

**ELEVENTH  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**ILLINOIS HARNESS RACING  
COMMISSION**

**TO THE**

**HONORABLE WILLIAM G. STRATTON  
GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS**

**1956**



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**BONNIE B. BIGGS, Secretary**

January 15, 1957

*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, 1956 and ending December 31, 1956.

Faithfully yours.

EVART L. JORDAN, *Chairman*  
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ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF  
 THE ILLINOIS HARNESS RACING COMMISSION  
 1956

Submitted herewith is the annual report covering the eleventh year of pari-mutuel harness racing in the State of Illinois. Also included is statistical information covering the operation of the pari-mutuel departments of the licensees.

Increases were again registered in 1956. These increases were substantial with the total pari-mutuel handle being \$46,293,322.00, an increase of \$6,175,716.00 over 1955. A marked increase was registered in revenue to the State and purses paid to horsemen also were substantially increased.

Due to a revision in the Pari-Mutuel Act which permits harness racing to commence on the 1st of March, the racing had its earliest opening in history starting with the Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. at Maywood Park on April 2nd and concluding with the Suburban Downs Meeting at Maywood Park on October 20th. The racing season was completed two weeks earlier than the season of 1955, however there were 170 racing days as compared to 163 racing days during 1955. Very few races were cancelled due to inclement weather and track conditions.

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

	1955		1956
Number of Licenses Issued .....	1		4
Number of Racing Days .....	163		170
Number of Races .....	1480		1550
Total Purses .....	\$ 1,862,308.00	\$	2,199,813.68
Total Mutuel Handle .....	\$ 40,117,606.00	\$	46,293,322.00
Revenue to State of Illinois from Mutuel Handle .....	\$ 2,206,468.70	\$	2,546,133.20

## REVENUE COLLECTED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

The Illinois Harness Racing Commission from December 1, 1955 to December 1, 1956 collected as revenue from racing the sum of \$2,575,913.60, which is an increase of 15.4% over the year 1955.

The Illinois Harness Racing Commission for the above period carried on its work at a total expense of \$44,163.30.

### REVENUE COLLECTED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

	1954			
	Maywood Park	Chicago Downs	Suburban Downs	Fox Valley (Aurora) (Downs)
Application Fees .....	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
License Fee .....	2,850.00	2,250.00	900.00	2,750.00
Uncashed Mutuel .....	1,224.30*			
Tickets .....	7,291.50	5,128.10	.....	4,661.60
Percentage of Pari-Mutuel .....	633,751.15	732,301.47	184,166.21	567,449.46
	\$645,141.95	\$739,704.57	\$185,091.21	\$574,886.06
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,144,823.79</b>			

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

	1955				
	Fox Valley	Chicago Downs	Maywood Park	Suburban Downs	Maywood Park as Agent for Chicago- American Benefit Fund
Application Fees .....	\$ 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	
	\$597,036.87	\$743,346.69	\$673,750.16	\$218,355.28	\$ 325.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,232,814.00</b>				

\* Includes \$100.00 deficit from 1954.

\*\* This amount refunded from the appropriation of the Illinois Harness Racing Commission for the 69th Biennium as Charity Meeting was cancelled.

\*\*\* Includes \$556.20 from Chicago Downs as Agent for Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc. in 1951.

	1956			
	Maywood Park	Fox Valley	Chicago Downs	Suburban Downs
Application Fees .....	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
License Fees .....	2,700.00	1,500.00	2,400.00	2,100.00
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets .....	6,419.70	5,908.80	7,069.10	1,582.80
Percentage of Pari-Mutuel .....	697,697.14	483,197.96	821,513.04	543,725.06
	\$706,841.84	\$490,631.76	\$831,007.14	\$547,432.86
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,575,913.60</b>			



**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

from December 1, 1955  
from racing the sum of  
over the year 1955.

for the above period  
163.30.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

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>

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

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

Chicago Downs	Suburban Downs
\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
2,400.00	2,100.00
7,069.10	1,582.80
821,513.04	543,725.06
<u>\$831,007.14</u>	<u>\$547,432.86</u>

**MAYWOOD PARK**

**1956**

**OFFICERS**

President .....Nathan Allen  
Vice-Pres., Sec'y.-Treas. ....Owen R. Trayner, Jr.  
General Manager .....William V. Ward  
Chairman of Board .....Robert G. Johnson

**RACING OFFICIALS**

*Illinois Harness Racing Commission*

*N. ORRIN BAKER, General Steward*

*Presiding Judge*  
John Ducharme

*Starter*  
Ralph Estes

*Associate Judges*  
William Baier  
G. W. Newell

*Announcer*  
Stanley Bergstein

*Racing Secretary*  
John Jenuine

*Track Superintendent*  
Joseph Harbutt

*Ast. Racing Secretary*  
Bob Larry

*Track Veterinarian*  
Dr. John Foley

*Paddock Judge*  
Frank Pennino

*Track Physicians*  
Dr. Frank M. Reed  
Dr. Thomas S. Moore

*Associate Paddock Judge*  
S. Barney Shelffo

*Clerk of Course*  
Charlene Ordahl

*Patrol Judges*  
Charles Witt  
Ruppert Valentine  
S. Barney Shelffo  
Lyle Smith

*Mutuel Manager*  
Harold Fidler

*Auditor*  
Herbert Oerther

*Head Timer*  
Robert Williams

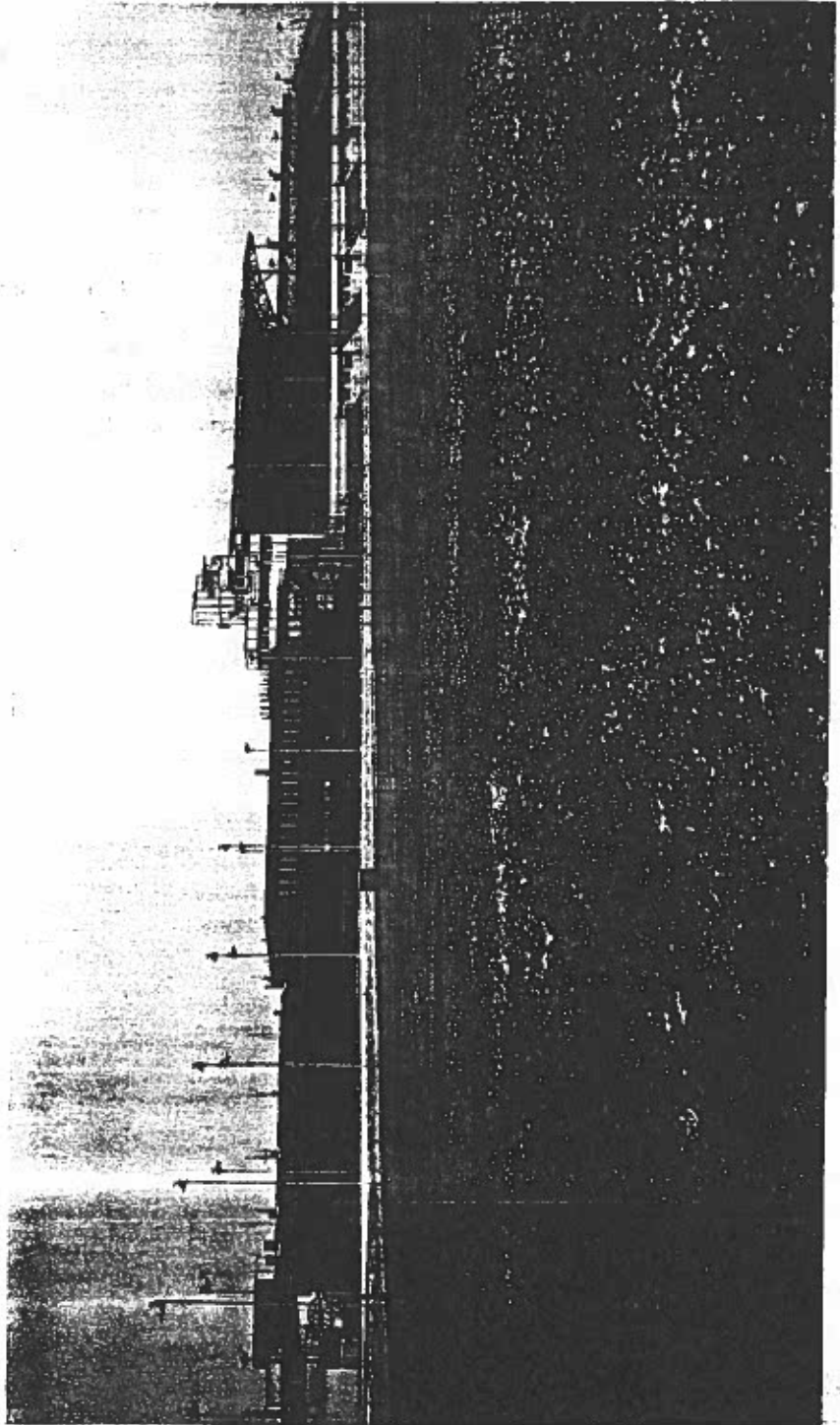
*Track Photographer*  
Joseph Lucas

*Associate Timers*  
C. D. Stone  
Joseph Zito

*Public Relations*  
Mayor & O'Brien

*Finish Camera—Eye-in-The-Sky*

*Director of Publicity—Edmund P. Walsh*



**MAYWOOD PARK**

**County—Cook.**

**City—Maywood.**

**Ten Miles from Center of Chicago.**

**Track—One-Half Mile Oval.**

**Frederick Lighting System—114 poles—342.00 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—1956

	1954	1955	1956	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1955
Number of Racing Days .....	52	53	51	- 3.8%
Number of Races .....	470	482*	463**	- 3.9%
Total Purses .....	\$ 467,200.00	\$ 614,450.00	\$ 551,040.00	-10.3%
Attendance .....	245,602	252,989	234,823	- 7.2%
Total Mutuel Handle..	\$11,522,746.00	\$12,092,590.00	\$12,685,400.00	+ 4.9%
Revenue to State of Ill. From Mutuel Handle .....	\$ 633,751.15	\$ 665,092.56	\$ 697,697.14	+ 4.9%

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

\*\* Four tenth races added to program.

## LEADING TROTTERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races Won	Winnings
1. Sis's Brother.....	Elmer Conrad, Corydon, Ind.....	6	\$5,723.75
2. Jude Hanover.....	F. and M. Stables, Pontiac, Mich.....	5	4,680.63
3. Rudolph .....	Ore Hill Stable, Bedford, Pa.....	4	3,769.00
4. John Dee.....	B. J. Benfield, Morris, Minn.....	4	3,400.00
5. Moray .....	Brightside Farm, Springfield, Ill.....	4	3,246.50

## LEADING PACERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races Won	Winnings
1. Plantation Chief...	Mr. and Mrs. D. Pletcher, Shipshewana, Ind. ....	5	\$6,966.50
2. Selka's King.....	Jerry Baier, Elgin, Ill.....	6	6,385.00
3. Abbe Run.....	Edward Moody, Sullivan, Ill.....	5	3,785.00
4. Chester Black.....	Brightside Farm, Springfield, Ill.....	4	3,140.00
5. Grand Scot.....	Bruce K. Nickells, Princeton, Ill.....	5	2,805.00

## 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

LEADING DRIVERS—UNIVERSAL DRIVER RATING SYSTEM

Rank	Driver	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Avg.
1	William Current	13	6	1	2	.556
2	Gene Riegle	25	8	4	2	.436
3	Robert Huls	34	10	6	3	.422
4	Del Insko	40	10	4	6	.356
5	George Kile	25	6	1	5	.329
6	Earl Roush	45	7	9	8	.326
7	Harry Burrigh	204	33	32	28	.319
8	Harold Snodgrass	121	24	15	13	.303
9	Joe Nero	34	7	2	6	.297
10	Jack Hankins	50	9	4	7	.269

LEADING DRIVER—Based on Number of Wins

Rank	Driver	Starts	Wins
1	Harry Burrigh	204	38
2	Harold Snodgrass	121	24
3	Billy Rouse	34	12
4	Robert Huls	34	10
5	Del Insko	40	10
6	Don Busse	67	10
7	Jack Hankins	50	9
8	Gene Riegle	25	8
9	Tom Wilburn	94	8
10	Joe Nero	34	7
	Earl Roush	45	7
	Ralph Ayou	55	7

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1956	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1955
51	- 3.8%
463**	- 3.9%
\$ 551,040.00	-10.3%
234,823	- 7.2%
\$12,685,400.00	+ 4.9%
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led to program. Power failure

Races Won	Winnings
d..... 6	\$5,723.75
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..... 4	3,400.00
l. Ill..... 4	3,246.50

Races Won	Winnings
..... 5	\$6,966.50
..... 6	6,385.00
..... 5	3,785.00
l. Ill..... 4	3,140.00
l. Ill..... 5	2,805.00

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ILLINOIS HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

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

Mutuel Department Statistics

	Apr. 2-7	Apr. 9-14	Apr. 16-21	Apr. 23-28	Apr. 30-May 5	May 7-12
1st Race	\$ 71,454.00	\$ 86,491.00	\$ 75,750.00	\$ 46,086.00	\$ 57,363.00	\$ 66,509.00
2nd Race	116,917.00	137,540.00	122,818.00	72,341.00	88,156.00	100,235.00
3rd Race	144,073.00	178,201.00	151,016.00	91,495.00	114,106.00	132,951.00
4th Race	166,746.00	198,755.00	173,195.00	104,827.00	125,153.00	148,241.00
5th Race	159,469.00	201,897.00	183,010.00	106,577.00	133,565.00	156,972.00
6th Race	160,338.00	207,565.00	182,975.00	108,369.00	148,895.00	160,884.00
7th Race	169,015.00	206,920.00	183,729.00	111,680.00	153,758.00	172,854.00
8th Race	167,620.00	205,249.00	190,372.00	116,284.00	148,219.00	177,930.00
9th Race	138,534.00	181,409.00	190,146.00	109,824.00	156,382.00	169,461.00
10th Race	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Daily Double	69,940.00	93,036.00	87,530.00	55,396.00	68,568.00	81,194.00
Total Mutuel Handle	1,363,706.00	1,697,063.00	1,540,541.00	922,859.00	1,194,165.00	1,367,231.00
Public Pool	1,140,671.80	1,414,516.20	1,288,185.90	771,747.80	999,508.50	1,146,146.70
Track Share of Mutuel Commission (9 1/2% of Total Handle)	129,552.06	161,220.98	146,351.37	87,671.58	113,445.05	129,886.93
Break: (to 10c)	18,478.30	27,987.35	21,273.95	12,682.35	15,531.75	15,999.65
Total of Track's Commission, Plus Break	148,030.36	189,208.33	167,625.32	100,353.93	128,977.40	145,886.58
State Share of Mutuel Commission (5 1/2% of Total Handle)	75,003.84	93,338.47	84,729.78	50,757.27	65,679.10	75,197.72
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.35	1.65	1.38	1.37	1.30	1.17
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	4,176.60	7,605.20	8,180.50	7,907.20	7,560.40	7,892.70
Average Daily Handle	272,741.00	282,843.00	256,756.00	184,511.00	238,833.00	227,871.00
Average Handle Per Race (excl. D. D.)	28,750.00	29,704.00	26,907.00	19,277.00	25,013.00	23,815.00
Average Daily Double Handle	13,988.00	15,506.00	14,588.00	11,079.00	13,713.00	15,532.00
Number of Races	45	54	54	45	45	54
Actual Racing Days	5	6	6	5	5	6
Rained Out Days	1	0	0	1	1	0

Plus Break	148,030.36	189,203.33	167,625.32	100,353.93	128,977.40	145,886.58
State Share of Mutuel Commission (5½% of Total Handle)	75,003.84	93,338.47	84,729.78	50,757.27	65,679.10	75,197.72
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.35	1.65	1.38	1.37	1.30	1.17
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	4,176.60	7,605.20	8,180.50	7,907.20	7,560.40	7,892.70
Average Daily Handle	272,741.60	282,843.00	256,756.00	184,571.00	238,833.00	227,371.00
Average Handle Per Race (excl. D. D.)	28,750.00	29,704.00	26,907.00	19,277.00	25,013.00	23,815.00
Average Daily Double Handle	13,988.00	15,506.00	14,588.00	11,079.00	13,713.00	13,532.00
Number of Races	45	54	54	45	45	54
Actual Racing Days	5	6	6	5	5	6
Rained Out Days	1	0	0	1	1	0

ILLINOIS HARNES RACING COMMISSION  
 Maywood Park Trotting Assn., Inc. 1956 Maywood, Illinois

Mutuel Department Statistics

	May 14-19	May 21-26	May 28-June 2	Grand Total	%
1st Race	\$ 71,987.00	\$ 69,647.00	\$ 65,844.00	\$ 611,131.00	4.82
2nd Race	101,392.00	110,602.00	113,800.00	962,801.00	7.59
3rd Race	142,341.00	146,237.00	149,873.00	1,250,293.00	9.87
4th Race	148,431.00	160,959.00	153,246.00	1,379,553.00	10.87
5th Race	174,757.00	163,085.00	169,274.00	1,448,616.00	11.42
6th Race	178,090.00	172,001.00	180,713.00	1,500,430.00	11.83
7th Race	193,151.00	184,055.00	192,719.00	1,567,881.00	12.36
8th Race	181,613.00	192,354.00	193,346.00	1,577,967.00	12.44
9th Race	188,332.00	178,271.00	205,047.00	1,517,406.00	11.96
10th Race	88,304.00	92,510.00	95,982.00	732,460.00	5.77
Daily Double	1,468,398.00	1,469,731.00	1,661,706.00	12,685,400.00	
Total Mutuel Handle	1,227,034.40	1,230,056.70	1,387,744.80	10,605,612.80	
Public Pool	139,497.80	139,624.43	157,862.06	1,205,112.86	
Track Share of Mutuel Commission (9½% of Total Handle)	21,103.90	19,214.65	24,705.30	176,977.20	
Break: (to 10c)	160,601.70	158,839.08	182,567.36	1,382,090.06	
Total of Track's Commission, Plus Break	80,701.90	80,835.22	91,393.84	697,697.14	
State Share of Total Handle (5½% of Total Handle)	1.44	1.31	1.49	1.39	
Percentage—Break to Handle	11,772.10	11,411.80	7,254.60	7,254.60	
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	244,733.00	244,955.00	276,951.00	248,733.00	
Average Daily Handle	25,557.00	25,504.00	26,995.00	25,816.00	
Average Handle Per Race (excl. D. D.)	14,717.00	15,418.00	15,997.00	14,362.00	
Average Daily Double Handle	54	54	58*	463	
Number of Races	6	6	6	51	
Actual Racing Days	0	0	0	0	
Rained Out Days				3	

\* 4 10th Races added to program.

## TOTAL WINS BY POST POSITIONS FOR 463 RACES

PP	Starts	Firsts	Pct. of Starts Won
1	463	64	13.8
2	463	67	14.5
3	463	57	12.3
4	463	61	13.2
5	463	70	15.1
6	461	60	13.0
7	429	51	11.9
8	323	28	8.7
9	23	3	13.0
10	15	3	20.0
11	7	0	0.0
12	2	0	0.0

464 (1 Dead Heat)

## RACING STATISTICS

Number of Starters	Number of Races
12	2
11	5
10	8
9	8
8	300
7	106
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## PERCENTAGE OF WINNING FAVORITES

192 Finished 1st	41.5%
81 Finished 2nd	17.5%
55 Finished 3rd	11.9%
135 Finished Out	29.1%

## WINNING FAVORITES

169 Races—Trot	64 Favorites Won	37.9%
294 Races—Pace	128 Favorites Won	43.5%

## MUTUEL STATISTICS

	1954	1955	1956
Total Mutuel Handle	\$11,522,746.00	\$12,092,590.00	\$12,685,400.00
Largest Mutuel Handle			
Single Night	337,820.00	351,898.00	391,681.00
Largest Mutuel Handle			
Single Race	46,004.00	42,787.00	50,961.00
Largest Daily Double Handle	18,550.00	20,564.00	22,478.00
Average Mutuel Handle			
Per Night	221,591.00	228,162.00	248,733.00
Average Mutuel Handle			
Per Race	23,277.00	23,508.00	25,816.00
Average Daily Double Handle	11,203.00	13,923.00	14,362.00
Average Win Payoff	13.70	12.39	11.36
Average Place Payoff	6.43	6.05	5.72
Average Show Payoff	4.25	4.03	3.90
Highest Win Payoff	164.80	96.60	96.60
Highest Place Payoff	36.00	36.60	42.20
Highest Show Payoff	19.60	13.80	15.60



FOR 463 RACES

Pct. of Starts Won
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DENOMINATIONAL BETTING

	1954	%	1955	%	1956	%	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1955
Win	\$ 7,799,041.00	67.6	\$ 8,218,116.00	67.9	\$ 8,950,103.00	70.5	+2.6%
Place	2,390,983.00	20.7	2,499,002.00	20.6	2,479,510.00	19.5	-1.1%
Show	1,332,722.00	11.5	1,375,472.00	11.4	1,255,787.00	9.9	-1.5%
	<u>\$11,522,746.00</u>		<u>\$12,092,590.00</u>		<u>\$12,685,400.00</u>		

VOLUME BETTING STATISTICS

	1954	%	1955	%	1956	%	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1955
Volume of \$50							
Bets	\$ 1,244,650.00	10.8	\$ 1,323,150.00	10.9	\$ 1,594,550.00	12.5	+1.6%
Volume of \$10							
Bets	3,225,680.00	27.9	3,349,020.00	27.7	3,334,580.00	30.2	+2.5%
Volume of \$5							
Bets	2,094,485.00	18.1	2,024,460.00	16.7	2,245,180.00	17.7	+1.0%
Volume of \$2							
Bets	4,957,931.00	43.0	5,395,960.00	44.6	5,011,090.00	39.5	-5.1%
	<u>\$11,522,746.00</u>		<u>\$12,092,590.00</u>		<u>\$12,685,400.00</u>		

DAILY DOUBLE STATISTICS

	1954	1955	1956
Total Amount Wagered			
Daily Double	\$582,577.00	\$737,920.00	\$732,460.00
Average Daily Double Payoff	120.02	104.05	95.29
Highest Daily Double Payoff	737.60	936.40	562.00
Lowest Daily Double Payoff	12.40	7.80	17.40

DAILY DOUBLE WINNING COMBINATIONS

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

Total Number of Wins.....51

Dead Heat)

Number of Races

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FAVORITES

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\$12,092,590.00	\$12,685,400.00
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23,508.00	25,816.00
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12.39	11.36
6.05	5.72
4.03	3.90
96.60	96.60
36.60	42.20
13.80	15.60

FOX VALLEY TROTTING CLUB, INC.

Held at Sportsman's Park, Cicero, Illinois

1956

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GENERAL FIGURES—1956

	1954	1955	1956	+Inc. —Dec. Over 1955
Number of Racing Days .....	52	40	30	—25.0%
Number of Races .....	472*	364**	274***	—24.7%
Total Purses .....	\$ 482,500.00	\$ 460,850.00	\$ 477,120.00	+ 3.5%
Attendance .....	206,219	212,178	177,766	—16.2%
Total Mutuel Handle .....	\$10,317,260.00	\$10,735,776.00	\$8,785,416.00	—18.2%
Revenue to State of Ill. From Mutuel Handle .....	\$ 567,449.46	\$ 590,467.77	\$ 483,197.96	—18.2%

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

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races Won	Winnings
1. Vicki Wayne .....	Harry Beattie, Sheridan, Ind.....	3	\$5,750.00
2. Empress Rodney...	J. B. Carnes, Canton, Ohio.....	2	5,350.00
3. Miracle Hill.....	Hill Dist. Co., Columbus, Ohio.....	2	3,925.00
4. Newport Mascot...	Rosedale Farm, Chicago, Ill. ....	1	3,000.00
5. Jamb .....	Brightside Farms, Springfield, Ill..	1	2,950.00

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LEADING PACERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races Won	Winnings
1. Hi Hill .....	Hill Dist. Co., Columbus, Ohio.....	4	\$10,650.00
2. Otis Direct .....	Juanita Boring .....	2	7,266.00
3. Amigo Hal .....	Running Springs Ranch, Newbury Park, Calif. ....	2	5,750.50
4. Golden Miss .....	J. Howard Young, Elkhorn, Wis.....	0*	5,337.50
5. Plutocrat .....	J. Howard Young, Elkhorn, Wis.....	1	3,850.00

\* 2nd—3 times.

TRACK RECORDS

Trotters			
Year	Name of Horse	Distance	Time
1956	Vicki Wayne.....	1 Mile .....	2:03 2/5

Pacers			
Year	Name of Horse	Distance	Time
1956	Challdale Jewel.....	1 Mile .....	2:02 2/5

LEADING DRIVERS—UNIVERSAL DRIVER RATING SYSTEM

Rank	Driver	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Avg.
1	Clarence Curtis .....	33	8	9	4	.434
2	Benny Schue .....	24	6	5	1	.380
3	Jim Dennis .....	52	9	10	13	.362
4	William McMillen .....	40	10	4	4	.339
5	Ken Cartnal .....	40	11	2	4	.336
6	Howard Beissinger .....	89	16	15	16	.332
7	Harold Snodgrass .....	64	8	18	9	.328
8	Gene Sears .....	26	6	3	1	.308
9	Leon Boring .....	28	6	2	3	.290
10	Bob Parkinson .....	28	6	1	3	.270

## LEADING DRIVER—Based on Number of Wins

Rank	Driver	Starts	Wins
1	Howard Beissinger.....	89	16
2	Ken Cartnal .....	40	11
3	Harry Burrigh .....	90	11
4	William McMillen .....	40	10
5	Jim Dennis .....	52	9
6	Clarence Curtis .....	33	8
7	Harold Snodgrass .....	64	8
8	Benny Schue .....	24	6
9	Leon Boring .....	28	6
10	Bob Parkinson .....	28	6

Starts	Wins
.....89	16
.....40	11
.....90	11
.....40	10
.....52	9
.....33	8
.....64	8
.....24	6
.....23	6
.....28	6

ILLINOIS HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

Fox Valley Trotting Club, Inc. (At Sportsman's Park) 1956 Cicero, Illinois

Mutuel Department Statistics

	June 4-9	June 11-16	June 18-23	June 25-30	July 2-7	Grand Total	%
1st Race	\$ 79,639.00	\$ 73,242.00	\$ 84,490.00	\$ 84,308.00	\$ 86,011.00	\$ 407,690.00	4.64
2nd Race	129,749.00	116,672.00	131,588.00	128,638.00	126,841.00	633,486.00	7.21
3rd Race	157,035.00	153,408.00	161,748.00	172,719.00	174,835.00	819,745.00	9.33
4th Race	186,912.00	171,785.00	186,453.00	195,887.00	191,579.00	932,616.00	10.62
5th Race	212,649.00	195,589.00	196,837.00	196,965.00	206,226.00	1,008,266.00	11.48
6th Race	219,266.00	204,105.00	210,059.00	211,079.00	218,158.00	1,062,667.00	12.10
7th Race	227,754.00	205,348.00	213,501.00	227,250.00	222,950.00	1,096,803.00	12.48
8th Race	240,150.00	204,923.00	218,841.00	234,180.00	223,763.00	1,121,857.00	12.77
9th Race	223,420.00	199,193.00	206,571.00	211,289.00	215,614.00	1,056,087.00	12.02
10th Race	118,715.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	118,715.00	1.35
Daily Double	103,006.00	95,820.00	106,456.00	111,036.00	111,166.00	527,484.00	6.00
Total Mutuel Handle	1,898,295.00	1,620,085.00	1,716,544.00	1,773,349.00	1,777,143.00	8,785,416.00	
Public Pool	1,593,214.90	1,355,797.00	1,436,975.50	1,484,692.40	1,488,121.30	7,358,801.10	
Track Share of Mutuel Commission (9% of Total Handle)	180,338.00	153,908.06	163,071.66	168,468.14	168,828.58	834,614.44	
Break: (to 10c)	20,335.85	21,275.25	22,086.90	22,654.25	22,450.25	108,802.50	
Total of Track's Commission, Plus Break	200,673.85	175,183.31	185,158.56	191,122.39	191,278.83	943,416.94	
State Share of Mutuel Commission (5 1/2% of Total Handle)	104,406.25	89,104.69	94,409.94	97,534.21	97,742.87	483,197.96	
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.07	1.31	1.28	1.27	1.26	1.24	
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	6,595.90	8,483.70	8,996.10	8,424.40	9,759.20	43,265.30	
Average Daily Handle	316,382.00	270,014.00	286,090.00	295,558.00	296,190.00	292,847.00	
Average Handle Per Race (excl. D. D.)	30,953.00	28,227.00	29,816.00	30,783.00	30,851.00	30,133.00	
Average Daily Double Handle	17,167.00	15,970.00	17,742.00	18,506.00	18,527.00	17,582.00	
Number of Races	58*	54	54	54	54	274	
Actual Racing Days	6	6	6	6	6	30	
Rained Out Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	

\* Four—10th races added to program.

## TOTAL WINS BY POST POSITIONS FOR 274 RACES

PP	Starts	Firsts	Pct. of Starts Won
1	274	34	12.4
2	274	41	14.9
3	274	35	12.8
4	274	44	16.1
5	274	34	12.4
6	272	22	8.1
7	263	25	9.5
8	208	16	7.7
9	119	18	15.1
10	71	5	7.4
11	3	0	0.0
12	3	0	0.0
13	1	0	0.0

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## RACING STATISTICS

Number of Starters	Number of Races
13	1
12	2
11	0
10	68
9	48
8	39
7	55
6	9
5	2

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## PERCENTAGE OF WINNING FAVORITES

93 Finished 1st	33.9%
45 Finished 2nd	16.4%
31 Finished 3rd	11.3%
105 Finished Out	38.3%

## WINNING FAVORITES

88 Races—Trot	34 Favorites Won	38.6%
186 Races—Pace	59 Favorites Won	31.7%

## MUTUEL STATISTICS

	1954	1955	1956
Total Mutuel Handle	\$10,317,260.00	\$10,735,776.00	\$ 8,785,416.00
Largest Mutuel Handle			
Single Night	333,374.00	386,153.00	397,673.00
Largest Mutuel Handle			
Single Race	42,273.00	48,145.00	49,985.00
Largest Daily Double Handle	19,541.00	20,169.00	22,318.00
Average Mutuel Handle			
Per Night	198,409.00	268,394.00	292,847.00
Average Mutuel Handle			
Per Race	20,430.00	27,851.00	30,138.00
Average Daily Double Handle	12,726.00	14,948.00	17,582.00
Average Win Payoff	12.32	11.75	13.70
Average Place Payoff	6.04	6.04	6.49
Average Show Payoff	4.09	4.08	4.42
Highest Win Payoff	137.60	117.60	81.00
Highest Place Payoff	39.00	44.60	36.80
Highest Show Payoff	27.20	14.60	18.00

FOR 274 RACES

Pct. of Starts Won
12.4
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DENOMINATIONAL BETTING

	1954	%	1955	%	1956	%	+ Inc. - Dec. Over 1955
Win	\$ 6,976,914.00	67.6	\$ 7,326,048.00	68.2	\$ 6,087,504.00	69.2	+1.0%
Place	2,156,044.00	20.8	2,180,485.00	20.3	1,755,555.00	20.0	-0.3%
Show	1,184,302.00	11.4	1,229,243.00	11.4	942,357.00	10.7	-0.7%
	<u>\$10,317,260.00</u>		<u>\$10,735,776.00</u>		<u>\$ 8,785,416.00</u>		

VOLUME BETTING STATISTICS

	1954	%	1955	%	1956	%	+ Inc. - Dec. Over 1955
Volume of \$50							
Bets \$	974,600.00	9.4	1,426,150.00	13.3	654,000.00	7.4	-5.9%
Volume of \$10							
Bets	2,860,270.00	27.7	3,087,570.00	28.7	2,871,120.00	32.6	+3.9%
Volume of \$5							
Bets	1,810,390.00	17.5	1,875,525.00	17.5	1,380,290.00	15.7	-1.8%
Volume of \$2							
Bets	4,672,000.00	45.2	4,346,531.00	40.5	3,880,006.00	44.2	+3.7%
	<u>\$10,317,260.00</u>		<u>\$10,735,776.00</u>		<u>\$ 8,785,416.00</u>		

DAILY DOUBLE STATISTICS

	1954	1955	1956
Total Amount Wagered			
Daily Double	\$582,577.00	\$597,909.00	\$527,484.00
Average Daily Double Payoff	120.02	95.37	107.42
Highest Daily Double Payoff	737.60	375.20	471.60
Lowest Daily Double Payoff	12.40	12.40	6.60

DAILY DOUBLE WINNING COMBINATIONS

Combinations	No. of Wins	Combinations	No. of Wins
1-2	1	5-5	1
1-6	1	5-6	1
2-1	1	5-9	2
2-4	3	7-2	1
2-9	1	7-7	1
3-7	1	8-4	1
3-9	1	8-5	1
4-2	1	8-9	1
4-6	3	9-1	1
4-7	2	9-5	1
4-8	1	10-2	1
4-10	1	10-3	1
Total Number of Wins		30	

Number of Races
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FAVORITES

.....33.9%
.....16.4%
.....11.3%
.....38.3%

Won.....38.6%
Won.....31.7%

1955	1956
\$0,735,776.00	\$ 8,785,416.00
386,153.00	397,673.00
48,145.00	49,985.00
20,169.00	22,318.00
268,394.00	292,847.00
27,851.00	30,138.00
14,948.00	17,582.00
11.75	13.70
6.04	6.49
4.08	4.42
117.60	81.00
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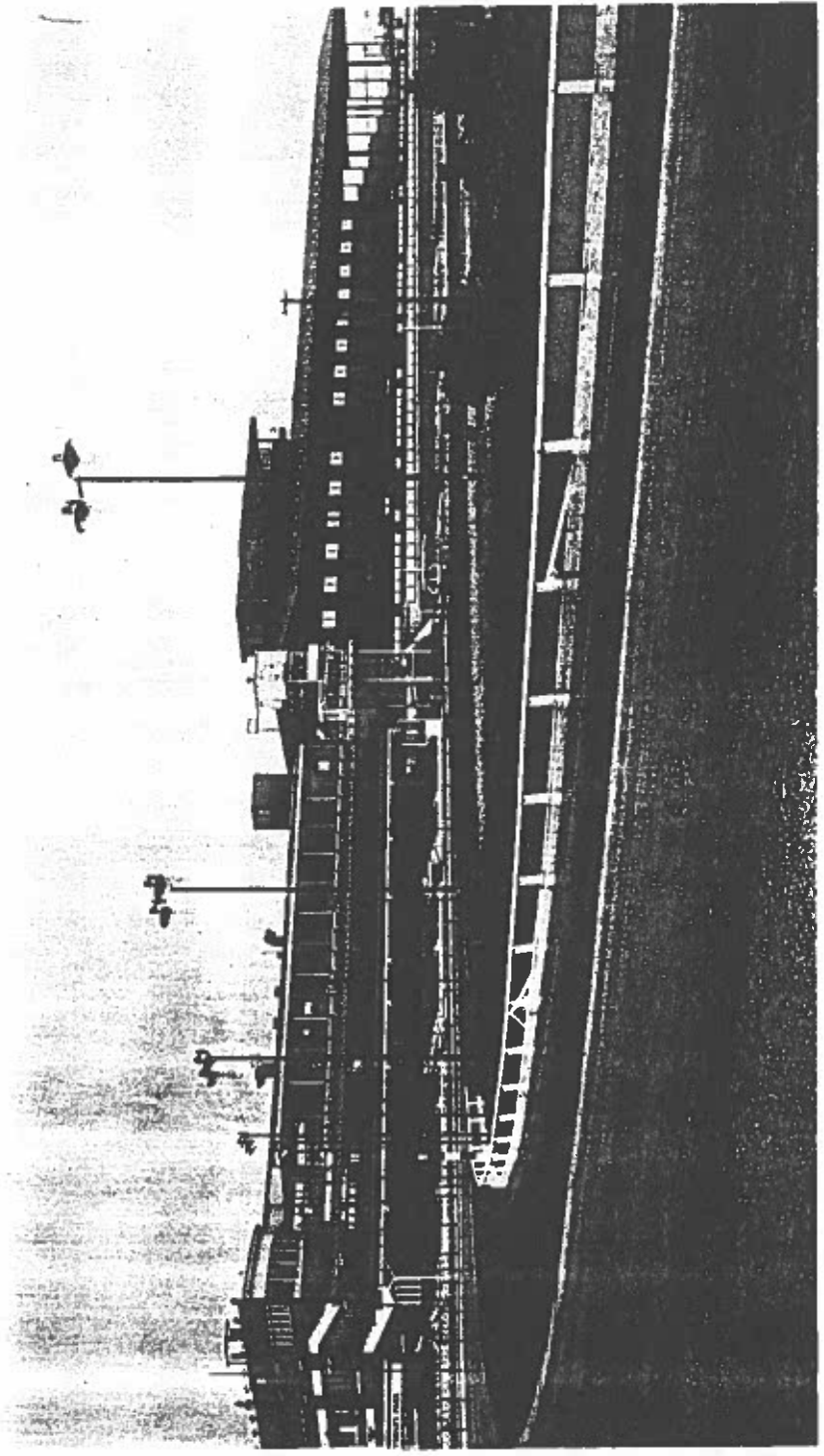
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**County—Cook.**

**City—Cicero.**

**Seven Miles Southwest of Chicago's Loop.**

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**Inaugural Meeting—July 18-August 13, 1949.**

GENERAL FIGURES—1956

	1954	1955	1956	+Inc. —Dec. Over 1955
Number of Racing Days .....	45	45	47	+ 4.4%
Number of Races ...	407*	407**	430***	+ 5.6%
Total Purses .....	\$ 565,450.00	\$ 599,182.00	\$ 766,353.68	+27.9%
Attendance .....	303,410	295,000	322,981	+ 9.5%
Total Mutuel Handle \$13,314,570.00	\$13,366,476.00	\$14,936,598.00		+11.7%
Revenue to State of Ill. From Mutuel Handle .....	\$ 732,301.47	\$ 735,156.29	\$ 821,513.04	+11.7%

\* Two tenth races added to program.  
 \*\* Two tenth races added to program.  
 \*\*\* Seven tenth races added to program.

LEADING TROTTERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races Won	Winnings
1. Bold Rodney .....	Brightside Farms, Springfield, Ill...	3	\$7,992.00
2. Moray .....	Brightside Farms, Springfield, Ill...	1	6,527.00
3. Ad Lib .....	Willowood Farm, Cincinnati, Ohio..	1	6,206.00
4. Volomite Express..	John Braun, Library, Pa.....	2	5,475.00
5. Starita .....	C. W. Phellis, Greenwich, Conn.....	2	3,596.00

LEADING PACERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races Won	Winnings
1. Poplar Bill .....	Phillip Rossi, Nutley, N. J.....	1	\$8,275.00
2. Adios Express.....	S. A. Camp, Shafter, Calif.....	2	7,920.00
3. Hi Hill .....	Hill Distributing Co., Columbus, Ohio	3	6,575.00
4. Irish .....	James G. Scileppi, Massatequa, N. Y.	1	6,150.00
5. Blue Goose .....	Howard Beissinger, Hamilton, Ohio.	2	5,850.00

TRACK RECORDS

Trotters

Year	Name of Horse	Distance	Time
1956	Vicki Wayne .....	1 Mile .....	2:03 2/5
1956	Dusty Neal .....	1 1/16 Mile .....	2:18 3/5
1956	Daisy Astra .....	1 1/8 Mile .....	2:56 3/5

Pacers

1956	Stabilizer .....	5 1/2 Furlongs .....	1:25 3/5
1956	Poplar Bill .....	One Mile .....	2:01 1/5
1956	Rich Bob .....	1 1/16 Mile .....	2:15
1956	Everett Chief .....	1 1/8 Mile .....	2:54

LEADING DRIVERS—UNIVERSAL DRIVER RATING SYSTEM

Rank	Driver	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Avg.
1	William McMillen.....	60	20	11	4	.457
2	Earl Roush .....	47	9	12	5	.369
3	Howard Beissinger .....	140	29	23	22	.351
4	Clarence Curtis .....	113	22	15	16	.315
5	Jim Dennis .....	93	17	15	12	.315
6	Harold Snodgrass .....	126	22	15	20	.294
7	Kenneth Boring .....	43	8	4	2	.253
8	Ralph Ayou .....	82	9	10	12	.226
9	Bruce Nickells .....	74	9	9	3	.203
10	Harry Burright .....	210	17	15	17	.149

## LEADING DRIVER—Based on Number of Wins

Rank	Driver	Starts	Wins
1	Howard Beissinger .....	140	29
2	Clarence Curtis .....	113	22
3	Harold Snodgrass .....	126	22
4	William McMillen .....	60	20
5	Jim Dennis .....	93	17
6	Harry Burright .....	210	17
7	Earl Roush .....	47	9
8	Bruce Nickells .....	74	9
9	Ralph Ayou .....	82	9
10	Kenneth Boring .....	43	8

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...	140	29
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...	47	9
...	74	9
...	82	9
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ILLINOIS HARNES RACING COMMISSION

Chicago Downs Association, Inc. (At Sportsman's Park) 1956 Cicero, Illinois

Mutuel Department Statistics

	July 9-14	July 16-21	July 23-28	July 30-Aug. 8	Aug. 6-11
1st Race	\$ 89,887.00	\$ 90,888.00	\$ 97,555.00	\$ 90,531.00	\$ 102,333.00
2nd Race	150,338.00	133,845.00	137,908.00	139,285.00	148,881.00
3rd Race	179,224.00	184,852.00	188,694.00	187,768.00	194,515.00
4th Race	206,599.00	213,513.00	217,475.00	212,249.00	219,231.00
5th Race	237,962.00	227,161.00	231,083.00	236,678.00	234,687.00
6th Race	235,878.00	227,176.00	237,589.00	234,732.00	234,596.00
7th Race	243,026.00	246,464.00	241,287.00	237,342.00	244,511.00
8th Race	236,446.00	243,920.00	254,398.00	246,265.00	233,823.00
9th Race	223,438.00	225,329.00	234,054.00	238,223.00	224,357.00
10th Race	160,140.00	.....	.....	.....	23,750.00
Daily Double	125,648.00	120,286.00	128,974.00	129,550.00	135,250.00
Total Mutuel Handle	2,088,586.00	1,913,434.00	1,969,017.00	1,942,623.00	1,995,924.00
Public Pool	1,749,595.40	1,601,395.90	1,650,399.30	1,629,560.40	1,671,139.70
Track Share of Mutuel Commission (9 1/2% of Total Handle)	198,415.64	181,776.21	187,056.60	184,549.17	189,612.77
Break: (to 10c)	25,702.70	25,023.00	22,765.15	21,669.15	25,395.70
Total of Track's Commission, Plus Break	224,118.34	206,799.21	209,821.75	206,218.32	215,008.47
State Share of Mutuel Commission (5 1/2% of Total Handle)	114,872.26	105,238.89	108,295.95	106,844.28	109,775.83
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.23	1.31	1.16	1.12	1.27
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	6,757.60	9,452.10	10,169.90	10,570.60	13,555.70
Average Daily Handle	348,097.00	318,905.00	328,169.00	323,770.00	332,654.00
Average Handle Per Race (excl. D. D.)	33,270.00	33,206.00	34,075.00	33,575.00	33,830.00
Average Daily Double Handle	20,941.00	20,047.00	21,495.00	21,591.00	22,541.00
Number of Races	59*	54	54	54	55**
Actual Racing Days	6	6	6	6	6
Rained Out Days	0	0	0	0	0

\* Five—10th races added to program.  
 \*\* One—10th race added to program.

ILLINOIS HARNES RACING COMMISSION

Chicago Downs Association, Inc. (At Sportsman's Park) 1956 Cicero, Illinois

Mutuel Department Statistics

	Aug. 13-18	Aug. 20-25	Aug. 27-Sept. 1	Grand Total	%
1st Race	\$ 59,108.00	\$ 87,539.00	\$ 90,458.00	\$ 708,299.00	4.74
2nd Race	96,963.00	147,607.00	121,625.00	1,076,452.00	7.21
3rd Race	122,560.00	167,617.00	180,129.00	1,405,349.00	9.41
4th Race	144,441.00	198,437.00	200,589.00	1,612,524.00	10.80
5th Race	156,248.00	223,478.00	212,936.00	1,760,233.00	11.78
6th Race	165,205.00	224,959.00	224,720.00	1,784,855.00	11.95
7th Race	161,909.00	214,361.00	228,000.00	1,816,900.00	12.16
8th Race	163,037.00	226,116.00	222,431.00	1,826,436.00	12.23
9th Race	166,620.00	225,419.00	219,171.00	1,746,611.00	11.69
10th Race	.....	28,871.00	.....	212,761.00	1.43
Daily Double	84,498.00	132,776.00	129,196.00	986,178.00	6.60
Total Mutuel Handle	1,320,579.00	1,877,180.00	1,829,255.00	14,936,598.00	
Public Pool	1,106,488.40	1,569,023.70	1,533,702.90	12,511,775.70	
Track Share of Mutuel Commission					
(9½% of Total Handle)	125,454.99	178,332.08	173,779.20	1,418,976.66	
Break: (to 10c)	16,033.75	26,579.30	21,163.85	184,332.60	
Total of Track's Commission, Plus Break	141,488.74	204,911.38	194,943.05	1,603,309.26	
State Share of Mutuel Commission					
(5½% of Total Handle)	72,631.86	103,244.92	100,609.05	821,513.04	
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.21	1.42	1.16	1.23	
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	12,394.00	15,676.00	7,698.40	7,698.40	
Average Daily Handle	264,115.00	312,863.00	304,875.00	317,799.00	
Average Handle Per Race (excl. D. D.)	27,468.00	31,716.00	31,482.00	32,443.00	
Average Daily Double Handle	16,899.00	22,129.00	21,532.00	20,982.00	
Number of Races	45	55*	54	430	
Actual Racing Days	5	6	6	47	
Rained Out Days	1	0	0	1	

\* One—10th race added to program.

TOTAL WINS BY POST POSITIONS FOR 430 RACES

PP	Starts	Firsts	Pct. of Starts Won
1	430	67	15.6
2	430	55	12.8
3	430	47	10.9
4	429	63	14.7
5	429	70	16.3
6	423	42	9.9
7	402	41	10.2
8	347	30	8.6
9	142	9	6.3
10	68	6	8.8
11	1	0	0.0
430			

RACING STATISTICS

Number of Starters	Number of Races
11	1
10	67
9	74
8	205
7	55
6	21
5	6
3	1
430	

PERCENTAGE OF WINNING FAVORITES

149 Finished 1st	34.7%
79 Finished 2nd	18.3%
48 Finished 3rd	11.2%
154 Finished Out	35.8%

WINNING FAVORITES

136 Races—Trot	46 Favorites Won	33.8%
294 Races—Pace	103 Favorites Won	35.0%

MUTUEL STATISTICS

	1954	1955	1956
Total Mutuel Handle	\$13,314,570.00	\$13,366,476.00	\$14,936,598.00
Largest Mutuel Handle			
Single Night	437,109.00	428,094.00	459,549.00
Largest Mutuel Handle			
Single Race	61,262.00	51,936.00	59,448.00
Largest Daily Double Handle	25,432.00	24,236.00	34,388.00
Average Mutuel Handle			
Per Night	295,879.00	297,033.00	317,799.00
Average Mutuel Handle			
Per Race	30,820.00	30,906.00	32,443.00
Average Daily Double Handle	17,125.00	17,502.00	20,982.00
Average Win Payoff	13.00	12.29	13.66
Average Place Payoff	6.37	6.04	6.42
Average Show Payoff	4.16	3.94	4.29
Highest Win Payoff	95.80	155.80	130.80
Highest Place Payoff	28.80	35.00	37.20
Highest Show Payoff	18.80	18.20	18.80

(5 1/2 % of Total Handle)	821,513.04
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.23
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	7,698.40
Average Daily Handle	317,799.00
Average Handle Per Race (excl. D. D.)	32,443.00
Average Daily Double Handle	20,982.00
Number of Races	430
Actual Racing Days	47
Rained Out Days	1
(5 1/2 % of Total Handle)	100,609.05
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.16
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	7,698.40
Average Daily Handle	304,875.00
Average Handle Per Race (excl. D. D.)	31,482.00
Average Daily Double Handle	21,532.00
Number of Races	54
Actual Racing Days	6
Rained Out Days	0
(5 1/2 % of Total Handle)	103,244.92
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.42
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	15,676.00
Average Daily Handle	312,863.00
Average Handle Per Race (excl. D. D.)	31,716.00
Average Daily Double Handle	22,129.00
Number of Races	55*
Actual Racing Days	6
Rained Out Days	0
(5 1/2 % of Total Handle)	72,631.86
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.21
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	12,394.00
Average Daily Handle	264,115.00
Average Handle Per Race (excl. D. D.)	27,468.00
Average Daily Double Handle	16,899.00
Number of Races	45
Actual Racing Days	5
Rained Out Days	1

\* One 10th race added to program.

DENOMINATIONAL BETTING

	1954		1955		1956		+Inc. -Dec. Over 1955
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	
Win	8,980,470.00	67.0	9,199,743.00	68.8	10,219,568.00	68.4	-0.4%
Place	2,739,944.00	20.5	2,727,523.00	20.4	3,038,961.00	20.3	-0.1%
Show	1,594,156.00	11.9	1,439,210.00	10.7	1,678,069.00	11.2	+0.5%
	<u>\$13,314,570.00</u>		<u>\$13,366,476.00</u>		<u>\$14,936,598.00</u>		

VOLUME BETTING STATISTICS

	1954		1955		1956		+Inc. -Dec. Over 1955
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	
Volume of \$50							
Bets	859,300.00	6.4	1,166,350.00	8.7	1,090,450.00	7.3	-1.4%
Volume of \$10							
Bets	4,035,730.00	30.3	4,017,090.00	30.1	4,413,680.00	29.5	-0.6%
Volume of \$5							
Bets	1,990,820.00	14.9	2,120,620.00	15.8	2,219,230.00	14.8	-1.0%
Volume of \$2							
Bets	6,428,720.00	48.2	6,062,416.00	45.3	7,213,238.00	48.3	+3.0%
	<u>\$13,314,570.00</u>		<u>\$13,366,476.00</u>		<u>\$14,936,598.00</u>		

DAILY DOUBLE STATISTICS

	1954	1955	1956
Total Amount Wagered			
Daily Double	\$770,654.00	\$787,606.00	\$986,178.00
Average Daily Double Payoff	137.94	89.39	153.86
Highest Daily Double Payoff	1,062.00	619.20	871.00
Lowest Daily Double Payoff	8.60	10.40	13.00

DAILY DOUBLE WINNING COMBINATIONS

Combinations	No. of Wins	Combinations	No. of Wins
1-2	1	6-1	1
1-4	1	6-3	1
1-5	2	6-7	1
1-8	1	7-3	1
2-1	2	7-4	2
3-1	3	7-5	1
3-4	1	7-8	1
3-6	1	7-9	1
3-7	2	8-2	4
4-1	1	8-5	1
4-3	1	8-7	2
4-4	1	9-5	3
4-5	1	9-7	1
4-6	2	10-2	1
5-3	2	10-6	1
5-4	1	10-7	1
5-5	1		

Total Number of Wins.....47



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1956	%	+ Inc. - Dec. Over 1955
0,219,568.00	68.4	-0.4%
3,038,961.00	20.3	-0.1%
1,678,069.00	11.2	+0.5%
<u>4,936,598.00</u>		

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1956	%	+ Inc. - Dec. Over 1955
1,090,450.00	7.3	-1.4%
4,413,680.00	29.5	-0.6%
2,219,230.00	14.8	-1.0%
7,213,238.00	48.3	+3.0%
<u>4,936,598.00</u>		

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	1955	1956
0	\$787,606.00	\$986,178.00
1	89.39	153.86
2	619.20	871.00
3	10.40	13.00

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ctions	No. of Wins
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	2
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	1

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## SUBURBAN DOWNS

Held at Maywood Park, Maywood, Ill.

1956

### OFFICERS

President and General Manager ..... Erwin F. Dygert

### RACING OFFICIALS

*Illinois Harness Racing Commission.*

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Matt Harbutt

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G. W. Newell

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James Olmstead, Jr.

*Racing Secretary*  
Robert Larry

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Dr. H. S. Brundage

*Paddock Judge*  
Frank Pennino

*Track Physicians*  
Dr. Frank M. Reed  
Dr. Thomas S. Moore

*Associate Paddock Judge*  
S. Barney Shellfo

*Clerk of Course*  
Charlene Ordahl

*Patrol Judges*  
Charles Witt  
Ruppert Valentine  
S. Barney Shellfo  
Lyle Smith

*Mutuel Manager*  
Harold Fidler

*Timer*  
Fred Baker

*Auditor*  
Pierce & Granata

*Starter*  
Ralph Estes

*Track Photographer*  
Joseph Lucas

*Announcer*  
Stanley Bergstein

*Public Relations*  
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*Director of Publicity—Edmund P. Walsh*

Races Electrically Timed by TELETIMER

## GENERAL FIGURES—1956

	1954	1955	1956	+ Inc. —Dec. Over 1955
Number of Racing Days .....	12	25	42	+ 6.8%
Number of Races .....	108	227*	383**	+ 6.9%
Total Purses .....	\$ 139,800.00	\$ 187,826.00	\$ 405,300.00	+ 11.6%
Attendance .....	71,132	68,658	183,927	+ 16.8%
Total Mutuel Handle .....	\$ 3,348,476.00	\$ 3,922,764.00	\$ 9,885,908.00	+ 15.2%
Revenue to State of Ill. From Mutuel Handle .....	\$ 184,166.21	\$ 215,752.08	\$ 543,725.06	+ 15.2%

\* Two tenth races added to program.

\*\* Five tenth races added to program.

## LEADING TROTTERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races Won	Winnings
1. Sis's Brother .....	Elmer Conrad, Corydon, Ind.	3	\$6,210.00
2. Mighty Mary Ann .....	Western Supply & Furnace Co. Maywood, Ill.	1	1,230.00
3. Do Tone .....	Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Busse, Randolph, Wis.	2	3,075.00
4. Lord Victory .....	Castleton Farms, Lexington, Ky.	3	2,750.00
5. Frisky Al .....	Robert Wolfgang, Beaver Dam, Wis.	4	2,720.00

## LEADING PACERS

Name of Horse	Name of Owner	Races Won	Winnings
1. Ozark Chief .....	Victor and Morris Zeinfeld, Maywood, Ill.	2	\$5,225.00
2. Easy Adios .....	Ransom Yeager, Akron, Ohio.	4	3,900.00
3. Mr. Friday .....	Mrs. Mary Wright, Des Plaines, Ill.	3	2,820.00
4. Mighty McKinn .....	W. M. Paige, Gainsborough, Canada	4	2,585.00
5. Sam's Song .....	Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Williams, Fairfield, Iowa	3	2,530.00

## 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 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
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

LEADING DRIVERS—UNIVERSAL DRIVER RATING SYSTEM

Rank	Driver	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Avg.
1	Elmer Conrad.....	10	7	2	1	.884
2	Jerry Baier .....	14	7	0	1	.524
3	Dwayne Pletcher .....	27	8	5	6	.483
4	Bob Parkinson .....	55	20	8	5	.475
5	Glen Kidwell .....	63	19	13	7	.461
6	Leon Boring .....	12	3	2	2	.426
7	Benny Schue .....	22	6	5	1	.410
8	Clarence Curtis .....	48	11	13	5	.396
9	Charles Dean .....	13	2	3	4	.385
10	Harold Boring .....	19	4	4	3	.380

LEADING DRIVER—Based on Number of Wins

Rank	Driver	Starts	Wins
1	Bruce Nickells.....	122	29
2	Harry Burrignt .....	188	21
3	Bob Parkinson .....	55	20
4	Glen Kidwell .....	63	19
5	Edward Morgan .....	77	18
6	Mel Harmening .....	117	17
7	Dee Stover .....	114	15
8	Clarence Curtis .....	48	11
9	Joe Lighthill .....	52	11
10	Lou Meggitt .....	59	10
	Howard Beissinger .....	87	10

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	1956	+ Inc. - Dec. Over 1955
	42	+ 6.8%
	383**	+ 6.9%
\$	405,300.00	+ 11.6%
	183,927	+ 16.8%
\$	9,885,908.00	+ 15.2%
\$	543,725.06	+ 15.2%

	Races Won	Winnings
Id.....	3	\$6,210.00
Co.	1	4,230.00
Russe.	2	3,075.00
1. Ky.....	3	2,750.00
am, Wis.	4	2,720.00

	Races Won	Winnings
Id.	2	\$5,225.00
Ido.....	4	3,900.00
nes, Ill...	3	2,820.00
1. Canada	4	2,585.00
ms.	3	2,530.00

	Time
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ILLINOIS HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

Suburban Downs (At Maywood Park) 1956 Maywood, Illinois

Mutuel Department Statistics

	Sept. 3-8	Sept. 10-15	Sept. 17-22	Sept. 24-29	Oct. 1-6
1st Race	\$ 62,204.00	\$ 65,980.00	\$ 60,880.00	\$ 69,069.00	\$ 60,883.00
2nd Race	109,074.00	108,592.00	96,136.00	102,206.00	102,411.00
3rd Race	134,590.00	129,887.00	127,975.00	144,302.00	125,238.00
4th Race	154,268.00	151,567.00	144,148.00	153,131.00	137,175.00
5th Race	164,373.00	163,151.00	151,634.00	157,540.00	148,528.00
6th Race	178,516.00	171,010.00	162,100.00	162,010.00	149,190.00
7th Race	177,814.00	170,318.00	165,502.00	169,925.00	148,118.00
8th Race	170,067.00	173,223.00	158,859.00	165,518.00	148,582.00
9th Race	179,855.00	166,254.00	165,492.00	171,048.00	164,400.00
10th Race	.....	120,502.00	.....	30,356.00	.....
Daily Double	86,220.00	95,162.00	92,706.00	101,304.00	94,890.00
Total Mutuel Handle	1,416,981.00	1,515,646.00	1,325,432.00	1,426,409.00	1,279,215.00
Public Pool	1,186,560.10	1,266,423.00	1,110,073.20	1,133,316.50	1,070,626.00
Track Share of Mutuel Commission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(9½% of Total Handle)	134,613.18	143,986.35	125,916.02	135,508.84	121,525.40
Break: (to 10c)	17,873.75	21,876.10	16,544.00	19,131.15	16,706.75
Total of Track's Commission, Plus Break	152,486.93	165,862.45	142,460.02	154,639.99	138,232.15
State Share of Mutuel Commission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(5½% of Total Handle)	77,933.97	83,360.55	72,898.78	78,452.51	70,356.85
Percentage—Break to Handle	1.26	1.44	1.25	1.34	1.31
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	3,613.00	5,587.10	6,801.30	7,709.60	9,396.50
Average Daily Handle	236,163.00	252,607.00	220,905.00	237,734.00	213,202.00
Average Daily Per Race (Excl. D. D.)	24,644.00	24,491.00	22,828.00	24,093.00	21,932.00
Average Daily Double Handle	14,370.00	15,860.00	15,451.00	16,884.00	15,815.00
Number of Races	54	58*	54	55**	54
Actual Racing Days	6	6	6	6	6
Rained Out Days	0	0	0	0	0

\* Four—10th race added to program.  
 \*\* One—10th race added to program.

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Actual Racing Days	6	6	6	6	6
Rained Out Days	0	0	0	0	0

\* Four—10th race added to program.  
 \*\* One—10th race added to program.

ILLINOIS HARNES RACING COMMISSION

Suburban Downs (At Maywood Park) 1956 Maywood, Illinois

Mutuel Department Statistics

	Oct. 8-13	Oct. 15-20	Grand Total	%
1st Race	58,823.00	74,160.00	451,799.00	4.57
2nd Race	99,705.00	114,699.00	732,825.00	7.41
3rd Race	125,556.00	154,135.00	941,683.00	9.53
4th Race	136,566.00	170,360.00	1,047,215.00	10.59
5th Race	147,821.00	189,774.00	1,122,821.00	11.36
6th Race	157,684.00	188,613.00	1,168,523.00	11.82
7th Race	156,122.00	197,526.00	1,185,325.00	11.99
8th Race	158,085.00	200,619.00	1,174,953.00	11.89
9th Race	169,471.00	215,380.00	1,231,900.00	12.46
10th Race	93,336.00	114,390.00	150,858.00	1.52
Daily Double	1,303,169.00	1,619,056.00	678,008.00	6.86
Total Mutuel Handle	1,091,146.50	1,355,526.30	9,885,908.00	
Public Pool	123,801.04	153,810.31	8,273,671.60	
Track Share of Mutuel Commission (9 1/2% of Total Handle)	16,547.15	20,671.30	939,161.14	
Break: (to 10c)	140,348.19	174,481.61	1,29,350.20	
Total of Track's Commission, Plus Break	71,674.31	89,048.09	1,068,511.34	
State Share of Mutuel Commission (5 1/2% of Total Handle)	1.27	1.28	543,725.06	
Percentage—Break to Handle	9,090.10	5,490.10	1.31	
Uncashed Mutuel Tickets	217,194.00	269,842.00	5,490.10	
Average Daily Handle	22,404.00	27,864.00	235,378.00	
Average Handle Per Race (Excl. D. D.)	15,556.00	19,065.00	24,041.00	
Average Daily Double Handle	54	54	16,143.00	
Number of Races	54	54	383	
Actual Racing Days	6	6	42	
Rained Out Days	0	0	0	

## TOTAL WINS BY POST POSITIONS FOR 383 RACES

PP	Starts	Firsts	Pct. of Starts Won
1	383	84	21.9
2	383	51	13.3
3	383	51	13.3
4	383	59	15.4
5	383	51	13.3
6	383	43	11.2
7	373	26	6.9
8	312	18	5.7
9	2	1	50.0
10	1	1	100.0

385 (2 Dead Heats)

## RACING STATISTICS

Number of Starters	Number of Races
10	1
9	1
8	310
7	61
6	10
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## PERCENTAGE OF WINNING FAVORITES

134 Finished 1st	35.0%
69 Finished 2nd	18.0%
53 Finished 3rd	13.8%
127 Finished Out	33.2%

## WINNING FAVORITES

128 Races—Trot	45 Favorites Won	35.2%
255 Races—Pace	89 Favorites Won	34.9%

## MUTUEL STATISTICS

	1954	1955	1956
Total Mutuel Handle	\$ 3,348,476.00	\$ 3,922,764.00	\$ 9,885,908.00
Largest Mutuel Handle			
Single Night	385,066.00	256,383.00	373,328.00
Largest Mutuel Handle			
Single Race	50,840.00	29,746.00	47,774.00
Largest Daily Double Handle	23,198.00	14,586.00	26,578.00
Average Mutuel Handle			
Per Night	279,040.00	156,910.00	235,378.00
Average Mutuel Handle			
Per Race	23,959.00	16,227.00	24,041.00
Average Daily Double Handle	18,410.00	9,564.00	16,143.00
Average Win Payoff	12.35	11.18	12.27
Average Place Payoff	6.14	5.66	6.06
Average Show Payoff	4.08	4.03	4.07
Highest Win Payoff	64.00	80.00	75.40
Highest Place Payoff	27.40	28.80	31.80
Highest Show Payoff	11.60	12.80	13.00

FOR 383 RACES

Pct. of Starts Won	21.9
	13.3
	13.3
	15.4
	13.3
	11.2
	6.9
	5.7
	50.0
	100.0

DENOMINATIONAL BETTING

	1954	%	1955	%	1956	%	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1955
Win	\$ 2,275,154.00	67.9	\$ 2,692,669.00	68.6	\$ 6,889,690.00	69.7	+1.1%
Place	686,558.00	20.5	813,798.00	20.7	1,981,672.00	20.0	-0.7%
Show	386,764.00	11.5	416,297.00	10.6	1,014,546.00	10.3	-0.3%
	<u>\$ 3,348,476.00</u>		<u>\$ 3,922,764.00</u>		<u>\$ 9,885,908.00</u>		

VOLUME BETTING STATISTICS

Dead Heats)

Per of Races	
1	
1	
310	
61	
10	
<u>383</u>	

	1954	%	1955	%	1956	%	+Inc. -Dec. Over 1955
Volume of \$50							
Bets \$	197,750.00	5.9	\$ 460,050.00	11.7	\$ 1,125,450.00	11.4	-0.3%
Volume of \$10							
Bets	988,080.00	29.5	1,028,400.00	26.2	2,761,520.00	27.9	+1.7%
Volume of \$5							
Bets	494,800.00	14.7	689,470.00	17.6	1,656,190.00	16.8	-0.8%
Volume of \$2							
Bets	1,667,846.00	49.8	1,744,844.00	44.4	4,342,748.00	43.9	-0.5%
	<u>\$ 3,348,476.00</u>		<u>\$ 3,922,764.00</u>		<u>\$ 9,885,908.00</u>		

VORITES

.....	35.0%
.....	18.0%
.....	13.8%
.....	33.2%

DAILY DOUBLE STATISTICS

	1954	1955	1956
Total Amount Wagered			
Daily Double	\$220,922.00	\$239,124.00	\$678,008.00
Average Daily Double Payoff	83.09	65.33	124.48
Highest Daily Double Payoff	154.60	346.00	1,229.60
Lowest Daily Double Payoff	14.60	10.80	13.20

on.....	35.2%
on.....	34.9%

DAILY DOUBLE WINNING COMBINATIONS

1955	1956
1,922,764.00	\$ 9,885,908.00
256,383.00	373,328.00
29,746.00	47,774.00
14,586.00	26,578.00
156,910.00	235,378.00
16,227.00	24,041.00
9,564.00	16,143.00
11.18	12.27
5.66	6.05
4.03	4.07
80.00	75.40
28.80	31.80
12.80	13.00

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

Total Number of Wins.....43 (1 Dead Heat)

## 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 1957 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 eleventh 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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