

# Tasmanian Industry Honours Edgar Tatlow

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**Harness Racing Tasmania is instigating an award to honour famous studmaster and breeder Edgar Tatlow, the award being for significant achievement within the industry. The recipient may come from any sphere of our industry possibly going one year to a long term contributor and another year to the driver of the Inter Dominion winner.**

**A**S WITH the national media awards nominations for the Edgar Tatlow Award will be called for at the close of each season and be passed on for judgement by a panel selected by Harness Racing Tasmania.

Edgar Tatlow was born at Horton on Tasmania's North-West coast on 7th October 1889 and he was always destined to be a horseman, for his father Charles operated a large coaching business on the North-West coast, running coaches along the one hundred mile stretch between Ulverstone and Marrawah.

Charles Tatlow always owned around 150 horses, of which 100 were working and the remaining fifty spelling, with the horses usually bred by crossing trotting bred stallions with thoroughbred mares.

Trotting stallions that the Tatlow family stood early last century included King Harold, Harold King, Hereward and Bowen Bells, the latter two being good winners in Victoria.

The main income for the coaching business run by Tatlow was the Royal Mail contract and Charles was always very proud that the fifty mile stage between Burnie and Stanley, was recognised as the fastest coaching journey of that distance anywhere in Australia.

The results of the only two race meetings conducted by the Stanley Turf Club in 1906 give a clear indication of the influence of the Tatlow family on North-West Tasmanian racing.

At the first meeting on New Year's Day, horses owned by Charles won three of the five events and collected second place monies in the other two.

In one of the two defeats Charles' horse Reckless was defeated by a horse called Shire, ridden by his son Edgar, who raced it in partnership with his brother Bernard. At the second meeting in March, Charles' horses recorded four wins and three seconds on the six event programme.

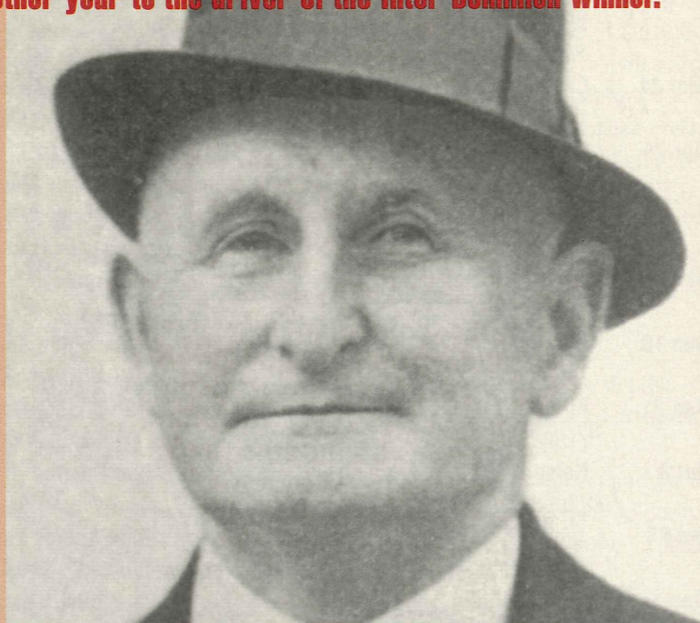
Edgar's first trotter was a horse called Masher (by Judge Huon) which won many races for him, while another good trotter he had was Polo King 2:35, a roan son of King Harold bred by the Tatlow family who won 14 races.

His first open class pacer was the unhoppled Victorian Brazil 2:22.4 who raced against the best in Tasmania, winning the 1923 Easter Plate from 40 yards behind with Edgar Tatlow holding the ribbons.

Tatlow was to later sell Brazil for the then high price of 450 guineas and for his new owners Brazil won the 1926 Tasmanian Easter Cup and deadheaded for first the following year.

Around this time Edgar bought a 1920 black filly by Globe Derby whilst travelling in New South Wales, naming his new acquisition Vendome 2:11.6. She was one of Tasmania's best mares of her era and took out the 1928 Tasmanian Easter Cup for him.

Always a seller Edgar onsold Vendome to Victorian interests and at the close of her career Vendome raced for J.J. Kennerley in New Zealand with distinction.



On retirement from the racetrack Edgar Tatlow bought Vendome back to be one of his foundation mares at Derby Lodge.

The date of 22nd February 1927 was a turning point in Tasmanian and indeed Australian trotting history for this was the date of Alex Hunter's dispersal sale at Northwood Park in Victoria.

All lots were to sell without a reserve and Edgar Tatlow went there with one mission to implement, the purchase of the champion Globe Derby, the then 16-year-old son of Mambrino Derby and Springheel.

So determined was Edgar that he was prepared to go to a thousand guineas, but in one of the greatest sale bargains ever, the champion racehorse and sire was knocked down to Edgar and friend Fred Barwick for 450 guineas.

Edgar now had his foundation stallion for his Derby Lodge stud farm at Hagley and the co-owners decided on a most reasonable fee of 15 guineas for the 1927 stud season and 10 guineas for the following season.

Fred Barwick thereafter sold his share to Edgar as the fame of Globe Derby and his progeny spread like wildfire throughout Australia and New Zealand and to this day Globe Derby's sireline has been responsible for thirteen Inter Dominion champions.

Having survived the Great Depression Edgar turned his attention to upgrading his broodmare band with the best mares that were available and he proved somewhat of a genius in this regard.

In 1931 Edgar purchased Roselawn 2:17.1 in New South Wales for 35 guineas. The previous year Roselawn had foaled a colt by Robert Derby (by Globe Derby) which was later to be named Lawn Derby, the first 2:00 standardbred in the Southern Hemisphere.

At Derby Lodge Roselawn produced six foals over the next twelve

years including the champion racehorse and sire Van Derby 2:00.2 and Lawn Raider (by Raider) 2:21.2 who made his mark as a stallion siring 169 winners and several 2:00 producing broodmares.

Edgar was a keen follower of racing and breeding patterns in New Zealand and had been impressed with the stock of Logan Pointer, a son of the world's first 2:00 pacer Star Pointer, so much so that in 1929 he purchased two Logan Pointer mares in Belle Logan 2:20.2 and Ayr 2:17.

Belle Logan arrived at Derby Lodge in foal to Native King, with the resultant foal the first of ten foals she dropped at Derby Lodge. Eight of those foals were successful on the racetrack but the first two, a Native King filly and a 1930 Globe Derby colt were extra special.

The filly was Pendant, the first 2:10 standardbred bred in Tasmania and the Globe Derby colt was the immortal Logan Derby 2:04, an Inter Dominion champion and sire of the mighty Johnny Globe TT1:59.8 (sire of Lordship) and New Zealand's first export to the USA, champion trotter Vodka Tr.2:03.

As great as the contribution of Belle Logan was, most historians concede that Ayr (purchased for 32 1/2 guineas) exerted the greatest influence of any mare purchased by Edgar Tatlow.

Three of her sons were champion sires and another could have been - 1939 Inter Dominion winner Springfield Globe 2:07.9 (sire of 299 winners), champion Tasmanian pacer Our Globe 2:08.2 (158 winners), Van Ayr 2:06.8 (233 winners) and the ill fated Tullochgorum 2:14 who sired 24 winners in a tragically truncated career.

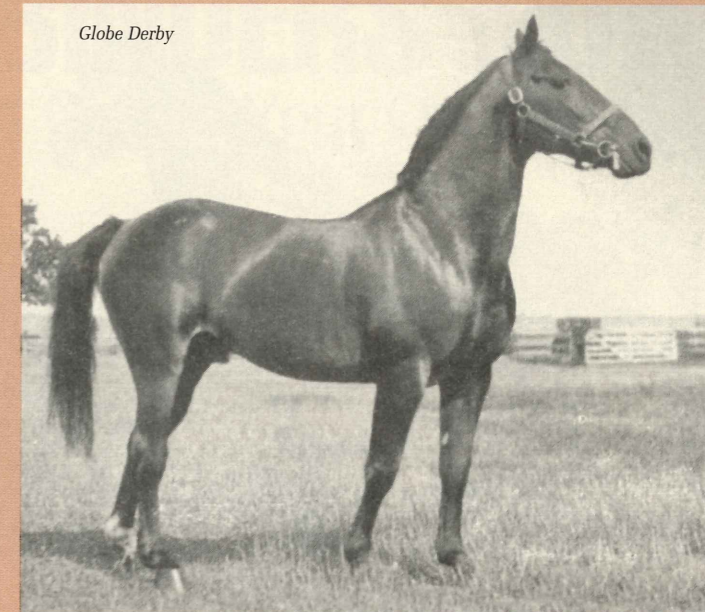
Accompanying this article is a selection of mares that Edgar Tatlow purchased and while the influence on the breed is clear, what is also evident is Edgar's philosophy of buying winning mares, now matter how slow.

Other stallions to have stood at Derby Lodge were Wrack 2:02.7, Concliff 2:10, Van Derby 2:00.2, Lulu Boy 2:17.4, Casanova 2:11.2 and Pedro Pronto 2:10.1, however with the death of Globe Derby in 1936, Edgar started to look for a replacement headline act.

After several trips to North America, in 1938 Edgar settled on the then world's dual-gaited champion Raider who had a pacing mark of 1:59.5 and a trotting mark of 2:01.5.

Raider arrived at Derby Lodge in January 1939 with great fanfare, being looked upon as one of the best pacing stallions ever to come to Australia and he did not let his admirers down.

Globe Derby



He proved himself a champion sire right from the start, siring 370 winners to Globe Derby's 315 and considering he stood for only 11 seasons (six of those in war time), his siring achievements were especially remarkable.

To go through the many good horses he sired would take up too much space, but to give readers some indication of his influence on the Tasmanian pacer, three of the best horses ever produced in Tasmania - Halwes 1:57.3, Golden Alley 2:00.6 and Chamfers Star 2:08) are all his grandsons.

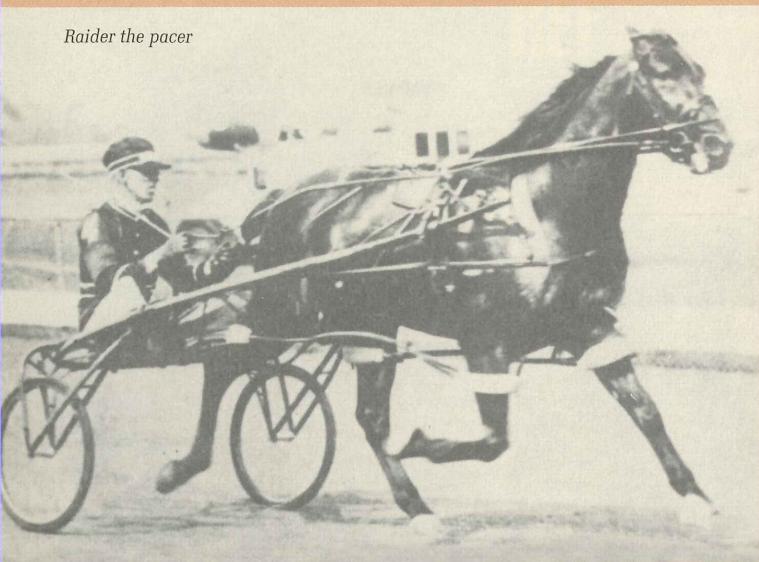
In 1949 at the age of sixty, Edgar Tatlow transferred his Derby Lodge stud operations from Hagley to Epping in Victoria in response to the introduction of night trotting in Melbourne.

Disaster struck in May 1950 when Raider died from a twisted bowel at the age of 21 years, having only stood a single season on the mainland. Tatlow replaced him with Tullochgorum (Raider - Ayr) but after only one season he too was dead and while the loss of Raider was immediately obvious to everyone, the death of Tullochgorum was later viewed as a tragedy when his first crop produced a high percentage of winners.

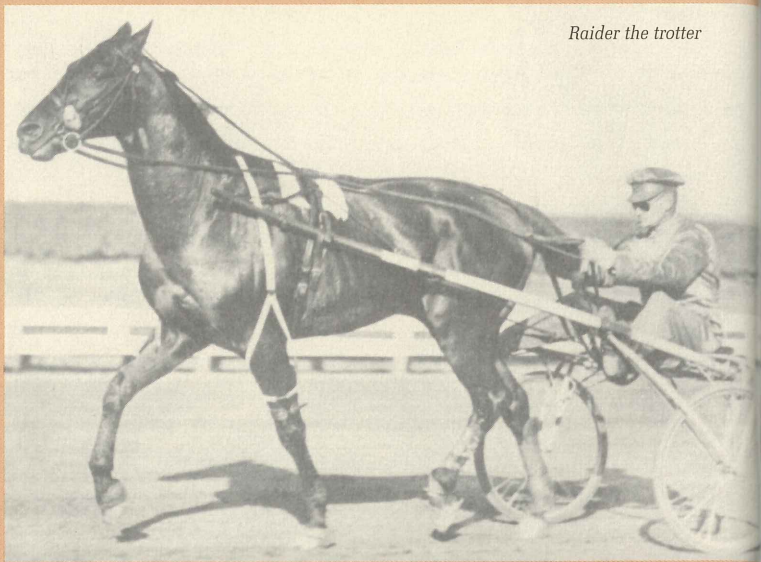


Edgar Tatlow (far Left) being entertained in America

Raider the pacer



Raider the trotter



In 1952 and 1953 Edgar Tatlow stood the regally bred imported Italian trotter Floridoro, who was by Dillon Hall's sire The Laurel Hall. Floridoro was a Group One winner in Italy and his Italian foals left a lasting legacy well into the 1980s.

Good Report Tr:2:06.4 was another imported Italian trotter that Edgar Tatlow stood for a short time, but it was soon back to America for a pacer and in 1954 he imported Volo Chief 2:04.4 and Stanton Hal, both of whom were moderately successful. The latter stallion sired the 2-year-old sensation Opal Chief.

The last American import of Tatlow's was the Adios stallion Meadow Vance 2:00.8, who proved a great sire of open class horses at both gaits and became the first stallion in Australia to sire the winners of over a million dollars.

The influence of Edgar Tatlow on the Australian standardbred is

best illustrated by the national sires list which was first compiled by the Australian Trotting Record in 1937.

At that time Globe Derby had been leading stallion for years and sometime during the war years Raider assumed the legend's mantle although the exact year is not known, due to no national records being kept during World War II.

Raider stayed on top until 1956 when Springfield Globe took over for a season and the zenith of Raider's reign was in the 1951/52 season when he sired 130 winners, a record that lasted 48 years (Fake Left in 1999/2000 sired 154 winners).

Meadow Vance was Australia's leading sire in 1970 and 1972 while the Tatlow bred stallion Aachen was top of the roost in 1973.

Edgar Tatlow died at Derby Lodge on 3rd March 1968 and was, and still is, succeeded by his wife Rose. **HRI**

## SELECTION OF MARES PURCHASED BY EDGAR TATLOW

**AMIE PIC** 2:25.2 (Pickwood)

- dam of Raider's Pic 2:15.5

**ASSURANCE** 2:13.2 (Pedigree unknown)

- dam of two successful sires in Storm Cloud 2:10.7 and Assure Derby

**AYR** 2:17 (Logan Pointer)

- dam of Springfield Globe and Van Ayr

**BELLE LOGAN** 2:20.2 (Logan Pointer)

- dam of Logan Derby and Pendant

**BESSIE HUON** 2:25.2 (Rock Huon)

- dam of Huon Globe 2:10.5

**CALM QUEEN** Tr:2:20 (Native King)

- ancestress of Calm Meadow Tr:2:09.6

**CARALLA** (Childewood)

**CONNENORA** (Travis Axworthy)

- dam of 6 winners incl. the great Aachen, winner of his first 20 races and Australia's leading sire in 1973.

**DAINTY LASS** 2:23.4 (Directway)

**DESERT STORM** (The Design) -

- dam of good sire Raider's Design 2:13.4 and ancestress of large Tasmanian family

**DIXIE FOX** 2:13.5 (Dixie Alto)

- dam of Our Walla 2:16.2 and ancestress of successful sire Royal Dollar (SA and NSW Derby)

**EXPEDIENT** (Logan Pointer)

- dam of four winners

**GREY IRENE** (Direct Marvin)

**HARICOT** 2:16 (Harry Alto)

- sister to dam of Robert Derby

**HUON'S ELECT** (Moorang Chimes)

**JESSIE DILLON** (Harold Dillon)

- ancestress of large Tasmanian family

**LAVDON** (Adonis)

- dam of two winners

**LEE WHITE** (Fairfield)

- dam of champion trotting mare White Globe Tr:TT2:08 and ancestress of Sparkling Pearl 2:06.6 (NSW Oaks) and Toliver Gigi 2:04.6 (NSW & Victoria Oaks)

**LADY POTTS** 2:19.7 (Jack Potts)

- dam of successful sire Chevalier and ancestress of Royal Three 1:58.6

**LITTLE FLOWER** 2:16.7 (Royal Lulu)

- dam of Derry Down 2:11.2

**MAMBRINO'S LAST** (Mambrino Abdallah)

- dam of four winners

**MELBA'S PIC** (Melba's Rock)

**MERLULU** 2:27.2 (Lulu Boy)

**MERRINGA** 2:22 (Don Pronto)

**MINERVA** 2:30.4 (Minton Derby)

**MISSION QUEEN** (Adioo Guy)

- dam of Mission king 2:13.2 and ancestress of Timmine Tr:2:10.6 (Australasian Trotters Championship)

**MOTTELU** (Mottle Hue)

**NEVADA** 2:24.1 (Royal Lulu)

- dam of champion mares Para Derby 2:09.7 and Nevamaid 2:09.6 and ancestress of a prime SA family

**OSIER BEAUTY** 2:20 (Harold Dillon)

- dam of two winners

**OUR LADY** Tr:2:19.8 (Petereta)

**REAL LASS** (winner) (Real Guy)

- dam of Real Lawn 2:08

**RUBY BROWN** (Robert Derby)

**SCOTTISH BELLE** (U Scott)

- dam of four winners

**SEA SONG** 2:24.2 (Jack Potts)

- dam of four winners incl. Fair Copy 2:14.4

**STARLAND** (Hawkesbury)

- dam of champion mare Star Princess 2:08.7 and ancestress of Concorde Lombo 1:58.4 (\$550,000).

**SUBWAY** 2:22 (Rey de Oro)

- dam of two winners

**TWILIGHT II** 2:27 (Ribbonite)

**VIOLET DILLON** (Adonis)

- dam of Brown Raider 2:16.8 and Violation 2:15 (sire).

**WHITE SATIN** Tr:2:16.7 (Wrack)

- dam of Admiral Harwood, Satin Prince and Red Satin, all successful sires.

**WINLOVE** (winner) (Winn Alto)

- dam of 5 winners and ancestress of Deep Tan 2:06.2 (NSW Derby)

**WINSOME LASS** Tr:2:20 (Winn Alto)

- dam of Brolite 2:12

**WRACKUP** 2:20 (Wrack)

**ZILLAH BAR** (Adonis)

- dam of Predonis 2:17.9 and Zillah Globe 2:16 (Tas. Easter Plate) and ancestress of fine Tasmanian family.