



BREEDING NEWS

Mr. Money relocates to Louisiana's Clear Creek Stud



Owner Chester Thomas is following the money: In this case, moving his five-time graded-stakes winner Mr. Money as a stallion from Florida to Louisiana's Clear Creek Stud for the 2023 breeding season.

Thomas bred 24 mares to Mr. Money in 2021, with 16 foaling in Louisiana this year while they also remain eligible for Florida's stallion stakes series. Thomas bred 20 mares to Mr. Money this breeding season.

Spendthrift Farm also is a partner in Mr. Money.

A fan of the Louisiana breeding program and racing in the Pelican State, Thomas decided to go all in by relocating Mr. Money to Clear Creek Stud near Folsom. With the breeding industry getting revenue from the state's legalized sports wagering, the purses for Louisiana-foaled and Louisiana-sired horses are expected to explode. In addition, historical horse racing gaming terminals, which are being installed

at tracks and their off-track-betting facilities, will boost purses for all horses racing in the state.

"I just really like the way the Louisiana program is heading," said Thomas. "I think Mr. Money has everything it takes to be a successful sire, and I believe having him at a top farm in a growing regional market gives him the best chance to show what he can do. Most of my horses race in New Orleans in the winter anyway, and I'm sure going to have a lot of Louisiana-bred Mr. Money babies. I thought I might just as well take advantage of having Louisiana-sired as well as Louisiana-born Mr. Moneys.

"We think he will excel in Louisiana. They have one of the best — if not the best — breeding programs outside of Kentucky. I'm hoping a lot of people cash in on Mr. Money in Louisiana, me included. It's exciting to have him there with such good people as those at Clear Creek."

Mr. Money, out of the Tiznow mare Plenty O'Toole, is the son of two-time Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Goldencents and grandson of Into Mischief. He won six of 18 starts, including the Grade 3 quintet of the Pat Day Mile, Matt Winn, Indiana Derby and West Virginia Derby as a 3-year-old and Churchill Downs' Ack Ack at 4. Mr. Money's earnings of \$1.36 million include finishing second by a neck in the Grade 1 Pennsylvania Derby. He was fourth in the 2018 Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Churchill Downs off of his maiden victory.

Among the horses that Mr. Money defeated on the racetrack were future Horse of the Year Knicks Go, Preakness winner War of Will and Grade 1 winners Improbable, Spun to Run, Mind Control, Math Wizard and Hog Creek Hustle.

"Mr. Money was an unbelievable racehorse," Thomas said. "His babies are coming out and are looking like stone-cold runners. They've got a lot of leg and their physicals are unbelievable. I'm very, very excited with what we're seeing."

Mr. Money's third-year stud fee will be \$3,500 if paid by Sept. 1 or \$4,000 live foal. A limited number of lifetime breeding rights are available.

Breaking Lucky Returns to Blue Star Racing for 2023 Breeding Season!



Blue Star Racing is excited to announce the arrival of Breaking Lucky to their breeding facilities in Scott, Louisiana. After beginning his stallion career at Blue Star Racing, he moved to Florida for the 2021 and 2022 breeding seasons.

"After many breeder's requests,

OBITUARIES

Jerry Dale Cart, Sr.

Jerry Dale Cart, Sr., 82, passed away on August 19, 2022, in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Jerry was born on February 16, 1940, to Norval “Sleepy” and Reba (Sledge) Cart in Hinton, Oklahoma, and Jerry grew up south of Hinton and attended Hinton Public Schools until he joined the United States Air Force at the age of 17. After leaving the service, he was a Park Ranger and Lake Patrol Officer at Ft. Cobb Lake in Oklahoma. Jerry was an entrepreneur in both Oklahoma and Louisiana, opening several convenience stores, a lumberyard, a Chrysler car dealership, and a Piggly Wiggly grocery store. Jerry was also appointed as a Special Deputy Sheriff for Bossier Parish in Louisiana.

At a young age, Jerry became a cowboy competing in local rodeos. His passion for rodeos led him to become a rodeo stock contractor and rodeo producer for several years in numerous states. In 1980, Jerry was named Rodeo Man of the Year by the Short Grass Country News. Jerry’s love for horses led him to become an owner and trainer of thoroughbred racehorses. He entered horses in races in Louisiana, Texas, and Arkansas for more than forty years. Louisiana Downs Racetrack named him Trainer of the Month several times throughout his career, and in 2009 he was honored as Leading Trainer.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Flo Cart of Benton, LA; four sons, Kelly Cart of Binger, OK, Brad Cart and wife, Connie of Binger, OK, Jeff Cart and wife, Lori of Binger, OK, Jerry Dale Cart, Jr. and wife, Diane of Binger, OK; one daughter, Jana Pierce of Bossier City, LA; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Alta Vascocu Franks

Alta Vascocu Franks, passed away Friday, October 28, 2022 at the age of 90.

Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, Alta graduated from Fair Park High School and attended Northwestern State University. As a teenager and very young adult, Alta was well known as a softball pitcher for her church league through Ingleside Baptist Church.

Later, she worked for Mid States Oil where she met the love of her life, notable longtime leading Thoroughbred breeder, John Franks. Alta and John married August 17, 1952 and remained devoted to one another until John’s death on December 31, 2003. Both Alta and John were faithful members of Trinity Heights Baptist Church for over 40 years.

Alta was preceded in death by her loving husband of 51 years, John Franks. Survivors include her only child, Karen Franks Recchia and husband, David; granddaughter, Lauren Mason Nunnery and husband, Neil; grandson, John Franks Mason and wife, Stephanie; step granddaughter, Amanda Recchia Oswalt; great-grandchildren, Faith Ingles, Logan Ingles, Jude Mason, and Maddie Oswalt.

we’re excited to bring Breaking Lucky back to the bayou state,” says Dex Comardelle of Blue Star Racing. “It’s no secret Louisiana is one of the most lucrative breeding programs in the country, and with the recent passage of sports betting and Historical racing, we expect Louisiana purses to increase exponentially over the coming years. Now is the time to double down on Louisiana breeding.”

Before retiring to Louisiana off the track, Breaking Lucky successfully raced for the partnerships of West Point Thoroughbreds, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Eric Young, and R.A. Hill Stable.

While racing, Breaking Lucky won the Black Type Woodbine’s 2015 Prince of Wales Stakes – the second leg of Canada’s Triple Crown – while defeating MG1SW and 2015 Sovereign Award Champion 3-Year-Old Shaman Ghost (Ghostzapper). In 2016, he won the 2016 G3 Seagram Cup Stakes at Woodbine. Breaking Lucky went on to place in the G1 Clark Handicap, G1 Whitney Stakes, and G1 Stephen Foster Handicap behind Horse of the Year Gun Runner (Candy Ride). In total, Breaking Lucky was on the board in 10 graded stakes and two black type races, while campaigning in two countries, during his racing career. His career earnings were nearly \$1.2 million.

Hailing from the red-hot sire line of Lookin at Lucky (Smart Strike), Breaking Lucky also comes from an impressive female family. His dam, Shooting Party (Sky Classic), broke her maiden in her first race. She was second in the G1 Garden City Breeders’ Cup Handicap and was third in both the G3 Pebbles Handicap and the G2 Nassau

County Stakes.

Breaking Lucky's sire, Lookin at Lucky, stands at Ashford Stud in Kentucky. A champion at two and three, he won nine races including the G1 Preakness Stakes, the G1 Izod Haskell Invitational Stakes, the G1 Del Mar Futurity, the G1 Norfolk Stakes, and the G1 CashCall Futurity. Lookin at Lucky was in the money 11 out of 13 starts with career earnings of \$3,307,278.

RACING NEWS

Fair Grounds Announces 12 New Stakes Earlier Opening for 22-23 TB Racing Season

Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots has announced that 65 stakes worth a combined \$8.5 million, up more than \$700,000 from last season, will be offered during the 80-day, 2022-23 Thoroughbred meet. In each of the 13 unrestricted, non-graded stakes, purses have been increased by \$25,000. In addition,

twelve new Louisiana-bred stakes have been added to the schedule, including six over the first two days of the meet.

"We worked with the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association and Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association to come up with these new stakes," said Fair Grounds' racing secretary Scott Jones. "We're proud to have worked together for the betterment of our sport to create not only the best stakes schedule, but also the richest program we've ever offered in the state."

The traditional Thanksgiving opening will give way to an earlier start to the meet, with opening day

stated for Friday, November 18. Six inaugural \$75,000 Louisiana-bred stakes will be run over the dirt course on the season's first two days. Fillies and mares take center stage on Friday in the Happy Ticket Stakes (6 furlongs) and the Big World Stakes (1 mile & 70 yards), both for 3-year-olds and up. The Donovan L. Ferguson Memorial Stakes, a 5 1/2 furlong event for 2-year-olds, will also be carded on opening day. Saturday's trio of stakes are a mirror-image in terms of age, distance and surface, but these open Louisiana-bred events are highlighted by a 6-furlong dirt sprint named in honor of Ivory Sisters Racing's multiple stakes

DELTA DOWNS 2022-23 THOROUGHBRED STAKES SCHEDULE.

11-4 \$100,000 **Treasure Chest**
11-5 \$100,000 **Delta Mile**
11-11 \$100,000 **My Trusty Cat**
11-12 \$100,000 **Jean Lafitte**

12-29 \$70,000 **Rosewater**
12-30 \$70,000 **Boyd Rewards**

1-6 \$70,000 **Orleans**
1-7 \$75,000 **Sam's Town**

2-4 **LOUISIANA PREMIER NIGHT**
\$60,000 **LAPN Ladies Starter**
\$60,000 **LAPN Gentlemen Starter**
\$50,000 **LAPN Ragin Cajun Starter**
\$50,000 **LAPN Bon Temps Starter**
\$100,000 **LAPN Prince**
\$125,000 **LAPN Distaff**
\$100,000 **LAPN Starlet**
\$150,000 **LAPN Championship**
\$100,000 **LAPN Sprint**
\$100,000 **LAPN Matron**

FAIR GROUNDS 2022-23 THOROUGHBRED STAKES SCHEDULE.

11-18 \$75,000 **Happy Ticket S.**
\$75,000 **Big World S.**
\$75,000 **Donovan L. Ferguson Mem. S**
11-19 \$75,000 **Monte Man S.**
\$75,000 **Scott's Scoundrel S.**
\$75,000 **Joseph R. Peluso Mem. S**
11-24 \$175,000 **Thanksgiving Classic**

12-3 \$75,000 **Pan Zareta S.**
12-9 \$50,000 **The Magic City Classic**
\$25,000 **Kudzu Juvenile**

12-10 **LOUISIANA CHAMPIONS DAY**
\$100,000 **LACD Ladies Turf**
\$100,000 **LACD Juvenile**
\$100,000 **LACD Sprint**
\$100,000 **LACD Ladies Sprint**
\$100,000 **LACD Lassie**
\$150,000 **LACD Classic**
\$100,000 **LACD Turf**
\$50,000 **LACD Starter**
\$50,000 **LACD Ladies Starter**

12-26 **ROAD TO THE DERBY KICKOFF**
\$100,000 **Tenacious S.**
\$100,000 **Richard R. Scherer Mem. S.**
\$100,000 **Blushing KD S.**
\$100,000 **Gun Runner S.**
\$100,000 **Untapable S.**
\$100,000 **Buddy Diliberto Mem. S..**
\$100,000 **Joseph "Spanky" Broussard Mem. S.**
\$100,000 **Sugar Bowl S.**
\$100,000 **Letellier Mem. S.**
12-31 \$100,000 **Pago Hop S.**
\$100,000 **Woodchopper**
\$100,000 **LA Futurity (C&G)**
\$100,000 **LA Futurity (F)**

1-7 \$75,000 **Bob F. Wright Mem. S.**
\$75,000 **Gary P. Palmisano Mem. S.**
1-14 \$100,000 **Nelson J. Menard Mem. S.**
1-21 **ROAD TO THE DERBY DAY**
\$200,000 **G3 Lecomte S.**
\$150,000 **Silverbulletday S.**
\$100,000 **Duncan F. Kenner S.**
\$150,000 **G3 Louisiana S.**
\$100,000 **Col. E.R. Bradley H.**
\$100,000 **Marie G. Krantz Mem. S.**

2-18 **LOUISIANA DERBY PREVIEW DAY**
\$250,000 **G3 Mineshaft S.**
\$400,000 **G2 Risen Star S.**
\$300,000 **G2 Rachel Alexandra S.**
\$150,000 **G3 Fair Grounds S.**
\$100,000 **Colonel Power S.**
\$100,000 **Albert M. Stall Mem. S.**
2-21 \$75,000 **Mardi Gras S.**

3-4 \$75,000 **Black Gold S.**
\$75,000 **Edward J. Johnston Mem. S.**
\$75,000 **Red Camelia S.**

3-11 \$75,000 **Allen Lacombe Mem. S.**
3-25 **LOUISIANA DERBY DAY**
\$100,000 **Tom Benson Mem. S.**
\$100,000 **Costa Rising S.**
\$300,000 **G2 Muniz Mem. Classic**
\$500,000 **G2 New Orleans Classic**
\$400,000 **G2 Fair Grounds Oaks**
\$1,000,000 **G2 Louisiana Derby**
\$100,000 **Crescent City Derby**
\$100,000 **Crescent City Oaks**

3-26 \$75,000 **Star Guitar S.**
\$75,000 **Shantel Lanerie Mem S.**
\$75,000 **Page Cortez S.**

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winning, fan favorite Monte Man, who retired from racing last year.

“Coming off a very successful 150th anniversary season we can’t wait to welcome fans back to experience the best winter racing in New Orleans starting in November,” said Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots’ president Doug Shipley. “We have made significant investments at the track which includes our new \$1.5 million dollar state-of-the-art Tote board. The new board is one of the best in the country and provides an unparalleled experience.”

Louisiana Champions Day presented by Acadian Ambulance will be held on December 10. With the races run in various divisions over a variety of distances on both dirt and turf, the program features nine stakes restricted to Louisiana-

breeds. Each Louisiana Champions Day stakes is worth \$100,000 with the exception of the \$150,000 Louisiana Champions Day Classic and the two new additions – the \$50,000 Louisiana Champions Day Starter and \$50,000 Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Starter, both of which will be run at 5 1/2 furlongs for 3-year-olds and up.

“This isn’t the first time we’ve started early,” Scott Jones said. “It means less five-day weeks for us during the entirety of the meet and gives us the opportunity to run multiple preps for Louisiana Champions Day on December 10. Starting on Thanksgiving only gave us 16 days to Champions Day. Of course we will still have the Thanksgiving Classic, a fantastic day of racing, and a festive crowd, as is the New Orleans tradition.”

Three other stakes will make their debut in 2023, most notably on January 7 the \$75,000 Gary P. Palmisano Memorial Stakes. Paired with the \$75,000 Bob F. Wright Memorial Stakes for fillies and mares, both 6-furlong dirt sprints are for 4-year-olds and up. A longtime Louisiana trainer and most recently the paddock judge at Fair Grounds, Gary Palmisano, Sr., who passed away last December, was a beloved member of the local racing community.

Also added to the Fair Grounds’ stakes program are the \$75,000 Louisiana Stallion of the Year Half Ours Stakes at 1 mile 70 yards and the \$75,000 Louisiana Broodmare of the Year Buttercup’s Song Stakes at one mile – both written for 3-year-old Louisiana-breds and named for two of the great produc-

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ing influences in Louisiana's breeding history. Half Ours sired 22 stakes winners, but his reign came to an untimely end after a freak paddock accident in July of 2021. With twelve foals and nine starters, the earnings of Buttercup's Song's foals totaled \$1,721,518, highlighted by Pound for Pound and the graded-stakes winner Flatlined. Those stakes will be contested on February 25.

The 80-day, 2022-2023 Fair Grounds racing season runs through Sunday, March 26. Regular post time will be 1:05 p.m. CT, but opening day post time is 3:00 p.m. CT. There will be an earlier noon CT first post on Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 24), Louisiana Champions Day (Dec. 10), Road to the Derby Kickoff Day (Dec. 26), Road to the Derby Day (Jan. 21) Louisiana

Derby Preview Day (Feb. 18), and Louisiana Derby Day (March 25).

Fair Grounds Lowers Pick 5 Takeout Introduces New Pick 6

With the approval of the Louisiana State Racing Commission handed down October 26th, Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots announces two horseplayer-friendly adjustments to the 2022-23 wagering menu. Takeout will be reduced on the Pick 5 from 25% to 15%. Also, a new Pick 6 at the same 15% rate will be added.

Takeout is the percentage of every wagering dollar removed before payoffs are calculated.

Racing officials at Churchill Downs Incorporated ("CDI") and Fair Grounds have been studying successes at other tracks and work-

ing to make this change at Fair Grounds.

"We are very excited about both of these new wagering opportunities," said Gary Palmisano Jr., the Executive Director of Racing for CDI. "Fair Grounds has not had a Pick 6 in many years. After monitoring the success of this same wager at the New York Racing Association, we feel this is an interesting variation of the pool to implement and worth exploring."

Fair Grounds offers a traditional Pick 5 where the entire pool, after the 15% takeout, is paid out to winning bettors. If there are no perfect Pick Five tickets, the entire pool, minus the takeout, will carry over to the late Pick Five the next racing day. On most racing days there will be two Pick Five opportunities for horseplayers – an early and a late –

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and on cards of 11 races or more, a third may be added.

The new Pick 6 wager will have a \$1 minimum wager. It will be “non-jackpot” and 75% of the after-takeout pool will be paid to all tickets with 6 winners. The other 25% will be paid to all those with 5 of 6 winners as a consolation. If no one has 6 winners, then 75% goes to the next day as a carryover and 25% is paid to all the consolation tickets.

“The obvious goal is that this wager will create numerous carry-over opportunities and draw attention to racing in New Orleans,” Palmisano Jr. added.

The 80-day, 2022-2023 Fair Grounds racing season opens on Friday, November 18 and runs through Sunday, March 26. Regular post time will be 1:05 p.m. CT, but opening day post time is 3:00 p.m. CT. Sixty-five stakes worth a combined \$8.5 million, up more than \$700,000 from last season, will be offered during the Thoroughbred meet.

Free Like A Girl Runs Second in \$500,000 G3 Charles Town Oaks

2021 Louisiana Bred Champion Two-Year-Old Filly ran second in the \$500,000 G3 Charles Town Oaks on Friday, August 26. The three-year-old filly from the first crop of Louisiana sire El Deal pressed the front runner through a :23.28 first quarter and :46.54 half, before Society opened up to win the 7 furlong contest.

The graded contest boosted Free Like A Girl's earnings to \$562,128 with a current record of 16-8-4-3, with all but one of her wins coming from stakes victories. All three of her 2022 wins were in Louisiana-

bred stakes contests. In addition to the Charles Town Oaks, Free Like a Girl ran third in the 2022 \$225,000 G3 Iowa Oaks.

Bred in Louisiana by Kim Renee Stover and Lisa Osborne, Free Like A Girl is out of a Flashy Bull mare, Flashy Prize. Her sire, El Deal stands at Red River Farms in Coushatta, Louisiana and is currently the leading second crop sire in the state.

Judge Rules CDI Can Ban Broberg From FG Over Alleged Neglect

Last September, Churchill Downs, Inc. banned trainer Karl Broberg from the entry box at its parent company's racetracks after an incident involving a voided claim led to what CDI alleged as neglect.

When racing began at the CDI-owned Fair Grounds Race Course in New Orleans, La., however, the Louisiana Racing Commission insisted that only state racing stewards could legally exclude Broberg from racing. Commission chair Benjamin Guilbeau argued that since the Kentucky commission did not take action against Broberg, the trainer's license remained in good standing.

A year later, reports nola.com, District Judge Robin Giarrusso has ruled that CDI does have the right to exclude Broberg from its properties, including Fair Grounds. In addition, the judge has sent the alleged neglect case to the stewards so that Broberg can argue it in front of them.

The case stems from the post-race treatment of a horse Broberg started at Churchill Downs on Sept. 18, 2021.

According to a CDI statement at that time: On the night of Sept. 18, Karl Broberg's Rockandahardplace finished sixth of seven in a \$10,000 claiming race at Churchill Downs. A claim for the 5-year-old gelding was voided after the race by rule when the horse was declared lame by a KHRC veterinarian at the test barn. The horse was returned to his stall by a paid hotwalker, but a subsequent investigation revealed that there was no responsible representative of the trainer on-site to make veterinary decisions or to take appropriate steps to protect the welfare of the injured horse.

For his part, Broberg disputes Churchill's assertion that he did not have proper care available to the horse.

Broberg has been ranked first or second in North American trainer standings by wins each year since 2013, and has amassed 4,119 victories from 17,091 starts since he began training in 2009. His business model depends on keeping strings of horses in multiple states and relies heavily on claiming races. He is currently ranked ninth in North America by earnings and second by wins.

Lozada, Wilson and End Zone Athletics, Inc. 2022 Louisiana Downs TB Meet Winners

The 2022 Thoroughbred racing season at Louisiana Downs concluded on Tuesday, September 27. The meet leaders, jockey Carlos Lozada, trainer Shane Wilson and owner End Zone Athletics, Inc. were honored for their accomplishments on the final afternoon of the 84-day meet, which began on Saturday, May 7.

Carlos Lozada, who won his first title here in 2019, clinched top honors once again. He was involved in a competitive battle with Jose Guerrero entering the final week of the season, but drew off by five wins. Lozada capped his meet by winning the final race of the meet aboard Super Wise (\$20.40) on the turf for trainer Al Cates.

Lozada was the leading rider here in 2019 and secured the 2021 title with 84 wins. He rode for a variety of trainers including Greg Tracy, Joe Duhon, Joey Foster, Al Cates and Karl Broberg, completing the 2022 meet with a record of 85 wins, 59 seconds and 61 third-place finishes. His mounts earned \$1,097,345.

Jose Guerrero had an excellent meet, winning 80 races and edging Lozada in earnings with \$1,144,805. Joel Dominguez, who was second in the standings in 2021, finished third with 59 trips to the winner's circle. Apprentice Vicente Del-Cid, winner of the 2022 Evangeline Downs leading rider title, was fourth in the standings with 52 victories.

It was another excellent showing for Shane Wilson who repeated as leading trainer at Louisiana Downs with 50 victories.

The Haughton, Louisiana resident started 217 Thoroughbreds adding 42 runner-up finishes and 33 thirds to earn \$762,665 for the meet. He took the lead from the beginning of the meet and was never caught.

Joey Foster, who has won the Louisiana Downs trainer title three times, finished in a tie for second with Karl Broberg. Both horsemen won 38 races. Greg Tracy followed with 30 victories and Steve

Asmussen won 28 races.

End Zone Athletics, Inc. claimed its third leading owner title. The highly successful partnership of Karl Broberg and Matt Johanson won 21 races this meet, after topping the standings in 2019 and 2020, and finishing second last year to Wayne T. Davis.

Davis, who won the 2021 title, finished in a tie for second with Greg Tracy. Both owners won 15 races. Elite Thoroughbred Racing, Inc. rounded out the top four in the standings with 12 wins.

Louisiana Downs 2023 Dates Approved

The 2023 Quarter Horse racing season at Louisiana Downs will commence on Thursday, January 5 and continue through Saturday, April 1. The dates for both the 46-day Quarter Horse meet and 2023 Thoroughbred live racing season were approved by the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) on August 23.

Opening day for the 84-day Thoroughbred meet will be Saturday, May 6 and will conclude on Tuesday, September 26. Live racing will take place Saturday through Tuesday.

LAD Photog Lou Hodges, Jr. Passes The Torch To Ann Switalski

Since 2005, photographer Lou Hodges, Jr. has captured the excitement and beauty of horse racing at Louisiana Downs. On the final day of the 2022 Thoroughbred racing season, he officially passed the baton to his highly respected assistant Ann Switalski.

Lou Hodges, Jr. served as track photographer at several racetracks,

including Rockingham Park, Washington Park and Arlington Park. His father, Lou Hodges was the official photographer at Fair Grounds in New Orleans beginning in 1948, before his son took over in 1976.

In addition to being the official photographer at Fair Grounds, Hodges Photography also has the contract at Louisiana Downs.

Ann McKnight Switalski was born in Saginaw, Michigan. She arrived in Louisiana in 2003 and stayed after her husband retired from the military. An avid equestrienne, she began taking photos of morning works and soon realized that an investment in a quality camera was essential. Hodges offered her an opportunity to shoot some Super Derby action and hired her in 2016.

"I was very fortunate to find Ann," explained Hodges. "She was working for a veterinarian on the backside and was interested in photography. I met with her and noticed right away that she was very creative and asked her to come to work."

With no previous background in photography, Switalski realized she had a lot to learn, and with the expert guidance of Hodges, she jumped right in.

"Lou made sure I understood that there is a very limited time to get the shots we need: the stretch, wire and comeback," said Switalski. "He taught me the importance of getting the horse in front to allow room for editing."

Switalski enjoys the people involved in both Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing and getting memorable shots of jockeys as they jog back after a tough finish.

“Maria Baca gave me a very nice compliment,” said Switalski. “She said that no one takes photos of the riders like I do and that her mother loves them!”

On the final day of the 2022 racing season, Louisiana Downs officials honored Hodges for his service and presented him with a plaque thanking him for his excellence.

“Hodges Photography has been an integral part of the history of Louisiana Downs,” said Kevin Preston, the track’s owner and president. “We are grateful for the professionalism of Lou Hodges and the images that will remain with us forever. Ann is greatly admired by our horsemen and everyone in our organization. We know she will do an excellent job!”

Switalski has not decided on the official name on her contract with

Louisiana Downs, but can be reached at ladownphotos@gmail.com.

SALE NEWS

Too Much Bling Filly Tops Record-Setting Texas Summer Yearling Sale

A Texas-bred filly by Too Much Bling led the way at the 2022 Texas Summer Yearling Sale, topping the sale when the hammer dropped at \$100,000.

Hip 19. Olivia Friesen photo.

Cataloged as hip 19, the grey filly, out of the Action This Day mare Soft Music, is a full sister to 2016 Champion Texas-bred Two-Year-Old Filly Bling on the Music. Mansfield Racing signed the ticket on the filly out of the Highlander Training Center consignment. Hip 60, a Louisiana-bred colt by Take

Charge Indy, was the top selling colt at \$90,000. The colt, out of the stakes-winning Half Ours mare All Woman, was purchased by Mansfield Racing from the Clear Creek Stud consignment.

“We’re obviously thrilled that a Texas-bred by one of our state’s most influential stallions led the sale,” TTA Director Foster Bridewell said. “She was a beautiful filly and the full sister went through this same sales ring before going on to become a Texas champion. We’re thankful to breeder Danele Durham and Highlander Training Center for allowing us the opportunity to offer her here.”

The 2022 Texas Summer Yearling Sale set records for TTA Sales. One-hundred-sixty-one horses sold for \$3.41M in total sales, up from \$3.2M last year. The average price was \$21,186, up from the

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\$18,246 average price in 2021. The median price was \$14,500 this year, up from \$10,000 last year.

“We can’t thank our breeders, owners, consignors, and buyers enough for such a great sale,” Bridewell said. “The record results are an indication of the strength of the industry in this region right now and a testament to the hard work a lot of people put in to prepare these yearlings for this year.”

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OF INTEREST

Accredited Louisiana Bred Champion Hope List Euthanized

Barbara Livingston photo



Two time Accredited Louisiana Bred Champion Filly or Mare, Hope List, was euthanized due to the infirmities of old age in October. She was thirty-two years old.

Unraced as a Two-Year-Old, Hope List gave us a hint of her class with four wins as a Three-Year-Old. At Four she was stakes placed in both the Honeymoon Stakes and Sangué Handicap. As a Five-Year-Old, Hope List broke into the stakes winning class with wins in the Red Camelia Handicap and in the Louisiana Champions Day Turf, where she handily beat

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the boys. She was also second in the Coca Cola Classic and the Vinery Matchmaker Stakes and third in the Sangué Handicap. She saved her best for her Six-Year-Old season with four stakes wins that included finally capturing the Sangué Handicap in addition to winning the Furl Sail Handicap, Red Camelia Handicap and finishing the year with a win in the Louisiana Champions Day Ladies. As a Seven-Year-Old she won her third Red Camelia Handicap and was stakes placed in both the Sangué Handicap and the Honeymoon Stakes. In all, Hope List won twenty races from eighty-one starts with twelve seconds and thirteen thirds for earnings of \$601,475 for Owner/Breeder Delmar Caldwell. She was voted Champion Filly Or Mare in both 1995 and 1996.

As a broodmare, Hope List produced twelve foals, all of which raced, with nine winners and one



Correction: There were some mis-identifications in the above photo in the Summer issue of Louisiana Horse. Following are the corrections. Apologies to Lanette Hebert and Marcy Reeves. (L-R) LTBA Board member Charlotte Clavier; Net A Bear namesake Lanette Hebert; LTBA President Warren Harang; Marcy Reeves; co-owner Federico Deltoro; and co-owner Maximo Lamarche.

stakes placed runner, Runaway From Itall.

Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Submits Prohibited Substances List to the Federal Trade Commission

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) has submitted to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) a technical document listing and categorizing 1,365 Prohibited Substances covered by HISA's anti-doping and medication control (ADMC) rules and further dividing them into sub-categories of Banned Substances and Controlled Medications. The document is now subject to final approval by the FTC ahead of the ADCM Program's January 1, 2023 implementation date.

This technical document was developed by HISA's ADCM Standing Committee and approved by the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU), which will administer the program. In a memorandum to racing participants, HISA ADCM Committee Chair Adolpho Birch summarized the contents of the document submitted, which underwent several modifications based on substantive feedback from racing participants and experts during a public comment period before submission to the FTC.

"The Prohibited Substances List is the result of extensive consultation with industry and subject matter experts and is informed by established research. Once approved by the FTC, it will serve as the backbone of HISA's ADCM Program set to take effect in the New Year," said Birch. "Through

our collective efforts led by the ADCM Committee, we are proud to introduce U.S. Thoroughbred racing's first-ever uniform Prohibited Substances list that will be applied on a national basis to advance integrity, transparency and accountability in the sport."

"Effective anti-doping programs require clear guidance on prohibited substances, and we are pleased with the document that was submitted to the FTC," said Ben Mosier, executive director of HIWU. "This list will play a key role in HIWU's assignment to enforce HISA's ADCM Program, and we are prepared to take on this critical responsibility on behalf of the Thoroughbred industry."

In addition to listing and categorizing all prohibited substances covered by the ADCM Program, the document details detection times, screening limits and thresholds. The modified document submitted to the FTC is available on the HISA website.

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