

Variety Picks Grace Kelly, Brando as Oscar Winners

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(INS)—Daily Variety's eighth annual straw poll of members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences today picked Grace Kelly and Marlan Brando winners in tomorrow's Oscar derby.

The Hollywood trade paper's poll, which has chalked up a lifetime average of .851 and which was 100 per cent accurate on two occasions, made its selections on the basis of a poll of more than 15 per cent of the 1,600 academy members.

The poll showed the win-

ners as:

Best picture, "On the Waterfront"; best actress, Grace Kelly; best actor, Marlan Brando; best supporting actress, Eva Marie Saint; best supporting actor, Edmond O'Brien; best direction, Elia Kazan; best screenplay, George Seaton ("The Country Girl"); best song, "Three Coins in the Fountain."

Variety stated that "On the Waterfront" appears certain to win four of the top eight major Oscars, and that "The Country Girl" should win two golden statuettes.