

BREEDING NEWS

Four Time Leading Louisiana Stallion Half Ours Euthanized After Paddock Accident

Four time Louisiana Leading Stallion, Half Ours, was euthanized Saturday, July 17, 2021 following a paddock accident at Clear Creek Stud in Folsom, Louisiana.

“It is a sad day for us all... Half Ours enriched our breeders program in Louisiana and beyond, having touched many who bred and raced,” said Val Murrell of Clear Creek Stud. “He was obviously an integral part of Clear Creek Stud’s very existence, like a family member that you saw every day. His loss will be felt by many and his influence will remain for years to come, defined by progeny that always showed up, held together, running on both dirt or grass.”

The grey son of Unbridled’s Song led the Louisiana Sire list from 2014-2017 and is currently leading the state in 2021. Bred by Brilliant Stables, Half Ours won the Three Chimney’s Juvenile Stakes at Keeneland in his second start and added the Grade II Richter Scale Sprint Championship Handicap at Gulfstream Park as a Four Year Old. Half Ours was initially raced by Aaron and Marie Jones in partnership with B.K. Schwartz and later by the Jones’s. Half Ours is the sire of thirty-eight stakes horses of which twenty-one were stakes winners of forty-one stakes races for lifetime earnings of in excess of Twenty Million Dollars. He initial-



Half Ours

ly stood at stud at Taylor Made Stallions in Kentucky before moving to Clear Creek Stud for the 2011 breeding season.

First Starter for Iron Fist Breaks Maiden in First Start

The first starter for Louisiana stallion Iron Fist, two-year-old Feisty Fist (Iron Fist-Sheza Roman Ruler, by Roman Ruler) won a maiden special weight at Evangeline Downs, May 20th in his first start!

The Steven B. Flint trainee piloted by K.J. Smith took the 4 ½ furlong sprint in :54.46 to win by a length.

The two-year old gelding is a homebred for Carrol Castille and is from the first crop by Iron Fist, who

stands at Castille’s Whispering Oaks Farm LLC in Carencro, Louisiana.

The morning after the victory, a very happy Flint talked about how much this win means. “It’s a long process. Carrol purchased Iron Fist with a stallion career in mind. We are very fortunate that he first continued his successful racing career becoming a millionaire. Then he began his stud career. Carrol has been building his broodmare band with top quality mares. This is at least a three year process. Last night was very satisfying. This horse [Feisty Fist] was not bred for 4 ½ furlongs. All of his [Iron Fist] babies are correct, strong, smart and athletic. We are very proud... very proud. He got a lot of peppermints last night.”

OBITUARIES**Bobby Lee Duhon**

July 1, 1941 – May 10, 2021

Bobby Lee Duhon passed away Monday, May 10, 2021 at the age of 79.

Bobby was a graduate of Judice High School and also obtained a Business Degree from Spencer Business College. He proudly spent his whole life in the Oil and Gas Industry in which he was part owner of Specialty Machine and Supply. One of his greatest passions was entertaining and caring for his customers. He was always a very hard worker and a man of strong faith. He was a member of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church and the pinnacle of his faith was attending Cursillo number 420. He was an active owner of race horses and served on the Board of Directors with the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association. He was a lifetime member of Woodmen of the World and was the current president of Lodge 714, of Maurice, La. He served as State Jurisdictional President and National Woodmen of the World Representative. He also served on the board for Lafayette Water Works District South.

Survivors include his loving wife of 59 years, Mrs. Linda Rose Deshotels Duhon; his daughter, Suzanne Duhon Payne and her husband Sandy; his daughter, Melanie Duhon Roberts and her husband Bryan; his son, Dirk Duhon and his wife Christina; his grandchildren, Ainslie Vannoy (Garet), Macie Thibodeaux, Taylor Leon, Julian Leon, Hunter Duhon, Carson Duhon and Kinley Duhon; his sister, Earline Duhon Leleux and his brother, Ronous Duhon.

Curtis Ollie Clark

Curtis Ollie Clark, 82, of Bossier City, passed away unexpectedly on April 29, 2021, at the age of 82.

Curtis was raised in Bossier Parish and after graduating from Bossier High School in 1956, he then joined the Army National Guard where he attended MP School. After discharge, he married Nancy Foreman in 1958 and had 2 sons. He married Dorothy "Dot" Coffey in 1966 and had 1 daughter.

Curtis was a cattleman and a horseman. It had been in his bloodline for many generations. After working at the family sale barn, Clark's Livestock Auction in Bossier City, he went on to be the longtime manager of North Ridge Farms in North Shreveport. While employed there, he became the President of the Louisiana Cattleman's Association. From there he went back to his roots to manage Clark's Auction for several years. He was also an order buyer for Conley Cattle Company. He and his wife, Dot, then began the Wineglass Cattle Company and raised cattle for many years. After the cattle came the thoroughbred horses, which he also loved. He owned a few

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Additionally, a two-year-old filly by Iron Fist, Silver Fist, sold at the recent Fasig Tipton Mid-Atlantic sale for \$80,000 after clocking 10.2 in the pre-sale under-tack show, and will be another Iron Fist runner to watch at the tracks this summer.

First Winner for Louisiana Stallion El Deal

Louisiana stallion El Deal had his first winner when 2-year-old Louisiana bred filly Royal O'Haigain won a \$64,562 maiden special weight at Santa Anita Park May 21.

El Deal entered stud in 2018 at Adcock's Red River Farms in Coushatta, La., where he stands for a \$2,500 fee. The son of Munnings out of Spirit of Wailea won 9 of 17 starts including the Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap (G1) at Saratoga Race Course in 2017. The sire has one other starter, Free Like a Girl, another Louisiana-bred who ran second in her debut in a \$34,000 maiden special weight at Lone Star Park May 8.

Bred in Louisiana by Cloyce Clark Jr., Royal O'Haigain is the first winner from grade 3-placed Dreaming of Susie.

Mo Tom's First Starter Wholelottamo a Winner

Mo Tom's first starter, 2-year-old Louisiana-bred filly Wholelottamo, won a maiden special weight June 20 at Lone Star Park defeating eight other fillies, with the nearest competitor 1 1/2 lengths behind. She completed the five furlongs in :59.70 on a fast track

This was the second asking for the filly owned by Stephen Thompson's Thompson Racing and

trainer Scott Gelner after coming in third her first time out June 5 at Lone Star.

Bred in Louisiana by Cloyce Clark Jr., Wholelottamo is out of the A. P Jet mare Jet's Tradition, the dam of 10 foals, with six to race and six to win, including stakes-placed Jet Majesty. She was purchased for \$17,000 at the 2020 Equine Sales Company's Consignor Select Yearling and 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale by Thompson.

Mo Tom, an 8-year-old son of Uncle Mo, was a winner of the Lecomte Stakes (G3) at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, Ohio Derby at Thistledown, and Street Sense Stakes at Churchill Downs. He retired to stud duty in 2018 with total earnings of \$665,356 for owner GMB Racing and trainer Tom Amoss.

Mo Tom stands at Red River Farms in Coushatta for \$2,000.

SALES NEWS

LTBA's Breeders Sale Company of Louisiana to hold Yearling Sale Followed by Mixed Session, October 2, 2021

The Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association's Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana will be holding a Yearling Sale followed by a Mixed Session on October 2, 2021 at the Equine Sales of Louisiana Facility in Opelousas, La.

With the Equine Sales Company deciding not to conduct any sales in 2021 the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association's Board of Directors felt it was necessary to serve our breeders and provide a market for their horses.



LTBA drew for two \$1,000 scholarships at Louisiana Legends Night. Pictured are winners, Nyah Lemelle, McNeese & Kylie Broussard UL at Lafayette, with Roger Heitzmann, LTBA Secretary/Treasurer. Two more scholarships will be awarded to lucky drawing winners at Louisiana Cup Day at Louisiana Downs, on August 21st. Students must register for the drawing before the races and be present at the winners circle after the fifth race for the drawing.

Texas Summer Yearling Sale Attracts Record Number of Entries

The Texas Summer Yearling and Horses of Racing Age Sale, set for Monday, August 30, at Lone Star Park, will feature a record number of entries with nearly 250 yearlings consigned to the Southwest's biggest auction. The sale, held jointly by the Texas Thoroughbred Association and Lone Star Park, will begin at 10 a.m. in the sales pavilion on the grounds of the Dallas-area track.

"This will easily be our largest sale since taking the reins from Fasig-Tipton in 2016," said Tim Boyce, sales director. "We've seen some solid growth over the past few years, despite the challenges of the health pandemic, and now

we've really hit a milestone this year. We have several new consignors for this sale, and the sire power is stronger than I can ever remember seeing here."

In addition to nearly 250 yearlings, there are three 2-year-olds in the sale.

"Texas racing and breeding have been on the upswing thanks to the Horse Industry Escrow Account authorized by the Texas Legislature, which has helped boost purses and breeding incentives," said Mary Ruyle, executive director of the TTA. "That in turn has increased interest in our sales and allowed us to develop a consignor rebate program. We are also pleased to introduce the Texas Thoroughbred Sales Derby to be run in 2023 to complement the very

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racehorses and had some success with them, but his biggest glory was “Cute ‘N Noble.” She went on to win the Louisiana Breeders Oaks and the Champions Day Ladies Stakes in 2003.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy “Dot” Clark, his brother, Tom Clark and wife, Jeanene, 3 children, James Curtis “Bud” Clark and wife, Belinda, Steve Clark, Michelle Clark Corley and husband, Todd, and 3 grandchildren.

Denise Martin

Denise Martin, the co-founder of Martin Racing, a Thoroughbred and Standardbred breeding and racing organization based in Alpine, Wyo., died on June 14 at age 61.

Denise took on the critical role of managing all communications and behind-the-scenes business need for Martin Racing, which was co-founded with her husband Perry in 2016.

The Martins co-bred California Chrome with Steve and Carolyn Coburn, and co-owned the charismatic colt when he won the 2014 Kentucky Derby and the first of his two Eclipse Award titles as North America’s Horse of the Year. California Chrome retired in 2017 with earnings of \$14,752,650.

A trained chemist and California State University graduate, Denise was CEO of Martin Testing Labs in Sacramento, Calif., from its creation in 2000 to its sale in June 2020. She previously worked for the United States Air Force as a civilian employee at McClellan Air Force Base.

In semi-retirement, the Chicago native served her adopted Wyoming community on the North Alpine Water District Board of Directors. She also recently began taking online university courses on Astronomy, and was building a telescope to view the clear Wyoming night sky.

Denise is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, Perry, her daughter Kelly Martin, her son Perry Martin Jr., her brothers Andrew Brudniak and Richard Brudniak, her Golden Retriever Tizzy, 76 Thoroughbred horses and seven Standardbred horses.

popular Texas Thoroughbred Sales Futurity.”

Details on the Sales Derby are still being finalized, but the race for sale graduates is expected to offer two divisions (one for fillies and one for colts/geldings) with an esti-

mated purse of \$75,000 apiece at Sam Houston Race Park. The Sales Futurity also offers two divisions at \$100,000-estimated apiece at Lone Star.

The TTA and Lone Star will host a pre-sale party for consignors and

buyers on Sunday, August 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Alysheba room on the second floor of the Lone Star grandstand.

The yearling sale comes on the heels of the Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale held in April, which posted the highest gross, average and median since the TTA and Lone Star took over both sales in 2016.

Online bidding and live online video will be offered on this sale. For more information and to view the sale catalogue, go to www.ttasales.com.

RACING NEWS**Thornton, Broberg And End Zone Athletics Rank Tops In Delta Downs Thoroughbred Season**

The 2020-21 Thoroughbred season at Delta Downs wrapped up on Friday, April 16th, with familiar names topping the standings. Tim Thornton won his third straight leading rider title while Karl Broberg notched his 10th consecutive crown in the training ranks. Broberg and Matt Johansen’s End Zone Athletics, Inc. earned their sixth straight leading owner title and their ninth in the last 10 years.

Thornton’s season included 122 wins and \$2,337,260 in mount earnings. The Louisiana native rode five winners alone on closing day. During the 2018-19 season, Thornton’s first full meet at Delta Downs, he set the current record of \$2,894,080 in earnings.

Thornton, a husband and father of three, won two stakes races during the meet, both with Broberg-trained and End Zone Athletics Inc.-owned horses. The trio teamed up to win the \$100,000 Delta Mile

Stakes with Hunka Burning Love on November 10 and the \$40,000 Ragin Cajun Starter Stakes on February 10, Louisiana Premier Day.

Broberg continued his dominance at Delta Downs in 2020-21 by sending out 91 winners and totaling \$1,651,170 in earnings. The accomplishment capped off a season that saw him win his 10th

straight training title at the Vinton, Louisiana racetrack. During the Delta Downs season Broberg also finished second nationally in terms of wins with 329 victories to Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen's 421. It was the first time since 2014 that Broberg did not lead the nation in that category.

End Zone Athletics, Inc. saw a record 64 of their runners win and

earn a total of \$868,765, which also set a new mark for owners in that category. The old record for wins, 50, and earnings, \$873,545, was also set by End Zone Athletics during the 2018-19 season.

Gerard Melancon Reaches Milestone 5,000th Victory At EVD

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treated to a historic evening as jockey Gerard Melancon picked up a milestone victory in the final race on Thursday, June 10th. Melancon's heavily favored runner, Reposado, led gate-to-wire, as he became the newest member of the 5000-victory club. With countless friends and family in attendance, Melancon was able to celebrate early, even flashing five fingers as he crossed the wire in a 5-3/4 length victory.

Melancon began his professional riding career at Delta Downs in 1984. His first victory came with his third career mount with Dash and Cash on February 9, 1984.

A multiple graded stake winning jockey, he piloted Bonapaw to a Grade I winning score in the 2002 Vosburgh at Belmont Park. Melancon claimed two editions of the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot, first with Saber Cat in 2011 and then with Rise Up in 2013.

The native of Rayne, LA has ridden in over 31,900 races and his mounts have earned nearly \$88 million in purse money. He recently passed Ramon Dominguez on the career wins list and the next rider to catch is Alex Solis with 5,035 wins.

Rob Tuel Hired As New Full Time Track Announcer At Evangeline Downs

Evangeline Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel has announced the hiring of Rob Tuel as its new full-time track announcer replacing Michael Chamberlain, who had spent the last six years behind the microphone in Opelousas, Louisiana.

Tuel's race calling experience began in 2004 at Eureka Downs in Kansas, where he called both Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses. Over the years he has also called races in his home state of Nebraska at FairPlay Park, Lincoln Race Course and Atokad Park.

Tuel will also have the responsibility of handicapping each program at Evangeline Downs while hosting the track's daily simulcast show. His experience in front of the camera along with a lifetime of handicapping horse races will provide fans with valuable insights and plenty of winning picks nightly.

Asmussen Breaks Single-Season Oaklawn Earnings Record

Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen broke his single-season Oaklawn Park record for purse earnings when Sianara and Miner's Queen ran 1-2, respectively, in the seventh race April 28, a maiden special weight sprint for fillies and mares, 3 and up, valued at \$93,000.

Asmussen's runners collected \$74,400 for the finish, pushing his total past the record \$5,644,609 set in 2019 when he won 64 races, second-highest single-season total in Oaklawn history. Wednesday was the 48th day of the weather-shortened 51-day meeting that ends Saturday. Asmussen finished Wednesday with \$5,686,643 in purse earnings at the meet.

Trainer Karl Broberg Reaches 4,000-Win Milestone

Karl Broberg became the 13th trainer in North American history to reach 4,000 wins on Friday night, June 11th, when the

Louisiana-bred gelding Baudette Blizzard edged Boo Be Right in a \$5,000 claiming race at Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Iowa. It was the fourth of five winners on the night for Broberg, who had 11 horses entered Friday at three tracks: Prairie Meadows, Lone Star Park in Texas and Evangeline Downs in Louisiana.

Baudette Blizzard is owned by Broberg's End Zone Athletics, which claimed the gelding in June 2020 for \$20,000. He was ridden to victory by Elvin Gonzalez.

Oaklawn Announces Shift In Its Racing Calendar

Oaklawn announced June 7th, that it will now add December race dates to its calendar and host a 66-day season from Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 – Sunday, May 8, 2022.

The 66-day season will be conducted largely on a Friday-Sunday basis, with some exceptions. There will be no racing Dec. 24 through Dec. 26 during the Christmas holiday and also no racing on Easter Sunday, April 17. Racing will continue to be offered on Presidents' Day Monday, Feb. 21, 2022.

Oaklawn plans to present the new proposed racing schedule to the Arkansas Racing Commission at their next meeting for approval.

Purses for the season are projected to be \$45 million – \$50 million; the highest in America at that time of year, with all allowance races starting at \$100,000.

The extended season and projected purse increases make it necessary for Oaklawn to restructure its stakes program, highlighted, by realigning Oaklawn's strong 3-year-old prep races.

Matt Vance Named Executive VP Of Racing At Remington, Lone Star

Officials with Global Gaming Solutions recently announced Matt Vance has been named executive vice president of racing for Remington Park in Oklahoma City and Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas.

As executive vice president for both tracks, he will oversee all mutuels/simulcasting, operations, track maintenance and racing operations.

Vance has served as vice president of racing operations at Remington Park since 2015. He has worked in the racing industry for over 35 years, starting with Louisiana Downs in 1986 then to Remington Park from 1988-1997. He moved to other tracks for six

years and eventually returned to Remington Park in 2003 for the construction of the casino, and the transition to new ownership in Global Gaming Solutions in 2010. During his tenure,

OF INTEREST

Board and Standing Committee of HISA Announced

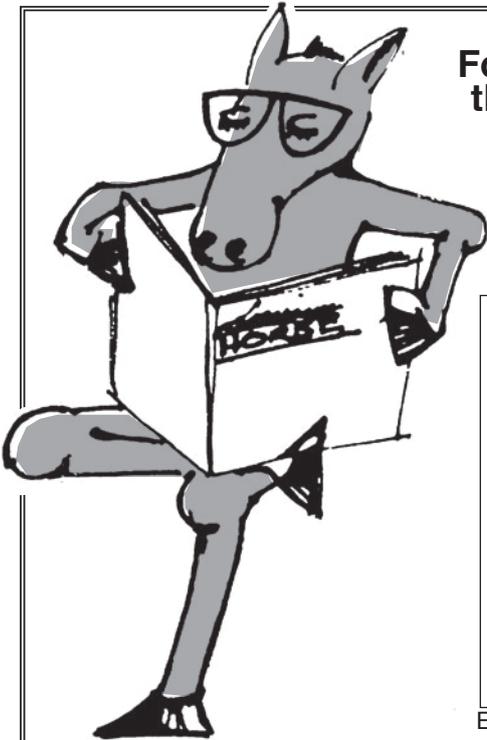
The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority’s nominating committee announced its board of directors and standing committees. The process was led by Nancy Cox, University of Kentucky vice president for land-grant engagement and dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, and Leonard Coleman, former president of the National League of

Professional Baseball Clubs.

The nine-person board includes five members from outside of the Thoroughbred industry and four industry representatives. The two chairs of the Authority’s standing committees serve on the board of directors, and the board is expected to select the board chair at its first meeting.

The board of directors includes:

Steve Beshear, Kentucky (independent director); Leonard Coleman, Florida (independent director); Ellen McClain, New York (independent director); Charles Scheeler, Maryland (independent director); Adolpho Birch, chair of the Anti-Doping and Medication Control standing committee, Tennessee (independent director); Joseph De Francis, Maryland (industry director);



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Susan Stover, chair of the Racetrack Safety standing committee, California (industry director); Bill Thomason, Kentucky (industry director); DG Van Clief, Virginia (industry director)

The members of the Anti-Doping and Medication Control Standing Committee are:

Adolpho Birch, chair (Tennessee, independent director); Jeff Novitzky, Nevada (independent member); Kathleen Stroia, Florida (independent member); Jerry Yon, Florida (independent member); Jeff Blea, California (industry member); Mary Scollay, Kentucky (industry member); Scott Stanley, Kentucky (industry member)

The members of the Racetrack Safety Standing Committee are:

Susan Stover, chair (California, industry director); Lisa Fortier, New York (independent member); Peter Hester, Kentucky (independent member); Paul Lunn, North Carolina (independent member); Carl Mattacola, North Carolina (independent member); Glen Kozak, New York (industry member); John Velazquez, New York (industry member)

Oklahoma Attorney General Files Lawsuit Challenging HISA

A federal lawsuit spearheaded by the state of Oklahoma to try and get the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) voided for alleged constitutional violations was filed Monday, meaning there are now two active legal challenges in the United States court system attempting to derail the regulatory powers of the HISA “Authority” prior to that regulatory body’s

planned 2022 phase-in.

According to a press release issued by the state attorney general’s office in Oklahoma, the suit is challenging that “HISA gives a private corporation broad regulatory authority over Oklahoma’s horse racing industry, and does so with no funding mechanism, forcing the financial burden onto states. If a state refuses to pay, the state’s legislature and executive agencies would be punitively banned from collecting taxes or fees to enforce their own state regulations.”

The complaint demanding declaratory judgment and injunctive relief was filed Apr. 26 in United States District Court (Eastern Division of Kentucky) even though most of the plaintiffs are based in Oklahoma or West Virginia.

The Jockey Club to Produce The American Racing Manual

The Jockey Club announced today that it will take over production of The American Racing Manual from the Daily Racing Form. The manual has traditionally served as a source for historical racing trends and data for 125 years.

Daily Racing Form will continue to provide content for The American Racing Manual, helping to maintain many of the longstanding features familiar to readers.

Starting with the 2021 edition, The Jockey Club will provide the digital PDF version of the manual free of charge on its website as part of its online Fact Book. Over the next few years, the manual will be converted from a static PDF to a more dynamic product with links to

source data and other user-friendly features to provide easy access to more information about Thoroughbred racing to everyone from researchers to fans.

The Jockey Club is accepting feedback for potential modifications to The American Racing Manual, which can be submitted to contactus@jockeyclub.com.

U.S. House Passes Bill Seeking to End Horse Slaughter

The U.S. House of Representatives passed an amendment June 30 that would ban the transportation of horses across state lines or to Canada or Mexico to slaughterhouses processing them for human consumption, according to the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.

The amendment is part of the Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act, bipartisan legislation supported by President Joe Biden that now moves to the U.S. Senate for consideration.

The amendment, which would effectively ban horse slaughter in the United States if it becomes law, was sponsored by Reps. Troy Carter, D-La., Brian Fitzpatrick, R-Pa., John Katko, R-N.Y., Dina Titus, D-Nev., and Steve Cohen, D-Tenn.; and, co-sponsors Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., and Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., the lead authors of a stand-alone anti-horse slaughter bill; and Reps. Paul Tonko, D-N.Y., and Andy Barr, R-Ky., co-chairs of the Congressional Horse Caucus.