



Clearview Stable's Zoot Suit, winner of the 1:58<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub> first heat and second overall for winnings of \$65,881. Vernon Dancer drove the bay son of Nevele Pride-Glad Rags.

Herman and his wife Arlene and restaurateur Murray Siegel and his wife Blanche, purchased the colt at public auction for \$10,000. He trotted in 2:07<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub>h last year, and accounted for the Westchester Trot and a Grand Circuit event at Richelieu Park while earning \$26,014.

Prior to his Hambletonian triumph, his most important achievement this campaign came in winning the first leg of Trotting's Triple Crown, the \$202,000 Yonkers Trot. He has accounted also for the \$23,250 Matron Stake at Wolverine and the \$13,750 Reynolds Memorial at Buffalo. The winner's purse of \$131,762 gives him earnings of \$305,950 for the year and \$331,964 as a 2- and 3-year-old.

Winning driver Billy Haughton told newsmen following the race that he would seek support of other prominent drivers in urging a change in the rules of the Hambletonian and other stakes under which three-year-olds are required on occasion to race four times during an afternoon.

This occurs in races with the rule that requires a horse to win two heats. If three different horses win the first three heats, they must then return for a race-off. Haughton would like to see the field divided in two elimination heats when 16 or more are entered, with the first five returning for a final. No horse would race more than twice in the same afternoon under this system.

The Hambletonian Society at their meeting during Hambletonian week voted to divide the field if more than 20 horses are entered. In the race's fifty year history, it has been decided in two heats around 50 per cent of the time, in three heats 30 per cent, and in four heats 20 per cent.

The Hambletonian Filly division, valued at \$60,474, was just as dramatic as the main event.

In the opener Duncan A. MacDonald's Ima Lula charged straight to the front from the outside nine post for Joe O'Brien and set the pace the entire mile. Summer Madness,



Winner of third money of \$31,622 was the Speedy Scot-Armbro Flight filly Armbro Regina, winner for Joe O'Brien of the third heat in 1:56<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub>, an effort which equalled the sophomore filly World Record set earlier in the afternoon by Japa in the Hambletonian filly division.

with Stanley Dancer up behind Stoner Creek Stud's bay daughter of Noble Victory, took up the chase and trotted in a contending position until the stretch.

Japa, a close fourth or fifth throughout the journey, launched her assault under Billy Herman's guidance in the stretch and closed to within three-quarters of a length of the winner at the wire which Ima Lula reached in 1:57<sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub>, only three-fifths of a second off the World Record held jointly by Noble Gal and Colonial Charm. Summer Madness lasted for a close third, only a length away from the winner.

In the repeat mile Ima Lula again cut out the mile, and Summer Madness once more was the contender to the stretch although joined this time by Honeysuckle Stable's Melodrama, handled by George Sholty, which erred in the first mile and finished ninth.

Japa trotted fourth to the stretch where in a strong move the daughter of Star's Pride-Elma took a one and one-half length lead. Ima Lula battled right back and the two brilliant fillies duelled heads apart to within a few strides of the wire before Japa prevailed by a head in 1:56<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub>, a new world record for 3-year-old trotting fillies over a mile track.

Billy Herman switched tactics with Charlotte Sheppard and John Simpson's daughter of Star's Pride-Elma in the race-off and went to the front. Ima Lula trotted a length away to the final bend, where the Hickory Pride-Noccalula lass unleashed a :27<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub> final quarter on the end of the 2:04<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub> mile to nip Japa by a nose at the close of a stretch-long battle.

Providing the sidewheeler action on the largely trotter dominated card was the \$22,795 Geers 3-year-old pace, won via his best standing in the summaries by the Race Time bay Dream Maker, handled by his owner Richard Oldfield.

Warm Breeze, with Richard Farrington up behind Lloyd and Nancy Arnold's son of Bret Hanover-Touch of Spring, set all the pace in the opener, and withstood Dream Maker's closing brush by a length in 1:58<sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub>, last half-mile in :57<sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub>, final quarter in :27<sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub>.

Warm Breeze took charge early in the second trip, but gave way to third in the stretch as Dream Maker scooted home in 1:56<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub> and an aroused Victorious Beauty slipped by also after finishing fifth in the initial mile.

Jodevin, the Dayan-Drexel Toodles 2-year-old trotter that has been toying with the opposition throughout Iowa and Illinois all summer, routed the Grand Circuit colts on Friday, stepping home by 5 to 6 lengths in his 2:01 elimination, and by an even wider margin in the final, in which he trotted the last half of the 2:01<sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub> mile in :59, and a final quarter in :28<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub>.

The quick last half came in response to a challenge from the second elimination heat winner, H.P.H. Stable's Cold Comfort. The Hickory Pride-Carilla Hanover youngster got to within a half-length, but was unable to stay with the leader through the stretch. Cold Comfort trotted in 2:01<sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub> in winning his elimination.

In acquiring victory number 21 from 22 starts, Jodevin was driven by Joe O'Brien because his owner, trainer and usual driver Kermit L. Hinshaw does not have a license to drive at a pari-mutuel meeting.

The Grand Circuit segment of the 6-day race meeting opened on Thursday with a World Record equalling performance from Leon Machiz's Whatanut, winner in 1:57<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub> of the first heat of the \$17,857 Hayes Memorial 2-year-old filly pace. The effort, a three-quarter length tally over Au Clair matched the 1971 performance by Decorum at Lexington. Helen R. Buck's swift Albatross lass Helen's Deal, came from far back for third.

In the repeat mile, Helen's Deal took charge around the half-mile pole for Billy Haughton and set the pace the rest of the trip, clocked in 1:57<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub>. Au Clair charged up again in the stretch for second money. It was the second time this summer that Helen's Deal had paced to within a fifth of a second of the World Record.

The \$19,563 Castleton Farm 2-year-old filly trot went in straight heat to Swedish Sportsman Arne G.S. Carlsson's Noble Carlene. Haken Wallner, Swedish also, piloted the bay daughter of Noble Victory-Hi Flyer to her maiden score of 2:00<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub> in the first trip, which she acquired by a half-length over Nobie Hanover who broke at the wire.

In the second mile Noble Carlene trotted within reach while Joe Mendelson's Angel's Flight set the pace for Billy Haughton. Nobie Hanover trotted at the leader heels until