



# Pattison Canadian International History

## *INTERNATIONAL HISTORY*

- The Canadian International Stakes has undergone several variations in footing, distance, location, and name since its inaugural running in 1938 at Long Branch.
- That year, the race, named The Long Branch Championship, was contested at 1 1/16 miles, and was open only to Canadian-bred three-year-olds.
- The following year, 1939, the race was named The Canadian Championship Stakes and conditions stated that horses had to be Canadian owned. Conn Smythe's Sir Marlboro won the race that year, in a no-betting contest.
- In 1940, eligible horses had to be owned by residents of Canada, and the race was made open to all ages, including two-year-olds. During the 1940s, the conditions stated that horses had to be the bona fide property (not leased) of owners who had started at least one horse in Canada and had been a resident of Canada for at least one year prior to the race. It wasn't until 1954 that The Championship became a race for three-year-olds and upward, and a horse owner's residence restrictions were eliminated.
- The Championship was run at Long Branch from 1938-41, and from 1946-55. From 1942-45, the race was moved to Dufferin Park.
- In 1953 and 1954, the race was extended an additional 1/16 mile, making it 1 1/8 miles. In 1955, it was run at 1 3/16 miles.
- In 1956, the race was moved to Woodbine, the distance was changed to 1 5/8 miles, and the name was changed to The Canadian International Championship Stakes.
- **In 1958, The Championship was contested on the turf for the first time.**
- In 1961, the race was moved from the main turf course to the Marshall Turf Course. The Marshall Turf Course was named in honour of Col. K. R. Marshall, former President of The Ontario Jockey Club, who won the 1961 Queen's Plate with Blue Light. In 1994, The International was run on Woodbine's new E. P. Taylor Turf Course.
- Like most races, The International has enjoyed a tremendous boost in gross value. In 1969, it was increased from \$50,000 to \$60,000 added. Three years later, the purse was upped to \$75,000, becoming Canada's richest Thoroughbred race. And the following year, 1973, the year of Secretariat, The Championship was made a \$125,000 event.
- In 1975, The Canadian International Championship was increased in value to \$150,000 added. In 1979, it was boosted to a guaranteed \$200,000.
- In 1981, the race acquired a new name, Rothmans International. In 1982, the purse was \$400,000. The Rothmans International carried a purse of \$500,000 guaranteed in 1983. In the years 1984 and 1985, the purse jumped to \$600,000 guaranteed. The purse jumped to a then record \$700,000 in 1986. In 1987, the purse was \$750,000 guaranteed, and in 1988, the purse was \$800,000, then \$900,000 guaranteed in 1989. From 1990-1995, The Rothmans Ltd. International was \$1 million guaranteed.
- **The distance was changed to 1 1/2 miles in 1987.**
- The classic race on grass reverted back to The Canadian International in 1996, after Rothmans ended its 15-year partnership with The Ontario Jockey Club. The purse remained at \$1 million guaranteed.
- In 1999, Emirates Airlines sponsored the newly-formed World Series Racing Championship, with the Canadian International as its fourth leg. The purse was raised to a record \$1.5 million.
- In 2000 and 2001, the International was the sixth leg of the Emirates World Series Racing Championship.
- In 2002, the Canadian International was the eighth leg of the World Series Racing Championship. The series consisted of 14 races in 11 countries.
- **In 2003, the race introduced a new sponsor, Pattison Outdoor Advertising, Canada's largest outdoor advertising company. The 2019 edition is the 17th under the Pattison banner.**
- For the 2005 renewal, the Pattison Canadian International purse was increased to \$2 million and was the ninth leg (of 13) in the World Series Racing Championship.
- In 2011 and 2012, the PCI purse was readjusted to \$1.5 million. Beginning in 2013, the race was worth \$1 million.
- In 2017, the purse was adjusted to \$800,000.

## *JOCKEY ACHIEVEMENTS*

- Robert Watson, Frankie Dettori and Ryan Moore are the only jockeys to have won the International three times. Watson won consecutive editions with Shepperton (1942, 1943) and Be Brief (1944). Dettori won with Mutafaweq (2000), Sulamani (2004) and Joshua Tree (2012). Moore also won three in a row with Joshua Tree (2013), Hillstar (2014) and Cannock Chase (2015).

- Eleven riders have won the International on two occasions:
  - Tom Aimers - Bunty Lawless (1938, 1941)
  - Pat Remillard - Tulachmore (1945) and Nephisto (1950)
  - Juan Sanchez - Eugenia II (1956) and Spinney (1957)
  - Ron Turcotte - Will I Rule (1964) and One For All (1971)
  - Sandy Hawley - Youth (1976) and Golden Act (1979)
  - Eddie Maple - Secretariat (1973) and Majesty's Prince (1982)
  - Jorge Velasquez - Snow Knight (1975) and Open Call (1981)
  - Jean Cruguet - Mac Diarmida (1978) and Hodges Bay (1989)
  - Pat Day - Sky Classic (1991) and Lassigny (1995)
  - Jose Santos - Southjet (1986) and Chief Bearhart (1997)
  - Gary Stevens - Singspiel (1996) and Royal Anthem (1998)

### ***TRAINER ACHIEVEMENTS***

- Four trainers - Gord (Pete) McCann, Horatio Luro, Maurice Zilber and Sir Michael Stoute - have won the International three times. McCann won with Bunty Lawless (1941), Bull Page (1951) and Navy Page (1953). Luro won with Eugenia II (1956), Spinney (1957) and One For All (1971). Zilber won with Dahlia (1974), Youth (1976) and Exceller (1977). Stoute won with Singspiel (1996), Hillstar (2014) and Cannock Chase (2015).
- Trainers that have won the International twice are:
  - Arthur Brent - Kingarvie (1946) and Nephisto (1950)
  - Joe Cantey - Majesty's Prince (1982, 1984)
  - Fred Schelke - Shepperton (1942, 1943)
  - Harry Trotsek - Jack Ketch (1958) and Martini II (1959)
  - Don Richardson - George Royal (1965, 1966)
  - Andre Fabre - French Glory (1990) and Raintrap (1994)
  - Saeed bin Suroor - Mutafaweq (2000) and Sulamani (2004)
  - Aidan O'Brien - Ballingarry (2002) and Joshua Tree (2010)

### ***OWNER ACHIEVEMENTS***

- E. P. Taylor is the only owner to have won the International on four occasions. He won with Nephisto (1950), Bull Page (1951), Navy Page (1953) and Snow Knight (1975).
- Nelson Bunker Hunt and Juddmonte Farms have won the International three times. Hunt won with Dahlia (1974), Youth (1976) and Exceller (1977). Juddmonte won with French Glory (1990), Raintrap (1994) and Champs Elysees (2009).

### ***BREEDER ACHIEVEMENTS***

- One breeder has won the International on three occasions. Castlemartin Stud and Skymarc Farm earned the triple courtesy of Joshua Tree, who won the 2010, 2012 and 2013 editions.
- Ten breeders have won the International on two occasions:
  - Nelson Bunker Hunt - Youth (1976) and Dahlia (1974)
  - John Schiff - Our Jeep (1961) and Droll Role (1972)
  - Woodvale Farm (Ky.) - Navy Page (1953) and Bull Page (1951)
  - Greentree Stable - The Axe II (1963) and Open Call (1981)
  - Willie Morrissey - Bunty Lawless (1938, 1941)
  - F. H. Schelke - Shepperton (1942, 1943)
  - Woodlands Investment - Kingarvie (1946) and Nephisto (1950)
  - D.J.W. Dunn - George Royal (1965, 1966)
  - John D. Marsh - Majesty's Prince (1982, 1984)
  - Juddmonte Farms Inc. - Raintrap (1994) and Champs Elysees (2009)

### ***OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS***

- One horse has won the International on three occasions:
  - Joshua Tree (2010, 2012, 2013)
- Four horses have won the International on two occasions:
  - Bunty Lawless (1938, 1941)
  - Shepperton (1942, 1943)
  - George Royal (1965, 1966)
  - Majesty's Prince (1982, 1984)
- F. H. Schelke is the only man to breed, own and train an International winner. Schelke accomplished this feat with Shepperton (1942, 1943)
- Nine fillies or mares have won the International:
  - Cerise III (1940) - mare 7
  - Brown Hostess (1947) - filly 4
  - Eugenia II - (1956) - filly 4

Drumtop (1970) - filly 4  
Dahlia (1974) - filly 4  
All Along (1983) - filly 4  
River Memories (1987) - filly 3  
Infamy (1988) - filly 4  
Sarah Lynx (2011) - filly 4

- Five Canadian-bred horses have won the International since 1958: Thornfield (1999), Chief Bearhart (1997), Sky Classic (1991), He's A Smoothie (1967) and George Royal (1965, 1966).
- Two horses have been disqualified after winning the Canadian International. Wiorno, with Thierry Jarnet up, won in 1992, defeating Snurge and Ghazi. Wiorno, owned by Madame Plesch, of Monaco, was subsequently disqualified and placed third for bumping Ghazi several times in the drive to the wire. The Stewards' decision was appealed, but in an Ontario Racing Commission hearing in November, Wiorno's disqualification was upheld. Official result - Snurge first, Ghazi second and Wiorno was placed third. In 1969, Tradesman, ridden by Avelino Gomez, was placed last for interfering with Te Vega, who was ridden by Ron Turcotte. Second-place finisher, Vent du Nord, ridden by Turcotte's brother, Rudy, was elevated to top spot.
- Since 1970, International winners Secretariat (1973), Dahlia (1974), Snow Knight (1975), Youth (1976), Mac Diarmida (1978), All Along (1983), Singspiel (1996) and Chief Bearhart (1997) went on to win the Eclipse Award as North America's outstanding grass horse in the same year. Sam-Son Farm's Sky Classic, winner of the 1991 International, earned a 1992 Eclipse Award as North America's top male turf. All Along was the first European-based Thoroughbred to also win the Eclipse Award as Horse of the Year in North America.
- In 1998, Royal Anthem was the first supplemental nomination to win the International.

#### ***WHERE WINNERS HAVE BEEN BRED (SINCE 1958):***

29 - United States (Kentucky, except where noted) – Bullards Alley, 2017; Cannock Chase, 2015; Marsh Side, 2008; Cloudy's Knight, 2007; Mutafaweq, 2000; Royal Anthem, 1998; Lassigny, 1995; Husband (Virginia), 1993; Hodges Bay, 1989; River Memories, 1987; Southjet, 1986; Nassipour, 1985; Majesty's Prince (Virginia), 1984 and 1982; Open Call, 1981; Great Neck (Florida), 1980; Golden Act (California), 1979; Mac Diarmida (Florida), 1978; Exceller, 1977; Youth (Maryland), 1976; Dahlia, 1974; Secretariat (Virginia), 1973; Droll Role, 1972; One for All, 1971; Drumtop, 1970; Will I Rule, 1964; The Axe II, 1963; El Bandido (California), 1962; Our Jeep, 1961

15 - Ireland - Desert Encounter, 2018; Erupt, 2016; Joshua Tree, 2013, 2012 and 2010; Sarah Lynx, 2011; Relaxed Gesture, 2005; Sulamani, 2004; Phoenix Reach, 2003; Ballingarry, 2002; Singspiel, 1996; Snurge, 1992; French Glory, 1990; Martini II, 1959; Jack Ketch, 1958

8 - Great Britain - Hillstar, 2014; Champs Elysees, 2009; Collier Hill, 2006; Mutamam, 2001; Raintrap, 1994; Infamy (England), 1988; Snow Knight (England), 1975; Rocky Royale (England), 1960

6 - Canada (Ontario, except where noted) - Thornfield, 1999; Chief Bearhart, 1997; Sky Classic, 1991; He's A Smoothie, 1967; George Royal (British Columbia), 1966 and 1965

2 - France - All Along, 1983, Vent du Nord, 1969

1 - Argentina - Frenetico, 1968

#### ***AGE OF WINNERS (SINCE 1958):***

Three-year-olds - 13 (Joshua Tree the latest in 2010)  
Four-year-olds - 29 (Erupt the latest in 2016)  
Five-year-olds - 13 (Bullards Alley the latest in 2017)  
Six-year-olds - 4 (Desert Encounter, 2018; Joshua Tree, 2013; Champs Elysees, 2009; Mutamam, 2001)  
Seven-year-olds - 1 (Cloudy's Knight, 2007)  
Eight-year-olds - 1 (Collier Hill, 2006)

#### ***OLDEST RUNNER (SINCE 1958):***

Yavana's Pace, Age 10, 2002 (finished third to Ballingarry)

#### ***FEMALE JOCKEYS (4):***

Robyn Smith, 1973, finished sixth to Secretariat aboard Triangular  
Julie Krone, 1995, finished fifth to Lassigny aboard Boyce  
Chantal Sutherland, 2004, finished 10<sup>th</sup> to Sulamani aboard Lenny the Lender  
Emma-Jayne Wilson, 2007, finished 12<sup>th</sup> to Cloudy's Knight aboard Marsh Side and in 2015, finished 10<sup>th</sup> to Cannock Chase aboard Interpol