

HAUGHTON VICTOR IN ALL 5 STARTS

Driver Has Perfect Night at Roosevelt Raceway

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WESTBURY, L. I., Aug. 25—Billy Haughton, the harness racing driver who started the year with 2,104 victories—a figure no other active reinsman can match—guided home five winners in five starts tonight at Roosevelt Raceway. It was the first five-for-five performance for Haughton in a career that dates back to 1942.

Only the first and the fifth winners brought home by Haughton were favorites. The 40-year-old driver from Old Brookville, L. I., put together a string of four straight, from the second through the fourth races. And, judging by the cheers, quite a few among the 23,749 fans had hopped on the Haughton bandwagon early in the streak.

Official Time, a 2-year-old Good Time colt, started Haughton on the winning trail when he won the second race in 2:05 $\frac{3}{5}$, paying \$6.50 for \$2 to win. Then, Haughton followed with triumphs behind Spring Ginger, a 4-year-old trotting mare, who paid \$7.60. Fool's Dandy, a gelded 5-year-old trotter, was Haughton's third straight success.

When Haughton, rallying with Smart Money and taking the featured one-mile pace in 2:01 $\frac{2}{5}$ at a \$31.40 pay off, had his fourth in a row, he was reached on the paddock telephone.

"Before this night started," he said, "I thought the only horse with which I had a good chance to win was the Twist in the ninth. All I can say about the first four is that I couldn't seem to do anything wrong out there."

Nor did Haughton do anything wrong with The Twist in

the ninth. He had the choice in a contending position all the way, then triumphed with a stretch-drive that gave him a one-length decision over Cole Hanover in 2:05. The Twist paid \$4.30 and completed a twin double that paid \$124.40. There were 1,458 winning tickets.

The record number of victorious drives at a pari-mutuel harness racing track is six. Jimmy Cruise did it here and Bob Farrington achieved it at Freehold, N. J.