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## **SCP Auctions Presents the Eugene V. Klein Horse-Racing Collection within its 2017 Fall Premier Auction**

*Lineup includes the prestigious 1985 Preakness 'Woodlawn Vase' Trophy*

**Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Oct. 25, 2017)** – SCP Auctions is proud to present the Eugene V. Klein Horse-Racing Collection as part of its current 2017 Fall Premier Auction. Each of the 52 different horse-racing lots originates from the recently closed San Diego Hall of Champions museum and online bidding runs through Sat., November 4, at [www.scpauctions.com](http://www.scpauctions.com). Proceeds from the online auction will benefit the Hall's ongoing awards and recognition programs, community outreach initiatives, and the Breitbard Hall of Fame, which was recently relocated to the Western Metal Supply Co. Building in Petco Park.

The late Klein was a businessman who loved sports and successfully combined the two pursuits in multiple arenas. He was the owner of the NFL's San Diego Chargers from 1966 to 1984, a founding partner of the NBA's Seattle SuperSonics, and ultimately became a major figure in thoroughbred horse racing. In 1982, he established the 237-acre Del Rayo Racing Stables in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., and quickly made one of his greatest hires: successful horse trainer D. Wayne Lukas who became a U.S. Racing Hall of Fame inductee in 1999. Together, they led seven different horses to Breeders' Cup titles in three separate divisions: "Juvenile" (Capote, 1986, Success Express, '87, and Is It True, '88); "Juvenile Fillies" (Twilight Ridge, 1985, and Open Mind, 1988); and "Distaff" (Life's Magic, 1985, and Lady's Secret, '86). Among his most famous thoroughbreds, besides Lady's Secret and Open Mind, were Tank's Prospect, which won the 1985 Preakness Stakes, and Winning Colors, just the third filly ever to win the Kentucky Derby, a feat she accomplished in 1988.

In just seven years of racing, Klein and his team raced six champions – two of which are now in the U.S. Racing Hall of Fame (Lady's Secret and Winning Colors) – and earned a total of 11 Eclipse Awards, which are given annually to the champions of the sport in various categories. Personally, Klein was voted the winner of the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Owner three years running (1985 to '87). The top lot up for bid among these coveted treasures is the impressive 1985 Preakness Stakes Championship Trophy, also known as "The Woodlawn Vase," which is entirely made of sterling silver and is valued at up to \$40,000.

Bidding is open to registered bidders only at [www.scpauctions.com](http://www.scpauctions.com) and initial bidding ends on Sat., Nov. 4, at 5 p.m. PDT. For more information on how to participate and take part in the bidding, please call 949-831-3700 or visit [www.scpauctions.com](http://www.scpauctions.com).

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