

= Blacklock (horse) =

Blacklock (1814 ? 24 February 1831) was a British Thoroughbred racehorse who won seventeen of his twenty @-@ three races . As a two @-@ year @-@ old in 1816 he was undefeated in three starts . In his first race as a three @-@ year @-@ old he finished second in the St. Leger , a neck behind Ebor . He then won four races in two weeks , including the Gascoigne Stakes and Dundas Stakes . In 1818 he recorded several wins including two of the Great Subscription Purses at York . He won a third Great Subscription Purse in 1819 , along with the York Gold Cup . After retiring from racing , Blacklock became a successful stallion and was champion sire of Great Britain in 1829 , the year his son Voltaire won the Doncaster Cup . He was owned by Thomas Kirby as a two @-@ year @-@ old , before being purchased by Richard Watt , who owned him for the remainder of his racing career . Blacklock was trained by Tommy Sykes .

= = Background = =

Blacklock was a bay colt bred by Francis Moss and foaled in 1814 . He was sired by Whitelock , who won a number of races in the north of England . Whitelock was a son of St. Leger and dual Doncaster Cup winner Hambletonian , who was only defeated once in his career . Blacklock 's dam was a daughter of Coriander . He was the seventh of her nine foals , the youngest of which being 1822 St. Leger winner Theodore . Francis Moss had bought Blacklock 's dam for £ 3 in 1803 .

Blacklock was not thought to be a good @-@ looking horse . He was described as having " a head like a half @-@ moon " and being calf @-@ kneed . Thomas Kirby purchased him from Moss for £ 40 .

= = Racing career = =

= = = 1816 : Two @-@ year @-@ old season = = =

Blacklock , who was then unnamed and raced under the name " Mr. Kirby 's b. c. by Whitelock , dam by Coriander " , made his racecourse debut on 23 August 1816 at York in a sweepstakes of 20 guineas each for two @-@ year @-@ olds . After starting at the price of about 3 / 1 he won the race , with the judge being unable to place any of his five rivals . On 11 September at Pontefract , he faced three opponents for a sweepstakes of 20 guineas each over one mile (1609 metres) . He started as the 13 / 8 favourite and won the race . Shylock finished in second place , with Angelica in third . Blacklock was then purchased by Richard Watt . Racing in Watt 's colours (Harlequin) and ridden by jockey J. Jackson , Blacklock made his final start as a two @-@ year @-@ old at Doncaster on the 24 September when he competed in another sweepstakes of 20 guineas each . He started as the 4 / 7 favourite and won the race from the Young Woodpecker colt , who was followed by Eglinton . Blacklock apparently won the race easily .

= = = 1817 : Three @-@ year @-@ old season = = =

Blacklock , still unnamed , had his first race as a three @-@ year @-@ old in the St. Leger Stakes at Doncaster on Monday 22 September . He did not arrive at Doncaster until the Saturday before , and after reports that he was amiss his odds had lengthened to as much as 10 / 1 in the betting . After arriving , he had a gallop in the afternoon and soon shortened in the betting . After another of the pre @-@ race favourites , Stainborough , was withdrawn due to illness Blacklock was sent off as the short @-@ priced favourite at about evens . Blacklock appeared like he was going to win easily and Jackson eased him up in the final furlong (200 metres) of the race . However , Ebor and Restless began to quickly close down his lead . By the time Jackson realised , Blacklock could not accelerate quick enough and Ebor came out on top , beating Blacklock by a neck . Restless finished in third place and was the only other runner that could be placed by the judge . Blacklock had a

crack in one of his hind heels , which was thought to have affected him in the race .

Two days after the St. Leger , Blacklock faced St. Helena over the same course and distance in the Gascoigne Stakes , which he won easily . Twenty @-@ four hours later , Blacklock lost to The Duchess in the Doncaster Club Stakes over two miles . On 8 October at Richmond he won a sweepstakes of 20 guineas each , beating four rivals , with Boroughman finishing second . Later in the day Blacklock won the Dundas Stakes , beating Rasping , D.I.O and Shepard into second , third and fourth respectively .

== = 1818 : Four @-@ year @-@ old season == =

Blacklock , racing under his name for the first time , started the 1818 season much earlier than he had done the previous two seasons , with his first race coming on 18 May at the York Spring Meeting in a sweepstakes of 20 guineas each over two miles . He started as the 1 / 2 favourite , but could only finish third behind St. Helena . Two days later he started as the 4 / 6 favourite for the Constitution Stakes over a mile @-@ and @-@ a @-@ quarter . His biggest rival was expected to be the Duke of Leeds 's Rasping , who was priced at 2 / 1 . Blacklock won the race from Rasping , with Hornby in third and Whiff last of the four runners .

Blacklock did not race again until August at York , where he ran in the four @-@ mile Great Subscription Purse for four @-@ year @-@ olds . He started as the evens favourite and faced three rivals ; Agatha , St. Helena and a filly by Orville . Blacklock won the race by over 100 yards (91 metres) without being asked for an effort , causing some people to proclaim " nothing has been seen at all equal to Mr. Watt 's Blacklock since the days of Eclipse . " This referring to the ease with which Eclipse won his races . Agatha finished the race in second place and St. Helena in third . The race was won in a time of 7 minutes 23 seconds . The next day he beat Silenus to win the four @-@ mile Great Subscription Purse for four and five @-@ year @-@ olds . Later in the same day he started as the 1 / 2 favourite in a two @-@ mile sweepstakes of 25 guineas each , where he faced four opponents . Despite it being his third race in two days he won , beating Rasping into second place .

Blacklock then went to Doncaster , where on 23 September , he started 1 / 2 favourite and beat The Duchess to win the Doncaster Stakes over four miles . The same day he also walked over for a sweepstakes of 50 guineas each over the St. Leger course . Twenty @-@ four hours later he beat Rasping to win a sweepstakes of 25 guineas each over four miles . , and then went on to beat The Duchess to win the Doncaster Club Stakes . This was his fourth race in the space of two days . At Richmond in October he won his second Dundas Stakes , this time beating King Corney . Later in the day Blacklock finished last of four runners behind winner Doctor Syntax in the Richmond Cup over four miles . Doctor Syntax had started in the lead , but was overtaken by Blacklock after only 200 yards . Blacklock held the lead until about half a mile from the finish , when Doctor Syntax joined him again . Blacklock then swerved out of line , allowing Doctor Syntax to win easily . By the time The Richmond Cup was run Blacklock was apparently unwell and was coughing repeatedly during the race .

== = 1819 : Five @-@ year @-@ old season == =

On 17 May 1819 at York , Blacklock finished second of seven in a two @-@ mile sweepstakes of 20 guineas each . The race was won by The Marshall . On 18 May he started as the evens favourite for the two @-@ mile Gold Cup . He won the race , with Paulowitz finishing second , Torch @-@ bearer third and Otho fourth . At the York August Meeting , Blacklock faced three rivals in the four @-@ mile Great Subscription Purse for five @-@ year @-@ olds and older . The Duchess started as the 5 / 2 favourite , with Blacklock and St. Helena both at 3 / 1 and Magistrate at 4 / 1 . Blacklock won the race from Magistrate , with The Duchess finishing in third place . Blacklock 's final race came two days later , when he finished second to St. Helena in a sweepstakes of 25 guineas each over two miles . During his racing career Blacklock had twenty @-@ three races , winning seventeen of those , placing second four times and third once .

= = Race record = =

a Only the winner could be placed by the judge .

= = Stud career = =

Blacklock was retired to stud , where he became a successful stallion . He first stood at Bishop Burton in Yorkshire , with his fee initially set at 15 guineas and half a guinea for the groom (Thomas Barrow) . He was then leased to Thomas Kirkby in York for four seasons where he stood for a much lower fee . In 1827 he was at Bildeston in Suffolk and was commanding a stud fee of twelve guineas . His fee reached up to 25 guineas .

Blacklock was champion sire of Great Britain in 1829 . His progeny included :

Brutandorf (1821) ? won the Tradesmen 's Cup and Stand Cup at Chester in 1826 . As a sire he produced the Grand National winner Gaylad and Hetman Platoff , who won several cups . He was also grandsire of Derby winner Cossack .

Brownlock (1822) ? won 25 races .

Belzoni (1823) ? won the York St. Leger and later became a successful sire of hunters . He produced Vanguard , who won the Grand National in 1843 .

Laurel (1824) ? won the Doncaster Cup in 1828 . Through one of his unnamed daughters he was the damsire of Oaks winners Rhedycina and Governess .

Robin Hood (1825) ? won ten races including two Newcastle Gold Cups .

Belinda (1825) ? finished second in the St. Leger at Doncaster . As a broodmare she foaled Gimcrack Stakes winner Tuscan , as well as Lollypop , who became the dam of Doncaster Cup winner Sweetmeat .

Miss Pratt (1825) ? foaled Echidna , who was the dam of The Baron . The Baron won the St. Leger and sired the influential stallion Stockwell .

Velocipede (1825) ? won the York St. Leger , York Gold Cup and Liverpool Cup . He sired Derby winner Amato , Oaks and St. Leger winner Queen of Trumps and 2000 Guineas winner Meteor .

Tranby (1826) ? won the Oatlands Stakes in 1832 and ran four four @-@ mile legs in George Osbaldeston 's successful attempt to ride 200 miles in 10 hours .

Voltaire (1826) ? won the Doncaster Gold Cup and finished second in the St. Leger in 1829 . He sired Derby and St. Leger winner Voltigeur . Voltigeur 's son Vedette was the grandsire of the undefeated St. Simon , who became Champion sire nine times . It is mainly through St. Simon that Blacklock 's sire line survives today .

Moss Rose (1827) ? won the Dee Stakes at Chester .

Belshazzar (1830) ? finished third in an Ascot Gold Cup . He sired 1000 Guineas winner Cara and was later sent to America .

Blacklock mare ? foaled Progress , who was the dam of Derby winner Attila .

Blacklock died on 24 February 1831 at Bishop Burton after rupturing a blood vessel when covering a mare . His death was described as " instantaneous " . In total Blacklock sired the winners of 442 races and over £ 50 @,@ 000 .

= = Pedigree = =