

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

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..