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Du Quoin Wednesday afternoon, and Duncan MacDonald's Ima Lula carried off the trotting prize, the \$17,000 Castleton Farm, in straight heats of 2:02 and 2:00½, while the Surveyor Stable's Classic Lady accounted for the Hayes Memorial-Almahurst Farm Stake, also in straight heats of 2:00½ and 2:00½.

Ima Lula, a bay daughter of Hickory Pride from Nocalula, led practically every step of both miles for Joe O'Brien. Both times Armbro Regina, a Speedy Scot miss owned by the Armstrong Bros., was the second trotter home for Billy Haughton.

Trailing the winner by one and one-half lengths in the opener, Armbro Regina proved a stronger foe in the repeat mile, bowing out by only a head. Puritan was third in the first mile and Japa took down third money the second time after finishing fourth in the first heat for Jimmy Arthur.

Classic Lady captured the first heat of the Hayes Memorial in a stretch-long drive that started from the seventh horse position at the top of the lane. At the wire the Meadow Skipper bay edged Armstrong Bros.'s Armbro Renown, driven by Del Miller, by a half-length with Misty Raquel, Jerry Graham up, third in front of the heat's pacesetter, Lloyd and Nancy Arnold's Ice Tea, handled by Richard Farrington.

Striking a little earlier in the second outing, Classic Lady moved to the front from the runner-up spot in the final turn and carried the field to the wire for a three and one-half length score over Misty Raquel. Armbro Renown rallied for third this time.

SKIPPER DEXTER SETS 1:56½ WORLD RECORD

Friday morning's time trials rolled along without any earth-shaking miles until the next-to-last starter, Thomas A. and Mildred J. Dexter's 2-year-old pacing filly, Skipper Dexter.

The daughter of Meadow Skipper and the Tar Heel mare, Dexter Tar slipped past the quarter in :29 and reached the half in :58½, and then jolted the small, trackside gallery out of its collective lethargy by charging to the three-quarters in

1:27½ and on down to the wire in 1:56½. A quick referral to the nearest record book confirmed what had been immediately guessed by several of the knowledgeable onlookers—a new World Record. The former standard, 1:57½, was set by Timely Beauty in a time trial at The Red Mile in 1962. The race record for a 2-year-old pacing filly is 1:57½ also, established by Decorum at Lexington in 1971.

Heading some of the other highlights of the meet was the fine straight heat tally by the Speedster trotter, Yield, in an Illinois owned and bred test in which the 4-year-old trotted home in the first mile in 1:59½ for Jerry Graham and the winning owners, the Son-Gra Stable and Misty Farm.

This same trainer-driver and owner combination was responsible for another of the crack miles of the week, the 1:57½ score by the Miracle Knight 5-year-old, Rusty Knight in another event for Illinois owned and bred pacers. In the second heat of this fracas Rusty Knight was edged out at the wire by D. Carmody, K. Ward and D. Ward's Kay Wave, the winner in 1:58½ for Joe O'Brien. Kay Wave, a Shadow Wave 4-year-old, had been right there second in the first mile.

For its first year with pari-mutuel wagering at Du Quoin, a crowd of 13,444 wagered \$252,366 on the Hambletonian day program. It was also the first year that the Hambletonian had been presented over live Television.

AUGUST 27

2-YEAR-OLD TROT—\$5,035.75.

Time—:32% 1:04% 1:35% 2:08%
:31% 1:03% 1:35% 2:07%

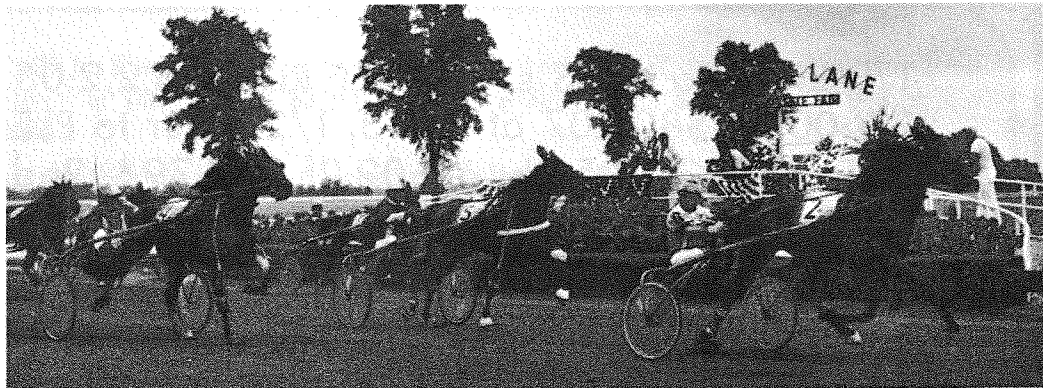
El Riesgo, b g, Valen Hanover-Emilies Risk (5-1) P. Pasley 1 2
Trackside Star, b c, Steady Star-Adios Birdie (1-3) J. O'Brien 3 1
Rona Frost (B. Downs) 2-3, Gre Mar Princess (J. Faires) 4-6, Deac's Flight (C. Bopp) 7-4, Willingly (J. Travis) 5-5, Peppi Filter (R. Montgomery) 6-7, Speedy Van (B. Montgomery) dnf-dr. Owner—P. Pasley; L. & J. Youngrem.

CASTLETON FARM 2-YEAR-OLD FILLY TROT—\$17,000.

Time—:29% 1:01% 1:31% 2:02%
:29% 1:00 1:30% 2:00%

Ima Lulu, b f, Hickory Pride-Nocalula (6-1) J. O'Brien 1 1
Armbro Regina (W. Haughton) 2-2, Japa (J. Arthur) 4-3, Puritan (J. Graham) 3-5, Victorious Leah (J. Simpson) 10-4, Tarport Leah (D. Miller) 5-7, Summer Madness (S. Dancer) 6-9, Hilary Almahurst (H. Graham) 10-6, Our Mama Lou (N. Bower) 7-10, Dexter Nova (M. Bossard) 12-8, Tall Tale (G. Garnsey) 8-dr. Owner—D. McDonald.

Keystone Pioneer turned back 9 distaff foes with authority in each division of the \$59,567 Hambletonian filly Trot. Richard De Santis handled the daughter of Hickory Pride-Passing Speed for owners Mrs. Dorothy Haughton and Patricia Bachner, and in the first heat she equalled the fastest mile in the Hambletonian itself, 1:59.



Grand Circuit At Du Quoin

*Hambletonian Filly Stake To Keystone Pioneer In 1:59;
Skipper Dexter Sets 1:56.3 Filly Record In Time Trial*

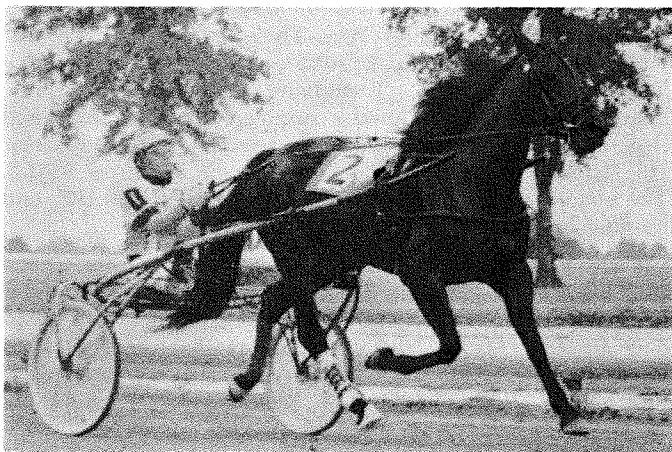
By Elizabeth Rorty

DU QUOIN, Ill.—Two world records, three season's records and 16 two-minute miles sparked another great Grand Circuit meeting at Bill Hayes' magnificent mile track last week. Severe storms on Monday and Tuesday before the meeting opened, and on Friday night preceding Hambletonian Day were taken in stride by a great track crew that worked uncounted hours to produce a safe fast racing strip.

You can read all about the memorable four-heat record-breaking Hambletonian earlier in this issue. About the world mark—Bonefish, Yankee Bambino and Noble Rogue contested four heats totalling 8:01.4, which demolished the 8:03.1 mark for four heats divided set by Eric B., Larengo Hanover and Princess Speed in the Walnut Hall Cup in 1968 and equalled by Waymaker, Nevele Diamond and Dancing Party in the Kentucky Futurity last year. Stanley Dancer, incidentally, was the pilot of Eric B. in 1968 and of Nevele Diamond in 1974. John Simpson, Jr. drove Waymaker in 1974.

Over a perfect racing strip on Friday morning, Billy Haughton drove Thomas and Mildred Dexter's homebred 2-year-old filly Skipper Dexter (Meadow Skipper-Dexter Tar) for trainer Merl Bossard against time in 1:56.3, the young pacer finishing brave and strong in :29 against a stiff head wind in the homestretch. That was the fastest mile ever for her age and sex (only three colts have gone faster). The previous mark was 1:57.1, set by Timely Beauty in a time trial in 1962, and equalled in a race by Decorum in 1971. Decorum, also by Meadow Skipper, retains the racing world mark.

Grand Circuit stakes winners, in addition to Bonefish,



Horseman photo

Dick DeSantis and Keystone Pioneer engineered a dramatic field-circling move that swept them to a 1:59 victory in the first Hambletonian Filly Stake heat. Aptly enough, the Hickory Pride lass is out of a mare named Passing Speed.



Horseman photo

Billy Haughton found himself in a rare position as observer in the winner's circle. Keystone Pioneer, a Hickory Pride daughter owned by Dorothy Haughton & Patricia Bachner & driven by Dick DeSantis, won the Hambletonian Filly Trot.

were trotters Keystone Pioneer (her 1:59 was a stake and season's record in the Hambletonian Filly Stake), Ima Lula (her 2:00.1 was a track and season's record for 2-year-old filly trotters) and Nevele Thunder (season's record 2:00.3 for colts), and pacers Bo Bo Arrow, Tarport Hap, Ambro Ranger and Classic Lady.

Wednesday's opening day all 2-year-old stakes program featured a pair of 2:00.1 filly stars, trotter Ima Lula and pacer Classic Lady.

In the Castleton Trot, Ima Lula, Duncan MacDonald's powerful daughter of Hickory Pride and first foal of Noccalula, 4, T1:58.4, zipped a quarter in :29.2 to get the lead from the sixth post for Joe O'Brien, and won the first heat unthreatened in a season's record 2:02 from stablemate Ambro Regina, Puritan and Japa. In the record 2:00.1 second heat, she took the lead from Summer Madness just past the quarter, but had a stretch-long duel with Ambro Regina, who had come from seventh at the quarter to lose to Lula by a couple of whiskers. Japa and Victorious Leah were third and fourth.

Ambro Regina, an Armstrong home-bred Speedy Scot filly from the great Ambro Flight, was driven by Billy Haughton for trainer Joe O'Brien, and was timed in 2:00.1, same as Ima Lula. The mile is among the ten fastest ever recorded by 2-year-old filly trotters, race or time trial.

Classic Lady, a Meadow Skipper filly who is the first foal from Twilight Farm's Distinguished by Tar Heel, turned in a tremendous pair of heats to take home the Almahurst trophy in the Hayes Memorial. From 13th post, Billy Haughton had her eighth at the three-quarters, and she zoomed down the extreme outside to collar pace-setting Ice Tea,