

TENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ILLINOIS HARNESS RACING
COMMISSION

TO THE

HONORABLE WILLIAM G. STRATTON
GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS

1955



EVART L. JORDAN, Chairman

WALTER E. MILLER—JOHN A. DAVIDSON, Members

BONNIE B. BIGGS, Secretary

January 15, 1956

*To His Excellency, The Honorable William G. Stratton,
Governor of Illinois*

SIR :

We are herewith submitting the report of the Illinois Harness Racing Commission covering activities under the jurisdiction of this Commission for the year January 1, 1955 and ending December 31, 1955.

Faithfully yours.

EVART L. JORDAN, *Chairman*
WALTER E. MILLER, *Member*
JOHN A. DAVIDSON, *Member*

BONNIE B. BIGGS, *Secretary*

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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

1955

The Annual Report of this Commission, together with statistical information covering the Tenth year of operation of pari-mutuel harness horse racing in the State of Illinois is herewith submitted.

In July the membership of the Commission was altered by the appointment of John A. Davidson, a retired automotive dealer and prominent owner of harness horses from Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Mr. Davidson was appointed to succeed Paul S. Dougherty, deceased.

During 1955 we witnessed a continued increase in all phases of the sport. Attendance was greater, the pari-mutuel handle and revenue to the State was marked by substantial increases. Purses paid to horsemen again established a new high. Larger purses, coupled with plant improvements and improved racing conditions again attracted horses of the highest caliber to the mutuel tracks in the State.

The season was opened on April 15th by the Fox Valley Trotting Club racing at Maywood Park, Maywood, Illinois; concluding their meeting on June 4th. Racing was continued by the Chicago Downs Association, Inc. at Sportsman's Park, Cicero, Illinois from June 6th to July 30th. On August 1st racing was conducted by the Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. at Maywood Park, and that meeting was terminated on October 1st. To complete the season, Suburban Downs leased Maywood Park and conducted their race meeting from October 3rd to November 5th.

The total number of racing days allocated by this Commission was 176. Actual racing days were 163; 13 days being cancelled due to inclement weather and track conditions.

On November 22nd and again on December 14th, this Commission conducted public hearings for the purpose of granting licenses and allocating racing dates for the 1956 season. After a careful examination of all applicants, the Commission granted licenses and allocated racing dates for the 1956 season as follows:

Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. at Maywood Park, April 2nd to June 2nd, 54 racing days. Fox Valley Trotting Club, Inc. to race at Sportsman's Park June 4th to July 7th, 30 racing days. Chicago Downs Association, Inc. at Sportsman's Park July 9th to September 1st, 48 racing days. Suburban Downs at Maywood Park September 3rd to October 20th, 42 racing days.

On subsequent pages of this report will be found a recapitulation of statistics in detailed form along with a comparison to prior years.

	1954	1955
Number of Licenses Issued.....	4	4
Number of Racing Days.....	161	163
Number of Races	1457	1480
Total Purses	\$ 1,654,950.00	\$ 1,862,308.00
Total Mutuel Handle	\$ 38,503,052.00	\$ 40,117,606.00
Revenue to State of Illinois from Mutuel Handle	\$ 2,117,668.29	\$ 2,206,468.70

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REVENUE COLLECTED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

The Illinois Harness Racing Commission from December 1, 1954 to December 1, 1955 collected as revenue from racing the sum of \$2,232,814.00, which is an increase of 4.1% over the year 1954.

The Illinois Harness Racing Commission for the above period carried on its work at a total expense of \$42,530.16.

REVENUE COLLECTED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

1953					Maywood Park as Agent for Chicago Herald American Benefit Fund
	Maywood Park	Chicago Downs	Fox Valley (Aurora) (Downs)		
Application Fees	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
License Fees	3,000.00	2,100.00	3,000.00		500.00
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	7,976.00	4,187.90	5,568.30		.....
Percentage of Pari-Mutuel	698,662.66	574,419.83	590,043.02		90,471.45
	<u>\$709,663.66</u>	<u>\$580,732.73</u>	<u>\$598,636.32</u>		<u>\$ 90,996.45</u>
Total	\$1,980,029.16				
1954					Fox Valley (Aurora) (Downs)
	Maywood Park	Chicago Downs	Suburban Downs		
Application Fees	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
License Fees	2,850.00	2,250.00	900.00		2,750.00
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	1,224.30*	5,128.10			4,661.60
Percentage of Pari-Mutuel	633,751.15	732,301.47	184,166.21		567,449.46
	<u>\$645,141.95</u>	<u>\$739,704.57</u>	<u>\$185,091.21</u>		<u>\$574,886.06</u>
Total	\$2,144,823.79				

* Maywood Park as Agent for Chicago Herald American Benefit Fund.

1955						Maywood Park as Agent for Chicago- American Benefit Fund
	Fox Valley	Chicago Downs	Maywood Park	Suburban Downs		
Application Fees	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
License Fees	2,300.00*	2,400.00	2,700.00	1,200.00		300.00**
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets ..	4,244.10	5,765.40***	5,932.60	1,378.20		
Percentage of Pari- Mutuel ..	590,467.77	735,156.29	665,092.56	215,752.08		
	<u>\$597,036.87</u>	<u>\$743,346.69</u>	<u>\$673,750.16</u>	<u>\$218,355.28</u>		<u>\$ 325.00</u>
Total	\$2,232,814.00					

* Includes \$100.00 deficit from 1954.

** This amount refunded from the appropriation of the Illinois Harness Racing Commission for the 60th Biennium as Charity Meeting was cancelled.

*** Includes \$536.20 from Chicago Downs as Agent for Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc. in 1951.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

from December 1, 1954
 from racing the sum of
 for the year 1954.
 for the above period
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STATE OF ILLINOIS

	Maywood Park as Agent for Chicago Herald American Benefit Fund
Fox Valley (Aurora) (Downs)	
\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
3,000.00	500.00
5,568.30	.....
590,043.02	90,471.45
<u>\$598,636.32</u>	<u>\$ 90,996.45</u>
Suburban Downs	Fox Valley (Aurora) (Downs)
\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
900.00	2,750.00
.....	4,661.60
184,166.21	567,449.46
<u>\$185,091.21</u>	<u>\$574,886.06</u>

Benefit Fund.	Maywood Park as Agent for Chicago- American Benefit Fund
Suburban Downs	
\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
1,200.00	300.00**
1,378.20	
215,752.08	
<u>\$218,355.28</u>	<u>\$ 325.00</u>

is Harness Racing Commission for
 o Tribune Charities, Inc. in 1951.

FOX VALLEY TROTTING CLUB, INC.
Held at Maywood Park, Maywood, Illinois
1955

OFFICERS

President and General Manager.....Max Brock
 Secretary-TreasurerCarl L. Johndahl

DIRECTORS

Max Brock
 Carl L. Johndahl
 Alex Parsons

RACING OFFICIALS

Illinois Harness Racing Commission

N. ORRIN BAKER, General Steward

<i>Presiding Judge</i>	<i>Qualification Judge</i>
N. Orrin Baker	Charles Witt
<i>Associate Judges</i>	<i>Clerk of Course</i>
William Baier	Charlene Ordahl
John Ducharme	<i>Mutuel Manager</i>
<i>Racing Secretary</i>	Harold Fidler
C. J. Langley	<i>Timers</i>
<i>Asst. Racing Secretary</i>	Lyle Smith
Bob Larry	W. J. Olinger
	Robert Williams
<i>Paddock Judge</i>	<i>Track Veterinarian</i>
Frank Pennino	Dr. H. S. Brundage
<i>Patrol Judges</i>	<i>Track Superintendent</i>
R. J. Valentine	Joseph Harbutt
C. D. Stone	<i>Announcer</i>
S. Barney Shelffo	Stanley Bergstein
<i>Starter</i>	<i>Auditor</i>
John C. Dale	Clarence Hanks

Finish Camera—Eye-in-The-Sky
Director of Publicity—Edmund P. Walsh

GENERAL FIGURES—1955

	1953	1954	1955	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1954
Number of Racing Days	57	52	40	-23.0%
Number of Races	514	472*	364**	-22.8%
Total Purses	\$ 417,875.00	\$ 482,500.00	\$ 460,850.00	- 4.5%
Attendance	209,214	206,219	212,178	+ 2.9%
Total Mutuel Handle	\$10,728,052.00	\$10,317,260.00	\$10,735,776.00	+ 4.1%
Revenue to State of Ill. From Mutuel Handle	\$ 590,043.02	\$ 567,449.46	\$ 590,467.77	+ 4.1%

LEADING TROTTERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races Won	Winnings
1. Express Colby	Roy Griebel, Marengo, Illinois	6	\$5,175.00
2. Darn Safe	Hayes Fair Acres, Du Quoin, Ill.	4	4,225.00
3. McDarnly	Robert Leake & William Doran, Rockford, Illinois	5	4,162.50
4. Victor Morris	V. & M. Zeinfeld, Marino & Blackburn, Maywood, Illinois	2	3,675.00
5. Gayleway	Clyde Tischer, Sherman Oaks, Calif. .	4	3,250.00

LEADING PACERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races Won	Winnings
1. B'Haven	Sally Jane Austin, Morrison, Ill.	6	\$8,699.50
2. Peter Van Gundy	Martin C. Alwert, Altamont, Ill.	6	5,825.00
3. Bonnie Pete	Billy Riegler, Greenville, Ohio	6	4,460.00
4. Linett	L. N. Meggitt, Clyde, Ohio	3	3,807.00
5. Winifred	Dr. J. Howard Yeung, Elkhorn, Wis. .	4	3,685.00

TRACK RECORDS

Trotters

Year	Name of Horse	Distance	Time
1949	Lee Dewey	9/16 Mile	1:07 3/5
1950	Joe Donlin	3/4 Mile	1:33 2/5
1946	Frontiersman	6 1/2 Furlongs	1:42
1954	Marcia D	1 Mile	2:04
1953	Earl's Pied Piper	1 1/16 Miles	2:13
1950	Rocco Hanover	1 1/2 Miles	3:13

Pacers

1951	Cedric B. Grattan	1/2 Mile	1:00 2/5
1949	Little Judy	9/16 Mile	1:07
1947	Dr. Stanton	9/16 Mile	1:07
1951	Victory Grattan	3/4 Mile	1:32
1946	McKlyo Abbe	6 1/2 Furlongs	1:40
1955	B'Haven	1 Mile	2:01
1955	Queen's Adios	1 Mile	2:01
1948	Jimmy Creed	1 1/16 Miles	2:09 2/5

* Includes two tenth races added to program and two races that were completed before a rain-out.

** Two tenth races added to program.

LEADING DRIVERS

Points Awarded: 5 for 1st, 3 for 2nd, 2 for 3rd

Driver	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Points	Rank
Gene Riegler	86	18	14	10	152	1
Howard Beissinger	82	15	13	16	146	2
Mel Harmening	92	20	9	9	145	3
Wilbur Long	90	11	15	17	134	4
Jacques Grenier	74	11	13	15	124	5
John Goodnough	49	11	11	5	98	6
Dee Stover	67	10	6	9	86	7
Earl Roush	56	8	8	8	80	8
Lou Rapone	65	4	13	9	77	9
Clarence Curtis	42	12	3	3	75	10

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1955	Over 1954	± Inc. —Dec.
40		—23.0%
* 364**		—22.8%
\$ 160,850.00		— 4.5%
212,178		± 2.9%
\$10,735,776.00		— 4.1%
\$ 590,467.77		— 4.1%

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.....	5	4,162.50
Blackburn,		
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Ohio.....	6	4,460.00
o.....	3	3,807.00
orn, Wis..	4	3,685.00

	Time
.....	1:07 3/5
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5B	1:42
.....	2:04
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5B	1:40
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es	2:09 2/5

two races that were completed

ILLINOIS HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

Fox Valley Trotting Club, Inc. (At Maywood Park) 1955

Maywood, Illinois

Mutuel Department Statistics

	Apr. 15-16	Apr. 18-23	Apr. 25-30	May 2-7	May 9-14
1st Race	\$ 31,228.00	\$ 64,404.00	\$ 74,918.00	\$ 66,746.00	\$ 59,565.00
2nd Race	60,599.00	107,423.00	113,715.00	110,805.00	100,405.00
3rd Race	69,908.00	135,245.00	162,440.00	147,331.00	125,319.00
4th Race	83,418.00	145,246.00	172,464.00	166,456.00	148,343.00
5th Race	82,674.00	154,391.00	187,586.00	178,196.00	154,900.00
6th Race	90,315.00	156,742.00	199,141.00	183,985.00	167,368.00
7th Race	89,308.00	160,374.00	205,256.00	198,163.00	169,196.00
8th Race	80,868.00	147,032.00	194,769.00	194,945.00	168,372.00
9th Race	70,296.00	141,487.00	194,197.00	189,440.00	174,630.00
10th Race	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Daily Double	36,560.00	74,028.00	87,612.00	87,286.00	75,676.00
Total Mutuel Handle	695,174.00	1,286,372.00	1,592,098.00	1,521,353.00	1,343,774.00
Public Pool	583,137.50	1,077,399.90	1,330,439.10	1,274,677.10	1,121,604.70
Track Share of Mutuel Commission (9 1/2% of Total Handle)	66,041.53	122,205.32	151,249.29	144,528.53	127,658.51
Break: (to 10c)	7,760.40	16,016.30	22,844.20	18,472.95	20,603.20
Total of Track's Commission, Plus Break	73,801.93	138,221.62	174,093.49	163,001.48	148,261.71
State Share of Mutuel Commission (5 1/2% of Total Handle)	38,234.57	70,750.48	87,565.41	83,674.42	73,907.59
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.12	1.24	1.43	1.22	1.53
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	4,753.60	7,580.90	7,216.90	8,459.30	9,432.80
Average Daily Handle	347,587.00	257,274.00	265,350.00	253,559.00	268,755.00
Average Handle Per Race (Excl. D. D.)	26,589.00	26,941.00	27,861.00	26,557.00	28,180.00
Average Daily Double Handle	18,280.00	14,806.00	14,602.00	14,548.00	15,135.00
Number of Races	18	45	54	54	45
Actual Racing Days	2	5	6	6	5
Rained Out Days	0	1	0	0	1

State Share of Mutuel Commission (5 1/2% of Total Handle)	38,234.57	70,750.48	87,565.41	83,674.42	73,907.59
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.12	1.24	1.43	1.22	1.53
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	4,753.60	7,580.90	7,216.90	8,459.30	9,432.80
Average Daily Handle	347,587.00	257,274.00	265,350.00	253,559.00	268,755.00
Average Handle Per Race (Excl. D. D.)	26,589.00	26,941.00	27,861.00	26,557.00	28,180.00
Average Daily Double Handle	18,280.00	14,806.00	14,602.00	14,548.00	15,135.00
Number of Races	18	45	54	54	45
Actual Racing Days	2	5	6	6	5
Rained Out Days	0	1	0	0	1

ILLINOIS HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

Fox Valley Trotting Club, Inc. (At Maywood Park) 1955 Maywood, Illinois

Mutuel Department Statistics

	May 16-21	May 23-28	May 30-June 4	Grand Total	%
1st Race	\$ 70,711.00	\$ 52,968.00	\$ 67,626.00	\$ 488,166.00	4.5
2nd Race	114,649.00	80,842.00	110,894.00	799,332.00	7.5
3rd Race	140,092.00	113,072.00	148,875.00	1,042,282.00	9.8
4th Race	166,756.00	128,301.00	167,017.00	1,178,001.00	10.9
5th Race	180,496.00	127,503.00	187,629.00	1,251,375.00	11.7
6th Race	178,895.00	141,513.00	191,725.00	1,309,684.00	12.2
7th Race	189,945.00	140,898.00	204,352.00	1,357,492.00	12.6
8th Race	184,992.00	141,721.00	200,856.00	1,313,555.00	12.3
9th Race	182,445.00	135,489.00	189,653.00	1,277,637.00	11.9
10th Race	85,681.00	53,532.00	66,811.00	486,024.00	4.6
Daily Double	494,662.00	63,051.00	88,015.00	597,909.00	5.6
Total Mutuel Handle	249,469.20	1,178,890.00	1,623,453.00	10,735,776.00	100.0
Public Pool	141,992.89	985,927.50	1,358,085.50	8,980,740.50	83.7
Track Share of Mutuel Commission (9 1/2% of Total Handle)	20,993.50	111,994.54	154,228.02	1,019,898.63	9.5
Break: (to 10c)	162,986.39	16,129.00	21,849.55	344,669.10	3.2
Total of Track's Commission, Plus Break	82,206.41	128,123.54	176,077.57	1,164,567.73	10.8
State Share of Mutuel Commission (5 1/2% of Total Handle)	1,400.00	64,838.96	89,289.93	590,467.77	5.5
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.40	1.37	1.35	1.36	
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	10,030.20	9,962.70	6,544.40	6,544.40	
Average Daily Handle	249,110.00	294,723.00	270,576.00	268,394.00	
Average Handle Per Race (Excl. D. D.)	26,092.00	29,364.00	27,419.00	27,851.00	
Average Daily Double Handle	14,280.00	15,763.00	14,669.00	14,948.00	
Number of Races	54	38*	56*	364	
Actual Racing Days	6	4	6	40	
Rained Out Days	0	2	0	4	

* Two—10th Races added to program.

TOTAL WINS BY POST POSITIONS FOR 364 RACES

PP	Starts	Firsts	Pct. of Starts Won
1	364	58	15.9
2	364	49	13.4
3	364	56	15.3
4	364	45	12.3
5	364	54	14.8
6	359	34	9.4
7	348	42	12.0
8	299	23	7.6
9	46	1	2.1
10	27	0	0.0
11	15	2	13.3
12	6	1	16.6
13	2	0	0.0

365 (1 Dead Heat)

RACING STATISTICS

Number of Starters	Number of Races
13	2
12	4
11	9
10	12
9	19
8	253
7	49
6	11
5	5
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	364

PERCENTAGE OF WINNING FAVORITES

156 Finished 1st	42.8%
61 Finished 2nd	16.7%
37 Finished 3rd	10.1%
110 Finished Out	30.2%

WINNING FAVORITES

129 Races—Trot	57 Favorites Won	44.1%
235 Races—Pace	99 Favorites Won	42.1%

MUTUEL STATISTICS

	1953	1954	1955
Total Mutuel Handle	\$10,728,052.00	\$10,317,260.00	\$10,735,776.00
Largest Mutuel Handle			
Single Night	273,638.00	333,374.00	386,153.00
Largest Mutuel Handle			
Single Race	38,956.00	42,273.00	48,145.00
Largest Daily Double Handle	15,050.00	19,541.00	20,169.00
Average Mutuel Handle			
Per Night	188,211.00	198,409.00	268,394.00
Average Mutuel Handle			
Per Race	19,704.00	20,430.00	27,851.00
Average Daily Double Handle	10,524.00	12,726.00	14,948.00
Average Win Payoff	12.10	12.32	11.75
Average Place Payoff	5.95	6.04	6.04
Average Show Payoff	4.00	4.09	4.08
Highest Win Payoff	121.20	137.60	117.60
Highest Place Payoff	29.60	39.00	44.60
Highest Show Payoff	12.40	27.20	14.60

364 RACES

Pct. of Starts Won	15.9
	13.4
	15.3
	12.3
	14.8
	9.4
	12.0
	7.6
	2.1
	0.0
	13.3
	16.6
	0.0

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of Races

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- 4
- 9
- 2
- 9
- 3
- 9
- 1
- 5
- 4

ORITES

.....	42.8%
.....	16.7%
.....	10.1%
.....	30.2%

1954	1955
\$17,260.00	\$10,735,776.00
\$33,374.00	386,153.00
42,273.00	48,145.00
19,541.00	20,169.00
\$98,409.00	268,394.00
20,430.00	27,851.00
12,726.00	14,948.00
12.32	11.75
6.04	6.04
4.09	4.08
137.60	117.60
39.00	44.60
27.20	14.60

DENOMINATIONAL BETTING

	1953	%	1954	%	1955	%	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1954
Win	\$ 7,177,659.00	66.9	\$ 6,976,914.00	67.6	\$ 7,326,048.00	68.2	+0.6%
Place	2,328,451.00	21.7	2,156,044.00	20.8	2,180,485.00	20.3	-0.5%
Show	1,226,942.00	11.4	1,184,302.00	11.4	1,229,243.00	11.4	....
	<u>\$10,728,052.00</u>		<u>\$10,317,260.00</u>		<u>\$10,735,776.00</u>		

VOLUME BETTING STATISTICS

	1953	%	1954	%	1955	%	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1954
Volume of \$50							
Bets \$	1,140,950.00	10.6	\$ 974,600.00	9.4	\$ 1,426,150.00	13.3	+3.9%
Volume of \$10							
Bets	3,094,480.00	28.9	2,860,270.00	27.7	3,087,570.00	28.7	+1.0%
Volume of \$5							
Bets	1,858,170.00	17.3	1,810,390.00	17.5	1,875,525.00	17.5	....
Volume of \$2							
Bets	4,634,452.00	43.2	4,672,000.00	45.2	4,346,531.00	40.5	-4.7%
	<u>\$10,728,052.00</u>		<u>\$10,317,260.00</u>		<u>\$10,735,776.00</u>		

DAILY DOUBLE STATISTICS

	1953	1954	1955
Total Amount Wagered			
Daily Double	\$653,492.00	\$582,577.00	\$597,909.00
Average Daily Double Payoff	102.68	120.02	95.37
Highest Daily Double Payoff	942.40	737.60	375.20
Lowest Daily Double Payoff	7.60	12.40	12.40

DAILY DOUBLE WINNING COMBINATIONS

Combinations	No. of Wins	Combinations	No. of Wins
1-2	1	5-2	1
1-3	1	5-4	2
2-1	2	5-6	1
2-4	2	5-7	1
2-5	2	6-1	2
2-6	1	6-2	1
2-7	1	6-3	3
3-1	2	6-5	1
3-3	3	6-7	1
3-8	2	7-2	2
4-1	1	7-3	1
4-3	1	7-8	2
4-6	1	8-7	1
5-1	1		
Total Number of Wins.....		40	

CHICAGO DOWNS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Held at Sportsman's Park, Cicero, Ill.

1955

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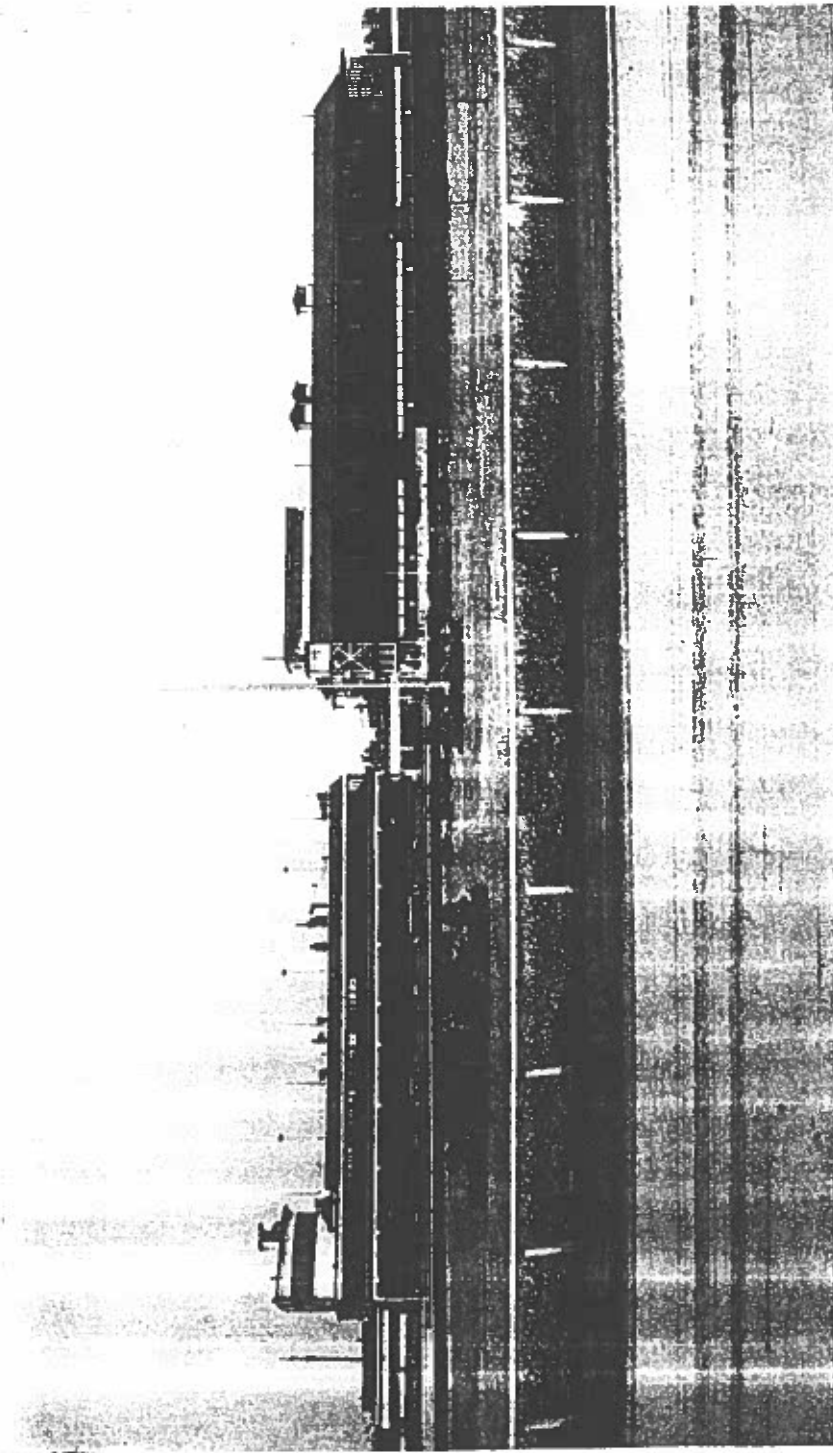
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CHICAGO DOWNS
Operating At
SPORTSMAN'S PARK

County—Cook.

City—Cicero.

Seven Miles Southwest of Chicago's Loop.

Track—One-Half Mile Oval.

Frederick Lighting System.

Width of Stretch—70 feet.

Width of Turns—71 feet.

Seating Capacity Grand Stand—6,621.

Seating Capacity Club House—2,328.

Stable Accommodations—502 with 940 at Hawthorne.

Inaugural Meeting—July 18-August 13, 1949.

GENERAL FIGURES—1955

	1953	1954	1955	+Inc. —Dec. Over 1954
Number of Racing Days	42	45	45	....
Number of Races	379	407*	407**	....
Total Purses	\$ 429,270.00	\$ 565,450.00	\$ 599,182.00	+6.0%
Attendance	239,493	303,410	295,000	-2.7%
Total Mutuel Handle ..	\$10,443,995.00	\$13,314,570.00	\$13,366,476.00	+0.4%
Revenue to State of Ill. From Mutuel Handle \$	574,419.83	732,301.47	735,156.29	+0.4%

LEADING TROTTERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races	
		Won	Winnings
1. Victor Morris	Zeinfeldt, Marino & Blackburn, Maywood, Illinois	3	\$9,337.50
2. Lord Steward	Ralph Kroening, Milwaukee, Wis....	2	5,000.00
3. Lady Dunn	Carl H. Scholl, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	0	4,900.00
4. Jamie	Brightside Farms, Springfield, Ill....	1	4,650.00
5. Pronto Boy	Hayes Fair Acres, DuQuoin, Ill.....	3	4,450.00

LEADING PACERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races	
		Won	Winnings
1. B'Haven	Sally Jane Austin, Round Grove, Ill..	4	\$13,575.00
2. Newtown Girl	E. Pogue, M. Thompson, Attica- Newtown, Indiana	4	7,325.00
3. Honor's Truax	Glenn Riffe, Windfall, Indiana	3	6,100.00
4. Phil Bob	Phil Milburn, Jr., West DePere, Wis..	4	5,985.00
5. Russett Hal	Ruth & Howard McAra, Davison, Mich.	5	5,937.50

TRACK RECORDS

Trotters

Year	Name of Horse	Distance	Time
1953	Colby Ann .....	.6 Furlongs	1:35 3/5
1955	Victor Morris .....	.6 1/2 Furlongs	1:38 3/5
1954	Jamie	1 Mile	2:03
1950	Demon Hanover	1 1/16 Miles	2:11 2/5
1953	Little Steve	1 1/4 Miles	2:43 1/5
1951	Demon Hanover	1 1/2 Miles	3:08 2/5

Pacers

1951	Duskydale .....	.9/16 Mile	1:07 4/5
1953	Red Dominion .....	.9/16 Mile	1:07 4/5
1953	Red Dominion .....	.6 Furlongs	1:32 2/5
1950	Dr. Parker .....	.6 1/2 Furlongs	1:39 1/5
1955	B'Haven	1 Mile	2:00
1953	Choice Hanover	1 1/16 Miles	2:09 3/5
1953	Truman Counsel	1 1/4 Miles	2:44 1/5
1952	Royal Blackstone	1 1/2 Miles	3:14 2/5

* Two tenth races added to program.

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	1955	Over 1954	+ Inc. - Dec.
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	407**	
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10	295,000	-2.7%	
00 \$	13,366,476.00	+0.4%	
47 \$	735,156.29	+0.4%	

LEADING DRIVERS

Points Awarded: 5 for 1st, 3 for 2nd, 2 for 3rd

Driver	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Points	Rank
Howard Beissinger	128	29	15	20	230	1
Alix Winger	68	13	17	8	132	2
Billy Shuter	93	13	12	15	131	3
Wilbur Long	64	13	19	4	130	4
Mel Harmening	99	12	13	15	129	5
Gene Riegle	87	11	12	18	127	6
Harold Snodgrass	72	16	7	7	115	7
Red Scott	49	11	11	6	100	8
Tom Wilburn	71	10	10	10	100	9
John Goodnough	52	12	6	4	86	10

	Races Won	Winnings
burn,	3	\$9,337.50
se, Wis.	2	5,000.00
Ohio	0	4,900.00
ield, Ill.	1	4,650.00
1, Ill.	3	4,450.00

	Races Won	Winnings
rove, Ill.	4	\$13,575.00
Attica-	4	7,325.00
ina	3	6,100.00
Pere, Wis.	4	5,985.00
.....	5	5,937.50

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ILLINOIS HARNES RACING (COMMISSION)

Chicago Downs Association, Inc. (At Sportsmans Park) 1955 Cicero, Illinois

Mutuel Department Statistics

	June 6-11	June 13-18	June 20-25	June 27-July 2	July 4-9
1st Race	\$ 53,595.00	\$ 86,177.00	\$ 78,989.00	\$ 78,553.00	\$ 74,328.00
2nd Race	76,158.00	138,127.00	132,466.00	137,510.00	132,935.00
3rd Race	104,119.00	182,080.00	176,230.00	182,803.00	170,267.00
4th Race	123,673.00	198,111.00	198,543.00	209,110.00	186,141.00
5th Race	127,292.00	224,092.00	215,006.00	227,499.00	211,893.00
6th Race	124,012.00	224,508.00	226,109.00	227,651.00	208,106.00
7th Race	130,560.00	237,723.00	235,334.00	243,148.00	222,720.00
8th Race	132,166.00	225,714.00	225,577.00	238,002.00	215,969.00
9th Race	117,981.00	215,114.00	223,313.00	219,002.00	209,606.00
10th Race	.....	.....	.....	31,483.00	.....
Daily Double	64,120.00	107,764.00	104,082.00	110,292.00	103,188.00
Total Mutuel Handle	1,053,676.00	1,839,410.00	1,815,649.00	1,905,053.00	1,735,153.00
Public Pool	882,144.00	1,541,943.30	1,517,663.40	1,591,893.30	1,450,263.50
Track Share of Mutuel Commission (9½% of Total Handle)	100,099.20	174,743.94	172,486.63	180,980.03	164,839.51
Break: (to 10c)	13,480.60	21,555.20	25,638.25	27,401.75	24,616.55
Total of Track's Commission, Plus Break	113,579.80	196,299.14	198,124.88	208,381.78	189,456.06
State Share of Mutuel Commission (5½% of Total Handle)	57,352.20	101,167.56	99,860.72	104,777.92	95,433.44
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.28	1.17	1.41	1.44	1.42
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	4,622.80	8,325.70	11,176.60	10,075.80	10,645.80
Average Daily Handle	263,419.00	306,568.00	302,608.00	317,509.00	289,192.00
Average Handle Per Race (Excl. D. D.)	48,101.00	32,068.00	31,697.00	32,632.00	30,222.00
Average Daily Double Handle	16,030.00	17,961.00	17,347.00	18,382.00	17,198.00
Number of Races	36	54	54	55*	54
Actual Racing Days	4	6	6	6	6
Rained Out Days	2	0	0	0	0

* One—10th race added to program.

State Share of Mutuel Commission (5 1/2% of Total Handle)	57,952.20	101,167.56	99,860.72	104,777.92	95,433.44
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.28	1.17	1.41	1.44	1.42
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	4,622.80	8,325.70	11,176.60	10,075.80	10,645.80
Average Daily Handle	263,419.00	306,568.00	302,608.00	317,509.00	289,192.00
Average Handle Per Race (Excl. D. D.)	48,101.00	32,068.00	31,697.00	32,632.00	30,222.00
Average Daily Double Handle	16,030.00	17,961.00	17,347.00	18,382.00	17,198.00
Number of Races	36	54	54	55*	54
Actual Racing Days	4	6	6	6	6
Rained Out Days	2	0	0	0	0

* One—10th race added to program.

ILLINOIS HARNES RACING COMMISSION

Chicago Downs Association, Inc. (At Sportsmans Park) 1955 Cicero, Illinois

Mutuel Department Statistics

	July 11-16	July 18-23	July 25-30	GRAND TOTAL	%
1st Race	\$ 66,131.00	\$ 78,647.00	\$ 78,621.00	\$ 595,041.00	4.6
2nd Race	103,310.00	119,872.00	129,876.00	970,254.00	7.2
3rd Race	153,193.00	166,324.00	172,553.00	1,307,569.00	9.8
4th Race	165,632.00	188,924.00	188,622.00	1,458,756.00	10.9
5th Race	176,580.00	216,645.00	207,750.00	1,606,757.00	12.0
6th Race	177,995.00	215,381.00	212,699.00	1,616,461.00	12.1
7th Race	185,604.00	230,206.00	224,256.00	1,709,551.00	12.8
8th Race	178,427.00	226,761.00	218,357.00	1,660,973.00	12.4
9th Race	174,210.00	215,921.00	216,769.00	1,591,916.00	11.9
10th Race	88,596.00	106,804.00	30,109.00	61,592.00	5
Daily Double	1,469,678.00	1,765,485.00	1,02,760.00	787,606.00	5.9
Total Mutuel Handle	1,234,216.90	1,479,220.20	1,782,372.00	13,366,476.00	
Public Pool	139,619.40	167,721.07	149,276.10	11,190,111.70	
Track Share of Mutuel Commission (9 1/2% of Total Handle)	15,009.40	21,442.05	169,325.33	1,269,815.11	
Break: (to 10c)	154,628.30	189,163.12	22,249.10	171,392.90	
Total of Track's Commission, Plus Break	80,832.70	97,101.68	191,574.43	1,441,208.01	
State Share of Mutuel Commission (5 1/2% of Total Handle)	1.02	1.21	1.25	1.28	
Percentage—Break to Handle	12,313.20	11,709.10	7,294.00	7,294.00	
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	293,936.00	294,248.00	297,062.00	297,062.00	
Average Daily Handle	30,691.00	30,716.00	30,538.00	30,906.00	
Average Handle Per Race (Excl. D. D.)	17,719.00	17,801.00	17,127.00	17,502.00	
Average Daily Double Handle	45	54	55*	407	
Number of Races	5	6	6	45	
Actual Racing Days	1	0	0	3	
Rained Out Days					

* One—10th race added to program.

TOTAL WINS BY POST POSITIONS FOR 407 RACES

Post	Starts	Firsts	Pct. of Starts Won
1	407	91	22.3
2	407	65	15.9
3	407	43	10.5
4	407	52	12.7
5	406	53	13.0
6	399	47	11.7
7	375	30	8.0
8	313	20	6.3
9	26	4	15.3
10	10	1	10.0
11	4	1	25.0
12	2	0	0.0
13	0	0	0.0
14	1	0	0.0

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RACING STATISTICS

Number of Starters	Number of Races
14	1
13	0
12	1
11	2
10	6
9	16
8	287
7	62
6	24
5	7
4	1

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PERCENTAGE OF WINNING FAVORITES

148 Finished 1st	36.3%
71 Finished 2nd	17.4%
48 Finished 3rd	11.7%
140 Finished Out	34.3%

WINNING FAVORITES

134 Races—Trot	49 Favorites Won	36.5%
273 Races—Pace	99 Favorites Won	36.2%

MUTUEL STATISTICS

	1953	1954	1955
Total Mutuel Handle	\$10,443,850.00	\$13,314,570.00	\$13,366,476.00
Largest Mutuel Handle			
Single Night	352,757.00	437,109.00	428,094.00
Largest Mutuel Handle			
Single Race	55,172.00	61,262.00	51,936.00
Largest Daily Double Handle	17,726.00	25,432.00	24,236.00
Average Mutuel Handle			
Per Night	248,666.00	295,879.00	297,033.00
Average Mutuel Handle			
Per Race	28,792.00	30,820.00	30,906.00

FOR 407 RACES

Pct. of Starts Won
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Average Daily Double Handle	12,639.00	17,125.00	17,502.00
Average Win Payoff	11.40	13.00	12.29
Average Place Payoff	5.95	6.37	6.04
Average Show Payoff	4.00	4.16	3.94
Highest Win Payoff	83.40	95.80	155.80
Highest Place Payoff	46.80	28.80	35.00
Highest Show Payoff	14.20	18.80	18.20

DENOMINATIONAL BETTING

	1953	%	1954	%	1955	%	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1954
Win	\$ 6,967,751.00	66.7	\$ 8,980,470.00	67.0	\$ 9,199,743.00	68.8	+1.8%
Place	2,233,115.00	21.3	2,739,944.00	20.5	2,727,523.00	20.4	-0.1%
Show	1,243,129.00	11.9	1,594,156.00	11.9	1,439,210.00	10.7	-1.2%
	<u>\$10,443,995.00</u>		<u>\$13,314,570.00</u>		<u>\$13,366,476.00</u>		

VOLUME BETTING STATISTICS

	1953	%	1954	%	1955	%	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1954
Volume of \$50							
Bets \$	722,150.00	6.9	\$ 859,300.00	6.4	\$ 1,166,350.00	8.7	+2.3%
Volume of \$10							
Bets	3,211,830.00	30.7	4,035,730.00	30.3	4,017,090.00	30.1	-0.2%
Volume of \$5							
Bets	1,735,065.00	16.6	1,990,820.00	14.9	2,120,620.00	15.8	+0.9%
Volume of \$2							
Bets	4,774,950.00	45.7	6,428,720.00	48.2	6,062,416.00	45.3	-2.9%
	<u>\$10,443,995.00</u>		<u>\$13,314,570.00</u>		<u>\$13,366,476.00</u>		

DAILY DOUBLE STATISTICS

	1953	1954	1955
Total Amount Wagered			
Daily Double	\$531,850.00	\$770,654.00	\$787,606.00
Average Daily Double Payoff	57.40	137.94	89.39
Highest Daily Double Payoff	258.80	1,062.00	619.20
Lowest Daily Double Payoff	8.60	8.60	10.40

DAILY DOUBLE WINNING COMBINATIONS

Combinations	No. of Wins	Combinations	No. of Wins
1-1	1	5-2	2
1-2	1	5-3	1
1-4	3	5-5	3
1-5	1	5-6	1
1-7	1	5-7	1
2-1	1	5-8	1
2-2	1	6-1	2
2-4	1	6-3	1
3-4	1	6-4	1
3-6	2	6-5	2
3-7	1	7-1	1
4-2	2	7-3	2
4-3	1	8-1	3
4-5	2	8-2	1
4-7	1	8-5	1
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FAVORITES

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avorites Won.....36.5%
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1954	1955
\$13,314,570.00	\$13,366,476.00
437,109.00	428,094.00
61,262.00	51,936.00
25,432.00	24,236.00
295,879.00	297,033.00
30,820.00	30,906.00

MAYWOOD PARK

1955

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<i>Paddock Judge</i> Frank Pennino	<i>Track Physicians</i> Dr. Frank M. Reed Dr. Thomas S. Moore
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	<i>Public Relations</i> Mayer & O'Brien
	<i>Finish Camera—Eye-in-The-Sky</i> <i>Director of Publicity—Edmund P. Walsh</i>

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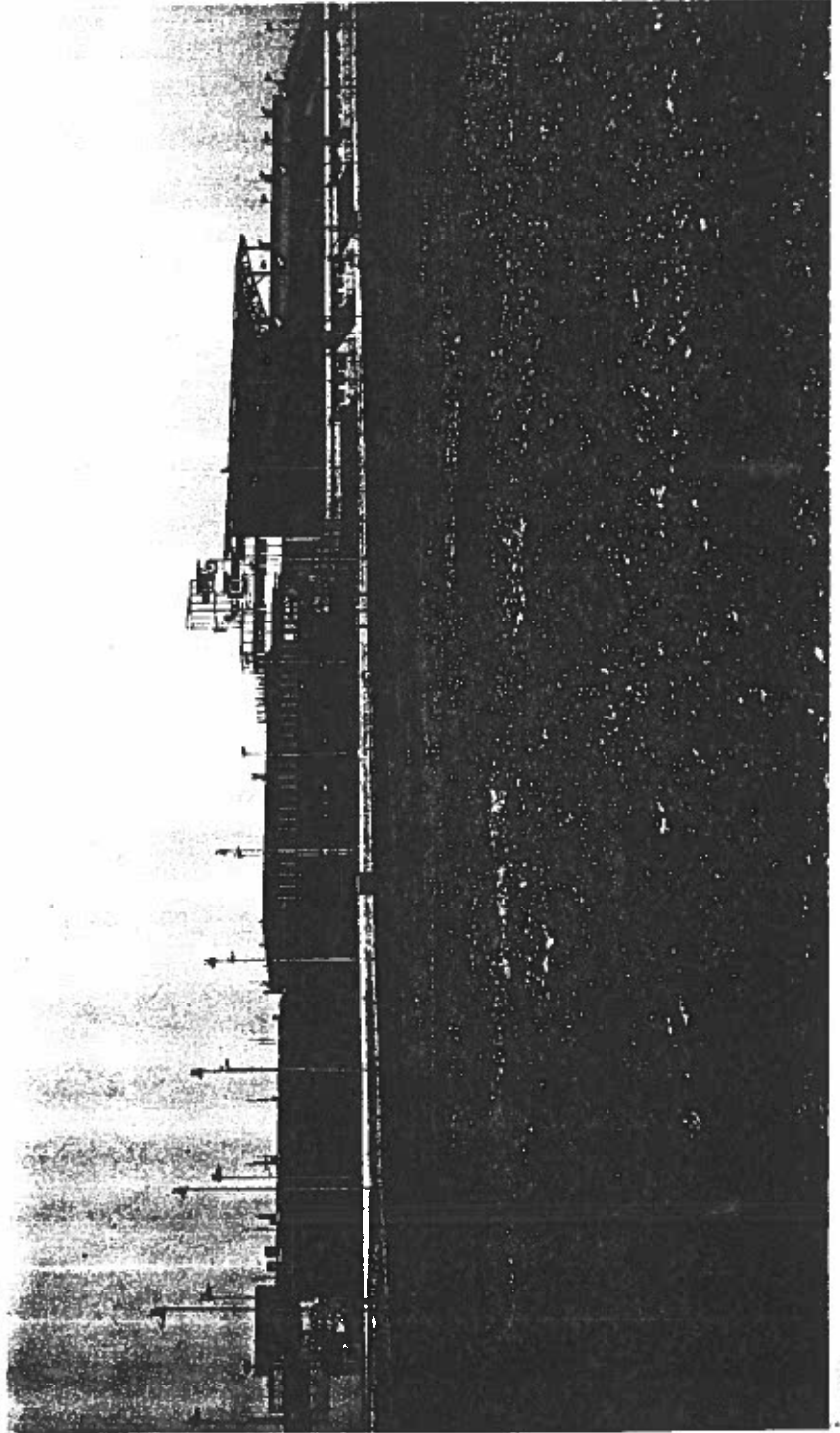
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MAYWOOD PARK

County—Cook.

City—Maywood.

Ten Miles from Center of Chicago.

Track—One-Half Mile Oval.

Frederick Lighting Ssystem—114 poles—342,000 watts.

Width of Stretch—80 feet.

Width of Turns—75 feet.

Seating Capacity Grand Stand—7,390.

Seating Capacity Club House—2,700.

Stable Accommodations—567.

Inaugural Meeting—June 6-October 17, 1946.

GENERAL FIGURES—1955

	1953	1954	1955	+ Inc. —Dec. Over 1954
Number of Racing Days	58	52	53	+ 1.9%
Number of Races	523	470	482*	+ 2.6%
Total Purses	\$ 469,676.00	\$ 467,200.00	\$ 614,450.00	+31.5%
Attendance	273,178	245,602	252,989	+ 3.0%
Total Mutuel Handle	\$12,702,955.00	\$11,522,746.00	\$12,092,590.00	+ 4.9%
Revenue to State of Ill. From Mutuel Handle \$	698,662.66	\$ 633,751.15	\$ 665,092.56	+ 4.9%

LEADING TROTTERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races Won	Winnings
1. Lady Dunn	Carl H. Scholl, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	2	\$8,250.00
2. Darn Safe	Hayes Fair Acres, Du Quoin, Ill.....	1	4,800.00
3. Lady's First	Ohio Valley Stable, Hamilton, Ohio..	4	4,787.50
4. Gayleway	Clyde O. Tischer, Sherman Oaks, Calif.	1	4,050.00
5. Hal Spencer	Mel Harmening, Altamont, Illinois...	4	2,985.00

LEADING PACERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races Won	Winnings
1. Easter Flowers	John Christopher, Melrose Park, Ill..	6	\$5,750.00
2. Andiamo	William Bloodworth, Los Angeles, Calif.	5	4,720.00
3. Bonnie Pete	Billy G. Riegle, Greenville, Ohio.....	5	4,225.00
4. B Haven	Sally Jane Austin, Morrison, Illinois..	1	4,200.00
5. Times Square	Eddie Kirk, Washington Court House, Ohio	1	3,750.00

TRACK RECORDS

Trotters

Year	Name of Horse	Distance	Time
1949	Lee Dewey	9/16 Mile	1:07 3/5
1950	Joe Donlin	3/4 Mile	1:33 2/5
1946	Frontiersman	6 1/2 Furlongs	1:42
1955	Lady's First	1 Mile	2:01 3/5
1953	Earl's Pled Piper.....	1 1/16 Miles	2:13
1950	Rocco Hanover	1 1/2 Miles	3:13

Pacers

1951	Cedric B. Grattan	1/2 Mile	1:00 2/5
1955	Merry Caroline	9/16 Mile	1:07
1949	Little Judy	9/16 Mile	1:07
1947	Dr. Stanton	9/16 Mile	1:07
1951	Victory Grattan	3/4 Mile	1:32
1946	McKlyo Abbe	6 1/2 Furlongs	1:40
1955	Times Square	1 Mile	2:00 1/5
1948	Jimmy Creed	1 1/16 Miles	2:09 2/5

* 4 races completed before rain-out, two tenth races added to program.
Power failure caused cancellation of one 9th race.

LEADING DRIVERS

Points Awarded: 5 for 1st, 3 for 2nd, 2 for 3rd

Driver	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Points	Rank
Howard Beissinger	199	41	26	31	345	1
Harold Snodgrass	136	23	16	15	193	2
Mel Harmening	96	16	16	14	156	3
Clarence Curtis	102	15	14	8	138	4
Tom Wilburn	118	10	9	29	135	5
Frank Taylor	85	11	13	11	116	6
Dee Stover	91	11	11	14	116	7
Billy Rouse	98	9	12	16	113	8
Wilbur Long	85	6	18	12	108	9
Gene Riegte	55	12	9	8	103	10

1955

1955	+ Inc. - Dec. Over 1954
52	53 + 1.9%
170	482* - 2.6%
.00 \$ 614,450.00	- 31.5%
102	252,989 - 3.0%
.00 \$12,092,590.00	- 4.9%
.15 \$ 665,092.56	+ 4.9%

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ti, Ohio.....	2	\$8,250.00
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se Park, Ill..	6	\$5,750.00
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Court House..	1	3,750.00

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ILLINOIS HARNES RACING COMMISSION

Maywood Park Trotting Assn., Inc. 1955 Maywood, Illinois

Mutuel Department Statistics

	Aug. 1-6	Aug. 8-13	Aug. 15-20	Aug. 22-27	Aug. 29-Sept. 3	Sept. 5-10
1st Race	\$ 50,422.00	\$ 63,908.00	\$ 65,396.00	\$ 64,805.00	\$ 59,877.00	\$ 56,859.00
2nd Race	98,899.00	108,430.00	111,659.00	110,489.00	104,523.00	103,226.00
3rd Race	139,474.00	156,972.00	146,361.00	139,975.00	132,869.00	116,167.00
4th Race	149,400.00	169,868.00	163,259.00	155,090.00	151,677.00	138,605.00
5th Race	171,200.00	177,084.00	181,335.00	174,404.00	144,733.00	144,732.00
6th Race	149,743.00	183,826.00	180,624.00	175,543.00	159,725.00	151,505.00
7th Race	174,467.00	198,291.00	185,803.00	185,552.00	159,599.00	158,615.00
8th Race	180,238.00	189,848.00	179,860.00	174,889.00	154,605.00	161,479.00
9th Race	172,768.00	158,815.00	176,259.00	173,903.00	150,520.00	164,961.00
10th Race	73,928.00	84,040.00	83,362.00	83,734.00	82,336.00	79,128.00
Daily Double	1,360,539.00	1,491,082.00	1,473,318.00	1,438,384.00	1,358,529.00	1,275,277.00
Total Mutuel Handle	1,140,999.30	1,246,027.90	1,232,034.20	1,203,512.00	1,138,264.00	1,069,464.10
Public Pool	129,251.20	141,652.77	140,022.19	136,646.47	129,060.25	121,151.31
Track Share of Mutuel Commission (9 1/2% of Total Handle)	15,458.85	21,391.80	20,796.10	19,114.40	16,485.65	14,521.35
Break: (to 10c)	144,710.05	163,044.57	160,818.29	155,760.87	145,545.90	135,672.66
Total of Track's Commission, Plus Break	74,829.65	82,009.53	81,065.51	79,111.13	74,719.10	70,140.24
State Share of Mutuel Commission (5 1/2% of Total Handle)	1.14	1.43	1.41	1.33	1.21	1.14
Percentage—Break to Handle	5,006.10	5,291.70	7,446.80	7,704.00	6,704.80	8,355.70
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	226,757.00	248,514.00	245,653.00	239,731.00	271,706.00	212,546.00
Average Daily Handle	23,826.00	26,056.00	25,751.00	25,084.00	25,023.00	22,151.00
Average Handle Per Race (Excl. D. D.)	12,321.00	14,007.00	13,894.00	13,956.00	13,723.00	13,188.00
Average Daily Double Handle	54	53*	54	54	51**	54
Number of Races	6	6	6	6	6	6
Actual Racing Days	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rained Out Days						

* Power Failure caused cancellation of 9th race.

** 4 races completed before rain-out and two tenth races added to program.

1st Race	163,044.57	160,818.29	155,760.87	145,545.90	135,672.66
2nd Race	82,009.53	81,065.51	79,111.13	74,719.10	70,140.24
3rd Race	143	141	133	121	114
4th Race	5,291.70	7,446.80	7,704.00	6,704.80	8,355.70
5th Race	248,514.00	245,653.00	239,731.00	271,706.00	212,546.00
6th Race	23,826.00	25,751.00	25,084.00	25,023.00	22,151.00
7th Race	12,321.00	13,894.00	13,956.00	13,723.00	13,188.00
8th Race	54	54	54	51**	54
9th Race	6	6	6	5	6
10th Race	0	0	0	1	0

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ILLINOIS HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
 Maywood Park Trotting Assn., Inc. 1955 Maywood, Illinois

Mutuel Department Statistics

	Sept. 12-17	Sept. 19-24	Sept. 26-Oct. 1	GRAND TOTAL	%
1st Race	\$ 66,892.00	\$ 61,920.00	\$ 49,243.00	\$ 539,322.00	4.4
2nd Race	101,682.00	91,215.00	81,576.00	911,699.00	7.5
3rd Race	128,019.00	119,310.00	105,076.00	1,184,223.00	9.7
4th Race	140,000.00	135,435.00	115,157.00	1,318,491.00	10.9
5th Race	152,509.00	138,102.00	122,867.00	1,406,966.00	11.6
6th Race	159,347.00	147,103.00	128,886.00	1,436,302.00	11.8
7th Race	164,713.00	146,219.00	138,151.00	1,511,410.00	12.4
8th Race	167,089.00	153,331.00	142,834.00	1,504,173.00	12.4
9th Race	171,216.00	167,325.00	148,252.00	1,484,019.00	12.2
10th Race	.....	.....	.....	58,065.00	.4
Daily Double	88,152.00	85,482.00	77,758.00	737,920.00	6.1
Total Mutuel Handle	1,339,619.00	1,245,442.00	1,109,800.00	12,092,590.00	
Public Pool	1,123,973.70	1,041,769.70	931,838.10	10,127,883.00	
Track Share of Mutuel Commission (9 1/2% of Total Handle)	127,263.79	118,316.97	105,430.99	1,148,795.94	
Break: (to 10c)	14,702.45	16,856.00	11,491.90	150,818.50	
Total of Track's Commission, Plus Break	141,966.24	135,172.97	116,922.89	1,299,614.44	
State Share of Mutuel Commission (5 1/2% of Total Handle)	73,679.06	68,499.33	61,039.01	665,092.56	
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.10	1.35	1.04	1.25	
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	9,420.80	9,148.10	9,871.90	9,871.90	
Average Daily Handle	223,269.00	207,573.00	184,966.00	228,162.00	
Average Handle Per Race (Excl. D. D.)	23,175.00	21,480.00	19,112.00	23,508.00	
Average Daily Double Handle	14,692.00	14,247.00	12,959.00	13,923.00	
Number of Races	54	54	54	482	
Actual Racing Days	6	6	6	53	
Rained Out Days	0	0	0	1	

TOTAL WINS BY POST POSITIONS FOR 482 RACES

PP	Starts	Firsts	Pct. of Starts Won
1	482	91	18.8
2	482	78	16.1
3	482	68	14.1
4	482	51	10.5
5	481	73	15.1
6	475	39	8.2
7	458	46	10.0
8	380	35	9.2
9	5	1	20.0
10	3	0	0.0
11	2	0	0.0
482			

RACING STATISTICS

Number of Starters	Number of Races
11	2
10	1
9	2
8	375
7	78
6	17
5	6
4	1
482	

PERCENTAGE OF WINNING FAVORITES

148 Finished 1st	30.7%
109 Finished 2nd	22.6%
74 Finished 3rd	15.3%
151 Finished Out	31.3%

WINNING FAVORITES

155 Races—Trot	46 Favorites Won	29.6%
327 Races—Pace	102 Favorites Won	31.1%

MUTUEL STATISTICS

	1953	1954	1955
Total Mutuel Handle	\$12,702,955.00	\$11,522,746.00	\$12,092,590.00
Largest Mutuel Handle			
Single Night	347,930.00	337,820.00	351,898.00
Largest Mutuel Handle			
Single Race	46,510.00	46,004.00	42,787.00
Largest Daily Double Handle	17,086.00	18,550.00	20,564.00
Average Mutuel Handle			
Per Night	219,017.00	221,591.00	228,162.00
Average Mutuel Handle			
Per Race	24,289.00	23,277.00	23,508.00
Average Daily Double Handle	11,285.00	11,203.00	13,923.00
Average Win Payoff	12.20	13.70	12.39
Average Place Payoff	5.84	6.43	6.05
Average Show Payoff	3.88	4.25	4.03
Highest Win Payoff	223.60	164.80	96.60
Highest Place Payoff	56.80	36.00	36.60
Highest Show Payoff	18.80	19.60	13.80

FOR 482 RACES

Pct. of Starts Won	18.8
	16.1
	14.1
	10.5
	15.1
	5.2
	10.0
	9.2
	20.0
	0.0
	0.0

DENOMINATIONAL BETTING

	1953	%	1954	%	1955	%	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1954
Win	\$ 8,597,449.00	67.7	\$ 7,799,041.00	67.6	\$ 8,218,116.00	67.9	+0.3%
Place	2,686,642.00	21.1	2,390,983.00	20.7	2,499,002.00	20.6	-0.1%
Show	1,418,864.00	11.1	1,332,722.00	11.5	1,375,472.00	11.4	-0.1%
	<u>\$12,702,955.00</u>		<u>\$11,522,746.00</u>		<u>\$12,092,590.00</u>		

VOLUME BETTING STATISTICS

	1953	%	1954	%	1955	%	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1954
Volume of \$50							
Bets \$	1,266,500.00	9.9	\$ 1,244,650.00	10.8	\$ 1,323,150.00	10.9	+0.1%
Volume of \$10							
Bets	3,820,890.00	30.1	3,225,680.00	27.9	3,349,020.00	27.7	-0.2%
Volume of \$5							
Bets	2,327,755.00	18.3	2,094,485.00	18.1	2,024,460.00	16.7	-1.4%
Volume of \$2							
Bets	5,287,810.00	41.6	4,957,931.00	43.0	5,395,960.00	44.6	+1.6%
	<u>\$12,702,955.00</u>		<u>\$11,522,746.00</u>		<u>\$12,092,590.00</u>		

DAILY DOUBLE STATISTICS

	1953	1954	1955
Total Amount Wagered			
Daily Double	\$654,492.00	\$582,577.00	\$737,920.00
Average Daily Double Payoff	102.68	120.02	104.05
Highest Daily Double Payoff	942.40	737.60	936.40
Lowest Daily Double Payoff	7.60	12.40	7.80

DAILY DOUBLE WINNING COMBINATIONS

Combinations	No. of Wins	Combinations	No. of Wins
1-1	2	5-4	2
1-4	1	5-5	1
1-5	3	5-7	1
1-8	1	6-1	2
2-2	1	6-4	1
2-5	1	6-8	1
2-8	1	7-1	1
3-1	2	7-2	2
3-2	1	7-3	1
3-3	1	7-5	1
3-4	1	7-6	1
3-5	4	7-7	1
3-7	4	8-1	2
4-2	1	8-2	1
4-3	1	8-4	1
4-5	1	8-5	2
4-6	1	8-6	2
5-3	3	8-8	1

Total Number of Wins.....54
(4 races completed before rain-out)

FAVORITES

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1954	1955
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18,550.00	20,564.00
221,591.00	228,162.00
23,277.00	23,508.00
11,203.00	13,923.00
13.70	12.39
6.43	6.05
4.25	4.03
164.80	96.60
36.00	36.60
19.60	13.80

SUBURBAN DOWNS
Held at Maywood Park, Maywood, Ill.
1955

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RACING OFFICIALS

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GENERAL FIGURES—1955

	1954	1955	+ Inc. — Dec. over 1954
Number of Racing Days	12	25	+10.8%
Number of Races	108	227*	+11.0%
Total Purses	\$ 139,800.00	\$ 187,826.00	+ 3.4%
Attendance	71,132	68,658	— 3.4%
Total Mutuel Handle	\$3,348,476.00	\$3,922,764.00	+17.2%
Revenue to State of Ill. From Mutuel Handle	\$ 184,166.21	\$ 215,752.08	+17.2%

LEADING TROTTERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races Won	Winnings
1. Mighty Mary Ann	Western Supply & Furnace, Maywood, Illinois	5	\$2,825.00
2. Donald Gayle	Wally Grimm, Valparaiso, Ind.	3	2,062.50
3. Francis Mc	Charlie's Cafe Exceptionale, Minneapolis, Minn.	1	1,725.00
4. Laura Lynn	Harry Hinkle, Oregon, Illinois.	2	1,720.00
5. Lady Brookwood	Dr. H. T. Wills, Chicago, Illinois.	2	1,400.00

LEADING PACERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races Won	Winnings
1. Selka's King	Jerry Baier, Elgin, Illinois.	3	\$2,745.00
2. Easy Adios	Ransom Yeager, Akron, Ohio.	2	2,310.00
3. Earl's Jezebel	Paul A. Wheeler, Sr., Valparaiso, Ind.	3	2,145.00
4. Fire Eyes	McGarty Bros., Mauston, Wis.	4	2,100.00
5. Judy Cash	H. C. & W. D. Pence, Taylorville, Ill.	2	2,065.00

TRACK RECORDS

Trotters

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1955	Times Square	1 Mile	2:00 1/5
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* Two tenth races added to program.

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LEADING DRIVERS

Points Awarded: 5 for 1st, 3 for 2nd, 2 for 3rd

Driver	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Points	Rank
Mel Harmening	73	12	14	11	124	1
Bruce Nickells	69	17	7	7	120	2
Billy Rouse	72	8	10	14	98	3
Harold Snodgrass	61	7	10	4	73	4
Don Busse	51	6	8	8	70	5
Clarence Curtis	35	4	9	7	61	6
Everett Jefferson	33	7	0	6	47	7
Nick Ewing	23	5	6	2	47	8
Glenn Kidwell	39	5	3	6	46	9
Earl Roush	38	5	5	2	44	10

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3rd	Points	Rank
11	124	1
7	120	2
14	98	3
4	73	4
8	70	5
6	61	6
2	47	7
6	47	8
6	46	9
2	44	10

ILLINOIS HARNES RACING COMMISSION

Suburban Downs (At Maywood Park) 1955 Maywood, Illinois

Mutuel Department Statistics

	Oct. 3-8	Oct. 10-15	Oct. 17-22	Oct. 24-29	Oct. 31-Nov. 5	GRAND TOTAL	%
1st Race	28,740.00	\$ 40,284.00	\$ 44,332.00	\$ 32,410.00	\$ 28,508.00	\$ 174,274.00	4.4
2nd Race	48,311.00	70,630.00	68,452.00	49,755.00	40,834.00	277,982.00	7.1
3rd Race	63,343.00	90,125.00	91,040.00	65,263.00	56,992.00	366,763.00	9.3
4th Race	74,360.00	97,152.00	99,575.00	73,318.00	62,276.00	406,681.00	10.4
5th Race	84,338.00	109,432.00	105,203.00	71,350.00	66,300.00	436,623.00	11.1
6th Race	81,693.00	113,359.00	116,695.00	77,606.00	74,365.00	463,718.00	11.8
7th Race	89,754.00	121,508.00	116,231.00	83,427.00	77,907.00	488,827.00	12.5
8th Race	94,883.00	126,535.00	124,200.00	83,798.00	73,370.00	502,786.00	12.8
9th Race	95,379.00	126,126.00	128,718.00	86,578.00	80,321.00	517,122.00	13.2
10th Race	48,864.00	57,546.00	58,598.00	41,622.00	38,310.00	239,124.00	6.1
Daily Double	43,048.00	57,546.00	58,598.00	41,622.00	38,310.00	239,124.00	6.1
Total Mutuel Handle	752,713.00	952,697.00	955,944.00	665,127.00	599,183.00	3,322,764.00	
Public Pool	629,532.70	797,515.00	797,707.50	556,864.70	501,937.00	3,283,556.90	
Track Share of Mutuel Commission (9 1/2% of Total Handle)	71,507.72	90,506.20	90,539.17	63,187.05	56,922.38	372,662.52	
Break: (to 10c)	10,273.35	12,277.45	12,379.90	8,493.25	7,368.55	50,792.50	
Total of Track's Commission, Plus Break	81,781.07	102,783.65	102,919.07	71,680.30	64,290.93	423,455.02	
State Share of Mutuel Commission (5 1/2% of Total Handle)	41,399.23	52,398.35	52,417.43	36,582.00	32,955.07	215,752.08	
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.36	1.29	1.30	1.28	1.23	1.29	
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	2,262.20	2,619.30	3,184.00	3,363.90	1,724.20	1,724.20	
Average Daily Handle	188,178.00	188,782.00	158,840.00	133,025.00	149,795.00	156,910.00	
Average Handle Per Race (Excl. D. D.)	18,675.00	16,576.00	16,563.00	13,855.00	15,579.00	16,227.00	
Average Daily Double Handle	10,762.00	9,591.00	9,766.00	8,324.00	9,577.00	9,564.00	
Number of Races	38*	54	54	45	36	227	
Actual Racing Days	4	6	6	5	4	25	
Rained Out Days	2	0	0	1	2	5	

* Two tenth races added to program.

TOTAL WINS BY POST POSITIONS FOR 227 RACES

PP	Starts	Firsts	Pct. of Starts Won
1	227	45	19.8
2	227	31	13.6
3	227	33	14.5
4	227	27	11.9
5	227	39	17.2
6	225	22	9.8
7	210	21	10.0
8	174	10	5.7
9	2	1	50.0
10	2	0	0.0
11	1	0	0.0

229 (2 Dead Heats)

RACING STATISTICS

Number of Starters	Number of Races
11	1
10	1
9	0
8	172
7	36
6	15
5	2
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PERCENTAGE OF WINNING FAVORITES

95 Finished 1st	41.8%
47 Finished 2nd	20.7%
18 Finished 3rd	7.9%
67 Finished Out	29.5%

WINNING FAVORITES

74 Races—Trot	32 Favorites Won	43.2%
153 Races—Pace	63 Favorites Won	41.2%

MUTUEL STATISTICS

	1954	1955
Total Mutuel Handle	\$ 3,348,476.00	\$ 3,922,764.00
Largest Mutuel Handle Single Night	385,066.00	256,383.00
Largest Mutuel Handle Single Race	50,840.00	29,746.00
Largest Daily Double Handle	23,198.00	14,586.00
Average Mutuel Handle Per Night	279,040.00	156,910.00
Average Mutuel Handle Per Race	28,959.00	16,227.00
Average Daily Double Handle	18,410.00	9,564.00
Average Win Payoff	12.35	11.18
Average Place Payoff	6.14	5.66
Average Show Payoff	4.08	4.03
Highest Win Payoff	64.00	30.00
Highest Place Payoff	27.40	28.80
Highest Show Payoff	11.60	12.80

FOR 227 RACES

Pct. of Starts Won
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Dead Heats)

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FAVORITES

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DENOMINATIONAL BETTING

	1954	%	1955	%	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1954
Win	\$ 2,275,154.00	67.9	\$ 2,692,669.00	68.6	+0.7%
Place	686,558.00	20.5	813,798.00	20.7	+0.2%
Show	386,764.00	11.5	416,297.00	10.6	-0.9%
	<u>\$ 3,348,476.00</u>		<u>\$ 3,922,764.00</u>		

VOLUME BETTING STATISTICS

	1954	%	1955	%	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1954
Volume of \$50 Bets.....	\$ 197,750.00	5.9	\$ 460,050.00	11.7	+5.8%
Volume of \$10 Bets	988,080.00	29.5	1,028,400.00	26.2	-3.3%
Volume of \$5 Bets	494,800.00	14.7	689,470.00	17.6	+2.9%
Volume of \$2 Bets	1,667,846.00	49.8	1,744,844.00	44.4	-5.4%
	<u>\$ 3,348,476.00</u>		<u>\$ 3,922,764.00</u>		

DAILY DOUBLE STATISTICS

	1954	1955
Total Amount Wagered Daily Double	\$220,922.00	\$239,124.00
Average Daily Double Payoff	83.09	65.33
Highest Daily Double Payoff	154.60	346.00
Lowest Daily Double Payoff	14.60	10.80

DAILY DOUBLE WINNING COMBINATIONS

Combinations	No. of Wins	Combinations	No. of Wins
1-5	1	5-4	1
1-7	1	5-5	2
1-8	1	5-7	1
2-2	2	6-1	1
2-3	1	6-7	1
2-4	1	6-8	1
2-7	1	7-1	2
3-3	1	7-5	2
3-5	2	8-1	1
4-6	1	8-6	1
Total Number of Wins.....		25	

1954	1955
\$3,348,476.00	\$ 3,922,764.00
385,066.00	256,383.00
50,840.00	29,746.00
23,198.00	14,586.00
279,040.00	156,910.00
28,959.00	16,227.00
18,410.00	9,564.00
12.35	11.18
6.14	5.66
4.08	4.03
64.00	80.00
27.40	28.80
11.60	12.80

CONCLUSION

The statistics contained in this report again demonstrate that the sport of harness racing is continuing an uninterrupted growth in the State of Illinois. The members of this Commission conscientiously believe that the gains and improvements made this year will reflect in further gains for the 1956 racing season. We believe that the improved relationship between the Commission, management, the horse-men and the public will be reflected in subsequent gains.

The efficiency and the ability of all personnel appointed or approved by this Commission was fully demonstrated. We were indeed fortunate to have officials whose ability and integrity was unquestioned.

In conclusion, we wish to express our thanks to all those who helped make the tenth year of pari-mutuel harness horse racing in Illinois the most successful on record. This of course includes the public, horsemen, the press, state agencies, racing officials, the United States Trotting Association, and last but not least the licensees.

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