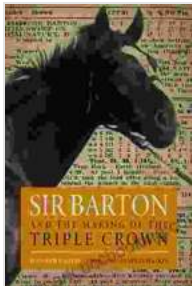


# The Making of the Triple Crown: Sir Barton and History's Legendary Horses



## Sir Barton and the Making of the Triple Crown (Horses in History) by Jennifer S. Kelly

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The Triple Crown is one of the most prestigious achievements in horse racing. Only 13 horses have ever won all three races: the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes, and the Belmont Stakes. The first horse to accomplish this feat was Sir Barton in 1919.

Sir Barton was a bay colt by Star Shoot out of Lady Sterling. He was bred by John E. Madden and raced for his owner, J.K.L. Ross. Sir Barton was a brilliant runner, winning 13 of his 16 starts. He was also a very popular horse, drawing large crowds to his races.

The 1919 Kentucky Derby was run on May 17 at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. Sir Barton was the favorite, and he did not disappoint.

He won the race by five lengths, setting a new track record. Two weeks later, Sir Barton won the Preakness Stakes by 1 ½ lengths.

The Belmont Stakes was run on June 7 at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York. Sir Barton was again the favorite, but he faced a strong challenge from Man o' War. Man o' War was a legendary horse, who is considerado el mejor caballo de carreras de todos los tiempos. He had won 20 of his 21 starts, and he was undefeated in 1919.

The Belmont Stakes was a thrilling race. Sir Barton and Man o' War dueled down the stretch, and Sir Barton won by a nose. He became the first horse to win the Triple Crown.

Sir Barton's victory was a major upset. Man o' War was the heavy favorite, and many people thought that he was unbeatable. But Sir Barton proved that he was a great horse in his own right. He was a tough, determined runner, and he never gave up. His victory inspired a nation, and he helped to make the Triple Crown one of the most prestigious achievements in sports.

Sir Barton's legacy lives on today. He is still considered one of the greatest racehorses of all time, and he is a member of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. His victory in the Triple Crown was a historic moment, and it helped to establish the race as one of the most important events in horse racing.

### **Other Notable Triple Crown Winners**

Sir Barton was the first horse to win the Triple Crown, but he was not the last. Thirteen horses have won the Triple Crown, and each one has a

unique story.

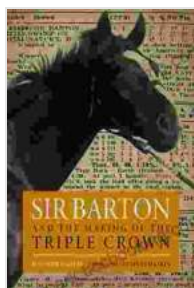
- **Man o' War (1919):** Man o' War is widely considered the greatest racehorse of all time. He won 20 of his 21 starts, and he was undefeated in 1919. Man o' War's victory in the Belmont Stakes was one of the most dominant performances in the history of the race.
- **Gallant Fox (1930):** Gallant Fox was a brilliant runner who won 15 of his 18 starts. He was also a very popular horse, drawing large crowds to his races. Gallant Fox's victory in the Triple Crown was a major upset, as he was not the favorite in any of the three races.
- **Omaha (1935):** Omaha was a tough, determined runner who won 14 of his 19 starts. He was also a very consistent horse, finishing in the top three in all but one of his races. Omaha's victory in the Triple Crown was a major upset, as he was not the favorite in any of the three races.
- **War Admiral (1937):** War Admiral was a brilliant runner who won 18 of his 26 starts. He was also a very popular horse, drawing large crowds to his races. War Admiral's victory in the Triple Crown was a major upset, as he was not the favorite in any of the three races.
- **Whirlaway (1941):** Whirlaway was a brilliant runner who won 19 of his 24 starts. He was also a very popular horse, drawing large crowds to his races. Whirlaway's victory in the Triple Crown was a major upset, as he was not the favorite in any of the three races.
- **Count Fleet (1943):** Count Fleet was a brilliant runner who won 16 of his 21 starts. He was also a very popular horse, drawing large crowds to his races. Count Fleet's victory in the Triple Crown was a major upset, as he was not the favorite in any of the three races.

- **Assault (1946):** Assault was a brilliant runner who won 14 of his 18 starts. He was also a very popular horse, drawing large crowds to his races. Assault's victory in the Triple Crown was a major upset, as he was not the favorite in any of the three races.
- **Citation (1948):** Citation was a brilliant runner who won 19 of his 29 starts. He was also a very popular horse, drawing large crowds to his races. Citation's victory in the Triple Crown was a major upset, as he was not the favorite in any of the three races.
- **Secretariat (1973):** Secretariat is widely considered one of the greatest racehorses of all time. He won 16 of his 21 starts, and he set new track records in all three Triple Crown races. Secretariat's victory in the Belmont Stakes was one of the most dominant performances in the history of the race.
- **Seattle Slew (1977):** Seattle Slew is the only horse to win the Triple Crown undefeated. He won all 14 of his starts, and he set new track records in all three Triple Crown races. Seattle Slew's victory in the Triple Crown was a major upset, as he was not the favorite in any of the three races.
- **Affirmed (1978):** Affirmed is the only horse to win the Triple Crown twice. He won the Triple Crown in 1978 and 1979. Affirmed was a brilliant runner who won 22 of his 29 starts. He was also a very popular horse, drawing large crowds to his races.
- **American Pharoah (2015):** American Pharoah is the most recent horse to win the Triple Crown. He won the Triple Crown in 2015, and he became the first horse to win the Triple Crown since Affirmed in 1978. American Pharoah was a brilliant runner who won 9 of his 11 starts. He was also a very popular horse, drawing large crowds to his races.

The Triple Crown is one of the most prestigious achievements in sports. It is a difficult race to win, and only 13 horses have ever accomplished the feat. These horses are all legends, and they have inspired millions of people around the world.



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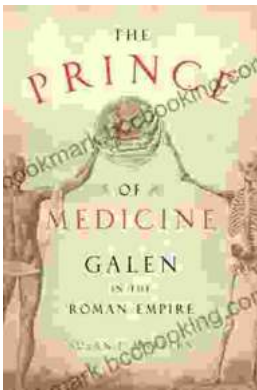
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