

Legendary horse

Seabiscuit

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Basic information.



- *Seabiscuit - English thoroughbred. Born from a mare named Swing On and stallion Hard Tack (his grandfather was the Man O'War, who was also the father of War Admiral). Years of life - May 23, 1933 - May 17, 1947. He was short for his race and had problems with his legs since birth . No one had seen him in a champion and did not want to work with him.*



Seabiscuit

Here it is evident that he is low and nevzrachen (according to experts)

Jim FitzSimons, the first coach Seabiscuit, said that this horse is lazy and hopeless. He tried to knock the laziness of the horse with the help of the whip, but got only worse - Seabiscuit has become as inaccessible and furious, as was his father.



The fateful acquisition

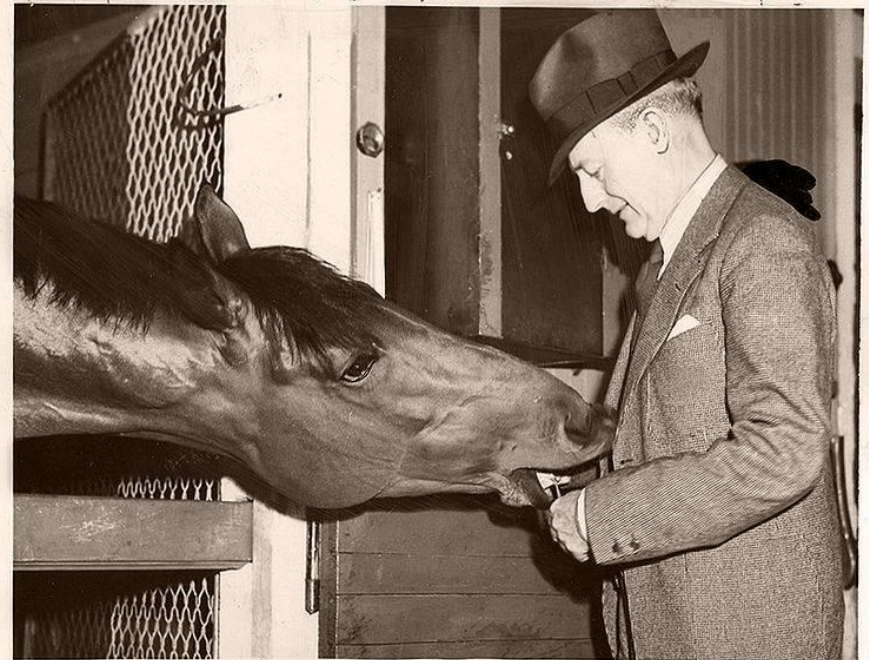


- *Finally the Seabiscuit purchased by Charles Howard (cars owner) for a record low price. The reason for this was the choice of Tom Smith - trainer of horses which had hired for themselves Howard. The choice was made in the early morning when the Seabiscuit was carried out by Thomas. Smith drew attention to the opinion Seabiscuit: "He looked at me as if to ask what I was staring at him." Even whistling breathing Seabiscuit and it limping did not cause Tom interest. He felt the strength and character at this horse and realized that it was a future champion.*



Tom Smith and
Seabiscuit

Charles Howard and
Seabiscuit



"Chosen" jockey.



- The next step training is the selection of jockey for Seabiscuit. This choice was difficult, than choosing a horse. It was connected with the nature of Seabiscuit. No one could establish contact with him. But the eye of Tom caught John Pollard - Canadian jockey. John was tall for a jockey, so enjoyed low demand. But Smith believed that Pollard and Seabiscuit similar character and fate, so see them as a whole. Smith and Howard gave them a chance!



Seabiscuit and John Pollard

Native soul

Up on the podium.



- Together with John Pollard, better known as Red Pollard, under the direction of Smith, who found an individual approach to this horse, Seabiscuit became a win at the races. He began to notice. Twice Seabiscuit defeated before Rosemond due Pollard error. But this is not the cause of the frustration of the people who in those days experienced the great depression. Seabiscuit makes them genuine interest. In 1937 Seabiscuit has won 11 races out of 15. However, the title of Horse of the Year received War Admiral, who won the Triple Crown that season.

War Admiral

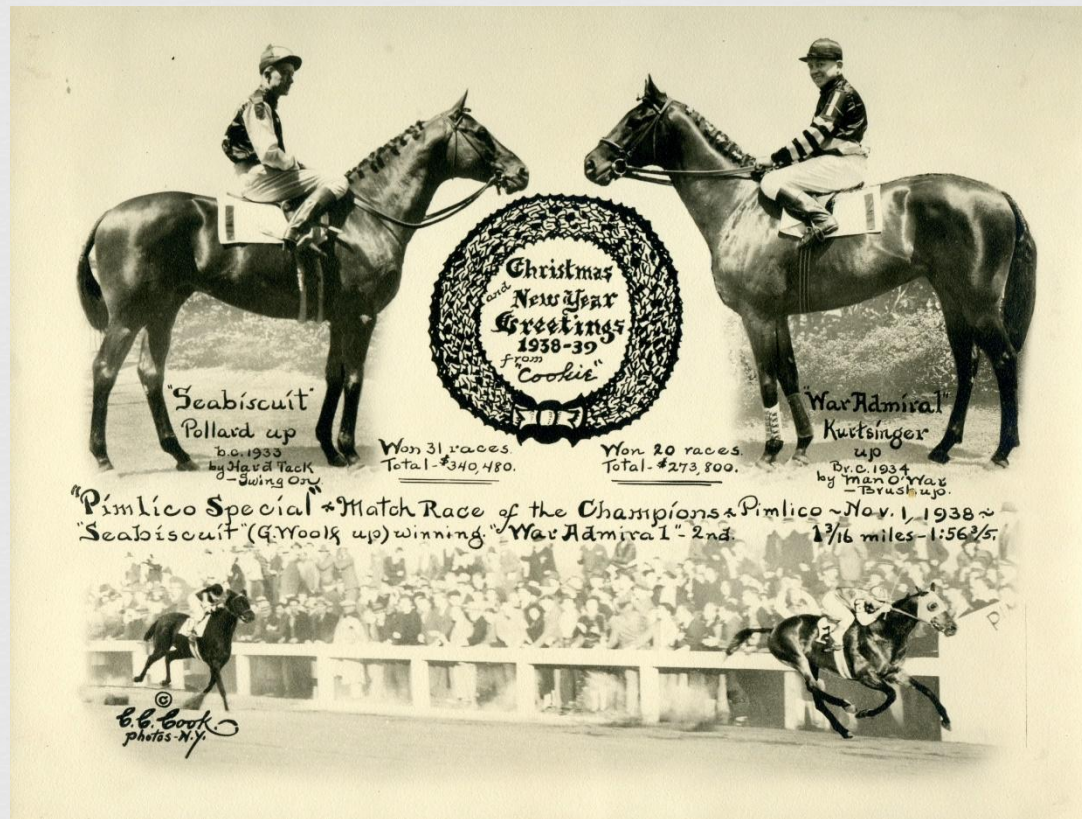


Harassing opponents.



- *In 1938, the team began to search for Seabiscuits meeting with the Admiral on the track. The owner of Admiral carefully avoided it, because I thought that the "Align Admiral against Seabiscuit is like a racehorse against heavy truck - a disgrace to the Admiral." But the team Seabiscuits did not give in. As a result, it was decided that the race will be held in May, but the owner of Admiral conditions. All of America was in anticipation of this event. In all the newspapers the news was paramount.*

Writing in a newspaper.



Race of the century.



- *Shortly before the "Gokey century" Pollard received a serious leg fracture and the doctors forbade him even after the fusion of the bone back into the sport. But the duel is not canceled. In place of Pollard invited his old friend George Wolfe, and the jump was moved to November 1, 1938.*
- *It was one of the most anticipated sporting events in US history. Trains transported fans from all over the country. A to 40,000 spectators at the track were joined by about 40 million. Radio. Almost unanimously they put on Admiral but true California.*
- *There was Admiral feature - escape forward from the start. Smith knew about these features and carefully prepared Seabiscuit pulled out forward.*



Racetrack, which is full of fans.

On the racetrack it was noisy, but even when you exit the Admiral, grandstand not roared as if vyde Seabiscuit. Yes, to Seabiscuit made low rates, but hi caused an incredible respect and love America.



- *The race has begun! Seabiscuit burst forth. But Admiral began to catch up after about 20 seconds, the stands subsided. As it turned out later - it Pollard advised Wolfe to keep Seabiscuit, so he could see the Admiral's eyes, "and then it necessarily will win." And so it happened - Seabiscuit, sensing competition, burst forward and won the race in 4 cases. The crowd was jubilant as ever, even those who put on the Admiral. Seabiscuit was the title holder of "Horse of the Year." And he has become a symbol of faith and hope for the people.*

Seabiscuit and War Admiral.

Photo left - photo realistic Admiral and Seabiscuit. A photo on the right and bottom - photos from the film, shot on real events. The film's title - «Seabiscuit». Rusk in red the form with a symbol of the letter «H».



Two cripples.



□ *Some time after the duel Seabiscuit was injured - ligament rupture of the left front leg. The vet offered to euthanize Seabiscuit, because the road to the sport, according to experts was closed to him. But Seabiscuit took the ranch to Howard, where he was almost drunken John Pollard from his injury. The appearance of the beloved horse has given him hope. There they walked with John Pollard took care of Suharëm and his foot, they were inseparable. Together they rebuilt throughout the year. Seabiscuit filed high hopes, but Howard Pollard suffered leg when John wanted to speak to Seabiscuit in the last race and overtake Rosemond this time.*

Retirement.



□ Yet Howard allowed of John to participate in the races. Alas, they came only third, but it was a great result for the two injured friends. It was the last race for Seabiscuit.



Seabiscuit, Smith and Howard.

Pension.



□ April 10, 1939 it was officially announced that Seabiscuit retires. He went to Ridgewood Ranch near Willits, California. There he lived until his death, leaving behind 108 foals. Of these, two were quite successful - Sea Sovereign and Sea Swallow.

□ At Ridgewood Rancho Howards set statue in honor of Seabiscuit.

There is also a monument to the breadcrumbs at Santa Anita and the National Museum of Racing in New York.



Santa Anita



New York.

Pollard once said: «Everybody thinks that we found this crippled horse and returned it to life. But it's not so! It was he who gave us back hope and faith, that he brought us back to life. All of us!» These words were remembered for centuries.