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## Dan Patch SMASHES 2 World records in 45 minutes

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Lowers the Half-Mile Mark to 56 Seconds Flat, Then Covers a Mile to Wagon in the Remarkable Time of 1:57 $\frac{1}{4}$ . Major Delmar Is Sent to Lower His Own Record of 2 Minutes, Making the Mile in 1.59 $\frac{3}{4}$

MEMPHIS, Tenn.. Oct. 27, 1903—Dan Patch, 1:56 $\frac{1}{4}$  within forty-five minutes elapsed time this afternoon, smashed two world's records in succession on the track of the Memphis Trotting Association.

First he went against the world's half mile pacing record of 57 $\frac{1}{2}$  seconds held by Prince Alert, and clipped a second and a half from the record, negotiating the distance in 56 seconds flat. Next he hung out a new world's record for a mile pacing to wagon, making the mile in 1:57 $\frac{1}{4}$ , two seconds better than the time of 1:59 $\frac{1}{4}$ , which he made at the recent meeting on the Lexington, KY., track, which stood as the world's record until this afternoon.

Major Delmar, E. E. Smathers' two-minute trotter, was sent to lower his own record, and he accomplished the feat. He cut a quarter of a second from the two-minute mark, making the mile in 1.59 $\frac{3}{4}$ . The first quarter was made in 30 seconds, the half in one minute, and the three-quarters in 1:29 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

In making the half mile pace against time Driver Myron McHenry started from tine wire and breezed Dan Patch around to within a short distance of the half mile pole, where two runners to sulkies were picked up, the forward sulky carrying the customary canvas dust strip. The three horses swept by the pole and McHenry gave the signal that the trial was a go.

Starter Newton dropped the red flag and the watches of the trainers were set hi motion, to catch the new record for a half mile.

The quarter was made in 28 $\frac{1}{2}$  seconds, and the pacer dashed under the wire with the hands of the timers' watches sharp on the mark of 56 seconds. The demonstration from the grand stand was quite as enthusiastic as those which have been given Dan Patch when he set the mile pacing record of 1.56 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and Lou Dillon, when she trotted a mile in 1:58 $\frac{1}{2}$ , but It and the other noisy acclamations of the new champions were all eclipsed by the enthusiasm of the spectators when Dan Patch came on the track and set a new wagon mark for the mile.

With a few preliminary breezings before the grand stand the start was made with two runners as pacers. The quarter was made in 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ , the half in 58 $\frac{1}{2}$  and the three-quarters in 1:28. Under the wire the champion pacer dashed in 1:57 $\frac{1}{4}$  showing little effect from having smashed two records in a single afternoon. The pacer driven by Mr. McHenry in the wagon trial. The afternoon's program was the loudest of the meeting. Besides two events for amateur drivers, live races were disposed of and the favorites were generally successful in fast time. The exception was the free-for-all pace in which Dariel opened a prohibitive favorite. After winning the first heat the mare was beaten easily by Dan R. The Transylmulia, Secretary Howe's annual farcical event, caused much merriment to the spectators. Summary:

2.17 pace: purse \$1000.

Daniel J., b. g.. by Winks, dam by Plymouth (Fleming) .....	5	2	1	1
Marv Gordon, b. m. (Hudson) .....	2	1	2	2
Line of Gold, ch. ff. (Stanley).....	1	5	6	3
Wealth, b. n. (Walker) .....	4	3	4	ro
P.J., br. b. (Myers) .....	3	6	5	ro
Lord Currson, br- h. (Thomas).....	7	7	3	ro
Speedy Girl. b. TO. (Madison).....	6	4	dis	
Time—2:10½, 2:09¾, 2:09½, 2:14¾				

Wagon race, pacing; amateur drivers.

Clipper. b. e'.. bv Diablo (Devereux).....	1	1
Green Line. b. (Billings) .....	2	2
Tom Keene. ch. g. (Smathers) .....	3	3
Time—2:06½, 2:06¾		

Free-for-all pace; purse \$1000.

Dan R. ch. g. bv Tasco. Jr.. dam by Col. Hunt (Benyon) .....	4	1	1
Dariel, b. m. (McDonald) .....	1	2	5
Shadow Chimes, br. G. (Spear) .....	2	3	3
Dannie Dillard. b. m. (Snow) .....	3	4	2
Harold H.. b. sr. (Geers) .....	5	5	4
Time—2:04½, 2:04¼, 2:03 ¾”			

Pacers to wagon, amateur drivers.

Stipulator. blk. h.. by Titus (Gaylord).....	1	1
Daisy Field, ch. m. (Robie).....	2	2
Time—2:15, 2:14¼		

2:11 Trot—Purse \$1000

Porto Rico. b. h.. bv Electrite. dam by Wilkes Boy (Johnson) ..	1	1
Joy Maker, b. h. (McCoy).....	5	2
Eye Line. bik. m. (Sherman).....	2	5
Austin Boy, b. g. (McCarty).....	3	3
The Parson, bik. g. (Colby).....	4	4
Ladv Downing, b. m. (Robie).....	6	dis
Bonner. b. g. (Bell).....	dis	
Time-2:11½, 2:11		

2.08 Pace—Half mile dash; purse \$400.

John M., bik. g., by Paris (Spear).....	1
Trilby Direct, bik. m. (Walker).....	a
Primrose, b. m. (McGuire).....	3
Chestnut, ch. g. (Bell).....	4
King Direct, bik. h. (Geers).....	5
Time— 0:59½	

Half mile dash, pacing.

Star Hal, br. h., by Brown Hal (Snow).... 1  
Winfield Stratton, b. h. (McGuire)..... 2  
Time—.58%.

To beat 0:57½ world's record, half mile pacing Dan Patch, b. h., by Joe Patchen-Zelica (McHenry),  
won.  
Time— :28½, 0:56.

To beat 1:59½ , world's record to wagon pacing.  
Dan Patch (McHenry)..... won  
Time—0:29½, 0:58½, 1:28, 1:57¼

Major Delmar to beat 2:00 trot.  
Time—0:30, 1:00, 1:29¾, 1:59¾.