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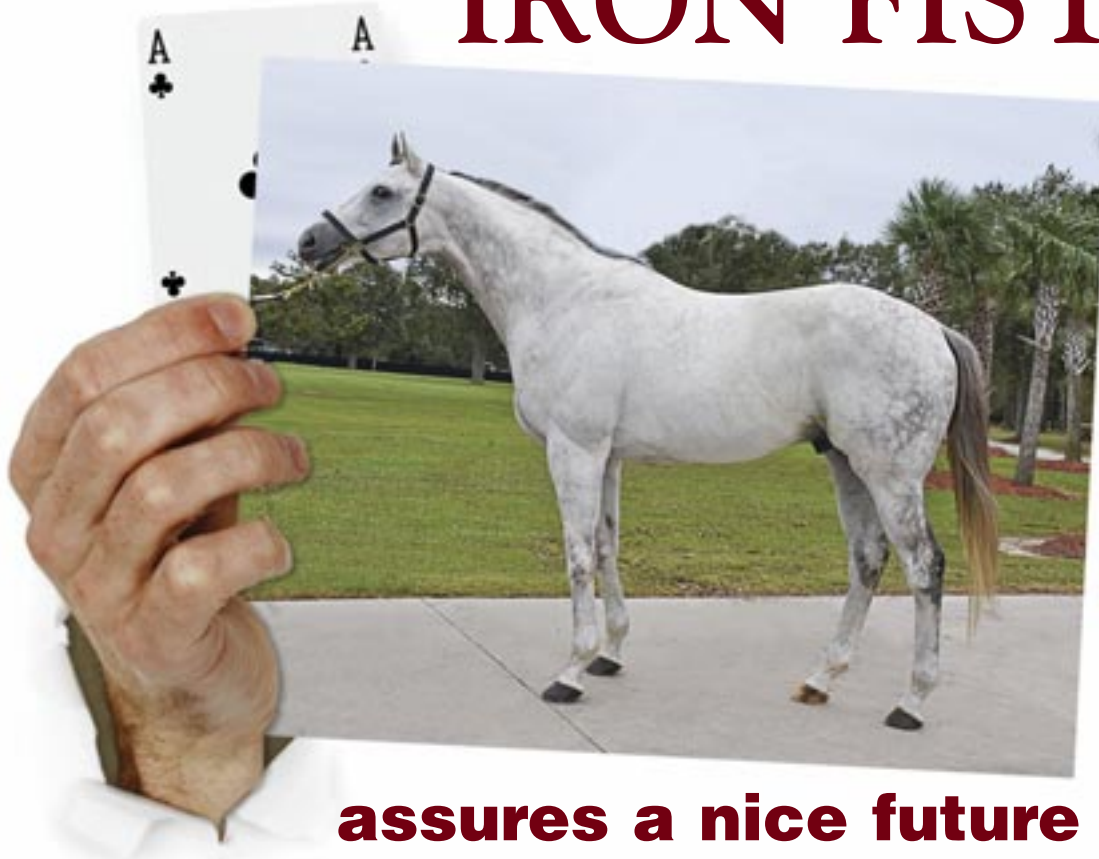


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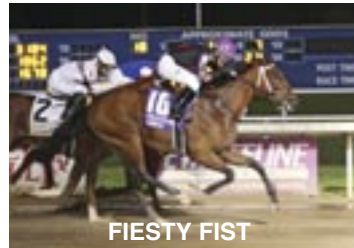
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BREEDING SHED

Keeping the Membership informed, LTBA President Warren J. Harang, III

Breeding and foaling season are now well under way. Breeders are spending many restless nights awaiting the results of last year's pairings and dreaming that they will eventually be earning breeders awards checks with the resulting foals, and that their athletes might be honored as a champion in the future.

You can read in this magazine about the 2021 Accredited Louisiana Bred Champions, starting on page 30. While the leading breeders as well as the top stallion are determined by statistics, the racing champions and broodmare of the year are selected by vote of the LTBA membership, making it quite an honor. Congratulations to all of the connections. The over-all Louisiana Bred Horse of the Year will be named at Annual Awards Ceremony. We are holding the ceremony on June 11th, at Mojo's at Evangeline Downs in conjunction with the REAP fundraiser again this year. The annual REAP fundraiser is held each year to help Chaplain Dwight Brown raise monies to provide relief to those of the licensed Evangeline Downs community in need. Come out and celebrate with the connections as well as help with a worthy cause.

The first Accredited Louisiana-bred stakes day of 2022 was held at Delta Downs, Saturday, February 5th. Traditionally racing at Delta Downs has been at night, however continuing problems with the lighting system forced the move of Louisiana Premier Night to Louisiana Premier Day again. The weather was sunny and beautiful, and fans experienced an exceptional day of racing. You can read about Louisiana Premier Day starting on page 22.

Evangeline Downs has just begun its 2022 thoroughbred meet which will run through August 27. Louisiana Legends Night will run Saturday, June 4th. Now under new ownership, Louisiana Downs will be opening its thoroughbred meet May 7 and will run through September 27. At press time, the stakes calendar for Louisiana Downs has not yet been established. However, the Super Derby (which did not run in 2020 or 2021 because of Covid) is tentatively scheduled for September 10th, and we expect Louisiana Cup Day to be held in early August.

Following the success of the 2021 Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana Yearling Sale, the LTBA is hosting a 2022 Yearling Sale fol-

lowed by Mixed Session October 1, 2022. The sale will take place at the Equine Sales Facility in Opelousas. Consignment forms will be available in May, with a closing date of July 6th. With purses on the rise thanks to the legislative approval of sports gaming and historic racing, I expect the demand to be high for Louisiana breeds!

I encourage everyone to be actively involved in all aspects of our industry. Come to a board meeting; be informed and involved. Come to the races; bring your family and friends; the more interest we can generate, the better for all of us. I hope to see big crowds at the Awards Banquet as well as the big Louisiana Bred stakes days at Evangeline Downs and Louisiana Downs.

We at the LTBA are doing all we can to be of service to you, the breeders. If you have any questions about our program, the staff in our office at Fair Grounds is happy to help. I personally am always happy to hear from you, especially with suggestions for improving our program.



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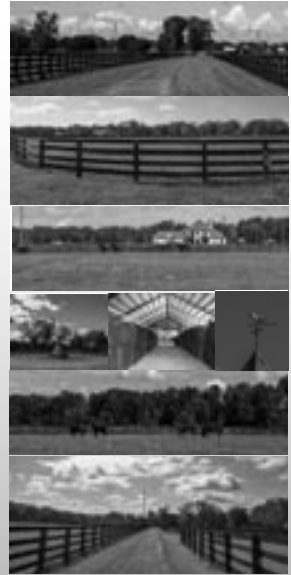
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Saint Afleet-Bending Grass, by Langfuhr
4X Winner. \$74,945 earnings
First foal is a yearling colt by JAY GATSBY.

Foxy Miss 2014 bay mare
Into Mischief-Cofresi Tesoro, by Successful Appeal
3X Winner. \$75,730 earnings
First foal is a yearling colt by EL DEAL.

In Foal to CALIBRACHOA

5X GSW, Twice G1 Placed by SOUTHERN IMAGE.
\$666,040 Earnings

Spring Mambo 2005 bay mare
Kingmambo-Chaposa Springs, by Baldski
Winner. \$46,259 earnings
Dam of 5 starters, 4 winners, including Kibble (\$49,110), It's Macaroni (\$47,665) etc.

In Foal to LONE SAILOR

GSW Millionaire. 8X Graded Placed - 3x G1
By MAJESTIC WARRIOR

Line Running Lass 2012 chestnut mare
Line of David-Saltwater Runner, by Salt Lake
Winner.
Dam of 2YO colt by EL DEAL.

In Foal to TAKEOVER TARGET

Multiple G2SW of \$826,685 by HARLAN'S HOLIDAY

Makers and Me 2009 dark bay or brown mare
Good Reward-Chelsea Green, by Key to the Mint
Dam of 4 starters, 3 winners, 1 placed runner.

No No No 2016 bay mare
Calibrachoa-Katrina's Fury, by Include
Winner. \$56,620 earnings
First time mare

In Foal to REQUITE

G2 placed SW of \$252,510 by WARRIOR'S REWARD

A Runnin Pop 2008 dark bay or brown mare
Screen Idol-Vilshedance, by Vilzak
Multiple Stakes Placed Winner.
\$138,053 earnings; 2nd 2012 Lookout S; 3rd 2014 Lookout S.
Dam of 1 starter, a winner, Hostile Afleet (\$50,980)

Binding Magic 2015 bay mare
Bind-Unique Magic, by Sefapiano
Winner.
First foal is a yearling colt by SAINT AFLEET.

Indication 2007 dark bay or brown mare
Vindication-Delray Dew, by Devil His Due
Winner.
Dam of 3 starters all winners, including Mon Verset (\$41,755), Amavi (\$40,730) and Indicatiff (\$39,240).

Open Mares

Candy Delicious 2007 dark bay or brown mare
Candy Ride (ARG)-White Corners, by Caro (IRE)
2X Winner. \$77,715 earnings
Dam of 5 starters, 4 winners, 1 placed runner, including Saponi (\$82,980), Ride A Saint (\$67,720) etc.

Legally Binding 2017 bay mare
Bind-Katrina's Fury, by Include

Marrazano 2016 dark bay or brown mare
Verrazano-She's a Wow, by Speightstown
3X Winner. \$53,680 earnings

Runaway Abaco 2010 dark bay or brown mare
Sun King-Runaway Girl, by Runaway Groom
2X Winner. \$24,583 earnings
Dam of 1 foal, an unstarted 2YO filly by Midshipman.

Windy Vale 2005 chestnut mare
Graeme Hall-Miss. Eulee, by Bold Executive
6X Winner. \$104,515 earnings

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EXAGGERATOR

Few horses enter the Louisiana stallion market with grade 1 credentials; fewer still come in with a Classic win to their names. At present, such a record belongs to only one stallion in the Pelican State: Exaggerator, now standing his first season in Louisiana at Elite Thoroughbreds after making his first four seasons at WinStar Farm in Kentucky.

A foal of 2013, Exaggerator broke his maiden at second asking over six furlongs at Del Mar before gaining greater attention at the Saratoga meeting. Last in the early going in the Saratoga Special (G2), the colt drove through a narrow gap between horses to defeat favored Saratoga Mischief, with future grade 2 winner Holding Gold among the also-rans. Over a fast track, his time for the 6½ furlongs was a respectable 1:16.39.

Exaggerator followed that effort with a second to Brody's Cause (also the winner of the 2016 Toyota Blue Grass Stakes, G1) in the Claiborne Breeders' Futurity (G1) at Keeneland and a fourth-place finish behind juvenile champion Nyquist in the Sentient Jets Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1). He went out a winner for the season in the Delta Downs Jackpot Stakes (G3). Going to the front earlier than had been his custom, Exaggerator turned back a challenge by Champagne Stakes (G1) runner-up Sunny Ridge (a future two-time grade 3 winner and earner of over \$1.4 million) to win by a neck. Future grade 3 winner Harlan Punch was third, and future champion sprinter Whitmore checked in fifth.

As might be expected for a son of Curlin, Exaggerator improved significantly at 3. Second to Nyquist in the seven-furlong San Vicente Stakes (G2) in his season opener and third in the San Felipe Stakes (G2) over 8.5 furlongs next out, the colt put it all together in the Santa Anita Derby, sailing home by 6¼ lengths over multiple grade 1 winner Mor Spirit in the slop. Second to Nyquist again in the Kentucky Derby—Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) after a less than ideal trip, Exaggerator finally turned the tables on his previously unbeaten rival in the Preakness Stakes (G1), winning by 3½ lengths as Cherry Wine nosed out Nyquist for second.

	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
Smart Strike		Gold Digger
	Classy 'n Smar	Smarten
Curlin '04		No Class
	Deputy Minister	Vice Regent
Sherriff's Deputy		Mint Copy
	Barbarika	Bates Motel
EXAGGERATOR 2013		War Exchange
	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning
Vindication		My Charmer
	Strawberry Reason	Strawberry Road (AUS)
Dawn Raid '05		Pretty Reason
	Bold Ruckus	Boldnesian
Embur Sunshine		Raise a Ruckus
	Vevila (GB)	The Minstrel
		Bon Debarras

Continuing to compete against the best of his division, Exaggerator appeared to struggle with the deeper surfaces at Belmont and Saratoga in unplaced runs in the Belmont Stakes (G1) and Travers Stakes (G1), respectively, but in between those races collected his third grade 1 win of the season in the Betfair.com Haskell Invitational Stakes. He did not win again and finished his career having won six of 15 starts for earnings of \$3,581,120.

By modern standards, Exaggerator displayed remarkable toughness and durability, making those 15 starts within a period of 16 months and racing at 10 different tracks. While he gained the reputation of being an off-track specialist, his Saratoga Special win was on a dry track, as was his second in the Kentucky Derby.

Exaggerator belongs to the Smart Strike branch of the Mr. Prospector male line, a branch noted for yielding classic stamina. The winner of the 1996 Philip H. Iselin Handicap (G1) and a half brother to 1991 Canadian Horse of the Year Dance Smartly, Smart Strike led the American general sire list twice and left three good stallion sons in Curlin, English Channel, and Lookin At Lucky. All three were racetrack cham-

pions at 3 or older gained their reputations at stud by siring two-turn horses, though Lookin At Lucky (who was a champion at 2 as well as 3) has also sired a number of top juveniles in Chile.

Curlin was the best of the three as a racer, winning Horse of the Year titles at ages 3 and 4, and has also been Smart Strike's top sire son in North America, ranking among the top five general sires four times. His runners have generally been two-turn horses that start showing their best as 3-year-olds.

Exaggerator's ability to win at the graded level as a 2-year-old shows the influence of his dam Dawn Raid, whose other two winners both scored over sprint distances. A daughter of 2002 champion 2-year-old male Vindication (by Seattle Slew), Dawn Raid was stakes-placed as a juvenile in Canada and is a half sister to 2011 Canadian champion older female Embur's Song (by Unbridled's Song), a stakes winner over distances from 6.5 to 8.5 furlongs. Dawn Raid is also a half sister to juvenile stakes winner Ten Point (by Meadowlake) and to Embattle, a stakes-placed sprinter at 2 and 3. Dawn Raid's dam Embur Sushine (by the good speed sire Bold Ruckus) is out of Vevila, a winning daughter of The Minstrel.

In spite of his own staying ability, Exaggerator appears to be throwing more to the speedier elements of his pedigree. He had 25 individual 2-year-old winners last year, headed by stakes winner Pacific Coast, and his 80 individual winners of 2021 made him the top second-crop sire by number of winners. While he has sired winners from a variety of sire lines, his best



results appear to be coming when his mates return both Seattle Slew and Mr. Prospector. He has also done well with inbreeding to Deputy Minister, and he has had some success with mares from the Danzig and Storm Cat branches of Northern Dancer as well.

Physically, Exaggerator is a good-sized, strongly made stallion with good bone and substance whose overall appearance is more reminiscent of the Seattle Slew tribe than of his sire. "He's a beautiful physical specimen, and we are very pleased to have him here," says Michele Rodriguez of Elite Thoroughbreds. "He retired 100 percent sound and is a great horse to handle, very easy. His first mares this season have already checked in pregnant, so fertility is not a problem."

Currently second on the Louisiana sire list, Exaggerator is standing the 2022 season for \$5,000 live foal.



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Through March 13, 2022

2022 LEADING LOUISIANA SIRES - BY MONEY WON

Rk Stallion, year, sire	RUNNERS	WINNERS	RACES WON	STK WIN	MONEY EARNED	PERCENTAGE WNRS/RNRS	AVG PER RUNNER
1. CARPE DIEM, 2012, Giant's Causeway	91	20	23	0	\$1,048,622	21%	\$11,523
2. EXAGGERATOR, 2013, Curlin	107	30	32	0	\$780,248	28%	\$7,292
3. STAR GUITAR, 2005, Quiet American	66	21	24	0	\$692,941	31%	\$10,499
4. CUSTOM FOR CARLOS, 2006, More Than Ready	72	16	18	0	\$549,612	22%	\$7,634
*5. BIND, 2008, Pulpit	35	11	13	0	\$427,997	31%	\$12,228
*6. GREELEY'S GALAXY, 2002, Mr. Greeley	26	13	17	2	\$391,803	50%	\$15,069
*7. HALF OURS, 2003, Unbridled's Song	68	13	13	0	\$381,429	19%	\$5,609
8. MY PAL CHARLIE, 2005, Indian Charlie	34	8	9	1	\$342,230	23%	\$10,066
9. DAAHER, 2004, Awesome Again	26	10	12	0	\$279,653	38%	\$10,756
10. APRIORITY, 2007, Grand Slam	31	7	8	0	\$212,350	22%	\$6,850
11. EL DEAL, 2012, Munnings	14	7	7	1	\$208,448	50%	\$14,889
12. AWESOME BET, 2008, Awesome Again	11	4	7	2	\$204,630	36%	\$18,603
13. YANKEE GENTLEMAN, 1999, Storm Cat	15	6	9	0	\$193,505	40%	\$12,900
14. TAMARKUZ, 2010, Speightstown	16	7	7	0	\$193,361	43%	\$12,085
15. MO TOM, 2013, Uncle Mo	17	6	6	1	\$180,986	35%	\$10,646
16. TIME BANDIT, 1996, Time for a Change	20	4	4	0	\$175,370	20%	\$8,769
*17. D'WILDCAT, 1998, Forest Wildcat	23	4	5	0	\$149,342	17%	\$6,493
18. COUNTRY DAY, 2006, Speightstown	17	8	9	0	\$145,123	47%	\$8,537
*19. LEWIS MICHAEL, 2003, Rahy	20	6	7	0	\$141,596	30%	\$7,080
20. FLASHPOINT, 2008, Pomeroy	25	5	6	0	\$131,218	20%	\$5,249

LIFETIME LEADING LOUISIANA SIRES - BY MONEY WON

Rk Stallion, year, sire	RUNNERS	WINNERS/RK	RACES WON	STK WIN	MONEY EARNED	PERCENTAGE WNRS/RNRS	AVG PER RUNNER
*1. D'WILDCAT, 1998, Forest Wildcat	425	313/5	1198	40	\$28,955,516	73%	\$68,131
2. IDE, 1993, Forty Niner	489	353/1	1290	41	\$26,659,247	72%	\$54,518
3. CLOSING ARGUMENT, 2002, Successful Appeal	417	318/3	1034	48	\$26,073,951	76%	\$62,527
4. YANKEE GENTLEMAN, 1999, Storm Cat	457	324/2	1120	43	\$24,550,091	70%	\$53,720
*5. HALF OURS, 2003, Unbridled's Song	444	316/4	908	45	\$22,814,160	71%	\$51,383
*6. GOOD AND TOUGH, 1995, Carson City	367	288/6	968	31	\$20,677,219	78%	\$56,341
7. GOLD TRIBUTE, 1994, Mr. Prospector	371	246/8	804	45	\$17,920,928	66%	\$48,304
*8. TENPINS, 1998, Smart Strike	326	226/9	789	10	\$15,076,730	69%	\$46,248
*9. MASS MEDIA, 2001, Touch Gold	204	162/13	667	28	\$12,939,954	79%	\$63,431
10. DAAHER, 2004, Awesome Again	158	114/19	436	25	\$11,833,464	72%	\$74,895
11. TIME BANDIT, 1996, Time for a Change	245	172/12	532	8	\$11,108,199	70%	\$45,340
12. SNUCK IN, 1997, Montbrook	242	176/10	687	12	\$10,767,988	72%	\$44,496
13. CUSTOM FOR CARLOS, 2006, More Than Ready	255	175/11	462	19	\$10,669,766	68%	\$41,842
14. CARPE DIEM, 2012, Giant's Causeway	239	137/15	275	12	\$10,571,491	57%	\$44,232
*15. GREELEY'S GALAXY, 2002, Mr. Greeley	165	110/20	408	17	\$10,461,364	66%	\$63,402
16. STAR GUITAR, 2005, Quiet American	176	121/18	364	23	\$10,377,390	68%	\$58,962
17. RUN PRODUCTION, 2000, Saint Ballado	188	132/16	462	18	\$10,324,034	70%	\$54,915
18. LINE OF DAVID, 2007, Lion Heart	231	153/14	370	7	\$9,021,268	66%	\$39,053
19. KEY DEPUTY, 2000, Deputy Minister	347	247/7	649	106	\$8,004,490	71%	\$23,068
20. MY PAL CHARLIE, 2005, Indian Charlie	183	129/17	357	3	\$7,903,072	70%	\$43,186

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Rk	Stallion, year, sire	RUNNERS	WINNERS/RK	RACES WON	STK WIN	MONEY EARNED	PERCENTAGE WNRS/RNRS	AVG PER RUNNER
*1.	D'WILDCAT, 1998, Forest Wildcat	268	106/2	131	8	\$5,134,030	39%	\$19,157
*2.	HALF OURS, 2003, Unbridled's Song	251	97/4	122	11	\$3,681,471	38%	\$14,667
3.	YANKEE GENTLEMAN, 1999, Storm Cat	259	89/5	114	10	\$3,529,708	34%	\$13,628
4.	CLOSING ARGUMENT, 2002, Successful Appeal	235	100/3	123	11	\$3,469,354	42%	\$14,763
5.	CARPE DIEM, 2012, Giant's Causeway	155	54/9	63	3	\$2,732,835	34%	\$17,631
6.	KEY DEPUTY, 2000, Deputy Minister	231	120/1	166	29	\$2,589,482	51%	\$11,210
7.	IDE, 1993, Forty Niner	245	69/6	85	5	\$2,554,028	28%	\$10,425
*8.	GOOD AND TOUGH, 1995, Carson City	177	57/8	82	7	\$2,398,882	32%	\$13,553
9.	CUSTOM FOR CARLOS, 2006, More Than Ready	153	48/12	58	5	\$1,922,881	31%	\$12,568
*10.	MASS MEDIA, 2001, Touch Gold	109	58/7	75	7	\$1,913,428	53%	\$17,554
11.	GOLD TRIBUTE, 1994, Mr. Prospector	152	43/13	57	9	\$1,845,144	28%	\$12,139
12.	STAR GUITAR, 2005, Quiet American	115	33/17	39	4	\$1,778,001	28%	\$15,461
*13.	TENPINS, 1998, Smart Strike	148	51/11	69	5	\$1,725,058	34%	\$11,656
14.	EXAGGERATOR, 2013, Curlin	152	43/13	47	2	\$1,674,937	28%	\$11,019
15.	DAAHER, 2004, Awesome Again	87	39/15	49	5	\$1,477,384	44%	\$16,981
16.	RUN PRODUCTION, 2000, Saint Ballado	99	33/17	39	4	\$1,311,452	33%	\$13,247
17.	SNUCK IN, 1997, Montbrook	142	52/10	62	2	\$1,297,956	36%	\$9,141
18.	LINE OF DAVID, 2007, Lion Heart	118	31/19	33	0	\$1,277,741	26%	\$10,828
19.	TIME BANDIT, 1996, Time for a Change	110	38/16	46	3	\$1,243,668	34%	\$11,306
20.	MY PAL CHARLIE, 2005, Indian Charlie	91	30/20	35	2	\$1,087,185	32%	\$11,947

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REVITALIZING LOUISIANA DOWNS

Preston Positioning Louisiana Downs for Move Into Future

By Myra Lewyn

Less than six months at helm of Louisiana Downs, co-owner and new president Kevin Preston is working hard to revitalize the beleaguered Bossier City facility and return it to a once-prominent position among America's racetracks.

The track, near Shreveport, has long languished with low attendance and diminishing handle as well as smaller purses, heavily subsidized by slots revenue, but Preston, who took charge

November 1, 2021, is adamant he intends to turn things around.

Before Preston's Rubico Gaming closed on the track's purchase and assumed ownership from Caesars Entertainment November 1st, he got the impression during tours of the track that there were two different companies running operations: the racing side and the casino side. His goal is to have one team oversee both to ensure smooth operations, especially after horsemen said they felt a bit alienated.

"We had meetings with (the horsemen)," said Preston. "They've come to find its becoming more of a family environment within the organization.

"They talked about some of the things that



had been neglected on the backside. We completely re-did the tote board, painting, power washing, we re-did the kitchen on the backside, new security—the little huts that they have—there’s a lot of things that we’re doing. They are able to see what’s going on and they’ve been really happy and positive about what we’ve really just scratched the surface on. We’re not anywhere near the completion from a project standpoint.”

Perhaps of greater concern, one that affects horsemen throughout the state who race at Louisiana Downs, is the dramatic decline in total purses during the last decade.

Louisiana Downs has seen total purses for Thoroughbreds plummet by more than \$5 million over the

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last 10 years: from \$13,442,435 in 2012 to \$8,390,940 in 2021 while breeder supplements fell from \$429,225 to \$151,250 over the same period.

In 2021, average daily purses were \$99,582 at the 84-day meeting. At press time, Preston and Director of Racing David Heitzmann had yet to finalize the purse structure as well as the stakes schedule for the upcoming 84-day meet, which starts May 7, but



Hodges Photography Ann Switalski

Among improvements made at the track, Louisiana Downs’ tote board has been cleaned and painted.

Preston stressed purses are of the utmost importance.

“I think the biggest thing for us is finding ways to increase the purses,” said Preston, who is president and a co-founder of Rubico Gaming, which paid \$22 million to acquire Louisiana Downs from Ceasars and real estate investment trust VICI Properties, a Ceasars spinoff.

Gaming giant Ceasars sold the track to focus on sports betting, which commenced in Louisiana October 31 at two of its properties: Horseshoe Bossier City Hotel & Casino, a longtime competitor with Louisiana Downs’ casino operation.

Preston, too, is ushering in sports betting at Louisiana Downs while presiding over a new era that he hopes will see attendance and wagering return to levels that made it a top track nationally in the 1970s and ‘80s.

The track is partnering with Ceasars on the sportsbook, which will be called Louisiana Downs Sportsbook. Also in the works with Ceasars is a mobile wagering app.

“You won’t see a Ceasars name necessarily on anything,” Preston said, adding that the sportsbook

will have over 40 TVs, chairs, couches, and “phenomenal” food.

Ceasars share in revenue from sports betting is private, he said.

Preston said the sportsbook would be laid out the same as the sportsbook at Magnolia Bluffs Casino, launched in 2018, in Natchez, Mississippi, which his Premier Gaming Group operates.

“The experience factor and just the technology factor—the TVs and sound system—it will be a great place for someone to come and watch games.”

Louisiana Downs also coordinated with Ceasars on updating IT infrastructure, which in addition to the sportsbook includes pari-mutuels and slots.

“We had to change out all the back of the house: the IT and (Security Operations Systems) systems, computers, software, and that’s been a little bit of a headache because some of the things are so old,” Preston said. “It did take a little time to get up to date.”

Preston also said the casino would see over 100 new slot machines, replacing many outdated ones.

“Some of the games were older than 20 years, we couldn’t even get

parts for them,” he said. “We also put HHR (historical horse racing) machines at the casino and also at our Mound (OTB) facility.

HHR machines play like slot machines, but instead of using a random number generator, the games use results from past horse races through a pari-mutuel system. The historical racing machines, approved by the Louisiana Legislature last summer, should be operational this spring, Preston said.

Other improvements include getting a new track ambulance, a couple of new tractors, a timing system, and two new restaurants.

First opened in October 1974 by Edward DeBartolo at a cost of \$30 million, Louisiana Downs sprawled over 300 acres and brought the first pari-mutuel wagering to an area where there was plenty opposition to racing.

The track was heavily marketed to Texas and Oklahoma where gambling was illegal at the time. At first, on-track business was less than ideal, but overcoming its initial problems, such as low attendance and wagering, track management began billing it as “America’s Fastest Growing Racetrack” as racegoers flocked to Bossier City from Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Oklahoma City, and Tulsa to attend the races.

The track’s centerpiece, the Super Derby (G2), was first run in 1980 with a \$500,000 purse, at the time making it the nation’s richest race for 3-year-old Thoroughbreds and helping cement the track’s growing reputation.

Over the years the race attracted 13 classics winners, and six previous Super Derby runners have won

the prestigious Breeders’ Cup Classic (G1). Three Super Derby winners—Tiznow, Sunday Silence and Alysheba—have been voted the Eclipse Award as Horse of the Year.

The race was not run in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid and is tentatively set for September 10 this year.

Preston said interest from horse-

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men in racing at Louisiana Downs is growing day by day. A big selling point is the track surface, and he has committed to its maintenance.

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“Over the course of the last couple of months David said that we’ve gotten more requests from

horsemen wanting (stalls) than we’ve had before, so that’s a tell-tale sign that we’re doing right.”

Louisiana Downs has 1,599 stalls, and the backstretch and track are open for training year-round.

Heitzmann, who had been racing secretary since 2010 was named director of racing in 2018, is just one of several track executives Preston, now in his first position at a racetrack, relies on for advice and guidance. Heitzmann’s knowledge and expertise comes from his affiliation with many racetracks across the country prior joining Louisiana Downs, including Keeneland, Arlington Park, Fair Grounds, and Churchill Downs.

Preston was born in Chicago, and lives in Union, Kentucky. He originally moved to Northern Kentucky to become CEO of Tropicana Gaming, a subsidiary of Columbia Sussex, which filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2009. From there he started his own casino company and has been in the casino business about 30 years.

Preston’s first experience in the casino business came in 1992 when an intern at Harrah’s Casino in Joliet, Illinois, through the University of St. Francis. He graduated in 1995 with a degree in industrial organization, psychology, and business management.

“I grew up going to the tracks in Chicago—Arlington, Maywood, and living in Kentucky one hour away from Churchill and Keeneland, so I sort of grew up on the tracks,” Preston said. “I’m a casino guy and never actually worked at a racetrack, but there’s nothing daunting. I think it’s just making sure you’ve got the right people in the right places. From an

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overall standpoint, it’s just been a great experience so far.”

Preston’s partner in Rubico Gaming is gaming investor Tom Benninger, whom he met when the latter was on the Tropicana board of directors. Benninger, a former board of directors’ member of Caesars Entertainment, is involved in several casino and gaming companies. He also led Rubico Gaming’s partnership with Toronto-based Clairvest Group in recently purchasing Delaware Park.

Preston said he was not involved in the Delaware Park deal and emphasized his focus on Louisiana Downs and crafting its resurgence.

“I think the biggest thing is marketing here,” he said of Louisiana

Downs. “There’s a lot of people who are like ‘Oh, Louisiana Downs is still racing?’ It’s odd that they think that.

“We’re focused on getting all the food trucks, inflatables, and fireworks that are going to happen (opening day, May 7), and just creating a wow factor for folks coming for the first time and who will continue to come as regular customers.”

As for any interest in racing horses himself now that he has taken the reins of such a special racetrack, Preston said the notion has its allure.

“It’s really tempting when you’re sitting up there watching them race, that’s for sure.”

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Filly by Iron Fist out of Dawn Before Dawn. Bred by Carl Mathieu Jr.



Colt by Hard Aces out of Ms. Cherimax. Bred by Danny M. Brown.



Colt by One Liner out of Gimmeaslam. Bred by William Whitley.



Colt by Gemologist out of Gingertini. Bred by Gil Frederick & Ken Cormier.



Colt by Star Guitar out of Myjobismylife. Bred by Wayne Bernard & Joseph Broussard.



Filly by Imperial Hint out of Brushfireairytale. Bred by Tommy Hewett/Coulee Croche Thoroughbreds.



Colt by Iron Fist out of Maid For Mischief. Bred by Carrol Castille.



Filly by Imperial Hint out of Miss Stonestreet. Bred by Bob Mahoney.



Filly by One Liner out of Roman Jewels. Bred by Carrol Castille.



Colt by Iron Fist out of Ayala Strand. Bred by Carrol Castille.



Colt by Brody's Cause out of My Tara Bella. Bred by Karen Koepsell, Nancy Swannie and Vanessa Camperlengo.



Colt by One Liner out of Gnacarano. Bred by Bobby Noel.

CLEAR SKIES

Louisiana Premier Stakes 2022

By Chad Cooper • Photos by Coady Photography

The 19th running of Louisiana Premier Day at Delta Downs on Feb. 5 couldn't have been scripted out any better. With clear skies and a cool breeze, the 11-race program featured 10 stakes races and more than \$900,000 in total purse money for Louisiana-bred horses who were vying for hoof-pounding greatness. Not only was the weather picture perfect, but the betting handle soared to \$3,075,587, which was nearly \$800,000 more than last year's soirée.

Louisiana Premier Championship

\$150,000 • One mile and one sixteenth • Four Year Olds and Upward

LANGS DAY

New Year's Day – Langsyne, by Langfuhr

Breeder: J. Adcock & Adcock's Red River Farm, LLC • Owner: Keith Plaisance

Trainer: Lee Thomas • Jockey: Ty Kennedy



A new champion would be crowned in this year's Louisiana Premier Championship as the two-time defending race winner Underpressure has taken a

much-deserved break from competition. Langs Day showed up and showed out with a late move to the far outside with pilot Ty Kennedy and rumbled by all nine entries to

win the \$150,000 pièce de résistance with a time of 1:48.23.

"He is a simple, yet hard horse to ride," said Kennedy. "You have to let him find himself, but once he

hits the three-eighths pole he does the rest and I just let the big guy roll.”

Several horses vied for the early lead before longshot Beauregard stuck a head in front at fractions of 23.85 and 48.37. Speaktomeoflove, the third betting choice, looked to be the one to catch as he made a move to grab the lead down the homestretch, but Langs Day rumbled by at the 1/16th pole to win by a half-length for trainer Lee Thomas and owner Keith Plaisance.

“His character is his favorite attribute,” said Thomas. “He loves to run late and that’s a timing thing on a bullring track, but he loves it here. He should be a poster boy for Delta Downs.”

The 5-year-old gelded-son of New Year’s Day, who returned \$5.40 to win bettors, won for the sixth time in 10 starts in Vinton, and more importantly 6-17 with lifetime earnings of \$277,040.

“I got excited watching the far turn,” added Thomas. “When you see your horse with a chance at the top of the stretch, that’s all you ask for. It’s exhilarating and I am glad what he accomplished today.”

The final order of finish was Langs Day, Speaktomeoflove, Jimi’s a Star, Venn, Beauregard, Luck of the Draw, Maga Man, Jax Man, Izzy’s Baby Boy and Magawildtime.



Langs Day trainer, Lee Thomas is all smiles as he heads toward the winners circle.

Louisiana Premier Distaff

\$125,000 • One mile • Four Year Olds and Up Fillies and Mares

NET A BEAR

Awesome Bet - Edacious Reality, by Eddington

Breeders: Lora Pitre & Elaine Carroll • Owners: Maximo Lamarche and Federico Deltoro

Trainer: Allen Landry • Jockey: Tim Thornton



Trainer, Allen Landry has now racked up six stakes wins with Net A Bear.

Jockey Tim Thornton said that Net a Bear was difficult during the early stages of the \$100,000

Louisiana Premier Distaff. The 6-year-old daughter of Awesome Bet was unhurried in the one-mile affair as she let early speed do all the work, which included the post-time favorite Winning Romance, who set the tone at 24.48 and 49.57 before running out of gas.

As the group reached the final turn, Thornton and Net a Bear had to angle out from the rail in the upper stretch to rundown three horses. She dueled with Fort Polk,

but was up late to win by a half-length in 1:42.08.

“I had to let her do her own thing,” said Thornton. “She was difficult with me early on.”

Net a Bear (\$7.20) is now a six-time stakes winner for trainer Allen Landry and owners Maximo Lamarche and Federico Deltoro. She won the \$100,000 Magnolia Stakes earlier this meet at Delta Downs and the \$100,000 Louisiana Champions Day Distaff in

December at the Fair Grounds.

“It’s hard to find a good one like her,” said Landry. “She comes running every trip.”

The mare improved to 10-30 lifetime with earnings of \$523,870.

The final order of the Louisiana Premier Distaff was Net a Bear, Fort Polk, Snowball, Winning Romance, Jet Sweep, Saints N Muskets and Eileen Alexandra.

Louisiana Premier Starlet

\$100,000 • 1 mile • Three Year Old Fillies

FREE LIKE A GIRL

El Deal-Flashy Prize, by Flashy Bull

Breeders: Kim Renee Stover & Lisa Osborne • Owners: Gerald Bruno, Jr., Carl J. Deville, Chasey Deville Pomier and Jerry Caroom • Trainer: Chasey Deville Pomier • Jockey: Pedro L. Cotto, Jr.



The \$100,000 Louisiana Premier Starlet featured some of the Pelican State’s top 3-year-old fillies, but in the end, they were all chasing the state’s brightest star in

the division – Free Like a Girl.

With four stakes already on her resumé, two this season at Delta Downs (Louisiana Jewel, My Trusty Cat), the bay filly by El Deal



Free Like A Girl trainer, Chasey Pomier.

took the early lead and never looked back under jockey Pedro Cotto Jr. and she won the one-mile effort by 4 1/2 lengths in 1:42.65.

“She makes our job look so easy,” said Pomier. “She doesn’t like time off. She is a dream.” Pomier said the connections knew they had something special when they saw her first couple of works at

the track. “She has the athleticism, talent, the want and aggression.”

Free Like a Girl (\$2.60) has never missed a check in 11 starts with six wins and has already earned \$341,473.

She was bred by former jockey Kim Stover and her sister Lisa Osborne.

“I give all the credit to Chasey (Pomier) and Pedro (Cotto),” said Stover. “This filly is a breeder’s dream. She is a once-in-a-lifetime horse for me. It’s phenomenal the

way she keeps winning.”

The final order of finish was Free Like a Girl, Wholelottamo, Miss Jana, Medley, Buckley Bunny, Lutie Mo, Deal Me a Penny, Eagleoverthemoon and Gotteminabind.

Sisters, Kim Stover and Lisa Osborne are the breeders of Free Like A Girl.



Louisiana Premier Prince

\$100,000 • 1 mile • Three Year Olds

VODKA GIMLET

Goldencents-Shy Baby, by Out of Place

Breeder: 5 B Farm, Inc. • Owner: Ellen Epstein • Trainer: Allen Landry • Jockey: Thomas L. Pompell



Trainer Allen Landry said Vodka Grimlet had trouble in his last start in the \$100,000 Louisiana Champions Day Prince on Dec. 11 at the Fair Grounds and if the 3-

year-old son of multiple Breeders’ Cup stakes winner Goldencents avoided trouble in the Premier Prince, he would be tough to beat. Landry was right.



Vodka Gimlet gives trainer Allen Landry his second stakes win of the day.

“Thomas (Pompell) found a good spot for him,” said Landry. “I told him, ‘Don’t give up on him. He will come’ and he did. That was a fast time, too.”

Big Chopper set the field’s swift early pace at 23.13 and 47.17.

Pompell and Vodka Gimlet moved up around the final turn and dueled with stablemate Brian's Iron Mike before driving clear to win by 2 1/4 lengths and cover the one-mile contest in an impressive time of 1:41.76. Landry also trained the

second-place runner, Brian's Iron Mike.

The post-time favorite and two-time stakes winner, Unified Report, was never involved.

Owned by Ellen Epstein, Vodka Gimlet (\$15.20) is now 2-6 with

earnings of \$102,645.

The order of finish was Vodka Gimlet, Brian's Iron Mike, More Memories, Home Visit, Unified Report, Blue Cheese, Gotmy Mo Jo Workin, Big Chopper and Order Up.

Louisiana Premier Sprint

\$100,000 • 5 furlongs • Four Year Olds and Up

BERTIE'S GALAXY

Greeley's Galaxy-Wild Bertie, by Wild Rush

Breeder: Margie K. Averett • Owner: Allen Cassedy • Trainer: Ron Faucheux • Jockey: Jareth Loveberry



Bertie's Galaxy trainer Ron Faucheux.

Bertie's Galaxy turned in a sharp performance to win this year's \$100,000 Louisiana Sprint under jockey Jareth Loveberry and trainer Ron Faucheux said the horse is still developing. Scary.

Leading gate-to-wire, Bertie's Galaxy broke sharp with fractions of 22.47 and 46.00. As the race went on, the 6-year-old gelded-son of Greeley's Galaxy got stronger. The 5-furlong race was won by nearly 4 lengths in 58.60.

"It's very valuable to have a

good, sound horse of this caliber in the state of Louisiana," said Faucheux. "He loves Delta Downs and he loves the outside post position."

Faucheux gave another big compliment to Bertie's Galaxy when he compared him to his multiple stakes winning retired sprinter, Monte Man, who won nine stakes' races, with nearly \$800,000 in earnings, and has just been voted Accredited Louisiana Bred Champion Older Male by the LTBA membership

Bertie's Galaxy improved to 10-23 and upped the earnings to \$382,850. Not bad for a horse who was claimed for \$20,000 in his first start by owner Allen Cassedy.

"We didn't know what we really had at first," said Cassedy. "We gave him some time off after a few races at Evangeline Downs and got rid of a few quirks he had. Then low and behold, we got a stakes horse."

The order of finish was Bertie's Galaxy, Wild Bert, Black Sword, Galaxy Builder, Hail State, Laughingsaintsong and Little Puck.

Louisiana Premier Matron

\$100,000 • 5 furlongs • Four Year Olds and Up Fillies and Mares

CILLA

California Chrome-Sittin At The Bar, by Into Mischief

Breeders: Brett A. Brinkman & P. Dale Ladner • Owner: P. Dale Ladner • Trainer: Brett A. Brinkman

Jockey: Thomas L. Pompell



P. Dale Ladner, owner of Louisiana Premier Matron winner, Cilla.

After competing against open company and winning the \$250,000 Grade 2 Prioress Stakes at Saratoga last fall, Cilla, the 4-year-old daughter of the Kentucky Derby winner California Chrome, returned home and reeled in two more stakes races including a near effortless trot in the \$100,000 Louisiana Premier Matron.

“She is just so classy and amazing,” said jockey Thomas Pompell.

“I just hung on for the ride.”

Icy Charlie, who ran second to Cilla in the \$75,000 Orleans Stakes at Delta Downs on Jan. 7, tried to steal the 5-furlong race by going gate-to-wire, but was caught at the 3/8-pole and the rest is history.

Cilla (\$2.40) pulled away to win by 4 3/4-lengths covering the distance in 59.73 to improve to 7-14 overall with \$476,000 lifetime earnings being added to the

bankroll for owner P. Dale Ladner.

Trainer and co-breeder Brett Brinkman said that Cilla is a lot like her mother, which is none other than nine-time stakes winner and Louisiana Champion Sittin at the Bar. “The mare bred three stakes winner and Cilla is unbelievable... just the complete package.”

The official order of finish was Cilla, Icy Charlie, Dixie Lady, Miss Pat’s Girl, Condesa’s Handmaid and Sarah’s Passion.



Louisiana Premier Gentlemen Starter
\$60,000 • One mile and one sixteenth • Four Year Olds and Up

GREELEY'S DEALER

Greeley's Galaxy – Fancy Dealer, by Barberstown
Breeder: Margie K. Averett • Owner: Dale White, Sr.
Trainer: Dale White, Sr. • Jockey: Jose Andres Guerrero

A horse who has won 10 races at Delta Downs should never be overlooked, but the betting public did just that in the \$60,000 Premier Gentleman Starter. Sent to the gate at 6-1, the 9-year-old gelded son of Greeley's Galaxy saved the best for last as jockey Jose Guerrero made a late gutsy move to the rail to win by less than a length.

"It got a little tight," said Guerrero regarding swooping move. "I took the choice to stay inside. It was late and the door was opening, but it paid off."

Forestdungone led for most of the way with fractions of 24.05,

48.12 and 1:13.98. That's when the calvary of horses began to make their move including Greeley's Dealer. Guerrero used his instincts to guide the gelding to a 3/4-length win in 1:49.55 over the 1 1/16-mile race.

"I claimed him for \$12,500 last year at Delta specifically for this race," said trainer and owner Dale White Sr. "He doesn't run very good in the summer (He is a non-sweater), so he sure liked the cooler weather today."

White commended Guerrero for making a bold move with the horse. "We got jammed up on the rail and



Pedro (Guerrero) made a good move at the rail and that's what won us the race."

Greeley's Dealer (\$14.40) is now 15-55 overall, 11 of those wins in Vinton, for career earnings of \$357,285.

The order of finish was Greeley's Dealer, Meditate, Freedomfi, Forestdungone, Doctor Leo, Available Star, Much Class, Bistraya, Bayou Jam and Tensas Teddy. Guitar Slim was scratched.

Louisiana Premier Ragin Cajun Starter
\$50,000 • 5 Furlongs • Four Year Olds and Upwards

ALTERANA

Alternation-Montana Miss, by Mineshaft
Breeder: Ronald P. Webb • Owner: Keith Charles
Trainer: Keith Charles • Jockey: Gerard Melancon



With more than 5,000 victories to his name, veteran rider Gerard Melancon has won many of races for trainers throughout his storied career and his latest is with trainer Keith Charles. The two became quite the combination this season at Delta Downs and have

produced a plethora of win photos, which includes Alterana, who has won four consecutive races with Melancon in the irons for Charles.

The 5-year-old gelded son of Alternation won the \$50,000 Premier Ragin Cajun Starter in and impressive fashion – the horse's first stakes win in his 31-race career – and covered 5 furlongs in 59.42 to win by 3 1/2 lengths.

"Keith told me the horse was tearing the stall down, so I knew he was ready to run," said Melancon. "He was able to relax by himself during the race. Once I got behind the speed horse (Farewell Time), I knew I could get running before

Double Barrel Man could get close. He is a very versatile horse."

Charles claimed Alterana for \$5,000 last summer at Evangeline Downs.

"I really needed some horses to fill up my barn stalls," said Charles. "I thought he would be a good one and he has been. We gave him a little time off and now he has won four in a row. He's been all horse."

Returning a modest \$4.40 for win bettors, Alterana has earned \$211,320 with nine victories.

As for a successful season with Melancon, Charles added, "Gerard is the man. He has been very good to me."

The order of finish was Alterana, Double Barrel Man, who was claimed for \$10,000 by Eduardo Ramirez for Brandon Hebert, Farewell Time, Toni's Star, Born Again George and Mr. Curlin.

Louisiana Premier Ladies Starter

\$60,000 • One mile • Four Year Olds and Up Fillies and Mares

GIRL THIRSTY

Stay Thirsty-Perthshire, by Subordination

Breeder: Robert Stockett • Owner: Claudio Solis

Trainer: Ronnie P. Ward • Jockey: Alexander Castillo

Girl Thirsty shocked everyone except her trainer Ronnie Ward. At 30-1 odds, the 7-year-old mare ran down the favorite Heart That Binds to win the \$50,000 Premier Ladies Starter by 1 3/4 lengths and returned a cool \$71 for those lucky supporters at the window.

“I had good position throughout the race,” said winning rider Alexander Castillo. “She gave me everything she had.”

An eight-time winner in 36 starts

with a bankroll of \$169,890, Ward said he was “sick” when she was claimed last summer at Louisiana Downs by Karl Broberg.

“I told Karl, ‘You need to have a goal in the stall with her. If not, she will run the stall.’ But she wouldn’t accept the goat. We kept the goat she liked and when we got her back, they reunited and she laid her head down with the goat. You could say the goat is the unsung hero.”

Ward added that Girl Thirsty will remain eligible for starter



allowance races for the next several years and after she is through running, she will likely be bred.

The order of finish was Girl Thirsty, Heart That Binds, Byanymean, Kris T., Bellamy Cay, Sucre, Isolation and Distractor Factor. Da Due Run Run was scratched.

Louisiana Premier Bon Temps Starter

\$50,000 • 5 Furlongs • Four Year Olds and Up Fillies and Mares

MADISON'S PLACE

My Pal Charlie-Tot Shop Donna, by Value Plus

Breeders: Floyd Pitzer & Renee Pitzer • Owner: Sandy Badeux

Trainer: Eduardo Ramirez • Jockey: Joel Dominguez



Trainer Eduardo Ramirez watched the Louisiana Premier Bon Temps Starter from his home. As the field reached the far turn, he told his wife that his horse, Madison’s Place, was going to win.

“She was pulling the jockey around the final turn and I knew she was a winner,” said Ramirez. “He

let her go and she went.”

The 5-year-old daughter of My Pal Charlie had been coming up short in her previous starts of 5 1/2 and 6 1/2 furlongs, so the shorter distance of 5 furlongs was perfect for the mare.

“We claimed her for \$5,000 during the last weekend of racing at Delta Downs last April,” said Ramirez. “We took her to Evangeline Downs and she won a few races. We got really lucky. She was claimed for \$5,000, but the claim was voided due to a technicality. So we put her in some allowance races. She won and we shortened her up. We thought she deserved a chance.”

Ramirez told rider Joel

Dominguez to keep the mare close to the pace, and that he did.

“I’ve rode her a few times, so I have gotten to know her,” said Dominguez. “I had the speed on the inside, so I waited my time and she took me to the finish line.”

Wild Mallory shot out of the gate and set swift fractions of 22.67 and 46.53. She couldn’t match the stride of Madison’s Place (\$5.80), who blew by to win by 3 3/4 lengths in 59.41.

Still eligible for starter allowance races, Madison’s Place improved to 9-32 overall with \$166,474 in earnings.

The final order of finish was Madison’s Place, Wild Mallory, Bind on Earth, Itsnotmyjob, Dueforadate, Lil Allie Dancer, See Sassy Run, Sweet Prayers, who was claimed for \$10,000 for owner/trainer Dale White Sr., and Totally Grace.

2021 Accredited Louisiana-Bred Champions

FREE LIKE A GIRL

El Deal-Flashy Prize, by Flashy Bull



2021 TWO-YEAR OLD FILLY

Breeder: Kim Renee Stover and Lisa Osborne

Owners: Gerald Bruno Jr, Carl J. Deville, Chasey Deville Pomier, and Jerry Caroom

Trainer: Chasey Deville Pomier

FREE LIKE A GIRL		B.F. El Deal - Flashy Prize by Flashy Bull		2021: 10 5 3 2 \$281,473																				
31Dec21	9FG	ft	6F	-227D	467H	1:1111	2	HIS/Sk	- LaFuturyB	- 110k	65-85	3	1	4F	31	17	14	Cotte, Jr. P.L.	122	bl.	*1.30	Free Like a Girl(22%) WholeHorse(22%) Serape(22%)	3rd brw bd, drew off	7
11Dec21	12FG	ft	6F	-219H	464H	1:117H	2	HIS/Sk	- LaLassoB	- 100k	74-72	5	2	5F	5F	53	23	Cotte, Jr. P.L.	122	bl.	*2.00	Buddy Benny(22%) Free Like a Girl(22%) Medley(22%)	inc. Ju/14, lock kab brw	11
18Nov21	9Ded	ft	1m	-421H	1:1413	1:4187	2	H	Sk	- MyTrusyCB	100k	94-88	10	57H	31	17	17H	Cotte, Jr. P.L.	120	bl.	2.00	Free Like a Girl(20%) Sea Level(20%) Mame Sall No(10%)	staked, Ju, drew clear	10
23Oct21	8Ded	ft	7F	-231H	479H	1:283H	2	HIS/Sk	- LaJewelB	- 100k	113-83	6	5	3F	31H	14	11H	Cotte, Jr. P.L.	120	bl.	6.60	Free Like a Girl(20%) Street of Snow(20%) Serape(10%)	pulled away, easily	10
17Sep21	8Evd	ft	5H	-229H	467H	1:0547	2	HIS/Sk	- GGongJubB	- 50k	73-64	9	6	21H	2nd	21	11H	Cotte, Jr. P.L.	122	bl.	*1.00	Free Like a Girl(21%) Buddy Benny(22%) Serape(11%)	inad, drftt upper best	9
21Aug21	2Lad	ft	6F	-231H	481H	1:1287	2	HIS/Sk	- LaCqJuvFB	- 50k	8-57	4	7	71H	71H	3F	31H	Cotte, Jr. P.L.	117	bl.	5.40	WholeHorse(15%) Street of Snow(15%) Free Like a Girl(15%)	whostated st, gain	8
04Jul21	2Evd	ft	5F	-2247	461H	5947	2	HIS/Mow	27000		71-81	5	1	2nd	14	17	14H	Cotte, Jr. P.L.	118	bl.	*.70	Free Like a Girl(18%) Astro Flash(18%) Rebecca(18%)	skated, clear, driving	5
25Jun21	8LS	ft	5F	-227H	469H	1:008H	2	H	Mow	40800	58-58	2	3	2nd	2nd	3F	3F	Ernie R E	118	bl.	3.10	1825 Mercury(18%) Summer(18%) Free Like a Girl(18%)	whostated out/10	10
23May21	5LS	ft	4H	-229H	464H	539H	2	H	Mow	34000	58-63	6	4	31H	--	31H	2H	Ernie R E	118	bl.	*1.90	1827 Chocoflyson(18%) Free Like a Girl(18%) My Friend Ray(18%)	if wide led/14, caught	6
09May21	6LS	ft	4H	-231H	4717	539H	2	H	Mow	34000	68-66	2	3	1st	--	1st	2H	Ernie R E	115	bl.	2.00	1067 Coeys Memory(18%) Free Like a Girl(18%) Con Pop(18%)	roll, dog in, not head	5

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Free Like A Girl was never worse than third in any of her ten starts as a Two-Year-Old and recorded four of her five wins in stakes races, thus easily winning the voting (she received more than 90% of the votes cast) for Championship honors in her division.

She gave her sire, El Deal, his first stakes winner when she won the filly division of the D.S. "Shine" Young Futurity at Evangeline Downs in September. A journey to Delta Downs in October saw her completely outclass the competition by winning the Louisiana Jewel by eighteen plus lengths. Open stakes company was her next challenge that she accomplished when she won the My Trusty Cat at Delta Downs in November. She closed out the year with a handy win in the Filly Division of the Louisiana Futurity on New Year's Eve.

Bred by the partnership of Kim



Free Like A Girl wins the 55th running of the Louisiana Futurity - Filly Division at Fair Grounds. Hodges Photography / Jan Brubaker

Stover and Lisa Osborne out of the Flashy Bull dam, Flashy Prize. The dam has a Guilt Trip two-year-old colt coming to the races this year.

Free Like A Girl earned

\$281,473 in her juvenile year from her ten starts. She is the first stakes winner trained by Chasey Deville Pomier.

UNIFIED REPORT

Unified-Closing Report, by Closing Argument



2021 TWO-YEAR OLD COLT OR GELDING

Breeder: Stephen Brown

Owner: Valene Farms, LLC

Trainer: Dallas Stewart

UNIFIED REPORT

B.c.J Unified - Closing Report by Closing Argument

11Dec21 9 FG	ft	61	-217 ^h	-45 ^h	1:10 ^h	2	(1) Sbk - LaJuven(B) - 100k	86-88	7	4	6 ^h	5 ^h	2 ^h	1 ^h	Hernandez, A. R. J	122	L	*.70	Unified Report(12%) Blue and Blue(17) Chorus(22) 2-4w b/w,hd 1/1,dehd 9
23Oct21 8 Ded	ft	71	-23 ^h	-48 ^h	1:28 ^h	2	(1) Sbk - LaLegacy(B) - 100k	109-29	1	1	3 ^h	1 ^h	1 ^h	1 ^h	Thornton T	115	L	*.20	Unified Report(15%) Family Creed(15%) Fleety Part(20%) dehd, clear line 5
24Sep21 10 CD	ft	65	-22 ^h	-45 ^h	1:17 ^h	2	(1) Mow 92000	64-80	7	4	3 ^h	3 ^h	1 ^h	1 ^h	Lanerle C J	119	r	2.50	Unified Report(19%) Beale(10%) Acropolis(16%) 3w,hd 1/1,clear,hd 12

2021: 3 3 0 0 \$154,720

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His record of going undefeated in three starts as a Two-Year-Old earned Unified Report Championship honors in his division.

He broke his maiden a first asking in a Maiden Special Weights event at Churchill Downs in September. He made the bold leap to stakes company in his next start when he ventured to Delta Downs in October for the Louisiana Legacy Stakes and won by a comfortable two plus lengths. The Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile was not quite as easy as he came from the back to duel with Bron and Brow to prevail at the wire by half a length.

Unified Report is the first stakes winner produced by the Closing Argument dam, Closing Report who has three winners from three starters plus a Two-Year-Old filly by Star Guitar.



Unified Report with Brian Hernandez, Jr. aboard wins the 30th running of the Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile at Fair Grounds. Hodges Photography / Lou Hodges, Jr.

Unified Report was a \$33,000 purchase by Valene Farms, LLC at the Equine Sales of Louisiana Yearling Sale. Trained by Dallas Stewart, Unified report earned \$154,720 in his juvenile season.

CILLA

California Chrome-Sittin At the Bar, by Into Mischief



2021 THREE-YEAR OLD FILLY

Breeders: Brett A. Brinkman & P. Dale Ladner

Owner: P. Dale Ladner

Trainer: Brett A. Brinkman

CILLA

B.F.A California Chrome - Sittin At the Bar by Into Mischief

2021: 8 4 1 1 \$310,600

11Dec21 7FG	ft.	6f	-21 ⁸⁹	45 ¹²	1:09 ⁸⁴	3 (11) 5th	- LillardSpB - 100k	75-87	3	3	2 ¹	1 ¹⁴	1 ¹³	2 ²	Beschizza A	121	bl.	1.90	Ove Charged(17) Cilla(21) Strong Beauty(24) 2w.brd b/w.c/dt.caught 7
23Oct21 9Kee	ft.	7f	-22 ⁹⁴	45 ⁸⁹	1:23 ⁹⁴	3 (8) 5th	- RavenRunG2 - 250k	101-87	6	1	2 ¹	2 ¹⁴	1 ¹	3 ¹	Gaffalone T	120	b	10.30	Caramel Swift(18) Joy's Rocket(18) Cilla(20) 4w.b/w.c/dt.yield(1) 16 11
04Sep21 5Sar	ft.	6f	-22 ⁹⁴	45 ⁸⁹	1:10 ⁹⁵	3 (8) 5th	- PrioressG2 - 250k	83-81	4	1	4 ¹	2 ¹⁴	2 ¹⁴	1 ¹	Gaffalone T	120	b	10.70	Cilla(20) Sooper Sensation(10) 2 (1) Goshal(20) 4w 1/1.come out, gone 5
10Jul21 9Mth	ft.	5f	-21 ⁸⁷	44 ⁸⁴	1:03 ⁸⁷	3 (8) 5th	- BluSparkB - 75k	72-85	3	4	4 ¹	4 ¹	1 ¹⁴	1 ¹⁴	Alvarado, Jr R	122	bl.	5.10	Cilla(22) Dr B(18) Decade(18) 1 bump st. wait 1/4 5
05Jun21 7Evd	syn	5f	-21 ⁸⁴	45 ⁸⁹	1:03 ⁷⁴	3 (11) 5th	- Lil'gPierB - 75k	66-88	8	5	5 ¹	3 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹⁴	Dominguez J	116	bl.	8.80	Cilla(18) Snowball(12) Strong Beauty(20) 4 swept up 6w,sharp 9
03Apr21 8Kee	ft.	*7f	-22 ¹⁴	44 ⁷⁹	1:26 ¹⁴	3 (8) 5th	- BeauandG2 - 150k	74-76	6	2	6 ¹	6 ¹	6 ¹	6 ¹	Hernandez C J	118	b	62.40	Twenty Carat(18) Slumber Party(18) Assault Princess(18) 1 no factor 7
21Feb21 7FG	ft.	6f	-21 ⁸⁹	46 ⁸⁴	1:12 ¹³	3 (11) 5th	- 56000w2/L	63-72	2	6	6 ¹	5 ¹	1 ¹⁴	1 ¹	Hernandez C J	119	bl.	*2.30	Cilla(18) Wolf Eye Kew(12) 4 Throats(18) 10/10 1 brief study 4-1/2, 6w 1/4 9
18Feb21 3Ded	ft.	1m	-48 ²⁴	1:13 ¹⁴	1:39 ¹⁴	3 (11) 5th	- PennStarB - 100k	57-72	6	3	3 ¹	4 ¹	4 ¹	4 ¹	Melancon G	117	b	3.10	Aurifer(21) Elton Almond(17) Young Romance(18) 1nd, 1st, 6w, no rally 6

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Venturing out of state to display her talent with a national audience is how Cilla locked up the Three-Year-Old Filly division.

After winning the Louisiana Legends Mademoiselle at Evangeline Downs in June, Cilla took her show on the road to Monmouth Park where she annexed the Blue Sparkler Stakes getting the five and a half furlongs in 1:03.07. Next stop was Saratoga in upstate New York where the Grade II Prioress Stakes was hers after getting the six furlongs in 1:10.05.

For the year the filly by Champion California Chrome won four of eight starts and earned \$310,600 for her owner, breeder, trainer team of Brett Brinkman (trainer) and Dale Ladner (owner) with the team listed as co-breeders.

Cilla is the third stakes winner from three foals out of the three time Louisiana Champion Sittin At The Bar (\$705,896) who has previously produced Club Car (\$554,354), Jack The Umpire



Cilla wins the 2021 Louisiana Legends Mademoiselle Stakes at Evangeline Downs. Coady Photography.

(\$193,435). There is a two-year-old filly by Lord Nelson we are waiting to see this year.

Cilla's lifetime earnings sit at \$476,000 with more to come.

WHO TOOK THE MONEY

Street Boss-Speights' Colony, by Speightstown



2021 THREE-YEAR OLD COLT OR GELDING

Breeder: Allied Racing Stable, LLC

Owner: Allied Racing Stable, LLC (Chester Thomas)

Trainer: W. Bret Calhoun

WHO TOOK THE MONEY

Ch. & f Street Boss - Speights' Colony by Speightstown -

2021: 8 5 0 1 \$217,627

11Dec21 11 FG	fm	CD ²	*1%	-48 ¹	1:14 ¹	1:45 ³	3 ¹	131	Sk - LaTurB - 100k	57-87	4	9 ¹	9 ¹	8 ¹	5 ¹	1 ¹	Parker D/L	116	L	3.40	wh (at at May110 ¹) Bar (10g)10 ¹ Tryn Meet Meet110 ¹)	fw3/16, strong kick, flew 10
25Nov21 10 CD	syn		1%	-47 ¹	1:12 ¹	1:46 ³	3	Acc 100000w21/x-N	96-85	10	10 ¹	10 ¹	10 ¹	10 ¹	10 ¹	Santana, Jr. R	118	L	9.00	Comesover120 ¹ Laughing Boy120 ¹ King's Overland110 ¹ Peak st., always back 10		
05Oct21 2 3rd	ft	GF		-22 ¹	-45 ¹	1:10 ⁴	3 ¹	Acc 18000w1/x-N	49-89	1	7	6 ¹	5 ¹	3 ¹	1 ¹	Parker D/L	118	L	*.70	Wh Took th Money110 ¹ Tap's Regr110 ¹ A For the May110 ¹)	wh low st, split 10s/116	8
06Jun21 7 CD	fm	CD	1%	-48 ¹	1:12 ¹	1:42 ³	3	Allw 102000w1/x	92-88	11	4 ¹	4 ¹	3 ¹	4 ¹	5 ¹	Saez G	118	L	5.30	Accredit123 ¹ East Samar110 ¹ Scarlet Fusion123 ¹	had str., heavy urging 12	
09May21 10 CD	syn	CD	1%	-47 ¹	1:11 ¹	1:43 ³	3	Allw 102000w1/x	94-88	7	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ¹	Saez G	118	L	2.60	Ethel Judget110 ¹ Kroc Sky110 ¹ Wh Took th Money110 ¹)	stall 3w, hot, flattened 7	
29Mar21 9 FG	ft		1%	-48 ¹	1:13 ¹	1:44 ³	3	131 Sk - OnCityDryB - 100k	41-76	2	5 ¹	6 ¹	4 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹	Saez G	122	L	*.50	Wh Took th Money123 ¹ Nighted Creek123 ¹ Unusually123 ¹	flipped post parade 12	
09Mar21 10 FG	ft		1 ¹	-48 ¹	1:13 ¹	1:42 ³	3 ¹	131 Allw 56000w1/x	34-85	3	5 ¹	4 ¹	3 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹	Saez G	118	L	*1.10	wh (at at May110 ¹) Meet Jettison123 ¹ Dr King Sport123 ¹)	loped into A, low rolled 8	
05Feb21 7 FG	ft	GF		-22 ¹	-46 ¹	1:11 ⁴	3 ¹	131 New 55000	33-88	6	7	6 ¹	5 ¹	2 ¹	1 ¹	Saez G	118	L	1.50	wh (at at May110 ¹) Ch's Knee Reg123 ¹ In Str123 ¹)	whell into long lead, low 7	

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Who Took The Money broke his maiden first time out at the Fair Grounds in February going six furlongs coming from last to win easily.

Stretched out for his second career start he easily handled the mile and seventy yard race, once again coming from well off the pace. The Crescent City Derby closed out his season of the pandemic year of racing at the Fair Grounds when he once again came from back in the pack to get up in the last few strides to win by a neck. Out of state for the summer with the Allied Racing Stables runners he added a nice allowance win at Indiana Grand in October. Returning to the Fair Grounds he closed his year with a handy win by five plus lengths in the Louisiana Champions Day Turf.

Who Took The Money is the first stakes winner out of the Speightstown dam, Speights'



Deshawn Parker aboard Who Took The Money pulls away to capture the 31st Running of the Louisiana Champions Day Turf at Fair Grounds. Hodges Photography / Lou Hodges, Jr.

Colony who has a two-year-old Can The Man filly and a yearling by Secret Circle.

The current lifetime record for

Who Took The Money currently stand at six wins from nine starts with earnings of \$243,427

NET A BEAR

Awesome Bet-Edacious Reality, by Eddington



2021 FOUR-YEAR OLD & UPWARDS FILLY OR MARE

Breeders: Lora Pitre & Elaine Carroll

Owners: Maximo Lamarche and Federico Deltoro

Trainer: Allen Landry

NET A BEAR

2021: 9-4-1-2 \$194,300

B.m. & Awesome Bet - Edacious Reality by Eddington

11Dec21	5 FG	ft	1/4	48.8	1:13.9	1:44.7	3:15.3	5k - LaJardier - 100k	57-84	3	57	57	57	57	Thomson T	124	bc	2.20	Fert Pall(20) Moving Romance(21) Net a Bear(20) 3rd time improved age
29Oct21	5 Ded	ft	7/8	23.3	47.4	1:26.8	3:15.3	5k - Magnolia - 100k	87-89	1	2	64	57	44	Thomson T	125	bc	*1.10	Net a Bear(25) Goldfist N Alary(18) Jewel(16) wide rally, best late
21Aug21	3 Lad	fm CD	1/4	49.1	1:14.4	1:45.1	3:15.3	5k - LaCup(20) - 50k	92-81	5	47	57	37	21	Thomson T	124	bc	*1.20	Net a Bear(24) Offspring(24) Fert Pall(22) rail bid, clear late
02Jul21	6 Evd	fm CD	*1m	49.8	1:13.7	1:37.1	3:15.3	5k - Opelousas - 60k	51-81	3	47	57	47	2nd 1 1/2	Thomson T	116	bc	1.60	Net a Bear(16) Offspring(23) Champagne Affair(18) rail bid 3/16, clear
05Jun21	6 Evd	syn CD	1m	49.8	1:14.4	1:39.7	3:15.3	5k - LA Grand(20) - 70k	33-74	6	64	67	57	37	Thomson T	116	bc	*1.70	Offspring(22) Goldfist N Alary(21) Net a Bear(16) 4w rally, going 2nd
27Mar21	2 FG	ft	1/4	48.1	1:12.4	1:42.1	3:15.3	5k - Scherer(16) - 70k	48-86	6	64	67	67	47	Graham J	121	bc	*1.80	Santa N Madis(21) Jewel(20) She's Gone(18) 3rd time, going 2nd
09Mar21	5 FG	fm CD	*1m	50.4	1:15.4	1:39.8	3:15.3	5k - Red Camelia - 60k	36-84	5	67	67	67	64	Graham J	117	bc	3.60	Offspring(17) Net a Bear(17) Maryland(18) 2nd time, swing 6/14
18Feb21	7 Ded	ft	1m	48.4	1:13.4	1:41.1	3:15.3	5k - Freed(20) - 100k	60-79	6	67	57	47	47	Thomson T	118	bc	*1.60	Goldfist N Alary(16) Santa N Madis(23) Jewel(16) wild rail bid 10
07Jan21	4 FG	ft CD	1/4	48.4	1:14.4	1:44.8	3:15.3	Acc 35000(2nd-N)	57-83	4	47	47	11	17	Geroux F	119	bc	1.50	Net a Bear(19) Offspring(19) Fert Pall(19) 3-2p 1st, inc 2nd, w/14

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Net A Bear is a repeat winner of Championship honors, she previously won as a Three-Year-Old when she closed out her year by defeating older Fillies and Mare in the Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Turf.

For 2021 Net A Bear added three more stakes wins and three stakes placings to her resume. She won the Opelousas Stakes going a mile on the turf at Evangeline Downs in July, displaying her usual running style of coming from well off the pace to win by one and three quarters lengths. Moving on to Louisiana Downs for Louisiana Cup Day in August she captured the Distaff at a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. At Delta Downs she had the opportunity to display her versatility by winning the Magnolia Stakes going seven furlongs on the dirt. Stakes placing for the year included second in the Red Camelia (a race she won in 2022), and thirds in both the Louisiana Legends Turf



Net A Bear wins the 2021 Louisiana Cup Distaff at Louisiana Downs. Hodges Photography.

Distaff and Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Distaff.

For the year Net A Bear earned \$194,300 for her owners Maximo Lamarche and Federico Deltoro.

Net A Bear is the only stakes winner out of her dam who has a two-year-old filly by Country Day and a yearling full brother to Net A Bear.

MONTE MAN

Custom For Carlos-Sarah's My Angel, by Sutter's Prospect



2021 FOUR-YEAR OLD & UPWARDS MALE

Breeder: Val C. Murrell

Owner: Ivery Sisters Racing

Trainer: Ron Faucheux

MONTE MAN

Up 9 Custom for Carlos - Sarah's My Angel by Sutter's Prospect

10Dec21 10 FG	ft	6f	-2194	-4893	1:0991	3f	131	50k - LaSprintB	- 100k	86-88	2 10	5 ¹	4 ¹	2 ¹	1 ¹	Beschizza A	118	bl.	4.10	
15Aug21 5 Lad	ft	6f	-2292	-4599	1:1079	3f	131	50k - LaCupSprintB	- 50k	72-86	3 8	5 ¹	4 ¹	3 ¹	3 ¹	Melancan G	124	bfl	5.20	
14Jul21 8 Evd	ft	5f	-2204	-4534	-5391	3f	131	Acc 50000Lond-N		65-84	3 5	5 ¹	5 ¹	4 ¹	2 ¹	Melancan G	120	bfl	2.10	
6Jun21 5 Evd	syn	5f	-2194	-4594	1:0353	3f	131	50k - LaLigneSprintB	- 70k	79-84	4 7	5 ¹	4 ¹	3 ¹	4 ¹	Melancan G	118	bl.	*1.90	
19Mar21 8 FG	gd	CD	5f	-2294	-4594	1:0317	3f	131	26k - CostaRough	- 10k	62-105	3 5	5 ¹	5 ¹	4 ¹	Beschizza A	119	bl.	3.90	
19Feb21 6 FG	fm	CD	*5f	-2291	-4693	1:0449	4f	131	Acc 35000Lond-N		49-88	1 6	4 ¹	4 ¹	3 ¹	1 ¹	Beschizza A	119	bl.	*.60

2021: 6 2 1 2 \$117,800

Monte Man(11) **Aster n Adaye**(12F) X **Wellington**(21H) **fm, h/14, drive past** 10
Die Die's Legacy(12F) X **Salem**(8A) X **Monte Man**(24F) **late bid, willingly** 10
Wild Bert(12G) **Monte Man**(20H) X **Clown**(25F) **3-4u rally, up late 2nd** 5
Aster n Adaye(11F) X **Wild Bert**(11F) **Lightspun**(10G) **fm ten, overly drive** 10
Cleary John(19H) X **Clown**(15G) **Monte Man**(13G) **break out, 3p tm, 3p/14** 10
Monte Man(19H) **Cleary John**(11F) X **Clown**(11F) **fm ten, h/14, long late** 8

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Monte Man is a repeat winner from last year and a repeat winner from 2018 when he was not only the Champion older male but also the overall Horse of the Year.

I believe Monte Man was voted Champion Four-Year-Old and Up mostly based on his gutsy win in the Louisiana Champions Day Sprint which saw him come from well off the pace to challenge, then overtake, the speedy Bertie's Galaxy to capture the Sprint for the second year in a row. It was Monte Man's only stakes win of the year.

He did place in the Costa Rising Stakes at Fair Grounds in March, and the Louisiana Cup Day Sprint at Louisiana Downs in August.

For the year Monte Man had two wins and three placings from six starts for earnings of \$117,800. This total moved his lifetime earnings to \$794,223 which was enough to add his name to the lifetime Leading Louisiana Bred Earners in eighteenth place.

Monte Man is the second stakes winner produced by his dam,



Monte Man with Adam Beschizza aboard wins the 30th running of the Louisiana Champions Day Sprint at Fair Grounds. Hodges Photography / Lou Hodges, Jr.

Sarah's My Angel, who previously produced Grand Facile, Champion Three-Year-Old Filly in 2006.

The Louisiana Champions Day Sprint was Monte Man's final start. He has been retired to live out his

years at Clear Creek Stud where he was born. Our congratulations to Owner Ivery Sister Racing and Trainer Ron Faucheux for a well managed career and the decision to retire the now nine year old.

2021 BROODMARE OF THE YEAR **BUTTERCUP'S SONG**

Unbridled's Song-Buttercup, by Baldski
Owner: J. Adcock & B&B Bloodstock

Broodmare of the Year went to Buttercup's Song, a daughter of Unbridled's Song who is the dam of three stakes winners and one stakes placed runner from nine runners who all are winners.

Pound For Pound, a winner of \$507,958 includes being a stakes winner at two when he won the Louisiana Futurity and added the Louisiana Champions Day Classic at four and the Star Guitar Stakes at five.

Buttercup's Song had previously produced Grade II stakes winner Flatlined, who earned nearly half a million dollars with wins in the Fort Lauderdale Stake (GII), the Cliff Guilliams Handicap and the Old Friends Stakes.

A third stakes winner is Regroup. Buttercup's Song's last reported foal died in 2018 as a two-year-old.

2021 ANDREW L. "RED" ERWIN **STALLION OF THE YEAR**

HALF OURS

Unbridled's Song-Zing, by Storm Cat

Half Ours has returned to reclaim his status as the winner of the Andrew L. "Red" Erwin Stallion of the year. This is awarded to the leading sire of accredited Louisiana breeds according to total earnings.

Half Ours previously claimed the title in 2014 (in a tie with Brahms), then as the sole crown wearer in 2015, 2016 and 2017. He is atop the list once again.

For the year Half Ours sired ninety five starters who had fifty five winners who earned a total of \$2,111,519. His best runner of the year, Standing Perfect, made the best of his brief career by winning the Louisiana Legacy Stakes at Delta Downs in January going seven and one half furlongs. A month later he added the Louisiana Premier Day Prince Stakes at one mile.

Half Ours final crop is arriving this year after he suffered a life ending paddock accident in the summer of 2021. He has stood his career in Louisiana at Clear Creek Stud in Folsom, La.

2021 LEADING BREEDER BY **BREEDERS AWARDS**

BRITTLYN **STABLE INC.**

(Evelyn Benoit)

Star Guitar, the leading stallion in Louisiana for three years, also made Brittlyn Stable Inc. the leading breeder for the second year in a row. Star Guitar also still sits atop of the all time leading Louisiana bred runners list with \$1,749,862 in earnings through twenty-two stakes wins.

Horses bred by Brittlyn Stable earned breeders awards amounting to \$204,728 with virtually all of them sired by Star Guitar. Ova Charged, a daughter of Star Guitar won the Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Sprint, and was also second in the Grade III Victory Ride Stakes at Belmont Park. Strummer, also by Star Guitar, won the Lookout Stakes at Delta Downs.

For the year horses either owned or bred by Brittlyn Stable Inc. earned in excess of one million dollars.

2021 LEADING BREEDER BY **PERCENTAGE OF STAKES WINNERS**

ALLIED RACING **STABLE, LLC**

For 2021 Allied Racing Stables LLC is our Leading Percentage Breeder of Stakes winners. For the year Allied Racing Stable had five Louisiana bred horses start with two of them winning stakes races for a stakes percentage of 40%. In total they started twenty-one times, winning seven races.

Who Took The Money won the Crescent City Derby in the spring at Fair Grounds and added the Louisiana Champions Day Turf in the fall. Winning Romance won the Louisiana Legends Soiree Stakes at Evangeline Downs.

For the year horses bred by Allied Racing Stable LLC earned \$370,692.

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RUN LIKE A GIRL

With 6 wins from 12 starts, including 5 Stakes Wins, Free Like A Girl Brings a Whole Different Meaning to the Expression “Run Like a Girl”

By Martha Claussen



Lisa Osborne and Kim Renee Stover, breeders of Free Like A Girl.

It's always interesting to follow the ascent of a young racehorse especially if he or she shows prominence as a 2-year-old. The breeder is listed in the program and past performances, but the history behind the title is not often known.

2021 Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association Champion 2-year-old filly Free Like a Girl has

quite an interesting story involving her breeders: sisters Kim Renee Stover and Lisa Osborne.

They grew up in Clearwater, Florida and Kim was destined for a life with horses. She was a jockey, riding both Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses in Texas and Louisiana. Forced to retire in 2006 when she was thrown from her

mount out of the gate at Evangeline Downs, Stover remained in a coma for 20 days. Her arduous recovery process would have derailed the majority of those suffering trauma to the brain, but is a true testament to her grit and courage.

Kim's younger sister, Lisa, ponied horses at several racetracks prior to becoming an x-ray technician. She will never forget Kim's battle following her spill.

"It was horrible," stated Osborne. "Jockeys come off horses all the time, but this was very serious. The medical staff didn't think she would recover, but they didn't know Kim! I told them that when she woke up, she was going to want to leave. They called to let me know she had come out of the coma, and sure enough, she was walking out of the room. The nurse told me that in her 20-year career, she had never seen anything like that!"

Stover still does not remember the accident but soldiered bravely through rehabilitation.

"I had balance issues and could only recall what happened in the



Free Like A Girl winning the 2022 Louisiana Premier Starlet. Coady Photography.

last three-hours,” she explained. “I didn’t know if I would see or feel anything. I had a dead spot in my brain, but thankfully, over time, the brain reworks.”

Stover has a farm in Starks, Louisiana and cares for 12 mares each year: some Louisiana-breds and others out-of state. She sale preps for Paul Pruett, a former trainer who she won races for as a jockey. As the 2018 Fall Mixed Equine Sale in Opelousas, Louisiana approached, Kim and Lisa decided to buy a mare. Kim

looked at the catalog and had three mares circled. One was Flashy Prize, a Kentucky-bred daughter of Flashy Bull. She had won just \$33,000 in her racing career and was in foal for the third time, this time to first-crop stallion El Deal.

Pruett reminded Stover that Flashy Prize did not have one bid in the previous sale. Jay Adcock, of Red River Farms, who stands El Deal, also nixed the idea.

The sisters were prepared to spend \$2,000 at the sale, but somehow were able to purchase Flashy

Prize for just \$500.

“Lisa and I are cheap people,” admitted Stover.

Knowing what was to come with Free Like a Girl, cheap might have been one of the understatements of the century.

Free Like a Girl made her arrival on February 24 at Stover’s farm in Starks.

“We didn’t name her, but because she was born around Desi Arnaz’s birthday, her nickname is Desi,” said Stover.

Free Like a Girl was sent to Carl

“I think she’s [Free Like a Girl] just going to get better when she gets older.”

~ Pedro Cotto, Jr.

Deville and his daughter, Chasey Deville Pomier and began her racing career for owner Gerald Bruno, Jr.

She ran second in her debut on May 8, 2021, at Lone Star Park, in open company, and followed that with another runner-up finish two weeks later. She looked poised to break the maiden in her third start, also at Lone Star, but she had traffic woes and rider Richard Eramia was forced to take her off the rail and mount a bid.

On July 9 at Evangeline Downs, Free Like a Girl notched her first win. Pedro Cotto, Jr. had the call and has remained her rider to date. Despite a poor break in the \$50,000 Louisiana Juvenile Fillies on August 21 at Louisiana Downs, in which she spotted her rivals by ten lengths, she rallied for third. Whether the experience paid off or the patient handling by Cotto.

Free Like a Girl sparkled in the \$60,000 D.S. Shine Young Futurity on September 21 at Evangeline Downs and won back-to-back stakes at Delta Downs. She dominated nine rivals in the \$100,000 Louisiana Jewel on October 22 and scored another impressive victory one month later in the \$100,000 My Trusty Cat Stakes.

Her final two starts of 2021 came at Fair Grounds where she ran second in the \$100,000 Louisiana Lassie on Champions Day. But she left no doubt as to who was best 2-year-old filly the \$109,600 Louisiana Futurity. The bay filly quickly took command, extending her lead and crossing the

wire of the six furlong feature by 6 ¼ lengths in a final time of 1:11.11.

“We stuck with the plan to get her close to the pace,” Cotto, Jr. said in a post-race interview. “When I got a chance, I put her in the clear, and she just did her thing today. I don’t think she’s even as good as she can get right now. That’s one thing that has impressed me about her. I think she’s just going to get better when she gets older.”

Free Like a Girl began her 3-year-old campaign on February 5 with a gate-to-wire romp on Louisiana Premier Day at Delta Downs, winning the \$100,000 Starlet by four lengths. Her connections sent her to Oaklawn Park where she ran fourth in the Grade 3, \$300,000 Honeybee on February 26. The winner, Secret Oath, showed so much dominance that her conditioner, Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas will run her against the boys in the Grade 1, Arkansas Derby.

“There were people who disagreed with her running outside of Louisiana, but she deserved a chance,” said Stover. “We were not embarrassed.”

Free Like a Girl has won six of her 12 starts and has already banked \$356,473 for her current owner partnership of Gerald Bruno, Jr; Carl J, Deville; Chasey Deville Pomier and Jerry Caroom.

While the training and race selection for Free Like a Girl is in the hands of Deville, Pomier and the owners, the entire Stover family continues to be 100% emotionally



Free Like a Girl as a weanling with Sheza Due.

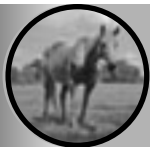
invested. Kim and Lisa’s mom, Helen Stover, bakes her prize cheesecake for Pomier’s team each time Free Like a Girl wins.

“Our mother makes a cheesecake to die for,” stated Osborne. “It’s her own recipe and at 87, she still has the magic!”

There may be some icing on the cake of Free Like a Girl in June, when LTBA holds its annual banquet and announces its Horse of the Year. Could a \$500 purchase by two sisters possibly become the first 2-year-old filly to claim that coveted honor?

“Free Like a Girl is our once in a lifetime horse,” said Stover. “Trying to get the right cross is a guessing game, and breeding to a high dollar stallion is not what we are all about. She’s a blessing!”

Louisiana Horse contributor Martha Claussen served as publicity director at Sam Houston Race Park for ten years. She continues to be active in writing and racing publicity in Texas, Louisiana, Indiana and other regions in North America.



CONFORMATION AFFECTS MOTION

Conformation refers to body structures and how they are put together; body proportions and angles, leg angles, straightness or imbalance in limbs/feet. All of these factors play a role in how the horse moves, how his feet push off and strike the ground, how hooves wear and grow, and whether there will be limb interference while traveling. We try to select horses with the least conformational faults that might hinder racing performance. No horse is perfect, however, so we try to choose a good one and help him with proper foot care.

Observing a horse standing and in motion, assessing his action and conformation, is important in determining how his feet should be trimmed and shod, enabling him to travel most efficiently and stay sound, with the least stress on limb structures. Good trimming and shoeing can help most horses perform to their optimum potential.

Ideally, leg action should be free-flowing, with feet and legs moving forward in relatively straight lines. No horse travels perfectly straight, but exaggerated deviations will cause problems. A horse with crooked legs and crooked foot flight puts strain on bones, joints, tendons and ligaments and is less likely to stay sound. When working at speed, he's also likely to strike himself (especially when shod, since weight added to the feet accentuates any deviation in foot flight)

and may injure his legs. A horse with well-formed feet and legs tends to handle the stresses of athletic activity with less risk for injury and is less apt to develop arthritic joints.

An experienced horseman can tell a lot about how the horse handles his feet just by "reading" feet and shoes (observing wear points), but some clues about how the horse moves become more obvious when you observe leg and body angles and also watch his limbs in motion.

Steve Norman, a Kentucky farrier who shoes a lot of racehorses, says there are basically three main types of leg structure: toed out, toed in, and "normal" (with feet moving in relatively straight lines). "If a horse doesn't have straight legs and feet, the foot flight will be altered," says Norman.

"The two basic toe-out structures are deviational (lower legs splaying outward from the knees—which may be knock-kneed—or from the fetlock joints) and rotational (the whole leg is rotated). If the leg is rotated, the horse's elbows are turned inward and the whole leg is turned outward," explains Norman.

If toes are turned outward due to deviational conformation, foot flight will arc inward. There will also be distortions in the hoof capsule due to uneven weight bearing. "Deviational conformation puts a lot of pressure on the inside quarters, which can create sheared

heels. Rotational conformation won't put quite as much additional concussion on the inside of the foot, and if that foot is trimmed and balanced, both heels could possibly land at the same time; there won't be as much stress on just one heel," he says.

The horse with toed-out conformation will have a rolled-in heel and straight wall on the inside, and a flared or more angled wall on the outside. The hoof capsule is pushed outward. "This creates foot distortion that necessitates support on the inside corner when shod. The farrier may also need to eliminate a flare on the outside. Supporting the inside is especially important on a deviational conformation, because that heel will tend to roll under," explains Norman.

With a toed-in horse, effects are usually the opposite. The horse breaks over to the outside of the foot and wears the outside more. "We need to support the lateral side (outside) of the foot each time it's shod, to reduce pressure and concussion. A horse with this conformational defect generally lands off balance. There may be some differences in how you deal with this, depending on whether the horse has a short pastern or long pastern; you might have to give more hoof support to a Thoroughbred due to pastern length and foot angle," he says.

Conformation and movement, and how these are addressed when trimming or shoeing, must also be looked at in terms of the horse's

age. A foal has important considerations that will be different from the mature animal whose bones are no longer growing. Some corrections can be made in a foal, even up through yearling age. Changes are easier to accomplish when bones are growing fast, and cannot be accomplished after bones have stopped growing.

HOOF BALANCE

Conformation can be evaluated as static balance and dynamic balance (during movement). Static balance involves the way a horse is put together, the way he stands, and the way he loads his limbs, bones, joints and hoof capsule while standing.

There are two forces that affect that static balance. The ground force (opposing force of the ground against the foot/leg) balances/cancels out forces coming down the leg (the horse's weight). The other force is called the phenomenon of creep. We see this in wood structures that support weight (compression) or resist pulling forces (tension) over time. When something is under chronic compression, tension or torque, it will eventually yield and move.

The hoof capsule is affected by these forces. Toe grabs or calks affect the horse's static balance by causing the foot to load different than it was trimmed. The toe is elevated as the horse stands still (such as in a stall), overloading the heels (excessive compression) and slingging the sole off the ground. This puts excessive tension on the laminae at the toe, and compression on the sole.

This static imbalance can have two unhealthy results. It compromises blood supply to the heel area and slows heel growth. Second, it

lifts the toe and sole off the ground, putting more tension on the front of the hoof wall. This can lead to dished toes, stretched white lines and flat soles, over time.

The hoof capsule is constantly growing. It is also elastic, and changes shape according to the weight it bears. With good conformation, limbs are proportional (without undue stress on any one part). As you look down the leg from a front or rear view, you want the joints to be directly under one another. If horse's legs are proportionately straight, the hoof capsules are also loaded proportionately for good balance.

STATIC BALANCE

Equine feet are rarely symmetrical. It's common to have a straighter wall on the medial side (inside) and a slightly more angled wall on the lateral side (outside of the foot). Not only are there differences between inside and outside wall, but front feet are not shaped the same as hind feet. Horses bear weight differently on fronts versus hinds.

When viewed from the side, you can see that most of the weight on the front feet is on the back half of the foot, especially when under load. On hind feet, most of the weight is on the front part of the foot, due to the leg's relationship to (and weight distribution of) the body. Consequently, as a general rule, we don't see as many underslung heels on hind feet as front feet.

Looking at just front feet, or just hind feet, they should match and be a mirror image of one another, but they're not perfectly symmetrical. Regarding front legs, if we look at a normal horse from the front, his body mass is slung/suspended on

the inside of the front legs. As a result, as the foal grows, there is always a little more weight on the inside of the leg and foot than there is on the outside. That's why there's asymmetry in the coffin bone (front to side) and we see this reflected in the hoof capsule.

The compressive forces on the foot as it lands and impacts the ground will also influence hoof shape. Front legs generally bear a little more weight on the inside of the limb. As the limb begins to bear weight during movement, the fetlock joint usually bends inward as well as downward. This puts more force on the inside of the legs. There must be compensating factors to address this force.

Although a foal is born with very symmetrical coffin bones, as he grows and the foot bears more weight, the inside of the coffin bone remodels to handle the load and concussion and becomes straighter up and down. The outside has a little more angle. Consequently the inside of the hoof is a little straighter and the outside wall a little less straight, and this is normal. Taken to extreme, however, this outside angle becomes a flare. But front feet should be matched pairs, even though they are not perfectly round.

On hind feet, if you look at horses from behind, some horses tend to be more base narrow behind than they are in front. As a result, the leg compensates by having a little more outward rotation when standing. Hind legs are not set outside the frame of the body (as they are in the front); they go right into the pelvis. There's a major grouping of muscles on the hindquarters, and often the legs are set on the inside of that mass, rather than outside.

Even if a horse's hind legs rotate

slightly outward, with his toes pointing slightly off center to the outside (which is the most common/normal hind leg conformation) he can be fairly correct behind. When you look at his footprints as he stands squarely, his toes are pointing to 11 o'clock and 1 o'clock, rather than what conventional halter horse conformation would dictate (toes pointing straight forward at 12 o'clock).

When we look at the horse standing, if conformation is a problem, we see it in the way the hoof wall remodels. If that remodeling continues unchecked, we find unhealthy coffin bone remodeling. The "creep" we see in the feet of horses with conformation faults who stand all day in stalls is a result of disproportionate weight on the feet beyond normal physiological limits. Areas of the foot that are more loaded will grow less. Areas that are not loaded grow more. If there is a conformation fault, it puts the limb and ultimately the foot into an unequal loading pattern and the horse needs a shorter shoeing cycle (more frequent trim) to prevent major imbalance. Feet get out of balance much more quickly if they have a conformational fault.

When horses with correct conformation grow long feet, even if the long toe becomes a little dished or the heels roll under, all we have to do is trim away excess growth, re-sculpt the hoof shape, and they are fine. But if a horse has a medial-lateral imbalance (base wide or base narrow) the feet will be flaring and there's a lot more hoof capsule warping we must try to correct.

Growth on a normal foot (with straight limbs) is not as detrimental as the extra growth on a conformationally-challenged foot. A very correct horse, even if his feet grow

long and neglected at pasture, when the long feet break off they will still be relatively well balanced.

DYNAMIC BALANCE

The way a horse moves (dynamic balance) is directly related to static balance. The less correct a horse's conformation, the more faulty the gait. Normal movement of horses is not two-dimensional. Because of the design and function of joints, limb movements are three-dimensional. As the conformationally-correct horse moves and gains more speed, there is subtle medial to lateral variation as the front foot bears weight, and more weight on the lateral (outside) toe than the center of the toe.

The timing of each phase of the stride changes with speed and gait, but these phases are present in all gaits. Phases of the stride are generally referred to as impact phase (heel strike), slide phase, loading phase (mid-stance is when the fetlock joint is fully loaded and the cannon bone perpendicular to the ground), heel up and break-over phase, and swing phase when the limb is in the air.

It's critical for athletic soundness that these phases of stride occur in organized and sequential manner. Faulty conformation tends to affect the normal timing of the stride phases, which in turn can result not only in faulty gait but lameness in some cases. As lameness progresses it will also affect timing and placement of the foot and leg during these phases of the stride.

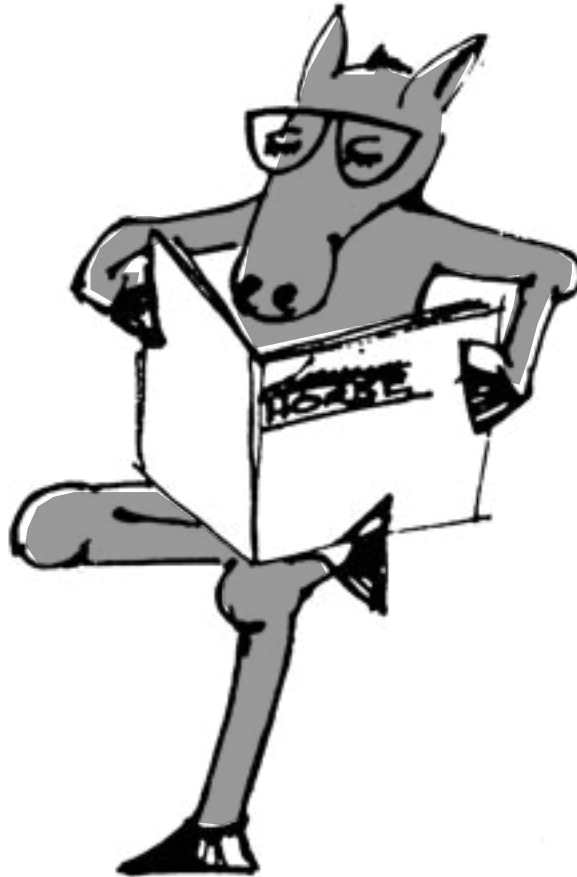
In gaits faster than a walk, some phases of the stride are accelerating and some are decelerating the speed of the limb. For example, when the foot leaves the ground the whole limb is protracted forward,

gaining speed. When the limb is fully extended it retracts or pulls down to the ground in a steeper angle, slowing its speed, getting ready for impact.

When the foot is pulled back down to the ground, it doesn't land flat. It's more common for the outside of the foot to land a fraction of a second before the inside. Some people think that if horses land outside heel first, they slap the inside heel down. But high-speed videos show that normal horses land outside heel first and by the time the foot gradually comes to a slide and stops, the inside heel is loaded, a smooth transference of weight and loading.

There's some rotation of the hinge joints and other joints in the leg. They all function and articulate around a rotation; they don't articulate on just one plane like a machine. Almost all joints have some rotation. Also, as the horse pulls the leg back down--to land the hoof on the ground--the extensor and flexor muscles work together to make this a smooth transition.

The extensor muscles are on the outside of the forearm. As the horse is pulling the leg down and preloading the joint so it's in a closed/packed position (to bear weight) and ready to hit the ground, the muscles tend to pull the leg outward slightly in a lateral motion. If you watch the horse's legs in motion, they are never moving in an absolutely straight line. There's always a little medial/lateral deviation as the foot makes its flight, and this is never a problem unless the inward or outward swing is excessive.



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NET A BEAR

Red Camelia S.

Fair Grounds, March 5, 2022, \$60,000 gross value.
4yo and upwards, accredited Louisiana-bred fillies or mares, @ 8 furlongs, turf, firm 1:40.65 (CR 1:34.22)

NET A BEAR

(Colby J. Hernandez) by 3/4121 \$37,800
Fort Polk by 4118 \$12,000
Behindatthebar–Military Miss, by Military
Offspring by 3 1/2118 \$6,600
Into Mischieff–Pioneer Gal, by Pioneering
Also ran: Blessed Anna 117 (\$3,600)

LA Bred Premier Distaff S.

Delta Downs, February 5, 2022, \$125,000 gross value.
4yo and upwards, accredited Louisiana-bred fillies or mares, 8 furlongs, fast, 1:42.08 (TR 1:36.89)

NET A BEAR

(Timothy Thornton) by 1/2118 \$75,000
Fort Polk by neck123 \$25,000
Behindatthebar–Military Miss, by Military
Snowball by 1/2118 \$12,500
Apriority–Inner Peace, by Value Plus
Also ran: Winning Romance 116 (\$6,250), Jet Sweep 118 (\$3,750), Saints N Muskets 116 (\$1,250), Eileen Alexandra 116 (\$1,250).

NET A BEAR, b.f. 2016

	Awesome Again	Deputy Minister
Awesome Bet, 2008		Primal Force
	Ellie's Moment	Kris S.
		Kelley's Day
	Eddington	Unbridled
Edacious Reality, 2007		Fashion Star
	Halo Reality	Prospector's Halo
		My Yankee Girl

Owner: Maximo Lamarche and Federico Deltoro; **Breeder:** Lora Pitre & Elaine Carroll ; **Trainer:** Allen Landry

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2-6	31	11	6	6	\$561,670

Sire: AWESOME BET stands at Peach Lane Farms, Opelousas, Louisiana.

Dam: Edacious Reality, unplaced, \$2,300.

11 On Moonlight Bay, gr/ro.g., by My Golden Song. Placed at 3, \$12,400.

- 12 Shedrow Cocktails, ch.g., by Orthodox. 7 wins at 2-7, \$106,587.
- 13 Reality Is Great, gr/ro.f., by Puck. 4 wins at 2-3, \$81,524
- 14 No report.
- 15 Sinny Sin Sin, ch.f., by Orthodox. Unplaced at 2-3, 885.
- 16 **NET A BEAR**, b.f., by Awesome Bet. 11 wins at 2-6, \$561,670.
At 3, 1st Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Turf, Elge Raspberry S.; 2nd Louisiana Legends Soiree.
At 4, 1st Red Camelia S.; 2nd Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Turf, Louisiana Legends Turf Distaff.
At 5, 1st Magnolia S., Louisiana Cup Distaff S., Opelousas S.; 2nd Red Camelia S.; 3rd Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Distaff S., Louisiana Legends Turf Distaff.
At 6, 1st Red Camelia S., LA Bred Premier Distaff.
- 17 Egeauxtism, dkbb.g., by Awesome Bet. 2 wins at 3-4, \$46,565.
- 18 Seehoss, b.c., by Awesome Bet. 1 win at 3-4, \$62,735.
- 19 Poppa Bear ch.c., by Mo Tom. Unraced
- 20 Soft Sheer Silk b.f., by Country Day. Unraced.
- 21 The Petitioner, dkbb.c., by Awesome Bet. Unraced.

MANGELSEN

Edward J. Johnston Mem. S.

Fair Grounds, March 5, 2022, \$60,000 gross value.
4yo and upwards, accredited Louisiana-breds, @ 8 furlongs, turf, firm 1:40.61 (CR 1:34.22)

MANGELSEN

(Jareth Loveberry) by 1/2121 \$36,000
Treys Midnite Moon by 2 1/2117 \$12,000
Neko Bay–Peace Street, by Street Cry (IRE)
Ballinonabudjet by 1 1/4117 \$6,600

Sky Kingdom–Heir to Glory, by Wildcat Heir
Also ran: Mr. Universe 121 (\$3,600), Changi 117 (\$1,800), City Park 118.

MANGELSEN, b.g. 2016

	Bernstein	Storm Cat
Big Band Sound, 2007		La Affirmed
	Ensnare	Seeking the Gold
		Trap Pass
	Lil E. Tee	At the Threshold
Teerific Tee, 2002		Eileen's Moment
	Felice	Stalwart
		Hanako (FR)

Owner: Allen Cassidy; **Breeder:** Cynthia G. Eyre & Wendell A. Temple; **Trainer:** Ron Faucheux

STAKES WINNERS

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2-6	28	9	4	2	\$194,800

Sire: **BIG BAND SOUND**

Dam: Teerific Tee, 3 wins at 2-4, \$30,441.

- 13 Mi Padre, b.g., by Ole Rebel. 4 wins at 2-4, \$69,285.
- 14 Philly, b.g., by Star Guitar. 6 wins at 2-7, \$163,300.
- 15 Greeley's E. Tee, by Greeley's Galaxy. Unraced.
- 16 **MANGELESEN**, b.g., by Big Band Sound. 9 wins at 2-6, \$194,800.
At 5, 3rd Louisiana Cup Turf Classic.
At 6, 1st Edward J. Johnston Mem. S.
- 17 Barren
- 18 Starabella, b.f., by Star Guitar. Unraced.
- 19 Teerific Cee, b.g., by Custom For Carlos. Unraced.

VODKA GIMLET

Big Drama S.

Delta Downs, February 26, 2022, \$75,000 gross value.
3yo, 7 furlongs, fast, 1:28.59 (TR 1:24.31)

VODKA GIMLET

(Thomas L. Pompell) by neck	122	\$45,000
Lightning Struck (KY) by 3/4	117	\$15,000
Practical Joke–Stone Hope, by Grindstone		
Totalizer (KY) by 1/2	117	\$7,500
Candy Ride (ARG)–Taxable, by Tapit		

Also ran: Silent Power 116 (\$3,750), Simply Wicked 119 (\$2,250), Fiesty Fist 122 (\$750), Brian's Iron Mike 119 (\$750).

LA Bred Premier Prince S.

Delta Downs, February 5, 2022, \$100,000 gross value.
3yo, accredited Louisiana-breds, 8 furlongs, fast, 1:41.76 (TR 1:36.89)

VODKA GIMLET

(Thomas L. Pompell) by 2 1/4	115	\$60,000
Brian's Iron Mike by 10 1/4	115	\$19,000
Iron Fist–Hildegard, by Ghostzapper		
More Memories by 2 1/4	119	\$10,000
More Than Ready–Cozy Gain, by Cozzene		

Also ran: Home Visit 116 (\$5,000), Unified Report 116 (\$2,000), Blue Cheese 118 (\$1,000), Gotmy Mo Jo Workin 115 (\$1,000), Big Chopper 115 (\$1,000), Order Up 116 (\$1,000).

VODKA GIMLET, b.g. 2019

Goldencents, 2010	Into Mischief	Harlan's Holiday
	Golden Works	Leslie's Lady
Shy Baby, 2005	Out of Place	Banker's Gold
	A Fleet Peach	Body Works
		Cox's Ridge
		Arabian Dancer
		Afleet
		Eishin Georgia

Owner: Ellen Epstein; **Breeder:** 5 B Farm, Inc.; **Trainer:** Allen Landry

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2-3	7	3	0	2	\$147,645

Sire: GOLDENCENTS stands at Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Kentucky.

Dam: Shy Baby, 7 wins at 2-4, \$208,400.

- 12 **GOVERNMENTSHUTDOWN**, gr/ro.g., by Exchange Rate. 3 wins at 2-4, \$99,153.
At 2, 1st Rollicking S.
- 13 **Ganges**, b.g., by Gio Ponti. 5 wins at 3-5, \$107,071.
At 3, 2nd Equine Sales Derby.
- 14 Shy Ruston, b.f., by Calibrachoa. 5 wins at 2-5, \$86,860.
- 15 Star of Ruston, b.c., by Forefathers. Placed at 2-4, \$8,150.
- 16 Typhoon Tycoon, b.g., by Tiz the One. 1 win at 2-3, \$28,614.
- 17 Foal died.
- 18 Foal died
- 19 **VODKA GIMLET**, b.g., by Goldencents. 3 wins at 2-3, \$147,645.
At 2, 3rd Jean Lafitte S.
At 3, 1st Big Drama S., LA Bred Premier Prince S.
- 20 Foal died.

WHOLELOTTAMO

Take Charge Brandi S.

Delta Downs, February 25, 2022, \$75,000 gross value.
3yo, fillies, 7 furlongs, muddy, 1:29.89 (TR 1:24.31)

WHOLELOTTAMO

(Thomas L. Pompell) by head	122	\$45,000
Miss Jana by 13 1/2	117	\$13,500
Ruler's Court–Jettin Jana, by Mauk Four		
Taylors Babe (KY) by 2	116	\$7,500
Midshipman–Bikini Babe, by Pure Prize		

Also ran: Roll Baby 117 (\$3,750), Shared Future 117 (\$1,500), Sassy Emma 117 (\$750), Brinee 115 (\$750), Majestic Ways 116 (\$750), Viv Viv Viv 115 (\$750), Tapsion 115 (\$750).

WHOLELOTTAMO, ch.f. 2019

Mo Tom, 2013	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie
	Caroni	Playa Maya
Jet's Tradition, 2006	A. P Jet	Rubiano
	Rambuckus	Douce Carotte
		Fappiano
		Taminette
		Bold Ruckus
		Quillummo

Owner: Thompson Racing LLC; **Breeder:** Cloyce C. Clark Jr.; **Trainer:** Scott Gelner

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2-3	8	3	2	1	\$148,845

Sire: MO TOM stands at Red River Farms in Coushatta, Louisiana.

- Dam:** Jet's Tradition, 2 wins at 3, \$65,860.
- 11 **Jet Majesty**, dkbb.f., by Raffie's Majesty. 7 wins at 2-7, \$352,712.
At 6, 2nd Braodway S.; 3rd Ladies H.
- 12 Luca's Lady, dkbb.f., by Hold Me Back. Unraced
- 13 Chasin Gracie, ch.g., by Freud. 3 wins at 3-8, \$63,060.
- 14 Uncle Hal, dkbb.g., by Calibrachoa. 1 win at 2-7, \$83,868.
- 15 Crimson Jet, dkbb.g., by Justin Phillip. 5 wins at 2-6, \$47,027.
- 16 No report.
- 17 Forevery Forty, b.f., by Revolutionary. Unraced
- 18 Totally Grace, dkbb.f., by Guilt Trip. 3 wins at 2-4, \$62,185.
- 19 **WHOLELOTTAMO**, ch.f., by Mo Tom. 3 wins at 2-3, \$148,845.
At 2, 1st Louisiana Cup Juvenile Fillies; 2nd Louisiana Futurity.
At 3, 1st Take Charge Brandi S.; 2nd LA Bred Premier Starlet S.
- 20 Jazz Jazz Jazz, ch.f., by Mor Spirit. Unraced.
- 21 Whoelottadeal dkbb.c., by El Deal. Unraced.

LANGS DAY

LA Bred Premier Championship S.

Delta Downs, February 5, 2022, \$150,000 gross value.
4yo and upwards, accredited Louisiana-breds, 8.5 furlongs, fast, 1:48.23 (TR1:43.20).

LANGS DAY

(Ty Kennedy) by 1/2.....118 \$90,000
Speaktomeoflove by 1 1/2118 \$27,000
 Run Away and Hide--Awesome Truth, by Proudest Romeo
Jimi's a Star by 2 1/4.....118 \$15,000
 Star Guitar--Unusual Strike, by Unusual Heat

Also Ran: Venn 116 (\$7,500), Beauregard 118 (\$3,000), Luck of the Draw 118 (\$1,500), Maga Man 116 (\$1,500), Jax Man 118 (\$1,500), Izzy's Baby Boy 116 (\$1,500), Magawildtime 116 (\$1,500).

LANGS DAY, ch.g., 2017

New Year's Day, 2011	Street Cry (IRE)	Machiavellian Helen Street (GB)
	Justwhistledixie	Dixie Union General Jeanne
Langsyne, 2009	Langfuhr	Danzig Sweet Briar Too
	New Hope Seven	Carson City Darby Lake

Owner: Keith Plaisance; **Breeder:** J. Adcock & Adcock's Red River Farm, LLC; **Trainer:** Lee Thomas

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
3-5	17	6	1	3	\$277,040

Sire: NEW YEAR'S DAY, stands in Japan.

Dam: Langsyne, 1 win at 2-4, \$31,516.

- 15 **SPECIAL BLESSING**, b.f., by Flat Out. 6 wins from 2-5, \$270,330
At 3, 1st Equine Sales Oaks; 2nd Louisiana Legends Soiree.
At 4, 1st EVD Distaff; 3rd Treasure Chest S, Magnolia S.
At 5, 3rd LA Bred Premier Night Distaff.

- 16 Thirtyeightcaliber, b.g., by Calibrachoa. 2 wins at 2-6, \$40,350
- 17 **LANGS DAY**, ch.g., by New Year's Day. 6 wins at 3-5, \$277,040
At 4, 1st Gold Cup S.
At 5, 1st LA Bred Premier Championship S.
- 19 Lovely Lady May, ch.f., by Lord Nelson
- 20 No report.
- 21 Unnamed c., by Midnight Lute.

CILLA

LA Bred Premier Matron S.

Delta Downs, February 5, 2022, \$100,000 gross value.
4yo and upwards fillies and mares, accredited Louisiana-breds, 5 furlongs, fast, :58.73 (TR :56.69).

CILLA

(Thomas L. Pompell) by 4 3/4.....123 \$60,000
Icy Charlie by 4 1/4118 \$20,000
 My Pal Charlie--Lady Lyra Lee, by Academy Award
Dixie Lady by 1 1/2.....118 \$10,000
 Yankee Gentleman--Levee Break, by Mighty
Also Ran: Miss Pat's Girl 116 (\$6,000), Condesa's Handmaid 118 (\$3,000), Sarah's Passion 118 (\$1,000).

CILLA, b.f. 2018

California Chrome, 2011	Lucky Pulpit	Pulpit Lucky Soph
	Love the Chase	Not for Love Chase It Down
Sittin At the Bar, 2010	Into Mischief	Harlan's Holiday Leslie's Lady
	Fast Laner	Mutakddim Lois Laner

Owner: P. Dale Ladner; **Breeder:** Brett A. Brinkman & P. Dale Ladner; **Trainer:** Brett A. Brinkman.

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2-4	14	7	1	3	\$476,000

Sire: CALIFORNIA CHROME, stands in Japan.

Dam: SITTIN AT THE BAR, 11 wins at 2-4, \$705,896.

- 16 **CLUB CAR**, dkbb.f., by Malibu Moon. 5 wins at 3-5, \$554,354.
At 4, 2nd Holiday Inaugural S.
At 5, 1st West Virginia Secretary of State S.; 2nd Thoroughbred Club of America S. [G2], Chicago S [G3], Dream Supreme S., What A Summer S.; 3rd Runhappy Barbara Fritchie S [G3], Runhappy Skipat S.
- 17 **JACK THE UMPIRE**, b.g., by Bodemeister. 4 wins at 2-4, \$193,435.
At 2, 1st Jean Lafitte S.
At 3, 2nd My Frenchman S., Randy P. Romero Memorial Overnight S.
- 18 **CILLA**, b.f., by California Chrome. 7 wins at 2-4, \$476,000.
At 2, 3rd Frizette S. [G1]
At 3, 1st Prioress S [G2], Blue Sparkler S., Louisiana Legends

STAKES WINNERS

Mademoiselle S.; 2nd Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Sprint S.; 3rd Lexus Raven Run S. [G2]

At 4, 1st LA Bred Premier Matron S., Orleans S.

19 No report.

20 Alva Starr, b.f., by Lord Nelson. Unraced.

BERTIE'S GALAXY

LA Bred Premier Sprint S.

Delta Downs, February 5, 2022, \$100,000 gross value.

4yo and upwards fillies and mares, accredited Louisiana-breds, 5 furlongs, fast, :58.60 (TR :56.69).

BERTIE'S GALAXY

(Jareth Loveberry) by 3 1/4118 \$60,000

Wild Bert by 1.....116 20,000

Time Bandit–Wild Bertie, by Wild Rush

Black Sword by 2.....118 \$10,000

Songandaprayer–Laughing Saint, by Vindication

Also Ran: Galaxy Builder 116 (\$5,000), Hail State 116 (\$3,000), Laughingsaintsson 116 (\$1,000), Little Puck 116 (\$1,000).

BERTIE'S GALAXY, ch.g. 2016

	Mr. Greeley	Gone West
Greeley's Galaxy, 2002	Ascot Starre	Long Legend
	Wild Rush	Ascot Knight
Wild Bertie, 2001	Lisa's Crusade	Star Deputy
		Wild Again
		Rose Park
		Crusader Sword
		Sister Aggie

Owner: Allen Cassidy; **Breeder:** Margie Averett; **Trainer:** Ron Faucheux.

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
3-6	24	10	8	1	\$397,850

Sire: GREELEY'S GALAXY, deceased.

Dam: Wild Bertie 12 wins at 3-7, \$16,864.

09 Wild and Forty Won, ch.g., by Forty Won. Placed at 3, \$2,365.

10 No report.

11 **MADELYN'S WILD MAX**, dkbb.g., by My Friend Max. 20 wins at 3-10, \$380,958

At 10, 1st LA Bred Premier Ragin Cajun S.

12 Bertie's Etbauer, b.c., by Etbauer. Unraced.

13 Wild Bandit, ch.g., by Time Bandit. 2 wins at 3-5, \$63,205.

14 **Wild Bert**, ch.g., by Time Bandit. 10 wins at 3-8, \$387,310.

At 7, 2nd Louisiana Legends Sprint S.

At 8, 2nd Sam's Town S., LA Bred Premier Sprint S.

15 Wild Mallory, ch.f. by Greeley's Galaxy. 9 wins at 3-7 \$184,935.

16 **BERTIE'S GALAXY**, ch.g., by Greeley's Galaxy. 10 wins at 3-6, \$397,850.

At 4, 2nd Louisiana Cup Sprint.

At 5, 1st Louisiana Legends Sprint S.; 2nd LA Bred Premier Sprint S., Louisiana Champions Day Sprint.

At 6, 1st LA Bred Premier Sprint S.; 2nd Costa Rising S.

FREE LIKE A GIRL

LA Bred Premier Starlet S.

Delta Downs, February 5, 2022, \$100,000 gross value.

3yo, accredited Louisiana-bred fillies, 8 furlongs, fast, 1:42.65 (TR 1:36.89)

FREE LIKE A GIRL

(Pedro L. Cotto, Jr) by 4 1/2122 \$60,000

Wholottamo by 4115 \$19,000

Mo Tom–Jet's Tradition, by A. P Jet

Miss Jana by nose116 \$10,000

Ruler's Court–Jettin Jana, by Mauk Four

Also ran: Medley 117 (\$5,000), Buckley Bunny 115 (\$2,000), Lutie Mo 115 (\$1,000), Deal Me a Penny 118 (\$1,000), Eagleoverthemoon 116 (\$1,000), Gotteminabind 115 (\$1,000).

FREE LIKE A GIRL, b.f. 2019

	Munnings	Speightstown
El Deal, 2012	Spirit of Wailea	La Comete
	Flashy Bull	Out of Place
Flashy Prize, 2010	Rich Peace	Melisma
		Holy Bull
		Iridescence
		Rizzi
		Lockpeace

Owner: Gerald Bruno, Jr., Carl J. Deville, Chasey Deville Pomier, and Jerry Caroom; **Breeder:** Kim Renee Stover & Lisa Osborne; **Trainer:** Chasey Deville Pomier

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2-3	11	6	3	2	\$341,473

Sire: EL DEAL stands at Red River Farms in Coushatta, Louisiana.

Dam: Flashy Prize, 2 wins at 2-4, \$33,383.

15 Majestic Bella, dkbb.f., by Majestic Warrior. 1 win at 3-4, \$17,470.

16 Flashy Shaq, ch.g., by Shackleford. 3 wins at 2-5, \$20,228.

17 **Free Indeed**, ch.g., by Midshipman. 4 wins at 2-4, \$87,890. At 2, 2nd Sunday Silence S.; 3rd, Evangeline Downs Prince S., D.S. Shine Young F.

18 No report.

19 **FREE LIKE A GIRL**, b.f., by El Deal. 6 wins at 2-3, \$341,473.

At 2, 1st Louisiana Futurity, My Trusty Cat S., D.S. Shine Young F., Louisiana Jewel S.; 2nd Louisiana Champions Day Lassie S.; 3rd Louisiana Cup Juvenile Fillies.

At 3, 1st LA Bred Premier Starlet

20 Free From Guilt, b.c., by Guilt Trip. Unraced.

MADISON'S PLACE

LA Bred Premier Bon Temps Starter S.

Delta Downs, February 5, 2022, \$50,000 gross value.

4yo & upwards, accredited Louisiana-bred fillies and mares, 5 furlongs, fast, :59.41 (TR :56.69).

MADISON'S PLACE

(J. Dominguez) by 3 3/4118 \$30,000

Wild Mallory by 3 1/2123 \$9,500
 Greeley's Galaxy-Wild Bertie, by Wild Rush
Bind On Earth by 2 1/2123 \$5,000
 Bind-Time for Harlan, by Harlan's Holiday

Also Ran: Itsnotmyjob 120 (\$2,500), Dueforadate 120 (\$1,000), Lil Allie Dancer 118 (\$500), See Sassy Run 120 (\$500), Sweet Prayers 118 (\$500),Totally Grace 118 (\$500).

MADISON'S PLACE, dkbb.f., 2017

My Pal Charlie, 2005	Indian Charlie	In Excess (IRE) Soviet Sojourn
	Shahalo	Halo White Mischief (GB)
Tot Shop Donna, 2010	Value Plus	Unbridled's Song Roll Over Baby
	Magical Place	Out of Place Captivating Court

Owner: Sandy Badeaux; **Breeder:** Floyd Pitzer & Renee Pitzer; **Trainer:** Eduardo Ramirez

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
3-5	32	9	5	3	\$166,474

Sire: MY PAL CHARLIE. Stands at Elite Thoroughbreds, Folsom, Louisiana.

Dam: Tot Shop Donna, 1 win at 3, \$15,685.

- 15 Shop Around Sue, dkbb.f., by Musket Man. 3 wins at 2-4, \$54,030.
- 16 No report
- 17 **MADISON'S PLACE**, dkbb.f., by My Pal Charlie. 9 wins at 3-5, \$166,474.
At 5 1st LA Bred Premier Bon Ton Starter S.
- 18 No report.
- 19 Custom Design, dkbb.f., by Custom For Carlos.

ALTERANA

LA Bred Premier Ragin Cajun Starter S.

Delta Downs, February 5, 2022, \$50,000 gross value.
 4yo & upwards, accredited Louisiana-breds, 5 furlongs, fast, :59.42 (TR :56.69)

ALTERANA

(G. Melancon) by 3 1/2123 \$30,000
Double Barrel Man by neck118 \$10,000
 Musket Man-Double Points Day, by Storm Day
Farewell Time by 1 3/4120 \$5,000
 Time Bandit-Adieu and Farewell, by Fraser River

Also Ran: Toni's Star 118 (\$3,000), Born Again George 120 (\$1,500), Mr. Curlin 118 (\$500).

ALTERANA, ch.g. 2017

Alternation, 2008	Distorted Humor	Forty Niner Danzig's Beauty Seattle Slew
	Alternate	Strike a Balance A.P. Indy
Montana Miss, 2011	Mineshaft	Prospectors Delite Seeking the Gold Six Months Long
	Zoe Montana	

Owner: Keith Charles; **Breeder:** Ronald P. Webb; **Trainer:** Keith Charles

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2-5	31	9	7	1	\$211,320

Sire: ALTERNATION. Stands at Darby Dan Farm, Lexington, Kentucky

Dam: Montana Miss, unraced.

- 15 King Valero, dkbb.g., by Eskendereya. 6 wins at 2-6, \$213,234.
- 16 Tizlakeleigh, dkbb.g., by Tizway. 1 win at 2, \$4,756.
- 17 **ALTERANA**, ch.g., by Alternation. 9 wins at 2-5, \$211,320.
At 5, 1st LA Bred Premier Ragin Cajun Starter S.
- 18 Foal died.
- 19 Gotmy Mo Jo Workin, dkbb.g., by Mo Tom. 1 win at 2-3, \$30,950.
- 20 Gotcha Gatsby, f., by Jay Gatsby. Unraced.

GREELEY'S DEALER

LA Bred Premier Gentlemen Starter S.

Delta Downs, February 5, 2022, \$60,000 gross value.
 4yo & upwards, accredited Louisiana-breds, 1 1/16th miles, fast, 1.49.55 (TR 1:43.20).

GREELEY'S DEALER

(J.A. Guerrero) by 3/4120	\$36,000
Meditate by 3/4120	\$10,800
Siilent Pleasure-Jambalaya Jazz, by Dixieland Band	
Freedomfi by 1120	\$6,000
Guilt Trip-Charming Colleen, by Charismatic	

Also Ran: Forestdungone 118 (\$3,000), Doctor Leo 118(\$1,200), Available Star 118(\$600), Much Class 118 (\$600), Bistraya 120 (\$600), Bayou Jam 118 (\$600), Tensas Toddy 123 (\$600).

GREELEY'S DEALER, b.g. 2013

Greeley's Galaxy, 2002	Mr. Greeley	Gone West Long Legend Ascot Knight Star Deputy
	Ascot Starre	Gummo
Fancy Dealer, 2000	Barberstown	Available Miss Plain Dealing Dawnostrum
	Fancy Face	

Owner: Dale White, Sr.; **Breeder:** Margie K. Averett; **Trainer:** Dale White, Sr.

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
3-9	55	15	10	9	\$357,285

Sire: GREELEY'S GALAXY. Deceased.

Dam: Fancy Dealer, 6 wins at 2-7, \$81,318.

- 09 Etbauer's Fancy, b.f., by Etbauer. Unplaced at 3. \$160
- 10 Forty Won Deals, dkbb.f., by Forty Won. 2 wins at 3-5, \$32,716
- 11 **Fancy Madelyn**, b.f., by My Friend Max. 12 wins at 3-7, \$271,251.
At 5, 3rd Brandywins S., Louisiana Legends Mademoiselle S.
- 12 Dealer's Etbauer, b.g., by Etbauer. 1 win at 3-6, \$33,140.
- 13 **GREELEY'S DEALER**, b.g., by Greeley's Galaxy. 15 wins

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at 3-9, \$357,285.

At 8, 1st LA Bred Premier Gentlemen Starter S.

At 9, 1st LA Bred Premier Gentlemen Starter S.

14 No report.

15 Fancy Mallory, dkbb.f., by Etbauer. 4 wins at 3-7, \$91,180.

16 No report.

17 Nin to Win, dkbb.f., by Greeley's Galaxy. 1 win at 3-5, \$26,110.

120 (\$600), Isolation 118 (\$600), Distractor Factor 118 (\$600).

GIRL THIRSTY, b.f. 2015

	Bernardini	A.P. Indy
Stay Thirsty, 2008	Marozia	Cara Rafaela
	Subordination	Storm Bird
Perthshire, 2006	Sweet Lillian	Make Change
		Mt. Livermore
		Not So Careless
		Mertzon
		Neuilly Gate (IRE)

GIRL THIRSTY

LA Bred Premier Ladies Starter S.

Delta Downs, February 5, 2022, \$60,000 gross value.

4yo & upwards, accredited Louisiana-bred fillies and mares, 8 furlongs, fast, 1.43.39 (TR 1:36.89).

GIRL THIRSTY

(A. Castillo) by 1 3/4118 \$36,000

Heart That Binds by 3 1/2118 \$12,000

Bind-Throbbin' Heart, by Smoke Glacken

Byanymean by 1/2118 \$6,000

Take Charge Indy-Nicole's Wildcat, by D'wildcat

Also Ran: Kris T. 118 (\$3,000), Bellamy Cay 118 (\$1,200), Sucre

Owner: Claudia Solis; **Breeder:** Robert Stockett; **Trainer:** Ronnie P. Ward

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2-7	36	8	5	5	\$169,890

Sire: STAY THIRSTY. Stands at Lovacres Ranch, Warner Springs, California.

Dam: Perthshire, 4 wins at 3-7, \$58,130.

15 **GIRL THIRSTY**, b.f., by Stay Thirsty. 8 wins at 2-7, \$169,890.

At 7, 1st LA Bred Ladies Starter S.

16 Robber, b.g., by Forefathers. Placed at 4-5, \$3,210.

17 Foal died.



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8900 Melrose Lane, River Ridge, LA 70123

Federal Tax ID# 26-1257231

Dear Owner,

Louisiana Horse Rescue Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to Racehorse welfare and aftercare. Currently the program is funded entirely through the fundraising efforts of committed volunteers, with 100% of funds raised going directly to the horses. We invite you to read more about our organization at www.louisianahorserescue.com.

In order to continue our efforts of rescuing, retraining, rehabbing and rehoming retired racehorses it is necessary that the horse racing industry provide a regular source of income to the program. LHRA hereby requests that each owner by virtue of signing their name below, authorize the LHBPA to debit their Horseman's account as indicated below per start as a tax deductible donation to the LHRA, or an optional other amount as you deem appropriate. Once signed, please return this form to us via mail at the post office address above.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

I hereby authorize the LHBPA to debit my account

\$10.00 per start as a tax deductible donation to LHRA.

\$5.00 per start as a tax deductible donation to LHRA

OTHER amount per start as stated here (may be a percentage)

One time deduction of \$ _____, deducted from next placing

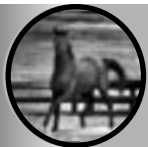
This voluntary deduction is to remain in effect until I notify the Executive Director or Secretary / Treasurer of the LHBPA in writing of my decision to terminate this authorization

Owner Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Address as registered with LHBPA _____

E-mail address _____



BREEDING NEWS

Graham 's Cruiser First Winner for Hard Aces

Graham 's Cruiser became the first winner for Louisiana stallion Hard Aces when he won a state-bred maiden race at Delta Downs Feb. 11.

The 3-year-old raced in fourth for the first three-eighths of a mile before gaining on the leaders and taking the lead in the final furlong. He won by three-quarters of a length, racing five furlongs in 1:00.78 under C. J. McMahon.

Wayne Schexnayder bred Graham 's Cruiser in Louisiana out of the Harborage mare Rich Resultz. The gelding is one of her four winners from five to race.

Hard Aces, a millionaire by Hard Spun, won the 2015 Gold Cup at Santa Anita Stakes (G1) in his top achievement for owner Hronis Racing and trainer John Sadler. In subsequent years, he added the 2016 Cougar II Handicap (G3) at Del Mar and the 2017 Tokyo City Cup Stakes (G3) at Santa Anita Park.

He was retired after running 11th in the Berkeley Handicap (G3) at Golden Gate Fields in November 2017 and went to stud the following year at Averett Farm in Louisiana. He currently stands there for a \$2,000 fee.

Honor A. P.'s First Reported Foal Born in Louisiana

Lane's End's grade 1 winner Honor A. P. sired his first reported

foal Jan. 27 at Coteau Grove Farms near Sunset, La. Bred by Coteau Grove, the filly is out of multiple graded-placed stakes winner Joanie's Catch.

"The resemblance of this filly to her sire is uncanny, right down to her four white socks," said Andrew Cary, Coteau Grove Farms' bloodstock adviser. "There is no doubt about who her sire is. Honor A. P. was right up there with the best of his generation, and we likely only saw a fraction of what he was capable of. We have two more mares due to foal to Honor A. P., including a mare who produced a \$400,000 Saratoga yearling for us."

Honor A. P., a 5-year-old son of Honor Code, won or placed five times from six starts and won the 2020 Runhappy Santa Anita Derby (G1). He was also second in the San Felipe Stakes (G2) and Shared Belief Stakes on his way to earning \$532,200. The stallion is out of multiple grade 1 winner and 15-time graded stakes performer Hollywood Story (Wild Rush).

Honor A. P. stands for \$15,000 this year.

Aurelius Maximus Sires First Reported Foal in Louisiana

The first reported foal by Aurelius Maximus, a grade 2-placed son of Pioneer of the Nile, was born Feb. 10 at Hebert Farms in Maurice, La.

The dark bay filly is out of the Pomeroy mare Platinum Patty, owned by William Meaux. Platinum Patty was a \$100,000 pur-

chase from Fasig-Tipton's 2014 Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale and an impressive 2-year-old maiden special weight winner at first asking.

"We are extremely excited about 'Aurelius.' He's been nothing but class in the breeding shed and the response to him has been outstanding," said Nathan Granger, a partner in the stallion along with Stonestreet Stables, George Bolton, and Peter Leidel.

Bred in Kentucky, Aurelius Maximus is out of graded stakes-winning A.P. Indy mare Le Reina, Aurelius Maximus raced for Stonestreet, Bolton, and Leidel to a 3-1-1 record from eight starts with earnings of \$217,114. He was second by a neck to Mr Freeze in the 2020 Hagyard Fayette Stakes (G2) at Keeneland.

Aurelius Maximus is a half brother to black-type winner, grade 2-placed Chief Havoc, multiple graded stakes-placed Special Event, and graded stakes producer Tia. His second dam is champion older mare Queenena.

Aurelius Maximus stands the 2022 season for an advertised fee of \$2,000, live foal, at the Adcock family's Red River Farm in Coushatta, La.

First Mares Confirmed in Foal to No Parole

The first mares have been confirmed in-foal to Grade I winner No Parole (Violence), Whispering Oaks Farm and Coteau Grove Farms announced Wednesday.

Among the early mares scanned

OBITUARIES

Louie Randolph Davis, Jr.

Louie Randolph Davis, Jr. (Randy) was born on September 13th, 1952. He passed away on March 19th after a brief illness.

Randy attended Fair Park High School and graduated from Louisiana Tech University. He went on to work alongside his father, Louie, and mother, Tootsie at the family business, South States, Incorporated.

Randy was very social, often hosting parties, and had a deep affection for the annual Cross Lake Flotilla. He enjoyed raising race horses and adored animals, especially his rescue dogs. His sarcasm and wit were unparalleled.

Randy is survived by his sister, Dianne Davis Hanes, and husband Gordon, his nieces, Lee Anne Tilley, Joni Tilley Deardorff and husband Chad, April Tilley Mobley and husband Mark, along with six great nieces and nephews, and numerous cousins.

Emmit O. Pickett

Emmit Ovie Pickett, age 76, passed away on March 19, 2022, after a battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He died peacefully with his loving family by his side.

Emmit, known to most as "Punkin" was born on March 24, 1945, in Minden, LA. He attended elementary and secondary school in Doyline, where he graduated in 1963.

Punkin was an athlete and lettered in baseball and basketball. He was a member of the State Baseball Championship Team in 1962 and All-State Basketball Player in '62 and '63. He continued his love for playing ball in college where he attended Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, LA.

After college, he joined the Army National Guard and worked at Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant and then for KCS Railroad for 35 years retiring as Conductor.

A longtime thoroughbred breeder, he had numerous winning horses and quite a few favorites notably Nitro Chip, Ovie, Benwill, The Pickett Factor, End Up, and Cajun Country.

His love and compassion for animals was evident by his support for various animal rescues. "

Survivors include his son, Russel "Bud" Pickett and wife Jennifer of Shreveport; daughter, Robin Pickett Stewart and husband Chuck of Madison, MS; grandchildren, Benjamin "Ben" Pickett, William "Will" Pickett, Megan Stewart Slee and husband Eric of Madison, MS, Charles "CJ" Stewart III and wife Danielle of Chattanooga, TN.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org, or your favorite animal rescue center.

in-foal include Coteau Grove's Naive Enough (Street Sense), a full-sister to stakes-winner/Grade I-placed Light the City, who in turn is the dam of Grade I-placed Illumination, who sold for \$875,000 as a broodmare prospect last year at Fasig-Tipton November.

"A mare of the quality of Naive Enough is indicative of the kind of mare we are breeding to No Parole to support him," said Coteau Grove's bloodstock advisor Andrew Cary. "She was a close fourth in the GII Golden Rod S. as a 2-year-old and is big, good-looking mare with a huge pedigree. She has already produced two winners and her 2-year-old is training very well in Florida right now. We have several stakes winners and stakes producers booked to No Parole and will continue to support him. Whispering Oaks is a tremendous partner in the horse and is also supporting him strongly. He has also been very well received by breeders throughout Louisiana."

No Parole, winner of the 2020 GI Woody Stephens S., captured six of 13 starts and earned \$369,866. He is standing his first season at an advertised fee of \$3,500, stands and nurses.

The Jockey Club Rescinds Mare Cap Rule

The Jockey Club announced Feb 7th that it is rescinding the following italicized language in Rule 14C of The Jockey Club's Principal Rules and Requirements of the American Studbook that addresses limitations to the total number of mares bred per stallion:

The total number of broodmares bred per individual stallion whose year of birth is 2020 or thereafter

shall not exceed 140 per calendar year in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. The Jockey Club shall limit the number of Stallion Service Certificates for such stallions to a maximum of 140 per calendar year.

“The Jockey Club board of stewards is rescinding this rule as it is concerned that the reaction to the rule may divide the industry at a time when there are many important issues that need to be addressed with unity,” said Stuart S. Janney III, chairman of The Jockey Club. “We are taking this action for the greater good of the entire industry.”

“The Jockey Club remains committed to the sustainability and welfare of the breed and will continue to invest in programs and research that will bolster and support the industry in the years to come.”

The Jockey Club will continue to maintain the Principal Rules and Requirements of the American Studbook in keeping with its mission to ensure the health of the Thoroughbred breed.

SALES NEWS

LTBA to hold 2022 Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana Yearling Sale, October 1st

The Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association announced today, February 18, 2022, that they will be hosting a Yearling Sale followed by a mixed session under the banner of Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana on October 1st.

The sale will be held at the Equine Sales of Louisiana Facility in Opelousas, La. and be limited by the number of stalls at the facility being 228.



LTBA drew for two \$1,000 scholarships at Louisiana Premier Day at Delta Downs. Pictured above: Scholarship winner, Jordan Jerman (McNeese State University), LTBA Secretary-Treasurer, Roger Heitzmann and scholarship winner Peyton Doyle (SOWELA Technical Community College)

After not conducting a sale since 2015 the LTBA stepped up last year to host a sale when Equine Sales of Louisiana opted not to have a yearling sale in 2021. Last year’s sale averaged just over \$13,000 with a median of \$8,000.

With the introduction of Sports Betting and the coming of Historical Horse Racing Machines it is anticipated that purses for Accredited Louisiana Breds will increase dramatically.

The entry deadline is July 6th. Entry forms will be available in late May and be available to be downloaded from the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association web site of www.louisianabred.com

2022 Texas Summer Yearling Sale Will Be Held On August 29th

The Texas Thoroughbred Association has announced its 2022 Texas Summer Yearling Sale will be held on August 29th. The sale, co-presented by Lone Star Park,

will be held at the sale pavilion at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas.

“After the results of our 2021 yearling sale, we have a lot to look forward to with the 2022 Texas Summer Yearling Sale,” TTA Sales Director Foster Bridewell said. “The yearling market in Texas in 2021 was strong, thanks to our consignors, who brought quality physicals and pedigree to our sale, and thanks to the buyers who certainly loved the individuals on the grounds.”

The 2021 sale concluded with an increase in the total number of yearlings cataloged and sold, as well as a positive jump in the average and median sale prices. Texas sales graduates are eligible for the Texas Thoroughbred Association Futurity at Lone Star Park at two and the new Texas Thoroughbred Association Derby and Oaks for three-year-olds at Sam Houston.

“There’s really never been a better time to sell and buy racehorses in the Texas,” Bridewell said.

“Thanks to the passage of HB 2460 in 2019, the Texas horse industry benefits from the infusion of \$25 million per year, increasing purses and Accredited Texas-bred incentive awards. This is all thanks to Texas lawmakers who support racing in this state; it’s truly a great time to bring horses to Texas to sell and for buyers to find quality prospects.”

The Entry Deadline for the 2022 Texas Summer Yearling Sale is June 24, 2022 and consignment forms are now available at www.ttasales.com.

OBS Spring Catalog Online

The catalog for the Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s 2022 Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training is now available via the OBS website.

A total of 1,231 juveniles have been cataloged for the four-day sale, now set for Tuesday through Friday, April 19th – April 22nd. All sessions will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The Under Tack Show will be divided into seven sessions, set for Sunday through Saturday, April 10th – April 16th, all beginning at 8:00 a.m.

OBS will again offer Online Bidding during the Spring Sale.

Buyers will be able to go to the OBS website and register to gain bidding approval, then access the OBS Bidding Screen with their credentials. For complete information on registration and online bidding please go to the OBS website: obs-online-bidding

The Under Tack Show and Sale will be streamed live via the OBS website as well as the DRF, TDN, BloodHorse and Past The Wire websites.

The online catalog’s main page contains a link to a sortable master index providing searchable pedigree and consignor information as well as access to pedigree updates occurring since the catalog was printed. Under Tack videos, walking videos and conformation photos are also available.

The iPad version of the catalog can be accessed via the equine Sales Catalog App. The App allows users to download and view the catalog, receive updates and results, record notes and also provides innovative search, sort and rating capability. For more information and downloads go to: equine.com/SalesCatalogApp/

Current information about OBS sales, consignors and graduates is now also available via social media sites Facebook and Twitter. A link

on the homepage directs users to either site.

Sales results will be available on the OBS website, updated during each session of the Spring Sale. In addition, the latest news regarding OBS graduates, sales schedules, nominations, credit requests, travel information and other news relevant to OBS consignors and customers is also available. E-mail should be addressed to obs@obssales.com.

For more information regarding the Spring Sale or OBS website, please call (352) 237-2154.

RACING NEWS

Louisiana Futurity Nominations on the Rise

The Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association (LTBA) is pleased to announce that nominations have increased significantly for the 2024 Louisiana Futurity for two-year-old accredited Louisiana bred. Nominations begin when a mare is in foal, with additional eligibility payments made as the foal reaches racing age.

The 2022 foals out of 633 mares have been nominated to the 2024 Louisiana Futurity, up substantially from the previous year when the 2021 foals out of 543 mares were

LOUISIANA DOWNS TOTAL PURSES WITH SLOTS, VIDEO POKER AND BREEDER/HORSEMEN CONTRIBUTIONS 2011 - 2021

Provided by Louisiana HPBA

Track	Race Dates	Number of Race Days	Number of Races	Total Purses Awarded	Pari-Mutuel Purses	% of Total	Slots Purses	% of Total	Video Poker Purse Supp.	% of Total	Breeder/ Horsemen	% of Total
LOUISIANA DOWNS TB	5/1/21-9/21/21	84	589	\$8,390,940	\$3,044,500	36.3%	\$4,583,520	54.6%	\$611,670	7.3%	\$151,250	1.8%
LOUISIANA DOWNS TB	6/6/20-9/26/20	64	456	\$6,335,150	\$2,207,000	34.8%	\$3,570,550	56.4%	\$429,000	6.8%	\$128,600	2.0%
LOUISIANA DOWNS TB	5/4/19-9/25/19	84	591	\$8,222,320	\$3,108,790	37.8%	\$4,501,780	54.8%	\$468,000	5.7%	\$143,750	1.7%
LOUISIANA DOWNS TB	5/5/18-9/26/18	84	595	\$8,521,635	\$3,583,330	42.0%	\$4,335,005	50.9%	\$401,000	4.7%	\$202,300	2.4%
LOUISIANA DOWNS TB	5/6/17-9/27/17	84	624	\$8,444,380	\$3,629,630	43.0%	\$4,233,750	50.1%	\$487,900	5.8%	\$93,100	1.1%
LOUISIANA DOWNS TB	5/7/16-9/24/16	84	597	\$8,709,950	\$3,665,480	42.1%	\$4,227,870	48.5%	\$620,600	7.1%	\$196,000	2.3%
LOUISIANA DOWNS TB	5/1/15-9/19/15	84	625	\$9,684,000	\$4,073,930	42.1%	\$4,797,745	49.5%	\$491,700	5.1%	\$320,625	3.3%
LOUISIANA DOWNS TB	5/2/14-9/21/14	84	721	\$11,306,043	\$4,112,648	36.4%	\$6,125,520	54.2%	\$679,500	6.0%	\$388,375	3.4%
LOUISIANA DOWNS TB	5/3/13-9/22/13	84	754	\$12,966,905	4,974,445	38.4%	6,812,560	52.5%	\$557,600	4.3%	\$622,300	4.8%
LOUISIANA DOWNS TB	5/4/12-9/23/12	84	773	\$13,442,435	\$5,041,190	37.5%	\$7,397,020	55.0%	\$575,000	4.3%	\$429,225	3.2%
LOUISIANA DOWNS TB	5/6/11-9/25/11	84	783	\$13,455,615	\$4,860,500	36.1%	\$7,515,990	55.9%	\$666,000	4.9%	\$413,125	3.1%

nominated to the 2023 Louisiana Futurity.

With Louisiana purses on the rise, LTBA is expecting competitive fields and a higher demand for accredited Louisiana bred.

Thornton, Broberg And End Zone Athletics Continue Delta Downs Dominance During 2021-22 Thoroughbred Season

The 2021-22 Thoroughbred season at Delta Downs wrapped up on Saturday, March 5th, with familiar names topping the horsemen standings. Tim Thornton won his fourth straight leading rider title while Karl Broberg notched his 11th consecutive crown in the training ranks. Broberg and Matt Johansen's End Zone Athletics, Inc. earned their seventh leading owner title and their 10th in the last 11 years.

Thornton's season included 129 wins and mount earnings of \$2,782,260. The title was Thornton's fourth consecutive since moving his tack to Vinton in late 2017. During his first full season in 2018-19, Thornton set a new track record for mount earnings in a single season with \$2,894,080.

Thornton, a husband and father of three, won six of the track's 26 stakes races during the meet. His biggest score came with the Allen Landy-trained Net a Bear, who took the \$125,000 Louisiana Premier Day Distaff on the track's richest race day of the year, February 5.

Following Thornton in the jockey standings were Joel Dominguez (65 wins), Joe Stokes (61), Jose Guerrero (50), Alex Birzer (46), Thomas Pompell (45), Vicente Del-Cid (42), C. J. McMahon (33),

Kevin Roman (29), and Gerard Melancon (28).

Broberg continued his dominance at Delta Downs in 2021-22 by sending out 105 winners and totaling \$1,928,820 in barn earnings. Broberg nearly bettered his own records for Thoroughbred conditioners this meet as well. During the 2018-19 season his horses set the current standard with 107 wins and earnings of \$2,017,120.

Rounding out the list of leading trainers for the Delta Downs meeting were Allen Landry (31), Eduardo Ramirez (31), Brett Brinkman (26), Dale White, Sr. (21), Sam Breaux (20), Scott Gelner (19), Benjamin Zeno (19), Greg Tracy (19), and Lee M. Thomas (19).

End Zone Athletics, Inc. saw 78 of their runners win and earn a total of \$1,322,480. The accomplishment broke their own records set just last year when End Zone won 64 races and took home \$1,186,210.

Rounding out the top owners for the season were Dale White, Sr. (18), Elite Thoroughbred Racing, LLC (Michele Rodriguez) (12), Israel Flores Horses LLC (10), Keith Charles (9), Adriel Gonzalez (8), Gerald L. Averett, Jr. (7), Norman Stables, LLC (7), Rylee Grudzien (7), and Sandy Badeaux (6).

Delta Downs now looks forward to its upcoming American Quarter Horse season which gets underway on April 29 and runs through July 16. The 46-day meeting will feature live racing each Wednesday through Saturday night with first post time set for 6:15 pm Central Time.

For more information about the Delta Downs Quarter Horse season,

including specific race days, go to the track's website at www.deltadownsracetrack.com. Fans can also follow the track on Facebook and Twitter.

Murrill Scores Career Win 1,000

Just a little more than eight years into a career that began at Delta Downs in 2013, jockey Mitchell Murrill won his 1,000th career race on Sunday February 6, 2022 at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, guiding Selective Racing's Yin Yang to victory for trainer Brad Cox.

"I've got to thank Brad (Cox)," Murrill said. "This is the first horse I've ridden for him in my career, so it's kind of nice to get into the winner's circle for him. He told me before the race that the horse was going to be keen and to try to get her to relax and keep her running forward. She did it today."

Earlier on the card Murrill won

EVANGELINE DOWNS 2022 THOROUGHBRED STAKES SCHEDULE.

4-15	\$60,000	Acadiana S.
4-16	\$60,000	Lafayette S.
5-6	\$60,000	EVD Distaff
5-7	\$60,000	EVD Classic
6-4	Louisiana Legends Night	
	\$75,000	Louisiana Legends Cheval
	\$75,000	Louisiana Legends Soiree
	\$75,000	Louisiana Legends Sprint
	\$75,000	Louisiana Legends Mademoiselle
	\$75,000	Louisiana Legends Turf Distaff
	\$75,000	Louisiana Legends Turf
	\$75,000	Louisiana Legends Cheval
7-1	\$60,000	Opelousas S.
7-2	\$60,000	John Henry S.
8-5	\$50,000	The Spotted Horse
8-6	\$50,000	Evangeline Mile
8-26	\$60,000	D.S. Shine Young F. (filly division)
8-27	\$60,000	D.S. Shine Young F. (colt and gelding division)

the fourth race on Cypriano for trainer Chris Hartman. The duo has contributed greatly to each other's success, teaming up for 82 wins since joining forces four years ago.

"It's pretty awesome," Murrill said of reaching the milestone. "All week it's been pretty tough to get into the winner's circle, but we got it done and I can't be more grateful for everyone who has contributed."

The 27-year-old native of Mobile, Alabama scored his first career win aboard Golden Barbara on May 28, 2014. Perennially in the top five in the jockey standings at both Fair Grounds and Arlington Park, he had a breakthrough meet in November at Churchill Downs, finishing fifth with 15 wins. He earned a career-best \$5,619,207 in purses in 2021.

Oklahoma Commission Adopts Category 1 Interference Philosophy

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission (OHRC) became the first in North America to pass a rule which emulates the globally-recognized Category 1 interference philosophy after agreeing to amend its rules at its meeting on Thursday, February 17 in Oklahoma City.

"This is a tremendous first step for North American racing jurisdictions to begin the process of harmonizing rules governing interference and improving the overall experience for racing's primary customers – the bettors," said Patrick Cummings, Executive Director of the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation.

"What we have in North America is a patchwork quilt of various rules which often place total equity above consistency and logic in determining which infrac-

tions warrant a demotion. It is always toughest to be the first, so I commend the OHRC for taking that step and I anticipate several others will follow in the near future."

The amended rule changes the consideration of stewards when determining interference. The exact wording of the amended rule is below:

"If the Stewards determine a Horse or its rider has caused an interference and finished in front of the Horse it interfered with, and if not for the interference the Horse would have finished behind the horse it interfered with, the interfering Horse shall be placed immediately behind the Horse with which it interfered. If the interference is a result of dangerous riding, the Stewards shall place the interfering horse in last place."

Should interference be the result of dangerous riding, the OHRC's rule empowers stewards to demote the interfering horse to last, regardless of where the sufferer of the interference finished. This addition to the rule, within the scope of the international Category 1 philosophy, was adopted to discourage jockeys from employing a "win-at-any-cost" approach.

"Dangerous riding" means a rider causes a serious infraction by: (A) purposely interference with another horse or rider; or (B) riding in a way which is far below that of a competent and careful rider and where it would be obvious to a competent and careful rider that riding in that way would likely endanger the safety of another horse or rider."

The rule amendment was proposed in November 2021 and after a public comment period, was

passed unanimously by the Commission's Rules Committee. Racing in the state occurs across three tracks – Fair Meadows, Remington Park and Will Rogers Downs.

OF INTEREST

Midway University to Offer Fully Online Equine Degree

Midway University, through an article in the Lane Report, has announced that the Board of Trustees has approved an additional new degree program within the School of Business, Equine, and Sports Studies: a fully remote, and set to begin immediately, Bachelor of Science in Equine Business and Sales.

Course work in the program will cover broad topics including equine anatomy and equine healthcare management, as well as courses focused on the marketing, legal, and financial aspects of buying and selling horses, regardless of breed. Students will also cover concepts focused on building and developing a fan base through equine tourism. Courses are formatted in eight-week modules, with many starting five times a year to allow students to take them around busy work and home schedules. Previous college credit or an associate degree can be transferred toward this one and interested students are encouraged to call the admissions office for more information.

2022 Fact Book Available on The Jockey Club's Website

The Jockey Club announced Wednesday, March 2nd, that the

2022 edition of the Fact Book is available in the Resources section of its website at jockeyclub.com.

The online Fact Book is a statistical and informational guide to Thoroughbred breeding, racing, and auction sales in North America and is updated quarterly. It also features a directory of Canadian, international, national, and state organi-


zations. Links to the Breeding Statistics report that is released by The Jockey Club each September and the Report of Mares Bred information that is published by The Jockey Club each October can be found in the Breeding section of the Fact Book.

The 2022 editions of State Fact Books, which feature detailed

breeding, racing, and auction sales information specific to numerous states, Canadian provinces, and Puerto Rico, are also available on The Jockey Club website. The State Fact Books are updated monthly.

In 2021, The Jockey Club took over the production of The American Racing Manual from the Daily Racing Form, and the latest

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edition will be available as part of the Fact Book later this month.

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HBPA Panel Offers Advice on Engaging With Lawmakers

As government affairs consultant Joe Clabes sees it, when horse racing conducts industry days on state capitol steps it's perfectly all right for many of racing's participants to show up in jeans.

"It's OK if there's a cowboy hat or two and big belt buckles," Clabes noted during a panel discussion on how horsemen can interact and build relationships with lawmakers March 3 during the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association conference at the Oaklawn Park hotel in Hot Springs, Ark.

Clabes, who has lobbied for the Kentucky industry and the Kentucky HBPA, said seeing that everyday fashion helps remind lawmakers that while racing may be the Sport of Kings, there are plenty

of people going to work each day to make a living in the sport and the ancillary businesses that keep it up and running.

Panel member Angel Moore, an attorney who represents the Mountaineer (W.Va.) HBPA, said it is important to educate lawmakers about the livelihoods tied to horse racing.

"We're not the sport of kings. That image is something that we struggle with in West Virginia," Moore said. "People think, 'Oh, they own Thoroughbreds; they have money' It's a very difficult notion to overcome unless you have racing families and people in the communities telling a different story."

In terms of ways to convey that story, panel members said it's important to stay engaged. Clabes noted that while legislators are often very busy during session, they have more time the rest of the year. He also noted that during meetings in this time of the year bills often begin to take shape.

"It's important that you're engaging year-round and being in contact with your legislators as individuals and not just showing up during the session when everybody in the state is there trying to get some time with legislators," Clabes said. "They may view that as, 'Here's another person trying to get a message to me or trying to get an appointment with me.'"

Clabes noted that lawmakers may not have the time to fully consider your message once a session starts. Beyond staying engaged throughout the year, he noted that horsemen should be active in community groups like Rotary and social groups as a way to potential-

ly educate lawmakers and community leaders about the racing industry in a less formal setting.

Panel member Bill Walmsley, president of the Arkansas HBPA and a former member of the Arkansas state senate, said that if a horsemen's association finds a candidate that understands racing's interests, it should support that candidate's campaign. He said getting in early can mean a lot to a candidate.

"After I won the first time, a big insurance company sent me a check for \$1,000," Walmsley said. "You know I never did anything for them or cared anything about it. Those \$50 contributions I got while I was running—before I won—meant more to me than that \$1,000 after I won."

Moore said Mountaineer HBPA has had success in inviting lawmakers to days at the races or on the backstretch. She noted that when the HBPA saw a lot of women earning seats in state office, the HBPA decided to specifically reach out to these new lawmakers. The HBPA launched a "women in racing" day to facilitate meetings.

"We thought that we weren't focusing on the women coming into office and this day would offer us an opportunity as women in the industry to speak with them directly," Moore said of the program that also includes the Charles Town (W.Va.) HBPA.

482 Trainers Accepted to 2022 Thoroughbred Makeover

The Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) has accepted 482 trainers, including both individuals and team members, to the 2022 class of

the Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium, presented by Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA).

The Thoroughbred Makeover is the world's largest and most lucrative retraining competition for ex-racehorses, awarding over \$100,000 in prize money annually since 2015. The Makeover returns to its single-year format in 2022 after the postponement of the 2020 event led to a "double" Makeover in 2021, with two competition years running simultaneously. The 2022 Makeover will take place on October 12-15, 2022 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington.

Open to professionals, juniors, amateurs, and teams, the Thoroughbred Makeover is a retraining competition for recently-retired ex-racehorses. Competition is available in ten disciplines, with trainers choosing to compete in up to two: barrel racing, competitive trail, dressage, eventing, field hunter, polo, ranch work, show hunter, show jumper, and freestyle (a free-form discipline to demonstrate skills of the trainer's choice).

All horses compete in preliminary rounds in their respective disciplines, with the top five in each discipline returning for the Finale Championship to determine final placings. A panel including all discipline judges will determine the overall Thoroughbred Makeover Champion and a \$10,000 cash prize; a popular vote by in-person and online spectators will determine the People's Choice Award who wins the right to direct a donation to an equine charity of their choosing.

"TCA has been a supporter of the Makeover since the beginning

because we believe strongly in the mission of the RRP," said Erin Halliwell, executive director of TCA. "The RRP and its programming have made a positive impact on the lives of thousands of Thoroughbreds over the years. We congratulate the trainers accepted into the 2022 Makeover and appreciate your dedication to Thoroughbreds."

Accepted trainers are encouraged to register their horses at TBMakeover.org as soon as they acquire them; horse registration closes on July 29, 2022. As horses are registered, they will appear on the entry list at tbmakeover.org/entries-2022. Trainers have signed up to bring a total of 505 horses.

With the uncertainty of training green horses, the length of time between acceptance of trainers and final entry, and the fact that some horses sell before the Makeover, the RRP is once again offering a waitlist. Individuals who missed the initial round of applications are welcome to apply to the waitlist and can do so at TBMakeover.org/trainer-portal. The waitlist does not guarantee final entry into the competition, but does widen the impact of the Makeover and helps more horses transition to second careers.

New for 2022, the Makeover will also play host to The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.) Western Championships and Central Region Dressage Championships. After a successful implementation of the inaugural T.I.P. Barrel Racing Championships in 2021, the RRP and T.I.P. are expanding on their working relationship to add more

opportunities for Thoroughbreds and Thoroughbred enthusiasts to make the most of the week at the Kentucky Horse Park.

For riders seeking a well-started off-track Thoroughbred for competition or pleasure, the ASPCA Makeover Marketplace will return in 2022, offering buyers and adopters the opportunity to watch a horse compete, trial ride, and complete a pre-purchase exam all in one location. New for 2022, the Makeover will offer the ASPCA Future Prospects barn, including recently-retired Thoroughbreds available for adoption from participating aftercare organizations.

The Makeover also provides ample opportunities for education for both trainers and the public, including the Thoroughbred Aftercare Summit, the seminar series, and the Makeover Master Class (a retraining demonstration featuring three trainers with their own unique approaches to initial training sessions with recently-retired Thoroughbreds). A vendor fair provides plenty of shopping opportunities for attendees as well.

The Thoroughbred Makeover is the flagship event for the RRP, a 501(c)(3) non-profit committed to increasing the demand and value of Thoroughbreds in their careers after racing. Sponsorship opportunities are available for the 2022 Thoroughbred Makeover: contact joughton@therrp.org for more information.

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**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 10, 2021
LA H.B.P.A. Main Office
New Orleans, La.
1:00 P.M.**

Directors Present:

Brett Brinkman
Charlotte Clavier
Tom Early
Warren Harang III
Keith Hernandez
Michelle LaVoice
Val Murrell
David Tilson
Jay Adcock
Jim Montgomery
Michele Rodriguez

Directors Absent:

Daniel Guidry
Jake Delhomme

Others Present:

Terry Adcock
Therese Arroyo
Alex Bonin
John Duvielh
Chrisie Early
Roger Heitzmann
Chris Homberg
Corrie Mayet
Linda McLellan
Natalie Montgomery
Travis Steelman
Ken Venable
Mike Whittler

Warren Harang called the meeting to order and asked Roger Heitzmann to call the roll. A quorum was present with Daniel Guidry and Jake Delhomme absent. The meeting was ready to proceed on with business.

Charlotte Clavier led us in prayer.

Warren asked Roger to present the results of the 2021 board elections. Roger announced in order of most votes received, Jay Adcock, Michelle LaVoice, Jim Montgomery, Michele Rodriguez, and Jake Delhomme are to be elected/re-elected to the Board of Directors. Roger asked if the board to approve the results if satisfied. Michele Rodriguez made a motion to approve the results. This motion was seconded by Tom Early, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is the returning of the Conflict-of-Interest forms from the board members. Roger Heitzmann then read aloud, for the record, the possible conflicts listed by the Board members from their conflict-of-interest policy:

Jay Adcock – Jay is the owner of Red River Farm as well as a shareholder in Equine Sales Company. He does business with members of the board as well as LTBA members. Jay is a partner, concerning mares and stallions, with Jim Montgomery, Jake Delhomme, and members of the LTBA board. He also does business dealings, breeding and selling horses, with members of the LTBA as well as members of the Board.

Brett Brinkman – Brett is a cousin by marriage to fellow board member, Charlotte Clavier. He is also the owner of Brett A. Brinkman Racing, LeMesa Stallion LLC, as well as Spanish Class LLC. Brett breeds to stallions owned by LTBA members and Board members. As well as trains horses owned by LTBA members and Board members.

Tom Early – Tom holds shares in the stallions Custom For Carlos and Imperial Hint at Clear Creek Stud. As well as Apriority who stands at Elite Thoroughbreds. Tom also writes articles for the Louisiana Horse Magazine.

Charlotte Clavier – Charlotte is a cousin by marriage to fellow board member, Brett Brinkman. She is the President of Stemmans Supply Inc., the Vice President of Traders Rest Farm Inc., the owner of Carencro Title Notary, as well as the owner of PACE Res. LLC. Charlotte is the Treasurer of REAP as well as the Vice President of the La HBPA while also on its Board of Directors and Board of Trustees. With these positions she has business dealings with all horsemen.

Warren Harang III – Warren both breeds and boards mares at Clear Creek Stud, Which is owned and operated by fellow board members, Val Murrell and Michelle LaVoice.

Val Murrell – Val is the father of fellow board member, Michelle LaVoice. He is the owner of Clear Creek Stud. Val has mares in partnership with fellow Board member, Warren Harang, As well as stallion shares with both fellow Board members, Tom Early and Keith Hernandez. Clear Creek Stud buys supplies from Stemmans Supply Inc. which is owned by fellow Board member, Charlotte Clavier. Val also does business with fellow Board member, Brett Brinkman, by Brett nursing, training, and vanning his mares.

Michelle LaVoice – Michelle is farm manager at Clear Creek Stud which is owned and operated by her father and fellow board member, Val Murrell. Clear Creek Stud does business with many members of the LTBA as well as members of the Board.

Michele Rodriguez – Michele is the owner of Elite Thoroughbreds who does business with many members of the board as well as members of the LTBA. She is a director of Louisiana Horse Rescue, Equine Sales, as well as the HBPA.

Daniel Guidry – Daniel is a member of DocAtty Stables LLC as well as a Board of Director for Home Bank. He holds stock ownership through DocAtty Stables LLC at Equine Sales and is a partner at Pike Racing.

Keith Hernandez – Keith is a Board member at HBPA as well as LTBA and has stallion shares at Clear Creek Stud.

Jim Montgomery – Jim is a director at Equine Sales. He also owns stallion shares at Red River Farms and owns mares in partnership with fellow Board member, Jay Adcock. He purchases supplies from Stemmans Inc. which is owned by fellow Board member, Charlotte Clavier.

David Tilson – David is a manager for The Stock Exchange LLC as well as owns multiple shares in the stallions Bobby's Wicked One as well as Carpe Diem.

Therese Arroyo – Therese is a director of Louisiana Horse Rescue.

Roger Heitzmann – Has no conflicts of interest at this time.

Next on the agenda was the election of officers. Michele Rodriguez made a motion to nominate Warren Harang III for President of the Board. Tom Early seconded the motion. With no objections and no other nominations the Board voted unanimously to elect Warren Harang III as President for the 2021-2022 year. Warren thanked the board for their support and proceeded with the meeting.

Warren opened the floor for nomination to serve as 1st Vice President. Michele Rodriguez made a motion to nominate Keith Hernandez as 1st Vice President of the Board. Charlotte Clavier seconded this motion. With no opposition and no additional nominations, the Board voted unanimously to elect Keith Hernandez as 1st Vice President of the Board for the 2021-2022 year.

Warren then requested nominations for the 2nd Vice President. Michele Rodriguez made a motion to nominate Brett Brinkman for 2nd Vice President of the Board. This motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier. With no opposition and no other nominations the board voted to elect Brett Brinkman as 2nd Vice President of the Board for the 2021-2022 year.

Moving forward, Warren asks Theresa and to proceed with the presentation of the new computer system. Therese Arroyo, Chris Homberg, and Travis Steelman gave a presentation on the new computer system, how it works, when it will be ready to be fully implemented, and when it will be ready to run on its own without the old system. Some recommendations for what can be added to the new system to make it even more accessible were made by the board and noted by Therese and the Lookfar Lab team. Discussion ensued over postcards, emails, and fax and how best to continue to contact members in the future regarding the new system. Warren asked if anyone has further questions regarding the new computer system. With no questions, Warren announced to move forward with the agenda.

Warren requested an approval of the minutes for the meeting of the Board on October 15, 2021. Tom Early made a motion to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Lawsuit Discussion. John Duvieilh stated there is currently no update and we are still in the 5th Circuit Court. Both involved parties' lawyers have asked to lift the stay, but nothing has changed or moved forward regarding this. Discussion ensued over how Covid and Covid restrictions are currently still slowing down the courts and thereby extending the processes. Warren asked if there were any further questions regarding the current status of the lawsuit. With no questions, Warren announced to carry on with the agenda.

Warren asked Tom Early to give the sales audit report. After presenting the numbers, discussion ensued over the status of payment

concerning cosigners, as well as Tom Early for running the October sale. Therese stated that all cosigners have been paid except for one, Hip 9A, who was bought by a man who then claimed he did not mean to purchase the horse. This caused the horse to be sold twice for two different prices. Therese reported this predicament is being dealt with currently. Further discussion ensued over the success of the Sale, and Tom Early possibly running the Sale next year. Compensation for Tom and staff was discussed as well for successfully running the October sale on short notice. A figure was presented by Keith Hernandez and Brett Brinkman. Michelle Rodriguez made a motion to approve this figure which was voted on and passed unanimously. Further discussion took place on the availability of a facility for next year.

After discussing the sales audit received days after the October sale, Warren stated to move on with the agenda.

The next item on the agenda was Louisiana Bred Races. Warren asked Ed Fenanci to give us some input on this topic. Ed stated we are doing well for LA racing and breeding with gaming monies going to Louisiana Breds, and Historic Racing Machines coming on line. Tom Early agreed, stating that more people are currently interested in buying LA brood mares or breeding with LA stallions. Discussion ensued over how the HBPA has joined the lawsuit against HISA. Much discussion took place on the rules in HISA cutting race dates and removing Lasix from racing etc. Charlotte stated HBPA should commission a statement regarding the situation.

Discussion on the status of Louisiana Downs took place. No motions were made.

Discussion took place on items at the Fair Grounds. No motions were made.

Roger Heitzmann stated the reason for the Agenda item is that he wanted the Board's input on the different types of Louisiana bred races that were being offered at the racetracks without consulting with the association. The Board should consider differentiating the price for LA races vs. open races and asks for the Board's opinion on this matter. He stated he is unaware of how to approach answering these questions when asked as the Board has yet to come to a decision regarding the matter. Another issue is the Louisiana Sired races. Roger asked for the Board's input on how they wished we pursue or not pursue these items. Discussion took place on these subjects. The first subject of the all Open Allowance races having the condition of state bred races not considered in the condition was agreed on by all after discussion. The Board feels that that this is needed in all open allowance races.

The next item is the different claiming prices for open and Louisiana bred horses, in the same race. Discussion took place on this subject. The board feels that the main problem is the poor performance in the writing of the condition book. The board concluded that the different claiming prices in the open races appear to be a good thing at all tracks but the FG. With the understanding that we can't ask three tracks to do this and not the Fair Grounds, the LTBA will go along with the request of the HBPA to do away with them.

The next item that Roger wanted a decision on is the Louisiana Sired Races. He asked the Board to give him a direction in which they wanted him to travel as far as the implementation of them or not. After discussion the idea of a bonus plan for winners by Louisiana Sires was brought to the table. This idea was supported by the Board and the Board was willing to look into this possibility. This will be discussed further at a later date.

The topic turned to the amount of monies that the Fair Grounds uses on Louisiana State bred Stakes. John Duvieilh informed the Board that the amount of monies the FG uses on State Bred races was grossly underpaid. Keith Hernandez said that he is trying to get the FG to pay entirely for Louisiana Champions Day and raise the purses.

Therese Arroyo asks if our 800 phone line can be discontinued from today forward as it is now only spam calls and telemarketers. Tom made a motion to discontinue the 800 number as it seems to be something no longer useful in today's society. Michele Rodriguez seconded this motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

By-Law: – No Chair at This Time

Roger Heitzmann states that everyone needs to submit what committee they would like to be on with the election of the President. Please submit your request and he will pass them on to Warren.

A question on the selling of a mare and the accreditation of her foal was put forth to the board. After discussion by the Board, it was determined that the by-law needs to be changed as the intent of the Board was not to block a legitimate sale of a mare. The entire board agreed to this and it will be addressed as quickly as possible.

Election Committee: – No Chair at This Time

No report at this time.

Finance and Audit: Tom Early – Chairman

Therese Arroyo reported that 2019 was our last year for "normal" revenue before Covid restrictions began. Revenue has been down since 2019 but so have our expenses. She reported she sees no areas of concern at this time. We have received the grant for the magazine and that no specific revenue bucket is down more than any other, or lower than expected. She requested that the Board accept the financials as presented. Charlotte made a motion to accept the financials as reported. This motion was seconded by Michele Rodriguez, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Government Affairs: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

No report at this time.

Grievance Committee: Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson

No report at this time

LTBA/HBPA Liaison Committee: Val Murrell – Chairman

No report at this time.

LTBA/LSRC Liaison Committee: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

No report at this time.

Inspection Committee: Brett Brinkman – Chairman

No Report at this time.

Membership and Nominating: – No Chair at This Time

a question was brought to the Board concerning a membership. The member is an LLC owned by both the husband and the wife. The wife is the voting member of the LLC but the husband wants to vote as well as he owns 50% of the LLC. After much discussion the board decided that the LLC owned the horse and the owner of 50% of the horse gets to vote, not the owner of the LLC. The request of the husband to vote as well is denied.

PAC Committee: Keith Hernandez – Chairman

No report at this time.

Salary and Benefits: Tom Early – Chairman

No report at this time.

Old Business:

No report at this time.

New Business:

Roger states that Brett Brinkman did a great interview on Champion's Day. John Duvieilh reports the committee passed an emergency measure to enforce masks at the Fair Grounds on Champion's Day. Roger brought the Board up to date on what was in store for Louisiana Champions Day.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to go to Executive Session. Michele Rodriguez seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

David Tillson made a motion to exit Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Charlotte, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

A figure is presented by Keith Hernandez to be given as Christmas Bonus. This motion was seconded by Warren Harang, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Date, Place, and Time of Next Board of Directors Meeting: To be held in conjunction with Louisiana Premier Night if possible.

Tom Early made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Jay Adcock, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

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2020	Eaton Sales 30/25/\$431,800	CLEAR CREEK STUD 32/25/\$341,500	Roger Daly 9/9/\$252,300
2019	CLEAR CREEK STUD 45/31/\$514,600	A & A Ranch 22/19/\$380,200	4M Ranch 23/23/\$322,300
2018	A & A Ranch 22/20/\$407,000	CLEAR CREEK STUD 40/27/\$386,800	4M Ranch 22/15/\$313,700
2017	CLEAR CREEK STUD 36/28/\$444,800	Red River Farm 36/33/\$318,300	A & A Ranch 34/29/\$271,300
2016	CLEAR CREEK STUD 33/24/\$477,600	A & A Ranch 46/37/\$336,900	Fleming Thoroughbred Farm 33/23/\$226,500
2015	CLEAR CREEK STUD 37/25/\$369,200	Pelican State Thoroughbreds 27/20/\$285,200	4M Ranch 34/27/\$274,000
2014	CLEAR CREEK STUD 38/23/\$463,200	Select Sales 37/24/\$458,900	Pelican State Thoroughbreds 44/36/\$440,100
2013	Red River Farm 43/38/\$526,500	CLEAR CREEK STUD 43/37/\$521,000	Pelican State Thoroughbreds 33/28/\$517,100
2012	Mark Toothaker 49/38/\$527,400	Red River Farm 53/45/\$466,900	CLEAR CREEK STUD 36/29/\$408,000



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