**Kelso**

Kelso raced for eight years—1959 through 1966. As a 2 year-old in 1959 Kelso was gelded and won only 1 race out of 3 starts. As a 3 year-old in 1960 he was brilliant and was elected 3 year-old champion and horse of the year. As a 4 year-old in 1961, as a 5 year-old in 1962, as a 6 year-old in 1963 and as a 7 year-old in 1964 Kelso was named handicap horse of the year and horse of the year. Handicap horse racing entailed adding weight to the better older horses to make races more competitive (this is rarely done today). In spite of always carrying more weight than his opponents Kelso usually won. In 1965 Kelso won 3 of 6 races as an 8 year-old and in 1966 as a 9 year-old he ran one race, lost it and was retired. Upon his retirement *Blood-Horse* magazine observed: *Kelso demonstrated the durability of class. No horse in our time was so good, so long. His was mature greatness*.

Past Performance

Races Started 63

First Places 39

Second Places 12

Third Places 2

Earnings $1,977,896