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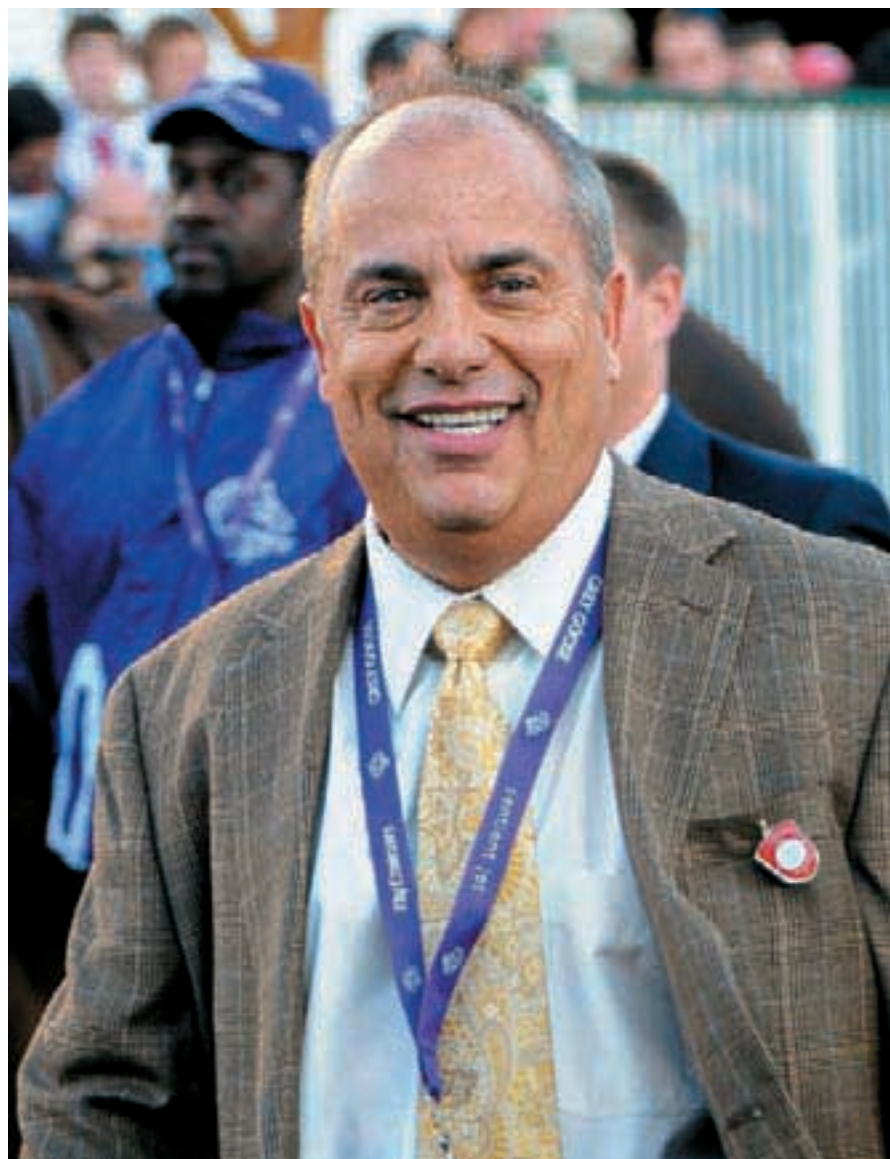
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# 2011 Leading Sires in Canada

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For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in Canada (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2011. As supplied to The Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes winners worldwide and any S.H.-foaled horses that won a N.H. stakes. \*Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A ♯ indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race).

Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2012 Stud Fee Can\$	Rnrs/Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2011 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	PERFECT SOUL (IRE) (98, Sadler's Wells), Norse Ridge Farms	\$7,500	145/67	2/3	0/2	(Perfect Shirl, \$1,181,506)	\$3,401,592	*291	4	1.02	1.69
2	OLD FORESTER (01, Forestry), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$10,000	81/41	4/6	4/4	(Jenna's Wabbit, \$219,920)	\$3,106,650	126	5	1.92	1.53
3	BOLD EXECUTIVE (84, Bold Ruckus), Gardiner Farms	Died, 2011	114/50	2/2	2/2	(Bubbles to the Top, \$169,068)	\$2,868,169	730	43	1.69	1.32
4	PHILANTHROPIST (01, Kris S.), Gardiner Farms	\$10,000	41/17	4/8	4/4	(Pender Harbour, \$861,092)	\$2,687,594	61	5	2.96	1.49
5	WHERE'S THE RING (99, Seeking the Gold), Gardiner Farms	\$6,000	76/40	1/1	1/1	(Gypsy Ring, \$250,037)	\$2,316,263	155	6	1.71	1.31
6	WANDO (00, Langfuhr), Schonberg Farm	\$3,500	62/32	2/5	0/2	(Turallure, \$1,157,460)	\$2,149,071	*103	2	1.50	1.24
7	SLIGO BAY (IRE) (98, Sadler's Wells), Adena Springs Canada	\$6,000	97/43	3/4	0/3	(Bourbon Bay, \$360,112)	\$1,952,293	*237	6	1.14	1.56
8	MILWAUKEE BREW (97, Wild Again), Adena Springs Canada	\$12,500	124/69	4/9	1/4	(Sinbor Brew, \$110,279)	\$1,932,089	*324	14	1.26	1.60
9	PEAKS AND VALLEYS (92, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	88/50	2/2	1/2	(Baganara, \$113,879)	\$1,893,489	537	34	1.28	1.43
10	MOBIL (00, Langfuhr), Schonberg Farm	\$3,500	64/36	2/2	2/2	(Welloiledmachine, \$157,176)	\$1,839,211	*115	4	1.50	1.57
11	GILDED TIME (90, Timeless Moment), Bar None Ranches	N/A	106/63	4/7	3/4	(Mighty Rule, \$118,362)	\$1,834,088	*1207	51	1.38	1.64
12	TRAJECTORY (97, Gone West), Gardiner Farms	\$2,500	91/39	1/1	1/1	(Crown's Path, \$277,059)	\$1,727,597	296	13	1.17	1.38
13	NIIGON (01, Unbridled), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$4,000	39/20	3/4	2/3	(Niigon's Touch, \$204,615)	\$1,502,596	87	3	1.67	1.24
14	BEST OF THE BESTS (IRE) (97, Machiavellian), Park Stud	\$2,500	84/33	1/1	0/1	(Amico Mio, \$167,963)	\$1,404,308	260	2	0.70	0.97
15	NORTH LIGHT (IRE) (01, Danehill), Adena Springs Canada	\$10,000	82/30	3/4	1/3	(Celtic New Year, \$235,800)	\$1,322,981	*198	6	1.32	1.51
16	ONE WAY LOVE (95, Regal Classic), Norse Ridge Farms	N/A	70/25	0/0	0/0	(One Big Gator, \$107,561)	\$1,194,503	301	3	0.97	1.38
17	VYING VICTOR (89, Flying Paster)	Died, 2008	84/49	3/4	2/3	(La Belle Rose, \$76,512)	\$1,072,326	592	36	0.81	0.79
18	CAPE CANAVERAL (96, Mr. Prospector), Highfield Stock Farm	\$4,500	70/38	2/3	1/2	(Witchesofwestfield, \$119,577)	\$980,288	335	19	1.14	1.30
19	FOREST GROVE (01, Forestry), Canmor Farms	\$2,500	50/30	2/2	0/2	(Forbidden Forest, \$95,134)	\$972,431	79	2	1.00	1.35
20	SURVIVALIST (02, Danzig), Park Stud	\$1,500	43/22	1/1	1/1	(Dulce Esparenza, \$153,277)	\$965,806	*140	1	0.90	1.41
21	SKIMMING (96, Nureyev), Pacific Stud	\$4,000	76/38	3/5	0/3	(Senator Bob, \$107,610)	\$931,193	293	14	0.84	1.11
22	PERIGEE MOON (98, Hennessy)	N/A	30/19	1/1	1/1	(Dance to the Moon, \$191,128)	\$929,720	139	4	1.20	1.24
23	FORMAL GOLD (93, Black Tie Affair), Esquirol Farms	\$2,500	81/39	0/0	0/0	(Formula Gold, \$74,810)	\$918,664	454	19	1.15	1.37
24	TOMAHAWK (00, Seattle Slew), Firestone Farms	N/A	50/20	1/1	1/1	(Dancing Raven, \$162,362)	\$861,421	130	3	0.95	1.78
25	WHISKEY WISDOM (93, Wild Again), Thunderbird Horse Centre	\$1,500	33/15	1/1	0/1	(Fifty Proof, \$294,215)	\$853,343	318	17	1.56	1.50
26	BOLD N' FLASHY (89, Bold Ruckus), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$3,000	31/17	1/2	1/1	(Paso Doble, \$268,988)	\$839,902	284	14	1.32	1.27
27	STEPHANOTIS (93, Regal Classic), Canmor Farms	\$1,500	59/30	2/2	1/2	(Andiotis, \$74,789)	\$710,718	259	11	0.70	0.83
28	FINALITY (99, Dehere), Red Rock Farm	\$2,500	64/24	2/2	2/2	(Sartorialist, \$72,810)	\$704,819	141	8	0.75	0.78
29	MASS MARKET (97, Marquetry), Red Rock Farm	\$1,500	54/37	1/2	0/1	(Dashing Daisy, \$119,612)	\$690,448	174	11	0.59	0.83
30	PAYNES BAY (98, Mr. Prospector), Norse Ridge Farms	N/A	29/16	1/1	1/1	(Queen Street Beach, \$151,758)	\$652,916	116	2	1.12	1.22
31	KATAHAULA COUNTY (88, Bold Ruckus)	N/A	51/27	2/7	0/2	(Classic Alley Kat, \$138,573)	\$630,265	423	33	0.72	0.85
32	GOLD LEGEND (90, Seattle Slew)	N/A	39/18	1/1	1/1	(Coyote Legend, \$118,666)	\$564,126	386	20	1.25	1.16
33	EXPLICIT (97, Distant View)	N/A	43/22	1/1	0/1	(Miss Victoriana, \$60,266)	\$521,359	163	4	0.80	0.83
34	QUEST (99, Seeking the Gold), Dunroven Farm	\$1,000	32/18	1/1	0/1	(Rattlin Gypsy, \$120,335)	\$519,704	54	1	0.76	1.50
35	COMPADRE (90, El Gran Senor)	N/A	29/17	0/0	0/0	(Admit, \$43,386)	\$503,952	263	6	1.08	1.03
36	CROWN ATTORNEY (93, Silver Deputy)	N/A	7/2	2/2	1/2	(Rahy's Attorney, \$283,118)	\$449,928	132	3	1.47	1.31
37	ROCK AND ROLL (95, Cure the Blues), Kirby	Died, 2009	26/12	1/1	1/1	(Cosmic Dance, \$124,530)	\$439,156	*102	1	1.00	0.95
38	TETHRA (92, Cure the Blues), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$2,500	28/7	1/1	1/1	(Don's Folly, \$92,186)	\$435,189	292	10	1.26	1.37
39	STRUT THE STAGE (98, Theatrical), Sam-Son Farm	\$2,500	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Celtic Conviction, \$160,292)	\$434,567	43	2	1.71	1.27
40	TEJANO RUN (92, Tejano), Ascot Stud	Died, 2011	33/14	0/0	0/0	(Khulna, \$89,889)	\$433,282	272	12	1.33	1.17
41	DOMASCA DAN (86, Same Direction)	N/A	23/11	0/0	0/0	(The Bull Got Shot, \$135,845)	\$418,024	*174	5	1.39	1.12
42	♯ MR. SEKIGUCHI (03, Storm Cat), Park Stud	\$2,500	11/2	1/2	1/1	(Rose and Shine, \$356,003)	\$413,454	*39	1	2.15	1.28
43	PIKEPASS (96, Forty Niner), Mountainview Farms	Died, 2011	41/19	0/0	0/0	(Catabout, \$53,413)	\$390,749	250	4	0.70	0.95
44	MAZEL TRICK (95, Phone Trick)	Died, 2008	44/14	0/0	0/0	(Sylvia's Forte, \$48,627)	\$372,649	*380	10	1.08	1.45
45	TEMPERED APPEAL (97, Valid Appeal), Bar None Ranches	Died, 2011	26/14	5/5	3/5	(Two Horn Unicorn, \$62,546)	\$366,125	58	7	0.68	0.74
46	REGAL INTENTION (85, Vice Regent)	Died, 2008	40/22	0/0	0/0	(Stormy Canuck, \$32,415)	\$354,521	458	30	0.96	1.19
47	SAFFIR (02, Unbridled), Spring Farm	N/A	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Safraction, \$81,978)	\$348,449	22	0	1.51	1.24
48	STORM VICTORY (00, Storm Cat), Klimes Farm	\$2,000	38/19	0/0	0/0	(Goldfire, \$45,150)	\$346,382	110	5	0.62	0.60
49	KINSHASA (98, Mr. Prospector), Oakwood Stables	\$1,000	27/12	0/0	0/0	(Handy Harold, \$57,919)	\$345,224	108	1	1.07	1.22
50	KIRIDASHI (92, Bold Ruckus), Noren's Heart Valley Farms	\$3,000	49/20	1/1	1/1	(Cardashi, \$64,890)	\$345,090	306	15	1.26	1.33
51	MR. JESTER (01, Silver Deputy), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$2,500	26/13	0/0	0/0	(Jester's Court, \$33,755)	\$320,007	69	1	0.96	1.26
52	PEACENFREEDOM (01, Free House), Boyd	\$2,000	6/5	1/2	0/1	(Freedoms Traveller, \$238,298)	\$282,894	14	2	0.86	0.44
53	KISSIN KRIS (90, Kris S.), Esquirol Farms	\$3,000	34/10	0/0	0/0	(Kiss the Stars, \$128,510)	\$282,311	467	15	1.11	1.17
54	ORCHID'S DEVIL (94, Forty Niner), Palmer Ranch	N/A	10/7	2/3	1/2	(Orchid's Silver, \$92,425)	\$271,203	98	8	0.87	0.68
55	ALJABR (96, Storm Cat), Ascot Stud	\$3,500	20/7	1/1	0/1	(Idarah, \$97,119)	\$266,814	*148	9	0.95	1.60
56	ROSETTI (99, Seattle Slew), Calmar Stable & Ranch	\$2,500	33/19	1/1	0/1	(Air Wolf, \$25,047)	\$261,637	100	5	0.52	0.68
57	A FLEETS DANCER (95, Afleet)	Died, 2007	19/4	0/0	0/0	(Padraig, \$91,774)	\$257,808	116	2	0.68	1.07
58	♯ VIBANK (03, Silver Deputy), Park Stud	\$1,500	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Euphrasia, \$42,513)	\$245,841	30	0	1.08	1.51
59	QUIET CASH (01, Real Quiet), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	16/7	2/3	0/2	(Gabigotheerway, \$105,544)	\$233,157	38	2	0.61	0.86
60	SILVADOR (97, Silver Deputy)	N/A	1/1	1/2	0/1	(Yummy With Butter, \$222,066)	\$222,066	5	1	3.46	0.94
61	FOXTRAIL (90, Heading Back Home)	Died, 2008	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Squeeze the Fox, \$63,482)	\$219,743	224	6	0.99	1.08
62	NOT IMPOSSIBLE (IRE) (97, Sadler's Wells)	Died, 2005	6/1	1/1	1/1	(Society's Chairman, \$119,742)	\$216,509	43	3	2.35	0.84
63	CAT'S AT HOME (97, Tabasco Cat)	Died, 2007	23/11	0/0	0/0	(Peter's Charisma, \$48,755)	\$215,777	131	3	0.73	1.38
64	COBRA KING (93, Farma Way), Esquirol Farms	\$2,500	31/17	2/2	2/2	(Memo to Mya, \$25,680)	\$211,478	284	10	0.95	1.07
65	LINE OF DEPARTURE (01, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2009	15/5	0/0	0/0	(Molinaro Remarks, \$46,459)	\$209,969	19	0	0.71	1.61
66	MEGAS VUKEFALOS (88, Cool Victor), Norse Ridge Farms	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Megavella, \$76,310)	\$204,992	18	0	1.73	2.28
67	PARISIANPROSPECTOR (93, Geiger Counter), CDS Racing	\$1,000	13/2	0/0	0/0	(Sky of Grey, \$138,793)	\$194,629	72	0	0.44	1.08
68	SWAIN (IRE) (92, Nashwan), Ascot Stud	N/A	32/10	0/0	0/0	(Huckleberry Boy, \$29,219)	\$193,123	*312	13	1.11	1.84
69	CAPPUCHINO (99, Capote)	Died, 2009	29/7	1/1	1/1	(Golden Cup, \$49,861)	\$184,592	54	1	0.49	0.88
70	GENERAL ROYAL (94, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2006	19/11	1/1	1/1	(My Lucky Thirteen, \$73,080)	\$176,462	187	5	0.91	1.05

\*A-E and COMPARABLE INDEX: The lifetime Average-Earnings Index indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned, on the average, in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. The Comparable Index indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AEI higher than their mares Comparable Index.

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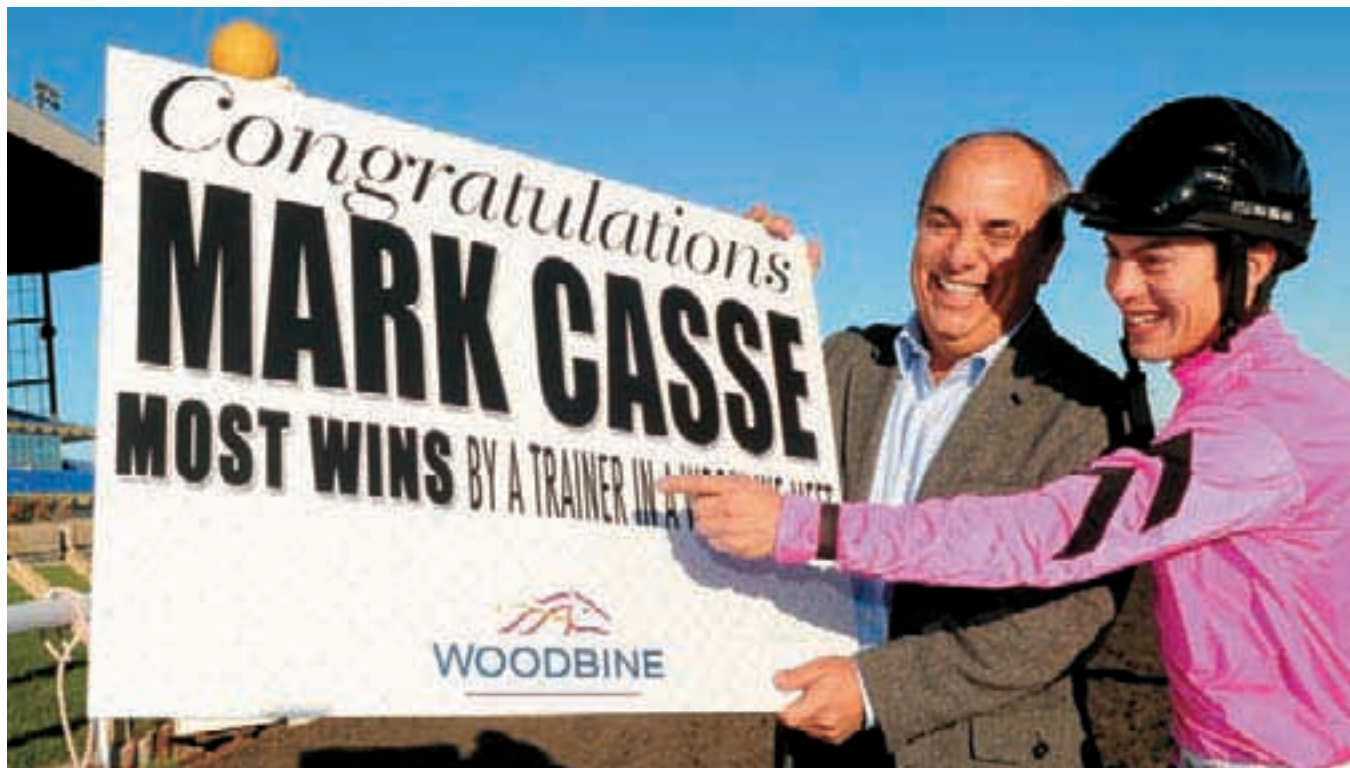
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MICHAEL BURNS

Casse, shown with jockey Omar Moreno, set the Woodbine mark in 2011 with 119 winners

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In 2011, a year that Casse described as “crazy good,” he smashed the record for wins by a trainer in a season when he visited the Woodbine winner’s circle 119

times. The previous record had been 89 set by Frank Passero Jr. in 1995. Casse’s stable amassed more purse earnings on the season, \$6.6 million, than any other trainer in Woodbine history, bettering its

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**Grace Phil** winner of the **South Ocean Stake**

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**Hippolytus** 2<sup>nd</sup> in the **Queen Plate**, **Ontario Derby**, **Elgin** and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the **Bunty Lawless**

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(Gone West - Dream Launch by Relaunch)

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(Seeking The Gold - Wedding Picture by Blushing Groom)

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2 yr old "King City" was 2<sup>nd</sup> **Bull Page** and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the **Frost King**

"Race For Gold" who placed in the **Bull Page**

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when the ceremony takes place April 5 at Woodbine.

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Incredibly, the American-born, Canadian-based Casse, in his 34th year of training, seems to be steering his stable to even bigger and better things following an ex-

citing first couple of months of 2012.

“It feels a little bit that way,” said Casse. “We’ve built up a great clientele of owners who could have any kind of horse. It would never have happened without Woodbine. I feel very fortunate to be where I am.”

Some of those big-name owners include

2011 Canada Sires By Stakes Winners		
Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Tempered Appeal.....	5.....	5
Milwaukee Brew.....	4.....	9
Philanthropist.....	4.....	8
Old Forester.....	4.....	6
Gilded Time.....	4.....	4
Skimming.....	3.....	5
Going Commando.....	3.....	4
Niigon.....	3.....	4
North Light (IRE).....	3.....	4
Sligo Bay (IRE).....	3.....	4
Vying Victor.....	3.....	4

Eugene Melnyk, who is once again nominated for a Sovereign Award for top owner in Canada; WinStar Farm; and John Oxley, who joined forces with Casse a little more than two years ago.

Oxley, whose colt Monarchos won the 2001 Kentucky Derby (gr. I) and whose Canadian-bred filly Gal in a Ruckus won the 1995 Kentucky Oaks (gr. I), has any number of promising runners for this season that may help get Casse closer to his goal of winning a Kentucky Derby, a Breeders' Cup race, and, of course, Canada's gem, the Queen's Plate.

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<b>MAY</b> Sat May 5	Jim Coleman Province	AlwS 3YO	6.5 \$50,000
Sun May 6	John Longden 6000	HcpS 3+	6.5 \$50,000
Sat May 19	Ross McLeod	AlwS 3F	6.5 \$50,000
Mon May 21	Brighthouse Belles	AlwS FM	6.5 \$50,000
<b>JUNE</b> Sat, June 2	River Rock Casino	HcpS 3YO	8.5 \$50,000
Sun June 3	Sir Winston Churchill	HcpS 3+	8.5 \$50,000
Sun, June 10	Emerald Downs	HcpS 3F	8.5 \$50,000
Sun June 17	Vancouver Sun	HcpS FM	8.5 \$50,000
<b>JULY</b> Mon July 2	Lt. Governors	HcpS 3+	8.5 \$50,000
	Chris Loseth	HcpS 3YO	8.5 \$50,000
Sat July 7	Supernatural	AlwS 3F	8.5 \$50,000
Sun July 8	Boulevard Casino	AlwS 2F	6 \$50,000
Sat July 14	New Westminster	AlwS 2yo	6 \$50,000
Sun July 15	Strawberry Morn	HcpS F&M	8.5 \$50,000
<b>AUGUST</b> Mon Aug 6	BC Cup Debutante	AlwS 2F	6.5 \$50,000
	BC Cup Nursery	AlwS 2CG	6.5 \$50,000
	BC Cup Dogwood	HcpS 3F	8.5 \$50,000
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Fri Aug 17	Richmond Derby Trial	Hdcp 3YO	8.5 \$50,000
Fri Aug 17	Hong Kong Jockey Club	Hdcp 3F	8.5 \$50,000
Fri Aug 24	CTHS Sales	AlwS 2F	6.5 \$50,000
	CTHS Sales	AlwS CG	6.5 \$50,000
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> Mon Sep 3	Derby B & G Express	SpWS 3+	6 \$50,000
	Derby B & G Ladies Express	SpWS FM	6 \$50,000
	Inaugural Hastings Juvenile	AlwS 2	6.5 \$50,000
Sun. Sept 9	British Columbia Derby Gill	SpWS 3YO	9 \$200,000
	BC Oaks	SpWS 3F	9 \$100,000
	SW Randall Plate	HcpS 3+	9 \$50,000
	Delta Colleen	HcpS FM	9 \$50,000
	Sadie Diamond	AlwS 2F	6.5 \$100,000
	Jack Diamond	AlwS 2CG	6.5 \$100,000
Sat Sept 29	CTHS Sales	AlwS 3F	8.5 \$50,000
Sun Sept 30	CTHS Sales	AlwS 3CG	8.5 \$50,000
<b>OCTOBER</b> Mon, Oct 8	Ballerina Gill	SpWS FM	9 \$100,000
	BC Premiers Gill	HcpS 3+	11 \$100,000
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Casse and breeder/owner Eugene Melnyk at the Sovereign Award ceremony in January 2010

### Mark Casse Career Training Stats

Year	Starts	Wins	2nds	3rds	Earnings
2012	54	6 (11%)	9	6	\$394,050
2011	670	140 (21%)	91	90	\$7,825,205
2010	643	93 (14%)	85	81	\$5,154,687
2009	604	84 (14%)	82	88	\$5,203,757
2008	630	96 (15%)	89	77	\$6,682,521
2007	414	92 (22%)	80	48	\$6,333,041
2006	375	69 (18%)	54	48	\$4,406,418
2005	306	57 (19%)	43	33	\$2,538,926
2004	323	48 (15%)	45	46	\$2,946,340
2003	465	59 (13%)	61	68	\$3,466,964
2002	514	76 (15%)	80	56	\$4,055,134
2001	592	76 (13%)	93	96	\$4,005,773
2000	255	39 (15%)	47	41	\$1,950,595
1999	176	42 (24%)	26	35	\$1,337,387
1998	116	24 (21%)	30	13	\$584,378
1997	3	1 (33%)	0	1	\$15,840
1996	17	1 (6%)	3	1	\$81,476
1995	1	0	0	0	\$0
1994	6	1 (17%)	1	0	\$109,145
1993	4	0	0	0	\$250
1992	9	1 (11%)	0	1	\$32,180
1991	0	0	0	0	\$0
1990	181	22 (12%)	23	16	\$226,018
1989	539	67 (12%)	78	70	\$760,248
1988	532	80 (15%)	88	69	\$894,833
1987	333	40 (12%)	43	42	\$474,152
1986	114	13 (11%)	13	8	\$350,946
1985	190	16 (8%)	20	22	\$401,488
1984	176	28 (16%)	13	20	\$668,113
1983	209	34 (16%)	29	34	\$394,203
1982	217	23 (11%)	23	30	\$248,400
1981	159	13 (8%)	24	16	\$203,100
1980	112	14 (13%)	10	10	\$119,788
1979	116	19 (16%)	8	8	\$113,076
1978	3	3 (100%)	0	0	\$2,695
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,059</b>	<b>1,377 (15%)</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>\$61,981,127</b>

"I feel like, through all these years, we have been climbing up Mt. Everest," said Casse about his pursuit of winning the big ones. "I can see the top of it, but the last part is the toughest."

### A Natural

A life in Thoroughbred racing came naturally for Casse, whose father, Norman Casse, operated a successful breeding business in Indiana before moving to one of the major horse centers of the continent—Ocala, Fla.

Born in Indianapolis on Valentine's Day 1961, Casse was barely a teenager by the time he was running his father's Cardinal Hill Farm outside Ocala and learning the tricks of training, pedigrees, and buying his own broodmares.

One of the most vivid memories that Casse has with his father is a trip in a horse van they took to see the legendary Secretariat win the Kentucky Derby in 1973.

But a life in the horse racing industry for Casse was almost short-circuited when his parents divorced when he was just 13.

"I asked my Mom if I could stay with Dad and stay with the horses," said an emotional Casse. "It was probably one of the hardest things she had to do, but that's how much she loved me."

From there Casse set sail on his way to becoming not only a top racehorse trainer but an ace bloodstock and farm manager.

At 18, he obtained his trainer's license and won his first race at Keeneland racecourse in Lexington.

Casse led all trainers at the 1988 Churchill Downs spring meeting, setting a record for number of winners, 29, for the stand. He later went on to win the trainer's title at Turfway Park in Florence, Ky., four times.

It was not just training that piqued Casse's interest, however, and in the 1990s he took over as manager and trainer of operations for Harry Mangurian's massive Mockingbird Farm in Ocala.

It was during his years with Mangurian that Casse began to race horses regularly at Woodbine, including the 1999 champion 2-year-old male Exciting Story, who went on to win the 2001 Metropolitan Handicap (gr. I).

While at Mockingbird, Casse excelled at preparing young horses for sales and the races and selling them for a profit. It was a vastly successful venture until Mangurian dispersed much of his bloodstock in 1999 and 2000.

After three years as manager of Sez Who Racing, Casse opened up his own training complex, Moonshadow Farm near Ocala, with his wife, Tina.

Enter Melnyk, who purchased the Mangurian property and renamed it Winding Oaks, and Woodford Racing, a syndicate run by Bill Farish. With those entities behind him, Casse and his training business

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# 2011 Leading Sires in Indiana

State sire lists updated daily online. Go to <http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/thoroughbred-breeding/sire-lists>

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in Indiana (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2011. As supplied to The Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes winners worldwide and any S.H.-foaled horses that won a N.H. stakes. \*Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A ♪ indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race).

Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2012 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2011 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	<b>STRONG HOPE</b> (00, Grand Slam), Midwest Equine & Vet Hospital	\$2,500	122/65	2/4	1/2	(Clement Rock, \$227,004)	<b>\$2,366,787</b>	275	3	0.99	1.83
2	<b>DOMESTIC DISPUTE</b> (00, Unbridled's Song), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	124/61	0/0	0/0	(Fersmiley, \$138,600)	<b>\$1,901,070</b>	*279	1	0.92	1.23
3	<b>CHIEF SEATTLE</b> (97, Seattle Slew), Lake Shore Farm	Died, 2011	94/47	1/1	0/1	(Bold Chieftain, \$131,020)	<b>\$1,743,230</b>	*385	10	1.20	1.35
4	<b>SPANISH STEPS</b> (01, Unbridled), Lake Shore Farm	\$3,000	78/32	4/6	1/4	(Little Mike, \$255,700)	<b>\$1,390,214</b>	184	5	1.08	1.36
5	<b>DESERT WARRIOR</b> (00, Deputy Minister), Midwest Equine & Vet Hospital	\$2,000	96/46	0/0	0/0	(Valentine Daisy, \$79,960)	<b>\$1,189,942</b>	*206	0	0.88	0.98
6	<b>ACTION THIS DAY</b> (01, Kris S.), Indiana Stallion Station	\$1,000	117/47	1/1	0/1	(Playing for Fun, \$112,572)	<b>\$1,184,924</b>	228	2	0.67	1.29
7	<b>DREWMAN</b> (98, Unbridled), Breakway Farm	\$1,500	81/34	0/0	0/0	(Too Experience, \$110,170)	<b>\$958,828</b>	205	3	0.86	1.30
8	<b>CAT DREAMS</b> (01, Storm Cat), Still Creek Farm	\$2,000	30/14	1/2	0/1	(Caracortado, \$477,585)	<b>\$817,049</b>	102	1	1.02	0.95
9	<b>ZAVATA</b> (00, Phone Trick), Lake Shore Farm	\$2,000	74/34	0/0	0/0	(On Z Run, \$110,898)	<b>\$681,756</b>	*217	3	0.97	1.14
10	<b>BLACK MOONSHINE</b> (87, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	43/17	1/1	1/1	(Motown Boy, \$67,090)	<b>\$673,981</b>	112	6	1.00	0.73
11	<b>PASS RUSH</b> (99, Crown Ambassador), Swiftly Farms	\$2,500	16/8	3/4	3/3	(Facey's Spirit, \$142,883)	<b>\$601,161</b>	22	3	1.70	1.14
12	<b>MAX'S PAL</b> (97, Marquetry), Indiana Stallion Station	\$1,500	34/21	0/0	0/0	(Bella Moneta, \$125,510)	<b>\$553,773</b>	137	4	0.98	0.93
13	<b>ARROMANCHES</b> (93, Relaunch), Buckshot Stables	N/A	30/10	1/1	0/1	(Caixa Electronica, \$291,680)	<b>\$542,137</b>	60	1	1.14	0.61
14	<b>WILD ZONE</b> (90, Wild Again), Breakway Farm	\$3,000	38/17	1/1	1/1	(Princess Gone Wild, \$80,281)	<b>\$476,533</b>	*468	13	0.79	1.10
15	<b>MANCINI</b> (98, Mr. Prospector), Swiftly Farms	\$2,000	47/18	0/0	0/0	(Liverman, \$48,505)	<b>\$467,052</b>	*126	3	0.76	0.91
16	<b>HIGH FLY</b> (02, Atticus), WinRich Thoroughbreds	N/A	22/12	0/0	0/0	(I Fly High, \$63,662)	<b>\$363,086</b>	*43	0	0.97	1.91
17	<b>PATTON</b> (91, Lord At War)	N/A	21/4	0/0	0/0	(Whistle Pig, \$151,881)	<b>\$360,566</b>	403	13	0.97	1.11
18	<b>COMMEMORATE</b> (81, Exclusive Native)	N/A	21/11	0/0	0/0	(Flylikabird, \$43,965)	<b>\$323,483</b>	*442	10	1.02	1.50
19	<b>CENTURY CITY</b> (IRE) (99, Danzig), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	27/11	0/0	0/0	(Rich City Dude, \$47,500)	<b>\$322,594</b>	*146	0	0.59	1.34
20	<b>JACKPOT</b> (98, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	19/10	1/1	0/1	(Legal Separation, \$145,608)	<b>\$306,407</b>	50	1	0.67	1.21
21	<b>ALLUVIAL</b> (02, Forestry), Still Creek Farms	\$1,500	29/10	0/0	0/0	(Victoria Blu, \$60,874)	<b>\$295,841</b>	74	0	0.53	0.91
22	<b>PRESIDENTIAL ORDER</b> (93, Danzig)	Died, 2009	25/7	0/0	0/0	(Coming On, \$72,632)	<b>\$277,602</b>	128	6	0.68	0.70
23	<b>MORO ORO</b> (93, Moro), Sorrell Farm	\$1,000	27/10	0/0	0/0	(Demi Flame, \$43,355)	<b>\$244,681</b>	111	4	0.72	0.78
24	<b>WAKI WARRIOR</b> (89, Miswaki)	N/A	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Waki Mistress, \$76,425)	<b>\$218,080</b>	123	2	0.60	0.69
25	<b>ASSEMBLY DANCER</b> (89, General Assembly)	N/A	5/5	1/1	1/1	(Sweetonrich, \$140,721)	<b>\$208,256</b>	34	2	0.66	0.66
26	<b>WHITNEY TOWER</b> (91, Storm Bird)	Died, 2008	8/6	0/0	0/0	(Jori, \$69,260)	<b>\$206,639</b>	250	2	0.74	1.01
27	<b>JUST PLAIN JOE</b> (99, Alydeed), Davis Ranch	\$600	5/4	1/1	1/1	(Pretty Plain Jane, \$103,245)	<b>\$195,497</b>	9	1	1.78	0.74
28	<b>CROWN AMBASSADOR</b> (94, Storm Cat)	Died, 2009	20/8	0/0	0/0	(Dr. Powers, \$31,400)	<b>\$190,066</b>	155	12	0.87	0.97
29	<b>♪ ARTICLE OF FAITH</b> (04, Storm Cat), RichWine Farm	\$1,000	12/3	1/1	1/1	(Slacker, \$72,407)	<b>\$188,429</b>	25	1	0.92	1.01
30	<b>GOODS</b> (03, Tale of the Cat), Foot Fall Farm	\$1,000	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Lord Avie Jones, \$62,775)	<b>\$187,894</b>	25	0	0.67	0.73

\*A-E and COMPARABLE INDEX: The lifetime Average-Earnings Index indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned, on the average, in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. The Comparable Index indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AEI higher than their mares Comparable Index.

surged back up the charts.

He won his first Sovereign Award as champion trainer in 2006.

In 2007 he guided Melnyk's Sealy Hill to win the Labatt Woodbine Oaks and ultimately a Horse of the Year title, earning Casse another Sovereign Award in the process.

"Eugene can breed any kind of top horse at any time," said Casse. "I was proud of Sealy Hill; she was a quirky kind of filly who presented some challenges along the way."

Farish has also played an important role in Casse's rise to a higher level in recent years. Woodford Racing's colt Turf War gave Casse his first victory in a \$1 million race, when the Dixie Union colt dead-heated with Z Humor in the 2007 Boyd Gaming's Delta Jackpot Stakes (gr. III) at Delta Downs.

Now Oxley, who gave the reins to Casse to make some big-money purchases at auctions in the last two years, has joined the Casse team.

"He's (Oxley) been in the game for 30

years; he's already won a Derby, but you never lose the desire to win the Derby," said Casse. "And he really wants to win a Queen's Plate, too. He realizes what a wonderful place Woodbine is to race horses."

As the big races for 2012 loom on the horizon, Oxley's colts Prospective, who won the Grey Stakes (Can-III) last fall, maiden winner Stealcasa, and the promising Dynamical are all on a Derby quest.

Oxley's Canadian-bred filly Dixie Strike, a half sister to 2011 Plate winner Inglorious, won the \$150,000 Florida Oaks at Tampa Bay Downs Feb. 4 and could be headed to the Kentucky Oaks before heading back to Canada.

## Tools of the Trade

Casse's morning ritual is unlike that of most trainers at Woodbine. It begins at 5 a.m. when he heads into the track from his home in nearby Kleinburg, Ontario, and inspects each one of his 40 horses that are working or racing that day or did so on the previous day. That can be almost half the barn sometimes.

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Casse-trained Sealy Hill was the 2007 Canadian Horse of the Year

the grandstand by 6 a.m. and sets up his wireless office: walkie-talkies hooked up with assistant David Adams and the exercise riders, a computer, and binoculars.

Much like sitting in a control tower at the airport, Casse guides his charges through their paces, watching how they

start their gallops or works and how they pull up afterward.

"I prefer to see how my horses finish in their exercise," said Casse. "If I see something I don't like, I can stop it right away by radioing the riders."

On his laptop Casse has a spreadsheet

he began compiling 10 years ago that details each horse's training schedule and progress. Including another 40-50 horses at nearby T & T Training center, that can make more than 90 horses that he updates each evening.

"I don't really have a true day off, but I

## Mark Casse's Graded Stakes Winners

- Added Edge:** 2002 Nashua Stakes (gr. III)
- Arch Hall:** 2006 Eclipse Stakes (Can-III)
- Blue Laser:** 2010 Grey Stakes (Can-III)
- Clearly Foxy:** 2007 Natalma Stakes (Can-III)
- Dark Ending:** 2001 Selene Stakes (Can-I)
- Exciting Story:** 2001 Metropolitan Handicap (gr. I), 2001 Vigil Handicap (Can-III), 1999 Swynford Stakes (Can-III)
- Higher World:** 2004 Mazarine Breeders' Cup Stakes (Can-II)
- Marchfield:** 2009 Sky Classic Stakes (Can-III), 2009 Dominion Day Handicap (Can-III), 2008 Autumn Stakes (Can-II)
- Northern Passion:** 2011 Natalma Stakes (Can-III)
- Officer Cherrie:** 2007 Mazarine Breeders' Cup Stakes (Can-III)
- Pool Play:** 2011 Stephen Foster Handicap (gr. I), 2009 Durham Cup Stakes (Can-III)
- Precise End:** 2000 Bay Shore Stakes (gr. III)
- Prospective:** 2011 Grey Stakes (Can-III)
- Raja's Shark:** 1984 Jamaica Handicap (gr. III)
- Royal Oath:** 2008 King Edward Handicap (Can-III)
- Sealy Hill:** 2007 Bourbonette Oaks (gr. III)
- Seaside Retreat:** 2008 Nijinsky Stakes (Can-III)
- Skip Code:** 2006 Grey Breeders' Cup Stakes (Can-III)
- Sprung:** 2006 Natalma Stakes (Can-III)
- Top Notch Lady:** 2006 Bourbonette Breeders' Cup Stakes (gr. III)
- Turf War:** 2007 Boyd Gaming's Delta Jackpot Stakes (gr. III)



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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	SHORE BREEZE (98, Danzig), Eagle Valley Farm North	\$3,000	50/30	0/0	0/0	(The Elevator, \$164,476)	\$818,387	119	1	0.97	0.79
2	CHEROKEE RAP (01, Cherokee Run), Wildwood Stables	N/A	24/13	2/2	2/2	(Cityrap, \$101,038)	\$481,868	37	2	1.12	1.22
3	UNREAL ZEAL (80, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2006	22/12	2/2	1/2	(River Bear, \$151,164)	\$449,934	603	31	1.11	1.17
4	CASHEL CASTLE (99, Silver Ghost), Hill 'N Dale Farm	\$1,000	32/13	1/1	0/1	(Ice Climber, \$66,353)	\$392,849	72	1	0.74	1.01
5	CHICAGO SIX (95, Wild Again), Hill 'N Dale Farm	\$1,000	25/9	0/0	0/0	(Wild Jaz, \$52,909)	\$286,789	*98	1	0.54	0.74

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## 2011 Leading Sires in Iowa

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1	WOKE UP DREAMIN (00, Holy Bull), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	55/30	1/1	0/1	(One Last Nitemare, \$71,915)	\$735,863	100	4	0.71	1.03
2	WILD GOLD (90, Wild Again), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	42/20	0/0	0/0	(See Me Now, \$58,834)	\$456,653	222	4	0.80	0.87
3	ADDED EDGE (00, Smart Strike), Special K Stables	\$1,500	24/8	1/3	1/1	(Ginger Added, \$160,685)	\$434,010	56	1	0.97	0.96
4	DOUG FIR (99, Storm Cat), Rockin River Ranch	\$1,500	21/10	0/0	0/0	(Ladydug, \$51,569)	\$292,384	76	1	0.63	0.63
5	HUMMING (96, Summer Squall), Rockin River Ranch	\$1,500	16/4	0/0	0/0	(Hum Along Mara, \$63,715)	\$206,259	73	1	0.67	0.81

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## 2011 Leading Sires in Michigan

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1	EQUALITY (99, Mt. Livermore), Dickinson Farms	N/A	36/27	0/0	0/0	(Chariot Char, \$31,349)	\$448,054	119	5	0.70	0.81
2	THE DEPUTY (IRE) (97, Petardia), Hubel Farms	\$2,000	55/21	0/0	0/0	(Leroy's Deputy, \$44,897)	\$426,591	227	4	0.55	0.94
3	DEMALOOT DEMASHOOT (90, Bold Ruckus), McMaster Farm	\$1,000	28/16	0/0	0/0	(Sheza Riot, \$38,875)	\$293,872	309	9	0.90	1.10
4	ELUSIVE HOUR (00, Elusive Quality), Belair Farm	\$1,500	19/11	1/1	0/1	(Hour by Hour, \$77,720)	\$293,274	57	3	0.86	0.69
5	MEADOW PRAYER (95, Meadowlake)	N/A	22/14	0/0	0/0	(R Miss N D Annie, \$44,727)	\$259,344	115	11	1.04	0.79

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## 2011 Leading Sires in Ohio

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1	LIGHTNIN N THUNDER (01, Storm Cat), Frontrunner Thoroughbreds	\$1,200	60/28	1/1	0/1	(Ima Jersey Girl, \$147,845)	\$997,591	169	6	0.96	1.12
2	TROPICAL STORM (00, Storm Cat), Raimonde Farms	\$1,500	29/10	0/0	0/0	(Dandy Sandy, \$58,375)	\$206,307	*75	0	0.50	0.72
3	MERCER MILL (94, Forty Niner), Fair Winds Farm	N/A	23/10	1/0	0/1	(Gathering Dreams, \$31,518)	\$183,635	201	14	0.68	0.87
4	BOLD TRUTH (99, Seattle Slew), Belford Farm	\$2,000	13/7	1/1	1/1	(Bold Captain, \$42,560)	\$181,116	*32	2	0.87	1.03
5	NOBLE CAT (95, Storm Cat)	Died, 2003	1/1	1/5	1/1	(Catlaunch, \$166,900)	\$166,900	68	4	1.00	0.84

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try and spend one morning a week, usually Sunday, at home with the family," said Casse. He is the father of seven children, including an adopted son with Tina, who is herself a registered nurse and an integral

part of his racing team as well as a horse owner.

His son Norman, 28, is one of his most valuable assets as his traveling assistant. Casse's daughter Camille has launched a

Casse Stable Facebook page.

Casse said he is blessed with a top-notch staff, many of whom have been with him for dozens of years. Others who have left the Casse fold have gone on to successful

# 2011 Leading Sires in Minnesota

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1	<b>KELA</b> (98, Numerous), Stillwater Equine Clinic	N/A	82/49	1/1	0/1	(All Around Fancy, \$120,430)	<b>\$1,436,442</b>	*165	1	0.97	1.06
2	<b>DEMIDOFF</b> (90, Mr. Prospector), Cross Creek Farm	\$2,500	48/21	5/5	5/5	(Demigod, \$57,610)	<b>\$476,350</b>	250	25	0.96	0.82
3	<b>GOLD FEVER</b> (93, Forty Niner)	N/A	25/11	0/0	0/0	(Hop Skip and Away, \$92,590)	<b>\$376,948</b>	*434	10	1.22	1.32
4	<b>MAGIC CAT</b> (95, Storm Cat), Benz Lake Farm	\$1,000	40/16	0/0	0/0	(Smoothcideup, \$42,230)	<b>\$320,679</b>	204	11	0.72	0.95
5	<b>SUPREMO</b> (92, Gone West), Benz Lake Farm	\$1,800	23/5	1/1	0/1	(Happy Henrietta, \$127,953)	<b>\$200,223</b>	*446	6	0.74	1.12
6	<b>APPEALING SKIER</b> (93, Baldski), Hanson's Thoroughbreds	\$1,750	17/7	1/1	1/1	(Heliskier, \$44,136)	<b>\$185,738</b>	253	6	0.92	1.09
7	<b>JOEY FRANCO</b> (99, Avenue of Flags), Osborne Farm	N/A	23/9	0/0	0/0	(Joey's Jewel, \$32,849)	<b>\$161,413</b>	57	0	0.43	0.77
8	<b>SAM LORD'S CASTLE</b> (98, Carson City), B & D Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Lord Kyle's Quest, \$42,435)	<b>\$125,478</b>	24	1	0.73	0.89
9	<b>SHOT OF GOLD</b> (95, Jolie's Halo), Dove Hill Farm	\$1,200	19/7	1/1	0/1	(Local Big Shot, \$26,064)	<b>\$107,647</b>	79	1	0.46	0.73
10	<b>TAHKODHA HILLS</b> (97, Prospector's Halo), Timberlake Stable	\$1,000	17/5	1/1	1/1	(Bert'slittlesister, \$61,085)	<b>\$107,181</b>	66	1	0.31	0.43

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training careers, from Tom Albertrani and Kieran McLaughlin from the Kentucky days to Woodbine trainers Greg de Gannes and Ricky Griffith.

"I am proud of my Woodbine team," said Casse. "I never have any worries. Everyone who works for me knows their duties and what is expected."

And, expensive purchases aside, Casse also prides himself on those horses he has picked up for minimal sums such as millionaires Financingavailable (\$3,205) and Jambalaya (\$2,500), whom he picked out for other owners.

Casse also tries to ensure all of his owners, which include longtime clients Richard Lederman and Harvey Schwartz, have an enjoyable time with their horses from the day the training begins to race day.

"I try to tell it the way it is," said Casse. "Mr. Farish once said to me, 'promise less; deliver more.' I try to be realistic with my owners. It's their money and their horses and they need to be happy, so I try to make sure they are involved."

Casse approaches his profession tirelessly, juggling his horses and family life while taking time out for his clients and the constant ringing of the phone, often a member of the media asking about a runner.

"Sometimes Tina will ask me, 'are we always going to be this crazy busy?' And I tell her we are flying a big plane and she's the co-pilot. I'm living a dream, I just love it, and we are going to keep flying it while we can and keep striving for the top." 🏆



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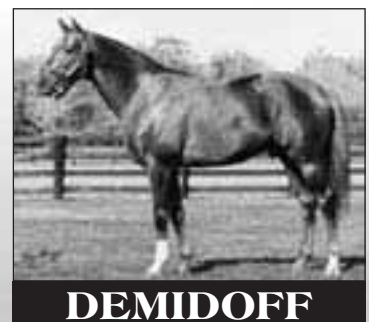
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