

PAST WINNERS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BRANDYWINE

1960 - 1969 raced at Brandywine Raceway (Half-Mile Track); 1970 - 1989 raced at Brandywine Raceway (5/8 Mile Track);
2007 raced at Harrah's Chester

* - Stakes Record on Half-Mile Track ** - Stakes Record on 5/8 Mile Track *** - Time Disallowed Due To Disqualification

Year	Purse	Time	Horse & Driver	Year	Purse	Time	Horse & Driver
1960	29,800	2:01.4	Knight Dream (James Boring)	1977	100,000	***	Nat Lobell (Jack Kopas)
	29,800	2:02.3	Betting Time (Clint Hodgins)	1978	100,000	1:56.3	No No Yankee (Walter Ross)
1961	28,000	2:00.2	Adios Don (Howard Camper)	1979	100,000	1:57.4	Sonsam (George Sholty)
	28,000	2:02.1	Al Sam (Earl Beede)	1980	100,000	1:57.1	Niatross (Clint Galbraith)
1962	32,000	2:00.1	Adora's Dream (Jack Williams Jr)	1981	100,000	1:55.1	Artie's Dream (Shelly Goudreau)
1963	29,700	2:02.2	Country Don (Marcel Dostic)	1982	100,000	1:56.2	Icarus Lobell (Herve Filion)
1964	30,900	2:01	Vicar Hanover (Wm Haughton)	1983	100,000	1:55	Van Kirk (Steve Warrington)
1965	33,800	2:01.3	Rivaltime (George Sholty)	1984	100,000	1:54.2	Guts (William O'Donnell)
1966	24,300	2:04	Money Wise (William Riddick)	1985	100,000	1:53.4	Pershing Square(W O'Donnell)
	24,300	2:03.1	Overcall (John Patterson Jr)	1986	100,000	1:54.2	Wilco's Data (Ted Wing)
1967	34,500	2:00	Romulus Hanover(Wm Haughton)	1987	100,000	1:55.2	Racing Machine (Ben Webster)
1968	33,100	2:00.1	Fulla Napoleon (Richard Thomas)	1988	100,000	1:56.4	Eddie The Quick (Eddie Davis)
1969	33,900	1:59.4*	Super Wave (Jack Kopas)	1989	100,000	1:55.4	Au Crombie (Thomas Haughton)
1970	35,900	1:58.4	Columbia George(Roland Beaulieu)	2007	50,000	1:53.1	Truety's Legacy (Tim Tetrick)
1971	50,000	1:57.1	Albatross (Stanley Dancer)		50,000	1:52.3	Artist's View (George Brennan)
1972	37,500	1:59.2	Shadow Star (Jack Kopas)		50,000	1:53.1	Fresh Deck (Brian Sears)
	37,500	1:57.2	Silent Majority (Vernon Dancer)		50,000	1:51.3	Always A Virgin (Brian Sears)
1973	50,000	2:00.1	Valiant Bret (John Chapman)		50,000	1:52.1	May June Character (G Brennan)
1974	56,250	1:58.1	Barons Boy (Michael Guitard)	2008	500,000	1:50.2	Badlands Nitro (Brian Sears)
	56,250	1:59.2	Taro Hanover (Vernon Dancer)	2009	500,000	1:50	Well Said (Ron Pierce)
1975	56,250	2:00.3	Nero (Joe O'Brien)	2010	500,000	1:48.4**	Rock N Roll Heaven (Dan Dube)
	56,250	1:59.3	Bret's Champ (Wm Haughton)				
1976	56,250	1:58.4	Wolf Pack (Eldon Harner)				
	56,250	1:58.4	Keystone Ore (Stanley Dancer)				

THE HISTORY OF THE BATTLE

From its very inception in 1960, the Battle of the Brandywine for 3-year-old pacers became a fixture on the American harness racing scene and would continue to be a tradition for nearly 30 years. It was the gem of the summer schedule at the former Brandywine Raceway in nearby Wilmington, Delaware. The event became the most recognized first major test of the sport's elite 3-year-old superstars in which they would compete against each other during their sophomore season. The roster of those who participated in the prestigious stake - both human and equine - reads like a Who's Who of Harness Racing. Often the race featured much publicized rivalries that were held over from the 2-year-old season. During the 1970's this was very evident when "Battles" featured the match-ups between such standout performers as Columbia George and Most Happy Fella; Albatross and Nanesmond; Nero and Alert Bret; Keystone Ore and Armbr Ranger. The dean of harness publicists, Marv Bachrad, who headed the publicity department at Brandywine for many years, summed it up the most appropriate way by saying, "It's a race that brings together the best." On August 19, 2007, after a far too long absence the Battle returned to the Delaware Valley at its new home - Harrah's Chester Casino & Racetrack..