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BY LENNY SHULMAN

Rob Ry Farm's Bob Haynes gets rewarded with Heros Reward

After brief stints as a jockey agent and as an aspiring trainer, Bob Haynes has found his niche in the Thoroughbred business as an owner, certified by the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, which named his Rob Ry Farm as the state's owner of the year for 2008.

Haynes, 54, a native of Olney, Md., is a lifelong resident of the state and in his youth was attracted to racing's gambling aspect. "I grew up closest to Laurel Park, and it got in my blood," said Haynes.

Haynes owns East Coast Productions, a national professional fund-raising firm for police and firefighters, and also has a real estate company, Robert Michael Haynes Realty, which deals in both commercial and residential properties. Haynes and his wife, Donna, have two sons, Robert and Ryan, for whom his stable is named. His office manager at East Coast Productions is Jayne Marie Slysz, a former jockey who also partners with Haynes in his racehorses.

Haynes claimed his first horse, the hard-knocking plater Key to Riches, in the early 1980s. He remained in the claiming game with his trainer of 18 years, William H. Wolfendale III, until one day when Haynes' accountant approached him with balance sheet in hand and said, "Look, I think it's time for you to get out of the horse game." Instead of finding a new accountant, Haynes bowed out of the business for a number of years, but the itch to get back in eventually won out.

"I'd say he was out of the business for 10 years or so," said Slysz, whom Haynes offered a job to after she was too injured to continue riding horses. "One day Bob decided to get a horse, and I went in on it, and since then we've been partners on every horse. We've had a real good run."

After employing a number of trainers, Haynes decided it would be easier to become a trainer than to continue dealing with various ones. He approached conditioner Dale Capuano, whom he had known, and told him he wanted to go to work for him for free in order to learn how to become a trainer himself. Capuano agreed, and for a couple of months Haynes was at the barn working at the break of dawn. Then, early one morning, he placed a call to Capuano.

"I'm out of my mind for doing this," Haynes told Capuano. "I'm going back to bed, so



Rob Ry Farm owner Bob Haynes

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1	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	104/58	6/9	5/6	(Dagnabit, \$242,814)	\$3,282,147	189	9	1.74	1.38
2	GOLDEN MISSILE (95, A.P. Indy), Milfer Farm	\$7,500	180/86	5/11	1/5	(Going Wild, \$155,020)	\$2,964,540	399	10	1.13	1.90
3	CHIEF SEATTLE (97, Seattle Slew), Empire Stud	\$5,000	153/86	2/6	0/2	(Bold Chieftain, \$362,552)	\$2,822,234	*294	9	1.22	1.39
4	ELTISH (92, Cox's Ridge), Keane Stud Operations	\$3,500	88/53	2/3	1/2	(Shes All Eltish, \$265,780)	\$2,052,042	230	12	1.26	1.42
5	WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Highcliff Farm	\$5,000	92/47	1/2	0/1	(I Lost My Choo, \$274,550)	\$1,938,329	238	4	1.26	1.31
6	HOOK AND LADDER (97, Dixieland Band), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	69/34	5/6	4/5	(Big Truck, \$252,682)	\$1,858,694	97	6	1.57	1.58
7	DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer), Keane Stud Operations	\$5,000	68/43	3/6	1/3	(La Chica Rica, \$233,526)	\$1,855,822	120	6	1.62	1.23
8	KING CUGAT (97, Kingmambo), Questroyal at Dutchess Views Farm	\$3,500	78/41	3/4	0/3	(Seaside Retreat, \$548,288)	\$1,831,526	*340	7	1.34	1.19
9	REGAL CLASSIC (85, Vice Regent)	Pnsd	98/49	3/3	3/3	(Classic Pack, \$102,675)	\$1,686,137	*938	44	1.44	1.56
10	WHEELAWAY (97, Unbridled), McMahon of Saratoga	\$3,000	89/46	3/3	3/3	(Doc N Roll, \$146,865)	\$1,677,902	168	4	0.98	1.22
11	GOLD TOKEN (93, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2006	80/43	1/1	1/1	(Critical Cathy, \$94,230)	\$1,528,831	*252	6	1.37	1.15
12	AMERICAN CHANCE (89, Cure the Blues)	Died, 2004	59/36	1/3	1/1	(Mor Chances, \$152,416)	\$1,414,194	*409	30	1.51	1.29
13	PRIME TIMBER (96, Sultry Song), Sez Who Thoroughbreds North	\$3,000	75/37	2/3	0/2	(Premium Wine, \$117,350)	\$1,337,065	127	4	1.25	1.40
14	A. P. JET (89, Fappiano), Sugar Maple Farm	\$5,000	89/38	1/1	1/1	(Reyana's Jet, \$133,033)	\$1,238,527	428	13	1.15	1.33
15	SMOOTH JAZZ (99, Storm Boot), Buckridge Farm	\$3,000	38/21	1/3	0/1	(Smooth Air, \$661,700)	\$1,211,481	68	1	1.64	1.13
16	OUTOFTHEBOX (98, Montbrook), Sez Who Thoroughbreds North	\$2,500	87/47	2/3	0/2	(Hypocrite, \$135,085)	\$1,193,895	172	3	0.72	1.50
17	JADE HUNTER (84, Mr. Prospector), Questroyal at Dutchess Views Farm	\$5,000	79/45	3/3	1/3	(Global Hunter, \$135,765)	\$1,164,910	*911	44	1.42	1.64
18	RAFFIE'S MAJESTY (95, Cormorant), Sugar Maple Farm	\$3,000	31/16	5/6	5/5	(Stud Muffin, \$294,549)	\$1,079,993	93	9	1.73	1.13
19	RIZZI (91, Afleet), Sez Who Thoroughbreds North	\$2,000	64/34	1/1	1/1	(Ahvee's Destiny, \$139,010)	\$1,009,242	*351	17	1.25	1.27
20	PHONE TRICK (82, Clever Trick)	Died, 2005	80/37	0/0	0/0	(Strummer, \$120,082)	\$994,360	*1111	52	1.52	1.52
21	CRUSADER SWORD (85, Damascus), Foggy Bottom Farm	N/A	14/3	1/4	0/1	(Tin Cup Chalice, \$827,280)	\$867,965	*423	16	1.20	1.44
22	TAKE ME OUT (88, Cure the Blues), Milfer Farm	\$3,500	52/30	1/1	0/1	(Kemp, \$91,972)	\$837,678	376	18	1.18	1.15
23	MAYAKOVSKY (99, Matty G), Mill Creek Farm	\$3,000	35/15	1/1	1/1	(Mother Russia, \$179,420)	\$752,366	52	1	1.26	1.40
24	KEY CONTENDER (88, Fit to Fight), Highcliff Farm	\$3,500	30/18	2/4	1/2	(Weathered, \$278,993)	\$734,836	218	3	1.15	1.24
25	TALK IS MONEY (98, Deputy Minister), Highcliff Farm	\$5,000	61/25	0/0	0/0	(Talkforfree, \$132,370)	\$718,153	140	3	0.79	1.94
26	PERFORMING MAGIC (97, Gone West), Sugar Maple Farm	\$5,000	26/15	2/3	2/2	(Trinity Magic, \$158,040)	\$700,179	42	2	1.19	1.19
27	SMOKIN MEL (94, Phone Order)	Died, 2008	21/16	0/0	0/0	(Smokin Sarah, \$86,440)	\$635,637	39	0	1.32	1.10
28	DESERT WARRIOR (00, Deputy Minister), McMahon of Saratoga	\$2,500	43/23	0/0	0/0	(Desert Scents, \$74,180)	\$620,518	*81	0	0.88	0.96
29	PERSONAL FLAG (83, Private Account)	Died, 2005	33/15	2/2	1/2	(Borrowing Base, \$170,902)	\$572,628	*659	38	1.43	1.49
30	† READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	24/11	1/1	1/1	(Forty Thieves, \$146,893)	\$561,213	50	1	1.47	1.19
31	SAY FLORIDA SANDY (94, Personal Flag), Buckridge Farm	\$3,000	30/14	0/0	0/0	(Say It With a Kiss, \$81,320)	\$407,184	69	1	0.79	1.28
32	FAST PLAY (86, Seattle Slew), Questroyal at Dutchess Views Farm	\$2,500	35/17	0/0	0/0	(Perfectly Played, \$68,400)	\$399,461	*390	18	1.22	1.44
33	DISTINCTIVE PRO (79, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2005	33/11	0/0	0/0	(Commissioner Chris, \$81,624)	\$350,658	*754	44	1.69	1.49
34	DAVID (96, Mt. Livermore)	Died, 2004	18/12	0/0	0/0	(Bob's Dylan, \$82,453)	\$343,710	40	1	1.11	1.50
35	WELL NOTED (95, Notebook), Monhill Farm	\$3,000	24/9	0/0	0/0	(Abby Morgan, \$69,807)	\$324,776	*49	0	0.70	1.18
36	MILLIONS (96, Dehere)	N/A	19/10	0/0	0/0	(Cathedral Lodge, \$41,530)	\$284,530	52	0	0.90	1.09
37	BADGE (96, Air Forbes Won), Foggy Bottom Farm	\$4,000	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Heathersdaddysbaby, \$107,180)	\$282,809	58	0	1.20	0.69
38	ADIOS MY FRIEND (98, Maria's Mon)	N/A	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Roll the Di, \$131,434)	\$264,000	24	0	0.90	1.16
39	CARRY MY COLORS (96, Roanoke)	N/A	14/3	0/0	0/0	(Aly's Colors, \$83,486)	\$257,792	41	0	0.92	0.40
40	DIXIE BRASS (89, Dixieland Band)	Died, 2002	18/9	1/1	0/1	(Watralouthernure, \$50,743)	\$209,340	407	36	1.66	1.24
41	KETTLE WON (96, Colonial Affair)	N/A	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Kettle Two, \$58,223)	\$199,945	19	0	0.78	1.14
42	RADIO STAR (97, Storm Cat)	Died, 2003	18/9	0/0	0/0	(Chelsea's Havoc, \$43,560)	\$188,394	67	0	0.65	1.03
43	DEPUTY CAT (98, Deputy Minister)	N/A	12/6	0/0	0/0	(Kitty Nip, \$85,580)	\$180,041	26	0	0.77	0.84
44	COMEONMOM (96, Jolie's Halo), The Reading Farm	\$3,000	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Maraquero, \$45,774)	\$178,495	34	1	1.28	0.92
45	SCARLET IBIS (86, Cormorant)	Pnsd	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Taking the Redeye, \$84,350)	\$165,067	298	9	1.06	1.20
46	ADONIS (96, Kris S.), Fever Stallions	\$1,500	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Justin P, \$47,247)	\$159,776	71	0	0.96	0.75
47	NORTHERN SPUR (IRE) (91, Sadler's Wells), Dutchess Views Farm/ Metropolitan Stud	\$3,000	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Burrowing Owl, \$31,920)	\$153,331	79	3	1.34	1.24
48	† ANASHEED (00, A.P. Indy), Questroyal at Dutchess Views Farm	\$3,500	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Garter Belt, \$59,000)	\$147,754	25	0	0.61	1.26
49	PERUVIAN (92, Conquistador Cielo), McMahon of Saratoga	\$1,000	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Flashbulb Breeze, \$43,687)	\$137,746	71	1	0.81	0.84
50	KING'S GRANT (95, Vice Regent)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Evermon, \$46,905)	\$135,505	29	1	0.97	1.59
51	THUNDER RUMBLE (89, Thunder Puddles)	Pnsd	6/1	1/2	1/1	(Frisky Thunder, \$99,960)	\$133,343	121	1	0.92	1.13
52	MANLOVE (87, Mr. Prospector), Foggy Bottom Farm	Died, 2008	15/6	0/0	0/0	(Skeeter Girl, \$31,492)	\$117,527	179	4	1.05	0.99
53	AMERICAN STANDARD (80, In Reality)	N/A	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Karakorum Ella, \$40,763)	\$115,281	*301	13	1.11	1.18
54	† ROARING FEVER (00, Storm Cat), Questroyal at Dutchess Views Farm	\$5,000	15/3	0/0	0/0	(My Reflection, \$21,922)	\$114,194	43	0	0.46	1.01
55	TANK'S NUMBER (89, Tank's Prospect)	Died	4/4	0/0	0/0	(Factual Number, \$75,734)	\$112,990	74	0	0.98	1.11
56	GRIFFINITE (98, Unbridled's Song), Walnut Farms	\$4,000	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Coastal Drive, \$71,180)	\$107,577	26	0	1.71	0.87
57	WATCH THE BIRD (95, Rahy), Golden Crest Ranch	\$3,000	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Bird of Play, \$80,436)	\$105,958	26	0	0.52	0.54
58	THUNDER PUDDLES (79, Speak John)	Pnsd	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Factual Contender, \$44,855)	\$105,532	*284	9	1.31	1.20
59	POLISH PRO (93, Mr. Prospector), Milfer Farm	\$1,000	16/4	0/0	0/0	(Truly Pro, \$23,490)	\$101,282	*154	3	0.83	0.94
60	OMMADON (98, Grindstone), Quiet Woman Farm	\$3,000	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Ommadon's Frenzy, \$71,154)	\$100,038	10	0	0.86	1.02
61	COZY DRIVE (92, Cozzene)	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Cozy Fannie, \$37,070)	\$96,875	69	0	0.52	0.83
62	ARISTOTLE (96, Two Punch), Fever Stallions	N/A	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Smart Thinker, \$28,437)	\$93,735	31	0	0.70	0.87
63	MIGHTY MAGEE (92, Cormorant)	Died, 2008	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Mac Stylish, \$30,259)	\$80,206	74	1	0.84	1.28
64	SATELLITE SUN (96, Seattle Slew)	N/A	14/3	0/0	0/0	(Lunar Chip, \$25,655)	\$71,904	41	0	0.50	0.89
65	LEGION FIELD (97, Seattle Slew)	N/A	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Lagniappe, \$21,456)	\$62,180	31	0	0.32	0.59

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"Yeah, he was wise enough to decide against that one," said Capuano. "In the afternoon it looks like a glorious job, at least when you're winning."

Haynes and Capuano, who teamed up in 2005, have enjoyed a significant amount of success together, sending out four stakes winners that have combined to take down eight added-money contests.

"You have to have some luck," Capuano noted. "But Bob lets me do what I need to do; he lets me do my thing. People who have the most success usually operate that way. He's very easy to train for, and he's willing to take chances. Not all of the horses we

2008 New York Sires By Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Golden Missile	180	86
Chief Seattle.....	153	86
Freud	104	58
Eltish.....	88	53
Regal Classic.....	98	49
Western Expression.....	92	47
Outofthebox.....	87	47
Wheelaway.....	89	46
Jade Hunter.....	79	45
Gold Token.....	80	43
Disco Rico.....	68	43
King Cugat.....	78	41
A. P. Jet.....	89	38
Phone Trick.....	80	37
Prime Timber.....	75	37
American Chance.....	59	36

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Damsire a leading son of Northern Dancer

Won 8 races

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1	NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	\$25,000	202/126	14/20	9/14	(Cuba, \$393,180)	\$6,424,787	625	53	1.85	1.50
2	OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Maryland Stallion Station	\$6,500	133/83	7/12	3/7	(Bayou's Lassie, \$237,653)	\$3,816,993	357	17	1.46	1.17
3	LION HEARTED (96, Storm Cat), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,500	157/90	3/3	1/3	(Control System, \$176,534)	\$3,273,834	302	9	1.30	1.34
4	LOUIS QUATORZE (93, Sovereign Dancer), Murrur Farm	\$6,000	146/72	1/2	1/1	(Sweet Goodbye, \$177,221)	\$2,383,602	*742	17	1.21	1.48
5	TWO PUNCH (83, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	N/A	125/60	2/2	2/2	(Reata's Quik Punch, \$103,196)	\$2,035,582	*918	52	1.50	1.46

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1	CAT THIEF (96, Storm Cat), Penn Ridge Farms	\$6,000	169/101	5/7	0/5	(Swing That Cat, \$221,259)	\$3,573,198	*330	11	1.26	1.84
2	PARTNER'S HERO (94, Danzig), Northview, PA	\$2,500	117/60	3/5	2/3	(Heros Reward, \$367,600)	\$2,879,809	322	15	1.34	1.45
3	REAL QUIET (95, Quiet American), Penn Ridge Farms	\$7,500	111/47	3/3	0/3	(Midnight Lute, \$1,080,000)	\$2,631,208	*406	12	1.26	1.31
4	ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	104/55	1/2	0/1	(Albertus Maximus, \$711,380)	\$2,291,723	*199	4	1.35	1.23
5	BUDDHA (99, Unbridled's Song), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	187/83	1/1	1/1	(Miss Buddhafull, \$107,197)	\$2,179,845	*358	3	0.67	1.55
6	LITE THE FUSE (91, Buckaroo), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	100/55	2/3	1/2	(Sudsy Baby, \$166,163)	\$2,101,534	408	22	1.37	1.24
7	SIPHON (BRZ) (91, Itajara), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$5,000	93/45	2/5	0/2	(Z Fortune, \$362,750)	\$2,078,760	*478	13	1.04	1.66
8	SNOW RIDGE (98, Tabasco Cat), Regal Heir Farm	\$5,000	89/51	2/2	1/2	(Bebob, \$116,360)	\$1,770,735	158	4	1.17	1.33
9	DELAWARE TOWNSHIP (96, Notebook), Penn Ridge Farms	\$4,000	102/47	3/4	1/3	(Victorina, \$106,642)	\$1,766,108	182	5	1.22	1.34
10	WHEATON (90, Alydar)	Died, 2006	60/36	3/6	2/3	(Russell Road, \$202,530)	\$1,565,491	306	14	1.29	1.06

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claim turn out well, but when they don't, he's willing to drop them down and hope to find one that's going to be better."

One of those better ones is undoubtedly Heros Reward, a gelded son of Partner's Hero, claimed by Capuano for \$20,000 for Rob Ry April 13, 2006. The date stood out to Haynes for another reason.

"That was the day my father died years before," he said. "I went down to the paddock to look at the horse that day, and he was a strong, good-looking horse, so I set aside my personal feelings and we claimed him."

Wise move. In 2007, after reeling off a pair of wins at Gulfstream Park, Heros Reward took an allowance/optional claiming tilt at Pimlico, then came back and won the Baltimore City Turf Sprint Stakes at that Maryland oval in May. After runner-up efforts in the Scotts Highlander Stakes (Can-IIT) at Woodbine in June and the Turf Monster Handicap at Philadelphia Park in September, Heros Reward returned to Woodbine and won the Nearctic Stakes (Can-IIT), earning \$310,620 for Rob Ry and Slys. Heros Reward continued his winning ways in 2008 with victories in the Scotts Highlander, the Old Mutual Turf Sprint Stakes at Pimlico, and the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Handicap at Penn National. He ended his 6-year-old campaign with a fifth-place finish in the inaugural Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Santa Anita.

"He didn't have much shot coming down the hill from the one-post," Capuano said. "But he ran very well."

Heros Reward, after some R&R at Summer Wind Farm near Frederick, Md., is at Gulfstream with Capuano and pointing for an April 2009 debut at Calder Race



Hayne's racing partner, Jayne Marie Slys

2008 Pennsylvania Sires By Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Cat Thief.....	169.....	101
Buddha.....	187.....	83
Partner's Hero.....	117.....	60
Albert the Great.....	104.....	55
Lite the Fuse.....	100.....	55
Snow Ridge.....	89.....	51
Real Quiet.....	111.....	47
Delaware Township.....	102.....	47
Siphon (BRZ).....	93.....	45
Trust N Luck.....	76.....	41
Wiseman's Ferry.....	73.....	41

2008 Maryland Sires By Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Not For Love.....	202.....	126
Lion Hearted.....	157.....	90
Outflanker.....	133.....	83
Louis Quatorze.....	146.....	72
Two Punch.....	125.....	60
Allen's Prospect.....	90.....	46
Mojave Moon.....	84.....	43
Eastern Echo.....	65.....	29
Yarrow Brae.....	50.....	29
Crowd Pleaser.....	46.....	27
Go for Gin.....	61.....	22
Crypto Star.....	52.....	22

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SIRE	YOB	HIS SIRE	1st	LOC	Rnr	A	Index	B	Index	C	Index	ABC	Index
NOT FOR LOVE	1990	Mr. Prospector	1997	MD	1,192	52	2.18	58	2.43	94	1.97	204	2.14
Smart Strike	1992	Mr. Prospector	1998	KY	1,113	78	3.50	45	2.02	78	1.75	201	2.26
Distorted Humor	1993	Forty Niner	2000	KY	1,023	63	3.08	45	2.20	86	2.10	194	2.37
Langfuhr	1992	Danzig	1999	KY	1,313	61	2.32	39	1.49	93	1.77	193	1.84
Pivotal	1993	Polar Falcon	1998	GB	934	54	2.89	41	2.19	83	2.22	178	2.38
Unbridled's Song	1993	Unbridled	1998	KY	1,113	65	2.92	37	1.66	75	1.68	177	1.99
Tale of the Cat	1994	Storm Cat	2000	KY	1,314	48	1.83	41	1.56	87	1.66	176	1.67
Dance in the Dark	1993	Sunday Silence	1998	JP	1,765	49	1.39	32	0.91	93	1.32	174	1.23
Fuji Kiseki	1992	Sunday Silence	1996	JP	1,517	54	1.78	31	1.02	87	1.43	172	1.42
Grand Slam	1995	Gone West	2000	KY	1,426	42	1.47	50	1.75	78	1.37	170	1.49
Smoke Glacken	1994	Two Punch	1999	KY	1,066	40	1.88	27	1.27	88	2.06	155	1.82
Danehill Dancer	1993	Danehill	1999	IRE	1,202	60	2.50	36	1.50	58	1.21	154	1.60
Forest Wildcat	1991	Storm Cat	1998	Dead	1,192	43	1.80	34	1.43	74	1.55	151	1.58
Giant's Causeway	1997	Storm Cat	2002	KY	970	54	2.78	38	1.96	58	1.49	150	1.93
French Deputy	1992	Deputy Minister	1997	JP	1,232	35	1.42	37	1.50	73	1.48	145	1.47
Mr. Greeley	1992	Gone West	1997	KY	1,337	44	1.65	35	1.31	65	1.22	144	1.35
Sakura Bakushin O	1989	Sakura Yutaka o	1996	JP	1,404	31	1.10	43	1.53	69	1.23	143	1.27
Stormy Atlantic	1994	Storm Cat	2000	KY	1,072	51	2.38	31	1.45	60	1.40	142	1.66
Singspiel	1992	in the Wings	1999	GB	876	41	2.34	40	2.28	59	1.68	140	2.00
Pulpit	1994	A.P. Indy	1999	KY	856	41	2.39	38	2.22	60	1.75	139	2.03
Holy Bull	1991	Great Above	1996	KY	1,042	35	1.68	26	1.25	77	1.85	138	1.66
Awesome Again	1994	Deputy Minister	2000	KY	789	48	3.04	34	2.15	55	1.74	137	2.17

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1	TWO SMART (94, Two Punch)	Died	15/9	1/3	0/1	(Researcher, \$215,670)	\$423,988	34	2	1.01	0.87
2	HAY HALO (84, Halo), Avonlea Farm	N/A	25/10	0/0	0/0	(Shannon H, \$74,890)	\$330,527	*307	13	1.14	1.11
3	MINER'S MARK (90, Mr. Prospector)	Pnsd	25/6	0/0	0/0	(Cosalinda, \$65,620)	\$233,741	*306	10	1.08	1.37
4	ROCK POINT (86, Believe It)	N/A	7/4	2/2	0/2	(Class Shadow, \$88,068)	\$172,754	219	7	0.64	0.92
5	SECRET HELLO (87, Private Account)	Died, 2002	14/2	0/0	0/0	(Sonotas Secret, \$26,810)	\$82,182	*295	20	1.11	1.27
6	AARON'S GOLD (90, Slew o' Gold), Mortgage Hall Farm - Mrs. Calvin E. Rofe	\$1,000	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Ask the Price, \$41,820)	\$75,965	64	0	0.45	0.96
7	PLEASANT DANCER (91, Pleasant Colony)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Melodar, \$49,010)	\$69,200	31	0	0.81	0.68
8	TOM COBBLEY (86, Seattle Slew)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Cobbley's Honor, \$18,970)	\$64,260	68	2	0.80	1.46
9	JAVA ROYAL (91, Java Gold), Mortgage Hall Farm - Mrs. Calvin E. Rofe	\$1,000	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Double Big Gulp, \$17,040)	\$43,840	7	0	0.81	0.34
10	LINKS ADVENTURE (99, Linkage)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Punch Link, \$21,250)	\$40,760	3	0	0.44	0.83

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1	MEADOW MONSTER (91, Meadowlake), O'Sullivan Farms	\$3,000	76/31	1/1	1/1	(Mac N Mayo, \$192,690)	\$1,313,373	284	8	1.05	1.15
2	LUFTIKUS (96, Meadowlake), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$2,500	66/28	1/1	1/1	(Shesagrumpoo, \$127,141)	\$1,104,513	125	4	1.10	1.03
3	PRIZED (86, Kris S.)	N/A	57/31	1/2	1/1	(Brass Hat, \$101,495)	\$1,044,638	*631	24	1.39	1.43
4	HOUSEBUSTER (87, Mt. Livermore)	Died, 2005	84/39	1/2	1/1	(Big Patti, \$74,190)	\$997,676	*717	31	1.39	1.67
5	BLACK TIE AFFAIR (IRE) (86, Miswaki), O'Sullivan Farms	\$5,000	64/20	2/2	0/2	(Evening Attire, \$227,236)	\$900,456	*787	34	1.40	1.53
6	KOKAND (85, Mr. Prospector), Blue Spruce Farm	Pnsd	71/36	0/0	0/0	(Butler, \$62,680)	\$893,114	*445	10	1.00	0.93
7	EASTOVER COURT (91, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2004	34/14	2/6	2/2	(Julie B, \$332,015)	\$889,207	168	6	1.27	0.97
8	WAY WEST (FR) (90, Gone West)	Died, 2006	52/28	0/0	0/0	(Westerly Magic, \$80,360)	\$785,795	*325	6	1.00	0.86
9	MAKIN (90, Danzig)	N/A	62/20	0/0	0/0	(Fax Amatic, \$55,740)	\$629,368	176	3	0.82	0.74
10	CIVILISATION (98, Gone West), Naylee Farm	\$3,500	52/25	0/0	0/0	(Blackhossnamdwhity, \$65,003)	\$625,041	107	0	0.61	0.76

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Course. He has 10 victories in 28 starts and has earned \$911,216 to date.

"The past two years we've shipped him from the cold weather to Florida and run him right away, but this year we've changed it up and we're going to have him train at Gulfstream in the hot weather and just ship him crosstown," noted Haynes. "We're trying to make it easier on the horse."

The other current Rob Ry star is Ryan's for Real, whom Haynes purchased privately last year from trainer John Alecci, who had claimed him for \$25,000 in 2006. The gelded son of Sword Dance, now 6, was stakes-placed three times for Alecci in 2007, including thirds in the General George Breeders' Cup Handicap (gr. II), the William Donald Schaefer Handicap (gr. III), and the Ack Ack Handicap (gr. III). Rob Ry first ran him in the grade I Carter Handicap, where he was unplaced, and then shipped him to Hawthorne, where Ryan's for Real broke through for his first stakes victory in the Bill Hartack Memorial Handicap (gr. III).

"I didn't buy him because he has the same name as one of my sons," said Haynes. "He fit all the patterns I was looking for, but still I wondered if I was doing this for the right reason, so it took me three months to do it. It was just a bonus he has the same name.



Trainer Dale Capuano

He defeated Fairbanks in the Hartack, who's a nice horse, then I ran him in the Pimlico Special (gr. I) over a sloppy track, and I'll take the blame for that. I had illusions of grandeur, and he hurt his ankle in that race, so we took a chip out, gave him time, and we're readying a comeback in the General George in February." Ryan's for Real has earned \$331,805 to date.

Haynes, who buys horses privately and at sales as well as claiming them, said he and Capuano huddle up to discuss potential claims. He also credits Ragozin sheets head Len Friedman for his advice concerning running Ryan's for Real in the Hartack.

"I let the professionals do their job," Haynes stated. "Too often people who have made money in outside businesses want to interject their opinions in the horse business because they're the ones signing the checks, and that's usually fatal."

Two other claims have also worked out well for the Rob Ry operation, resulting in stakes victories. Little Thunder, also by Sword Dance, was plucked out of a maiden claiming affair in October 2005. Counting the race from which he was claimed, Little Thunder put together a four-race win streak, finished second once, came back to win again, and then took down the Artax Handicap at Gulfstream in 2006, besting Nightmare Affair and Gygiatar. Little Thunder went on

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1	DEFRERE (92, Deputy Minister), Walnford Stud	\$6,000	91/45	3/3	2/3	(Open Skies, \$128,500)	\$1,891,913	*406	20	1.33	1.24
2	UNBRIDLED JET (96, Unbridled), Sleeter Farm	\$4,000	67/32	2/5	1/2	(Jet Away Jane, \$240,340)	\$1,385,357	*202	7	1.17	1.23
3	CRAFTY FRIEND (93, Crafty Prospector), Walnford Stud	\$6,000	74/40	2/3	0/2	(Ever a Friend, \$242,100)	\$1,272,584	293	9	1.03	1.22
4	PRIVATE INTERVIEW (92, Nureyev), Colonial Farms	\$2,500	54/25	1/1	0/1	(Nondo, \$86,886)	\$910,387	182	4	1.16	1.32
5	EVENING KRIS (85, Kris S.)	Died	23/11	0/0	0/0	(Kaufman, \$119,615)	\$637,229	141	3	1.36	1.11

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2008 New Jersey Sires By Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Defrere	91	45
Crafty Friend.....	74	40
Unbridled Jet.....	67	32
Private Interview	54	25
Mr. Nugget.....	27	11
Evening Kris.....	23	11
Sailor's Warning	11	8

2008 New York Sires By Stakes Winners

Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Freud	6	9
Golden Missile	5	11
Hook and Ladder	5	6
Raffie's Majesty	5	6
Disco Rico.....	3	6
King Cugat	3	4
Jade Hunter.....	3	3
Regal Classic	3	3
Wheelaway.....	3	3



Ryan's for Real is being pointed toward a start in Laurel Park's General George

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to earn more than \$200,000.

At the end of 2004, Rob Ry paid \$25,000 for Due, a gelding by Rinka Das. Due went on to win the Maryland Million Classic Stakes at Laurel in 2006 and placed in two other stakes. He retired with lifetime earnings of \$359,160.

"Due and Little Thunder are at Summer Wind Farm, where they will be cared for the rest of their lives," said Haynes, "as will Heros Reward and Ryan's for Real, when they are retired."

"Bob is pretty amazing; the first thing he always asks is, 'what's right for the horse?' It makes our job super easy," said Laurie Calhoun, who owns and operates Summer Wind Farm with her husband, Jerry. "He does so many things for the horses and for other people that he doesn't talk about."

Haynes has begun dabbling in breeding as well. He has purchased two half-sisters to Heros Reward who are boarded at Summer Wind. One, For Fun, is in foal to Langfuhr. The other, Circumstantial, will be bred this year.

Haynes is particularly proud of one other recent retiree to Summer Wind, Wooden

Stone, whom he claimed in 2005.

"I claimed him for \$28,000, had him about three years, and he grossed about \$250,000 for me the hard way," said Haynes. "He ran last Oct. 31 and won in \$20,000 company on the turf, and I told Dale that was going to be Wooden Stone's last race. I feel so great about it. He just turned 10. How many \$25,000 claimers who won their last race, and are 100% sound, get retired? Not too many. He has nothing else to prove and he went out a winner. I was so thankful. It was like winning the Nearctic; I was just as happy. I didn't get the same money, but I was so proud."

"Also, in the paddock before that race, I heard about an usher who was retiring that day after 54 years of working at Laurel Park. I went to him before the race and told him that if we get lucky enough to win, I'd be honored if he'd come down to the winner's circle to be in the picture. And there he was—74 years old. Those are the kind of stories I love."

Haynes is quick to credit all those who have contributed to the barn's success. When he was presented with the Maryland Owner of the Year award, he invited Capuano's team of grooms, exercise riders,

hotwalkers, and foremen to the event.

"Without them, the show stops," said Haynes. "In my opinion, the award wasn't really about me. It was about everybody, and I talked about that. Another aspect of the operation that is crucial is Summer Wind Farm, run by Laurie and Jerry Calhoun. You can't run these horses like machines. You run them, they get burned out, they have injuries, and they have to be freshened up. You can't run them year 'round. The people at the farm are always behind the scenes. You always see the owner in the winner's circle, but what does it take to get to that point? There has to be a high skill level from those teams."

"And I also have to give credit to my wife and my sons. I take a lot of time away from them to be in this game—looking at race replays, reading the sheets, studying the Form—over 30 years, that's a lot of time. Without them, I wouldn't have been so fortunate."

"I've got 19 horses now, and I'm trying to get down to a reasonable number," Haynes said. "Purses are low and expenses are high. I've done everything I've ever wanted to do in the horse business, thanks to Dale Capuano. If I never win another race, I'm good." 🐾

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