

= Luke McLuke =

Luke McLuke ( 1911 ? c . 1929 ) was a bay Thoroughbred stallion born in the United States ; he won the 1914 Belmont Stakes , the Carlton Stakes , Kentucky Handicap , and Grainger Memorial Handicap among his four wins from six starts . After his racing career was over , he became a breeding stallion , where he sired 11 stakes winners . Two of his daughters were named as year @-@ end Champions in the United States .

= = Breeding and background = =

Luke McLuke 's sire was Ultimus , and his dam was an imported mare named Midge , a daughter of the English Thoroughbred Trenton . Midge 's dam was another imported mare named Sandfly by the English stallion Isonomy . Ultimus was inbred to Commando , as both his sire and dam were sired by Domino . Ultimus never raced , however .

Luke McLuke was bred by James R. Keene at Castleton Stud , but was sold , along with the entire stock of the 1911 foal crop , in 1912 as yearlings . He was originally bought as part of a group lot of all 16 of the colts , bought by William A. Prime for \$ 25 @,@ 000 ( about \$ 613 @,@ 000 as of 2016 ) , who promptly turned around sold the horses to Edward R. Bradley . Bradley then auctioned them off for a total of \$ 57 @,@ 650 ( around \$ 1 @,@ 414 @,@ 000 as of 2016 ) shortly after purchasing them . John Schorr of Memphis , Tennessee bought Luke McLuke for \$ 1 @,@ 700 ( approximately \$ 42 @,@ 000 as of 2016 ) . Although unraced as a two @-@ year @-@ old , Luke McLuke raced as a three @-@ year @-@ old for Schorr . In Schorr 's ownership , the stallion won the Belmont Stakes .

Luke McLuke was expected to be a sprinter , as his breeding , especially on his sire 's side , was mostly raced at shorter distances .

= = Racing career = =

Luke McLuke won the Belmont on June 20 , 1914 , carrying 126 lb ( 57 kg ) and with M. Bruxton as his jockey . He earned a total of \$ 3025 for the win . The time for the 1 3 ? 8 mi ( 2 @.@ 2 km ) race was 2 minutes and 20 seconds , beating Gainer and Charlestonian . On June 30 , 1914 , he ran in the Carleton Stakes , which was a 1 @-@ mile ( 1 @.@ 6 km ) -long race for three @-@ year @-@ olds . He earned \$ 5 @,@ 125 ( around \$ 121 @,@ 000 as of 2016 ) for the win , which was made in 1 minute 38 and 4 ? 5 seconds . Luke McLuke carried 126 lb ( 57 kg ) in the race and his jockey was M. Buxton . He beat Charlestonian again , as well as Stromboli and Figinny . He also won the Kentucky Handicap and Grainger Memorial Handicap that year . The Grainger was a race for three @-@ year @-@ olds and up , at a distance of 1 1 ? 4 mi ( 2 @.@ 0 km ) and was run at Churchill Downs in Louisville , Kentucky . Luke McLuke carried 100 lb ( 45 kg ) in the race , and was ridden by A. Neyton for the win . Second place was Rudolfo and third went to Solar Star . The win earned him \$ 11 @,@ 500 ( \$ 272 @,@ 000 as of 2016 ) , and the winning time was 2 minutes and 2 and 4 ? 5 seconds .

Luke McLuke was trained by Schorr 's son , J. F. Schorr . Luke McLuke 's race wins in 1914 helped make the elder Schorr the leading owner for 1914 , the second time he had earned that title . The younger Schorr was the leading trainer in 1914 , the first time he topped that list . The stallion 's overall racing record was four wins in six starts with one second and one third . His total earnings on the racetrack were \$ 22 @,@ 050 ( \$ 541 @,@ 000 as of 2016 ) .

= = Breeding career and legacy = =

In 1925 , Luke McLuke was owned by J. O. Keene and stood at stud at Keeneland Stud in Lexington , Kentucky . He sired 11 stakes winners , including Nellie Morse , Anita Peabody , and Mr. Sponge . Nellie Morse won the 1924 Preakness Stakes and was named the 1924 Champion Three @-@ Year @-@ Old @-@ Filly . Anita Peabody won the Futurity Stakes and the Debutante Stakes

and was named 1927 Champion Two @-@ Year @-@ Old Filly . In all , Luke McLuke sired 85 foals in 13 foal crops ; 55 of his foals started races , with 40 of those starters winning races for a total of \$ 449 @,@ 783 . His daughter Nellie Morse was the dam of Nellie Flagg , the 1934 Champion Two @-@ Year @-@ Old Filly . After her racing career was over , Nellie Flagg went on to become one of the foundation broodmares at Calumet Farm in Kentucky . A grandson was Three Bars , out of a Luke McLuke daughter named Myrtle Dee . Three Bars went on to become an influential sire of Quarter Horses , and was named to the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in 1989 . Another daughter , Nursemaid , produced the 1966 Kentucky Broodmare of the Year , Juliets Nurse . Luke McLuke 's granddaughter Nellie Flagg was in turn the dam of Mar @-@ Kell , the 1943 Champion Handicap Mare .

The Chicago Tribune reported the death of Luke McLuke in February 1929 , but noted the horse had died suddenly in his exercise paddock at the farm of John Hertz many weeks before the press release . He was recorded as dead in the 1932 edition of the American Racing Manual .

= = Pedigree = =