

# 5,000 WATCH TROTS ON OPENING NIGHT

## \$40,742 Wagered in Mutuels on Eight Events Staged at Roosevelt Raceway

### CALUMET DUBUQUE VICTOR

#### Wins Both Heats in Feature— Lights Afford a Fine View of Horses and Track

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WESTBURY, L. I., Sept. 2—Light harness racing under floodlights finally started at Roosevelt Raceway tonight and proved a decided success. The delayed opening of the Old Country Trotting Association meeting over the newly built half-mile oval drew a crowd of 5,000, including members of Long Island society and the horse colony.

A total of \$40,742 was bet in the pari-mutuels. Of this the track took 10 per cent, or \$4,074.20; the State received 5 per cent, or \$2,037.10, and the State and track divided the breakage, getting \$344.75 each.

The wagering follows:

First race, \$1,280; second race, \$2,859; third race, \$4,871; fourth race, \$5,877; fifth race, \$7,684; sixth race, \$5,128; seventh race, \$6,741; eighth race, \$6,302.

This was the introduction of night trotting in this State and marked the first time that mutuels were used for the harness sport on Long Island. It was something of a novelty to many of the spectators and the fact that little was known concerning the horses was one reason why the mutuel handle was light.

#### Few on Special Trains

Most of the spectators came from nearby towns, with the special trains from New York and Brooklyn bringing no more than 300. The course is in the heart of a traditional trotting center. Mineola has had trotting for many years and some of the polo and horse set of Long Island have in recent years gone in for the harness sport, notably Elbridge T. Gerry, chairman of the New York State Harness Racing Commission, and Dunbar Bostwick.

The course is in front of the long row of stands that faced the stretch run of the track when the Raceway was used for automobile racing. Under the bright floodlights the horses can be seen as clearly as in daytime and the track is small enough so that the horses are never far from the spectators.

There is a unique paddock at the end of the first turn. This is open to the crowd and the spectators can amble around among the horses there. The paddock is so close to the main stands and so well lighted, however, that it is not necessary to go down the several flights of stairs to see the horses well.

#### 102 Mutuel Windows

Other features are the 102 mutuel windows, the McNamara starting barrier, the finish camera and a program which not only gives the complete information concerning the entries but also provides past performances.

Horses that might shy at shadows on the track are provided with shadow rolls, which fit over the nose and prevent the horse from getting a view of the track immediately in front of him.

The Westbury Trot was staged in two heats as the third and fifth races. The Old Town Hill Farm's Calumet Dubuque won both whirls easily, with More Expense second and Billy Bunter third each time. Calumet Dubuque was an odds-on choice in both tests.

In the first, More Expense led for a lap, but the winner moved up on the outside going to the last turn and drew away in the stretch by two lengths. In the other brush, Calumet Dubuque led all the way.

The racing started at 8 P. M., but a large part of the crowd did not arrive until later. As a result, it was announced that the first race would start tomorrow night at 8:30 and that there would be twenty minutes between races.

The summaries:

FIRST RACE—Mile trot; purse \$250.  
Martha Lee... (Hanafin) 4.40 3.10 2.50  
Forever Yours (Drnkwtr.) .... 3.30 2.70  
Frank Meehan... (Pownall) .... 4.00  
Time—2:19. Primo, Marco Polo and Bishop Hanover also started.

SECOND RACE—Three-quarter-mile trot; purse \$250.  
Upanatum... (McFadden) 7.40 3.90 4.50  
Shawnee... (Butterworth) .... 4.10 4.80  
Miss Duryea... (Drnkwtr.) .... 6.40  
Time—1:38½. Fez Hanover, Mystery, Broadway, Miss Shirley Temple and Betty Sunshine also started.

THIRD RACE—The Westbury trot; first heat; purse \$300.  
Cal. Dubuque... (Hanafin) 3.70 3.10 2.50  
More Expense... (Dill) .... 5.00 3.20  
Billy Bunter... (Brooks) .... 2.60  
Time—2:10¼. Prohibitor, Brewster Hanover, Judge Trogan and Cotter also started.

FOURTH RACE—Three-quarter-mile pace; purse \$250.  
Ronald... (Sarabob) 7.30 3.50 2.70  
Marguerite... (Cornwell) .... 2.90 2.40  
Alma Cash... (Munz) .... 3.20  
Time—1:38¼. Mazie Cash, Miss Patsy Todd, Miss May Direct and Earl's Tom Boy also started.

FIFTH RACE—The Westbury trot; second heat; purse \$300.  
Calumet Dubuque... (Han'fn) 3.50 2.80 2.20  
More Expense... (Dill) .... 3.50 2.30  
Billy Bunter... (Brooks) .... 2.40  
Time—2:12. Prohibitor, Brewster Hanover, Judge Trogan and Cotter also started.

SIXTH RACE—Mile and a sixteenth trot; purse \$250.  
Fifi Hanover... (Burlingame) 9.80 3.10 2.70  
Lord Selka... (Dill) .... 2.60 2.50  
Patrol... (Walter) .... 4.00  
Time—2:25. Mac Harvester, Sister Hanover, Calumet Filomar and Mamie Hanover also started.

SEVENTH RACE—Mile and a sixteenth pace; purse \$250.  
Symbol Louis... (Burlingame) 5.40 2.30 Out  
His Honor... (Thomas) .... 2.30 Out  
Symbol Green... (McPhillips) .... Out  
Time—2:19. Miss Highland, Irish McGuire, Riot Hanover and Prosperpine also started.

EIGHTH RACE—Three-quarter-mile trot; purse \$250.  
Lord Selka... (Dill) 4.50 4.00 3.10  
Mamie Hanover... (M'Fadden) .... 16.40 7.70  
Patrol... (Walton) .... 5.50  
Time—1:41. Mac Harvester, Fifi Hanover, Calumet Filomar and Sister Hanover also started.