

The Thoroughbreds' Compendium

Introduction

The world of thoroughbred racing is a fascinating and complex one, with a rich history and a global reach. In this book, we will explore every aspect of this exciting sport, from the breeding and training of these magnificent animals to the major races and the betting that surrounds them.

Thoroughbred racing is a truly international sport, with races taking place all over the world. However, the United States is undoubtedly the heart of the sport, and it is here that the most prestigious races are held. The Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes, and the Belmont Stakes are the three races that make up the Triple Crown, and winning all three is the ultimate achievement in thoroughbred racing.

In addition to the Triple Crown races, there are a number of other major races held in the United States each year, including the Breeders' Cup Classic, the Pegasus World Cup, and the Santa Anita Handicap. These races attract the best horses in the world, and they offer huge purses to the winners.

Thoroughbred racing is a sport that is steeped in tradition, and there are a number of rules and regulations that govern the sport. These rules are designed to ensure the safety of the horses and the jockeys, and to maintain the integrity of the sport.

Betting is a major part of thoroughbred racing, and there are a variety of different ways to bet on the races. The most common type of bet is the win bet, which is a bet on a horse to win the race. Other types of bets include the place bet, the show bet, and the exacta bet.

Thoroughbred racing is a sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and backgrounds. Whether you are a

seasoned handicapper or a complete novice, there is something for everyone in this exciting sport.

So sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride!

Book Description

The Thoroughbreds' Compendium is the definitive guide to thoroughbred racing in the United States. This comprehensive book covers every aspect of the sport, from the breeding and training of these magnificent animals to the major races and the betting that surrounds them.

Whether you are a seasoned handicapper or a complete novice, The Thoroughbreds' Compendium has something for you. This book is packed with in-depth information and analysis, as well as insider tips and advice from some of the biggest names in the sport.

In The Thoroughbreds' Compendium, you will learn:

- The history of thoroughbred racing in the United States
- The different breeds of thoroughbreds
- The training methods used to prepare horses for racing

- The major races in the United States, including the Triple Crown races
- The different types of bets you can make on horse races
- How to handicap horse races
- How to bet on horse races

The Thoroughbreds' Compendium is the only book you need to become a successful thoroughbred racing fan. With its in-depth coverage of the sport, insider tips, and expert advice, this book will help you to enjoy the excitement of thoroughbred racing like never before.

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Chapter 1: The Legends of the Turf

The Triple Crown Winners

The Triple Crown is the most prestigious achievement in thoroughbred racing, and only 13 horses have ever won all three races. The Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes, and Belmont Stakes are the three races that make up the Triple Crown, and they are all held in the United States.

The first horse to win the Triple Crown was Sir Barton in 1919, and the most recent horse to win the Triple Crown was Justify in 2018. Other famous Triple Crown winners include Secretariat, who won the Triple Crown in 1973, and Seattle Slew, who won the Triple Crown in 1977.

Winning the Triple Crown is a difficult feat, and it requires a horse to be not only talented but also extremely durable. The Kentucky Derby is the first leg of the Triple Crown, and it is run at Churchill Downs in

Louisville, Kentucky. The Preakness Stakes is the second leg of the Triple Crown, and it is run at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Maryland. The Belmont Stakes is the third and final leg of the Triple Crown, and it is run at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York.

The Belmont Stakes is the longest of the three Triple Crown races, and it is also the most difficult. The Belmont Stakes is run at a distance of 1 1/2 miles, and it is often referred to as the "Test of the Champion."

Winning the Triple Crown is a major accomplishment, and it is a testament to the skill of the horse and the trainer. Triple Crown winners are often remembered as some of the greatest horses in history, and they are always a source of pride for their owners and trainers.

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The Most Dominant Thoroughbreds

Throughout the history of thoroughbred racing, there have been a number of horses that have dominated the sport. These horses have won multiple major races and have set records that have stood for decades.

One of the most dominant thoroughbreds of all time is Man o' War. Man o' War won 20 of his 21 starts, including the Belmont Stakes by 20 lengths. He was also the first horse to win \$200,000 in a single season.

Another dominant thoroughbred was Secretariat. Secretariat won the Triple Crown in 1973 in record-breaking time. He also won the Canadian International Stakes by 31 lengths, which is the largest margin of victory in the race's history.

In recent years, Frankel has been one of the most dominant thoroughbreds in the world. Frankel won 14 of his 14 starts, including the 2000 Guineas, the St.

James's Palace Stakes, and the Sussex Stakes. He was also the highest-rated racehorse in the world for two consecutive years.

These are just a few of the most dominant thoroughbreds of all time. These horses have set records that have stood for decades and have inspired generations of fans.

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The Greatest Fillies and Mares

Since the inception of thoroughbred racing, fillies and mares have proven their mettle time and time again, showcasing their athleticism, stamina, and sheer determination on the racetrack. Throughout history, several exceptional fillies and mares have left an indelible mark on the sport, captivating audiences with their remarkable performances and earning legendary status.

One such equine icon is Ruffian, a filly who burst onto the racing scene in the 1970s and quickly established herself as a force to be reckoned with. Known for her blistering speed and indomitable spirit, Ruffian won 10 of her 11 career starts, including victories in the prestigious Coaching Club American Oaks and the Belmont Stakes. Her tragic death in a match race

against Foolish Pleasure only served to cement her legacy as one of the greatest racehorses of all time.

Another legendary filly is Zenyatta, who graced the racetrack in the late 2000s and early 2010s. Zenyatta possessed an extraordinary combination of size, strength, and athleticism, which allowed her to dominate her competition. She won 19 of her 20 career starts, including 16 Grade 1 victories. Her only defeat came in her final race, the Breeders' Cup Classic, where she finished second to Blame by a nose. Despite this setback, Zenyatta retired as one of the most accomplished and beloved racehorses in history.

But the legacy of great fillies and mares extends far beyond Ruffian and Zenyatta. Throughout the decades, numerous other exceptional females have graced the racetrack, including:

- **Secretariat's dam Somethingroyal:** The 1972 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner was out of Somethingroyal, a daughter of

Princequillo, one of the most influential sires in thoroughbred history.

- **La Troienne:** The 1919 Kentucky Derby winner was a daughter of Old Rosebud, a mare who also produced the 1914 Kentucky Derby winner Old Rosebud.
- **Regret:** The 1915 Kentucky Derby winner was a daughter of Broomstick, a son of Bend Or, one of the most influential sires in thoroughbred history.

These are just a few examples of the many great fillies and mares who have made significant contributions to the sport of thoroughbred racing. Their achievements continue to inspire and captivate racing fans around the world, and their names will forever be etched in the annals of racing history.

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