terrific speed over a half mile track. He also won some wonderful miles at Lexington—1:59 2-5, 1:58 1-5, 2:00 4-5 and 1:58 2-5 in two different races, and did not appear to be extended. He also defeated a great field of aged horses in the \$75,000 American Pacing Classic at Hollywood Park in 1:56 3-5—a new world's record for a 3-year-old pacer.

Two others from the Camp stable took fast records at that meeting, Raider Frost, a 3-year-old that had been very active in the 1958 campaign took a record (Continued on Page 10)

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- FASTEST MILE ON PACE FRENCHMAN 2:06
- FASTEST MILE ON TROT RUNNYMEDE BEALE 2:08.4
- MOST HARNESS RACING CARDS 65



**RUNNYMEDE BEALE, 2:08.4**, and driven by H. Mount. Setting up a new track trotting record at Sackville Downs, N.S.—2:08.4. Owned by J. S. Savage, Fredericton, N.B.

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