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## Coming off the greatest Lexington sale in history, what will the 2023 auction have in store?



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Last year's record gross of more than \$65 million exceeded the previous record by more than \$8.5 million.

*Last year, the auction – which begins Monday at Fasig-Tipton – set new high-water marks for gross, average, median and number of \$100,000 yearlings sold. But will a weaker economy impact this year's sale?*

by Dave Briggs

Last year's Lexington Selected Yearling Sale obliterated 16 records, including new standards for gross (\$65,289,000), average (\$73,690), median (\$46,500) and number of yearlings sold for \$100,000 or more (196). The gross exceeded the previous record (\$56,692,500 in 2021) by more than \$8.5 million or 15 per cent.

Sale co-manager David Reid, as is his way, isn't about to make predictions about this year's auction – which starts Monday (Oct. 2) and runs through Friday night (Oct. 6) at the Fasig-Tipton Sale Pavilion – but he is bullish about this year's offerings.

"As far as any predictions are concerned, I'm shy on predictions," Reid said. "Purse money, obviously, is stable at all the jurisdictions, which is a very positive thing. Beside the regular jurisdictions where stallions are based, you have Kentucky and Massachusetts

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Dave Landry

that are mare-resident based and they are as strong as ever. From a racing opportunity point of view, it's a great time to be racing young horses, wherever you race.

"I think we have a very diverse group of yearlings. With the addition of Papi Rob and Tall Dark Stranger and Cattlewash being first-crop sires, our sale is very well balanced between trotters and pacers.

"In addition to the first-crop sires, we have a strong lineup of the well-established pacing sires. So, from the pacing side, we're probably deeper than we have been in the past. From

the trotting side, we have a great representation of Walner, Chapter Seven, Muscle Hill, Tactical Landings. Obviously, you've got sires that have a first-crop racing this year, like Greenshoes and you have the first-crop of Gimpanzees.

"I'm very happy with the offering that's going to be available to the public and I think it's an outstanding group and they are going to like what they see when they come out to the sales grounds."

Reid said more than 500 yearlings out of some 960 selling that are dual-eligible to the rich Kentucky Sires Stakes program. There's another dozen or so that are tri-eligible to Kentucky, Massachusetts and whichever state or province where the yearling's sire stands.

"Lexington has a huge percentage of dual-eligible horses and, obviously, the buyers are taking notice of that and they are going to be offering at a great selection of yearlings that are going to be eligible to more than one jurisdiction," Reid said.

Last year, the Lexington sale tried having some afternoon sale sessions. It was a successful venture and this year, after a traditional Monday night opener that starts at 7 p.m., the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday sessions will begin at 1 p.m., pushed up an hour from their 2 p.m. start in 2022. The sale concludes on Friday night with a 7 p.m. session featuring predominantly midwestern horses.

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- 309 COUNT SEVEN Br C T NY/KY **CHAPTER SEVEN**.....Burberry  
First foal from BURBERRY 2,1:58.1f; 3,1:57.4h; BT1:55.3f (\$33,375) by Father Patrick. *Dual Eligible.*
- 331 LANDING ON TIME B C T NJ/KY **TACTICAL LANDING**..... Courtney Hanover  
First foal from COURTNEY HANOVER 2,1:56.2; 3,1:54.2f; BT1:51.3 (\$229,971) by Cantab Hall. *Dual Eligible.*
- 424 SHES CAPTIVATING B F P PA **CAPTAIN TREACHEROUS**..... Lionness Hanover  
Captaintreacherous half-sister to QUEEN OF THE PRIDE (M) p, 4,1:50.2f (\$787,211) and ROARING TO GO (M) p,2,1:50.4 (\$431,999).
- 470 PYTHON MIKI B C P PA **ALWAYS B MIKI**.....Python Blue Chip  
From a half-sister to World Champion ONE MORE LAUGH p,2,1:49.2f; 3,1:47.4 (\$2,690,593).
- 475 I'LL TAKE CONTROL B C T NJ/KY **TACTICAL LANDING**..... Rasta Blue Chip  
Tactical Landing first foal from a half-sister to HARPER BLUE CHIP 2,1:55; 3,1:54.3; BT1:51.3f (\$882,951). *Dual Eligible.*
- 513 PRECISE LANDING B C T NJ/KY **TACTICAL LANDING**..... Southwind Tesla  
Tactical Landing COLT, from SOUTHWIND TESLA 2,1:56.2; 3,1:54; BT1:53f (\$204,957) by Chapter Seven.  
From the same maternal family as World Champion ARCH MADNESS 1:50.2 (\$4,288,981). *Dual Eligible.*
- 546 BEAUTIFUL LANDING B F T NJ/KY **TACTICAL LANDING**..... Amal Hall  
Tactical Landing FILLY, from AMAL HALL 2,1:58.4h; 3,1:56.4; BT1:54.1f (\$216,193) by Credit Winner. *Dual Eligible.*
- 603 TOM HORN B C P NJ **CATTLEWASH**..... Dancinwiththestarz  
From the first crop of Cattlewash and World Champion DANCINWITHTHESTARZ p,2,1:52.4f; 3,1:48.4 (\$918,605).
- 605 SHES A HOT ASSET Br F T NJ **TACTICAL LANDING**..... Dazzling Diva  
Tactical Landing first foal from a half-sister to FLY LIGHT 2,1:56.3f; 3,1:52f; BT1:50.4 (\$528,591).
- 633 TRULY AUTHENTIC B F T NJ **TACTICAL LANDING**..... Barn Goddess  
Tactical Landing FILLY, from a half-sister to BARN DOLL (M) 2,1:58.4h; 3,1:52.1; BT1:51.3 (\$874,083).
- 641 JUSTICE FOR WOMAN B F T NJ/KY **TACTICAL LANDING**..... High Life Fr  
Tactical Landing first foal from the French mare HIGH LIFE FR by Ready Cash. *Dual Eligible.*
- 747 SPLASH OF LEMON B F P ON **DANCIN LOU**..... Summer Thriller  
From the first crop of Dancin Lou, half-sister to 3 in 1:55 and the family of LOST IN TIME p,2,1:50.1; BT1:48.4s (\$718,723).
- 759 LET IT ALL HANGOUT Br C P PA **BETTOR'S WISH**..... Three Tiaras  
Bettor's Wish COLT, first foal from a daughter of PRINCESS CALLIE p,2,1:52.3 (\$228,785).
- 824 CROWN ME LAUREL B F T ON **MUSCLE MASS**..... Crown Laurel  
Muscle Mass FILLY, full sister to MUSCLE HUSTLE 2,1:58.1; 3,1:52.2f (\$510,000-Int.), etc.
- 978 DELIGHTFUL ERA B F P IN **JK ENDOFANERA**..... Delightful Space  
JK Endofanera FILLY, first foal from a full sister to MOVIN' ON UP p,3,1:53f; 1:49.1f (\$472,804).

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“Inflation is going to impact everyone, whether it's in the horse business or their own business – restaurants, cars, manufacturing. We're all facing the same challenges, it's just a matter of how each individual adapts to it. So, obviously, I'm concerned about that, but the overriding fact is that probably the purse money is as great as it's ever been and that will be the equalizer, in my opinion.”

~ David Reid

Online bidding will be available again this year via Proxibid. Last year, 37 yearlings were sold via Proxibid for a gross of \$1,167,000.

## INFLATION AND INTEREST RATES

This year, both inflation and interest rates are up, but Reid said he's "conscious of that" and its potential impact on the sale.

"I think every [yearling buyer] is different, depending on what industry they are in or what their economic make-up is," Reid said. "As far as having funds to buy yearlings, the currency [exchange] impacts Canada a little bit. It impacts Europe. Inflation is going to impact everyone, whether it's in the horse business or their own business – restaurants, cars, manufacturing. We're all facing the same challenges, it's just a matter of how each individual adapts to it.

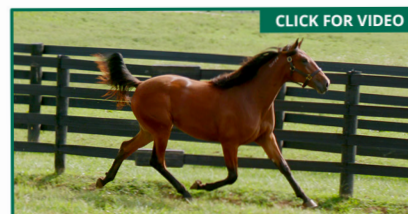
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Art Zubrod farm manager of Brittany Farms, said he's not overly concerned about the economy impacting the sale.

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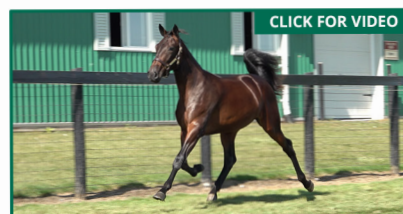


### Hip #222 T H MELODY, bf

Tall Dark Stranger - Round The Beach by Somebeachsomewhere

Second foal and the half-sister to **CATCHMEONTHEBEACH** p.3, 1:55.2h-'23 (\$54,707). From a half-sister to 2023 Metro Finalist, **CAPTAIN LUKE** p.2, Q1:53.3-'23 (\$117,686) - race timed in 1:50. Family of World Champion **BUNNY LAKE**.

Kentuckiana Farms sells as agent. Raised at Kentuckiana Farms



### Hip #233 SHOWERWITHTHECAPTAIN, bf

Captaintreacherous - Shower Play by Shadow Play

First foal of O'Brien Award winner, **SHOWER PLAY** p.3, 1:50.2 (\$438,435), half-sister to **TILIKUM** p.1, 53.3f (\$145,008). Immediate family of **JEREMYS SUCCESSOR** p.1, 48.3f (\$889,435).

Preferred Equine sells as agent. Raised at Tara Hills Stud



### Hip #278 T H RIZZO, bf

Cattlewash - Aldine Hanover by A Rocknroll Dance

Half-sister to stakes winner **LODESTAR** p.3, 1:53.2f-'23 (\$50,271). From **ALDINE HANOVER** p.2, 1:52.1 (\$302,086). Second dam is 2 & 3YO Pacing Filly of the Year, **ARMBO AMORETTO** p.3, 1:50.1 (\$1,285,744).

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"I think people have a lot of cash," Zubrod said, "and if you pay cash for something then you don't have to worry about the interest rates."

Shaun Laungani, vice-president and director of bloodstock services for Diamond Creek, said a challenging economy, "absolutely plays a factor, but as long as nothing catastrophic is going on, like COVID or a war or stock market crash, I think the horse market is kind of its own micro economy and it's as good as it's ever been, from what I understand with the standardbreds. I can't imagine that this won't be a great sale. I don't think people have any concerns or doubts and if you have the right stock you're going to get paid for it."



Dave Landry

Blue Chip Farms owner Tom Grossman told Debbie Little the economy leading into the sale is decent and he expects positive results based on how other horse sales have gone.

"I think the thoroughbred sales were good," Grossman said. "That's usually a good signal. And unless the stock market does something really stupid between now and then, I think we're going to be fine. I hold my breath every year around this time but we're getting there."

All American's Rob Tribbett believes the thoroughbred market is slightly different than the standardbred one, but he does see commonality. He told Little: "I think the one thing that's true in both thoroughbred racing and standardbred racing is that there's really never been a better time to own race horses. And I think you saw that reflected at Keeneland, and I think you'll see that in the standardbred sales."

"We have so many strong jurisdictions right now. And yes, expenses may be up at some levels, but the purses and availability of those purses to be earned across the country and in Canada, it's not just one location, I think that really speaks well for the breadth of the market. It's not just about the top two per cent, five per cent, there's so much money available that someone can make money racing a horse only if they just stay in their home state."

## GROWTH OF KENTUCKY PROGRAM AN EQUALIZER

Many consignors believe any potential negative impacts of economic forces will be offset by the rise of the Kentucky program.

"It's gotten to the point that it's a big plus," said Zubrod. "I hate to say it, but maybe even a 20 per cent boost, which is just a huge number... I always thought from the beginning that it

would be a 10 or 12 per cent bump, but I've got to believe it's more than that now."

Peninsula's Carter Duer told James Platz: "Here in Kentucky we're getting a lot of people coming here and buying farms. I guess that's a healthy situation. I've been here so long I've seen it rise and fall two or three times. Hopefully it will stay like it is with the program they have, because there is a lot of money to race for, and there is going to be more."

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Brother to  
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 2, 1:58.4s, 3, 1:54s,  
 1:51.4s (**\$856,218**),

**HENDERSON SEELSTER**  
 3, 1:57.2h, 4, 1:52.4,  
 BT1:51.4 (**\$390,431**),

**HEINEKEN SEELSTER**  
 1:56s, BT1:53.3s  
 (**\$169,088**)

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**PARKHILL LANCELOT**  
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### HIP#4 RODEO DRIVE DEO BAY FILLY

Captaintreacherous - Miss L A by Bettor's Delight

Second foal (first foal was injured as a yearling) from a sister to the winners of over \$5 million including, SOMEWHERE IN LA p, 1:48.4f (\$1,864,926), L A DELIGHT p,3, 1:49.1f (\$1,459,280).



### HIP#18 DARKSTORMY DEO BAY COLT

Tall Dark Stranger - Lisjune by Camluck

A colt from the first crop of TALL DARK STRANGER and a half-brother to World Champion I LUV THE NITELIFE p,3, 1:48.4 (\$1,944,667), DE LOS CIELOS DEO p, 1:48.4-'23 (\$717,569), IM THE PIED PIPER p,3, 1:49.4f (\$380,044).



### HIP#31 GRAND SLAM DEO BAY FILLY

Propulsion - Grand Stand by Cantab Hall

Second foal and the half-brother to 2023 \$300,000 Earl Beal and Yonkers Trot Final winner, UP YOUR DEO 3, 1:51.2s-'23 (\$600,202).



### HIP#44 DESTINY DEO BAY FILLY

Chapter Seven - Princess Deo by Trixton

First foal from stakes winner PRINCESS DEO 3, 1:52.2 (\$459,308). Second dam is World Champion QUEEN SERENE 4, 1:51.4 (\$748,602).



### HIP#54 SANTINO DEO BAY COLT

Gimpanzee - Tu Eres Mi Corazon by Uncle Peter

A colt from the first crop of GIMPANZEE. Second foal, first colt from a half-sister to VALENTINA BLU 3, 1:55 (\$556,691), FOURTH DIMENSION 2, 1:52.4 (\$409,195) and HEART ON FIRE 3, 1:51.2-'23 (\$396,003).



### HIP#73 SHOWMETHEMONEY DEO BAY FILLY

Bettor's Delight - Rocklamation by Rocknroll Hanover

Half-sister to ROCKNIFICENT p,4, 1:48 (\$1,153,822) and ROCKET DEO p,2, 1:54f-'23 (\$28,491). From Dan Patch winner ROCKLAMATION p,1:48.3 (\$2,277,384).



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### **HIP#203 AYEAYE CAPTAIN DEO BAY COLT**

Captaintreacherous - Oceania by Rock N Roll Heaven

First foal of OCEANIA p, 1:50.1 (\$275,423), she a half-sister to CRUISE PATROL p, 1:50.2f (\$489,870). Second dam is World Champion WESTERN CRUISE p,3, 1:51.2h (\$323,852).



### **HIP#245 DUCHESS DEO BAY FILLY**

Papi Rob Hanover - Everyones Watching by Artiscap

A filly from the first crop of PAPI ROB HANOVER. Second foal and the sister to CAPTAIN MIKE DEO p,3, 1:57.3-'23. From a p,2, 1:52.4 sister to TWIN B WATCHING p,2, 1:51.3 (\$76,998).



### **HIP#346 AMAZING GRACE DEO BAY FILLY**

Six Pack - Deo Grazia by Chapter Seven

First foal from a sister to STAND GUARD 1:53.1f (\$629,065), SOVEREIGN DEO 2, 1:56.3 (\$58,112). Immediate family of ACT OF GRACE, MUSCLE MASSIVE & MUSCLE MASS.



### **HIP#353 DAILY DOUBLE DEO BAY FILLY**

Captaintreacherous - Double Jeopardy by Rocknroll Hanover

Half-sister to ACE ROCK p,3, 1:50.2 (\$138,264), BLONDE ONTHE BEACH p,3, 1:51.4f (\$80,067) and RUN THE WORLD DEO p,2, 1:53s-'23. Dam is a sister to World Champion IF I CAN DREAM p,3, 1:49.4f (\$1,990,276),



### **HIP#361 ORION DEO BAY COLT**

Captaintreacherous - Stairwaytothestars by Western Ideal

Full brother to NIGHT AND DAY p,3, 1:50.3-'23. Dam is a 3/4 sister to WESTERN SHORE p, 1:48.3f (\$1,247,985) and LIVEFREEORDIEHARD p, 1:50 (\$568,406). Immediate family of ARTISCAPE.



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Laungani said "Kentucky is a great place for us to do business, to develop young horses in training and get them started. We're happy that everyone is loving racing in Kentucky. I think it can only get better and I hope it continues, because the interest is pretty amazing to see people buying farms."

Hunterton's Steve Stewart told Platz the growth will result in new names and faces on the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale leaderboard.

"This year I predict that we'll see a lot of names on the results that we normally don't," Stewart said. "I think we're going to see more new guys. Where you see that already is the guys that have bought farms in Kentucky. There's a lot of dust being stirred up. That's a positive. The horse economy drives our business more than the outside economy. I think it's always been that way. The churn of our business really drives our business more than the outside economy."

## LAST YEAR'S OTHER RECORDS

Last year, apart from new sale records for gross, average, median and number of yearlings sold for \$100,000 or more, the records were:

**First session gross:** \$23,067,000 (up 24 per cent from \$18,540,000 in 2021)

**First session average:** \$189,074 (up 17 per cent from \$161,217 in 2021)

**First session 100,000+: 89** (up 29 per cent from 69 in 2021)

**First session median:** \$160,000 (up 33 per cent from \$120,000 in 2018)

**Second session gross:** \$20,433,000 (up 14 per cent from \$17,927,000 in 2021)

**Second session average:** \$90,013 (up 7 per cent from \$84,164 in 2021)

**Second session 100,000+: 75** (up 23 per cent from 61 in 2021)

**Third session gross:** \$11,989,000 (up 18 per cent from \$10,169,000 in 2021)

**Third session 100,000+: 25** (up 25 per cent from 20 in 2021)

**Fourth session gross:** \$4,946,000 (up 3.7 per cent from \$4,771,000 in 2021)

**Fourth session average:** \$30,159 (up 4.3 per cent from \$28,915 in 2021)

**Fourth session median:** \$26,000 (up 4 per cent from \$25,000 in 2017 and 2021)

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**Hip 52 – STONEBRIDGE GEORJA, b. f.**

Bettor's Delight – Rock N' Soul – Rocknroll Hanover

Half-sister to STONEBRIDGE SOUL (M) p,2,1:52.1; 3,1:49.3f; BT1:48.2 (\$763,959).

From ROCK N SOUL p,2,1:52.3; 3,1:52h; 1:49.4f; BT1:49.1 (\$1,158,525), dam of 1 in 1:50, 3 in 1:55.



*Selling Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**Hip 248 - WRITING ON THE WALL, b. c. (DUAL ELIGIBLE NJ & KY)**

Walner – Creedom – Swan For All

First foal, WALNER colt from the same maternal family as FIRSTCLASSPRINCESS 1:53 (\$384,105).

**Hip 334 - SEISMIC STEP, b. c.**

Chapter Seven – Stirling Debutant – Credit Winner

Half-brother to SHIRLEY GOODNESS (M) 2,1:54.4; 3,1:53 (\$394,945) and SIMPLY RIGHT (M) 2,1:57; BT1:55.2s (\$124,351). First colt from STIRLING DEBUTANT 2,2:01.2h; 3,Q1:58.1f; 4,1:55.1f; BT1:53.3s (\$150,462).

**Hip 362 – Rose Run Ammo, b. c.**

Chapter Seven – Explosive Lynn – Explosive Matter

From a half-sister to World Champion WILD HONEY (M) 2,1:54.2f; 3,1:50.4 (\$1,650,000-Int.), and the same maternal family as World Champion DREAM VACATION 3,Q1:54.4; 4,1:52 (\$616,257).

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# Newest Lexington consignor Spring Station quickly establishing itself

by Dave Briggs

Spring Station breeding farm has arrived on the scene like one of the freight trains that frequently runs past the front of its property in Midway, KY, close to Lexington.

This year, the farm owned by Eric Good and managed by Josh Green, will auction off its first yearlings at the Lexington Selected Yearlings Sale. It already has 12 to sell.

"We very much hit the ground running," Green said. "We felt like it was the ideal time to get started in Kentucky. A great time to have the dual-breeding [program]."

Green said he and his girlfriend, Sasha Moczulski, moved to Spring Station in April of 2022.

Just 18 months later, Green reports Spring Station has, "38 foals on the ground that were foaled out this year. We have about 65 mares in foal."

The Spring Station team also includes significant help from Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky, Dr. Megan Moschgat and Tim Hayes, all formerly at Hanover Shoe Farms.

Green, a former trainer, used to condition horses for Good, currently the co-owner of top older pacing gelding Bythemissal.

"Good was always interested in having a breeding farm in Kentucky," Green said. "Two years ago, when [Moczulski and I] were at the Fasig-Tipton sale, we were buying yearlings that we would be training. We looked at some different farms and then [Good] asked us if we would be interested in pivoting from training and going into... helping manage the farm."

"We've always loved Kentucky. I'm originally from Ohio, so we just thought about it and thought, 'When would we have an opportunity like this?' So we just decided to go for it."

Green said other farms are rooting for Spring Station to succeed.

"It's amazing how the other farms have been so helpful," he said. "So many people have just been great."

Count Diamond Creek among those pulling for Spring Station to do well.

"I'm amazed at what they are doing and what they are investing in," said Shaun Laungani, Diamond Creek's vice-president and director of bloodstock services. "People are willing to uproot their lives and move to Kentucky, which is just amazing."

Green said the original farm was named Spring Station, "for the underground springs that run underneath that whole entire area" home to a number of prominent thoroughbred farms.

As for the active railroad tracks that run through the front of Spring Station, Green said it's made the farms horses bombproof.

"We will have mares that have babies and when we put them out, the very first day the foals do not shy at the train," Green said. "It just has to be that they heard the train so many times when they were in the mare's belly. There's nothing really that makes sense. They pay no attention to it whatsoever."

Borrowing a tradition from the likes of Hanover Shoe Farms, Spring Station names its yearlings with the word "Station" at the end.

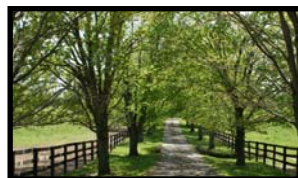
"Opening day, we have a really nice Captaintreacherous filly [**Charlotte Station, Hip# 66**] that we're really excited about. Just a gorgeous Captain filly," Green said.

"We're very excited to have two yearlings that they slotted the first day. We've got the Sweet Lou [**Pleasure Station, Hip# 41**]. He's the same family as Bythemissal – the dam of Bythemissal is a full-sister to this colt's dam. That makes it kind of neat with Eric owning Bythemissal."

Finally, Green touted Spring Station's own Barbie. Moczulski named a Walner filly out of Midpoint, **Barbie Station (Hip #188)**.

"That was before the Barbie movie came out or we even knew anything about it. It's kind of neat how it's come along. It's a Walner filly from a strong filly family – it's Ariana G's family. She sells the second day.

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"Sasha has loved, loved, loved her from early on. She had so much personality. She's been very, very athletic and moves very well in the field. So, we're excited about her. Her video, it's just pink.

"Sasha did that and she does the marketing for the farm. She went with that angle and promoted it. It's just all come together."

Overall, Green said, the Spring Station teams is, "just excited about what we have. We've got a good little first crop. I think 10 of the 12 are first foals, younger families. A couple of the mares that we had bought were already in foal, so they've been raised in Kentucky. They've all been there as of when they were young foals. Two of them are also dual-eligible, from before we bought the farm and had the mares somewhere else.

"We're going for the big one," Green said. "Where it will really change for us is 2025. That's where it will really, really pick up as far as numbers and also Eric has bought a lot of quality mares that we'll be excited about. What we've got in the pipeline, we're very excited about."



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### **Hip 334 SEISMIC STEP, bc**

#### ***Chapter Seven-Stirling Debutant-Credit Winner***

Half-brother to the pair of multiple stakes winners SHIRLEY GOODNESS 3,1:53 (\$460,000-Int.) and SIMPLY RIGHT 2,1:57 (\$124,351). First colt from stakes winner STIRLING DEBUTANT 4,1:55.1f (\$150,462) and the immediate family of World Champion MY STARLET 4,1:56.3 (\$340,258).

### **Hip 784 SANGRIA JOY, bf**

#### ***Bar Hopping-Altar Gal-Cantab Hall***

Half-sister to DISTANT DRUMS 3,1:57.1 (\$6,545). Second foal from ALTAR GAL 2,1:58.2f (\$32,372), three-quarter sister to PREACHER MAN 3,1:54.1f (\$83,750) and half-sister to SHOTGUN PREACHER 3,1:59.2 (\$11,963). From the immediate family of MAGIC PRESTO 3,1:52.1 (\$652,685).

### **Hip 749 MY MIKAYLA, bf**

#### ***Always B Miki-Surfer Chick-Somebeachsomewhere***

Full sister to Light The Torch BT 3,1:55.4-'23 (\$10,054) and half-sister to the 2023 2YO Mostly Sunny (currently racing). From SURFER CHICK p,3,1:55.4f, half-sister to Courageous Lady winner SKATER CHICK p,3,1:50.3 (\$204,585) and stakes winner ROCKIN WITH LOU p,4,1:52.3 (\$256,925).

### **Hip 882 MOON FIRE, bf**

#### ***Muscle Massive-Northern Mystique-Kadabra***

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- \*Milford's Z Tam 4,1:54.1f (\$504,371). Multiple INSS leg winner at 2 & 3. Currently racing and winning at age 10.
- Sophia Lia 4,1:54.1f (\$199,484). Hoosier Stake winner at 2; Buckette winner at Delaware, OH at 3.
- Luv Lorelei 4,1:52.2-'23 (\$313,410). Governors Cup winner at 2; winner 2 legs & final Misnaughtbynature Series at 3. New lifetime record (4,1:52.2-'23).

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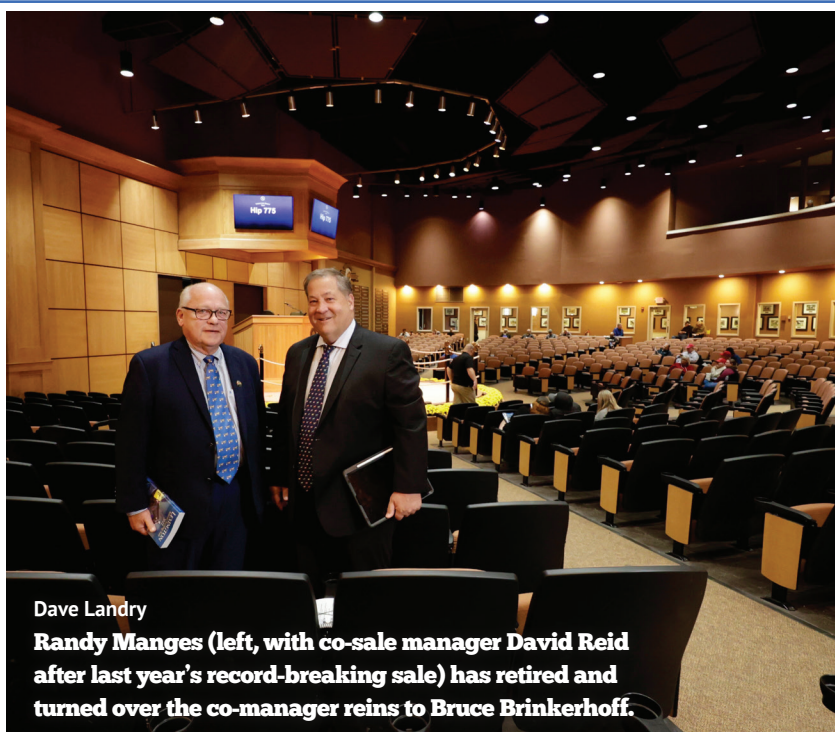
# Curtain lifts with Manges, Brinkerhoff in new roles at Lexington sale

by James Platz

When the 2023 edition of the Lexington Selected sale kicks off Monday night (Oct. 2), it will do so with a change in the management structure. Randy Manges, the long-time co-manager who served alongside David Reid, has scaled back his involvement and now occupies the role of consultant. In his place, Bruce Brinkerhoff now works in tandem with Reid as co-manager. The transition began in late 2022.

"It's an honor to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors," said Brinkerhoff. "I'm very appreciative of the opportunity to do so. I look forward to maintaining the high standards that have been set at Lexington Selected."

Those familiar with the sale know Brinkerhoff's extensive background in the breeding industry and the sale. The Illinois native hails from the same region in the southern part of the



Dave Landry

**Randy Manges (left, with co-sale manager David Reid after last year's record-breaking sale) has retired and turned over the co-manager reins to Bruce Brinkerhoff.**

state that the Tetrick family, Becker family and trainer Tony Alagna call home.

"I started at the county fairs at the end of a pitchfork," Brinkerhoff said. "I began jogging and training horses, taking care of horses, and eventually did a little bit of driving."

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Family of **FORTIFY** 2:150.3, 3:147.3 (\$635,196), **CHEYENNE REI** 3:152f, 4:151.1 (\$729,933) and **CAN'T STOP LOU** 2:152.2, 3:149.2'23 (\$229,130) among 2 million dollar winners and 14 more \$400,000 winners.

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After earning a degree in horse reproduction and management, Brinkerhoff had stints at Hobby Horse Farm, Kentuckiana Farms, Concord Stud Farm, and a thoroughbred farm in Ohio. At each stop, he forged relationships that serve him well today. Brinkerhoff would eventually move into a role with the United States Trotting Association, serving there until hiring on with Kentucky Standardbred Sales Company, led by Manges, in 1998. He worked there for 16 years, and during that time the sale company merged with Tattersalls to form Lexington Selected. Brinkerhoff left Lexington Selected to return to the USTA, but he still remained connected to the sale.

"I wrote pedigrees, handled the production of the catalog and was on the inspection team, out looking at the yearlings," he said of his first stint with the company. "At the USTA, we were in pedigree production, and I was in charge of their catalog as part of that. I've done the catalogs for the last 25 years."

As part of his new responsibilities, Brinkerhoff is again evaluating babies, something he did sparingly while at the USTA.

"I was heavily involved in that starting in April," he said. "I had done that for 16 years during my first stint, so I was very familiar with that part of it and relished the opportunity to get back out and inspect horses."

Over the last eight years, Brinkerhoff has taken vacation in early October to assist with the sale. He does the same for the Ohio

Jug sale, conducted for many years by Lexington Selected. This year's Jug sale provided Brinkerhoff the first opportunity to serve in his new capacity on sale day.

"That was a good way to get my feet wet," he said. "The Ohio sale is on a smaller scale in terms of the number of horses. It's an ongoing process."

Brinkerhoff and Reid will coordinate throughout the week as co-managers, each with their respective responsibilities. Manges also will be on hand to provide guidance throughout sale week.

"I'm very pleased to have Randy stay on in his role as a consultant," Brinkerhoff said. "I've leaned on him for advice, and he has a tremendous amount of experience and knowledge about the whole sale process. He's been highly successful, and I'm very happy that he's here in this supporting role."

"As co-manager, David Reid has a tremendous amount of experience as well. We are in constant contact with regards to sale matters. The entire team has been in place for quite some time and there is a great deal of experience surrounding me."

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by Dave Briggs

At last year's record-smashing Lexington Selected Yearling Sale, Preferred Equine led all consignors with gross sales of \$11,261,000 for 145 yearlings sold. It was an all-time Lexington record for David Reid's agency. Preferred has been the sale's leading consignor by gross in each of the last 10 years.

For this year, Reid said Preferred is, "very strong in all four categories. We have tremendous pacing fillies, tremendous pacing colts. We have a tremendous offering of both trotting colts and fillies – Walners, Chapter Sevens, Tactical Landings. I'm very happy with all categories and I think we have a deep consignment in all of them, which is very typical of Preferred, because we represent so many individual breeders. I'm very excited for the offering this year.

Reid said Preferred will sell a number of yearlings from first-crop sires such as Tall Dark Stranger, Papi Rob Hanover, Cattlewash, Gimpanzee, etc.

"When our inspection team was out in the spring and early summer, I think we felt the first-crop sires have had a pretty good representation. We were pleased with what we saw in all the first-crop sires. Coming into it, I think that's all you can ask for," Reid said.

Preferred will sell nearly 150 yearlings over five days. Due to the fact Preferred represents so many breeders, Reid does not like to tout some yearlings over others. But, he said he is selling quality yearlings for all levels of buyers.

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## Diamond Creek on one heck of a heater heading into Lexington sale

by Dave Briggs

So far, the 2023 racing season has been a blast for Diamond Creek. The farm bred and owns Confederate – the fastest 3-year-old pacer in history and #1 ranked horse in the sport's weekly Hambletonian Society / Breeders Crown poll – among many others.

Diamond Creek also is the third ranked breeder in earnings despite having about 750 fewer starts than either top-ranked Hanover Shoe Farms or second-place Winbak Farm.

Shaun Laungani, Diamond Creek's vice-president and director of bloodstock services, said the performance of the farm's horses on the track provides some terrific momentum heading into the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale. Diamond Creek, owned by Adam Bowden, will sell some 30 of its own horses and nearly 25 more as an agent for other breeders.

"The year we're having couldn't be more fun and rewarding," Laungani said. "The Bowdens have put so much into this and to see them finally getting something back with a homebred

colt like Confederate and some of the others is just a pleasure to see and the whole team is just beaming with pride.

"Finally, it's all coming together. It was an exceptional year. It won't be like this every year, but we're going to enjoy it while we can.

"Everybody can just see the rewards from all the work over the year and that's just huge because we do get some flak from buyers because we do keep foals out of certain mares for the homebred team to race, but they are all raised the same way, by the same hands and they all get the same [treatment].

"Confederate was raised in a field with horses that went to the sale. I hope it shows that they can confidently buy from us and potentially hit a home run, because even though we keep certain foals out of certain mares, there's absolutely potential champions in our sales consignment every year."

To further his point, Laungani highlighted a number of successful Diamond Creek graduates the farm sold at the sale.

"Bond is an example of a horse we didn't keep and has gone on to be better than any filly homebred that we've ever had," Laungani said. "She's outperformed any trotter we've kept since a horse like Creatine years ago.

"Then, you go down the list and we've finally got some traction with some 'sales graduates.' We've got Geocentric, which we sold in Harrisburg last year, or Anthony Perretti bought some





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#### **MEDLEY**

B.m., 4, Walner-Fancy Colors  
*In foal to BAR HOPPING; last bred 3/17/23*

#### **MOTHER NATURE**

B.m., 4, Father Patrick-Au Naturalle

#### **MUSCLE DOLLY**

B.m., 5, Muscle Hill-Groupie Doll  
*In foal to GREENSHOE; last bred 5/10/23*

#### **NEVER CONTENT**

B.m., 6, Father Patrick-Sheer Soul  
*In foal to CALGARY GAMES; last bred 6/15/23*

#### **QUIETLY BRILLIANT**

B.m., 3, Muscle Hill-Tanya's Dance

#### **SHAPE OF BEAUTY**

B.m., 5, Muscle Hill-Selfie Hanover  
*In foal to CHAPTER SEVEN; last bred 3/6/23*

#### **TO DREAM ON**

Blk.m., 13, Credit Winner-Satin Pillows  
*In foal to ECURIE D DK; last bred 3/3/23*

#### **WOMANS WILL**

B.m., 10, Donato Hanover-Will Of A Woman  
*In foal to CALGARY GAMES; last bred 7/5/23*

### RACEHORSES

**ANOTHER LIKE ME** 3,1:52.2-'23 (\$33,236)

B.m., 3, Muscle Hill-Stubborn Belle

**CHARTREUSE** 2,1:54.2-'23 (\$11,040)

B.m., 2, Greenshoe-Fatima Blush

**FABULOUS KRONOS** 2,Q1:59.2f-'23

Br.m., 2, Father Patrick-American Kronos

**ITS YOUR CHOICE** 3,1:55.2-'23 (\$117,776)

B.m., 3, Muscle Mass-Choice Hall

#### **MAGIC TOUCH**

B.m., 2, Greenshoe-Miss Mimi

**PIANO BAR** 3,1:53.4-'23 (\$76,640)

B.m., 3, Bar Hopping-Fly Angel Fly

**WOMAN OF PASSION** BT1:55.1-'23 (\$26,270)

Br.m., 2, Walner-Womans Will

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stock that's doing so, so well. There's a horse like Arson, a little fast colt that we sold last year out of our foundation mare that's won, I think, five or six stakes wins as a 2-year-old. Seven Colors is a horse we sold for a client as a yearling in Lexington."

This year, yearlings Diamond Creek bred that they are selling at the Lexington sale all have one-word names that start with the letter B.

"Adam has always loved the one-word names for their strength and classic appeal," Laungani said. "To simplify the process, we did basically what they do in France, which is each year you're assigned a letter and what we did is just change that a little, so each year there's a letter for our homebreds and there's a letter for our sale group. This year the sale group starts with 'B', while the homebreds start with 'F'... Here's where it gets really confusing, because we skipped the letter 'E' because it would be hard to name that many horses."

As for deciding which horses to keep and which ones to sell, Laungani said, "The sale group is more about what's commercially viable, what does the public want, as opposed to what Diamond Creek wants."

This year, that means selling all but one of the yearlings trotters Diamond Creek has produced.

"We have not established a very good trotter racing program and that's nobody's fault but our own," Laungani said. "We're not as adept as we should be, basically, at racing and managing trotters and so we're only keeping one trotter as a homebred."

"We're basically just doubling down on the pacing side and saying, 'This is our strength and we're going to focus on this as far as racing goes.'"

"The Gimpanzees normally would have been kept in years past, but they are all being offered. The Gimpanzees remind us of him and they've been impressive the whole way, but really once they got to the paddock video day and we saw how smart and willing they were, it was like validation of a horse we thought could potentially be a breed-changer."

"We think they'll sell really well. We think that people are going to really like them and they'll go on to race. People have to keep in mind that this is just a preview crop for Gimpanzee. He bred his smallest crop the first year and the full crop gets bigger as it goes on. So, hopefully they do well."

As for pacers, Laungani said, "the big storyline is Downbytheseaside and our connection with that stallion. I think we're selling 15 of them on Day 5."

"There's a few notable ones – we've got full brothers, one was Gulf Shores [Billion, Hip #938] and one was Sling Shock [Ballistic, Hip #964], so those are kind of our heavy hitters there."



#78, SEVEN CHARMS, T, F, NY  
Chapter Seven-Mets Life-Kadabra



# 10/2-10/6 Lexington Sale

## Day 1 Lineup

Day 1 Starts at 7 pm!

### Pacers

#29, HANNAH MCKEE\*, F, PA

Papi Rob Hanover-Free Show-Badlands Hanover

- Dam is Free Show, p, 3, 1:51.3s (\$228,034)
- 1/2-sister to 2023 NY Excelsior Winner, Freestarflight, p, 3, 1:52s -'23 (\$56,216)

#119, SMILE HAPPY\*, F, PA

Papi Rob Hanover-Weeper-Allamerican Native

- Dam is Weeper, p, 3, 1:49f (\$569,511)
- Dam is a 1/2-sister to Bet Mine, p, 1:50.1s -'23 (\$205,014)
- Family of Badlands Nitro, p, 3, 1:50f (\$1,597,638)

\*First Crop from Papi Rob Hanover!

### Trotters

#78, SEVEN CHARMS, F, NY

Chapter Seven-Mets Life-Kadabra

- 1/2-sister to 2023 Kindergarten Classic leg Winner, Amazing Catch, 2, 1:55.1 -'23; BT1:54.3s-'23 (\$163,500)
- Dam is a 1/2-sister to Met's Hall, 3, 1:51.2 (\$1,295,306)
- Family of Gimpanzee, 1:50 (\$2,701,051)

#123, HAPPY JACK B, C, NY

Chapter Seven-Exotic Form-Malabar Man

- Dam is Exotic Form, 2, 1:58.2s (\$151,891)
- 1/2-brother to Barn Hall, 1:53.2h -'23 (\$281,408)
- 1/2-brother to Explosive Form, 3, 1:56.3f (\$112,932)

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Diamond Creek owner Adam Bowden.

• **Ghostbuster Sa, Hip #257:** “This colt came to us in late May, early June and just like other horses that we’ve had come over from Italy, of course, the trip is hard on them. He has just improved and improved, every day, every week, every month since he got here. He’s really blossomed and we’ve grown quite fond of him.”

• **Lou Grass, Hip #311:** “It’s a Sweet Lou colt and Sweet Lou colts are having a banner year. This is the same cross – Sweet Lou over A Rocknroll Dance mare – as Confederate and Cannibal. They were the only two A Rocknroll Dance mares bred to Sweet Lou and so this cross is just right. It’s 100 per cent. You’ll start to see it more now, but this colt is coming along when there still aren’t that many, so it’s a golden cross deal. He’s a very nice horse and we like him a lot.”

• **Brigade, Hip #483:** “This colt has done it the right way and he’s really grown on me. This family is super productive.”

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Earlier in the sale, Laungani highlighted:

• **Balcony, Hip #296:** “A Southwind Frank that is a niece to Bond. She reminds us of Bond. She’s a great mover. Everyone needs to see her – she’s made very well. Absolutely love her. She’s got the pedigree to do all kinds of things.

• **Barricade, Hip #253,** “is a super sporty trotting colt. It’s the first colt out of this mare. This is very unusual, but this is basically our best trotting mare. This mare had six previous foals, all fillies. He’s a Chapter Seven, dual-eligible colt. He’s quite fancy. That would definitely be a colt that would’ve been kept in the past.

• **Blank, Hip #105,** “is a first foal, first crop Gimpanzee colt. This is the colt that looks the most like the stallion himself. This is the first foal out of a fast Muscle Hill mare, so we absolutely love that colt.”

• **Marilyn Ruth, Hip #74,** an agent horse for Anthony Perretti Bloodstock. “Even though they are young in their operation, they’ve got Geocentric, which we sold for them last year and this is another Gimpanzee first foal, out of a super-fast, 1:51-record mare Tuscany. She had a short career, but was fabulous at the Red Mile in her 3-year-old year. This filly could potentially do anything with her pedigree. She’s quite lovely.”



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THATSNOTMYNAME

**Hip #70 LIBERTY, colt**

(Muscle Hill - Thatsnotmyname)

A Muscle Hill colt out of Merrie Annabelle winner **Thatsnotmyname** (\$340,730), she, a sister to Muscle Massive & Muscle Mass.



MARSEILLE

**Hip #59 GANGSTA TALK, colt**

(Chapter Seven - Gangsta Rat)

A Chapter Seven colt, first foal out of a full sister to Beal Memorial winner **Marseille** 3,1:51.4 (\$518,285).

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**Hip #2 CABELLO, colt**

(Muscle Hill - Senorita Rita)

First foal out of Goldsmith Maid winner **Senorita Rita** 2,1:53 (\$414,858).

**Hip #80 LOGO, colt**

(Chapter Seven - Windy Corner)

A colt out of a half-sister to **Fast As The Wind** 3,1:52.2s; BT1:50.2 (\$885,174).

**Hip #81 ROSE HEAD, filly**

(Muscle Hill - Hippie Bourbon Fr)

A Muscle Hill filly, first foal out of a **Ready Cash** mare.

**Hip #86 SNAKEMAN, colt**

(Chapter Seven - White Cheetah)

A full brother to **Sevecheetah** 3,1:57.3h '23; BT1:53.1f (\$119,400).

**Hip #190 LA COLOMBA, filly**

(Gimpanzee - Miss Trixton)

A Gimpanzee filly whose 2nd dam is **Possess The Magic** (\$1.1 million).

**Hip #206 MESSAGE ME, colt**

(Bettors Delight - Penpal)

A half-brother to **Treacherous Penny** p,3,1:52.2f '23 (\$122,093).

**Hip #218 ASIMBONANGA S, colt**

(Chapter Seven - Queen Paige)

The first foal out of a full sister to **Order By Commander** 1:55.1s (\$184,763).

**Hip #254 SMOOCH IN THE DARK, colt**

(Tall Dark Stranger - Sweet Smooch)

First foal out of a full sister to **Sweet Kisses** p,3,1:50f (\$251,177).

**Hip #335 SEVEN CURTSIES, filly**

(Chapter Seven - Curtsy Hanover)

A filly out of a stakes winning half-sister to **Armbro Affair** 1:53.4s (\$462,826).

**Hip #382 ROTHKO, colt**

(Southwind Frank - Got You Br No)

A colt out of the **Love You** mare Got You Br NO (\$34,002).

**Hip #410 FLIGHT STEWARDESS, filly**

(Tactical Landing - Jezzys Legacy)

The first foal out of **Jezzys Legacy** 3,1:54.1f (\$164,923).

**Hip #462 PER CAPITA, filly**

(Father Patrick - Pay For Soup)

A filly whose 2nd dam is the Grand Circuit-placed **Red Hot Spicy** 3,BT1:55.3 (\$50,505).

**Hip #497 NOTARY, colt**

(Greenshoe - Soprana Hill)

A colt out of a half-sister to **Donna Soprano** 3,1:51.3 (\$962,155).

**Hip #514 AUTUMN HONEY, filly**

(Captain Crunch - The Joy Luck Club)

Second foal out of **The Joy Luck Club** p,3,1:50.3s (\$502,002).

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# Hanover consignment offers variety, excitement with TDS and Papi first crops

by James Platz

Hanover Shoe Farms made a big splash last year upon their return to selling in Lexington. The perennial powerhouse breeder arrives in 2023 with a group of 25 yearlings that offer deep pedigrees affiliated with some of the sport's best pacers and trotters. Patti Murphy, farm manager and 23-year employee at Hanover, will spearhead the company's activities this year in the Bluegrass State.

"These are some of our best horses," Murphy said. "There is a nice variety, a nice selection. We have several that are dual eligible to Kentucky, which is a big perk. I think people will find what they are looking for in our consignment."

The farm is home to top pacing stallion Captaintreacherous, whose offspring always attract attention at any public auction. Anticipation of the first crops of Hanover stallions Tall Dark Stranger and Papi Rob Hanover is also high. A group of 62 yearlings (34 colts and 28 fillies) are cataloged for Tall Dark Stranger, with 35 for Papi Rob (12 colts and 23 fillies). Hanover is selling a trio by Tall Dark Stranger, with two fillies and two colts from Papi Rob Hanover.

"I think they'll sell well," Murphy said. "Each of them have different qualities. The Papi Robs are a little more stocky and have big engines on them; big, powerful hind ends. Some of them are a little on the smaller side, but they definitely have the muscle to them, and they're going to do well at the races."

"The Tall Dark Strangers are a little more lanky-looking horses. They are nicely built. They also have nice hind quarters to them, but they're a little more racy looking. They were definitely bred to good mares."

**Bougie Hanover, Hip #98** sells on Monday. The filly is from the first crop of Tall Dark Stranger, and is the first foal from Beyond Ecstasy, a full-sister to \$1.8 million winner Filibuster Hanover. Joslyn Hanover, **Hip #150**, a Tall Dark Stranger half-sister to \$240,000 winner Joyride Hanover, sells early on Tuesday.

"She's a beautiful filly, very well balanced," Murphy said of Joslyn Hanover.

**Astoria Hanover, Hip #88**, a Papi Rob Hanover sister to Dan Patch Award winner and double millionaire Allywag Hanover, sells Monday night. Immediately following is **Aye Aye Hanover, Hip #89**, one of four by Captaintreacherous selling out of the Hanover consignment. The colt is a full-brother to millionaire

Blue Diamond Eyes and is Pennsylvania and Kentucky eligible.

"He's a very gorgeous colt," Murphy said. "Very tall; he's 15.2 already. He's very nice, long-legged, and beautiful. The Captains are always beautiful in my opinion."

Selling early Monday evening is **Lily White Hanover, Hip #16**. The Captaintreacherous filly is a half-sister to Linedrive Hanover p,2,Q1:53.2; 1:47-'23; BT1:46.3 (\$436,697) and Metro final runner-up Legendary Hanover p,2,1:50-'23; BT1:49.3s-'23 (\$289,864).

"We have a Captain first foal out of Zero Tolerance [**Zendaya Hanover, Hip #84**] from the family of Rainbow Blue," Murphy said. "She's a little more on the medium side, but also a very nicely conformed filly. We also have a first foal out of Percy Bluechip [**Prince Hal Hanover, Hip #38**], also a Captain. He's a very tall, very beautiful colt. He's from the family of Kenneth J."

On the trotting side, **Raging Hanover, Hip #50**, is a Walner colt that sells near the midway point of Day 1. He is the third foal from Ready To Ignite, a sister to Dan Patch Award winner Woodside Charm. The colt is one of two Walner yearlings consigned by Hanover, and he is New Jersey and Kentucky eligible.

"He's a beautiful trotter," Murphy said. "His video is awesome. He has a full brother [Ken's Walner] that trotted in 1:53.3 as a 3-year-old. I think he'll sell very well."



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Hanover is offering four from the second crop of Greenshoe. **Headmaster Hanover, Hip #10**, is a brother to Hambletonian Oaks winner Heaven Hanover 2,1:56.3f; 3,1:50.3-23 (\$504,831).

"He's a big colt, and a three-quarter brother to Heaven Hanover," Murphy said. "He's more of an old school style trotter, which I like. He's a little heavier-boned, but he trots really nice. He's got a very nice video."

On the track, Greenshoe's first progeny have not met expectations, and that will certainly hurt the market for his newest crop. Murphy understands the reaction to this year's on-track performance and hopes the group can come back stronger next season as 3-year-olds.

"The Greenshoes obviously haven't performed the way people expected," Murphy said. "The individuals we are bringing to Kentucky are very nice Greenshoes. The [colt] **Headmaster Hanover [Hip #10]**, we have Emoticon Hanover's half-brother [**Eurobank Hanover, Hip #117**]. We have a very nice Greenshoe from Starita [**Starquake Hanover, Hip #247**]. I think the pedigrees are very deep and hopefully people will appreciate that."

Last year the farm sold 23 yearlings, grossing just under \$4.5 million and averaging a staggering \$194,174. Murphy believes that the selection and depth of pedigrees will produce good results again this year at Lexington. She also credits Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky, former executive vice-president and syndicate manager at Hanover, with assembling the strong lineup.

"I feel like our Lexington horses were selected well," Murphy said. "Dr. Jablonsky had a lot to do with the selection of the horses going to Kentucky. She still does our yearling inspections and consultation with us. She did an excellent job of picking the horses that come to Lexington."

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### COLTS

#### \*Hip 160 GOVERNOR AS, b.c. NJ

##### *Muscle Hill-Impinktoo-Manofmanymissions*

Full brother to **GIRLS IN PINK** 2,1:56.2 (\$26,200). Second foal and first colt from **IMPINKTOO** 3,1:49.4 (\$423,860), half-sister to **PINKMAN** 3,1:51 (\$2,856,831).

#### \*Hip 268 LANCELOT, b.c. PA/KY

##### *Bar Hopping-Vita Bella Bi-Donato Hanover*

Half-brother to **EXCALIBUR BI** 3,1:52.2-'23 (\$146,227). Second foal from a half-sister to **CRYS DREAM** 3,1:54f (\$997,378).

#### Hip 347 DIRTY JEANS, b.c. PA/KY

##### *Father Patrick-Deschanel-Yankee Glide*

Half-brother to 2023 2-year-old Du Maurier BT1:55-'23 (\$9,300). Second living foal and first colt from **DESCHANEL** 2,1:57 (\$91,080), full or half-sister to **DREAM TOGETHER** 4,1:51.3 (\$801,782) and **D'ORSAY** 4,1:51.4 (\$445,732).

#### Hip 367 FORWARD PATH, b.c. NJ/KY

##### *Tactical Landing-Fate Smiled-Muscle Massive*

Half-brother to **SKYLINE SEASHELL** 2,1:57.2f-'23 (\$39,513). Second foal, first colt from **FATE SMILED** 3,1:56f (\$158,119), half-sister to **FOR A DREAMER** 4,1:53 (\$378,769).

#### \*Hip 433 PORTOBAROSSO AS, b.c. PA

##### *Bar Hopping-Measuredperfection-Swan For All*

First foal from **MEASUREDPERFECTION** 3,1:53.1 (\$347,445), full or half-sister to 5 \$100,000-plus winners led by **ARNOLD N DICKY** 3,1:52.3f (\$212,683).

#### \*Hip 634 GOLDEN TACTIC, b.c. NJ/KY

##### *Tactical Landing-Goldavila F-Love You*

Second foal from Goldavila F, by leading world, European and French champion sire **LOVE YOU** 1.10.2 (mile rate 1:52) (€1,416,537).

WITHDRAWN **Hip 106 COURT AND SPARK**, br.f. NJ/KY

##### *Muscle Hill-Creature Of Habit-Donato Hanover*

First foal from **CREATURE OF HABIT** 3,1:54.2f (\$94,810), half-sister to **HABITAT** 3,1:53f (\$1,262,221) and Breeders Crown winner **ON A STREAK** 2,1:52.4 (\$803,475).

#### Hip 360 EVERYBODY'S TALKIN, b.f. NJ/KY

##### *Muscle Hill-Eowyn-Donato Hanover*

First living foal from a full or half-sister to Dan Patch Award winner **ANOKA HANOVER** 3,1:52.3f (\$792,739) and **LADY LIRA** 3,1:55.1f-'23 (\$101,262).

#### Hip 394 HIGHWAY NINE, b.f. PA/KY

##### *Cantab Hall-Hidden Temple-Kadabra*

Half-sister to **HEARTBREAK BEAT** 2,1:56.1 (\$11,160). From a half-sister to **TEMPLE OF DOOM** 3,1:52.4f (\$745,917) and **JIMMY SHIN** 1:54.3 (\$420,882).

#### Hip 578 BEST FRIENDS GIRL, b.f. NJ/KY

##### *Tactical Landing-Bright Baby Blues-Andover Hall*

Full or half-sister to **JULA MUSCLE PACK** 3,1:53.1 (\$298,616) and **WHOSE BLUES** 3,1:52.3f (\$135,748). From stakes winner **BRIGHT BABY BLUES** 3,1:54.2 (\$492,203).

#### \*Hip 619 OMEGA, b.f. PA/KY

##### *Cantab Hall-Exceed Expectation-Kadabra*

Full sister to **MY MVP** 3,1:52 (\$879,804) and **TOP EXPECTATIONS** 4,1:51.1 (\$499,802) and half-sister to the dam of **ASIAGO** 3,1:50.4 (\$422,360).

#### \*Hip 868 VISIONARY GAL, b.f. NY/KY

##### *Credit Winner-Ma Chere Hall-Deweycheatumnhowe*

Half-sister to **MA CHERE AMI** 3,Q1:57.1f-'23 (\$15,591). From **MA CHERE HALL** 3,1:52.3 (\$689,641), full sister to **MADMAN HALL** 3,1:55.2 (\$469,655).

#### \*Hip 647 IRREPRESSIBLE, b.c. PA/KY

##### *Bar Hopping-Hot Off The Press-Cantab Hall*

Half-brother to **WINNERESS** 4,1:54f (\$375,407). From **HOT OFF THE PRESS** 3,1:57.4f (\$128,580), half-sister to **PSYCHIC SPIRIT** 4,1:54 (\$311,126).

#### Hip 755 TAKE HOME PAY, b.c. NJ/KY

##### *Propulsion-Temple Ruins-Donato Hanover*

Three-quarter brother to **TALKIN' BOUT YOU** 3,1:54.1-'23 (\$58,550) and **HALL OF GHOSTS** 2,2:06.3h-'23 (\$5,100). From **TEMPLE RUINS** 3,1:53.3f (\$288,526).

#### \*Hip 769 SENIOR PARTNER, b.c. ON/KY

##### *Bettor's Delight-Whos Up Whos Down-Western Ideal*

Full brother to **WHOS BETTER** p,1:50.4f (\$344,889). From **WHOS UP WHOS DOWN** p,3,1:53f (\$81,769), three-quarter sister to **WESTERN SHORE** p,1:48.3f (\$1,247,985).

#### Hip 841 FISHERMAN'S BLUES, b.c. PA

##### *Cantab Hall-Fortunes Of Fables-Muscle Hill*

Full brother to **FADE INTO YOU** 3,1:54.4 (\$215,628) and half-brother to **FIFTY WAYS** 1:55f-'23 (\$231,775). From a full or half-sister to **FEED YOUR HEAD** 3,1:52 (\$245,662).

#### \*Hip 907 WITNESS MARK, b.c. IN/KY

##### *Rockin Image-Shesagamemajor-Art Major*

Second foal from **SHESAGAMEMAJOR** p,1:54.1f (\$81,258), half-sister to **R U FOR ME** p,4,1:51.4 (\$109,481) and **R U TALKIN** p,3,1:53.4 (\$87,717).

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##### *Cantab Hall-Zinger-Donerail*

Half-brother to Con's Way 2,Q2:07-'23. From a full or half-sister to **ZITOMIRA** 1:54f (\$569,431), **IZOH** 1:53.4f (\$220,038) and **GREEN PEACE** 1:56f (\$192,441).

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#### \*Hip 873 TRIX SERVE, br.f. NJ/KY

##### *Trixtion-Mauresmo-Windson's Legacy*

Half-sister to **MAEWEGONOW** 1:53.3f (\$427,769) and **SAINT K** 1:53.4f-'23 (\$166,097). Second dam a full sister to **CREDIT WINNER** 3,1:54 (\$1,495,295).

#### Hip 919 SUNNIER DAYS, b.f. IN/KY

##### *JK Endofanera-Stolen Kisses-Always B Miki*

First foal from a full sister to Always Sassy p,2,2:03.2h-'23 (\$21,054). Second dam is a half-sister to World Champion **SASSA HANOVER** p,3,1:49.4 (\$1,227,824).

#### \*Hip 935 HIGHCLASVEGASBUNNY, b.f. IL/KY

##### *Class Included-Vegas Virgin-Donato Hanover*

Half-sister to **MISCHEVIOUS ROSE** 4,1:52.2-'23 (\$400,835), **MUSCLING VEGAS** 3,1:53.1-'23 (\$145,076) and **VEGAS TICKET** 4,1:54.4f (\$117,758). From a half-sister to **CELEBRITY DEVILLE** 3,1:54.3 (\$338,744).

#### Hip 957 THOSESUMMERNIGHTS, b.f. IN/KY

##### *JK Endofanera-Badwintercoming-Big Bad John*

Half-sister to **LOVETHEWAYYOUOLIE** p,2,1:56.2f (\$55,346). From a half-sister to **WINTER BLUES** p,1:51.3h (\$562,955) and **TIMMYLYNN** p,1:51.1f (\$315,875).

#### \*Hip 982 ALURE, b.f. NY/KY

##### *Devious Man-Enchantment-Angus Hall*

Half-sister to **ENCHANTED MISSION** 1:55.2 (\$173,227) and **MAXIMUM EXPRESS** 2,1:58.2h (\$74,676). From the family of **PAMPERED PRINCESS** 3,1:53 (\$1,648,362).

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## Brittany offering “strongest consignment that we’ve had, top to bottom”

by Dave Briggs

The days are beginning to count down to the end of Brittany Farms as we know it, but as the famed Kentucky nursery moves toward selling its final yearlings two years from now, farm manager Art Zubrod is more bullish than ever about the immediate future.

“I have said, and stood by it, that this is our strongest consignment that we’ve had, top to bottom,” Zubrod said of Brittany’s 18-strong yearling consignment selling at the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale. “I’m sure somebody will find a hole in this bunch, but they are all very, very nice horses. They are good performers in the paddock and good animals to be around. I don’t have any superstars, the \$400,000 or \$500,000 ones, I don’t think, but it’s a very, very good consignment... so no complaints here.”

In January, Zubrod said he and his wife, Leah Cheverie, Brittany’s office manager, will retire after the 2025 Lexington sale. Farm owner George Segal said his plan is to sell the farm.



Dave Landry  
Brittany Farms’  
Art Zubrod and  
Leah Cheverie.

“It happens to be a great time because by the time Art and Leah retire, I’ll be 87-and-a-half years old,” Segal said in January. “And every time that I think about that, I think I should get a lot smaller, even though we’ve gotten a lot smaller over the last 10 years. I think I should get in a position where I don’t drive my wife and kids crazy after I’m gone. My plan is to sell the farm.

“I would like to sell the farm to someone in the standardbred business, if I can. A perfect scenario would be to sell it to

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***B.c., Tactical Landing-I Believe***

Brother to Sonnet Grace 2,Q1:54.2f (\$460,736), Dream Baby Dream 3,1:52.3 (\$228,656) and the 2023 2-year-old Somethintobelievein 2,1:58f-'23 (\$24,500).

## **HIP #213 GO DOG GO**

***B.c., Greenshoe-Primary Target***

From the sister to champions Tactical Landing 3,1:50.2 (\$812,300) and Mission Brief 3,1:50.2f (\$1,599,587). Brother to the successful 2023 2-year-old Emissary 2,1:56.4-'23 (\$17,250).

## **HIP #356 GOTTAKEEPPONDREAMIN**

***B.f., Greenshoe-Dream Baby Dream***

Sister to the winning My Anna's Dream 2,Q1:55.1 (\$19,150) and 2023 2-year-old P J's Dream (\$13,084). From Dream Baby Dream 3,1:52.3 (\$228,656).

## **HIP #700 A FATHERS LOVE**

***B.f., Father Patrick-My Love Bi***

By Father Patrick, second foal from My Love Bi 1:52.1f (\$371,385).

Sister to 2023 2-year-old Bella's Love BT1:57.2 (\$4,680).

***These yearlings are consigned and were foaled and raised at Kentuckiana Farms and can be viewed in the KENTUCKIANA CONSIGNMENT, Barns 5 and 6. All are Kentucky eligible and to the Sires Stakes Program where their sire is located.***



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somebody who wants to do their version of breeding and racing or just breeding or whatever and keep most of the employees here. They have been great employees and they've been here for many years. I think the longest is 35 years."

On Wednesday (Sept. 27), Zubrod said the reduction has already begun.

"To tell people how serious we are about this, by the end of this year, December, we'll be down to 12 wholly-owned broodmares for Brittany Farms," Zubrod said. "Now, we still have several in partnership here, but wholly-owned it's just 12."

Currently, Brittany has just under 30 mares.

Zubrod said those mares produced some awfully nice yearlings for this year's sale, which begins Monday night (Oct. 1) at the Fasig-Tipton sales pavilion in Lexington.

Things are going so well of late for Brittany that even one of its first-night yearlings delivered some good news this week.

"I've got a Tall Dark Stranger colt out of Reflect With Me [Banderas, Hip #100] and we worried that he was going to be a ridgling, but on check yesterday his other testicle had dropped through the ring," Zubrod said. "We've been doing acupuncture on it for darn near two months and we thought we were getting some place, then all of a sudden it came through the ring in about three days."

Zubrod said he also has, "a really nice Miki colt out of My Lady Love [Lifeblood, Hip #199]."

One of Zubrod's absolute favorites from the Brittany consignment is **American Son, Hip #287**.

"First of all, it is for sentimental reasons because it's an American Ideal, but this is probably the nicest American Ideal colt I've ever raised," Zubrod said. "He's just a grand-looking horse that's good in the paddock. He's just cheerful around the barn, which means a lot to me, their attitude around the barn. He's just a nice horse to be around."

As for selling later in the sale that Zubrod thinks could be destined for great things, he pointed to one selling during the Midwest-centric final session on Friday, Oct. 6 — **Cash Back, Hip #967**.

"It's a Fear The Dragon colt and he's a really, really top-looking colt," Zubrod said. "He's got the look. I'm not going to downgrade anybody else's horses, but I don't think there's been a better mare bred to [Fear The Dragon] than Cash Reward."

The vast majority of Brittany's consignment are pacers.

"I've only got four trotters total, but they are pretty nice horses with pedigree," Zubrod said. "Three Walners and a Chapter Seven so they shouldn't be too hard on me."

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LILY STRIDE

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**Hip #67 - SPARKLING VOLO, colt**  
**Tactical Landing - Sterling Volo**

*A half-brother to Lily Stride 3,1:50.2 (\$717,762).*



TALL DRINK HANOVER

(NEW IMAGE MEDIA)

**Hip #69 - STRANGERINTHENIGHT, colt**  
**Tall Dark Stranger - Tall Drink Hanover**

*The first foal out of Tall Drink Hanover p,3,1:48 (\$1,053,023).*



ASIAGO

(NIGEL SOULT PHOTO)

**Hip #39 - ALWAYSWITHUS, filly**  
**Walner - Platinum T**

*A half-sister to Asiago 3,1:50.4 (\$424,454).*



FRENCH CAFE

(NIGEL SOULT PHOTO)

**HIP #124 - A FAMILY AFFAIR, filly**  
**Muscle Hill - French Cafe**

*The second foal from French Cafe 3,1:52.3 (\$228,331).*

**6 by Always B Miki**

**6 by Bar Hopping** including a colt out of a half-sister to **French Laundry** (\$679,629) & **French Wine** (\$522,779).

**5 by Bettors Delight** including a full brother to **Lyons Bettorday** p,3,1:49.4s-'23 (\$319,110).

**4 by Bettors Wish** including a colt out of a full sister to **Treacherous Reign** p,3,1:48.3s (\$997,447).

**2 by Captain Crunch**

**6 by Captaintreacherous** including a full brother to **Catch The Fire** p,1:46.4 (\$1,525,829).

**1 by Cattlewash**

**9 by Chapter Seven** including a full brother to **Kierkegaard K** 3,1:50.3s-'23 (\$321,749) and a filly out of a half-sister to **Dejarmbro** (\$1.1 million).

**3 by Downbytheseaside**

**8 by Father Patrick** including a filly out of a half-sister to **The Bank** 3,1:50.4 (\$1,214,895).

**1 by Gimpanzee** A half brother to **Kimmeridgian** 2,1:54.3f-'22 (\$235,144).

**3 by Googoo Gaagaa**

**13 by Greenshoe** including a filly out of a full sister to **Bella Dolce** (\$753,133), the dam of **Bella Bellini** (\$2.5 million).

**4 by Love You** including a half-brother to **Fast As The Wind** 3,1:52.2s-'22 (\$885,174).

**7 by Muscle Hill** including a half-brother to **Greenshoe** 3,1:49.4 (\$1,387,376).

**2 by Muscle Mass**

**4 by Papi Rob Hanover** including a colt out of a half-sister to **Control The Moment** p,3,1:48.2 (\$1,227,832).

**1 by Propulsion**

**3 by Six Pack** including a filly out of a half-sister to **Sebastian K** 1:49f (\$2,984,150).

**1 by Southwind Frank** A half-sister to **Johan Palema** 3,1:50.4 (\$627,733).

**3 by Swan For All**

**8 by Tactical Landing** including a half-brother to **Will Take Charge** 1:50.3f (\$1,343,854).

**9 by Tall Dark Stranger** including a full brother in blood to **Its A Love Thing** p,2,1:52.2s-'23 (\$69,900).

**2 by Uncle Peter**

**8 by Walner** including the first foal out of **Queen Of The Hill** 3,1:54.4f (\$239,641).

*Yearlings may be inspected at the farm beginning September 6th - please call for an appt. • Check our website for yearling videos.*





Dave Landry  
Winbak Farm's Pat Woods (left) and Jimmy Ladwig.

## Yearlings from first-crop sires highlighting Winbak's Lexington consignment

by Dave Briggs

Of the more than 80 yearlings Winbak Farm is selling in Lexington, Jimmy Ladwig, the farm's yearling manager, said some from first-crop sires Papi Rob Hanover and Cattlewash have stood out.

"We've got two nice Papi Rob fillies selling the first night, one of out Weeper [**Smile Happy, Hip #119**] and the other one is out of Free Show [**Hannah McKee, Hip #29**]," Ladwig said. "The one out of Weeper is a big, beautiful filly.

"The two [Papi Rob Hanovers] we have are real correct and there's a lot of substance to them, you know? Just good looking and look like they are built to last."

"We've got two really nice Cattlewashes, a colt and a filly. The colt is out of Dreamlands Latte [**Smooth Dream, Hip #196**], who is just a great-looking colt, as is the filly who is out of Village Madonna [**My Girl Donna, Hip #216**].

"You always ask me who my favorite is and this year I've got to say that it's that Cattlewash colt. He's been my favorite since the

beginning and he's held up. He looks good, he's prepping great, good video. He's kind of my favourite of them all.

"Jimmy Freight, it's not his first crop, but we are selling a nice Jimmy Freight in Lexington [**Boyd Bay, Hip #664**]."

On the trotter side, Ladwig highlighted, "a Chapter Seven filly out of Mets Life [**Seven Charms, Hip #78**]. She's a sister to Amazing Catch, who is doing really well this year, a 2-year-old colt. She's just a gorgeous filly, who showed off real good in her video and out in the paddock."

He also likes a "really good-looking" Chapter Seven colt named **Happy Jack B, Hip #123**, a Bar Hopping filly out of Doin The City named **Nashville Vibes, Hip #473**, and a Chapter Seven filly out of Fitness Girl named **Fit N Pretty, Hip #290**.

Winbak, perennially the sport's second leading breeder behind Hanover Shoe Farms, will also have plenty of talented yearlings to sell at the Standardbred Horse Sales Company auction in Harrisburg, PA in November.

"[The Lexington yearlings] are some of our better pedigrees, better individuals... but we still save a few really nice ones for Harrisburg – some of the later-born or smaller ones," Ladwig said. "We've got 77 in the [Harrisburg] select sale and we're taking 23 to the Mixed Sale, so we'll have plenty to offer at both sales."

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## Spring Haven Farm is hoping their sale success in Ohio continues in Kentucky

by Chris Lomon

Senena Esty is once again looking forward to the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale in Kentucky.

Along with her husband Jeff, Esty and their Spring Haven Farm consignment will have a group of 52 yearlings, 12 that they own or co-own, and 40 agent horses, available at the upcoming sale.

If momentum is a harbinger of things to come, the Lexington sale could be a successful one for the couple.

Recently, Spring Haven had the sale topper at the Ohio Selected Jug Yearling Sale. Sold for \$225,000 to Greg Luther, Hip #106 is a Catch The Fire half-brother to Captain Cowgirl named Catch The Cowboy. The bay colt is out of the Western Hanover mare, Rideintothesunset, and is the dam's most expensive yearling.

"It was awesome, the Ohio sale, so we just hope it continues," said Senena. "In every interview I've done, I always tell people that I am a glass-half-full kind of person. You have to be in this business. So, we're excited."

The Utica, OH-based operation's consignment will showcase babies from Bettor's Delight, Captain Crunch, Captaintreacherous, Always B Miki, Bar Hopping, Chapter Seven and several others.

Senena sees plenty of opportunity for all buyers, those looking for established names and others looking for solid deals on talented, under-the-radar types.

She has no shortage of superlatives for **Writing Onthe Wall, Hip #248**, a son of Walner—Creedom.

"I always start with the ones we raise at the farm because I know those best," she said. "We're very proud of those. It's the first foal out of the mare. He's a stunning colt. All of my videos are done barefoot as they are always done. Over the years, several trainers have told me, 'You should let everyone know that.' Our farm has up hills and down hills, so that's how our horses get their workouts. This particular colt, he's beautiful and we are so proud of him."



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Another trotting colt has also caught her attention.

**Tactical Dynasty, Hip #479** is a son of Tactical Landing—Dynasty.

“I’m thinking the Tactical Landing horses are going to be very well received,” Senena said. “This guy, he videoed tremendously. He was all trot, there was no edit, just all trot. His head was down, and he dug in. He’s just a natural, a very good mover. These two are standouts of my group. I see these horses as my children and I feel like I should talk about each of them, but these kind of stood out for me.”

Senena has also heard good things about **Angelic, Hip #782**, a daughter of Archangel—Southwind Alice.

“I was speaking with my sister, Stephanie, and she has a Canadian standout she is very high on,” Senena said. “This would be an Archangel, and this yearling, Angelic, matches her name. She’s a stunner.”

As is a Sweet Lou—Somewhere Sweet filly.

Spring Haven is the agent for **Fancy Like Louuuuu, Hip #737**.

“Going along the lines of the video again, she paces pretty much the entire video,” Senena said. “It’s pretty incredible to watch.”

Senena also has high praise for **Stonebridge Georja, Hip #52**, a daughter of Bettor’s Delight—Rock N Soul.

“That’s such an incredible family and the video looks great,” she said. “I’m just excited to meet this horse in person.”

## VALUE PICKS

“I’ve got several Captain Crunch yearlings, and I would love for people to consider them because I think he’s in a very tough jurisdiction and he races against the best of the best,” she said. “Sometimes, those first-crop horses are judged very tough. I really like the look of my Captain Crunch yearlings. I have three very nice fillies and they all videoed really well. I’m pretty high on **Hip #551, Kaptain Kristine**, and **Hip #716, Captain N Tenille**. If someone is looking for a nice buy, those are very nice pedigrees. They might fall below the radar, but they are certainly worth a lot of consideration.

“I also love my Captaintreacherous yearlings. They really are just a different breed, big, massive and athletic. **Hip #512, Terror N Treachery**, is one that we have for Doug Millard. She is a really nice one.”

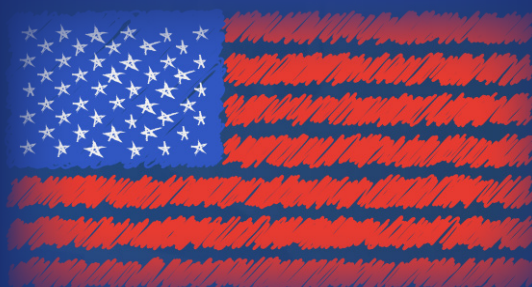
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Dave Landry  
**Northwood**  
**Bloodstock's Bob Boni.**



## Northwood Bloodstock has a strong consignment including first crop sires Papi Rob Hanover and Tall Dark Stranger

by Matthew Lomon

With more than 50 years of experience in the standardbred industry, there isn't much Bob Boni hasn't seen or done himself.

Boni is the owner and president of Secaucus, NJ-based Northwood Bloodstock, a program that discovered top-tier talents Camtastic, Always B Miki, and the legendary Nihilator.

A Lexington yearling sale veteran, Boni knows exactly what to expect going into Monday. His operation is selling a group of 28 yearlings, all as an agent. The consignment features babies from Captain Crunch, Papi Rob Hanover, and Tall Dark Stranger.

"I'll tell you the same thing I say every year because it's true, the good horses will take care of themselves, they really do," Boni said. "Every year the sale seems to get a little stronger. People like to buy good horses and I don't see any reason why we won't see a similar trend this year. People will certainly take a good look at the one's they're enthused about."

A strong pedigree, which applies equally to both Northwood and its crop of yearlings, goes a long way in building that enthusiasm and excitement.

"If you put a good pedigree out there and a good individual, people are going to be interested," said Boni, former president and a long-time member of the board of directors for the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey. "Good horses will always sell and it's important for buyers to see that there's already some out there racing for the kind of money they're racing for."

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Boni knows that finding those stakes-level competitors starts with looking into their sires, and that's why he's especially excited about what he sees in offspring of Captain Crunch, Papi Rob Hanover, and Tall Dark Stranger.

Captain Crunch leads the way with four yearlings (**Hip #180 Captain Magestic**, **Hip #765 Captain Uptown**, **Hip #779 Zip Time**, and **Hip #800 Pirates Poison**), and he has two each from Papi Rob Hanover (**Hip #27 Robbing McGibson** and **Hip #155 Poppy Power**) and Tall Dark Stranger (**Hip #93 Strangeronthbeach** and **Hip #506 Strange Summer**).

"Talented horses make the most successful sires," Boni said. "Between Papi Rob, I've got a number of them, a couple of Tall Dark Strangers, I think they will both sell tremendously well. Papi Rob is a very liked horse, and being the son of Somebeachsomewhere, we know the success his sons have had, makes it that much more appealing."

Papi Rob Hanover and Tall Dark Stranger are both new sires, which bodes well for their value coming into the sale.

"I think both of those horses will have tremendous first crop sales," Boni said. "We're in a business where the first crops seem to sell very well."

When asked if there were any yearlings flying under the radar that buyers should know more about, Boni said he doesn't necessarily look at it that way.

"The horses get exposed pretty good now," he said. "Between the internet and feature videos, so much is done before the sale that, sure, there may be some where people make a good buy here and there, but it's usually not for a lack of looking."

Video, in particular, stood out to Boni as a valuable tool for buyers. He says it offers a significant advantage because it allows them to gather most of their intel before setting foot in Kentucky.

"It makes a big difference and gives you that chance to get a head start," Boni said. "Really, it's about doing your homework with all the information and resources available on these horses nowadays. The more homework you do, the better your luck will be."

Boni offered one more word of advice to buyers.

"Any horse that you like on paper, you're supposed to go look at," he said. "I think the worst feeling someone could have at a sale is seeing a particular horse sell for what they would consider less than what the page would dictate, but they didn't try to see the horse in the first place."

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## Hunterton has 'a little bit of everything' in 115-horse consignment

by James Platz

Steve and Cindy Stewart will bring one of Hunterton Farm's largest consignments to Lexington this season, with 115 yearlings selling over the course of the five-day sale. A group of 19 will pass through the ring opening night, and throughout the week, and the Paris, KY breeder will feature babies from a variety of sires eligible to several programs.

"We don't stand any stallions," Steve said. "We breed to everything, which has served us well. I think it does us well that when people come here, they know it's not just three or four stallions. If you can't find it here, you can't find it anywhere. We'll sell sale toppers, and we'll sell some of the lowest priced horses. We have a little bit of everything."

Hunterton will have a good supply of Tactical Landing fillies and colts. With 13 in the consignment, Steve has been bullish on the son of Muscle Hill since he entered stud duty. Tactical Approach, this year's Hambletonian winner, was bred by Steve and Oakwood Farms.

"I've always believed in him," Steve said. "Basically, he's doing what his father and grandfather did. Muscles Yankee started

slow with his first crop and then the second crop took off and won the Hambletonian with a horse we bred [Trixton]. He's following in Muscle Hill and Muscles Yankee's footsteps. I felt like he was going to do that. We bred right along. We really haven't backed up at all. We'll have a lot of Tactical Landings coming over the next few years."

While Tactical Landing's progeny will garner attention due to the success of the two crops currently racing, the headliner of Hunterton's consignment is the sire's sibling, two-time Dan Patch Award winner Mission Brief. Her first three foals brought \$400,000, \$725,000 and \$550,000, respectively. This year, her Gimpanzee filly, **Kadena, Hip #48**, will be one of the stars of the Monday session.

"That's the mare that just keeps on giving," Steve said. "She's just got a tremendous filly. When people see her, it's very hard for them to keep their cards close to their vest. She's very nice. We have several very nice Gimpanzee fillies. The other one is **Demystify, Hip #118**. She's really a nice filly also."

The second foal from O'Brien Award winning Trixton mare Evident Beauty, Demystify is a half-sister to Prominence, a Father Patrick freshman filly with a beaten time of 1:54.2 this season.

Other yearlings that Stewart highlighted include **Youcandoit Kemp, Hip #9**, a first foal Chapter Seven filly from a sister to Snow White and That's All Moni. **Ascendance, Hip #21**, is a Pennsylvania and Kentucky eligible filly by Captaintreacherous that is a sister to Highalator and JK Higher Power, dam of Joyride

Hanover. **Grande Via, Hip #45**, a dual-eligible colt by Muscle Hill, is the first colt from Megadolce, sister to Trotter of the Year Bella Bellini. Also in the roster is **Mount Mikinley, #Hip 62**. The dual-eligible Always B Miki colt is out of Shebesailin, a sister to Dan Patch Award winner Perfect Sting.

Stewart is not sure how Walner colt **Lexicon, Hip #57**, will be received by buyers. Out of Donato Hanover mare Sarcy, the colt is a half-brother to Tactical Approach and near-\$800,000 winner Double Deceiver.

"What's interesting about him is that the mare's good enough to produce a Hambletonian winner, but when you look on the catalog page, he's No. 2," Steve said. "That doesn't happen very often. She produced Double Deceiver, who made about \$800,000 and is in Europe now. This colt is small, and is about the same size as Double Deceiver. So she has produced two top horses. One little, in Double Deceiver, a horse that trotted in 1:50. Then you have the Hambletonian winner who is a great big colt and a Tactical Landing. Now we're coming with a Walner. You would think the Walner would be in-between, but he's not."

Last year, Hunterton led all consignors with 21 yearlings sold on the first day for a gross of over \$5.1 million. That fast start allowed them to bring in just shy of \$10 million in gross sales with an average of \$103,844 while selling 96 horses. Steve isn't focused on breaking those totals in 2023, but says his clients have loaded the consignment with quality stock, resulting in the expanded offerings.

"That's not what we aspire to do, see how many we can sell," Steve said. "Success leads to more horses you might say. A lot of the clients and our partners have more horses to sell, which is not a bad thing. A lot of the clients in our sales are playing at the top level and we've been rewarded."

Steve also believes that Lexington is poised for another big year. He cites the current trend in purses paid as reinforcement.

"The top end is going to be crazy good," he said. "The horse economy to me is extremely strong. All you have to do is go on the USTA website where it shows how much more money we are racing for purse-wise year to date. I think the other day it was 11 million dollars, so right around three per cent more just in the United States, not including Canada. I think our business is a very simple business. Money in, money out. Ron Burke, David McDuffee, Determination, any money they make they're putting it all back in. Where else can you get the return on the investment?"

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## Crawford Farms consignment is so outstanding, they hope to retain pieces of them

by Chris Lomon

If success truly does breed success, odds are it could be a memorable Lexington Select Yearling Sale for Crawford Farms.

Crawford Farms is a family-owned standardbred breeding and racing farm with two locations in upstate New York and beautiful Versailles, KY. Albert and Michelle Crawford have stepped into the family legacy that Jim and Patricia Crawford started in 1966. With over 1200-plus acres located in two states, one of the most impactful players in the world of standardbred racing is looking forward to seeing how their youngsters are embraced for the upcoming annual sale. Over the last 16 years, with over 100 impeccably bred broodmares, Crawford has supplied the industry with dually bred, blue-blooded yearlings.

Crawford pupils, 61 in all, 59 of them dually eligible, will be front and center at this year's sale.

"We are over the moon to feature 59 dual-eligible yearlings, while the two Crazy Wow yearlings are Kentucky-eligible," said Michelle. "That does give us an edge going into the sale. What

I've heard from people who have looked at our pages and viewed our yearling videos is that they have been so impressed. I've had more foot traffic up here, when you typically can't get anyone up to this part of New York, especially at this time of the year. Every day, we get another call. It's buyers, owners and trainers – just so many people coming up to see the horses. We have the most elite broodmare band of trotters in the business, which enables us to bring blue-blooded yearlings to the sale."

It's a sentiment echoed by Albert.

"I really got into the pedigrees and crosses, especially on the trotting side, and looked at the crosses who are producing some top-notch yearlings," he said. "We're extremely excited about this sale and even beyond that. We had great success either through foaling, raising, and selling trotters, last year across New Jersey, Kentucky, and New York. The trotting fillies have been strong, and I think our trotters can go against anybody. We've never had as athletic a group as we do this year. It all ties back to breeding. When they get in that chute, they roll."

Perhaps the biggest obstacle for Albert and Michelle, who own champion trotting mare, \$3.85 million earner Atlanta, is whittling down the list of babies they are impressed by.

That said, it's what others are saying, specifically, high praise from those who have visited the farm in the days and weeks leading up to the sale, that has the couple feeling, understandably, quite optimistic.



Dave Landry

"We have an especially well-bred Tactical Landing filly out of Flawless Lindy, **Oklahomasmokeshow, Hip #56**," Michelle said. "She looks amazing and has everything you would want in a yearling trotter. We have 17 first foals selling this year, so that's another reason for us to be optimistic about the sale."

"**French Kisses, Hip #65**, she truly looks the part," said Albert, of the Chapter Seven—Sans Default filly. "She is stunning. Long, tall, and beautiful."

**Shesnostranger, Hip #120**, a daughter of Tall Dark Stranger—Sandbetweenurtoes, is another filly that has caught their eye.

"She is probably my choice of the pacers," said Albert. "In the chute — I'm a chute guy — if they are athletic there, that always stands out for me. It's like the NFL Combine. I look at the chute as the NFL Combine. If they go out and run 4.2 40s, you sit there and say, 'Wow, what an athlete.' When I showed up for chute day to see their athleticism, she just blew me away. I had the same reaction to Oklahomasmokeshow and French Kisses."

"Another one is [unbeaten trotter] Karl's full-sister, **Mybffannee [Hip #440]**. She just hit that chute, tail up over her back, extension way beyond her nose... just amazing."

The Crawfords made the decision to keep one offspring from their megastar mare Atlanta, Deja Blu.

"My highest rank is a five," Albert said. "Atlanta got a five-plus and this filly, I gave her a five-plus-plus. My comment was, 'Just a freak. Long, tall, strong, acts like a Mack truck.' My jaw dropped. If you watched her video, you would bet heavily that she's a colt. She's a good cross to Chapter Seven too."

The hope, for the Crawfords, is that they have the opportunity to purchase a piece of some of the yearlings they sell at Lexington.

"What we are hoping is that some people who buy these extremely well-bred fillies will let us keep a piece," said Albert, who also noted **Mia Maxie, Hip #114**, a daughter of Chapter Seven—Dominica, as another impressive offering at the sale.

"We'd like to keep them all, but that's not possible," Michelle said with a laugh. "I would also add that we owned a piece of Tall Dark Stranger, and we have 16 yearlings of Tall Dark Stranger this year for the sale. **Hip #273 Blue Onyx**, looks like a mirror image of him. We're pretty excited about that one and our entire group."

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## Blue Chip Farms' Tom Grossman is optimistic about his consignment going into the sale

by Debbie Little

Although Tom Grossman's Blue Chip Farms will have 10 outstanding yearlings in the sale at Lexington, there were a specific few that he wanted to highlight.

"I'd say there's three that I really love," Grossman said. "**Hip #204 [Wisteria Blue Chip]** is out of the family of Cantab Fashion and Beat The Wheel. She's by Chapter Seven and she's always just really, really, really impressed me in the field; very light on her feet.

"Her video is good, although I've seen her look better, and she's going to be a winner."

Grossman has a good story about **Hip #252 Wanda Blue Chip**, a Kentucky/New Jersey eligible Muscle Hill filly out of the Andover Hall mare Oh My Goodness.

"I was pissed off when we were at Timonium," Grossman said. "I had what I thought was a bad yearling sale and I said I'm not buying any mares. And I walked through the barn, and [Oh My Goodness] was in the aisle, and I didn't know who she was and she was just that good looking.

"So, I reached in my pocket and bought her and I bred her to Muscle Hill and this is the first foal and it's a really nice filly. And this is out of the family of Cedar Dove. [The filly] looks a lot like When Dovescry."

In all, there are seven jurisdictions — Indiana, Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Ontario and Pennsylvania — that Blue Chip's consignment is eligible to.

According to Grossman, his Ohio-eligible colt, **Hip #884 Woodrow Blue Chip**, is absolutely gorgeous. He's by Lather Up out of the American Ideal mare Onassis Blue Chip.

"It's been a hard-luck mare," Grossman said. "We know a couple of [her foals] had real excuses and they were expected to be better than they were, which every breeder is going say, but [Onassis Blue Chip] is out of a good, good old family of ours. She's a sister to Heston [Blue Chip] and Sunfire [Blue Chip].

"I don't know what the other Lather Ups are, but this one reminds me of the dam's sire, I'm Gorgeous, because I always said, 'Man, that guy is gorgeous.' We've done pretty well with Ohio breds, the couple that we've bred. So, we're kind of excited about it."

Blue Chip has also added a nice touch to their sale videos by including the yearling's pedigree. According to Grossman, they are always looking to tweak things and make them more pleasing to the buyer.



Dave Landry

**Blue Chip Farms owner Tom Grossman.**

"I also buy yearlings, and I look at a lot of yearling videos and everyone wants something slightly different, and I try to [make them] what I would want to see," Grossman said.

In regards to their New York yearlings, Grossman thinks this is a great time to be buying in the Empire State.

"I think New York breds are going to be a hell of a deal this year with the purses the same and 20 per cent less horses," Grossman said. "You're really getting value for the dollar on any New York bred.

The number of foals nominated to the New York Sire Stakes in 2020 was 733, while in 2023, that number was estimated to be only 492, down 33 per cent. The number was also down 11 per cent from 2022, when 554 were nominated.

"When people compare the overall numbers, yes, there's much more money in Pennsylvania [and other places], but there's five times as many eligible horses, so the amount of money per eligible horse is much higher. It's come full circle, where the numbers are much better for New York breds relative to anything else on a per-foal basis."

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# Chapter Seven yearlings headline Concord Stud offering

by James Platz

Concord Stud Farm's 16-horse consignment is filled with variety. Of the yearlings offered at the Lexington Selected sale, 10 stallions are represented, and six of the babies are first foals. Last year the Cream Ridge, NJ farm sold six yearlings in the opening session. Concord Stud will do so again Monday night (Oct. 2).

"I'm pleased with the consignment that we're taking," said Julie Meirs. "We've got them spread pretty evenly across the three days this year, which is a little different than last year. We're pleased with what we're presenting, and expect that the sale will be strong."

Upon withdrawal of Gatsby Hanover from the sale, Concord's **Cabello, Hip #2**, will start Lexington's opening night. The Muscle Hill colt is the first foal from Chapter Seven mare Senorita Rita, a winner of more than \$400,000 in her career.

"It's definitely important to sell the first night," Meirs said. "I would rather not sell the first one on the first night. We're actually selling the first one at both sales this year. I think it's important that we get them in there that first night. It's an elite group of yearlings and we're proud to be able to bring yearlings that can sell that night."

Meirs noted that the highlight of her consignment is a group of five Chapter Seven yearlings scheduled to be sold.

"**Snakeman, Hip #86**, is a nice big, muscular colt," she said. "**Gangsta Talk [Hip #59]** is another. Both are nice colts that are definitely worth taking a look at."

Snakeman is out of Muscle Mass mare White Cheetah, and the colt is a full-brother to six-figure earner Sevecheetah. Gangsta Talk is the first foal from Gangsta Rat, a full-sister to \$500,000 winner Marseille. Also part of the group is **Logo, Hip #80**, the first colt from \$200,000-winning Yankee Glide mare Windy Corner and **Seven Curtsies, Hip #335**, is a second foal filly from Curtsy Hanover.

**Asimbonanga S, Hip #218**, selling Tuesday, is the first foal from Muscles Yankee mare Queen Paige. The dam is a sister to Steamy Windows, who produced double-millionaire and first crop sire Gimpanzee, as well as Iteration 2,1:53.3; 3,1:53.1 (\$780,818).

Another yearling selling on the first day is **Liberty, Hip #70**, a Muscle Hill colt that is a half-brother to freshman Security Protected 2,1:55.4f-23; BT1:55s-23 (\$209,430). He is one of eight horses consigned by Concord as agent for Order By Stable.



"He is on the younger side being an end of May foal," Meirs said. "He's got a lot of growing left to do, but he's a nice individual."

**Per Capita, Hip #462**, another baby from the Order By Stable roster, is a Father Patrick filly slated to sell Wednesday. She is the second foal from a Chapter Seven mare with a freshman now racing.

"The Father Patrick filly, while she sells on Wednesday, don't let that fool you, she's a nice individual as well," Meirs said.

Gimpanzee, bred by Order By Stable, was raised at Concord Stud. Meirs has one entry from the sire selling on Monday. **La Colomba, Hip 190**, is the second foal from Miss Trixton. First foal Crowbar Girl has a 1:57.1 freshman mark and a pair of wins to her credit.

"She's a nice filly, she's out of the mare Miss Trixton," Meirs said. "When we had people coming to look at her, for many of the trainers, this was the first Gimpanzee they had seen in person. I hope she's a good representation of what the others look like, because we're happy with how she looks. We're very proud of what Gimpanzee has been able to do since he came from the farm."

Concord Stud is also celebrating the success of another trotter bred at the farm. T C I's miraculous victory in the Mohawk Million signaled back-to-back triumphs for the breeder in the rich race, Concord also bred 2022 victor Oh Well.

In 2022, the farm's Lexington crop averaged \$108,714, and the year before, Concord led all consignors in average with \$186,429 for seven yearlings. Maintaining a six-digit average this year could prove a tall order, and Meirs knows it.

"That's a huge feat to be able to average that," she said. "With the mixture that we have in our consignment, it's definitely going to be a challenge to do that, but we'll give it a shot. The ebb and flow of the business is what keeps it exciting."

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## Female family ties on display at All American Harnessbreds

by Debbie Little

All American Harnessbreds — owned by Fred Hertrich III, a member of the prestigious Breeders' Cup board of directors, and run since 2004 by general manager Rob Tribbett — have a winning pair in their 10-horse hand at Lexington.

"We have two yearlings selling that are from the family of See You At Peelers, which is, I think probably the hottest in the sport right now when you look at Geocentric and It's A Love Thing, both outstanding 2-year-old fillies," Tribbett said. "So, we have **Hip #76**, that's a Captaintreacherous colt named **Captain Love**, who's the first foal out of [Love Game], a sister to See You At Peelers and also to [Love For Sail] the dam of It's A Love Thing.

"And then we also have **Hip #366 [Champagne Room]**, who is a daughter of See You At Peelers from the first crop of Papi Rob Hanover. Obviously, you have See You At Peelers in that family and West Side Glory, plus those two top 2-year-olds. We're big believers in the depth of a female family. That's such a strong family all the way back, so we're really excited about both of those horses from that pedigree."

When asked about Champagne Room's creative name choice, Tribbett said with a laugh: "It was as good as I could get with staying in the rules."

In addition to their first-crop filly by Papi Rob Hanover, they also have **Hip #64 Handsome Stranger**, a Tall Dark Stranger colt out of the Somebeachsomewhere mare Silk Beach.

Even though breeding to first-crop sires can be a little risky, Tribbett thinks the situation this year, especially on the pacing side, makes sense with two truly phenomenal first-crop sires.

"There's always a change over," Tribbett said. "We've had so many of our great sires retired or passed away in the last few years that we're constantly looking for a sire to kind of take their place.

"Papi Rob Hanover in almost every crop would have been the No. 1 horse, he just happened to run into one of the best horses we've seen in a long time in Tall Dark Stranger. But we're really excited about both of those horses. We have shares in them, and we've bred to them all the way through year three now."

Tribbett also feels good their two pacing colts by Downbytheseaside, **Hip #890 Highway Boy** and **Hip #961 Downbythewater**.

"We've seen with Pebble Beach, that [Downbytheseaside] is really a horse that can get you a Grand Circuit horse," Tribbett said. "But, the purses that are available in Ohio are really phenomenal when you look at their championship day and I'm glad that they've kept him in Ohio because I think he's kind



Dave Landry

All American's Rob Tribbett.

of helped stamp that program. It is on par with some of the traditional programs we think about in Pennsylvania or New York or Ontario."

When deciding on which sire to breed their mares to, Tribbett said there's not necessarily one state that stands out over the others, it's more about what fits their plan.

"Well, I would say for us, our goal is to raise the Grand Circuit, Horse of the Year caliber horse like Test Of Faith [bred by Hertrich]," Tribbett said. "That's what we're trying to do. So, we're really focused, number one on what sires work physically with our mares. We're raising athletes and that's really our number one consideration.

"And from there it's obviously availability. There's a mare cap, so you can't breed all of your mares to one stallion, even if you'd like to, probably. But really, we're going to try to aim for the Grand Circuit superstar. But the nice thing is, if you have horses maybe a notch below that, they can just really do well in their state."

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# Vieux Carre Farms expects their pacing colts to shine in Lexington

by Debbie Little

Vieux Carre Farms, named for the Crown Jewel of New Orleans, the French Quarter, will have 18 gems on display at the 2023 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale.

"I think our strong suit is pacing colts this year," said farm manager Mark Egloff. "So, we sort of sprinkle them through our consignment Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday."

According to Egloff, the first night they went with some first-crop sires.

"I'm real excited about **Hip #103 [Robber Baron]**," he said. "He is a Papi Rob [Hanover] colt out of a new mare of ours [Classic Charm], and she is a daughter of Hall Fame mare Benear.

"He's real powerful and we think they're going to like him."

They also have **Hip #116 Inflation Proof**, from the first crop of Tall Dark Stranger out of the Western Terror mare, Economy Terror.

"She's been a great mare for our clients," Egloff said. "And had some horses just on the cusp of being great; they're all very fast, but this could be the one. He's a nice colt. I think he's powerful and they'll be looking at him for sure."

Egloff explained that he likes to have a little traffic every day that they're at the sale, however, the competition on the first night can be fierce.

"I mean you're talking about some of the best pedigrees in the world," Egloff said. "And I think if you've got a nice colt that's out of a good-producing mare, he may get overlooked the first night. We've done better with some of those on the second, third, even fourth nights. "So you want to have some marquis there on the first night and be a part of that excitement, but not everybody can afford the ones on the first night."

Vieux Carre Farms' second night also has a standout male pacer, according to Egloff.

"I've got a really nice Always B Miki colt, **[Hip] #304 [Storm Ahead]**, who's really super correct, just really put together," Egloff said. "He's out of a great-producing mare, Bolt Of Thunder, who's got a nice 3-year-old filly out there this year, Sweet Amira."

Sweet Amira sold for \$150,000 at Lexington in 2021 and has hit the board in eight of 11 starts with five wins in 2023 and has career earnings of \$185,868.

"Wednesday night, I've got a first foal out of a Betting Line mare [Some Bodacious Bet] that I like a lot," Egloff said. "He's a powerful colt. He's **[Hip] #494 [Best Bet]**. He's out of that great, great Silky family that just keeps having one



hot horse after another; Sea Silk a couple of years ago and it goes on and on."

Egloff admitted that his favorite colt out of their whole consignment will sell on Wednesday night.

"He's a Sweet Lou colt out of a good-producing mare [Hedgie Blue Chip] and his name is **Steamboat Springs [Hip #391]**," Egloff said. "He's got it all, you know, he's just all class; his looks; his temperament."

"In his video he definitely commands your attention and I'm looking forward to getting him out and showing him this year."

Vieux Carre also has some Bar Hopping yearlings, which Egloff thinks may be of some interest since the sire's unexpected death at age 9 late last year.

"I think we might get a little bit more for them just because there aren't going to be anymore and I've got three nice fillies selling," Egloff said. "They're all by mares out of good families and they're nice individuals. Probably my favorite of the three is **[Hip] #327 [Cabana Bar]**. She's a really, really pretty mare."

When asked how he thinks the economy will affect the sale this year, Egloff said with a laugh: "Well, that's probably out of my pay grade. But, I mean, there's always a market for the top end. It's the middle that usually waxes and wanes with the economy more so than the top end. The top end seems like it sells good no matter what. But I'm not sure."

"I know there's a lot of money out there to be raced for, and I think there's plenty of excitement with these new sires, so I'm expecting it to go well."

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**Anvil And Lace's Beth Yontz.**



## Anvil And Lace provides a grab bag of goodie yearlings

by Ray Cotolo

He's the anvil, and she's the lace.

Because he is Doug Yontz, a blacksmith by trade. Beth Yontz, his wife, is the lace. Together, they ventured on their own with a purchase of acreage in 2015 in Cynthiana, KY, which became Anvil And Lace Farm. They run it as a team with a kind of small-operation care that has persisted through the farm's quick growth.

"I worked for Schare [Adams at Saga Farm] and she had about a 50-acre farm and that was before the Kentucky program really got going, but when I bought my first farm it was about 50 acres and I thought 'This is life. This is how it is,'" said Beth, who found some time to talk while busy with a host of visitors perusing their yearling selection. "To me, this business is not work, it's a lifestyle. It's not just business, I eat, sleep and breathe it. I was in the barn last night at 10 o'clock doing the night chores. I'm the one still clipping. Now, I have a great team around me, but I'm still in the barn every single day.

"My foals are touched, they are let out at 24 hours old, they wear halters. It's a whole training program that starts from when they

are born and it goes along. I feed the best feed; I look for good hay. There's a foundation on it. I can tell because I have more ship ins this year than normal and, just like blacksmith day, there are things that putting a foundation on them young goes a long way when they get to be yearlings. I haven't lost that... even in the growing, I haven't lost that hands-on approach."

And that growth has been fast. Compare Anvil And Lace Farm in 2017, when they sold for a gross of \$350,000 at the Lexington Selected Yearling sale. In 2022, with many more yearlings now to offer, they sold for a gross of \$2.6 million, putting them within the top-10 consignors of the sale.

That growth, too, continues with the investments Kentucky is making in its breeding programs and the relationships Anvil And Lace has forged. For instance, Anvil And Lace has become the place in Kentucky that raises yearlings from Kountry Lane Standardbreds, an Indiana farm run by cabinet magnate Ola Yoder. Yoder has become a known presence at many mixed sales for putting up top dollar for the best mares, and his Kountry Lane Standardbreds starts with a pair of knockout punches for consignor Anvil And Lace: a Chapter Seven filly named **Kountry Meadow, Hip 42** and a Captaintreacherous filly named **Caroline Kountry, Hip 61**. Kountry Meadow is the first foal out of Ake Svanstedt's freakishly fast trotting mare Plunge Blue Chip and Caroline Kountry comes from a similarly freakish-fast mare in Jim King Jr's star import Shartin N.

"Well, the thing about them both is that they are classy fillies," Beth said. "[The foal from] Shartin has done everything right

from Day 1. You put her in the walker, she gets it. Put her blankets on, she gets it. You can show her... she stands out and she's patient.

"[The foal from] Plunge is another. They are classy individuals. I think this is somewhere where pedigree really starts to shine. When it gets down to the nitty gritty, those girls just have pure class."

Sneaking in on Day 3 of the sale for Anvil And Lace is a colt by Captain Crunch named **Dancin Commander, Hip #602**. To say the dam's been productive may be an understatement; this yearling is the 10th foal from Dancewiththebest, a Cambest mare who has output champions like double millionaire Dancin Yankee (bred by Yontz) and Breeders Crown winner Dancin Lou. Then on Day 5, Anvil And Lace has another interesting offering from that family in a filly named **Lavender Haze, Hip #871**. Lavender Haze is out of Dancin In Lace, an Always B Miki mare who is a half-sister to Dancin Yankee and Dancin Lou. The yearling filly is by Yankee Cruiser, the sire of champions Dancin Yankee and Dancin Lou.

And that hopefully captures the point. Anvil And Lace Farm's offerings are diverse and attention grabbing. They have yearlings from powerpack mares, yearlings from interesting crosses and, perhaps most apparent, yearlings from varying stallions. Indiana, Ontario, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey... nearly every state is represented by the Kentucky-based farm.

"That's what I like about the diversity – I have everything, from every state, some are dual eligible, some aren't," Beth said. "[And we have some] in just about every price range, too. We all know that it takes all tiers and, as it's been shown in the past couple of weeks, it's not the most expensive that's

always winning the races and it's not always the best bred. Sometimes you get the diamond in the rough and you've got to be openminded about it.

"At the end of the day, I want to make good, honest racehorses. I love watching the horses I've bred race. That was what was so fun about Dancin Yankee. I bred Dancin Yankee and he raced year in and year out for years. He set a world record and he was Ohio Horse of the Year – just to watch him race and be good, it's just one of those fun things."

With building solid racehorses being Anvil and Lace's game and purse monies in Kentucky's program swelling, Beth is optimistic about this year's sale.

"The Kentucky program is a little later than some, so if the horse needs more time... it helps in those aspects," she said. "Obviously, the Kentucky program having three tiers, along with a very nice fair program that we don't need to discount at all because some of those race for \$12,000 and then a \$50,000 leg. It's a good program overall and it gets everyone somewhere to race.

"There's a lot of hype and everyone is happy in the business. The jurisdictions are racing for a lot of money, so that gets you excited. Kentucky's program is flourishing here and, therefore, people want the dual eligibles and I think they'll pay a little more."

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## From the green Cameo Hills to the red Lexington ring

by Ray Cotolo

About 700 miles away, the yearlings from Cameo Hills load into the trailers and trek southwest to Lexington, KY for the 2023 yearling sale.

Cameo Hills Farm, based out of Montgomery, NY, will offer 32 horses through the five days of the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale beginning on Monday (Oct. 2). Of the 32, 25 come from the farm and the other seven from Red Well Stables, for which Cameo Hills will sell the yearlings as agent.

The first yearling for Cameo Hills is among the first of the sale, a Walner colt named **Flightline, Hip #8**. You read that right – Cameo Hills Farm is selling Flightline at the Lexington yearling sale. Of course, it's not to be confused with that Flightline; the thoroughbred one that won those big stakes. This Flightline trots and is out of the stakes-winning mare Hey Blondie, making her a full sister to stakes winner Blonde Bombshell.

And that's the eyecatcher to a place like Cameo Hills Farm and its yearlings on offer, on Day 1 especially. The farm run by Steve Jones has built itself in its lifetime from the mud of Montgomery into an operation with a rich broodmare band of stakes mares like Hey Blondie, Violet Stride, Big Mcdeal, Check Me Out and Divine Caroline among others. It has also bred champions like stallion Huntsville, victor of the 2017 Meadowlands Pace, and King Of The North, who demolished his peers in the 2022 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Trot.

"I'm third generation," Jones said. "My father was a manager of big operations the whole time I was growing up. He started out in Ohio and was at Pickwick and then Hanover Shoe Farm and Blue Chip.

"I grew up in the business. My grandfather was a farrier, so it's not like we started with an oil well and then decided to buy a few horses... it's always been a family operation. We came from absolutely nothing, so we're pretty proud of the broodmare band. To me, that's the key to being successful. We try to continue to upgrade it and I think we have; our trotting band alone in the last few years, we bought Check Me Out and Venerable and now Bella Bellini, so we're pretty excited about what we've got in the future."



Dave Landry  
The Cameo Hills team.



Strength builds for Cameo Hills on the pacing side, too. On day one they'll offer two diamond-cased bloodlines in a filly named **She's A Stranger, Hip #63**, and a colt named **Welcometotheshow, Hip 104**. Both yearlings come from the first crop of champion Tall Dark Stranger. She's A Stranger is out of the mare Shes Some Treasure, a dam of three stakes winners while also a full sister to triple millionaire Captaintreacherous. And Welcometotheshow is from the regal granddam Put On A Show, making the yearling's broodmare Come See The Show a half-sister to world champion, North America Cup champ and Little Brown Jug champ It's My Show.

"The Talk Dark Stranger filly out of Shes Some Treasure [Shes A Stranger], that pedigree really couldn't get much better," Jones said. "The mare has had three foals: Mikala, who's made half a million, and the other two fillies have both made over \$200,000.

"We paid a lot for the mare. We bought her barren for \$170,000 when White Birch dispersed, but it looks like that's probably going to be a bargain. The filly we've got to sell is a Day 1-filly with an A-plus pedigree."

Cameo Hills also offers some prospects from the first crop of Tall Dark Stranger's one-time rival Papi Rob Hanover. Their first is a filly named **Supermax Contract, Hip #99** who is a three-quarter sister to stakes winner Max Contract.

"I looked at the Day 1 Papi Rob Hanover fillies at both Harrisburg and Lexington and I think that's, in my mind, a filly family," Jones said. "[Supermax Contract]'s a beautiful filly, so I think we're kind of sitting on top of that market. Max Contract was a very nice filly that brought \$200,000. She's got extra gears that most fillies don't have... Max, and the mother, and this filly, they all kind of look alike. They've got big butts on them and good conformation. She's a nice filly and she's going to bring a lot of money, I would think."

As mentioned earlier, Cameo Hills will line a dynamite trotting contingent through the sale. Among their headliners is a colt named **The Rogue Prince, Hip #102**. Being by the sire Walner out of the mare Check Me Out, the astute will catch that Cameo Hills is offering a full brother to millionaire King Of The North.

"I've got a Chapter Seven filly [**Expensive, Hip #77**] that's the first foal out of Violet Stride," Jones said. "She was the fastest 2-year-old of her year, colt or filly. This is the first foal of the mare. The filly looks just like Instagram Model, who is a Chapter Seven that we sold a couple of years ago. There're several very nicely bred Chapter Seven fillies in the sale. I haven't seen any of them but this filly, but I'm sure she'll be up there with the best ones."

With its yearlings on offer, and in spite of bearish macroeconomic forecasts, Jones is hopeful that this year's Lexington sale will continue a trend of growth the industry has seen since rebounding from the COVID-19 recession.

"Well, we just came from selling horses in Goshen," Jones said. "The ones that we consigned there — we had 10 selling at Goshen — they averaged \$40,500, which I was very pleased with that.

"The Ohio sale was strong. The thoroughbred sale was strong. They are racing for a lot of money. It's hard to think that the sales wouldn't be what they have been, but you're always capable of being surprised. With the amount of purse money that's out there... there're less horses racing for more money, so I think we'll have a very good sale and I think the sale in general is going to be strong."

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## Cane Run Farm optimistic about their larger than usual sale consignment

by Matthew Lomon

For Elizabeth Caldwell, heading into the upcoming Lexington Selected Yearling Sale with a larger group is just one of many reasons to be optimistic about this year's crop.

Caldwell, who manages historic Cane Run Farm in Georgetown, KY with her brother Danny, is hoping to continue the tradition of excellence her farm has spent so long curating. The Kentucky harness racing institution is selling 22 horses, nine of their own and 13 agent horses, up from 13 altogether last year.

"I'm definitely optimistic," Elizabeth said. "We have a larger group to sell this year. Hopefully that will go well, and all their owners will be pleased. There seems to be a larger number of horses in the sale this year, too. Hopefully that'll be a good thing and the sale will be up and consistent throughout."

Having a larger group than in years past, Elizabeth had to think harder about which members of her consignment stand out most.

"I have several," she said with a laugh. "I've been sending photos of our Day 2 horses, which is a nice, stylish group for us to represent. I think those are all really good individuals."

Given some time to think about her consignment, she narrowed down her list to a handful of expected graduates.

"We have a Tactical Landing filly [**Best Friends Girl, Hip #578**] and a Cantab Hall filly [**Highway Nine, Hip #394**] that are both nice," Elizabeth said. "There's another Cantab Hall filly [**Omega, Hip #619**] that Dunroven owns with a nice pedigree. We're selling three Bar Hopping colts, which is really exciting. There's also a very nice Muscle Hill colt out of Impinktoo [**Governor As It, Hip #160**]."

This year's Cane Run lineup boasts impressive depth and versatility, which Elizabeth hopes will translate to intrigue amongst buyers.

"We have three Tactical Landing's, which is obviously a good thing, but overall, it seems like a really good group with something for everybody," Elizabeth said.

Speaking of that depth, the third-generation horsewoman offered up a few names flying under the radar.

"The Muscle Hill filly out of Eowyn [**Everybody's Talkin, Hip #360**], she's a very nice individual and very sharp on her video," Elizabeth said. "The Father Patrick out of Deschanel [**Dirty Jeans, Hip #347**] has a really nice coat as well. It's hard to say because people have been interested in the Bar Hoppings, the Muscle Hills, the Cantabs, but it's a good group top to bottom."

Elizabeth, whose mother Fredericka "Rikki" Caldwell established Cane Run Farm in 1982, jokingly lamented not having a particular hot ticket item in her catalog.

Dave Landry  
Cane Run Farm's  
Elizabeth Caldwell.



"I wish I had some Walner's to sell, but we don't," she said with a laugh, reiterating how Cane Run can always rely on Muscle Hills and Cantabs to get the job done.

Staying in that same vein, Elizabeth mentioned **Lancelot, Hip #268**, a Bar Hopping colt going on Day 2, as another name for buyers to monitor.

She ended her list of under the radar yearlings with a colt whose sire has done wonders for Cane Run.

"I'm partial to our Propulsion colt [**Take Home Pay, Hip #755**], who sells on the fourth day, but that's because we bred Propulsion," Elizabeth said with a laugh. "It's fun to be able to do that and people seem to be interested in him too, so we'll see what happens."

Originally, Cane Run's consignment totalled 23 yearlings, however they had to scratch their filly (Hip No. 106) before the sale.

On a brighter note, Elizabeth also spoke about witnessing Kentucky's harness racing boom first-hand.

"It's an exciting program," she said. "There's a lot of options, but there's also a lot of competition. The program has grown so much so quickly."

With such growth, horsepeople must now balance increased opportunity with elevated competition.

"The money is there and it's interesting to see all the different horses coming in that we probably wouldn't have had before the program started 10 years ago," Elizabeth said. "Things are a lot different and it's nice to have a revival, I just don't know how hard it's going to be to be competitive for everybody if you've got the fastest horses in the country coming to be in the races. It's interesting and exciting, and there are a lot of horses here."

The days leading up to the sale are equal parts exhilarating and taxing.

"It's always such a stressful time," Elizabeth said. "We're down to the wire and you're thinking 'please just get the horse to the wire healthy' and 'please stop getting scratches on yourself,' that kind of thing. We're almost there and you just don't know what's going to happen each day."

"We're busy with lookers, meaning trying to get our work done can be a bit of a challenge, but we like the activity and the traffic, having people coming through. It's definitely a lot that goes into it to get things to culminate... it's certainly a process."

A process, indeed, but one Elizabeth acknowledges is well worth the extra effort.



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## The Bluegrass grows green at Kentuckiana

by Ray Cotolo

Kentuckiana Farms' growth as a powerhouse consignor has also been a story of rehabilitating a jewel program once left dusted and withered.

Year to year, Kentuckiana Farms have held a large presence over their home grounds at the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale for providing quality from bloodlines and success on the racetrack. But they also operated in the once heart of harness racing — and of all horse racing, really — in Kentucky, a state that a decade ago only had the Grand Circuit come to Lexington and tracks that became essentially bushwood ovals.

Fast forward a decade, through years of lobbying and development on how to rebuild a robust Kentucky program. And now with time after a signature from Governor Andy Beshear, Kentucky is readying to open its third pari-mutuel track after shutting down several in the last 10 years. The state now offers a stakes program to the tune of several million dollars annually — for all calibers of Kentucky-resident horses — that draws competitors from every facet of North America back to the center of the Bluegrass.

"If you ask me, on a personal level, it's very, very satisfying to see the rebirth of Kentucky racing," Bob Brady said. "I've been

here a long time. I came here in 1975 and it was great here. All the major farms were here, as far as Castleton and Almahurst, Stoner Creek. Then, once the stallions left, Kentucky kind of went by the wayside. So, now, to have all of this happening again, it's just been very exciting to be part of the process... part of the building process to build it back. It's just been really great to be a part of; people are moving here, people are buying farms and making investments. It's just been great.

"It's exceeding, not only our expectations, but it's just going to get better and better. As the more eligible yearlings arrive, there will be better competition and I think they have a lot of growth here. We're not finished. How about that? This is a program that's in its infancy. It's a developing program that's going to get better as the years go by. I think we're all very proud about what we've accomplished here."

Kentucky's investments into its harness racing programs have had buyers pulling from both pockets and then some to acquire eligible yearlings, and Kentuckiana is stocked. The farm will sell 119 yearlings through the five days at the Lexington Selected Sale from a goldrush of broodmares that has reasonably had prospectors migrating westward. Stakes-winning dams like Designed To Be, French Cafe, Tall Drink Hanover, Creamy Mimi, Asiago, Womans Will, To Dream On, Sterling Volo... On and on, are represented in the dynamite Kentuckiana consignment.

"This is the first time in several years where I really couldn't tell you who my sale topper is," Brady said. "To me, that's a good position to be in. There're multiple top-end, high-caliber

yearlings. I like that fact. It's a very balanced consignment this year.

"We've always been deep with the trotters, but this year the pacers are starting to close the gap. There're really nice pacers, both colts and fillies, this year. We're happy to have them. I think, if you look at the consignment, we're very deep on colts, fillies, pacers, trotters, right across the board. It's a lot of quality and a lot of really nice yearlings."

Some of those nice yearlings include a filly out of French Cafe named **A Family Affair, Hip #124**. She's a full sister to the undefeated filly French Champagne and out of a mare whose siblings include stakes winners French Laundry and French Wine. Another is a colt by Captaintreacherous named **Captain Incredible, Hip #25**. He is out of the mare Mattie Terror Girl, who is a full sister to speed freak and millionaire Drop The Ball. Greenshoe's half-brother is **Herecomesdajudge, Hip #112** and is the first Muscle Hill foal from world champion Designed To Be. On and on and on... a single paragraph, nay two, nor even three could do the consignment justice, and these are just some of its Day 1 offerings.

"Everybody that is here has steadily increased the quality of the broodmares and it's now showing up at the sale," Brady said. "The clients here have made the commitment to keep buying better and better mares and fillies and the overall quality of the consignment has just gotten better and better every single year."

But the strength of Kentuckiana's consignment is not only of its own doing, as Brady points out. Much like how Kentucky racing

is being rebuilt not by one man but a village, Kentuckiana year in and year out provides ever-improving stock because of the community and relationships it has built and nurtured with its clients for decades. The success of Kentuckiana is a team effort pushing beyond just the consignment.

"The clients that we have, they are the best that you can get," Brady said. "They are not just clients anymore, they've become our friends and family, basically. Most of the guys have been here for a long time. We really don't take new people at this point."

And so, with over 100 yearlings on offer from some of harness racing's top families, and with many eligible to the fastest-growing breeding stakes program in North America, Brady is bullish on the Bluegrass and on harness racing.

"I think we're going to have a really good sale," Brady said. "If you look around the country, Keeneland sales were good. The Ohio sale was up 11 per cent, so I think people are going to want to buy quality. I think the reason being is that there's a lot of money out there. If you look around North America, the purses are really, really good right now. [Standardbred breeding has] a better product than we used to have. People like quality and they can appreciate it. We're looking forward to it. We have a lot of nice yearlings and we're excited about the sale and I think it'll be a good one."

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# Duer: No 'bell ringers' for Peninsula, but several nice trotting fillies

by James Platz

Peninsula Farm arrives in Lexington with a 45-horse consignment this year. The Georgetown, KY-based nursery will offer six yearlings of their own while serving as agent on 39 others. Carter Duer believes the farm has a solid group of trotting fillies cataloged, with the first entering the sale ring on Tuesday.

"Our strongest category will be trotting fillies," Duer said. "We have five or six that I think are very, very good fillies. It's a good group of horses, I just don't have any big bell ringers. We have two outstanding Walner fillies and a nice Muscle Hill filly. We also have three nice Gimpanzee fillies."

The highly-anticipated first crop of Gimpanzee is represented by 21 babies at the Lexington Selected sale. Peninsula farm has four — three fillies and a colt — as part of their consignment. Three of the four are agent horses for Robert S. Detweiler.

**Panzee Bea, Hip #332**, will be the first to sell from the group. The filly is the second foal from Yankee Glide mare Cousin Bea, a full-sister to millionaire Guccio and PASS final winner Lagerfeld. Colt **Energetic Julio, Hip #581**, is the third foal from Credit Winner mare Bundle Of Energy, who has already produced Father Patrick winners Partner Dolan and I'm Out. Filly **Gymboree, Hip #608** also selling on Wednesday, is the second foal from a sister to double millionaire Crystal Fashion. The other filly, consigned as agent for Coyote Wynd Farms, sells Tuesday. **Moveslikeasoldier, Hip #359**, is a second foal from a full-sister to Plunge Blue Chip.

"They're nice," Duer said of the first offspring from the son of Chapter Seven. "The only ones I've seen are those that I have on the farm. Talking with those coming through, they're going to be pretty well accepted. I don't know what you wouldn't like about him. Hopefully he'll be a good sire. I really like what we have."

Also consigned are three Walner fillies and two from Muscle Hill. **Frameable, Hip #227**, is a Walner first foal out of Shape Shifter, a Kadabra mare that is sister to Allegiant 2,1:52.2-'23 (\$295,320), third-place finisher in the Mohawk Million. **Cozy Time, Hip #275**, is a Walner half-sister to Peter Haughton Memorial winner You Know You Do. **Rosetta, Hip #415**, is a full-sister to Simon 2,1:55.1 (\$34,887). The Muscle Hill fillies include **Drama Hill, Hip #307**, first foal from a full-sister to Caprice Hill, and **Linda's Way, Hip #565**, a first foal whose second dam is world champion Queen Serene 4,1:51.4; BT1:51.3 (\$748,602).

Perusing the consignment, one will find a wide variety of sires, with a strong international presence. Duer likes to breed mares to foreign sires, even if that means sacrificing financial returns in the yearling market.

"They won't sell well, but they're pretty nice horses," he said of breeding to the likes of Love You and Googoo Gaagaa. "I've had



Ryan Randolph  
Peninsula's  
Carter Duer.

a lot of luck with Googoo Gaagaa and Love You particularly. With Love You I think there are five European countries, and I believe he is in the top five in all of them, plus New Zealand. He's been a wonderful horse. The few he has in the United States are pretty darn good horses."

Peninsula Farm will offer five of the 14 yearlings by Googoo Gaagaa, **Luvly As U, Hip 217**, is a full-sister to Hambletonian champion Captain Corey. The farm is also selling three of the nine Love You babies to be offered at Lexington. Also included is **I'ma Dinosaur, Hip #682**, sired by Ready Cash son Fabulous Wood. Dam Mama's Brokn Heart has produced three winners to date.

"This year I noticed in the catalog there are more of them selling at Lexington than there have ever been," Duer said of the international bloodlines. "We need some of that breeding in our pedigrees. I think the foreign trotters are pretty good. They don't particularly sell the best over here because most of them come later in life as far as the speed. We're looking for early speed. I've had a lot of luck with them, and hopefully I'll leave some fillies around here with some foreign blood in them for my kids to continue on with."

After two record setting years in Lexington, Duer expects another strong sale.

"The catalog is very strong, especially the first two nights," he said. "There's so much money people can go for now, but you'd better have a good one. The money is there if you have the right horse. You've just got to come up with the right horse. There seems to be a lot of enthusiasm from the people that are looking, and that's what it takes."

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## Hickory Lane Horse Farm has a small but strong consignment at Lexington

by Matthew Lomon

Layered into the cool demeanor of Kevin Greenfield is a sense of pride ahead of the upcoming Lexington Selected Yearling Sale in Kentucky.

The co-owner and president of Hickory Lane Horse Farm is eager to share his yearlings at this year's sale, starting Oct. 2. Altogether, the Findlay, OH-based operation is selling a group of 15, all of which are agent horses. Hickory Lane's 2023 catalogue features babies from Tactical Landing, Captaintreacherous, and Chapter Seven.

"Overall, the environment is fairly healthy," Greenfield said. "I have a pretty small, but strong consignment, and I feel optimistic that we'll have a lot of participation and attendance, and, in turn, generate plenty of interest."

Before Greenfield and Co. purchased Hickory Lane Farm in 1996, it originally served as a training operation. Since then, Ohio's leading standardbred program has grown into a significant player in the North American harness racing landscape.

Greenfield himself is the syndicate manager for Tactical Landing, who is the sire to seven of his farm's 15 consignments this year.

"There's two Tactical Landing spawns that stand out, the colt out of Courtney Hanover [**Hip #331 Landing On Time**], and the other from Dazzling Diva [**Hip #605 Shes A Hot Asset**]," Greenfield said.

The award-winning lawyer also recommended a few yearlings outside of the Tactical Landing tree, including two pacers.

"Then, I have a nice Chapter Seven—Burberry [**Hip #309 Count Seven**]," Greenfield said. "We also have two pacers that are fairly nice, the Cattlewash—Dancinwiththestarz [**Hip #603 Tom Horn**], and the Captaintreacherous filly out of Lioness Hanover [**Hip #424 Shes Captivating**]. The Muscle Mass filly [**Hip #824 Crown Me Laurel**], is another one I like.

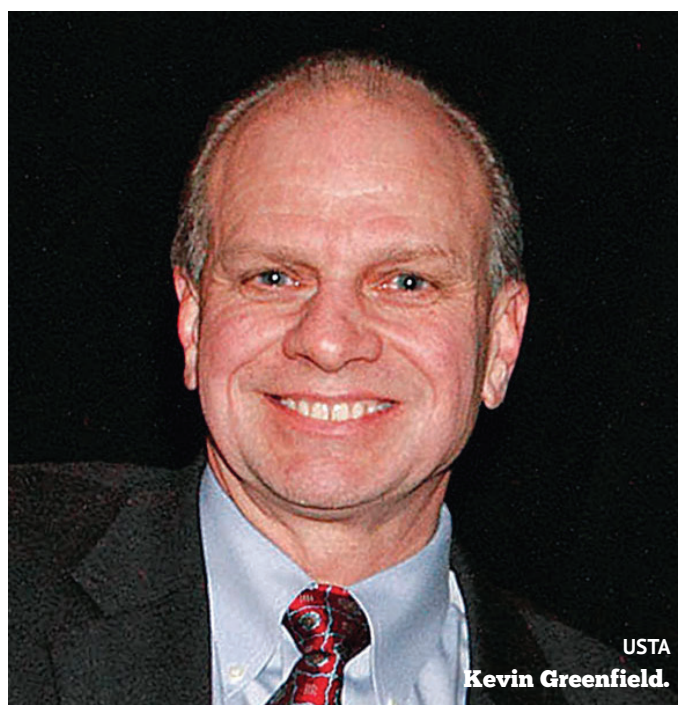
"Those are some of the highlights. I know that's about half, but these are the ones that really stick out."

This year's band of sires features plenty of newcomers.

"You have a lot of new sires this year with Cattlewash, Papi Rob Hanover, and Tall Dark Stranger, especially on the pacing side," Greenfield said.

Greenfield, being the respected horseman and lawyer he is, offered some advice to buyers from Ontario.

"Then you've got Green Manalishi S, [there] aren't very many in Lexington, but I think is potentially a really good sire," Greenfield said. "If I were a buyer in Ontario, I'd be really looking at those. That horse has every right to be a good stallion. Hopefully he'll do well for his owners."



USTA  
Kevin Greenfield.

For Greenfield and Hickory Lane, the yearling sale is a chance to celebrate Ohio's burgeoning harness racing scene.

"I'm an Ohio breeder by nature, that's where I'm located," he said. "To be excited about Ohio would be an understatement. We have a tremendous program. It's solid, it's well supported at every level. Our Ohio sale was up 11 per cent from a record sale the year before and that aspect is really important."

Greenfield, a past president of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association, believes the Buckeye State would be the center of harness racing if not for two reasons.

"There are only two drawbacks I see to Ohio becoming the center of harness racing," Greenfield said. "One is most of the power trainers are out east and don't want to come to Ohio and two, we don't have a seven-eighths-mile track. If we were in Pennsylvania, or somewhere closer, we would be having all those eastern trainers coming to our sale, but most don't because it's too far a ship from what I hear. From that standpoint, it benefits all the Ohio people because they race for a lot of money."

The state Greenfield calls home has produced two of the best competitors on the North American circuit in the 6-year-old trotter It's Academic (bred by Greenfield) and 4-year-old pacer Bythemissal.

The 2023 edition of the sale can't come soon enough for Greenfield and Hickory Lane Horse Farm.

"How can you not be excited about the sale?" he said. "Tactical Landing has the two fastest 2-year-olds in North America, it's been a dream come true. He's got Allegiant, the fastest filly and Karl, the fastest colt. A lot of people don't realize that."

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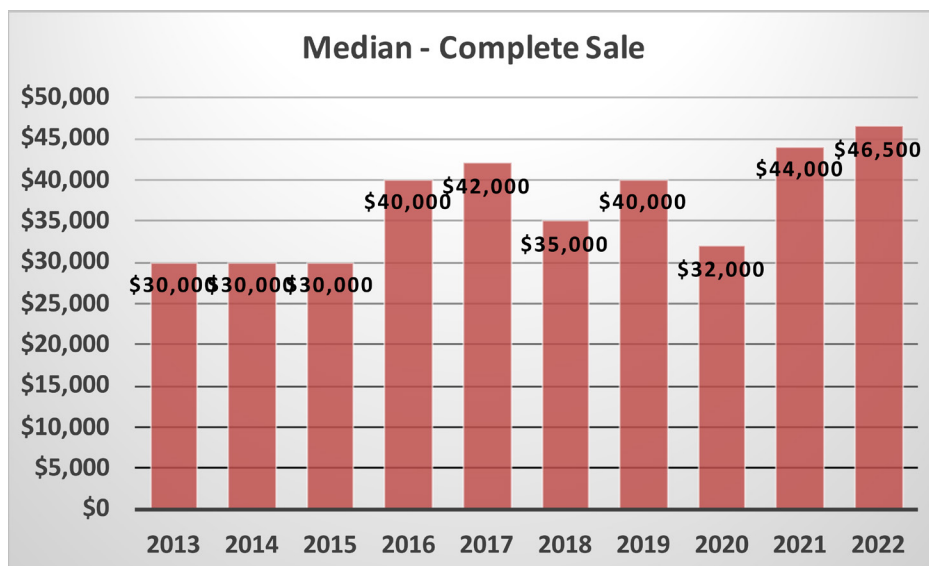
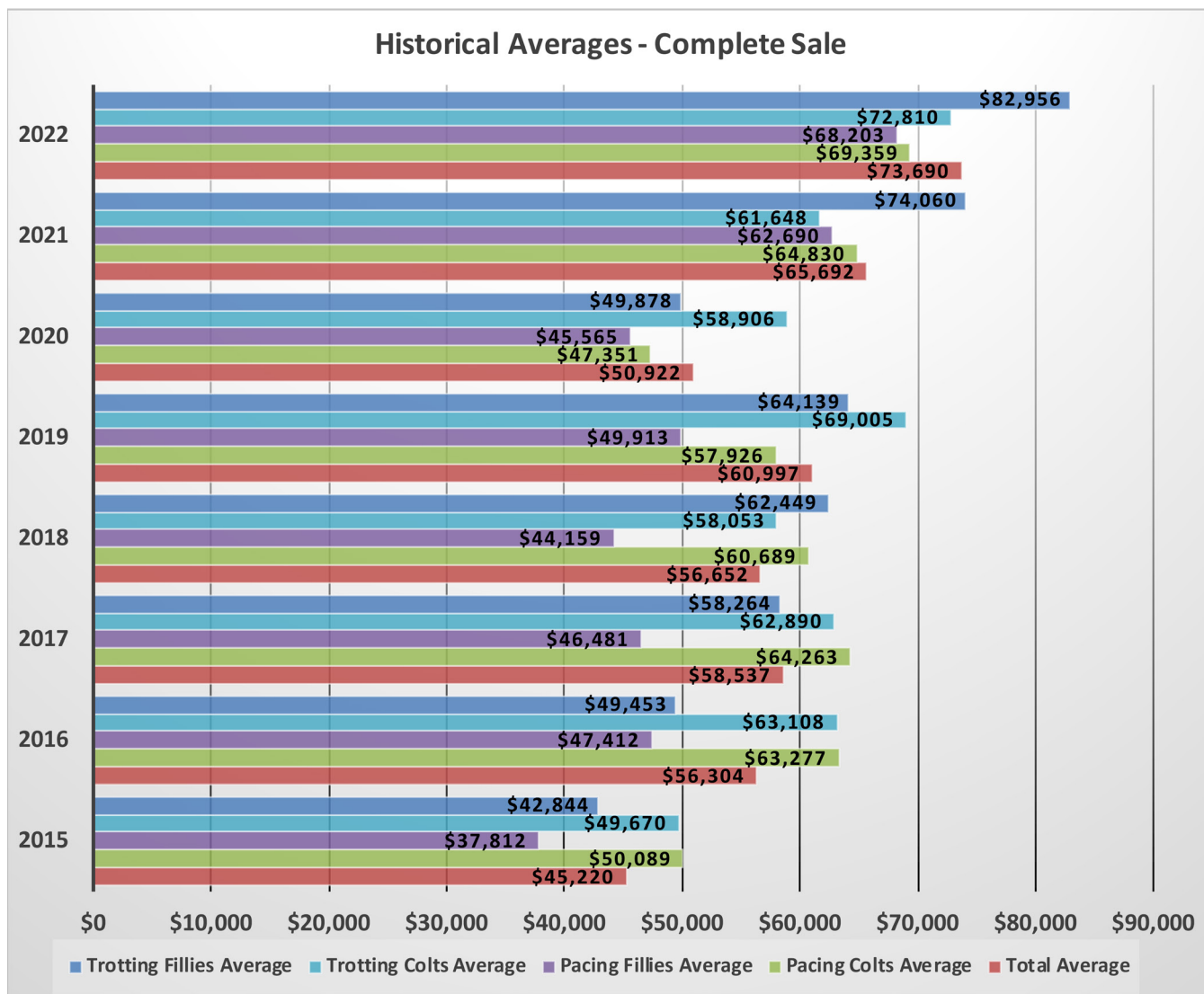
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### LEADING BUYERS - CUMULATIVE

#### TOP 10 BY GROSS

Buyers	Sold	Gross	Average
TONY ALAGNA, AGENT	21	\$3,014,000	\$143,524
DOUGLAS OVERHISER	18	\$2,223,000	\$123,500
ANDY MILLER STABLE INC., AGENT	15	\$2,142,000	\$142,800
MARCUS MELANDER, AGENT	8	\$1,910,000	\$238,750
AKE SVANSTEDT INC.	14	\$1,867,000	\$133,357
DETERMINATION	6	\$1,795,000	\$299,167
NANCY TAKTER, AGENT	11	\$1,549,000	\$140,818
GINO TOSCANI	33	\$1,448,000	\$43,879
BURKE RACING STABLE LLC	17	\$1,282,000	\$75,412
COURANT INC.	4	\$1,235,000	\$308,750

### LEADING BUYERS - CUMULATIVE

#### TOP 10 BY AVERAGE

Buyers	Sold	Gross	Average
JIM GLASS, AGENT	1	\$510,000	\$510,000
HOWARD A. TAYLOR	1	\$500,000	\$500,000
DIAMOND CREEK FARM LLC	2	\$975,000	\$487,500
NANCY TAKTER, AGENT FOR CAVIART FARMS	1	\$375,000	\$375,000
ANDERSON/LEBLANC/PRYDE	1	\$325,000	\$325,000
JOHN CANCELLIERE	2	\$625,000	\$312,500
MORRISON RACING,	1	\$310,000	\$310,000
FIELDING, HEIMBECKER, G			
COURANT INC.	4	\$1,235,000	\$308,750
DETERMINATION	6	\$1,795,000	\$299,167
KENNETH E. JACOBS	4	\$1,125,000	\$281,250

### LEADING CONSIGNORS - CUMULATIVE

#### TOP 10 BY GROSS (3 or more sold)

Consignor	Sold	Gross	Average
PREFERRED EQUINE, INC.	145	\$11,261,000	\$77,662
HUNTERTON SALES AGENCY, INC.	96	\$9,969,000	\$103,844
KENTUCKIANA FARMS	100	\$8,481,000	\$84,810
HANOVER SHOE FARMS, INC.	23	\$4,466,000	\$194,174
WINBAK FARM	92	\$3,587,000	\$38,989
CRAWFORD FARMS	51	\$3,522,000	\$69,059
BRITTANY FARMS LLC	26	\$2,817,000	\$108,346
SPRING HAVEN FARM	61	\$2,666,000	\$43,705
ANVIL AND LACE FARM	56	\$2,636,000	\$47,071
PENINSULA FARM, INC.	48	\$2,503,000	\$52,146

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Consignor	Sold	Gross	Average
HANOVER SHOE FARMS, INC.	23	\$4,466,002	\$194,174
ALL AMERICAN HARNESSBREDS	11	\$1,406,999	\$127,909
CONCORD STUD FARM	14	\$1,521,996	\$108,714
BRITTANY FARMS LLC	26	\$2,816,996	\$108,346
HUNTERTON SALES AGENCY, INC.	96	\$9,969,024	\$103,844
BLUE CHIP FARMS, LLC	13	\$1,171,001	\$90,077
KENTUCKIANA FARMS	100	\$8,481,000	\$84,810
CAMEO HILLS FARM	25	\$2,098,000	\$83,920
PREFERRED EQUINE, INC.	145	\$11,260,990	\$77,662
CRAWFORD FARMS	51	\$3,522,009	\$69,059

### LEADING SIRES - CUMULATIVE

#### TOP 10 BY GROSS (3 or more sold)

Sires	Sold	Gross	Average
WALNER	60	\$6,949,000	\$115,817
CAPTAINTEACHEROUS	42	\$6,486,000	\$154,429
CHAPTER SEVEN	50	\$6,465,000	\$129,300
GREENSHOE	48	\$6,278,000	\$130,792
MUSCLE HILL	38	\$4,718,000	\$124,158
TACTICAL LANDING	54	\$3,575,000	\$66,204
FATHER PATRICK	54	\$3,538,000	\$65,519
BETTOR'S DELIGHT	28	\$2,644,000	\$94,429
SWEET LOU	31	\$2,262,000	\$72,968
DOWNBYTHESEASIDE	27	\$2,143,000	\$79,370

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WALNER	60	\$6,949,020	\$115,817
BETTOR'S DELIGHT	28	\$2,644,012	\$94,429
HUNTSVILLE	21	\$1,801,002	\$85,762
RESOLVE	3	\$246,999	\$82,333
DOWNBYTHESEASIDE	27	\$2,142,990	\$79,370
STAY HUNGRY	16	\$1,217,008	\$76,063



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### BUYER DEMOGRAPHICS - CUMULATIVE

Country	Jurisdiction	Gross	% of Sales Gross
Canada	ON	\$8,068,000	
Canada	QC	\$2,769,000	
Canada	AB	\$436,000	
Canada	BC	\$185,000	
CANADA TOTALS		\$11,458,000	17.50%
SWEDEN		\$1,212,000	
THE NETHERLANDS		\$577,000	
FINLAND		\$327,000	
FRANCE		\$170,000	
NORWAY		\$105,000	
UNITED KINGDOM		\$48,000	
DENMARK		\$17,000	
EUROPE TOTALS		\$2,456,000	3.80%
USA	NJ	\$19,011,000	
USA	FL	\$7,428,000	
USA	PA	\$5,817,000	
USA	OH	\$5,299,000	
USA	NY	\$3,488,000	
USA	KY	\$2,718,000	
USA	DE	\$2,502,000	
USA	IL	\$856,000	
USA	MD	\$682,000	
USA	MN	\$580,000	
USA	IN	\$558,000	
USA	ME	\$517,000	
USA	MA	\$434,000	
USA	NH	\$340,000	
USA	CT	\$315,000	
USA	GA	\$242,000	
USA	MS	\$193,000	
USA	MI	\$150,000	
USA	VA	\$117,000	
USA	WI	\$60,000	
USA	NC	\$31,000	
USA	TX	\$30,000	
USA	SC	\$7,000	
USA TOTALS		\$51,375,000	78.70%

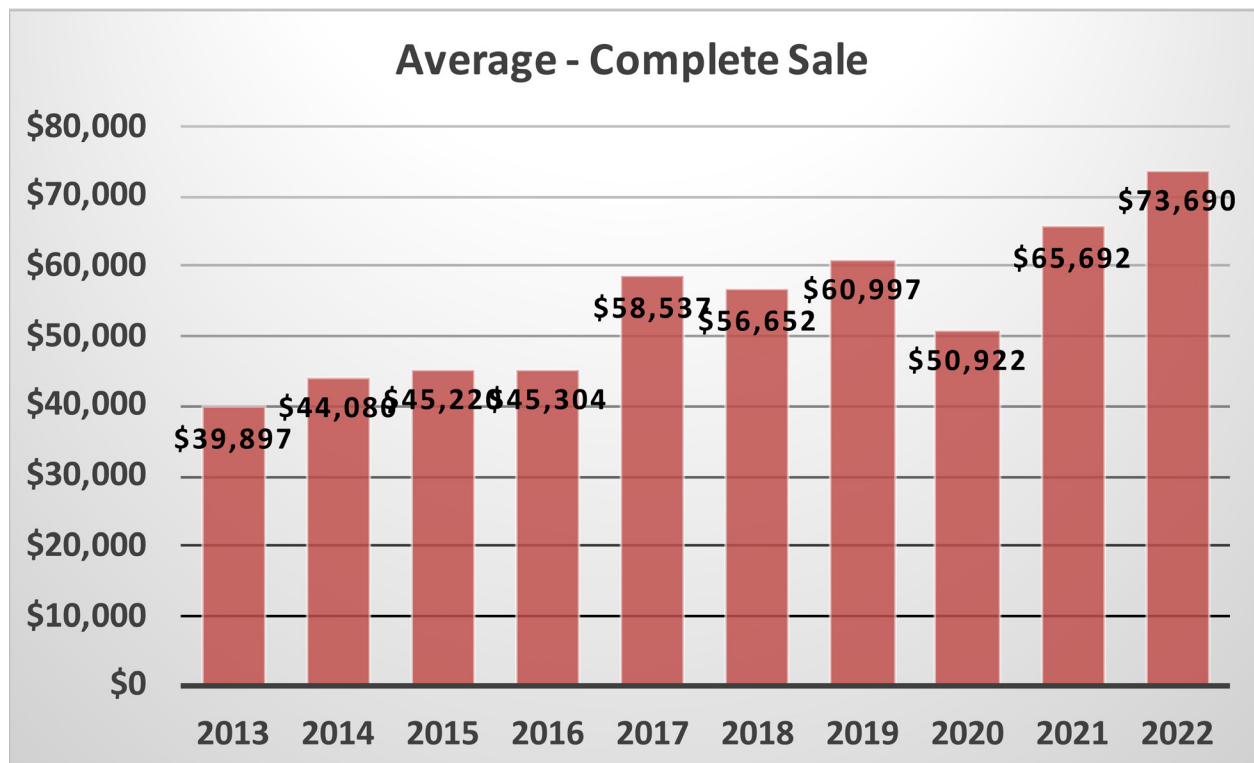
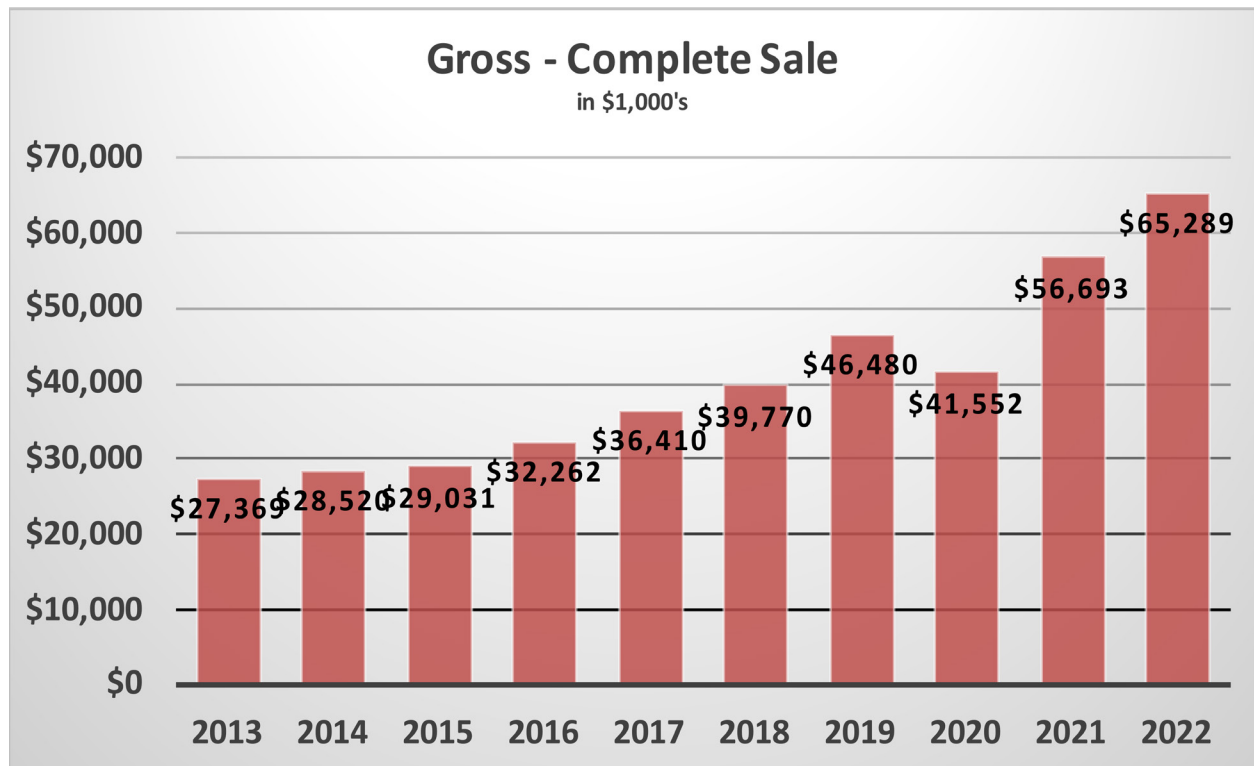
### SESSION TOTALS - CUMULATIVE

Category	Sold	Amount	Average	Median
PACING COLTS	209	\$14,496,000	\$69,359	\$50,000
PACING FILLIES	172	\$11,731,000	\$68,203	\$45,500
TROTting COLTS	279	\$20,314,000	\$72,810	\$40,000
TROTting FILLIES	226	\$18,748,000	\$82,956	\$56,000
PACERS	381	\$26,227,000	\$68,837	\$47,000
TROTTERS	505	\$39,062,000	\$77,350	\$45,000
COLTS	488	\$34,810,000	\$71,332	\$45,000
FILLIES	398	\$30,479,000	\$76,580	\$55,000
TOTAL	886	\$65,289,000	\$73,690	\$46,500



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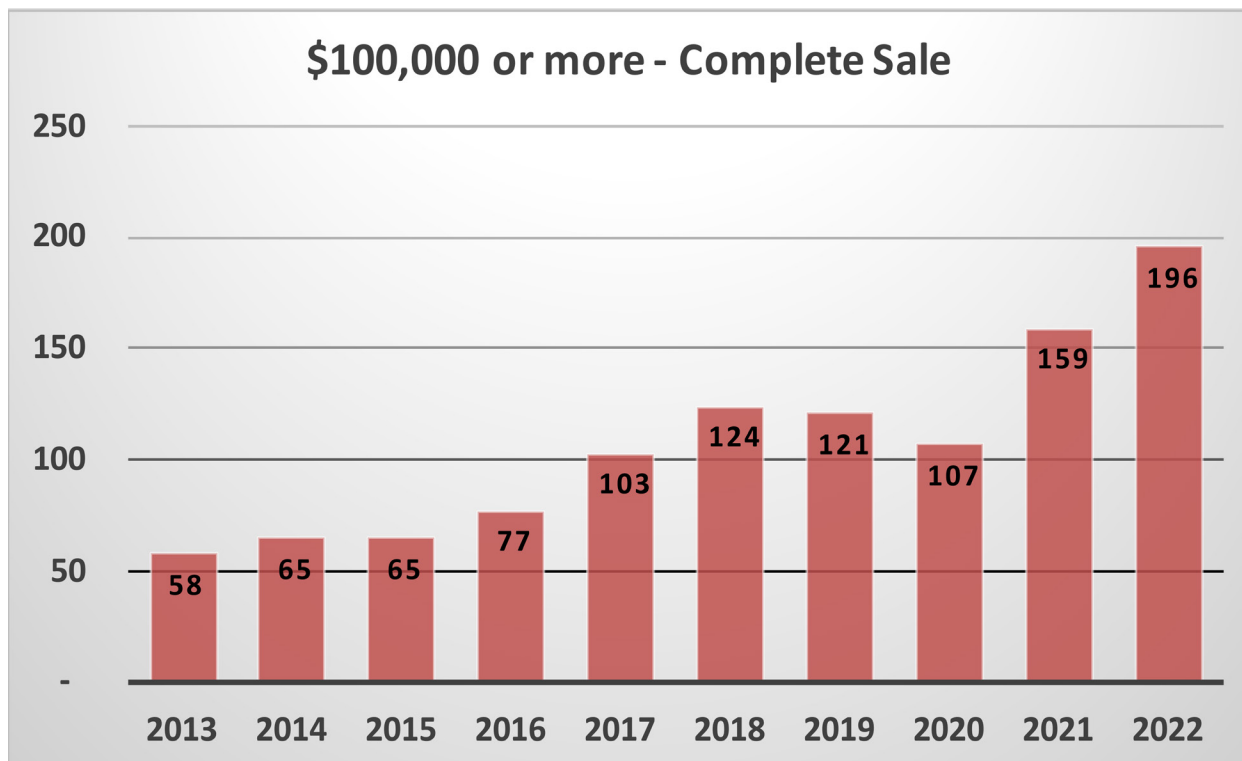
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Dave Landry



## Good times in the Bluegrass!

by Gordon Waterstone

What a gorgeous Saturday (Sept. 30) in the Bluegrass! High of 80 degrees and nary a cloud in the sky, and the forecast for next week looks to be just as nice with highs climbing to the mid-80s.

My great Lexington friend Chasity picked up a gig bartending at a tailgate party before the UK/Florida football game, so I dropped her off at Kroger Field at 8 a.m. on my way to Red Mile. There was already tons of traffic around the stadium, and this was four hours before the noon kickoff. Lexington's middle name is "Traffic," as it's always the case; it made my usual 10-minute trip home about 45 minutes when I left Red Mile on Friday afternoon (Sept. 29).

Before I get to Saturday, let's go back to Friday a sec. When I arrived for the races Friday, I stopped in the office to grab a program from Bessie. Eric Patalan and trophy gal Jenna Otten were both there, so I remarked that we were having a Michigan reunion. Of course, we talked football and the Lions win over the Packers Thursday night. Paul Fontaine then came in, but I had to wait a minute to speak to him as we paused for the playing of the National Anthem.

I went out to the box seats where I joined Nick Salvi, and Mike Vandeheede came by to join us. Terry Miller, who is a former NFL player, and Sam Bowie, a former NBA player and Kentucky

basketball star, were both sitting nearby. So too was Joe Sbrocco, and I again told him how I think he is the luckiest guy in the business and when I grow up, I want to be like him.

I watched the first three races from the box and then went upstairs to see the judges. I had received a phone call from Ohio-based Communicators Hall of Famer Bob Roberts after he read the first Backstretch column where I noted PJ Cooksey was working in the judges' stand, so he wanted me to be sure to send regards. Roberts said he did several stories years ago when Cooksey was one of River Downs' leading jockeys.

I also wanted to see Hall of Famer Dave Magee, who is serving as a judge during these two weeks. Because of the glare from the sun into the room I couldn't see who Magee was talking to, but I soon realized it was longtime Illinois-based race secretary Doc Narotsky. Narotsky's daughter, Amy, married young whippersnapper Jay Hochstetler, so we talked about Hochstetler's big win in the Dan Patch at Hoosier Park with Ponda Warrior. Right now, I give that win harness racing's "Moment of the Year."

I've known Magee a very long time, probably since he came to Hazel Park Raceway — where I was the publicity director — in 1992 to drive the Bob McIntosh-trained Artsplace in the \$100,000 Nicole Hudock Memorial. Artsplace set a new track record of 1:52 with his victory, and I had a framed win photo on my office walls at Hazel Park and then The Horseman And Fair world.

"I don't think I ever told you this," Magee said to me. "But it was a different bike and down the stretch I moved around and almost fell out of it."

The race was named in memory of Hudock, a longtime hostess in the Hazel Park dining room who was tragically murdered one night after the races. Magee, Narotsky and I reminisced a bit about how much money the hosts/hostesses in racetrack dining rooms used to make seating people in the old days.

When I made my way back down the precarious stairs from the roof, I saw Richard Stone and Dean Hoffman hanging out in the press box so I stopped and talked for a moment with two of the legends of the sport.

Now on to Saturday morning. After I fought my way through the football traffic to Red Mile (BTW, UK was an easy winner over





Florida 33-14), I pulled into a parking spot near the track and Hall of Fame driver Tim Tetrick waved as he walked by. As always, I headed first to the breakfast tables, but I was disappointed to see everything empty. And I was hungry too!

So, I stalked Tetrick as he made his way to trainer Brian Brown's barn. I asked him what he was doing at the track so early and he told me he would be training the star 2-year-old filly pacer Geocentric. It was obvious to see how much Tetrick loves Geocentric's talents. Tetrick is actually the first person I told early in 2022 that I probably would be winding down my career in racing by the end of the year, and I reminded him of that. He asked how this year went and I told him that while I wasn't sure of the unknown, I am happy with the decisions made. As I was leaving the barn, trackman Greg Coon came by to say hello.

I saw trainer Erv Miller for the first time in a while and congratulated him on having a nice year. He's in the same barn as his brother, Andy Miller, and I walked over to see Team Miller's assistant Ernie Hendry for a second. Hendry is a big Lions fan so we talked about the game – did I mention the Lions beat the Packers on Thursday? – and the chances of the team making the Super Bowl. Which in 2024 is in my “happy place” of Las Vegas. Of course, we are dreaming, but Hendry said if the Lions do somehow make it to the [Super Bowl] for the first time ever that he'd be going no matter the cost.

I circled back and saw Bob Stewart, so we chatted for a few and he gave me some football winners for the weekend. I told Stewart that I expect a money-back guarantee. I then walked all the way to the top, to the adjoining barns of Joe Holloway and Linda Toscano.

The Holloway barn was quiet – I didn't even see Diane Lewis or Roxie – but Toscano had just come back to the barn with a horse. When I noted in the first Backstretch how nice the barns of Nancy Takter and Chris Ryder looked, I was remiss in not noting the same was true for the Toscano and Holloway barns.

Andy Cohen then arrived on the scene and gave me a big hug. Cohen flew in from his home in Denver yesterday, and he told me he was on the inaugural United Airlines non-step flight from Denver to Lexington. He said when the plane taxied on the runway after landing at Bluegrass Airport, they received the firehose sprays from both sides.

One thing very different this year is that for the first time since I arrived in Lexington in 1998 that I don't have “Boss” Kathy [Parker] bossing me around (said with a laugh). She noted that to me when we were at Red Mile for the Kentucky Sires Stakes championship card, and I've really noticed it these past few mornings at the track as she hasn't been calling, asking “Who are you seeing? What have you learned? What's on tap for today?” We've talked a few times, but it's been a normal conversation both with racing and non-racing things included.

What a great card of racing on Saturday! I picked up my friend Chasity on the way to the track for the standout card as she wanted to join me. I called starter Mike Moss to try and get her

into the car for a ride but Moss said he was out at the sale and he told me to call Eric, who drives the car, or starter Coon. I called Eric and he came and picked up Chasity and myself prior to the fourth race. We got to see up-close-and-personal Sylvia Hanover's 1:48.1 lifetime-best victory over Twin B Joe Fresh. What a treat to see those two filly pacers in action.

Also finding the winner's circle on Saturday were star pacers Confederate (1:47.2) and Cannibal (1:47.4) and star trotter Tactical Approach (1:50.1). When we meet next in Tuesday's (Oct. 3) Backstretch I'll fill you in more on some Saturday happenings. And good luck to several drivers who had to jump into cars to make the 2 ½-hour drive to Hollywood Dayton for their card with four major stakes that evening.

Just so you know, the Stable of Memories, also known as the Round Barn adjacent to the track, will be open on race days during this meet. Opening at 2 p.m. each race day, there are new exhibits on the second floor of the building. Also, a collection of old sale catalogs will be available to purchase at a nominal fee. Don't forget if you're in Lexington that the Stable of Memories fundraiser is tonight (Oct. 1) from 6-9 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and include a barbeque dinner and music. You can buy tickets in advance at [stableofmemories.square.site](https://stableofmemories.square.site) or stopping by Fennell's tack shop next to the track.

I'm looking forward to the opening-night session of the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale on Monday (Oct. 2) at Fasig-Tipton. Hip #1 has been marked an “out” so the sale will start with Hip #2. I tried to add up all the horses offered by my sponsors, Steve and Cindy Stewart's Hunterton Sales Agency, but I don't have enough fingers and toes to count. I'd need several more hands and feet to even be close.

Don't forget that at noon on Tuesday, prior to the sale getting underway, there is a cocktail reception in the Kentucky Room with breedings to seven sires – Walner, Bulldog Hanover, Trixton, Tall Dark Stranger, Sweet Lou, Captain Crunch and Bettor's Delight – auctioned off to benefit the Breeders Crown Charity Challenge. And gas is now dropping to \$3.39-3.59.

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# New York



## New York governor signs bill changing rules on shipped semen

*Beginning in the 2024 breeding season, progeny of mares located out-of-state but bred to New York stallions via shipped semen will be eligible for the New York Sire Stakes program.*

by Dave Briggs

On Friday (Sept. 29), the state of New York officially approved a rule allowing the progeny of mares bred to New York stallions via shipped semen beyond state borders to be eligible to the rich New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) program.

The change to the state's racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law was a long time in the works.

Prior to Friday, New York was the last major standardbred jurisdiction that required mares to be located in the state and bred to New York stallions in order for their offspring to be eligible to the NYSS program.

In passing Assembly Bill 3528, governor Kathy Hochul said, "New York must continue to adapt our racing programs if it is to remain a national leader in horse racing. I must also ensure that the integrity of the Fund is uncompromised and that New York breeders are incentivized to keep as much of the process in New York as possible. I have reached an agreement with the Legislature to pass legislation in the upcoming session that will accomplish both goals by keeping top prize money available for owners that continue to keep all aspects of their breeding process in New York, while, for the first time, allowing certain aspects of the process to occur out-of-state. Based upon this agreement with the Legislature, I am pleased to sign this bill into law."

Last November, just prior to the Standardbred Horse Sales Company auction in Harrisburg, PA, Tom Grossman, owner of Blue Chip Farms in Wallkill, NY, told HRU that a measure allowing shipped semen appeared imminent. At that time, he handicapped the chance at getting the measure passed at 90 per cent and the chance of getting it passed before the 2023 breeding season at 50 per cent.

Beginning in 2024, progeny of mares bred to registered New York stallions will be eligible to the NYSS program regardless of where the mare is located.

"I've had mixed emotions historically," Grossman said. "We have a responsibility to grow agriculture and keep farms alive in New York. The numbers say it will be good for the overall industry, that it follows the stallions. I think we would get more stallions and more higher-end stallions in particular. That obviously would lead to more New York-breds in training and more New York-breds in training centers and at racetracks and the trickle-down economic effect of that.

"We had a pretty consistent number of mares bred to stallions in New York that stayed for the resident breeders awards, so the whole pie increases a good deal and that number probably comes down just a little, but I still think [Blue Chip has] more New York resident mares, so I think it's a win-win for everybody. It addresses a lot of our customer complaints recently about lack of new stallions, lack of variety of stallions et cetera, which has been hard to attract without shipped semen. That's what the numbers bear out.

"The number of New York-breds eligible to the Sire Stakes program has dropped precipitously over the last three or four years to where, short term, it's wonderful news for a yearling buyer. There's something like \$25,000 in Sire Stakes money for every eligible horse, which is multiples higher than any other jurisdiction, but it's not a sustainable model and we have to grow the pie. In the short term, it certainly makes sense to buy or breed a New York-bred."

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# HRU Upcoming Stakes

Sunday, Oct. 1

Purse	Race	PP	Track	Age, Sex, Gait	Race #(s)	1st Race Post
\$17,350	Lucien Bombadier	✓	Hippodrome 3R	2YOFP	5, 7	Noon
\$60,000	Brian Paquet	✓	Hippodrome 3R	INVITATIONAL MARE PACE	8	Noon
\$60,000	Brian Paquet	✓	Hippodrome 3R	INVITATIONAL PACE	10	Noon
\$30,000	Liberty Bell	✓	Harrah's Philadelphia	2YOFT	1, 5, 7	12:40 p.m.
\$8,000	Virginia Breeders Fund Stake - Leg #1	✓	Shenandoah Downs	3YOFP	1	1 p.m.
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\$14,500	Lady Slipper Stake (Fillies)	✓	Summerside	2YOFT	1	1 p.m.
\$11,900	Joe O'Brien Memorial (Grassroots)	✓	Summerside	3YOCP	2	1 p.m.
\$9,350	Lady Slipper Stake (Grassroots)	✓	Summerside	3YOFP	3, 6	1 p.m.
\$14,300	Lady Slipper Stake (Fillies)	✓	Summerside	3YOFT	4	1 p.m.
\$14,300	Lady Slipper Stake (Colts)	✓	Summerside	3YOCT	5	1 p.m.
\$14,500	Lady Slipper Stake (Colts)	✓	Summerside	2YOCT	7	1 p.m.
\$18,700	Lady Slipper Stake (Gold)	✓	Summerside	3YOFP	9, 11, 14	1 p.m.
\$23,800	Joe O'Brien Memorial (Gold)	✓	Summerside	3YOCP	10, 12	1 p.m.
\$100,400	OSS Gold - Leg #5	✓	Flamboro Downs	2YOFP	2, 4	6:55 p.m.
\$100,400	OSS Gold - Leg #5	✓	Flamboro Downs	2YOCP	8, 10	6:55 p.m.



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