

= Springbok (horse) =

Springbok (1870 ? 1897) was an American Thoroughbred racehorse who won the seventh Belmont Stakes in 1873 . Foaled in 1870 , he was sired by the imported stallion Australian , his dam was a daughter of Lexington . During his racing career he started 25 races , winning 17 of them . Besides the Belmont , Springbok won the Saratoga Cup twice , in 1874 and 1875 and was named Champion Older Male horse in 1874 and 1875 . After retiring from the racetrack , he sired five stakes winners and died in 1897 .

= = Early life = =

Springbok was sired by the imported horse Australian and out of the mare Hester . Hester was by Lexington and out of a mare named Heads I Say by imported stallion Glencoe . Springbok was foaled in 1870 , and was a chestnut stallion , bred by A. J. Alexander of Woodburn , Kentucky . Springbok was one of 26 stakes winning foals sired by Australian . Springbok was Hester 's only stakes winning foal .

At two years of age , Springbok was owned and raced by Daniel Swigert , but was sold that year to David McDaniel for \$ 2 @, @ 000 (approximately \$ 40 @, @ 000 today) .

= = Racing career = =

Springbok won the seventh running of the Belmont Stakes in 1873 at Jerome Park Racetrack . He carried 110 pounds (50 kilograms) in the race , which had a winning time of 3 minutes 11 ? 4 seconds . He won \$ 5 @, @ 200 (approximately \$ 103 @, @ 000 today) for his owner from the race . The race was run on June 7 over a distance of 1 5 ? 8 miles (i.e. 13 furlongs (2 @, @ 600 meters)) on a fast track . He won the race by four lengths from the second placed finisher , Count D 'Orsay , and the third place was Strachino . The winning jockey was James Rowe , Sr. , later to be a noted trainer . This was the third of three consecutive wins of the Belmont Stakes by David McDaniel as both owner and trainer , as he had already won the 1871 race with Harry Bassett and the 1872 race with Joe Daniels .

Besides the Belmont , Springbok won the 1874 and 1875 Saratoga Cup and the 1874 Citizens Stakes . During the 1870s , the Saratoga Cup was a 2 1 ? 4 miles (3 @, @ 600 m) race . In 1874 , Springbok won the race while carrying 108 pounds (49 kg) , beating Preakness who came in second , and Katie Pease , who placed third . The winning time was 4 minutes 113 ? 4 seconds , with a value to the winner of \$ 2 @, @ 450 (approximately \$ 51 @, @ 000 today) . His 1875 Saratoga Cup win was a dead heat with the horse Preakness . In that race , Springbok carried 114 pounds (52 kg) , and the winning time was 3 minutes 56 1 ? 4 seconds . Third place was secured by Grinstead . The win paid \$ 2 @, @ 250 (approximately \$ 48 @, @ 000 today) to Springbok 's owner .

Springbok 's total race career was 25 starts with 17 wins for a total earnings of \$ 20 @, @ 020 (approximately \$ 431 @, @ 000 today) . He is considered to be the 1874 American Champion Older Male Horse , and also the Champion Older Male Horse for 1875 , a title he shared with Preakness .

= = Breeding career = =

In his breeding career , Springbok sired the stakes winners Audrain , East Lynne , Ethel , Huntress , and Vallera . Audrain , an 1881 stallion out of Alme by Planet , won the 1884 Latonia Derby , 1884 St. Louis Derby and the 1884 Hindoo Stakes . East Lynne was an 1882 mare out of Easter Planet by Planet . East Lynne won the 1885 Dixie Stakes and the 1885 Hunter Handicap . Ethel , an 1888 mare out of La Vena by Planet , won the 1890 Clipsetta Stakes and the 1891 Ashland Oaks . Huntress was an 1885 mare out of Edith by the imported stallion Saxon . Huntress won the 1887 Clipsetta Stakes , the 1888 St. Louis Oaks , and the 1889 Cincinnati Hotel Handicap . Vallera , an 1888 stallion out of Valasco by Pat Malloy , won the 1891 Tennessee Derby , 1891 Travers Stakes ,

and the 1891 Kenner Stakes .

Springbok died on March 19 , 1897 at the Megibben @-@ Edgewater farm in Kentucky .