

Free for All, 22 Pace Races Run

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Fast times were the rule on a three-race card which wrapped up harness racing at the Ross County Fair Saturday afternoon. Blazing over the mile distance in 2:06 4/5 seconds were Winget Guy in the second race, a free for all pace, and Ruthie's Pride in the final heat of the 22 pace, the final event on the program.

This speedy pacer clocking of 2:06 4/5 was one second over the track standard of 2:04 4/5 recorded by Air Pilot under the drive of Porter Martin in 1953.

Seven Heats

Seven heats were run with two each on free for all paces and three on the 22 pace finale. Eight horses ran in each 22 pace elimination, with the top five in each competing in the final round.

A sparse grandstand crowd observed the 2 p. m. running on a warm, windy afternoon. The track was fast and slightly dusty.

Winget Guy, owned and driven by Wayne Martin, Circleville, with ease captured both heats of the second free for all pace. In gaining the \$500 purse and McAllister Trophy, Martin first moved his gelding from the eighth starting position into the lead on the last turn and ramped home by five lengths with the meet's best time to that point. In the finale, he not seriously challenged, easing up down the home stretch to win by two lengths in 2:07.

Second Heat

In the second heat, Rhapody's Boy came second, Virginia's Dream third, Bettina fourth and Billy Scotland fifth. Also ran and scratched included Lattie Richard, Lad Evo and Tired Brother.

The meet record tying Ruthie's Pride, a black mare from the Milton Carpenter farm in Orient, carried herself over the finish line in 22 pace prelims one length in front of Jiggs and Miss Tammy who battled gamely. Ruthie's Pride gained the No. 2 post position for the finale after taking her section of the trials. When Hasty Miss, the other section winner, broke stride early, Ruthie's Pride moved into leadership and pruned to the finish in meet record tying time of 2:06 4/5. Driver Milton Carpenter kept his horse in command all the way.

For her successful track effort, Ruthie's Pride was awarded the Chillicothe Lumber Trophy and a \$500 purse.

Edith Volo

Fourth position was snared by Edith Volo, with Royal Dream fifth. Also ran were Fern Clay, Garden Acres, Hasty Miss, Sunset Girl, Sun Volo. Scratched after preliminary heats were Expelliter, Chemango, Victory Ace, Monticello Axis, Chalkdust Dale and Killarney.

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Ann Waverly, whose best time was 2:06 1/5, captured both heats of the first race, another free for all pace.

Under the skillful handling of Wendell Kirk for owners McKelby Kirk of Washington C. H. and the Valley Brothers of Waverly, the mare took the lead at the head of the stretch and came on for a half-length victory in the initial heat. Kirk pulled her from the rail to the outside and around the pack for a similar half-length triumph in the final mile run. Cindy Mia and Abbe Volo proved tough challengers in the rumberup spots.

Blanket Trophy

Prize for success in the first race was a blanket trophy by MacDon and a \$500 purse.

Also running were Big Mac, fourth, and Virgie's First, fifth. Also ran were Gimmigan, Eye-catcher and Beverly Sue.

Savings Bank award of \$25 to the driver winning the most heats went to Wayne Martin, Circleville, on the basis of a draw after eight drivers qualified with two victories apiece. Others were K. Deal, G. Dilliox, Harry Hughes, Eddie Morgan, D. B. Schaffer, Kirk and Carpenter.

Marilyn Alexander was outsider, Bennett Junk, announcer, and H. H. Butler, Waverly, starting judge. Adolph Band again provided the music.

First Race, free for all pace, \$500

First Heat: Ann Waverly (McKelby Kirk & Jerry Brown), Cindy Mia (Morgan & Joe Austin), Abbe Volo (Bennett Eisenack), Gimmigan (William L. Grove), Eye-catcher (Porter Kinley), Time: 2:07.

Second Heat: Ann Waverly (McKelby Kirk & Jerry Brown), Virgie's First (Also Hans Gimmigan), Eye-catcher and Beverly Sue, Time: 2:06 1/5.

Second Race, free for all pace, \$500

First Heat: Winget Guy (Wayne Martin), Virginia's Dream (Harry C. Hunter), Bettina (Doug Abner), Tired Brother (W. J. Brown), Rhapody's Boy (Porter Kinley), Time: 2:06 4/5.

Second Heat: Winget Guy, Rhapody's Boy, Virginia's Dream, Bettina, Billy Scotland, Also ran: Lattie Richard, Scratched: Lad Evo and Tired Brother, Time: 2:07.

Third Race, 22 Pace, \$500, 1 mile

First Heat: Hasty Miss (J. C. Dewey), Edith Volo (L. A. Kenney), Fern Clay (C. K. Buel), Sunset Girl (R. J. Johnson), Garden Acres (Earl Buppert), Time: 2:08.

Second Heat: Ruthie's Pride (Milton Carpenter), Miss Tammy (Donald Beck), Jiggs (Craig & Dick Rockwell), Sun Volo (Horton Detwiler), Royal Dream (Harry A. Salsinger), Time: 2:07.

Final Heat: Ruthie's Pride, Jiggs, Miss Tammy, Edith Volo, Royal Dream, Also Hasty Miss Volo, Sunset Girl, Garden Acres, Fern Clay, Hasty Miss, Scratched: Expelliter, Chemango, Victory Ace, Monticello Axis, Chalkdust Dale, Killarney, Time: 2:05 4/5.

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