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Winner at Longacres Racetrack

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This photo features a winning jockey and horse posing with two women and a man at the Longacres Racetrack. Flowers are draped around the horse and the woman on the far left is holding a bouquet to celebrate the racer's victory. (RHM #1979.007.1646)



Longacres Racetrack was created in the 1933, thirty years after the last race track, The Meadows, shut down in 1903. The new track was the idea of Joe Gottstein and William Edris, two men who shared a strong interest in horses and racing. They contacted Marcus Priteca, a wealthy theater designer, for financial support, and purchased nearly 100 acres of former dairy farm land for the location of their new race track. The first races at Longacres Racetrack were held on August 3, 1933.