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Steve Cauthen: English Odyssey

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Key features

- A complete study of the American prodigy who took the UK by storm
- Nicknamed the 'Kentucky Kid', Steve Cauthen recalls the horses and the personalities, as well as the highs and the lows in his own inimitable way
- His riding style transformed English racing and his relationship with trainers such as the late Sir Henry Cecil has become one of the golden periods of flat racing in the UK
- Fully supported by the *Racing Post* through all their channels, including mailing and email via their extensive membership database

Description

Steve Cauthen commenced his 14-year 'English Odyssey' in April 1979. The erstwhile 'Kentucky Kid' had taken American racing by storm but the teenage prodigy's slump of 110 consecutive losers saw him cross the Atlantic seeking to resurrect his career. Within weeks of his arrival 'The Kid' won an English Classic, the 2000 Guineas. He went on to become the only jockey to win both the Derby and the Kentucky Derby (plus those of Ireland, France and Italy), to be the most recent jockey to win an English Triple Crown courtesy of Oh So Sharp in 1985, and secure three jockeys' championships – making him the only man to win titles in both America and England. Cauthen was a supreme stylist who transformed English race-riding: his streamlined American toe-in-the-iron seat and clock-in-the-head judgement of pace sparking widespread imitation. The list of household names benefitting from his sublime talents are legion and this most articulate of jockeys recalls every one of them in his own inimitable style.

Details

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