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*To His Excellency, BURTON M. CROSS*  
*Governor of Maine*

In accordance with Chapter 77-A, Revised Statutes, enacted by Chapter 289 of the Public Laws of 1949, the Fourth Annual Report of the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission, covering the 1953 racing season, is respectfully submitted herewith.

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The 1953 season of racing in Maine at the State's only thoroughbred racing track, Scarborough Downs, was the fourth since the inaugural meet in 1950 and proved to be the most successful with decided increases in wagering and attendance. The past season's total mutuel handle of \$7,904,083 was a healthy increase of nearly 16% over 1952 figures. Total attendance also registered a considerable increase with attendance of 170,852 in 1953 representing an increase of 20% more patrons than in 1952.

Changes made in the running horse racing law, which were passed on May 8, 1953 by the 96th Legislature of the State of Maine, permitted night racing at Scarborough Downs in 1953 and night racing can be credited with the greater part of the added success of the past meet. In 1950, the first year of operations at Scarborough Downs, racing was conducted in the afternoons for the first part of the meet and night racing during the latter part. Night racing was in effect throughout the 1951 meeting, but action of the 95th Legislature restricted racing at Scarborough Downs to daytime only. An interpretation of the term "in the daytime only" was secured from the Department of Attorney General stating that said term was to mean the time of day from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset, therefore, during 1952, the track operated on a "twilight" schedule.

The 96th Legislature, however, enacted legislation which deleted the term "in the daytime only" from the racing law and permitted racing until the hour of midnight each day, except Sunday. This amendment was effective immediately and a license was issued to Scarborough Downs permitting night racing for the 1953 race meet.

Section 13 of the running horse racing law was also amended and increased the total take-out for commissions from 15% to 16%, the state's share to be distributed in the following manner: 5½% to be paid to the treasurer of state and credited to the general fund, ½% to be paid to the treasurer of state and credited to the agricultural stipend fund. Previously, the state had been receiving a 5% commission from the pari-mutuel pools and the track 10%. The sum of \$39,520.28 was

credited to the agricultural stipend fund as a result of this revised distribution.

State revenue from operation of Scarborough Downs for the season covered by this report amounted to \$541,190.61. This consisted of \$474,244.98 from commissions, \$56,560.28 from  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of breakage, \$6,902.25 from registrations, license fees, and fines, \$3,000 from  $\frac{1}{2}$  share of unclaimed ticket money, and \$483.10 from miscellaneous sources. Racing at Scarborough Downs can be considered as an important source of revenue to the State of Maine as shown by the \$1,673,500.45 derived from this source in just four short seasons of racing. The increasing popularity of the sport and the many improvements planned for the track point to added successes in the future.

With a limited budget, the commission was unable to employ the additional men it hoped to assign to the collection of saliva and urine. A total of 526 saliva samples and 435 urine samples were obtained, the number of urine samples representing a slight increase over the previous season in relation to the total number of races run. These samples were tested by the Division of Sanitary Engineering of the State Department of Health and Welfare and two samples proved positive. The trainers of these two horses were each suspended for a total of 60 days, thereby prohibiting their participation in racing throughout the United States and Canada during this period.

Unclaimed ticket money totaled \$6,204.00 at the close of the 1953 meeting. Redemption of unclaimed tickets was made by Scarborough Downs until November 30th when the remainder of the account amounting to \$6,056.70 was turned over to the State Treasurer. It is estimated that \$6,000.00 of this amount will remain unredeemed when the account is closed in March, 1954, leaving \$3,000.00 as the state's share of unclaimed ticket money.

Edward C. Roundy served as Steward representing the Commission for the fourth consecutive year during the 1953 meet. Dr. H. N. Eames was reappointed as State Veterinarian and the past meet was also Dr. Eames' fourth season. John F. Morrison was reappointed to fill the position of State Supervisor of Pari-Mutuel Auditing.

The Commission expresses its appreciation to the following for the continued cooperation and services extended by them: Department of Attorney General, Captain Adams and his men of the Scarborough Police Department, Dr. E. W. Campbell of the Division of Sanitary Engineering, James W. Fuller, State Chemist, Colonel McCabe and members of the Maine State Police, and to the management of Scarborough Downs.



## RULINGS BY STEWARDS

(Confirmed by Commission)

1953

**July 14**—Jockey PHILLIP JOSE GRIFFIS is suspended ten (10) racing days for failing to keep a straight course in the stretch during the running of the 3rd race on Monday, July 13th. This suspension is effective Wednesday, July 15th, through Saturday, July 25th.

**July 15**—On report of the official chemist of the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission that the urine test of the horse "Dreamer," winner of the 6th race Saturday, July 11, 1953, contained a drug of the nature of Procaine, Owner-Trainer ALFRED B. CICCONE and all horses owned or trained by him are suspended. Groom DANIEL STRANG is also suspended and the cases of both Owner-Trainer ALFRED B. CICCONE and Groom DANIEL STRANG are referred to the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission. The horse "Dreamer" is disqualified as winner of the 6th race July 11, 1953, and the purse is ordered redistributed as follows: 1st money, "Our Freedom"; 2nd money, "Space Ship"; 3rd money, "Hod Crown"; and 4th money, "Champion Buddy."

**July 20**—Jockey JOSEPH E. MARTIN is hereby suspended for ten (10) racing days, effective July 21, 1953 through July 31, 1953, for crossing over too quickly at the first turn and for failing to maintain a straight course during the stretch run in the 10th race, Saturday, July 18, 1953.

**July 21**—The sale of the horse "Dreamer," owned by ALFRED B. CICCONE, now under suspension, is approved to Floyd Duncan. "Dreamer" is now eligible to run.

**July 22**—HOWARD L. ROBINSON is refused an apprentice rider's license. ROBINSON applied under an original contract with Joseph Cesarini dated 2 June 1953, and informed the Stewards that in 1952 he rode under an original contract with Bertrand Marcoux. HOWARD L. ROBINSON is hereby granted a jockey's license.

**July 23**—Jockey Agent ARTHUR B. RICHMOND is hereby fined ten (\$10.00) dollars for being in the winner's circle at the conclusion of the 9th race, Wednesday, July 22, 1953.

**July 24**—Trainer GERALD HOYT is fined twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for creating a disturbance in the stable area on Thursday, July 23, 1953.

**July 24**—Owner CHARLES J. PIONA is fined twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for creating a disturbance in the stable area on Thursday, July 23, 1953.

**July 24**—Trainer A. E. FRITSCHE is fined twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for making false statements before the Stewards on July 24, 1953.

**July 25**—Jockey ROBERT MCKEEVER is suspended for ten (10) racing days, effective July 27, 1953 through August 6, 1953, for allowing his mount "Resojet" to carry out "Highest Star" during the stretch run in the 9th race, Friday, July 24, 1953, causing his mount to be disqualified.

**July 27**—Jockey CHARLES RICHMOND is suspended for ten (10) racing days from Tuesday, July 28, 1953 through Friday, August 8, 1953, for crowding at the far turn during the 3rd race, July 25, 1953.

**July 27**—Jockey ANTHONY FALCO is suspended for the meeting for conduct detrimental to the best interests of racing. This suspension is effective Tuesday, July 28, 1953. Jockey ANTHONY FALCO is denied all privileges.

**August 1**—Jockey ALBERT FLORIO is suspended for fifteen (15) racing days, effective Monday, August 3, 1953 through August 19, 1953, for using abusive and obscene language in the paddock runway following the running of the 4th race Thursday, July 30, 1953, after having been previously warned. Jockey ALBERT FLORIO is denied the privileges of the grounds during racing hours.

**August 1**—Jockey ALBERT GARRY is suspended for ten (10) racing days, effective Monday, August 3, 1953 through Thursday, August 13, 1953, for failing to keep a straight course during the stretch run in the 4th race Friday, July 31, 1953, thereby causing his mount to be disqualified. Jockey ALBERT GARRY is denied the privileges of the grounds during racing hours.

**August 3**—Groom GERALD BLACKMON, whose permanent address is 921 Marcy Projects, Flushing & Nostrand Streets, Brooklyn, N. Y., is suspended indefinitely for conduct detrimental to the best interests of racing. Groom BLACKMON's case is referred to the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission with the recommendation that he be ruled off for life.

**August 3**—Trainer ROBERT R. JACOBS is fined twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for employing a person known to be under suspension and not licensed by the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission.

**August 6**—Jockey JOSEPH D'AUGUSTINO is suspended for ten (10) racing days, effective August 7, 1953 through August 18, 1953 for careless riding around the far turn during the running of the first race, Wednesday, August 5, 1953. Jockey D'AUGUSTINO is denied the privileges of the track during racing hours.

**August 12**—Jockey FREDERICK ST. JOHN is fined the sum of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for making a frivolous claim of foul in the fourth race, Tuesday, August 11, 1953.

**August 12**—Jockey FREDERICK ST. JOHN is suspended ten (10) days for failing to give running room to horses on the inside going to the first turn during the running of the sixth race, Tuesday, August 11, 1953. Jockey ST. JOHN is denied the privileges of the grounds during racing hours.

**August 12**—Apprentice Jockey ALLEN ROSE is suspended ten (10) days, effective Thursday, August 13, 1953 through Monday, August 24, 1953, for failing to maintain a straight course in the stretch run during the fifth race, Tuesday, August 11, 1953. Apprentice Jockey ROSE is denied the privileges of the grounds during racing hours.

**August 12**—Jockey CARLOS DE MELLO is suspended for ten (10) days for interference in the stretch run during the running of the seventh race, Tuesday, August 11, 1953. Jockey DE MELLO's suspension is effective from August 13th to August 24th, 1953, inclusive. He is denied the privileges of the grounds during racing hours.

**August 12**—Jockey CHARLES RICHMOND is fined the sum of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for making a frivolous claim of foul in the first race, Wednesday, August 12, 1953.

**August 17**—Trainer MICHAEL J. CESSARIO is fined the sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for shipping the horse "Hydromah" away from the track before scratch time after said horse had been entered in the fourth race, this date.

**August 19**—Jockey Apprentice JOSEPH BORST is suspended for ten (10) racing days, effective August 21, 1953 to September 1st, 1953 inclusive, for failing to maintain a straight course during the stretch run in the second race, Wednesday, August 19, 1953. Jockey Apprentice BORST is denied the privileges of the grounds during racing hours.

**August 21**—Jockey CHARLES RICHMOND is suspended this date for the balance of the meeting, ending September 12, 1953, for inciting a fight, causing a disturbance, fighting and being abusive to a Pinkerton Officer in the stable area on August 20, 1953. He is denied the privileges of the grounds.

**August 21**—Trainer EDMUND J. MEDE is fined the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for fighting in the stable area on August 20, 1953.

**August 21**—Jockey Agent ARTHUR RICHMOND is fined the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for fighting in the stable area on August 20, 1953.

**August 26**—Apprentice Jockey RAFAEL TEJADA is hereby suspended for ten (10) racing days, effective August 27, 1953 through September 7, 1953, for allowing his mount "Hazel Gold" to crowd "Surprised" and "Equipoisette" after leaving the gate in the first race Tuesday, August 25, 1953. Apprentice Jockey TEJADA is denied the privileges of the grounds during racing hours during the term of his suspension.

**August 28**—On report of the official chemist of the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission that the urine test of the horse "Last Brigade," winner of the 6th race, Tuesday, August 25, 1953, contained a drug of the nature of benzedrine, Trainer ANTHONY J. LAYNE and all horses owned or trained by him are suspended and the case is referred to the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission. The horse "Last Brigade" is disqualified as winner of said race and the purse money of this race is ordered redistributed as follows: 1st money, "Missy's First"; 2nd money, "Whatamiss"; 3rd money, "Gay"; and 4th money, "Cookie K."

**August 28**—Based on performance and report of the Track Veterinarian, the horse "Kilroy," 8-year-old chestnut gelding by "War Relic" out of "Big Doings," is barred from further racing at this track.

**August 28**—Apprentice Jockey BENNIE SERIDO is suspended for ten (10) racing days, effective August 29, 1953 to September 9, 1953 inclusive, for careless riding after leaving the gate in the 6th race August 27, 1953. Apprentice Jockey SERIDO is denied the privileges of the grounds during racing hours.

**August 31**—The horse "Last Brigade," disqualified as winner of the sixth race, August 25, 1953, and all other horses trained by Trainer

ANTHONY LAYNE, now under suspension, have been transferred to the custody of Trainer John Nielsen and are now eligible to run.

**September 1**—In the second race on August 31, 1953, “Mighty Sharp,” the winner ridden by Jockey Vincent Spinale, ducked in on “Hill Scout” after leaving the gate and was disqualified and placed second. Jockey Spinale is held blameless.

**September 11**—“Bar Dal,” winner of the second race on September 11, 1953, ridden by Jockey James Edwards, is disqualified and placed second for shutting off “Jacks Request” near the finish. The corrected order of finish is: 1st, “Jacks Request”; 2nd, “Bar Dal”; 3rd, “Omaha, Jr.”; and 4th, “Valsida.” Jockey James Edwards is held blameless.

**September 12**—Jockey CARLOS DE MELLO is hereby fined twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for making a frivolous claim of foul after the running of the third race, Saturday, September 12, 1953.

## RULINGS BY COMMISSION

1953

**July 18**—In the matter of Owner-Trainer ALFRED B. CICCONE and Groom DANIEL STRANG, suspended by the Stewards of Scarborough Downs on July 14, 1953 and referred to this Commission for action, Owner-Trainer ALFRED B. CICCONE and Groom DANIEL STRANG are suspended sixty (60) days from July 11, 1953 for violation of Rule 524 (failure to protect and guard horses in their care) which resulted in the stimulation of the horse "Dreamer," winner of the 6th race on July 11, 1953. All horses owned or trained by ALFRED B. CICCONE are suspended until sold or transferred to persons approved by the Stewards. ALFRED B. CICCONE and DANIEL STRANG are denied all privileges of the grounds during their suspension.

**August 24**—Upon recommendation of the Stewards, the suspension of Jockey ANTHONY FALCO who was suspended on July 27, 1953, for the balance of the meeting will not be effective through the extension of the Scarborough Downs meeting. Jockey FALCO will be eligible to ride September 8, 1953.

**August 26**—In the matter of the rulings of the Stewards at Scarborough Downs against Jockey CHARLES RICHMOND, Jockey Agent ARTHUR RICHMOND, and Trainer EDMUND J. MEDE under date of August 21, 1953, the Commission hearing appeals and judging evidence submitted and substantiated by witnesses at a hearing on this date, rules that the parties referred to did create a disturbance in the stable area but restricts the Stewards penalties as follows: Jockey CHARLES RICHMOND is hereby suspended only until September 2, 1953 and denied the privileges of the track but will be automatically reinstated September 2, 1953; Jockey Agent ARTHUR RICHMOND's fine is reduced to fifty (\$50.00) dollars and Trainer EDMUND J. MEDE's fine is reduced to fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

**September 2**—In the matter of Trainer ANTHONY J. LAYNE, suspended by the Stewards at Scarborough Downs on August 28, 1953 and referred to this Commission for further action, Trainer ANTHONY J. LAYNE is hereby suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from August 28, 1953 to October 26, 1953 inclusive, for violation of Rule 524 (failure to protect and guard horses in his care) which resulted in the stimulation of the horse "Last Brigade," winner of the 6th race

on August 25, 1953. All horses trained by ANTHONY J. LAYNE were suspended until transferred to persons approved by the Stewards. These horses, including the horse "Last Brigade," have been transferred and are now eligible to run. Trainer ANTHONY J. LAYNE is denied all privileges of the grounds during his suspension.

**September 7**—Owner-Trainer ALFRED B. CICCONE and Groom DANIEL STRANG, suspended by the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission on July 18, 1953, for a sixty-day period beginning July 11, 1953, for violation of Rule 524 (failure to protect and guard horses in their care), are hereby restored to good standing on September 9, 1953.

**October 23**—The suspension of ANTHONY J. LAYNE, Trainer, who was suspended by this Commission for a period of sixty (60) days from August 28, 1953 for violation of Rule 524 (failure to protect and guard horses in his care), will terminate on October 26, 1953 and after that date Trainer ANTHONY J. LAYNE will be in good standing in the State of Maine.

**July 11**—At a meeting of the Commission held on July 11, 1953, it was unanimously voted to reinstate ANTHONY SCOLA, trainer, and ANN HUNTER, owner, who were suspended by this Commission on August 25, 1952, for violation of Rule 514 (stimulation). ANTHONY SCOLA, trainer, and ANN HUNTER, owner, are hereby reinstated and restored to good standing.

## HORSES CLAIMED DURING 1953

<i>Date</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Claimed by</i>	<i>Claimed from</i>	<i>Price</i>
7/4	Turf Star	A. S. Moore	E. W. King	\$1,000
7/20	Re Arena	J. Surber	F. Mugan	1,500
7/23	Russell Cave	D. Dowlar & B. Renner	W. T. Fugate	1,500
7/27	Vulcain Sun	M. H. Nielsen	Mrs. G. Robertson	1,000
8/3	Blazing	R. Thorne	A. S. Moore	1,000
8/7	Lone Degree	R. Thorne	E. Buchman	1,000
8/15	Cyclist	H. C. Brimmer	C. De Lima	1,000
8/15	Secnav	Virginia Irvin	W. H. Woerner	1,000
8/15	Roberto	J. K. Wynkoop	J. J. Sullivan	1,000
8/21	Re Arena	F. Mugan	J. Surber	1,500
8/31	Dauntedid	J. K. Wynkoop	L. Barbieri	1,000

## COMPARISON OF RACING SEASONS

	1953	1952	1951	1950
Pari-Mutuel Handle . . . . .	\$7,904,083	\$6,833,128	\$6,867,539	\$5,476,814
Total Attendance . . . . .	170,852	142,498	217,456	171,271
Number of Racing Days . . . . .	56	56	56*	57
Average Daily Attendance . . . . .	3,051	2,545	3,749	3,005
Average Daily Handle . . . . .	\$141,144	\$122,020	\$118,406	\$96,084
Average Wager per Capita . . . . .	\$46.25	\$48.00	\$31.50	\$32.00
Total Purse Distribution . . . . .	\$426,600	\$422,400	\$426,000	\$485,700

\*Because of double programs on two days in 1951, averages are computed on the basis of 58 programs rather than 56 racing days.

## DISTRIBUTION OF POOLS

### 1953 Racing Season

	State of Maine	Scarborough Downs	Total
Commissions . . . . .	\$474,244.98	\$ 790,408.30	\$1,264,653.28
Breakage . . . . .	56,560.28	55,631.94	112,192.22
Paid to Winning Patrons . . . . .		6,526,754.40	6,526,754.40
Underpayments . . . . .	483.10		483.10
Totals . . . . .	\$531,288.36	\$7,372,794.64	\$7,904,083.00



## REVENUE TO STATE

	1953	1952	1951	1950
Commission on Wagers (6% of Handle) . . . . .	\$474,244.98	\$341,656.40	\$343,376.95	\$273,840.70
Breakage ( $\frac{1}{2}$ of Total) . . . . .	56,560.28	52,872.43	50,736.91	40,871.45
Registrations, License Fees and Fines . . . . .	6,902.25	6,627.75	6,207.50	6,866.25
Unclaimed Ticket Money ( $\frac{1}{3}$ of Total) . . . . .	3,000.00*	2,508.75	3,374.95	2,781.20
Underpayments . . . . .	483.10	101.60	487.00	.
Totals . . . . .	<u>\$541,190.61</u>	<u>\$403,766.93</u>	<u>\$404,183.31</u>	<u>\$324,359.60</u>

\*Estimated.

Note: State commission on wagers was 5% until 1953.

**DENOMINATION OF TICKETS WAGERED  
SCARBOROUGH DOWNS - 1953 RACING SEASON**

Wagers	DAILY DOUBLE		STRAIGHT POOL			PLACE POOL			SHOW POOL			Total Amount Wagered	%
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	%	Number	Amount	%	Number	Amount	%		
\$50.00			3,103	\$155,150	3.9	996	\$49,800	2.5	740	\$37,000	3.1	\$241,950	3.1
\$10.00			146,671	1,466,710	36.4	49,016	490,160	24.7	26,173	261,730	21.6	2,218,600	28.1
\$5.00			93,021	465,105	11.5	44,752	223,760	11.3	20,186	100,930	8.3	789,795	10.0
\$2.00			969,454	1,938,908	48.2	611,015	1,222,030	61.5	405,146	810,292	67.0	3,971,230	50.2
	341,254	\$682,508										682,508	8.6
<b>TOTALS</b>		\$682,508		\$4,025,873	100.0		\$1,985,750	100.0		\$1,209,952	100.0	\$7,904,083	100.0