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BY EVAN I. HAMMONDS

Camelia Casby's hard work helps her homebred operation make its own luck

Camelia Casby isn't the first person in Thoroughbred racing who learned about the game the hard way. However, she stuck it out, found a certain level of success, and possesses a positive outlook that sees the blue sky on the horizon rather than the dark clouds.

Casby, a native Minnesotan who now lives near Canterbury Downs in Shakopee, first put her toe in the water as an owner back in the early 1990s with a Minnesota-bred 2-year-old. While her initial outlay was a mere \$800, what followed turned into a seven-figure education.

"I had a trainer who had been a jockey and had no idea what to do," Casby said. "She only won one race...I learned about the business in self-defense."

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Camelia Casby, with presenter Bob Feenick, accepts her TOBA award as top Minnesota breeder

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	BOLD EXECUTIVE (84, Bold Ruckus), Gardiner Farms	\$15,000	138/68	6/9	3/6	(Legal Move, \$368,215)	\$4,373,652	614	38	1.73	1.36
2	GILDED TIME (90, Timeless Moment), Bar None Ranches	\$7,500	176/95	3/4	1/3	(Gayego, \$727,420)	\$3,846,943	*1013	46	1.42	1.79
3	TRAJECTORY (97, Gone West), Gardiner Farms	\$5,000	91/50	7/10	6/7	(Dancer's Bajan, \$262,344)	\$2,971,744	187	10	1.47	1.37
4	CAPE CANAVERAL (96, Mr. Prospector), Highfield Stock Farm	\$7,500	124/66	3/4	2/3	(Cape Time, \$158,137)	\$2,213,380	279	15	1.33	1.43
5	MAZEL TRICK (95, Phone Trick), Canmor Farms	Died, 2008	110/54	1/2	0/1	(Ride Em Cowgirl, \$171,016)	\$1,769,296	*317	9	1.20	1.60
6	PEAKS AND VALLEYS (92, Mt. Livermore), Gardiner Farms	\$7,000	96/45	1/2	1/1	(High Expectations, \$148,676)	\$1,591,107	434	26	1.34	1.49
7	TEJANO RUN (92, Tejano), Ascot Stud	\$5,000	70/38	2/2	0/2	(Million Dollar Run, \$124,596)	\$1,535,779	228	11	1.45	1.16
8	BOLD N' FLASHY (89, Bold Ruckus), Park Stud	N/A	83/42	0/0	0/0	(Bold Nurse, \$90,766)	\$1,534,992	254	13	1.35	1.27
9	SKIMMING (96, Nureyev), Pacific Stud	\$4,000	99/47	5/5	1/5	(Johnny Eves, \$160,400)	\$1,505,666	208	8	0.92	1.18
10	CROWN ATTORNEY (93, Silver Deputy), Debany Farm	N/A	25/13	1/2	0/1	(Rahy's Attorney, \$783,488)	\$1,499,666	131	1	1.17	1.30
11	TETHRA (92, Cure the Blues), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,000	78/39	1/1	1/1	(Nicki Knew, \$297,161)	\$1,496,076	269	10	1.32	1.41
12	ONE WAY LOVE (95, Regal Classic), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$4,500	75/33	1/1	1/1	(Dancing Doris, \$131,874)	\$1,481,717	177	2	1.04	1.37
13	KISSIN KRIS (90, Kris S.), Esquirrel Farms	\$3,000	76/34	2/3	0/2	(Delightful Kiss, \$327,186)	\$1,453,328	433	14	1.15	1.20
14	PERIGEE MOON (98, Hennessy)	N/A	65/36	0/0	0/0	(Swinton, \$114,702)	\$1,425,229	123	3	1.10	1.34
15	VYING VICTOR (89, Flying Paster), Ternes Farm	Died, 2008	114/58	4/4	0/4	(Disfunction, \$240,050)	\$1,355,971	511	29	0.87	0.83
16	NOT IMPOSSIBLE (IRE) (97, Sadler's Wells)	Died, 2005	19/9	2/5	2/2	(Not Bourbon, \$874,501)	\$1,335,869	42	2	2.10	0.78
17	WHISKEY WISDOM (93, Wild Again), Thunderbird Horse Centre	\$1,500	63/25	1/1	1/1	(Drunken Love, \$204,279)	\$1,291,626	283	14	1.59	1.66
18	ASCOT KNIGHT (84, Danzig), Windfields Farm	Died, 2008	55/28	0/0	0/0	(Knight's Cause, \$121,794)	\$1,252,126	*654	31	1.43	1.60
19	KATAHAULA COUNTY (88, Bold Ruckus), Roads End Farm	N/A	89/54	6/8	1/6	(Ronaldino, \$109,029)	\$1,150,952	360	28	0.81	0.89
20	ALJABR (96, Storm Cat), Ascot Stud	\$3,500	57/23	2/3	1/2	(Northern Kraze, \$234,877)	\$1,095,668	*135	7	1.02	1.60
21	ARCHERS BAY (95, Silver Deputy)	Died, 2002	31/16	2/5	1/2	(Spaghetti Mouse, \$218,594)	\$1,065,354	124	9	1.98	1.33
22	KIRIDASHI (92, Bold Ruckus), Noren's Heart Valley Farms	\$3,500	49/22	1/2	1/1	(Stuck in Traffic, \$215,665)	\$1,048,757	202	10	1.45	1.49
23	CAT'S AT HOME (97, Tabasco Cat)	Died, 2007	69/35	0/0	0/0	(Stray Cat Stride, \$105,158)	\$1,006,956	108	2	0.80	1.50
24	COMPADRE (90, El Gran Senor), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$4,000	53/22	0/0	0/0	(Tree Rings, \$96,906)	\$968,019	228	6	1.08	1.05
25	STEPHANOTIS (93, Regal Classic), Canmor Farms	\$3,000	87/49	2/2	0/2	(Infinite Wealth, \$60,723)	\$924,607	200	6	0.72	0.88
26	KINSHASA (98, Mr. Prospector), Longview Farms	N/A	43/19	0/0	0/0	(Somarvelous, \$135,424)	\$915,774	79	0	1.01	1.22
27	REGAL INTENTION (85, Vice Regent), Canmor Farms	Died, 2008	52/27	4/8	1/4	(Krazy Koffee, \$336,240)	\$913,115	407	28	1.05	1.23
28	GENERAL ROYAL (94, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2006	61/31	0/0	0/0	(Royal Nemesis, \$84,724)	\$854,074	176	2	0.97	1.06
29	EXPLICIT (97, Distant View), Winsome Acres	\$3,000	57/25	1/1	1/1	(Congratulate, \$80,990)	\$798,415	114	1	0.79	0.93
30	A FLEETS DANCER (95, Afleet)	Died, 2007	41/21	1/1	0/1	(Star Presentation, \$137,310)	\$765,095	89	1	0.63	1.18
31	PAYNES BAY (98, Mr. Prospector), Norse Ridge Farm, Breeding Div.	\$2,500	40/15	0/0	0/0	(Grazettes Landing, \$160,280)	\$750,887	79	0	0.90	1.23
32	ROCK AND ROLL (95, Cure the Blues), Serenity Farm	\$3,000	37/19	0/0	0/0	(Cosmic Dance, \$118,920)	\$745,705	*89	0	0.91	1.05
33	FOXTRAIL (90, Heading Back Home), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,500	50/22	0/0	0/0	(Blind River Fox, \$97,674)	\$621,508	206	5	1.03	1.07
34	MILLENNIUM ALLSTAR (98, Meadowlake)	Died	23/18	2/5	0/2	(Star Prospector, \$140,190)	\$617,124	35	3	1.58	0.87
35	BEST OF THE BESTS (IRE) (97, Machiavellian), Norse Ridge Farm, Breeding Div.	\$5,000	75/26	1/1	0/1	(Stella Di Quattro, \$73,058)	\$587,147	147	1	0.61	0.89

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That early experience didn't sway her from the game, however, and that horse, La Muttering, turned out to be the dam of one of five homebred stakes winners Casby sent out in 2007. Casby's numbers with homebreds that year led her to being named her state's Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association award winner.

About La Muttering Casby remembered, "I don't think she ever got to run the same distance twice; she never even had shoes on her until right before her first race. But now, I've got this good stakes filly and we've got daughters and granddaughters running out of that family.

"Her daughter is Laurentide Ice," Casby said. A 5-year-old filly by Intidab, Laurentide Ice has won two New York-bred stakes and has earned \$236,151 for Casby.

Casby, a retired attorney, first got interested in racing while in college. Attending Hofstra University on Long Island, she went to Standardbred races in the New York area.

Later, at Bradley University in Illinois, she had a friend whose father had a horse running on the Kentucky Derby (gr. I) undercard in 1973. The experience of seeing Secretariat win the Run for the Roses turned her into a long-time fan...and, later, an owner and breeder.

"I'm a total city girl," she said. "I never stepped on a farm until I owned a horse."

And as an owner, Casby has both necessary attributes for success: She's been lucky and good at what she does.

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1	WILD ZONE (90, Wild Again), Breakway Farm	\$3,000	79/27	1/2	0/1	(Tortuga Flats, \$181,960)	\$791,894	*421	12	0.84	1.14
2	CROWN AMBASSADOR (94, Storm Cat)	Pnsd	51/21	1/1	1/1	(Nightly Ritual, \$111,700)	\$582,749	152	11	0.89	0.97
3	CENTURY CITY (IRE) (99, Danzig), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	38/15	0/0	0/0	(Joannie Not Jo, \$67,604)	\$392,421	*97	0	0.53	1.55
4	BLACK MOONSHINE (87, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	25/16	1/1	1/1	(Brean Can, \$58,440)	\$390,310	67	3	0.92	0.79
5	MORO ORO (93, Moro), L/J Sorrell Farm	\$1,000	38/14	0/0	0/0	(Mo Faster, \$52,048)	\$376,586	86	2	0.69	0.76
6	PRESIDENTIAL ORDER (93, Danzig), M.C. Roberts Racing Stable	Died, 2008	30/14	0/0	0/0	(Theresnojustice, \$33,697)	\$259,435	101	5	0.62	0.73
7	WILD DEPUTY (93, Wild Again), WinRich Farms	\$900	36/14	1/1	0/1	(Twinpost, \$41,940)	\$249,256	146	3	0.68	0.84
8	WAKI WARRIOR (89, Miswaki), Foot Fall Farm	\$1,000	23/11	0/0	0/0	(Stone Warrior, \$24,048)	\$200,251	111	2	0.57	0.64
9	WHITNEY TOWER (91, Storm Bird), Green Gables Stud	Died, 2008	10/6	1/1	1/1	(Geordie, \$88,700)	\$193,572	233	2	0.73	1.03
10	FAST FERDIE (92, Ferdinand)	N/A	13/4	1/1	1/1	(Check in Advance, \$77,550)	\$183,803	32	2	0.78	0.79

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"I've been very lucky," she said. "I've had a lot of partnerships and we've been very lucky in them. My mom (Sylvia Casby) and I have owned horses together. I'm in a partnership with Carol Curtis and I bought into the only broodmare they ever kept, and we've had three babies and one of them is Seasahm."

Seasahm, a 5-year-old Minnesota-bred daughter of Sahn, out of the Northern Flagship mare Caravel Port, is a six-figure earner and winner of the Princess Elaine Stakes at Canterbury Downs last July 4. She is also twice stakes-placed for trainer Hugh Robertson, having run third in the 2007 Minnesota Oaks and in last year's Minnesota Distaff Classic Championship.



Casby's New York-bred stakes winner Laurentide Ice

Casby has also been in partnerships with Carolyn Freeberg and with Don and Mary Zuckerman. With the Zuckermans, Casby owned Tomorrows Cat, winner of the Buick Pegasus Stakes (gr. II) at Meadowlands in 1998.

With one of her trainers, Mark Hennig, and his assistant Robby Radar, she owned Go Robin. Go Robin, whom they purchased on a whim from Hargus Sexton after she had gotten mixed up with another horse at a farm in West Virginia, would go on to run second in the Boiling Springs Stakes (gr. IIIT).

The other horse in the mix-up? That was her homebred October Winds, who went on to become stakes-placed.

Again, Casby has been lucky, and good.

Casby's success is grass-roots oriented. She does all her own paperwork and keeps the books for her breed-to-race operation, and she has a great rapport with farm managers and her trainers.

She keeps her mares in three locales: Minnesota, New York, and Kentucky.

In Minnesota, they're kept at Bleu Valley. On a particular week in mid-January in Minnesota, the temperature is in the single digits...below zero. The wind chill is minus thirtysomething. Casby is prepared, but worried about her horses.

"We're prepared for this kind of weather," she said. "It's severe, but we're used to it. You have your boots that are good up to minus 40 and you put them on. You keep a sleeping bag and a candle with some matches in the car just in case."

"The horses don't mind the weather, but they do have a run-in shed piled deep with straw if it's windy," she said. "They have a heated barn—35-40 degrees above freezing—if they need it."

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1	CARTWRIGHT (90, Forty Niner)	Died, 2005	103/52	0/0	0/0	(Carts Italian Rose, \$47,205)	\$1,050,287	*437	16	0.92	0.85
2	FRIENDLY LOVER (88, Cutlass), Three Way Horse Farm	\$2,500	78/36	0/0	0/0	(Hands On, \$69,126)	\$944,378	433	11	1.11	1.11
3	UNREAL ZEAL (80, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2006	71/44	0/0	0/0	(Unreal Rocket, \$93,709)	\$924,752	593	29	1.12	1.19
4	CALLER I. D. (89, Phone Trick)	Died, 2006	57/22	1/1	1/1	(Big City Pat, \$104,620)	\$827,292	*507	21	0.97	1.39
5	DEPUTY WILD CAT (99, Deputy Minister), Fairberry Farm	\$2,500	26/17	1/1	0/1	(Screen to Screen, \$235,360)	\$729,643	40	1	1.37	1.04
6	FAPPIE'S NOTEBOOK (97, Notebook), Fairberry Farm	\$1,000	28/20	1/1	0/1	(J's Sundance Halo, \$119,786)	\$657,135	46	1	0.95	0.84
7	CLASSIFIED FACTS (93, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2005	29/14	0/0	0/0	(Twin Buttes, \$75,613)	\$456,155	113	1	1.28	0.91
8	ROANOKE (87, Pleasant Colony), Three Way Horse Farm	N/A	25/10	1/1	0/1	(Preemptive Strike, \$67,000)	\$331,574	*407	12	1.03	1.19
9	ALASKAN FROST (88, Copelan), Willow Ridge Ranch	N/A	42/22	0/0	0/0	(Indigo Ice, \$34,561)	\$314,436	267	8	1.03	0.97
10	DENOUNCER (90, Tsunami Slew), High Prairie	N/A	17/9	1/1	1/1	(Denouncer's Gal, \$90,507)	\$308,306	47	2	1.16	0.96
11	IRGUN (91, Sunny's Halo)	Died, 2006	32/12	0/0	0/0	(Ms. Q. T. Buttons, \$55,695)	\$296,867	*398	5	0.69	1.09
12	POWERFUL GOER (94, Easy Goer), Fairberry Farm	\$1,000	20/11	0/0	0/0	(Pullmanite, \$44,370)	\$291,307	41	0	0.70	1.10
13	UNLOOSENED (95, Unbridled)	Died, 2004	11/6	2/2	2/2	(Unreachable Star, \$89,950)	\$278,779	25	2	1.05	0.53
14	COMPOSER (92, Easy Goer)	N/A	16/9	1/2	1/1	(Princess Composer, \$148,330)	\$273,171	71	2	0.76	0.80
15	LEELANAU (99, Carson City), Still Creek Farm	\$1,000	32/13	0/0	0/0	(Rocket Rodd, \$50,349)	\$256,617	53	0	0.57	0.90
16	WESTERN PLAYBOY (86, Play Fellow)	Died, 2004	19/5	0/0	0/0	(Home's the Best, \$134,161)	\$214,831	152	4	1.09	0.98
17	CHICAGO SIX (95, Wild Again), Hill 'N Dale Farm	\$2,500	19/8	1/1	1/1	(Minimus, \$75,321)	\$205,974	48	1	0.66	0.81
18	KUGELIS (99, Langfuhr), Indian Hills Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	9/5	0/0	0/0	(General Darby, \$44,600)	\$147,430	12	1	1.07	0.55
19	SABONA (82, Exclusive Native)	N/A	19/7	0/0	0/0	(Glory to Spare, \$41,261)	\$146,080	*223	14	1.02	0.99
20	HE'S A TOUGH CAT (93, Storm Cat), Lady View Farm	\$3,500	19/5	0/0	0/0	(Guccione, \$55,216)	\$137,899	51	0	0.66	0.99
21	CONTE DI SAVOYA (89, Sovereign Dancer), Three Way Horse Farm	N/A	23/6	0/0	0/0	(Brixton's Conte, \$41,684)	\$132,662	177	1	0.70	0.88
22	GOLDMINERS GOLD (93, Crafty Prospector), Southern Illinois Stud	\$1,000	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Gold Prospect, \$25,561)	\$129,419	86	1	1.09	1.29
23	MARTE (95, Strawberry Road)	Died, 2006	21/9	0/0	0/0	(Fearless Morgan, \$24,994)	\$122,291	49	0	0.55	0.60
24	ALLEN CHARGE (89, Capote), Lindenwood Farm	N/A	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Stolen Waters, \$24,506)	\$120,549	61	3	0.76	0.85
25	Z Z CAT (93, Storm Cat)	N/A	8/7	0/0	0/0	(Marikitten, \$50,100)	\$114,978	105	3	0.65	1.11

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In New York she keeps about five mares at Empire Stud, near Hudson; and in Central Kentucky, she has 10-12 mares at Frank Justice's Dell Ridge Farm.

"She's a great woman who really cares for her horses," said Bertrand deBrevend, farm manager of Empire Stud. "She is very knowledgeable. We talk about once a month—we talk about everything—we have a great relationship. I really enjoy our conversations."

One of her mares in New York is Zambezi Belle, who is the dam of New York-bred stakes winner Law Enforcement. The son of Posse hit the board last summer in the Van Raalte Stakes at Saratoga and has earned \$243,185 under Hennig's training.

Zambezi Belle is an 11-year-old daughter of



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"She's in foal to Discreet Cat, so she'll have a New York-bred foal soon, and we're very excited about that," said deBrevend.

Des Ryan, the farm manger at Dell Ridge Farm, has known Casby for about seven years.

"She's a breed-to-race person; she's part of a dwindling breed," Ryan said. "I admire her a lot; she's stuck by her guns and stuck by her program when a lot of other people have gone commercial. She is a great patron of the racing game."

"She's very understanding, very practical, and really loves her horses," he said. "She's not into cosmetics; she wants racehorses. And when horses comes to the end of their careers, she does a great job finding them a good home. Her horses are her family."

Ryan noted his client knows Thoroughbred pedigrees, and that is a hobby for Casby.

"I love working on pedigrees; it's like working a puzzle and the end result is a good racehorse," she said. "I used to work with David Miller from Star of the North Bloodstock. We've basically argued, yelled, and screamed at each other a whole bunch. He's a great friend."

According to Ryan, an up-and-comer in Casby's program is her Kentucky-bred Tire Kicker. A 3-year-old by More Than Ready, out of the Storm Bird mare London Be Good, Tire Kicker broke his maiden at first asking at Belmont Park Oct. 9, then ran fifth in the Nashua Stakes (gr.III). The colt is in training at Payson Park in south Florida with Hennig and ran unplaced while hemmed in along the hedge in an entry-level allowance race going 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles on the grass Jan. 16 at Gulfstream Park.

"I like to take a more conservative approach," Casby said. "I'm in it for the long haul. The races I'd like to win are races like the Arlington Million (gr. IT) and the Sword Dancer (gr. IT). I prefer running long on the grass than in dirt races."

"I breed for grass and distance, but it's hard to find stallions with pedigrees outside of the top-level farms."

Hennig met Casby while he was training Tomorrows Cat.

"She's a perfect owner," he said. "She's one of the most patient owners you could have; she definitely has the horses' best interest at heart. Sometimes you might get some pressure from an owner, but she's unique in that the horses always come first."

"She doesn't like to travel much, so I talk with her on the phone once or twice a week," he said. "She's optimistic, yet realistic. She doesn't over-hype her horses. She wants the truth, and she can handle the truth."

Built on mutual respect, it is a good working relationship between owner and trainer.

"I get to hear a lot of things most owners probably don't get a chance to hear," she said of her relationship and conversations with Hennig.

"Mark is very down to earth, he's great to work with, and is

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Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2009 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2008 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Belair Farm	\$2,000	106/66	1/1	1/1	(Field Commission, \$218,869)	\$2,089,326	290	14	1.34	1.15
2	THE DEPUTY (IRE) (97, Petardia), Hubel Farms	\$2,000	80/40	1/2	0/1	(Ruffaroundtheedges, \$137,820)	\$871,070	160	4	0.61	1.02
3	SYNCLINE (97, Danzig), McMaster Farm	\$1,500	34/13	1/4	0/1	(Sugar Bay, \$528,359)	\$842,610	64	1	1.05	0.99
4	DEMALOOT DEMASHOOT (90, Bold Ruckus), McMaster Farm	\$2,500	66/28	1/3	1/1	(Valley Loot, \$140,043)	\$652,955	284	9	0.97	1.10
5	MEADOW PRAYER (95, Meadowlake), Arnold Farms	\$1,500	23/14	4/4	3/4	(Bucky's Prayer, \$94,575)	\$481,851	60	6	1.25	0.78
6	MATCHLITE (83, Clever Trick)	Died	27/15	2/2	2/2	(It's a Ego Thing, \$75,581)	\$388,395	241	19	0.92	0.89
7	NATIVE FACTOR (87, Foolish Pleasure), Arnold Farms	\$2,500	37/25	0/0	0/0	(Dublin Dutchess, \$46,080)	\$370,767	156	6	0.77	0.76
8	EQUALITY (99, Mt. Livermore), Dickinson Farms	\$1,500	21/14	3/3	3/3	(Bipolar Express, \$103,200)	\$356,804	48	4	1.12	0.85
9	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS (94, Sky Classic), Stonewood Farm	\$2,500	19/14	1/1	1/1	(Hot Chili, \$59,987)	\$280,491	42	2	1.16	0.92
10	ELUSIVE HOUR (00, Elusive Quality)	N/A	9/9	1/3	1/1	(Mr. Conclusive, \$123,052)	\$231,632	16	1	1.27	0.61
11	QUIET ENJOYMENT (89, Ogygian), Howard Farms	N/A	30/12	0/0	0/0	(Pennys Quietaurora, \$44,149)	\$207,332	112	4	0.79	0.72
12	SEA LEGS (94, Real Courage)	Died	8/6	1/2	1/1	(Wave Pool, \$107,456)	\$178,115	15	1	0.75	0.82
13	CREATIVE (96, Forty Niner), Stonewood Farm	N/A	18/9	1/1	1/1	(Half a Glance, \$38,945)	\$159,477	31	4	1.26	0.87
14	GRAND CIRCUS PARK (88, Apalachee)	Died	18/7	0/0	0/0	(My First Buck, \$46,850)	\$154,550	55	2	0.73	0.79
15	CRIMSON GUARD (92, Danzig)	N/A	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Crimson Bucky, \$64,898)	\$113,641	55	1	0.69	0.94
16	ULISES (91, Temperence Hill), Pass Horse Farm	N/A	11/6	1/1	1/1	(Rockem Sockem, \$44,293)	\$109,531	54	1	0.89	0.54
17	RESEARCH (96, Nureyev), Pleasant Valley Thoroughbreds	N/A	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Sweet Waters Dream, \$18,478)	\$99,558	39	0	0.60	0.88
18	WIND CHILL (83, It's Freezing)	Pnsd	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Guns and Giggles, \$38,605)	\$86,293	28	1	0.86	0.93
19	WHY CHANGE (93, Time for a Change)	Died, 2003	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Excitable Miss, \$45,210)	\$85,656	26	1	0.66	0.70
20	CAT DOCTOR (95, Mountain Cat), Ricardo Mojica & Arnulfo Mercado	N/A	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Call Me Tonight, \$23,535)	\$79,487	32	0	0.39	0.75
21	BINALONG (89, Known Fact), Randy Russell Racing Stable	\$3,000	19/6	0/0	0/0	(Its Binalong Time, \$14,494)	\$62,577	193	3	0.82	1.20
22	ISLAND STORM (94, Island Whirl)	Died, 2007	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Red At Nite, \$22,040)	\$57,375	20	2	1.67	0.50
23	IMPERIAL FALCON (83, Northern Dancer)	Died	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Gentilly Sunrise, \$33,680)	\$53,321	331	9	0.94	1.49
24	TREASURY (95, Deputy Minister), R. Brown	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Glorious Val, \$19,353)	\$48,164	37	0	0.43	0.83
25	GREAT ALLEGIANCE (92, Great Above)	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(El Hannan's Storm, \$15,202)	\$46,391	30	0	0.47	0.89

*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.

very honest. I'm proud to say he doesn't use a lot of the drugs that are out there.

"In Kentucky, I use Pat Huffman. He works out of High Point Training Center, which is good because I have a lot of high-strung fillies," she said. "They have a Polytrack, a regular track, and a gallop on the turf, up and down hills.

"In Minnesota I have Gary Scherer. In all, I have about 25-30 horses in training," Casby said. "I'm happy with all my trainers and you'll notice a trend. They're all from horsemen families and they're all excellent horsemen. It took me a long time to get these three."

Scherer is the trainer of Palm Reader (Miswaki—Dactylogram, by Dactylographer), Casby's homebred winner of the 2007 Minnesota Derby. Scherer is also the trainer of Devil's Libation, a 4-year-old daughter from the last crop of champion Devil's Bag, out of the Marshua's Dancer mare Scotch Final. The filly broke her maiden first-time out last Dec. 7 at Fair Grounds going about a mile on the turf.

"I was happy about that," Casby said. "And the best part is she's a Minn-bred."

As for racing at her local track, Canterbury Downs, Casby has a feeling of "cautious optimism" about the coming year and racing season. "I think they're pretty upbeat," she said. "They've cut some dates and moved the opening of the meet to Preakness weekend instead of Derby weekend. It's smarter to open then because we can still get a lot of snow up here even in April."

Casby has good reason to look toward April. She is the first to admit that she had a "hard" December. She said all of her runners either "bled, flipped their palate, or got injured.

"It's a roller-coaster business," she said. "Good luck can come in bunches. It's not that we're doing anything wrong. People on either end of the horse are optimists. But I also try to be a realist...it's too easy to go broke. I love horses, but it's still a business. It's hard to survive if you're losing money. You won't stay around long.

"I put a great deal of effort and work into this, and I've been lucky with the people I've been working with." ☐

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