

Dr. Fager: A Thoroughbred Legend Unraveled

Dr. Fager, the legendary thoroughbred racehorse, captivated the hearts of racing enthusiasts and left an enduring mark on the sport. His extraordinary talent and indomitable spirit earned him a place among the greatest horses of all time, and his story continues to inspire generations of racing fans.

Dr. Fager's journey began on January 6, 1964, at Claiborne Farm in Kentucky. He was sired by Rough 'n Tumble, a six-time stakes winner, and foaled out of Aspidistra, a stakes-placed daughter of Native Dancer. From the moment of his birth, Dr. Fager exuded an air of exceptional quality. His classic bay coat, muscular frame, and piercing gaze hinted at the greatness that lay within.

Dr. Fager made his racing debut at Aqueduct Racetrack in New York in September 1966. Despite facing a seasoned field of rivals, he demonstrated an overwhelming dominance. Starting slowly, he surged past his opponents in the backstretch and cruised to a commanding victory by nearly seven lengths.



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This debut sparked a remarkable winning streak that would eventually stretch to 18 consecutive races, a feat unmatched in the history of thoroughbred racing. Among his most impressive victories during this streak was the 1968 Belmont Stakes, where he set a track record that still stands today.

Dr. Fager's extraordinary talent extended beyond his winning streak. He set numerous world records and earned the reputation as one of the fastest horses of his era. In the 1968 Travers Stakes, he ran the 1¼ mile distance in a record-breaking 2:00.80, a full four seconds faster than the previous record.

His epic battles with fellow racing legend Damascus added to his mystique. The two horses met five times, with Dr. Fager emerging victorious in four of those encounters. Their rivalry became a captivating spectacle, pitting the two finest horses of their time against each other.

Dr. Fager's racing career came to an end in 1969, but his legacy continued to live on. He retired with an astounding record of 18 wins and 2 second-place finishes in 22 career starts, earning a staggering \$1,196,541 in earnings.

Dr. Fager's influence on the sport of thoroughbred racing was profound. His bloodline has produced countless successful racehorses, and his name remains synonymous with speed and excellence. He was inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in 1973, a fitting tribute to his extraordinary achievements.

In his acclaimed book, "Dr. Fager: Thoroughbred Legends," renowned racing journalist Steve Haskin delves into the life and legacy of this legendary horse. The book provides a comprehensive account of Dr. Fager's racing career, his impact on the sport, and the enduring legacy he left behind.

Haskin's engaging prose brings readers inside the world of Dr. Fager and his connections. He recounts the thrilling victories, the epic battles, and the behind-the-scenes stories that shaped the legend. The book is a must-read for any racing enthusiast or anyone interested in the extraordinary world of thoroughbred racing.

Dr. Fager's story is an enduring testament to the thrill, excitement, and enduring legacy of thoroughbred racing. His exceptional talent, indomitable spirit, and unwavering determination earned him a place among the greatest horses of all time. Steve Haskin's book, "Dr. Fager: Thoroughbred Legends," captures the essence of this legendary champion, offering readers an unforgettable journey into the heart of the sport.



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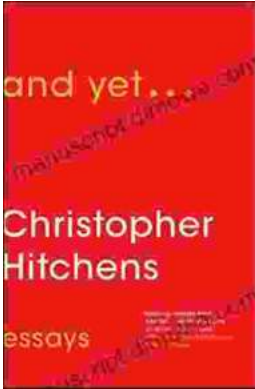
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