

Hindoo

by Kathleen Jones



Hindoo was born a leggy, weak-flanked foal that hardly looked like a horse of destiny. But he was fated to carry on the sire line of *Glencoe. He appeared on the track for the first time under Mr. Swigert's colors at the Lexington track on May 13, 1880. Earlier in the day, a substantial price had been offered for him (reportedly \$20,000) but the offer was refused. After seven undefeated starts, the two year old was put away for the season, but then rushed back into training at the last minute to attempt two juvenile stakes at Saratoga. The plan was ill-advised and the colt's reputation was tarnished by year's end. At three he began again at Lexington, and launched into one of the most remarkable series of victories in Turf history. His eighteen consecutive wins are still remembered to this day as a phenomenal accomplishment. His only two non-victories came at the end of a long year's efforts. Hindoo was the leading money-earner in the United States in 1881, though two American horses, Foxhall and Iroquois, won more in England.

At four he added several more stakes, including the Louisville Cup and Coney Island Cup, both of which were run at 2 1/4 miles. Hindoo went wrong following the last-mentioned race and was retired to stud. He was not unsound, but a tendon sheath was bothering him, and the trainer was no longer willing to risk the horse by galloping him hard.

Hindoo was a rich bay with a star and the off hind pastern white. Many of his line were much more brightly marked, so Hindoo was considered to look quite plain in color. He stood just under 16 hands tall and weighed about 900 pounds while in training. He had a slightly plain head, large eyes, muscular neck and good shoulders. The racing magazine Spirit of the Times reported that his only fault was "*a long back, which some call weak, and at times looks slack in the flanks especially after several hard races. But he has a fine spread of quarters, great length from hip to round-bone. Many say he is leggy and delicate, but we think his record shows that he stood the ordeal like a tough one.*"

The same reporter says "*A sweeter-tempered colt never sported silk. He was like wax in the hands of the jockey. He would never do more than was asked of him, yet his courage was the highest. He did what was required, and after he had his field beaten, was content to drop down into a canter. He was never excited by contest nor crowd, and was business-like under all circumstances.*"

At stud, Hindoo was off to a great start, getting HANOVER, JIM GORE and HINDOO ROSE in his first crop. When his first foals were three years old, they place their sire Hindoo second to Glenelg on the general sire list, with winners of 35 races, and earnings of \$103,352, of which amount Hanover alone accounted for \$89,828. In 1888, he got the

brilliant race mare SALLIE McCLELLAND from whom descend such greats as WHISK BROOM II, CRUSADER, TOP FLIGHT, and others.

Pedigree:

Hindoo, b.c. foaled 1878	Virgil, 1864	Vandal, 1850	*Glencoe
			Tranby Mare
	Florence, 1869	Hymenia, 1851	*Yorkshire
			Little Peggy
		Lexington, 1850	Boston
			Alice Carneal
*Weatherwitch, 1858	Weatherbit		
	Birdcatcher Mare		

(female family # 24)

Born: April 12, 1878, Daniel Swigert's farm, Lexington, Kentucky.
 Died: July 1901, (age 23) Runnymede Stud, Paris, Kentucky.

Racing Record:

Year	Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	unp.	earnings
1880	2	9	7	1	1	0	\$ 9,800
1881	3	20	18	1	1	0	49,100
1882	4	6	5	1	0	0	12,975
total		35	30	3	2	0	\$71,875

Stakes Record:

at 2:

- won - Colt and Filly Stakes
- won - Alexander Stakes
- won - Tennessee Stakes
- won - Juvenile Stakes
- won - Jockey Club Stakes
- won - Criterion Stakes
- won - Tremont Stakes
- 2nd - Day Boat Line Stakes
- 3rd - Windsor Hotel Stakes

at 3:

- won - Blue Ribbon Stakes
- won - Kentucky Derby
- won - Clark Stakes
- won - Tidal Stakes
- won - Coney Stakes
- won - Ocean Stakes
- won - Lorillard Stakes
- won - Monmouth Sweepstakes
- won - Travers Stakes
- won - Sequel Stakes
- won - U.S. Hotel Stakes
- won - Champion Stakes
- won - New Jersey St. Leger
- 2nd - Brighton Beach Handicap
- 3rd - September Handicap

at 4

- won - Louisville Cup
- won - Merchants' Stakes
- won - Turf Handicap
- won - Coney Island Handicap
- won - Coney Island Cup
- 2nd - Dixiana Stakes