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“Endurance: Secretariat’s Triple Crown at 50” Exhibition Opens at the National Sporting Library & Museum

MIDDLEBURG, Virginia – February 16, 2023 – The National Sporting Library & Museum’s exhibition, *Endurance: Secretariat’s Triple Crown at 50*, opened on January 26, 2023 and is on view until May 14, 2023. The NSLM will host one event for the exhibition, on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 5:00pm.

2023 marks the 50th anniversary of Virginia’s most famous racehorse, Secretariat, winning the Triple Crown (1973). This feat had not been achieved since Citation in 1948. Secretariat’s triumph captivated America, and its memory has become even more pronounced with time. Those who were witness to the Thoroughbred’s victory set out to document this historic event in print, photo, and paint.

The Library’s Forrest E. Mars, Sr. Exhibit Hall has been transformed into a celebration of the endurance of this sports hero’s story. The exhibition features work by Richard Stone Reeves, Marshall Hawkins, as well as features items on loan from the Tweedy family.

As a prelude to Derby weekend, please join us for an in-depth tour of the exhibit with the George L. Ohrstrom, Jr. Curator of Library Collections, Dr. Colleen Yarger on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 5:00pm. After the tour, enjoy a Kentucky Derby inspired reception in anticipation of Derby weekend.

The National Sporting Library & Museum is located in Middleburg, VA, the heart of beautiful horse country. Founded in 1954, the renowned research Library and fine art Museum highlight the rich heritage and tradition of country pursuits. Angling, horsemanship, shooting, steeplechasing, foxhunting, flat racing, polo, coaching, and wildlife are among the subjects one can explore in the organization’s general stacks, rare book holdings, archives, and art collection. The NSLM offers a wide variety of educational programs, exhibitions, and family activities throughout the year, and is open to researchers and the public. There is no admission fee to the Library. The Museum charges \$10 for adults, \$8 for youths (age 13–18), and \$8 for seniors. NSLM members and children age 12 and under are admitted free of charge. Library & Museum hours are Thursday–Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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Marshall P. Hawkins
(American, ca. 1910–1988)

Going to the Post for the Running of the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico, 1973

Black and white photograph

Marshall Hawkins Photograph Collection



Newsweek

June 11, 1973



Sports Illustrated

June 11, 1973

Richard Stone Reeves Archive

Gift of Richard Stone "Tony" Reeves, Jr. and

Nina S. Reeves



TIME

June 11, 1973

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Richard Stone Reeves

(American, 1919–2005)

Secretariat, 1973

Oil on canvas, 24 x 29 ¾ inches

Gift of Nina S. Reeves, 2021

Forrest E. Mars, Sr. Exhibit Hall installation.



Promotional graphic for exhibition.