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John "Red" Pollard and Seabiscuit made a great pair. Pollard called his much-loved horse "Pops." Image online, courtesy Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation. PD

<u>Red Pollard</u> was Seabiscuit's <u>primary</u> jockey. Blind in one eye, he kept his ailment a secret. As he <u>rode</u> <u>Seabiscuit</u> to victory after victory, who would have ever suspected that problem?

Pollard, who had ridden horses since he was a young boy, was the third member of Seabiscuit's private "triple crown." All three men (Howard, Smith and Pollard) were indispensable players in Seabiscuit's drive to fame.

But the renowned horse never competed for horse-racing's top prize. The triple crown (winning the Kentucky Derby, the <u>Preakness Stakes</u> and the <u>Belmont Stakes</u>) is only available to three-year-olds. When Seabiscuit was a three-year-old colt, he was not in top-notch form.

He never raced for the triple crown.

When "The Biscuit" was <u>four years old</u>, in 1937, Pollard helped his favorite horse to dramatically improve. He <u>won</u> the <u>Massachusetts Handicap</u> purse of \$70,530, in record-breaking time, at <u>Suffolk Downs</u> in <u>August</u> of that year.

It was just the start of really great things.

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