



GRAND SLAM

A Photographic Storybook of
AMERICAN PHAROAH
and the 2015 Breeders' Cup

On October 30th and 31st, the the bluegrass of Lexington, Kentucky and historic Keeneland Racecourse played host to the 2015 Breeders' Cup World Championships. The especially memorable weekend was highlighted by the presence of American Pharoah and the first opportunity for a Triple Crown winner to compete in the event. With American Pharoah targeting a start in the \$5,000,000 Breeders' Cup Classic, the racing world awaited the possibility that the 12th Triple Crown winner could take the Classic and become the first horse to capture what was billed as the "Grand Slam." This is a photographic journey American Pharoah's quest and the rest of first Breeders' Cup ever held in the hometown of American Thoroughbred racing.

Photo this page: American Pharoah eyes the Breeders' Cup Classic and the chance at history in becoming the first horse to win the newly minted "Grand Slam"





FLASHBACK

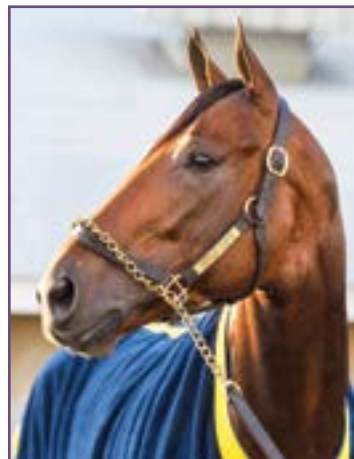
Just two months before the Breeders' Cup it became unclear if American Pharoah would continue his career as a race horse. In what would become his final start before the Breeders' Cup, American Pharoah suffered the second loss of his career when he finished 3/4 of a length behind late running Keen Ice in the Travers Stakes at Saratoga Racecourse. This is a brief look back at American Pharoah's time at Saratoga and what some feared would be his final race.



Top L to R: The arrival of American Pharoah at Saratoga demonstrated the level of his celebrity. Media greeted him at the airport and thousands of fans showed up on the Friday morning before the Travers just to watch the Triple Crown Champion gallop. The scene was unlike any gallop many witnessed before and American Pharoah seemed to feed off the energy from the crowd. In fact, he may have worked a little too fast and it's possible this extra effort negatively impacted his Travers run the following day; - American Pharoah follows many greats before him that also walked over the legendary Saratoga grounds. His presence at the track inspired many to refer to it as "Pharoahtoga" during Travers week; American Pharoah poses outside his Saratoga barn; Attendance was capped on Travers day and anyone without a ticket purchased in advance was denied entry to the track. Still, people lined the streets outside just to get a glimpse of American Pharoah as he walked over from his barn before the Travers; Despite the anticipation and excitement of the week, "The Graveyard of Champions" held true to it's moniker as Keen Ice upsets the Travers with American Pharoah finishing in second. It was American Pharoah's first loss since he broke his maiden as a two-year-old. The defeat also meant that Whirlaway remained the only Triple Crown winner to also win the Travers; For only the second time (the other being his first start), American Pharoah didn't enter the winner's circle after a race. As if it were almost a "rite of passage," American Pharoah joined legendary horses such as Man o' War and Secretariat as champions that also lost at "The Spa." After the Travers, speculation ensued that American Pharoah may retire sooner than expected and his owner, Ahmed Zayat, even mentioned feeling his gut was telling him to retire the champion. Upon leaving Saratoga, it was truly unclear if American Pharoah would ever race again or if he would continue his quest for the Breeders' Cup Classic.



PERSEVERENCE





Previous page L to R: Despite the disappointment at Saratoga, American Pharoah remained in training. Trainer, Bob Baffert monitored his colt closely while looking for any indicator they should not proceed toward the Breeders' Cup. However, American Pharoah began thriving once again and the team proceeded toward the Breeders' Cup for the final race of the champions career. American Pharoah's final gallops in preparation for the race would occur on the Keeneland training track, amidst the bluegrass and rolling hills of Lexington, Kentucky; American Pharoah seemed to relish the cooler temperatures of Kentucky and posted strong gallops leading up to the Classic. While he had newfound doubters after his Saratoga defeat, American Pharoah trained like a horse destined to win the Classic; American Pharoah exits the Keeneland training track in the warm glow of the sun on a autumn morning in Kentucky; The champion poses after a bath outside his Keeneland barn.



This page top L to R: The Keeneland paddock's trees and long walking paths provide a serene area for all Breeders' Cup entrants to be saddled; As fans that live and breathe horse racing, the Keeneland faithful appreciated the thrill of their home track hosting the Breeders' Cup; The call to the post is played to start the 2015 Breeders' Cup; The beauty of Keeneland in the fall provided a setting unlike any other Breeders' Cup that demonstrated a recognition of and appreciation for the heritage of the sport; An outrider's mount, moments before another Breeders' Cup race; The field leaving the gate in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf

KEENELAND





BEAUTIFUL



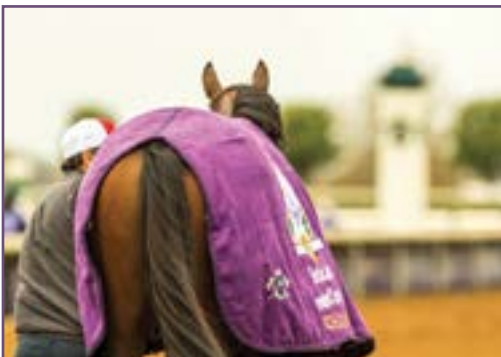
HISTORICAL



This page L to R: The connections of Mongolian Saturday accept their trophy while demonstrating another example of the international competition that is the Breeders' Cup World Championships; The Breeders' Cup statue on display at Keeneland; The iconic decor is only part of what makes Keeneland such a beloved track to many; Fans around Keeneland supported American Pharoah and hoped he would end his historic career with a victory in America's richest race; Around every turn, Keeneland reminded you of it's beauty and that there is great reason it is the home of Thoroughbred racing in America; Although significantly smaller compared to Santa Anita, a total of 95,000 fans packed Keeneland for the Breeders' Cup over the two day event. That was just 3,000 less than the previous years total at Santa Anita; The Keeneland tote board is dressed in Breeders' Cup purple



MEMORABLE



This page L to R: In the heart of the Lexington countryside, Keeneland is rooted in the land that is the foundation of American Thoroughbred racing; The undefeated Nyquist looks ahead as a possible early favorite for the 142nd Kentucky Derby after his win in the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile; The number two ranked horse in the world (behind American Pharoah), Golden Horn, ventured from Europe to contest the Breeders' Cup Turf. Golden Horn won the prestigious Prix De l'Arc de Triomphe (G1) in his last start before the Breeders' Cup. His eventual second place finish in the Breeders' Cup Turf was only the second loss of his career.; Found gets a hug after her spectacular win over Golden Horn in the Breeders' Cup Turf; Victor Espinoza and American Pharoah walk in their final post parade together prior to the Breeders' Cup Classic

Above: American Pharoah gives the Keeneland fans and racing world everything it hoped for as he romps to victory in the Breeders' Cup Classic and becomes the first horse to win the Grand Slam. Despite losing last out in the Travers, American Pharoah scores his most dominant win after racing against and defeating older horses for the first time in his career. The Pharoah won by a smashing 6 1/2 lengths and posted a track record time of 2:00.07 for the 1 1/4 miles. The win also awarded American Pharoah a Beyer Speed Figure of 120, the highest of both his career and of any horse posted in 2015. It was a perfect ending to his already Hall of Fame career.



THE MOMENTS



This page L to R: Reminiscent of the Belmont Stakes, the crowd erupts as American Pharoah wins the Breeders' Cup Classic and creates another moment that is forever etched into the history of racing; American Pharoah parades after a moment that could be considered the greatest ever witnessed at Keeneland; Owner, Ahmed Zayat gives his homebred colt a kiss in thanks for the wonderful accomplishments he earned on the track; American Pharoah is the first Triple Crown winner to be draped in the Breeders' Cup Classic garland; Victor Espinoza guides American Pharoah back toward the winner's circle for one final time; American Pharoah receives a military escort as he walks off the track for the final time in his career; Another happy American Pharoah fan that will never forget the moment just witnessed at Kenneland



THE MEMORIES

This page L to R: The connections of American Pharoah at the press conference following the Breeders' Cup. From left to right - Justin Zayat (Zayat Stables Racing Manager and son of Ahmed Zayat), Victor Espinoza (jockey), Ahmed Zayat (owner), Bob Baffert (trainer) and Bode Baffert (Baffert's son); The connections of American Pharoah accept the trophy for winning the Breeders' Cup Classic; In a classy move, Hall of Fame trainer, D. Wayne Lukas asks for the microphone during the Breeders' Cup Classic press conference to commend and thank Bob Baffert for his wonderful handling of American Pharoah; Fans and media swarm around the always gentle and people-loving champion; Bob Baffert shares American Pharoah with his adoring fans the morning after the Breeders' Cup; A lucky fan pats American Pharoah on the head and thanks him for the magical ride he provided everyone throughout 2015



BREEDERS' CUP WINNERS

Friday, October 30, 2015



Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1)

1 Mile on Turf - \$1,000,000

Horse: Hit It a Bomb, Bay Colt, by War Front out of Liscanna (IRE), by Sadler's Wells. Foaled February 20, 2013 in KY

Breeder: Mrs. E. Stockwell, Owner: Mrs. Evelyn M. Stockwell

Trainer: Aidan O'Brien, Jockey: Ryan Moore



Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1)

1 Mile on Turf - \$1,000,000 - Horse:

Catch a Glimpse, Chestnut Filly, by City Zip out of Halo River, by Irish River (FR). Foaled May 13, 2013 in Kentucky

Breeder: Branch Equine, LLC

Owner: Barber, Gary, Ambler, Michael James & Windways Farm

Trainer: Mark Casse

Jockey: Florent Geroux



Las Vegas Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1)

1 Mile on Dirt - \$1,000,000 - Horse:

Liam's Map, Gray or Roan Colt, by Unbridled's Song out of Miss Macy Sue, by Trippi. Foaled March 14, 2011 in Kentucky,

Breeder: Albaugh Family Stable LLC

Owner: Teresa Viola Racing Stables and West Point Thoroughbreds,

Trainer: Todd Pletcher

Jockey: Javier Castellano



Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1)

1 1/8 Miles on Dirt - \$2,000,000 - Horse:

Stopchargingmaria, Dark Bay or Brown Filly, by Tale of the Cat out of Exotic Bloom, by Montbrook. Foaled March 26, 2011 in Kentucky

Breeder: Harvey Clark & Brookdale Farm LLC

Owner: Town & Country Farms, Corp.

Trainer: Todd Pletcher

Jockey: Javier Castellano

Saturday, October 31, 2015



14 Hands Winery Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1)

1 1/16 Miles on Dirt -

\$2,000,000 - Horse:

Songbird, Dark Bay or Brown Filly, by Medaglia d'ora out of Ivanavinalot, by West Acre. Foaled April 30,

2013 in Kentucky,

Breeder: John An-

tonelli, Owner: Fox

Hill Farms, Inc.,

Trainer: Jerry Hollendorfer, Jockey: Mike Smith - continued>



TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1)

5.5 Furlongs on Turf - \$1,000,000
Horse: Mongolian Saturday, Bay Gelding, by Any Given Saturday out of Miss Hot Salsa, by Houston. Foaled March 3, 2010 in Kentucky
Breeder: Normandy Farm, Owner: Mongolian Stable
Trainer: Enebish Ganbat, Jockey: Florent Geroux



TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (G1)

7 Furlongs on Dirt - \$ 1,000,000
Horse: Wavell Avenue, Dark Bay or Brown Filly, by Harlington out of Lucas Street, by Silver Deputy. Foaled March 9, 2011 in Ontario
Breeder: Eugene Melynk
Owner: Dubb, M.,

Simon, D., Head of Plains Partners LLC and Bethlehem Stables LLC, Trainer: Chad Brown, Jockey: Joel Rosario



Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (G1)

1 3/16 Miles on Turf - \$2,000,000
Horse: Stephanie's Kitten, Bay Mare, by Kitten's Joy out of Unfold the Rose, by Catienus. Foaled March 26, 2009 in Kentucky
Breeder: Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, Owner: Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.
Trainer: Chad Brown, Jockey: Irad Ortiz, Jr.



TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1)

6 Furlongs on Dirt - \$1,500,000
Horse: Runhappy, Bay Colt, by Super Saver out of Bella Jolie, by Broken Vow. Foaled March 4, 2012 in Kentucky
Breeder: Wayne Lyster, Gray Lyster & Bryan Lyster, Owner: James McIngvale
Trainer: Maria Borell, Jockey: Edgar Prado

Breeders' Cup Mile (G1)

1 Mile on Turf - \$2,000,000
Horse: Tepin, Bay Filly, by Bernstein out of Life Happened, by Stravinsky. Foaled March 14, 2011 in Kentucky
Breeder: Machmer Hall
Owner: Robert E. Masterson
Trainer: Mark Casse

Jockey: Julien Leparoux
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Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1)
 1 1/16 Miles on Dirt - \$2,000,000
 Horse: Nyquist, Bay Colt, by Uncle Mo out of Seeking Gabrielle, by Forestry. Foaled March 10, 2013 in Kentucky
 Breeder: Summerhill Farm
 Owner: Reddam Racing LLC
 Trainer: Doug O'Neill
 Jockey: Mario Gutierrez



Longines Breeders' Cup Turf (G1)
 1 1/2 Miles on Turf - \$3,000,000
 Horse: Found (IRE), Bay Filly, by Galileo (IRE) out of Red Evie (IRE), by Intikhab. Foaled March 13, 2012 in Ireland
 Breeder: Roncon, Wyatt & Chelston
 Owner: Tabor, Michael B., Magnier, Mrs. John, and Smith, Derrick
 Trainer: Aidan O'Brien
 Jockey: Ryan Moore



Breeders' Cup Classic (G1)
 1 1/4 Miles on Dirt - \$5,000,000
 Horse: American Pharoah, Bay Colt, by Pioneerof the Nile out of Littleprincessemma, by Yankee Gentleman. Foaled February 12, 2012 in Kentucky
 Breeder: Zayat Stables
 Owner: Zayat Stables, LLC
 Trainer: Bob Baffert
 Jockey: Victor Espinoza

Steve Heurtz Bio

It started with a horse named Cowboy. Disregarded and discounted, this nine-year-old Red Dun Quarter Horse left his life as a ranch horse in South Dakota and ventured a new path into the life of Steve Heurtz in 2004. Shortly thereafter, a bond was formed that fully catapulted Steve into the world of the horse where he became fascinated with the wonderful capabilities of this majestic animal. Of particular interest were the speed, endurance and competitive spirit demonstrated by the equine heroes within the sport of Thoroughbred Racing. Although initially satisfied with observing from afar, Steve became increasingly captivated by the sport and turned toward capturing the splendor of racing via his other passion, photography. The result was a recipe where he could combine his great love for horses, racing and photography into one harmonious blend that was greater than the sum of its parts. Since then, racing has taken Steve across the country to such wonderful places as Saratoga Race Course, Churchill Downs, Santa Anita Park, Pimlico Race Course, Belmont Park, Keeneland and Hooiser Park. During these travels, Steve has been fortunate to witness and photograph equally wonderful races such as the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes (racing's famed Triple Crown) as well as the Travers Stakes, Santa Anita Derby, Indiana Derby, Stephen Foster Handicap and Breeders' Cup, among

others. However, residing in the Chicago suburb of St. Charles, IL, Steve regularly frequents Arlington Park and Hawthorne Race Course where he has enjoyed capturing magnificent races like the Arlington Million and Hawthorne Gold Cup. Today, Steve's passion for horses, racing and photography is like a fire that continues to be stoked. While either behind the lens capturing the thrill of a Grade 1 race or in the saddle loping around a field with Cowboy, Steve as learned to operate under the simple truth that the more he is able to involve the horse in his life, the happier his days become.



Steve Heurtz; Steve's horse and loyal friend, Cowboy, a 20-year-old, Red Dun Quarter Horse

