

#825 Man o' War

We are going to continue dealing with the White Horse Rider and Black Horse Rider, but in doing so we are departing from the series The Black Horse Rider to Man o' War.

Man o' War, the horse. Some consider Man o' War the greatest race horse in American history. He raced in 1919 and 1920 for 16 months, winning 20 of 21 races, and rewrote the record books. By the time he retired, he was a national hero. He brought international recognition to Kentucky breeders and made the United States the racing center of the world. When he retired, he held five American records at different distances and had earned more money than any thoroughbred up to that time. He beat the best horses of his time, including the Triple Crown winner of 1919, Sir Barton. [Man o' War was not entered into the 1920 Kentucky Derby, and therefore did not win the Triple Crown for that year, though he won the Preakness and Belmont Stakes.]



Man o' War by Lee Ellen Smith

Man o' War's time records included:

New World Record, Dwyer Stakes, 1 1/8 miles
New World Record, Belmont Stakes, 1 3/8 miles
New World Record, Lawrence Realization, 1 5/8 miles
New American Record, Jockey Club Stakes, 1 1/2 miles
New American Record, Withers Stakes, 1 mile
New Track Record, Kenilworth Park Gold Cup, 1 1/4 miles
New Track Record, Potomac Handicap, 1 1/16 miles
Equaled Track Record, Travers Stakes, 1 1/4 miles



The greatest race horse of the first half of the 20th century. In a mid-century Associated Press poll, Man o' War was overwhelmingly voted the greatest thoroughbred of the first half of the 20th century. The legendary racing historian John Hervey ("Salvator"), writing in the inaugural volume of "American Race Horses" (1936), said that Man o' War's "renown is not confined to his own land. It has circled the globe and there is no doubt that he is the most widely famous horse in the world."

Here is #825–Doc 1, a Man o’ War poster.

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The greatest race horse of the entire 20th century . . .

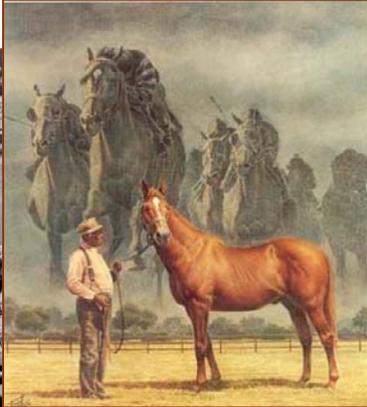
Here is #825–Doc 2, a list compiled in 1999 by The Blood-Horse magazine of what its staff members considered to be **the top 100 racehorses of the 20th century** who had competed in the United States. Man o’ War is ranked #1.

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Key Understanding: *Man o’ War prophetically pointed to the Woodrow Wilson-led men of war and body of Americans in World War I. As you might expect, Man o’ War, the horse, will be tied to 1 Chronicles 28:3. A Man of War cannot build the House of God. As we shall see, Man o’ War, the horse, was ordained by the Lord to prophetically and specifically point to the Woodrow Wilson-led Men of War and Body of Americans in World War I, whose purpose it was to Make the World Safe for Democracy.*

and

Man o’ War		Men of War
		
Woodrow Wilson’s April 2, 1917, war message to “make the world safe for democracy”		Sending men off to fight in World War I

1 Chronicles 28:3 (KJV) But God said unto me [King David], THOU SHALT NOT BUILD AN HOUSE FOR MY NAME, BECAUSE THOU HAST BEEN A MAN OF WAR, AND HAST SHED BLOOD.

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