

Monkroyd Mystery Hall of Fame Induction



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Following the public vote to create the '**Champion of Champions**' Pace during lockdown in 2020, it was agreed by the BHRC directors that the ten horses voted by the harness racing fans as the greatest of all time should be inducted into the BHRC Hall of Fame (of those which weren't already inducted).

Of the ten, Monkroyd Mystery was the only mare to have been included in this line up. In a career spanning seven seasons, the daughter of HT Navy and Monkroyd Girl raced 147 times with 68 visits to the winner's circle.

The most successful partnership came with Evelyn Slack, with the duo notching up 26 wins together; closely followed by daughter Diane with 22. Of the catch drivers, Alan Haythornthwaite recorded 11 wins, with Mick Lord, Peter Robinson and Josie Trevaskis all scoring three apiece.

Monkroyd Mystery's career highlights include:

Winning a stunning 19 of her 29 starts in 1988, including:

- Appleby heat and final (trailing 60 yards in the final)

- The New Fair saddle race (trailing 100 yards)
- Hawes heat and final (trailing 10 seconds)
- Carlisle heat and final (trailing 10 seconds);

As well as:

- Winning Brough Appleby heat and third place in the final (trailing 100 yards) -1989
- Winning Eggleston heat and final (trailing 10 seconds) -1989
- Winning Newton Stewart heat and final -1990
- Winning Appleby New Fair saddle race (trailing 100 yards) -1990

In addition to her success as a racehorse, Monkroyd Mystery went on to a lengthy second career as a broodmare for the Slack family. Her most notable descendant is a fellow Hall of Fame inductee, STONERIGGS MYSTERY, a grandson out of Stoneriggs Quality. And it is that achievement, along with many others, that also led to Arthur and Evelyn Slack from Stoneriggs Stud being inducted into the Hall of Fame as well.