

# Discover the Legendary War Admiral: A True Thoroughbred Racing Champion - Thoroughbred Legends by Edward Bowen



When it comes to the world of horse racing, few names evoke as much admiration and awe as War Admiral. This incredible racehorse has left a lasting legacy in the sport, earning the title of a true thoroughbred legend. In this article, we will delve into the story of War Admiral, exploring his incredible racing career, his remarkable pedigree, and his enduring influence on the sport. Join us as we walk through the pages of history and rediscover the greatness of this magnificent creature.

## Early Years and Pedigree

War Admiral, born in 1934, was sired by the illustrious Man o' War, a legendary racehorse himself. With a pedigree stretching back to Man o' War, it was no surprise that War Admiral inherited the strength, stamina, and speed that guided him to greatness. His dam, Brushup, also came from a line of champion racehorses, making War Admiral's bloodline truly exceptional.

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## Racing Career

War Admiral's career catapulted him to stardom, earning him a special place in the annals of horse racing history. Trained by George Conway and ridden by jockey Charles Kurtsinger, War Admiral showcased his unmatched speed and determination on the racetrack.

In 1936, War Admiral burst onto the scene as a two-year-old, winning five of his nine starts. This incredible early success set the stage for what was to come. As a three-year-old, he continued his winning streak, capturing the Triple Crown title in 1937 by winning the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes, and Belmont Stakes.

His performances during this Triple Crown campaign were nothing short of spectacular, with every victory leaving crowds in awe of his unrivaled talent.

Following his Triple Crown triumph, War Admiral's dominance continued, winning 16 of his 20 career starts. He won prestigious races such as the Jockey Club Gold Cup and the Whitney Handicap, solidifying his status as one of the greatest racehorses of all time.

## **A True Champion**

What sets War Admiral apart from other racehorses is not just his impressive record but also his indomitable spirit. He possessed a fierce competitiveness that drove him to give his all on the racetrack, always striving to outpace his rivals. War Admiral's victories were often marked by his breathtaking displays of speed, leaving spectators in awe of his majesty.

In addition to his exceptional racing skills, War Admiral was also known for his longevity. Unlike many horses who retire after a successful racing career, War Admiral continued to compete into his four-year-old season, further cementing his status as a true champion. His final race, the Massachusetts Handicap, stands as a testament to his mental and physical strength. Despite carrying an extra 11 pounds due to the high weight assignment, War Admiral triumphed, showcasing his resilience in the face of adversity.

## **Legacy and Influence**

War Admiral's impact on the world of horse racing did not end with his retirement. As a sire, he passed down his exceptional genes, producing offspring that carried on his legacy of greatness. The most notable of his descendants is the legendary horse Secretariat, who went on to become another Triple Crown champion in

1973. Secretariat's incredible speed and dominance on the racetrack owe much to his esteemed ancestor, War Admiral.

Today, War Admiral's memory lives on in the Thoroughbred racing community. His racing achievements, exceptional pedigree, and enduring influence make him a beloved figure among racing enthusiasts and historians alike. His story serves as a constant reminder of the unparalleled beauty and grace of this sport, capturing the hearts of millions around the globe.

War Admiral stands as a shining example of what it means to be a true thoroughbred racing legend. His remarkable racing career and unrivaled pedigree have solidified his rightful place in history. From his Triple Crown triumph to his longevity on the racetrack, War Admiral displayed unwavering determination and talent. His lasting influence is seen in his offspring, notably Secretariat, who continue to carry the torch of his greatness. As we look back on the life and achievements of War Admiral, we honor the legacy of this extraordinary creature and the captivating world of thoroughbred racing that he represents.

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Man o' War didn't run in the Kentucky Derby because owner Samuel D. Riddle thought the race came too early in the year and at too taxing a distance. For that reason, Man o' War was denied a bid at a Triple Crown he undoubtedly would have won. But nearly two decades later, Riddle had a change of heart.

In 1937, he agreed to run War Admiral, a son of the great Man o' War, in the Derby. War Admiral swept the Triple Crown and established himself as Man o' War's best son. Author Edward L. Bowen, biographer of Man o' War, chronicles the exploits of his son, including War Admiral's historic battle with the great Seabiscuit. War Admiral raced until the age of five, then was retired to Riddle's farm in Kentucky. There, he distinguished himself as a stallion, siring Horse of the Year Busher and other champions.

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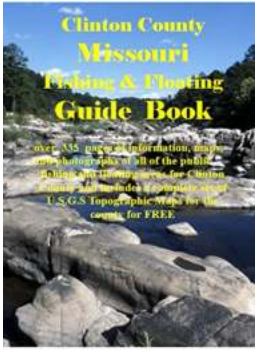
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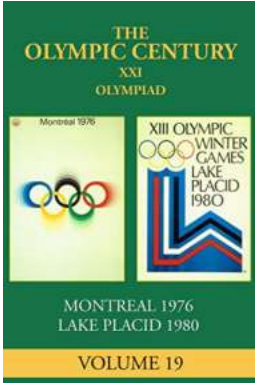
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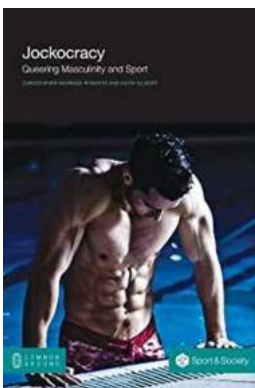
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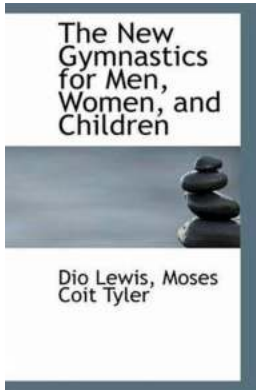
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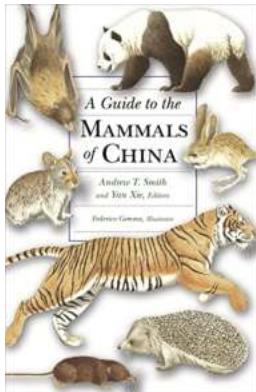
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