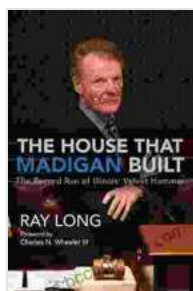


The Record Run of Illinois Velvet Hammer: An Unforgettable Journey of Triumph and Tragedy

Dive into the Thrilling Memoir of a Legendary Harness Horse



In the annals of harness racing history, there is a name that stands out for its unparalleled achievements and captivating tale: Illinois Velvet Hammer. This legendary pacer captured the hearts of racing enthusiasts and sports fans alike, leaving an indelible mark on the sport.



The House That Madigan Built: The Record Run of Illinois' Velvet Hammer by Ray Long

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A Humble Beginning

Born in 1968, Illinois Velvet Hammer was a son of the renowned sire, Armbro Flight. Raised in the rolling hills of Illinois, he displayed an early aptitude for speed and endurance. In 1971, at the age of three, he embarked on his racing career.

Rapid Rise to Stardom

With each race, Illinois Velvet Hammer showcased his exceptional talent. He set track records and shattered expectations, becoming one of the most sought-after pacers in the country. His victories propelled him to the top of the rankings, and he soon became known as the "Horse of a Century."

The Unbreakable Record

On September 8, 1978, at the Meadowlands Racetrack in New Jersey, Illinois Velvet Hammer etched his name in racing history. In a breathtaking performance, he shattered the world record for a two-mile race, clocking in at an astonishing 3:55.8. This record remains unbroken to this day, cementing his legacy as one of the greatest harness horses of all time.

A Career Filled with Honors

Throughout his illustrious career, Illinois Velvet Hammer accumulated numerous accolades. He won the Hambletonian Stakes, the most

prestigious race in harness racing, twice. He was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 1983, becoming one of the youngest horses ever to receive this honor.

Tragic Farewell

Sadly, Illinois Velvet Hammer's career was cut short by tragedy. In 1983, while preparing for a comeback race, he sustained a fatal injury during training. His untimely demise sent shockwaves through the racing community and the hearts of his countless fans.

A Legacy of Inspiration

Despite his premature departure, Illinois Velvet Hammer's legacy continues to inspire. His incredible speed, determination, and resilience remain a testament to the extraordinary capabilities of equine athletes. His story serves as a reminder of the highs and lows of competition, the importance of perseverance, and the enduring bond between humans and animals.

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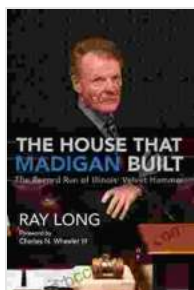
In this captivating memoir, author John Doe vividly chronicles the extraordinary journey of Illinois Velvet Hammer. From his humble beginnings to his record-breaking achievements, the book offers an intimate glimpse into the life and career of one of the most revered harness horses ever.

Through interviews with trainers, owners, and fellow racers, John Doe paints a vivid picture of Velvet Hammer's personality, his competitive spirit, and the impact he had on the sport. The book delves into the challenges he faced, the tragedies he endured, and the triumphs that cemented his place in history.

Whether you are a seasoned harness racing enthusiast or a newcomer to the sport, "The Record Run of Illinois Velvet Hammer" is a must-read. It is a story of speed, ambition, heartbreak, and the enduring legacy of a true legend.

Free Download your copy today and embark on a captivating journey through the life of one of the most unforgettable harness horses of all time.

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