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Trophy Presentation

*Richard Hessee brings Brahms and
The Daddy to Arkansas' Trophy Club*

BY LENNY SHULMAN

WHILE STALLION OWNERS in Thoroughbred breeding hotbeds such as Kentucky and New York compete tooth-and-nail to attract mare owners to their stud horses, sometimes it's nice to be a big fish in a small pond a couple of turns off the beaten path.

So says Richard Hessee, who is happily ensconced with his wife, Frances, at their Trophy Club Training Center near Royal, Ark., a couple of furlongs from the racing action of Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs. They purchased the 160-acre facility in 2009 from longtime trainer Bob Holthus, who for years broke and raised horses on the land that was then known as Kilkerry Farm. After a distinguished career conditioning graded stakes winners such as Lawyer Ron, Pure Clan, Greater Good, Ruby Surprise, and Announce, Holthus died in 2011, leaving a legacy from the land that the Hessees hope to continue.

Richard Hessee has moved toward that goal with a couple of aggressive stallion acquisitions over the past year or so. In late 2011 he brought grade II winner The Daddy to Trophy Club from Brereton Jones' Airdrie Stud near Midway, Ky. This past September, Hessee announced that grade I winner Brahms would also be taking up residence at Trophy Club for the 2013 breeding season. Brahms became the state's leading sire by progeny earnings the moment he stepped



Frances and Richard Hessee at their Trophy Club Training Center near Royal, Ark.; above, a lawn jockey from the facility's former owner, popular trainer Bob Holthus

RENEE TORBIT PHOTOS

2012 Leading Louisiana 2nd Crop Sire
FOUR STAKES HORSES IN HIS FIRST CROP!
HALF OURS

Unbridled's Song-Zing, by Storm Cat
BEGGARTHYNEIGHBOR
 Won Dancing Count S. 6f.
 in 1:09 and change (5-2-1-2,
 \$111,000)

BACKDOOR KENNY Won
 Mountaineer Juvenile S at
 2 (3-2-0-1, \$74,140), etc.

**65% WINNERS FROM
 STARTERS**

2012 2-year-olds selling for
 \$125,000; \$57,000; etc.

Yearlings selling for
 \$60,000, \$54,000, \$35,000,
 \$28,000 etc. in 2012.

2013 Fee: \$3,500 Live Foal, payable September 1st of year bred or
\$4,000 Live Foal, payable when foal stands and nurses
 Nominated to Breeders' Cup Series



Over
\$1.2 Million
 2012 Earnings

GRADED STAKES WINNER at 3 and 4
CUSTOM FOR CARLOS

More Than Ready-Meadow Oaks, by Meadowlake

EARNED TRIPLE DIGIT BEYERS 5 TIMES!

**Won the G3 Jersey Shore Stakes going
 6 f. in 1:08 FLAT!**

On the board in 11 of 15
 starts. Earned \$483,865

By G1SW millionaire
MORE THAN READY, out
 of Meadow Oaks, a stakes
 placed winning daughter of
MEADOWLAKE. Half
 brother to **MIMPS BLING**

**SHARES AVAILABLE
 WITH BONUS
 BREEDING PROGRAM**

2013 Fee: \$3,000 Live Foal, payable September 1st of year bred or
\$3,500 Live Foal, payable when foal stands and nurses
 Nominated to Breeders' Cup Series



First Foals
 Arrive in
 2013

2012 Leading Third Crop Sire of Louisiana-breds
LEADING SIRE OF LOUISIANA-BREDS
HIS 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD CROPS!
LION TAMER

Will's Way-Tippecanoe Creek, by Olympio

Sire of:
**HEAVY ON
 THEMISTER**,

(14-5-4-1 \$282,050) winner of
 the **2012 Louisiana
 Champions Day Classic**
 and the **EVD Mile H.** Set
NTR at EVD (6 f. in 1:08.93)
Southern Dude, (10-5-1-1,
 \$138,867) stakes placed, triple
 digit Beyers in 1st start.

**Yearlings sold at '12 Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana
 Yearling Sale for \$40,000, \$22,000, etc.**

2013 Fee: \$2,000 Live Foal, payable September 1st of year bred or
\$2,500 Live Foal, payable when foal stands and nurses
 Nominated to Breeders' Cup Series



Yearling
 average of \$16,200
 for 5 head
 at W. Monroe

**LEADING ACTIVE SIRE OF LOUISIANA BREDS
 BY EARNINGS 2009, 2010 & 2011**

IDE

Forty Niner-Maytide, by Naskra

\$22 MILLION Progeny Earnings!

Ave/Starter \$56,000
 72% Winners/Starters
 29% 2YO
 Winners/Starters

Sire of
IDEFROMTHEBAYOU,
 set a **NCR** winning the
 '11 Louisiana Showcase
 Starter S., (1:28.90 @7.5
 f. T), 'and
SHEZACRAZYGIRL (4X
 SW \$396,800).

2013 Fee: \$2,000 Live Foal, payable September 1st of year bred or
\$2,500 Live Foal, payable when foal stands and nurses
 Nominated to Breeders' Cup Series



B.J.'s MARK

Sheikh Albadou-Gem's For Julie, by Diamond Prospect



\$44,639 Average/Starter

67% Winners/Starters

15% Stakes Horses

2013 Fee: \$1,000 Live Foal,
 payable September 1st of year bred or
\$1,500 Live Foal,
 payable when foal stands and nurses

OLE REBEL

Carson City-Velvet Tulip, by Valid Appeal



**Multiple SW Sprint Specialist
 TRIPLE DIGIT BEYERS 4 TIMES!**

**A #1 Ranked 3rd-Crop Sire
 By Brisnet.com's Sire Index**

2013 Fee: \$1,000 Live Foal,
 payable September 1st of year bred or
\$1,500 Live Foal,
 payable when foal stands and nurses
 Nominated to Breeders' Cup Series

PORTO FORICOS

Mr. Prosector-Gallanta (FR), by Nuryev



**\$48,052 Average/Starter
 Lifetime Progeny earnings
 nearly \$5.5 million
 AEI 1.23/APEX 1.01**

2013 Fee: \$1,000 Live Foal,
 payable September 1st of year bred or
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2012 LEADING SIRES IN LOUISIANA

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| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB, Sire), Where Stands | 2013 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | Stakes Wnrs/ Wns | GrSW/ Gr1SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings) | Cumulative | | | | |
|------|--|---------------|------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | 2012 Earnings | Foals | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | SONGANDAPRAYER (98, Unbridled's Song), The Stallion Station @ Copper Crowne | \$5,000 | 289/179 | 10/17 | 0/10 | (Reveron, \$280,000) | \$6,180,024 | *739 | 29 | 1.25 | 1.64 |
| 2 | CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Louisiana Stallion Station North | \$7,500 | 143/85 | 9/9 | 3/9 | (Capital Account, \$339,000) | \$3,658,628 | *303 | 14 | 1.28 | 1.29 |
| 3 | D'WILDCAT (98, Forest Wildcat), Louisiana Stallion Station South | \$4,500 | 115/68 | 5/5 | 2/5 | (Promise Me a Cat, \$138,800) | \$2,612,643 | 287 | 11 | 1.47 | 1.35 |
| 4 | YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions | \$5,000 | 118/69 | 1/2 | 1/1 | (Speedacious, \$189,364) | \$2,455,446 | *315 | 16 | 1.39 | 1.32 |
| 5 | LEESTOWN (94, Seattle Slew) | Died, 2008 | 150/72 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Lee's Spirit, \$98,512) | \$2,007,380 | 575 | 18 | 0.86 | 0.98 |
| 6 | TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$3,500 | 129/64 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Regal Strike, \$107,950) | \$1,880,947 | *271 | 8 | 1.02 | 1.13 |
| 7 | GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms | \$2,000 | 74/33 | 4/5 | 3/4 | (Kissimmee Kyle, \$128,032) | \$1,327,046 | *435 | 11 | 1.00 | 1.11 |
| 8 | TETON FOREST (01, Forestry), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$2,500 | 71/39 | 1/2 | 0/1 | (Forest Mouse, \$271,937) | \$1,253,507 | *184 | 3 | 0.88 | 1.05 |
| 9 | HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud, LLC | \$4,000 | 74/48 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Beggarthynneighbor, \$101,330) | \$1,230,236 | *110 | 2 | 0.92 | 1.45 |
| 10 | GOOD AND TOUGH (95, Carson City) | Died, 2012 | 78/39 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Good Law, \$78,720) | \$1,150,128 | *397 | 16 | 1.20 | 1.16 |
| 11 | IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud, LLC | \$2,500 | 89/40 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Idefromthebayou, \$96,306) | \$1,119,500 | 497 | 16 | 1.17 | 1.10 |
| 12 | SUN KING (02, Charismatic), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$3,500 | 69/29 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Fun in D' Sun, \$93,369) | \$1,000,125 | 155 | 0 | 0.77 | 1.09 |
| 13 | CANADIAN FRONTIER (99, Gone West), Le Mesa Stallions | \$2,500 | 51/29 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Tonto Fontenot, \$113,915) | \$831,976 | 138 | 7 | 1.35 | 1.52 |
| 14 | MY FRIEND MAX (92, Danzig) | N/A | 47/26 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Conflict Commander, \$63,722) | \$801,079 | 181 | 10 | 1.08 | 0.92 |
| 15 | RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Louisiana Stallion Station South | \$3,500 | 38/19 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (She Loves Runnin', \$72,932) | \$697,426 | 81 | 6 | 1.55 | 1.10 |
| 16 | SMOOTH JAZZ (99, Storm Boot) | N/A | 33/17 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Smooth Bert, \$104,430) | \$688,924 | 115 | 3 | 1.20 | 1.09 |
| 17 | LION TAMER (00, Will's Way), Clear Creek Stud, LLC | \$2,500 | 45/13 | 1/2 | 0/1 | (Heavy On Themister, \$229,448) | \$686,500 | 63 | 1 | 0.90 | 1.20 |
| 18 | PORTO FORICOS (95, Mr. Prospector), Clear Creek Stud, LLC | \$1,500 | 46/21 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Francesca Del Port, \$58,730) | \$670,071 | 191 | 5 | 1.19 | 1.16 |
| 19 | WILDCAT SHOES (01, Forest Wildcat) | Died, 2009 | 54/21 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Cat Shoes, \$70,679) | \$657,844 | 101 | 2 | 0.84 | 0.97 |
| 20 | K ONE KING (96, Apalachee), Louisiana Stallion Station North | \$1,250 | 54/20 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Misty Lady, \$60,016) | \$632,010 | 153 | 4 | 0.77 | 0.91 |
| 21 | OSIDY (02, Storm Cat), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$2,000 | 48/21 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Osy Posse, \$116,120) | \$628,106 | 91 | 1 | 0.76 | 0.89 |
| 22 | SEFAPIANO (89, Fappiano) | Died, 2010 | 42/18 | 2/2 | 2/2 | (Pretty Not, \$104,300) | \$625,798 | 336 | 23 | 1.31 | 0.93 |
| 23 | SNUCK IN (97, Montbrook), Matthews Thoroughbred Farm | \$1,000 | 48/28 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Witch's Orchard, \$71,235) | \$622,517 | *281 | 5 | 0.90 | 0.95 |
| 24 | RICHTER SCALE (94, Habitony) | N/A | 52/23 | 2/2 | 1/2 | (Suitefriendsofmine, \$84,630) | \$611,873 | 343 | 9 | 0.79 | 1.27 |
| 25 | RAINMAKER (99, Storm Cat), All Star Thoroughbreds | \$2,000 | 45/21 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Im Funny for Money, \$66,250) | \$600,659 | *165 | 0 | 0.59 | 0.83 |
| 26 | MR. LIVINGSTON (97, El Prado) | Died, 2011 | 53/18 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Livingston Street, \$138,153) | \$574,779 | *147 | 1 | 0.61 | 0.97 |
| 27 | BIG TOP CAT (02, Storm Cat) | Died, 2012 | 33/17 | 1/4 | 1/1 | (Top Cat Boogie, \$189,720) | \$540,515 | 69 | 1 | 0.93 | 0.78 |
| 28 | ¶ SALUTE THE SARGE (05, Forest Wildcat), Red River Farms | \$2,500 | 29/13 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Fishin Frank, \$113,760) | \$490,733 | *52 | 1 | 0.95 | 1.39 |
| 29 | TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Heritage Stud LLC | \$1,000 | 40/21 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Yukon Bandit, \$35,619) | \$484,627 | 221 | 3 | 0.86 | 0.93 |
| 30 | SCREEN IDOL (99, Zarbyev) | Died, 2011 | 9/4 | 1/5 | 0/1 | (She's Prado's Idol, \$299,220) | \$467,488 | 10 | 1 | 2.37 | 1.55 |
| 31 | HIGH CASCADE (98, Woodman), Becky Bynum, DVM | \$1,000 | 51/14 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cupid's Hit, \$93,682) | \$449,913 | *139 | 1 | 0.53 | 0.63 |
| 32 | LONE STAR SKY (00, Conquistador Cielo) | N/A | 31/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Ryland T, \$69,324) | \$444,615 | 68 | 1 | 0.97 | 0.90 |
| 33 | RULER'S COURT (01, Doneraile Court), Holly Hill Farm | \$2,000 | 34/17 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Rulers Beauty, \$49,090) | \$436,759 | 79 | 1 | 0.59 | 0.85 |
| 34 | MAUK FOUR (00, Boston Harbor), Jerry Cart Farm | \$1,000 | 19/12 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Midge Four, \$106,136) | \$436,103 | 21 | 0 | 0.97 | 1.00 |
| 35 | ROSSINI (97, Miswaki), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$2,000 | 42/17 | 2/2 | 2/2 | (Sakakawea, \$80,445) | \$430,270 | *446 | 10 | 0.66 | 0.87 |
| 36 | ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev) | N/A | 23/9 | 1/3 | 1/1 | (Ladyzarbridge, \$188,114) | \$419,444 | *307 | 15 | 1.12 | 0.88 |
| 37 | WIRE ME COLLECT (93, Clever Trick), Traders Rest Farm | \$1,500 | 30/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Wire Me Bessie, \$94,812) | \$411,946 | 156 | 4 | 0.79 | 0.75 |
| 38 | ¶ PRIVATE VOW (03, Broken Vow), Red River Farms | \$2,000 | 37/10 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Tiny Bear, \$67,302) | \$385,799 | 62 | 0 | 0.53 | 1.38 |
| 39 | HONOR GLIDE (94, Honor Grades) | Died, 2012 | 25/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Gimme an Inch, \$62,325) | \$376,224 | 158 | 2 | 0.72 | 1.06 |
| 40 | TOOLIGHTQUIT (92, Dixieland Brass) | N/A | 21/12 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (No Rules Now, \$83,530) | \$363,677 | *170 | 8 | 1.01 | 1.01 |
| 41 | PROUD AND TRUE (94, Mr. Prospector), 519 Thoroughbreds | N/A | 23/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Acopandproudfit, \$45,695) | \$344,792 | 217 | 4 | 1.07 | 0.97 |
| 42 | ROYAL STRAND (IRE) (94, Royal Academy), Double Dam Farm | \$750 | 28/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Kate Royale, \$40,865) | \$335,012 | 71 | 2 | 1.14 | 0.74 |
| 43 | GRAND APPOINTMENT (98, Unbridled) | N/A | 16/4 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Get in Da House, \$221,352) | \$332,312 | 46 | 1 | 1.03 | 0.97 |
| 44 | EASYFROMTHEGITGO (99, Dehere), Ryder River Ridge Farm | \$2,000 | 37/16 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Easy Jazz, \$38,615) | \$315,358 | 123 | 2 | 0.70 | 1.00 |
| 45 | SEATTLE SLEET (90, Seattle Slew) | N/A | 19/14 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Sweet Little Sleet, \$76,388) | \$291,169 | 275 | 8 | 0.84 | 1.09 |
| 46 | ENTREPRENEUR (97, Cure the Blues) | N/A | 17/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Chief Ted, \$39,862) | \$287,204 | 62 | 0 | 0.58 | 0.89 |
| 47 | INDIAN TERRITORY (98, Carson City), Cherokee Ridge Stud | \$1,000 | 16/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Indian Artifact, \$57,051) | \$275,630 | 65 | 0 | 0.65 | 0.89 |
| 48 | PLACID FUND (92, Dixieland Band), The Stock Exchange | \$750 | 20/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Drinking Fund, \$86,416) | \$264,098 | 134 | 3 | 0.88 | 0.80 |
| 49 | OLE REBEL (99, Carson City), Clear Creek Stud, LLC | \$1,500 | 20/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Joyce's Rebel, \$74,754) | \$249,420 | 43 | 0 | 0.69 | 0.86 |
| 50 | SORCERER'S STONE (03, Gulch), Louisiana Stallion Station North | \$750 | 36/8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Miss Stone Express, \$38,904) | \$247,910 | 54 | 0 | 0.38 | 0.61 |

foot in Arkansas, and at \$2,000 he commands the highest 2013 stud fee in the Natural State.

"I really think Brahms is an excellent stallion for Arkansas," noted Hesse. "If you want to breed to race, this is a great op-

portunity. There are only about 200 live foals a year born in the state, so you can take advantage of a great state awards program without a lot of competition."

A native of Springfield, Mo., Hesse has been in the agriculture business most of his

life, at one point farming several thousand acres of crops as well as having feedlots in Texas and Colorado. He bought a couple of Thoroughbreds in the mid-1980s and remembers winning an allowance race at Blue Ribbon Downs in Oklahoma in 1996.

Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in North America (stallions exported prior to the 2008 breeding season are excluded), and have runners in North America. All available statistics listed for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2012. 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.)

*AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX and COMPARABLE INDEX: Lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned 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; 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 AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX higher than their mares' COMPARABLE INDEX.

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Quiet American-Minit Towinit,
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| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|---|---|----------------|
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| Grade II U.S. Stakes Race | = | \$25,000 | | | |
| Grade III U.S. Stakes Race | = | \$15,000 | | | |
| Louisiana Champions Day Classic | = | \$10,000 | | | |

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| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands | 2013 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | Stakes Wnrs/ Wns | GrSW/ Gr1SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings) | 2012 Earnings | 2012 Foals | Cumulative | | |
|------|--|---------------|------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Stks | A-E | Comp Index |
| 1 | ORATORY (02, Pulpit), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm | \$3,500 | 62/33 | 2/2 | 2/2 | (Miz Maggie Mae, \$139,330) | \$1,486,771 | *130 | 2 | 1.31 | 1.17 |
| 2 | TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Lane's End Texas | \$4,000 | 48/27 | 6/10 | 4/6 | (Texas Bling, \$209,483) | \$1,340,082 | 70 | 8 | 1.51 | 1.23 |
| 3 | EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm | \$3,000 | 79/44 | 4/4 | 3/4 | (Sword Trick, \$73,330) | \$1,071,398 | 182 | 11 | 0.89 | 0.90 |
| 4 | SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), Double S Thoroughbred Farm | \$1,500 | 47/23 | 2/3 | 2/2 | (U Belong to Me, \$108,289) | \$856,002 | *149 | 3 | 1.08 | 0.92 |
| 5 | VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal), Lane's End Texas | \$7,500 | 82/35 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Safe Range, \$57,159) | \$828,910 | 582 | 42 | 1.26 | 1.19 |
| 6 | MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm | \$2,000 | 29/18 | 4/4 | 3/4 | (Smiles Golden Song, \$92,640) | \$581,341 | 44 | 4 | 1.02 | 1.14 |
| 7 | INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center | \$1,500 | 33/16 | 3/3 | 3/3 | (Westernator, \$144,092) | \$525,494 | 60 | 5 | 0.96 | 0.86 |
| 8 | CITY STREET (99, Carson City), Bullard Farms | \$1,500 | 27/14 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Last Wager, \$89,295) | \$500,323 | 123 | 3 | 0.62 | 0.86 |
| 9 | WIMBLEDON (01, Wild Rush), Valor Farm | \$1,500 | 37/20 | 2/2 | 2/2 | (Worldventurer, \$127,432) | \$497,117 | 90 | 4 | 0.78 | 0.78 |
| 10 | SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), Key Ranch | \$3,000 | 30/21 | 1/2 | 0/1 | (Patty's Pride, \$119,590) | \$472,834 | 89 | 1 | 0.69 | 0.52 |
| 11 | LITTLEEXPECTATIONS (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center | \$1,500 | 39/19 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Born to Disco, \$49,969) | \$438,591 | 165 | 4 | 0.80 | 1.03 |
| 12 | UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch | \$3,000 | 46/18 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lillie Abbie, \$49,918) | \$372,182 | 177 | 5 | 0.66 | 0.64 |
| 13 | CAPTAIN COUNTDOWN (96, Relaunch), Double S Thoroughbred Farm | \$500 | 34/17 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Wilby's Ray, \$49,741) | \$345,270 | 157 | 1 | 0.57 | 0.67 |
| 14 | SEEKING A HOME (98, Seeking the Gold) | N/A | 24/12 | 1/2 | 0/1 | (The Drifter, \$105,000) | \$310,982 | 112 | 4 | 0.83 | 0.81 |
| 15 | SUPREME CAT (00, Hennessy), Lane's End Texas | \$1,000 | 26/16 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Storm in Your Eyes, \$45,096) | \$302,360 | 68 | 3 | 1.00 | 0.89 |
| 16 | TOUCH TONE (98, Pick Up the Phone), Lane's End Texas | \$1,500 | 26/11 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Im a Bear, \$51,880) | \$300,421 | 100 | 2 | 0.68 | 0.72 |
| 17 | PINE BLUFF (89, Danzig), Duncan 21 and Change Farm | N/A | 19/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Up and Out of Site, \$78,570) | \$290,699 | *578 | 35 | 1.52 | 1.62 |
| 18 | DAY OF THE CAT (01, Storm Cat), Bradford Thoroughbred Farm | \$1,500 | 21/12 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cat's Classy Rider, \$57,715) | \$270,823 | 58 | 0 | 0.60 | 0.78 |
| 19 | GOT THE GOODS (01, Pulpit), R&R Farms | \$1,500 | 18/8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Good's Letter, \$40,532) | \$218,208 | 32 | 0 | 0.50 | 0.48 |
| 20 | LEXICON (95, Conquistador Cielo) | N/A | 26/9 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Jilllexi, \$68,087) | \$207,954 | 149 | 1 | 0.45 | 0.97 |
| 21 | TRULUCK (95, Conquistador Cielo), Cross Leiseth Farm | N/A | 26/12 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Lucky Raja, \$38,040) | \$199,831 | 171 | 4 | 0.71 | 0.72 |
| 22 | RARE BRICK (83, Rare Performer) | N/A | 18/10 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Ginger Brick Road, \$41,939) | \$179,177 | 486 | 30 | 0.96 | 0.99 |
| 23 | PRIMAL STORM (02, Storm Boot), Asmussen Horse Center | \$1,500 | 17/8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Estaprimo, \$48,226) | \$170,335 | 42 | 1 | 0.49 | 0.96 |
| 24 | EVIL MINISTER (02, Deputy Minister), Eddie George Farm | N/A | 6/2 | 1/2 | 1/1 | (Dread the Pirate, \$124,019) | \$152,921 | 10 | 1 | 1.35 | 0.31 |
| 25 | DIXIELAND HEAT (90, Dixieland Band), Richland Ranch | Pnsd | 20/9 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dixie Dust, \$35,497) | \$141,034 | *279 | 9 | 1.07 | 0.98 |
| 26 | GRAVE DIGGER (01, Red Ransom), Just C Farm, LLC | \$1,000 | 7/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Vilao, \$59,633) | \$123,949 | 35 | 0 | 0.34 | 0.92 |
| 27 | GAFF (02, Maria's Mon), Seguin Horse Center, Inc. | N/A | 11/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Bloody Smart, \$49,918) | \$119,796 | 20 | 0 | 0.64 | 1.20 |
| 28 | LIL'S LAD (95, Pine Bluff), Key Ranch | \$2,000 | 18/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (F P Reign's Lad, \$27,168) | \$116,512 | *221 | 7 | 0.83 | 1.14 |
| 29 | SERAZZO (96, Kris S.) | Died, 2009 | 12/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Aire of Victory, \$45,157) | \$113,891 | 16 | 0 | 0.78 | 0.67 |
| 30 | GOLD ALERT (83, Mr. Prospector) | Died, 2011 | 11/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Donegal Gold, \$45,136) | \$111,701 | 423 | 18 | 1.19 | 1.18 |

His R & R Farm near Goliad, Texas, served as the hub of the Hesse horse operation, and today he keeps 30-40 broodmares in the Lone Star State, a band that was

formed through claiming racehorses and auction purchases. While Hesse is active in furthering Thoroughbred interests in Texas—he still serves on the board of the

Texas Thoroughbred Association—he also realized the importance of being part of a healthier racing circuit. So while some of his mares foal out in Texas and the weanlings are raised there, they are moved to Arkansas to be broken and trained. In addition, Hesse supports his stallions in Arkansas with mares to take advantage of that state's awards structure.

Among the Texas issues Hesse is involved with are bringing VLTs to the state and re-establishing a fair circuit in the state.

"It's pretty tough right now in Texas," he said. "I think we will get VLTs for the purse structure in the near future, but I don't know if it will be this year or a couple of years from now. Without some type of



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| Sire | Stks Wnrs | Stks Wins |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Songandaprayer | 10 | 16 |
| Closing Argument | 9 | 9 |
| D'wildcat | 5 | 5 |
| Gold Tribute | 4 | 5 |
| Afternoon Deelites | 2 | 3 |
| Richter Scale | 2 | 2 |
| Rossini | 2 | 2 |
| Sefapiano | 2 | 2 |

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| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands | 2013 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | Stakes Wnrs/ Wns | GrSW/ Gr1SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings) | Cumulative | | | | |
|------|---|---------------|------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | 2012 Earnings | Foals | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | TOCCET (00, Awesome Again), Mighty Acres | \$2,500 | 104/60 | 4/6 | 0/4 | (Toccetive, \$220,865) | \$2,069,883 | *272 | 13 | 1.19 | 1.27 |
| 2 | LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farm, Inc. | \$3,500 | 92/44 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Ciguaraya, \$149,120) | \$1,853,474 | *150 | 2 | 1.00 | 1.05 |
| 3 | READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farm, Inc. | \$3,500 | 87/43 | 2/4 | 2/2 | (Opus A, \$206,500) | \$1,716,502 | *219 | 9 | 1.36 | 1.22 |
| 4 | EVANSVILLE SLEW (92, Slew City Slew) | Died, 2012 | 85/50 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Two Moons, \$81,497) | \$1,414,881 | *481 | 34 | 1.13 | 0.93 |
| 5 | DON'T GET MAD (02, Stephen Got Even), Rockin Z Ranch | \$2,000 | 57/39 | 2/3 | 2/2 | (Yearley, \$225,028) | \$1,327,729 | *104 | 2 | 1.20 | 0.95 |
| 6 | KIPLING (96, Gulch), Mighty Acres | \$2,500 | 89/32 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Kip Berries, \$151,762) | \$931,921 | 245 | 8 | 1.25 | 0.90 |
| 7 | WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Kirton Farms | \$1,500 | 46/32 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Jethro Jr., \$84,320) | \$888,343 | *302 | 5 | 1.15 | 1.32 |
| 8 | OMEGA CODE (00, Elusive Quality), Rockin Z Ranch | \$2,000 | 91/45 | 2/2 | 1/2 | (Candy Coded Kisses, \$87,910) | \$877,438 | 256 | 7 | 0.72 | 1.28 |
| 9 | SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Caines Stallion Station | \$1,000 | 48/25 | 2/2 | 1/2 | (Service for Ten, \$73,260) | \$854,422 | 347 | 18 | 1.19 | 1.05 |
| 10 | LUCKY LIONEL (93, Mt. Livermore), Diamond G Ranch | \$1,000 | 46/30 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Lucky Moon, \$66,728) | \$791,817 | 321 | 14 | 1.20 | 1.26 |
| 11 | TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Diamond G Ranch | \$1,000 | 59/20 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (St. Maximus Gato, \$129,429) | \$732,930 | 481 | 24 | 1.09 | 1.29 |
| 12 | FREEFOURINTERNET (98, Tabasco Cat), Equi-Center Veterinary Clinic | \$2,000 | 33/14 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Catalactic, \$193,200) | \$624,561 | 78 | 1 | 0.88 | 0.99 |
| 13 | ARTAX (95, Marquetry) | Died, 2012 | 38/18 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sasta Go Lucky, \$74,178) | \$541,078 | *420 | 6 | 1.03 | 1.32 |
| 14 | DIAMOND (95, Mr. Prospector), Oklahoma Equine | \$2,500 | 32/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Diamond Disco, \$54,319) | \$361,810 | 274 | 6 | 1.10 | 1.06 |
| 15 | DANCE MASTER (97, Gone West), JEH Stallion Station-Oklahoma Division | \$1,500 | 43/14 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Bobbiesqueen, \$39,188) | \$352,942 | 220 | 8 | 0.85 | 1.08 |
| 16 | KING OF SCAT (96, Eastern Echo), Raywood Farm | \$1,000 | 32/15 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Champangefortwo, \$57,917) | \$335,832 | 180 | 12 | 0.72 | 0.77 |
| 17 | MALABAR GOLD (97, Unbridled) | N/A | 42/19 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Uncle Wayne, \$37,966) | \$325,283 | *242 | 4 | 0.67 | 1.10 |
| 18 | NATIONAL SAINT (96, Saint Ballado), B-T Ranch | \$1,000 | 13/8 | 2/2 | 2/2 | (Stickcrossmountain, \$110,728) | \$310,594 | 52 | 2 | 0.63 | 0.87 |
| 19 | BURBANK (93, Wild Again) | N/A | 33/15 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cagey Little Girl, \$29,526) | \$295,111 | 124 | 3 | 0.83 | 0.73 |
| 20 | COUNTRY BE GOLD (97, Summer Squall), Caines Stallion Station | \$1,200 | 20/9 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Right Squall, \$80,770) | \$235,587 | 45 | 0 | 0.66 | 1.27 |
| 21 | SASHA'S PROSPECT (96, Mr. Prospector), Charlton Ranch | \$1,200 | 25/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Polka Joke, \$67,377) | \$210,776 | *92 | 1 | 0.83 | 0.81 |
| 22 | CAVVY (04, Kingmambo), Cres-Ran Farms | N/A | 15/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dusty Okie, \$46,456) | \$208,381 | 28 | 0 | 0.66 | 1.36 |
| 23 | RA RA SUPERSTAR (00, Deputy Minister), Mighty Acres | \$1,500 | 19/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sooner Superstar, \$58,836) | \$202,913 | 47 | 0 | 0.44 | 0.89 |
| 24 | RUBIYAT (95, Rubiano), Spears Racing | \$1,000 | 14/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Gray Not Bay, \$49,010) | \$198,941 | 69 | 0 | 0.75 | 0.88 |
| 25 | CHEROKEE FIVE (98, Cherokee Run), Larry R. Brown | \$1,000 | 2/1 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Fifth Date, \$183,018) | \$183,103 | 8 | 1 | 2.13 | 0.57 |



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much expenditure if the commission will issue licences.”

On the other hand, things are running smoothly in Arkansas, where Oaklawn Park has enjoyed a revival behind its Instant Racing games that fuel purses. There is quality racing at Oaklawn and a particularly strong program for 3-year-olds hoping to move along the Triple Crown trail. With Churchill Downs having instituted a new points program last year to determine eligibility for the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I), several Oaklawn events serve as key stepping stones. The Southwest Stakes (gr. III), Rebel Stakes (gr. II), and Arkansas Derby (gr. I) all offer points to Derby hopefuls and will be popular preps for the connections of 3-year-olds.

Hence, Hesse's confidence in bringing stallions such as The Daddy and Brahms into the state.

“Oaklawn has an excellent racing program that is on good, solid financial ground,” Hesse stated. “We not only have good purses for 3-year-olds, but purses for maiden special weights start in the mid-\$50,000s and they could go higher by the end of the meet. Plus, we have a solid awards program for breeders. Because of the relatively short meet here, the program is unique—you can run at any track in the country and still get breeders awards. They can even be claiming races and you still get a breeders award.”

Hesse hopes to attract breeders to Brahms, an impeccably bred stud by Danzig out of the Mr. Prospector mare Queen, herself a champion. Brahms combined his fine pedigree with good



Super Derby winner The Daddy, a son of Valid Expectations, stands at Trophy Club

looks to bring \$1 million as a Keeneland July sale yearling, then went on to win the Early Times Hollywood Derby (gr. IT) and the River City Handicap (gr. IIIT). He began stallion duty at Vinery in Kentucky and has also stood at Elite Thoroughbreds in Louisiana. Brahms, 16, is the sire of 19 stakes winners and 45 stakes horses, including multiple grade II winner Arson Squad. Brahms' runners earned more than \$1.6 million in 2012.

“We're excited because he gets a very high percentage of win-

2012 Oklahoma Sires by Winners

| Sire | Rnrs | Wnrs |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Toccet | 104 | 60 |
| Evansville Slew | 85 | 50 |
| Omega Code | 91 | 45 |
| Latent Heat | 92 | 44 |
| Read the Footnotes | 87 | 43 |
| Don't Get Mad | 57 | 39 |
| Kipling | 89 | 32 |
| Western Expression | 46 | 32 |
| Lucky Lionel | 46 | 30 |
| Service Stripe | 48 | 25 |
| Tactical Cat | 59 | 20 |
| Malabar Gold | 42 | 19 |
| Artax | 38 | 18 |
| Burbank | 33 | 15 |
| King of Scat | 32 | 15 |
| Dance Master | 43 | 14 |
| Freefourinternet | 33 | 14 |
| Diamond | 32 | 13 |
| Sasha's Prospect | 25 | 11 |
| Country Be Gold | 20 | 9 |
| Fast Play | 14 | 8 |
| National Saint | 13 | 8 |
| Garbu | 12 | 8 |
| Rubiyat | 14 | 7 |
| Major Henry | 13 | 7 |

2012 Oklahoma Sires by Stakes Winners

| Sire | Stks Wnrs | Stks Wins |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Toccet | 4 | 6 |
| Read the Footnotes | 2 | 4 |
| Don't Get Mad | 2 | 3 |
| National Saint | 2 | 2 |
| Omega Code | 2 | 2 |
| Service Stripe | 2 | 2 |

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|------|--|---------------|------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano), A & A Ranch | N/A | 58/29 | 6/12 | 6/6 | (Our Choice, \$284,411) | \$2,055,901 | 229 | 24 | 1.52 | 0.72 |
| 2 | ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch | \$3,500 | 42/25 | 5/10 | 5/5 | (Back Seat Roll, \$207,689) | \$1,271,661 | 94 | 7 | 1.08 | 1.07 |
| 3 | WEATHER WARNING (04, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm | \$3,000 | 35/18 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Raincoats'ntuxedos, \$179,217) | \$1,261,969 | *65 | 1 | 1.86 | 1.17 |
| 4 | ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch | \$2,500 | 32/21 | 5/8 | 4/5 | (Thermal, \$173,847) | \$1,076,863 | 45 | 5 | 1.56 | 0.96 |
| 5 | GHOSTLY MOVES (92, Silver Ghost) | N/A | 60/26 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Garretsghostlygirl, \$66,271) | \$698,620 | 214 | 22 | 1.11 | 1.06 |
| 6 | DEVON LANE (93, Storm Cat) | Died, 2012 | 56/29 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Chuchuluco, \$68,033) | \$672,153 | 399 | 18 | 0.81 | 0.83 |
| 7 | SILVER WAGON (01, Wagon Limit), McCallum View Farm | \$2,500 | 22/14 | 1/2 | 1/1 | (Eyes Super Freaky, \$111,380) | \$659,067 | 32 | 1 | 1.36 | 1.20 |
| 8 | GOLD CASE (94, Forty Niner), Mesa Vista Stud | \$5,000 | 69/25 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Itzacoldcase, \$91,065) | \$643,876 | *545 | 21 | 1.08 | 1.12 |
| 9 | QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm | \$3,500 | 31/15 | 2/3 | 2/2 | (That's Who, \$144,500) | \$559,339 | 51 | 5 | 1.88 | 0.88 |
| 10 | PREMEDITATION (99, Afternoon Deelites), A & A Ranch | \$2,500 | 31/12 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Devon's Spirit, \$68,444) | \$413,766 | 66 | 4 | 1.19 | 0.79 |
| 11 | SUAVE PROSPECT (92, Fortunate Prospect), Doubletree Farm | \$2,500 | 43/18 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Impadoodle, \$57,060) | \$378,901 | 383 | 17 | 1.11 | 1.04 |
| 12 | PRECOCITY (94, Aferd), Mesa Vista Stud | \$4,000 | 31/16 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Ramblin' Starr, \$41,278) | \$373,758 | 179 | 6 | 0.90 | 0.89 |
| 13 | YOUR EMINENCE (01, Saint Ballado) | Died, 2012 | 43/15 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Chickee Chickee, \$42,714) | \$359,317 | 121 | 3 | 0.69 | 0.77 |
| 14 | IRISH ROAD (00, Unbridled's Song), Cedar Creek Ranch | N/A | 17/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (It's Time to Laugh, \$103,036) | \$332,830 | 47 | 0 | 0.72 | 0.97 |
| 15 | MINISTER ERIC (01, Old Trieste) | N/A | 31/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (La Luz, \$43,760) | \$328,945 | 61 | 0 | 0.49 | 0.92 |
| 16 | DOME (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm | \$2,000 | 28/15 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Gossip Dome, \$105,358) | \$328,593 | 184 | 5 | 0.78 | 0.77 |
| 17 | DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat), McKenna Thoroughbreds | \$2,500 | 21/9 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dueling Dom, \$63,291) | \$319,726 | 82 | 3 | 0.86 | 0.63 |
| 18 | THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm | \$3,500 | 16/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Western Way, \$69,225) | \$308,024 | 33 | 2 | 1.41 | 1.01 |
| 19 | FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence), Weatherly Horse Farms | \$2,000 | 17/9 | 1/3 | 1/1 | (Zenon's Star, \$116,562) | \$304,843 | 47 | 2 | 0.84 | 1.04 |
| 20 | PROUD IRISH (86, Irish River), Tricar Stables | \$4,000 | 29/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Proud Sereno, \$47,609) | \$303,382 | 278 | 10 | 0.91 | 0.82 |
| 21 | LESTERS BOY (96, Cee's Tizzy) | Died, 2012 | 16/6 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Affluent Boy, \$90,716) | \$297,023 | 55 | 4 | 1.23 | 0.63 |
| 22 | STORM OF GOSHEN (01, Storm Cat), Bar Y Equine | \$1,500 | 17/9 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Naughty Storm, \$89,769) | \$272,003 | 47 | 0 | 0.72 | 0.89 |
| 23 | LE GRANDE DANSEUR (98, Citidancer), Doubletree Farm | \$2,500 | 19/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Le Grande's Spirit, \$88,073) | \$262,111 | 76 | 3 | 0.82 | 0.87 |
| 24 | TO TERAS (00, Unbridled's Song), New Mexico State University | \$2,500 | 21/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dawn Tera, \$44,476) | \$250,333 | 60 | 0 | 0.81 | 0.65 |
| 25 | KING BULL (01, Holy Bull), Gary Balzano | N/A | 6/4 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (K B 's Princess, \$103,236) | \$212,952 | 7 | 2 | 2.99 | 0.40 |
| 26 | QUICK ACTION (01, Carson City), TNL Farm, Inc. | \$1,500 | 17/8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Love That Action, \$85,078) | \$207,472 | 34 | 0 | 0.82 | 0.96 |
| 27 | SOURCE (98, Montbrook), Hourigan Horse Farm | \$2,000 | 17/10 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Gale Source, \$31,972) | \$197,767 | 37 | 0 | 0.58 | 0.73 |
| 28 | TRICKY CREEK (86, Clever Trick) | N/A | 15/10 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Hexbreaker, \$62,758) | \$197,428 | 404 | 19 | 0.96 | 0.95 |
| 29 | PRO PRADO (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm | \$2,000 | 8/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Vinton Row, \$55,266) | \$194,083 | 16 | 0 | 0.97 | 1.09 |
| 30 | REUBEN (97, Rubiano), TNL Farm, Inc. | \$1,200 | 13/8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Funnyshouldask, \$86,496) | \$193,454 | 29 | 0 | 0.65 | 0.47 |
| 31 | SILVER SEASON (96, Silver Ghost) | N/A | 18/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Shes a Looker R F, \$32,135) | \$189,850 | 67 | 5 | 1.06 | 0.94 |
| 32 | AVENUE OF FLAGS (88, Seattle Slew) | Died, 2010 | 18/7 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (California Flag, \$60,000) | \$183,061 | 486 | 26 | 1.41 | 1.25 |
| 33 | ABAJO (96, Robyn Dancer) | N/A | 22/9 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Our Flying Angel, \$56,910) | \$145,378 | 163 | 2 | 0.49 | 0.90 |
| 34 | COPELAN'S PACHE (95, Copelan) | N/A | 24/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cope's My Goat, \$21,952) | \$141,923 | 99 | 1 | 0.61 | 0.91 |
| 35 | CARACAL (96, Red Ransom), Weatherly Horse Farms | \$1,000 | 7/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Speedy Caracal, \$120,843) | \$136,455 | 68 | 0 | 0.70 | 0.61 |

ners from foals,” said Hesse. “He’s a great addition to Arkansas, and he’s by Danzig, and that line is popular again.”

The Daddy will be standing his second season in Arkansas in 2013. The 11-year-old son of Valid Expectations—With a

Princess, by With Approval, won the Super Derby (gr. II). He has had six stakes horses from his three crops to race, and the 13 yearlings by him that sold in 2012 averaged \$16,654, more than 10 times his \$1,500 stud fee for 2013.

“His babies sold extremely well at the sales last year,” said Hesse. “At the top, they brought \$57,000, which is fantastic for an Arkansas sire. He has the potential for getting you a horse that can run the classic distance. I’d like to get a book of 40

2012 LEADING SIRES IN ARKANSAS

| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands | 2013 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | Stakes Wnrs/ Wns | GrSW/ Gr1SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings) | 2012 Earnings | Foals | Cumulative | | |
|------|---|---------------|------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center | \$2,000 | 101/46 | 2/4 | 2/2 | (Look At the Time, \$223,600) | \$1,616,398 | *573 | 16 | 1.10 | 1.10 |
| 2 | STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat), McDowell Farm | \$1,500 | 85/43 | 2/2 | 2/2 | (Storm Tuner, \$93,037) | \$1,362,518 | 390 | 18 | 0.83 | 0.97 |
| 3 | THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center | \$1,500 | 60/39 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Youcan'tcatchme, \$112,057) | \$1,164,923 | *94 | 1 | 1.03 | 1.28 |
| 4 | PRODEST ROMEO (90, Proud Truth) | Died, 2009 | 21/12 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Summer Robin, \$58,010) | \$287,545 | 183 | 7 | 0.95 | 1.13 |
| 5 | MIDWAY ROAD (00, Jade Hunter), Trophy Club Training Center | \$750 | 38/14 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Badness, \$38,460) | \$280,022 | 74 | 1 | 0.62 | 1.10 |
| 6 | FATHER STEVE (99, Pulpit) | Died, 2012 | 39/17 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Bubba'sthreeangels, \$25,414) | \$264,634 | 108 | 0 | 0.55 | 0.75 |
| 7 | PRIMARY SUSPECT (01, Hennessy), McDowell Farm | \$1,000 | 23/8 | 2/2 | 1/2 | (Primetime Dreamer, \$97,235) | \$263,297 | 56 | 3 | 0.57 | 1.17 |
| 8 | HESABULL (93, Dispersal), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates | \$1,000 | 31/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sunday Grace, \$44,344) | \$240,190 | 139 | 5 | 0.96 | 1.09 |
| 9 | SOUTHERN FOREST (92, Seeking the Gold), Anderson Farms | \$1,000 | 13/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Spartan, \$33,521) | \$146,944 | 81 | 1 | 0.49 | 0.74 |
| 10 | SHARKEY (87, Sharpen Up) | N/A | 11/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sharik, \$41,230) | \$131,462 | 166 | 5 | 0.86 | 0.72 |
| 11 | FUTURE STORM (90, Storm Cat) | N/A | 9/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Future Prize, \$32,291) | \$127,068 | *470 | 12 | 0.89 | 1.34 |
| 12 | ILE ST. LOUIS (CHI) (97, Hussonet) | N/A | 7/3 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Chief Jay, \$67,561) | \$112,179 | 50 | 2 | 0.79 | 0.87 |
| 13 | EXPLOSIVE TRUTH (99, Proudest Romeo), McDowell Farm | N/A | 6/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Explosive Disco, \$40,225) | \$106,069 | 14 | 0 | 0.64 | 1.03 |
| 14 | MI CIELO (90, Conquistador Cielo), Against the Wind Farm | \$1,500 | 12/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Gold Cielo, \$44,976) | \$104,042 | 348 | 4 | 0.91 | 1.10 |
| 15 | CINNAMON CREEK (95, Darn That Alarm), Three Boys Stables, LLC | \$1,500 | 11/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lee Creek, \$46,080) | \$102,026 | 91 | 1 | 0.55 | 0.67 |

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| 1 | OLIVER'S TWIST (92, Horatius), Menoken Farms | \$1,000 | 33/16 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Magical Twist, \$27,800) | \$231,989 | 235 | 12 | 0.55 | 0.76 |
| 2 | MAJORBIGTIMESHEET (95, Carson City) | Died, 2009 | 13/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Major Billy, \$53,248) | \$122,276 | 50 | 3 | 0.56 | 0.54 |
| 3 | CRYSTAL CLASS (00, Mr. Prospector) | N/A | 21/7 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Miss Suzannah, \$24,880) | \$108,177 | 51 | 3 | 0.32 | 0.52 |
| 4 | EL ROBLAR (02, War Chant), Winner-Maker Farm | \$1,000 | 5/3 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Lewiston, \$65,713) | \$82,997 | 12 | 1 | 0.73 | 0.69 |
| 5 | COVERALLBASES (89, Capote) | Pnsd | 6/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Mile High Honey, \$8,370) | \$16,355 | 126 | 5 | 0.38 | 0.40 |

to each of both Brahms and The Daddy, but in this market 30 is a realistic goal. We will support them with our own mares.

"We're the only ones in Arkansas who have stallions who are commercially sought in the sales arena."

Hessee hopes to carry on the tradition established by Holthus at what is now Trophy Club. He has built a new stallion barn for not only Brahms and The Daddy, but for Dove Hunt and Midway Road, to whom Hessee breeds his own mares. Two training barns that each hold 34 horses have been redone, and the five-eighths-mile dirt track has been refurbished as well. Hessee said that breaking young horses is what he likes most; getting them trained and ready to go to the racetrack. Frances handles the myriad of paperwork involved in getting young horses ready to run around the country.

"Most of our horses end up at the racetrack; I'd say 90% of the horses I breed and break we take to the track," said Hessee. "Most of our clientele end up racing as well. We train them to race. Some of the weanlings and yearlings from foal share situations will go to the sales, primarily Fasig-Tipton Texas and the Keeneland September sale."

As far as racetrack trainers are concerned, Hessee spreads his horses out, keeping him busy on the communications end of things.

"We use Randy Allen at Parx Racing, Murray Rojas at Penn National, Jim Collins at Charles Town (Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races), Don Robison at the California fair meets, and, if we have the stock, we'll use Cash or Steve Asmussen," Hessee said.

Fellow Missourian Allen Poindexter is one of Hessee's major clients. Poindexter bred 2012 Arlington-Washington Futurity (gr. III) winner Pataky Kid, who has Derby aspirations this year. He also races American Sugar, winner of the Prairie Gold Lassie Stakes at Prairie Meadows and the E.L. Gaylord Memorial Stakes at Remington Park last year. Poindexter had



The late Bob Holthus

known some of Hessee's family, but the two didn't meet until six years ago, after which Poindexter sent some horses to Hessee to break.

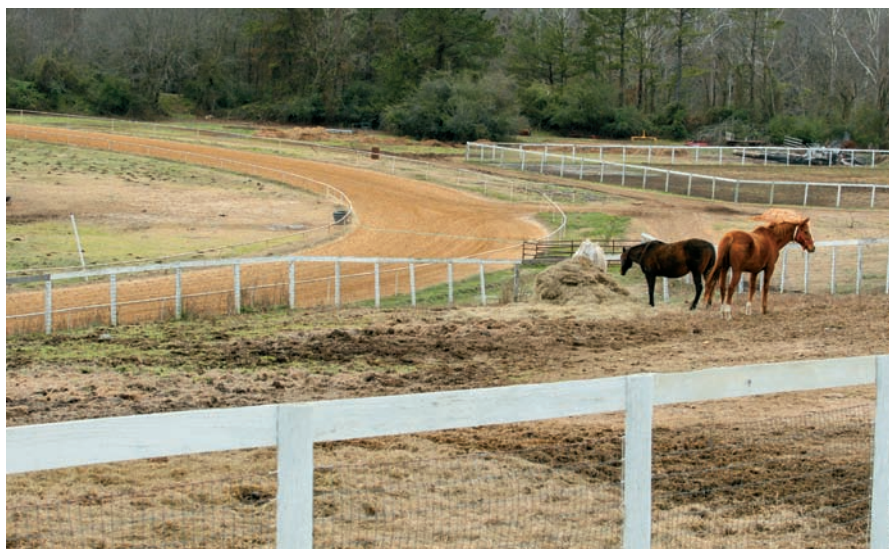
"We've had good success with that," Poindexter said. "He broke American Sugar, and in 2012 broke eight 2-year-

olds for me. Six of them won, and five of them won first time out in maiden special weight company. I race at Oaklawn, so having horses at Trophy Club is great because it allows me to go watch my babies work while I'm racing at Hot Springs. I've been very pleased with the operation."

Hessee's training season at Trophy Club lasts approximately from September through May, at which time the Hessees head back to Texas for the summer. One of the things Hessee treasures about his place in Arkansas is his family's ongoing friendship with Holthus' widow, Bonnie, who is a regular at Oaklawn Park, where her late husband is the all-time wins leader as a trainer.

"Bonnie is a friend and a great lady," said Hessee. "She still has a home here and goes back and forth to Kentucky just like they did when Bob was training here."

Hessee, who admits to having hit 60, also treasures the opportunity to add to the legacy that Holthus established on his property. And with the stallion power he has brought to Razorback country, he may well land the biggest fish in the state. **BH**



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