



MARY LOU WILSON AND TINKA  
Setting excellent record. (Eccentric Photo)

## Young Rider Piling Up Envious Record in '54 Horse Circuit

By ALICE E. MORGAN

A 16-year-old girl, Mary Lou Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Wilson, Lathrup, is well on the way to make horse shoe history for the 1954 season. With her favorite mount Tinka, she is hitting all the shows in the circuit and carrying away a goodly share of the prizes. Furthermore, with Tinka and Carbo, she headed for the Madison Square Garden show.

At the close of the Detroit Horse show at the Bloomfield Open Hunt club on June 27, Mary Lou had working hunter. The two latest entered 25 events this season, took first in 10 and placed in all others, a record any amateur rider can envy.

In addition to this, Mary Lou Tinka took top rating in the handy events, and although their groups working hunter and horsemanship did not win, they added to their over fences division; second in the junior handy working hunter and only horse to run both courses, junior hunter appointments class-

OPENING the season at Livonia on May 8, Mary Lou and Tinka traveled the course to first place, winning the hunter championship. With Carbo, the young rider placed third in the jumper stake.

A month later, on June 6, Tinka and Mary Lou took the working hunter class at the Northville show. Riding Carbo she competed with the Grant's Equestrian team, which took the championship. Again, Carbo ran the difficult course without a fault.

Moving on to Grand Rapids on June 12, 13, the trio went right on

adding to their string of laurels. With Tinka it was a win in the working hunter class and the Michigan Perpetual Challenge trophy. On Carbo, it was another third in the jumper stake.

MOVING ON to the June 17-20 dates at Grosse Pointe, Mary Lou, riding Tinka, was awarded the John L. Booth trophy in junior working hunter class—the second successive year for the pair to earn this honor.

The highlight, perhaps, of the season came at the Grosse Pointe

show, when the girl and her brown mare qualified for the big time Madison Square Garden show in the fall. They were awarded the American Horse Show association medal class.

At Grosse Pointe she rode Carbo in the open jumper division, placed second in the Tri-Club working hunter class, third in open hunter and horsemanship and fourth in hunter stake.

The Metamora shows on July 25 and Sept. 5 and 6 are next on the trio's agenda, with the Castle Park and Holland show and another

trip to Northville also scheduled for September.

DURING THE 1953 season, Mary Lou rode with the Outland Equestrian team and contributed her share in helping put a firm grip on the state title.

Both Tinka and Carbo have earned the respect of other riders and show officials for their good behavior and the businesslike way they go about their work. Both seem steady, not addicted to "horse-play" when there's a job to be done. Tinka, Mary Lou says, is her

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favorite, mainly because she is adaptable for use in most events. Carbo, however, is a very excellent mount in team work, although not good in conformation classes.

"He seems to like working with other horses, even though his job is done as a single unit," she explained. "He's easy to handle, does his job thoroughly, and it is very seldom that the judges call a fault against him."

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