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These Are the Trotters That Will Answer the Marshal's Call to the Rich International Tonight

SU MAC LAD CHOICE OVER 5 OPPONENTS

Merrie Duke, Kracovie Keen Rivals in \$50,000 Event at Roosevelt Raceway

P.P.	Horse and Country	Driver	Prob. Odds
1	Merrie Duke, U. S.	Patterson	3-1
2	Kracovie, France	Vercruysse	7-2
3	Tornese, Italy	Brighentii	6-1
4	Su Mac Lad, U. S.	S. Dancer	7-5
5	Tie Silk, Canada	Beissinger	8-1
6	La Charmeuse, France	Morvillers	10-1

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WESTBURY, L. I., July 14—Music, floodlights, six horses, one goat, \$50,000 and upward of 50,000 persons—these are the component parts of the Roosevelt International Trot tomorrow night at Roosevelt Raceway.

Although short a couple of standardbreds—there simply aren't any more physically sound top-flight trotters around—the event will not lack any of the fanfare and excitement that accompanied the first two International presentations in 1959 and last year. Favorable weather (early showers are forecast) may lead to a world-record crowd and a world-record mutual handle for harness racing.

Both records were set here last Aug. 20, when 54,861 fans wagered \$2,730,113 on the nine-race program. That program was highlighted by the victory of Hairos II of the Netherlands in the International. Over a mile and a quarter, the 6-foot-4-inch, 265-pound Willem Geersen drove Hairos II home in 2:34. The world record for the distance is 2:33, set by Florican in 1953.

Record Time Expected
Some believe that under ideal conditions the winner of tomorrow night's race, be it the favored Su Mac Lad, Kracovie of France, Tornese of Italy or any of the other three starters, will lower the record.

All six trainer-drivers reported their horses in perfect physical condition. John Cashman, the presiding judge, said Dr. Eugene Dillman, the State Harness Racing Commission veterinarian, also had found them fit.

There had been a report La Charmeuse of France might not start because of a bad leg. Jean Morvillers, the driver of the 6-year-old mare, denied this emphatically.

"La Charmeuse kicked herself slightly during a workout Tuesday morning," he explained through an interpreter, "but she is all right now."

All six horses jogged this morning, after which the drivers met with Cashman and were briefed on the rules. Dr. Nino D'Alfonso of the Unione Nazionale Incremento Razze Equine of Rome—he is Cashman's Italian counterpart—was an observer.

Cashman spoke in English. An interpreter told the visiting reinsmen, Roger Vercruysse (Kracovie), Sergio Brighentii (Tornese) and Morvillers (La Charmeuse), about recalls, drifting out from the rail and the lodging of objections.

Lingvist at Finish Line

On the last-named item, Cashman will station Sacher Werner, a Viennese linguist well known as a driver here, at the finish line. If a foreign driver wants to lodge a complaint, he will tell Werner, who will relay the foul claim to Cashman.

Starting from the No. 1 post position will be the pigeon-toed Merrie Duke, a 4-year-old and the youngest horse in the race. Johnny Patterson will drive Byron D. Kuth's gelded son of Kimberly Kid and Dutchess Hanover.

Su Mac Lad, Irving W. Berkemeyer's 7-year-old gelding, drew No. 4. His seven-out-of-nine record for the season and the fact that Stanley Dancer will drive make him the 7-5 choice. For the first time, the United States will have two starters in the International in this pair.

Kracovie, the European champion who can start fast or come from behind, has supporters. Tornese, second in the first International and fourth last year, also has great speed. Howard Beissinger, the driver of Tie Silk of Canada, feels his horse may upset all with a stretch rally.

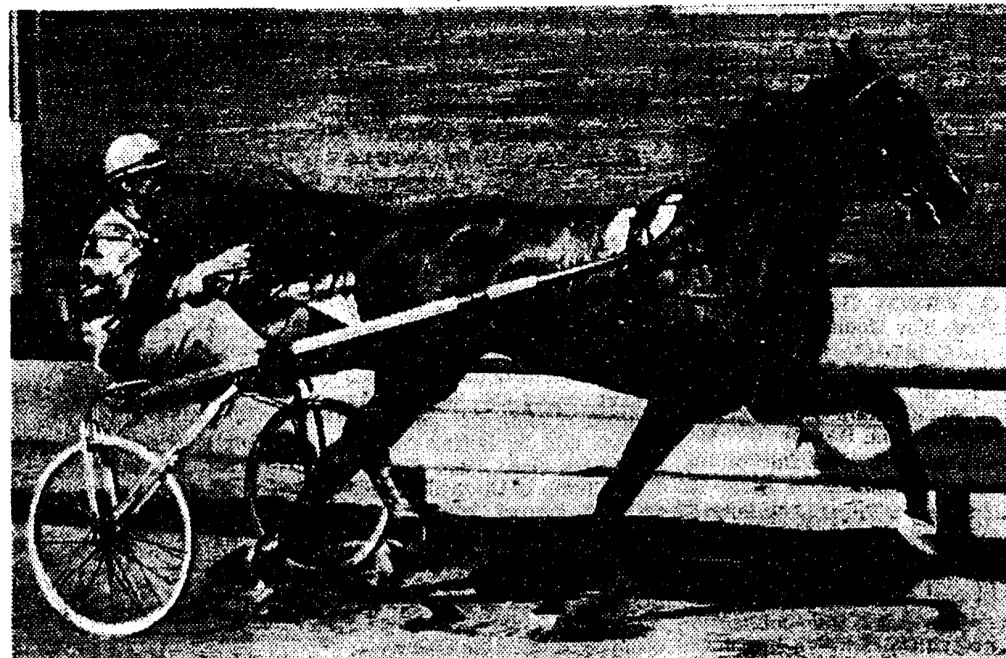
The first International, won by artichoke-eating Jamin of France, was at a mile and a half. That Aug. 1, 1959, night saw 45,723 harness racing buffs captivated by the French horse's performance. The distance was reduced the following year.

New Companion Found

Much was made of the ruling that prevented Brigitte, a female goat, from accompanying Kracovie from Paris. United States health officials feared the spread of hoof and mouth disease. Kracovie was reported to be unhappy, so a search for a new goat companion was begun.

Finally, Brigitte II wended her way into Kracovie's stall. Permission was granted by Cashman for Brigitte II to enter the paddock with Kracovie. And when the music plays and the floodlights are beamed on the track for the International parade to the post, there—on the end of a leash—will be Brigitte II.

Of the \$50,000 purse, half will go to the winning owner. Tornese, the 9-year-old that is the oldest horse in the race, has earned \$424,763, more than any other trotter in history.



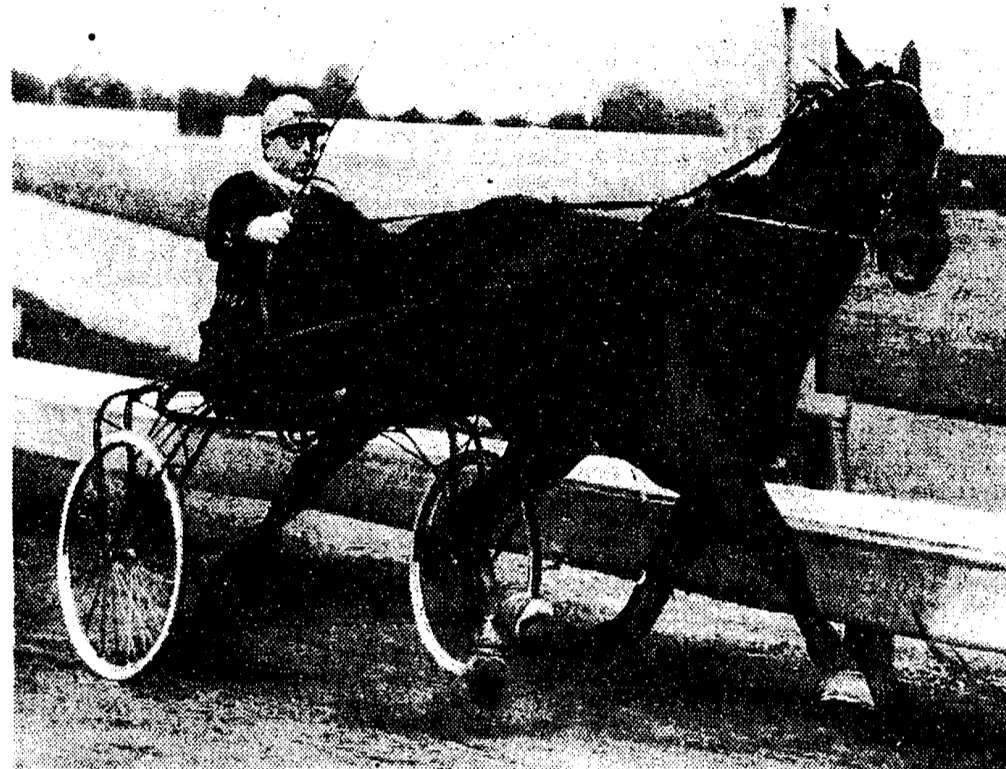
SU MAC LAD of U. S. has dominated the trotting scene this year, winning seven of nine starts. The 7-year-old gelding will be driven by Stanley Dancer in tonight's race.



TIE SILK OF CANADA will be handled by Howard Beissinger. The 5-year-old is rated Canada's greatest trotter.



TORNESE OF ITALY has earned more than \$400,000 for his owners. The 9-year-old's driver is Sergio Brighentii.



KRACOVIE OF FRANCE is the outstanding European trotter this season, winning nine of her last thirteen starts. Her trainer, Roger Vercruysse, will drive her tonight.



LA CHARMEUSE OF FRANCE is a 6-year-old mare who has taken four of her nine races this year. Her driver in Westbury race is Jean Morvillers.



MERRIE DUKE OF U.S. is rated as second to Su Mac Lad in morning line. The 4-year-old, youngest in the field, is shown with John Patterson, driver.