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Secretariat: The Wow Horse Races Into History (Singles Classic)



Synopsis

Secretariat the name has a kind of bureaucratic resonance. But no label could be more deceptive. The regal thoroughbred that carries it is not the tallest horse that ever lived, but he is enormous by any other measure of size or performance. He has a neck like a buffalo, a back as broad as a sofa. His chest is so deep and wide that it takes a custom-made girth to encircle its 75 in. and hold the saddle. And he is still growing. At full speed, this huge and powerful combination of bone, muscle and glistening red chestnut coat covers just an inch short of 25 ft. in a single stride. He has finished first in 11 of 14 races. He has won \$804,202 since last July 4 more than any other single competitor in any sport and in 1972 as a mere two-year-old, he was named horse of the year. Now, having won both the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness this spring, Secretariat is an odds-on favorite to run away with the Belmont Stakes this Saturday and earn his right to the Triple Crown of American horse racing. This story is part of the TIME Classic Coverage Collection from Time Inc. This is a reproduction of a story that appeared in the June 11, 1973 issue of TIME magazine. Time Inc. is one of the world's most influential media companies home to 90 iconic brands like People, Sports Illustrated, Time, InStyle, Real Simple, Food & Wine, and Fortune. The Spotlight Stories in this collection aim to provide you with a quick read on a single subject, highlighting our readers' most popular stories and featuring great reporting from our Time Inc. journalists.

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This June 11, 1973 issue of Time Magazine was printed before the 1973 Belmont Stakes.

Secretariat had won the first two legs of the Triple Crown. At this time it was 25 years since a horse had won the Triple Crown. What made this article so interesting is that it provided a short history of a horse which seemed like an unlikely candidate to win a Triple Crown. As stated in the article Secretariat had a propensity to be overweight and lethargic much the same way as another famous horse by the name of Seabiscuit. The article was so inclusive as to go into the detail of the Triple Crown tracks of Churchill Downs, Pimlico and the Belmont. This was an enlightening article which was a prelude to the most fantastic horse race in thoroughbred history.

Watched the movie, "Secretariat," and loved the story, wanted more. This is a great narrative of the road to winning.

This article not only talks about Secretariat, but also the horse racing picture of the day and the background of the owner, making it even more interesting than I had expected.

Secretariat - nothing better!!

Needs more race detail. Passion for the great horse is there but relationships around him and with him are not developed enough.

Great Artical

No time for doing a review I just want to read an article which was slim on details but then it was an article

This is a great article about a very Superior Horse.

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