

Buck is third, Fuzzette Long, fourth; and Lola Star, fifth. Trophy for the race was donated by Carroll Potato Chips. (Gazette photo by Bill Rice.)

Five Horse Finish Highlights Racing

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As five horses drove for the wire in a blanket finish, Terry, mite stuck his nose across the line to cap the first heat of the second race on Friday's harness racing program at the Ross County Fair. The finish — five horses within one-half length — highlighted a three-race card.

Terrymite, in the three-year old pacer class, went on to capture the second heat and gain trophy and prize money as did Bifty's Lady in the first, a 26 trot, and Phillip Paul in the finale, a two-year old and 30 trot.

A crowd estimated at 300 watched from the grandstand while several score peered over the fence lining the course. A fast track, grayling skies and mild temperatures greed the crowd.

Terrymite chalked up the best heat time of the day, running the second in 2:09 3/5 seconds. His margin was one-half length over a fast-closing Virgie's First, owned by Arthur and Hurley Mace of Circleville. Terrymite's run rewarded his owner, Russell W. Thirey, Batavia, and driver Eddie Morgan with the Carroll Trophy and a \$500 purse.

The five horse first-heat showed Terrymite a nose in front of Wishful Dream, Lola Star and Red Buck Fuzzette Long, brought to the outside down the backstretch, tried vainly to catch the pack but failed by one-half length. Eleven horses had broken from the moveable starting gate.

Bifty's Lady ran two strong races for driver K. Briel who saw the horse for the first time Friday morning. Owned by William J. Riley, Union Landing, the trotter won a three-horse race in the first heat from Turf Song and B. C. Hal. In the payoff, B. C. Hal raced down the homestretch with Bifty's Lady but failed to overtake the winning trotter, Turf Song stayed in close, but could not catch the one-two finishers.

Bifty's Lady covered the mile distance in 2:13 flat to earn the Rtteliff Trophy and a \$300 purse.

Seven horses went to the post with Dick Volo taking fourth and Butch Lincoln fifth.

Eight horses competed in the third race, a two-year-old and 30 trot, after Make-Me scratched when she cut her foot during score. Handy Day, who led the first heat until he broke in the home stretch, broke also in the second and finished fourth.

Phillip Paul was an easy five-length winner in 2:16. Owned by Mrs. W. E. Flynn's Coordination City and driven by G. E. Dillion, the trotter copped the Sinclair trophy and a \$500 purse. His time of 2:22, very slow, in the first heat resulted from a poor start.

Proficient Gal crossed the final finish line second, Chilliothean Mrs. W. E. Flynn's Coordination third, Handy Day fourth and Dr. Stewart fifth.

Music was again provided by the Adelphi band.

Mrs. Marilyn Alexander was outrider, Bennett Junk, announcer and Virgil Sparks, starting judge.

First Race, 26 trot, \$500, 1 mile.
First Heat: Bifty's Lady (William J. Riley), Turf Song, B. C. Hal (Oville Muckie), Ellen Lind (Floyd B. Smith), Butch Lincoln (Earl Burnett). Time: 2:13 4/5.
Final: Bifty's Lady, B. C. Hal, Turf Song, Dick Volo, Butch Lincoln. Also Rans: Willetta, Ellen Lind. Time: 2:13.
Second Race, three-year old pace, \$500, 1 mile.
First Heat: Terrymite (Russell W. Thirey), Wishful Dream (McKinley Kirk and Vallery Brothers), Lola Star (Walter Davis), Red Buck (Herschel White), Fuzzette Long (Darwin Edwards). Time: 2:12 1/8.
Final: Terrymite, Virgie's First, Red Buck, Fuzzette Long, Lola Star. Also Rans: Emily Wili, Wishful Dream, Chessie, Stolen Moments, Tactful Girl. Time: 2:09 3/5.
Third Race, two-year old and 30 trot, \$500, 1 mile.
First Heat: Phillip Paul (G.E. and M.E. Dillion), Coordination (Mrs. W. E. Flynn), Handy Day (H. W. Smith), Dr. Stewart (W. B. Appleman), Proficient Gal (Charles Mc Dermott). Time: 2:22.
Final: Phillip Paul, Proficient Gal, Coordination, Handy Day, Dr. Stewart. Also rans: Atlantic Song, Laura's Son, Flashy Lee.

Bang!



CUBS' PITCHER RECUPERATES—Chicago Cubs' pitcher Jim Brewer relaxes at Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago where he is recuperating from surgery to repair a shattered bone under his right eye. Brewer was punched in the face by Cincinnati Redlegs second baseman Billy Martin in an August 4 game. Martin drew a \$500 fine and a five-day suspension (since served) imposed by National League President Warren Giles.

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