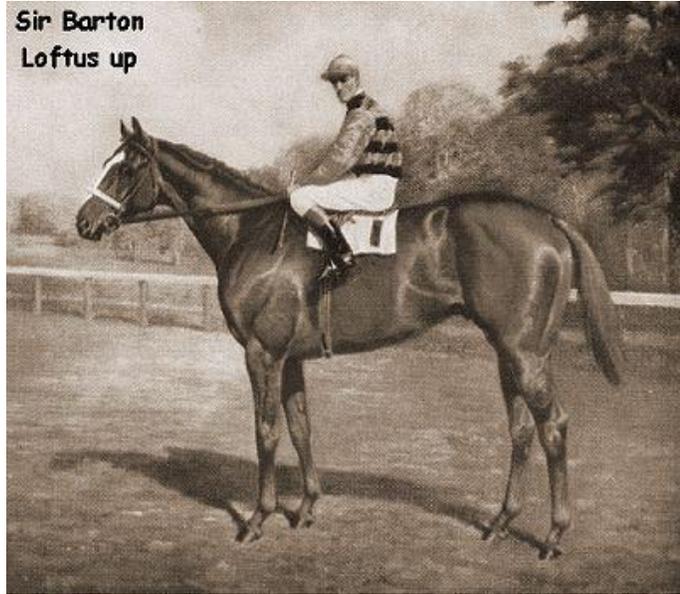


Sir Barton

by Kathleen Jones

Sir Barton was a Triple Crown hero who never received any glory for the task. He raced long before that title was first applied to the three races in 1936.

Sir Barton was purchased for \$10,000 at the Saratoga 2yo sales in 1918 by Commander J.K.L. Ross of Maryland. Ross entered the non-winner Sir Barton in the Kentucky Derby as part of an entry with his much more respected colt, Billy Kelly. Had he been entered separately, he would have been at very long odds.



It was Sir Barton which broke the quickest and led from wire to wire, finishing up an easy five length winner over his stablemate. Then he was shipped immediately to Pimlico to contest the Preakness which was run on Wednesday - only 4 days after the Derby. And he won that also, wire to wire. At one point in the stretch he was leading by 6 lengths, but was eased up to win in a canter by 4 lengths.

The Belmont Stakes was scheduled for June 11, so there was plenty of time to win the Withers Stakes, ten days after the Preakness, before going on to sweep the first Triple Crown.

He stood for a time in Kentucky, siring a few stakes winners like EASTER STOCKINGS, CUDGELLER, NELLIE CUSTIS, CHANCELLOR, and others.

Sir Barton died at the age of 21, after serving his country as a U.S. Cavalry remount stallion. His owner at the time, Dr. J.R. Hylton, buried him on his ranch in the Laramie mountain foothills. His remains were later moved to Washington Park in Douglas, Wyoming, to honor America's first Triple Crown winner.

Pedigree:

Sir Barton, ch.c. foaled 1916	*Star Shoot, 1898	Isinglass (GB), 1890	Isonomy (GB)
			Deadlock (GB)
	Lady Sterling, 1899	Astrology (GB), 1887	Hermit (GB)
			Stella (GB)
	*Aquila, 1891	Hanover, 1884	Hindoo
			Bourbon Belle
		Sterling (GB)	
		Eagle (GB)	

(female family # 9)

Born: 1916, bred in Kentucky by Madden & Gooch

Died: October 30, 1937, (age 21) buried at Washington Park, Douglas, Wyoming

Racing Record:

Year	Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	unp.	earnings
1918	2	6	0	1	0	5	\$ 4,113
1919	3	13	8	3	2	0	88,250
1920	4	12	5	2	3	2	24,494
total		31	13	6	5	7	\$116,857

Stakes Record:

at 2:

- 2nd - Belmont Futurity

at 3:

- won - Kentucky Derby
- won - Preakness Stakes
- won - Belmont Stakes (set new American record, 11f in 2:17 2/5)
- won - Withers Stakes
- won - Potomac Handicap
- won - Maryland Handicap
- won - Pimlico Fall Serial No. 2
- won - Pimlico Fall Serial No. 3
- 2nd - Dwyer Stakes
- 3rd - Havre De Grace Handicap
- 3rd - Pimlico Autumn Handicap
- **Horse of the Year**
- Champion 3yo Colt

at 4

- won - Climax Handicap
- won - Rennert Handicap
- won - Saratoga Handicap
- won - Dominion Handicap
- won - Merchants' & Citizens Handicap
- 2nd - Kenilworth Park Gold Cup (match vs. Man o'War)
- 2nd - Pimlico Fall Serial No. 3
- 3rd - Marathon Handicap
- 3rd - Laurel Stakes
- 3rd - Pimlico Fall Serial No. 2