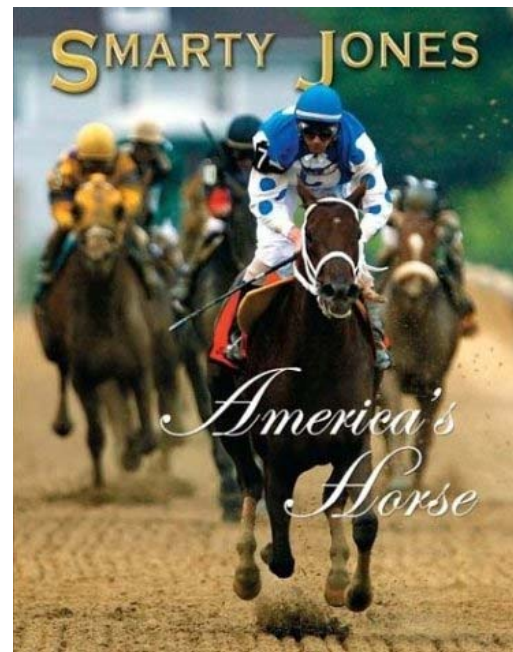


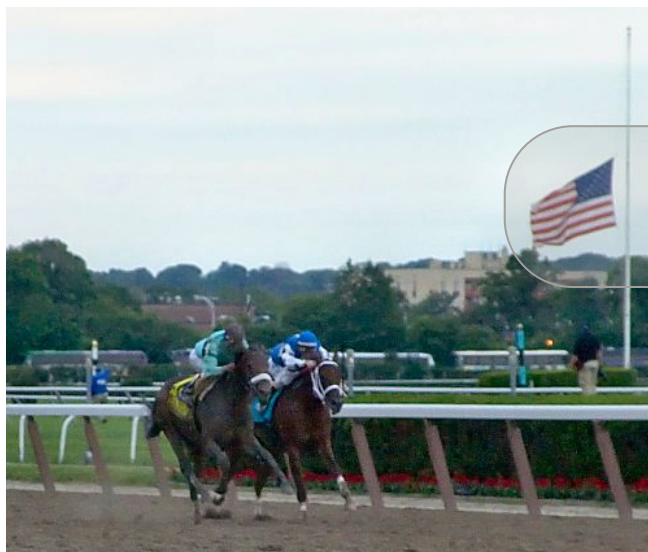
#816 The Black Horse Rider – Two Moments of Silence: The June 5, 2004, death of Ronald Reagan and the June 5, 2004, Belmont Stakes defeat of Smarty Jones

On June 5, 2004, a crowd of 120,139, the largest in the history of the Belmont Stakes up to that time, converged on Belmont Park hoping to see the undefeated Smarty Jones become horse racing's twelfth Triple Crown winner and the first since Affirmed in 1978. After the start of the day's events, the news broke nationally that the 40th President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, had died. His passing was announced to the Belmont Stakes crowd early in the card, a moment of silence was held, and the flag at Belmont Park was placed at half-mast.



Key Understanding: *The death of Ronald Reagan and the defeat of Smarty Jones.* To further show the aspect of Ronald Reagan as the Black Horse Rider, the Lord ordained that the June 5, 2004, death of Ronald Reagan occur shortly before the start of the June 5, 2004, Belmont Stakes, where Smarty Jones was attempting to win the Triple Crown.

The defeat of Smarty Jones on 6/5 was symbolic of the 6/5 death of Ronald Reagan, the Revelation 6:5 Black Horse Rider. That is why there were *two moments of silence* at Belmont Park that day, one officially held for Ronald Reagan, after he died, and one unofficially for Smarty Jones, after he lost. Quoting one source . . . “The loud cheers of the record Belmont crowd dropped to a deafening silence, quieter still than the moment of silence observed for President Reagan who passed away the same day.” [Source: <http://www.horse-races.net/library/article-smarty.htm>]



A picture of Birdstone and Smarty Jones coming down the stretch in the June 5, 2004, Belmont Stakes, with the U.S. flag at half-mast in memory of Ronald Reagan

The Black Horse Rider (Ronald Wilson Reagan/U.S.) and Sergeant York, the horse

*Revelation 6:5 (KJV) And when he had opened **THE THIRD SEAL**, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo **A BLACK HORSE**; and he [Ronald Reagan, who died on June 5, 2004, symbolically dismounting for the last time the black horse, Sergeant York] that sat on him had **A PAIR OF BALANCES IN HIS HAND**. [December 10, 1991, was Black Horse Day, meaning that the Black Horse Rider U.S. defeated the Red Horse Rider USSR on that day, during the administration of George H. W. Bush. “Many were made white.”]*



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