

WHATLL I BE

Foaled: Feb 2, 1976, Lockeford, California • **Brought to Canada:** 1978 • **Sire:** Tiny Charger • **Dam:** Kay Sera • **Earnings:** \$27,660, 260 racing points SI: 95

Anyone who ever watched this horse run was impressed by his tenacity, but where the dark brown stallion excelled the most was at longer distances of 660 yards, 770 or 870 yards. Whatll I Be, owned by Garnet Leech of Medicine Hat was a racing Quarter Horse legend that wasn't afraid to hook any challengers. In 1980, the best sprinting Thoroughbreds in Alberta

came out from Northlands to a little bush track at Enoch to run in the Enoch Speed Sprint. Kinland was a sprinting champion and Tango King was a World Champion record holder at 3.5 furlongs. Huge sums of money were gambled on the race since big bettors didn't think any Quarter Horse could run – or even come close to – running with the Thoroughbreds. After all, Quarter Horses were just “cow ponies.” Right out of the gates Whatll I Be exploded to the front and never looked back. Two years later, a rematch was requested but the Thoroughbred connections wanted the race to be at a longer distance, 770 yards. In 1982, the gates were loaded again and this time, Whatll I Be won by even a greater margin.

- Janice Sather



Whatll I Be, an all-time great Quarter Horse racers, beat Thoroughbreds at long distances.