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Bart Time

*From polo champion to Wasted Tears,
Bart Evans knows horses*

BY LENNY SHULMAN

FOR A MAN who got to the racetrack via an unorthodox route, breeder/owner/trainer Bart Evans is a big fan of tradition.

He cherishes the time he spent in California with legendary trainer Charlie Whittingham and extols the virtues of New York-based legend Allen Jerkens, whom he has also visited.

"Those guys are all about the horse," said Evans, 67, in admiration. It is a philosophy he has followed as well, never as successfully as when he raced and trained homebred Wasted Tears, who won graded stakes each season from 2009-11, finishing with 12 victories from 22 starts and earnings of \$941,463. Wasted Tears delivered her first foal, a colt by Malibu Moon, Jan. 31.

Evans, who trains off a 3,000-acre ranch near Midland, Texas, has been around horses all his life. In his younger days near Kansas City, he roped calves and showed performance horses, reining horses, and cutting horses. Then he helped a friend that was getting a polo operation going, which marked the start of a long, successful career in the sport. Evans went on to become one of the best players in the world, winning major United States Polo Association events such as the U.S. Open Polo Championship,



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|------|--|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | Foals | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | ORATORY (02, Pulpit), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm | \$3,500 | 21/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Tujoes, \$52,682) | \$121,582 | *147 | 2 | 1.31 | 1.17 |
| 2 | TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Lane's End Texas | \$4,000 | 19/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Texas Bling, \$30,000) | \$115,665 | 93 | 8 | 1.51 | 1.22 |
| 3 | MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm | \$2,000 | 13/4 | 2/2 | 2/2 | (Cowgirl N Up, \$40,000) | \$106,718 | 61 | 4 | 1.04 | 1.14 |
| 4 | VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal), Lane's End Texas | \$7,500 | 25/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Louisiana Val, \$16,800) | \$102,828 | 604 | 42 | 1.26 | 1.19 |
| 5 | EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm | \$3,000 | 25/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Halifax Flyer, \$11,100) | \$58,067 | 195 | 11 | 0.89 | 0.90 |
| 6 | UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch | \$3,000 | 18/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lillie Abbie, \$14,720) | \$54,371 | 191 | 5 | 0.66 | 0.64 |
| 7 | DAY OF THE CAT (01, Storm Cat), Bradford Thoroughbred Farm | \$1,500 | 7/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cat's Classy Rider, \$33,380) | \$47,047 | 59 | 0 | 0.62 | 0.78 |
| 8 | SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), Double S Thoroughbred Farm | \$1,500 | 16/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Deputy Dillon, \$21,910) | \$43,891 | *166 | 3 | 1.07 | 0.92 |
| 9 | WIMBLEDON (01, Wild Rush), Valor Farm | \$1,500 | 12/1 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Worldventurer, \$30,000) | \$37,064 | 100 | 4 | 0.78 | 0.78 |
| 10 | GOT THE GOODS (01, Pulpit), R&R Farms | \$1,500 | 6/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Goods Gone West, \$31,800) | \$34,356 | 38 | 0 | 0.52 | 0.49 |
| 11 | GRAVE DIGGER (01, Red Ransom), Just C Farm, LLC | \$1,000 | 6/1 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Vilao, \$30,000) | \$32,904 | 37 | 1 | 0.36 | 0.92 |
| 12 | INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center | \$1,500 | 12/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Landstar, \$8,400) | \$26,635 | 99 | 5 | 0.96 | 0.86 |
| 13 | SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), Key Ranch | \$3,000 | 13/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Patty's Pride, \$10,000) | \$24,608 | 106 | 1 | 0.68 | 0.52 |
| 14 | SEEKING A HOME (98, Seeking the Gold) | N/A | 8/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Doc R U It, \$12,000) | \$21,574 | 116 | 4 | 0.83 | 0.81 |
| 15 | DIXIELAND HEAT (90, Dixieland Band), Richland Ranch | Pnsd | 7/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Shannon' Phavorite, \$16,593) | \$21,252 | *287 | 9 | 1.07 | 0.98 |
| 16 | CITY STREET (99, Carson City), Bullard Farms | \$1,500 | 12/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Disarm, \$9,240) | \$20,639 | 127 | 3 | 0.62 | 0.86 |
| 17 | PINE BLUFF (89, Danzig), Duncan 21 and Change Farm | N/A | 9/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Pina Florida, \$15,000) | \$20,438 | *579 | 35 | 1.52 | 1.62 |
| 18 | TOUCH TONE (98, Pick Up the Phone), Lane's End Texas | \$1,500 | 9/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (More Than That, \$11,220) | \$20,041 | 107 | 2 | 0.68 | 0.72 |
| 19 | LIL'S LAD (95, Pine Bluff), Key Ranch | \$2,000 | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Two Taverns, \$12,960) | \$18,221 | *230 | 7 | 0.83 | 1.14 |
| 20 | SUPREME CAT (00, Hennessy), Lane's End Texas | \$1,000 | 12/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Contucky Dirt, \$10,000) | \$17,944 | 82 | 3 | 0.99 | 0.89 |

Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in North America (stallions exported prior to the 2009 breeding season are excluded), and have runners in North America. All available statistics listed for the Northern Hemisphere through February 5, 2013. 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.

the U.S. Handicap C.V. Whitney Cup, the America Cup, and the Silver Cup. Internationally he won two World Cup Championships and the 1988 Westchester Cup, leading the U.S. over Australia.

"You never appreciate it 'till it's gone, but I got to play a game I loved, got paid to do

it, saw the world, and met a bunch of interesting people," Evans noted. "I saw a lot of things and was around a lot of very nice horses."

Despite the name, polo ponies are in fact Thoroughbreds that are, as a whole, smaller than the horses we watch compete at

racetracks. His exposure to them through the years gave Evans a solid foundation on which to build his breeding and training skills.

"Anytime you're around horses, it's good training," Evans said. "So many people come from different disciplines. Michael Matz came out of the equestrian world. And some people who never sat on a horse in their life are successful. It's a mystifying game. You think you have an advantage, but not always.

"A good polo pony personifies everything I admire in a horse: speed, athleti-



Wasted Tears, a winner of 12 stakes and \$941,463

REED PALMER

2013 Texas Sires by Winners

| Sire | Rnrs | Wnrs |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Too Much Bling | 19 | 6 |
| Valid Expectations | 25 | 5 |
| Oratory | 21 | 5 |
| Uncle Abbie | 18 | 4 |
| My Golden Song | 13 | 4 |
| Early Flyer | 25 | 3 |
| Scrimshaw | 16 | 2 |
| Intimidator | 12 | 2 |
| Touch Tone | 9 | 2 |
| Day of the Cat | 7 | 2 |
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| Karen's Cat | 4 | 2 |
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| 1 | STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat), McDowell Farm | \$1,500 | 35/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Half N Oops, \$12,400) | \$82,183 | 395 | 18 | 0.83 | 0.97 |
| 2 | BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center | \$2,000 | 32/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sunbean, \$24,600) | \$69,890 | *601 | 16 | 1.10 | 1.10 |
| 3 | PORTOBELLO ROAD (04, Storm Cat), Anderson Farms | \$1,000 | 6/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Pistolpackinpenney, \$31,800) | \$50,740 | 44 | 0 | 0.54 | 1.06 |
| 4 | THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center | \$1,500 | 24/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Proud Parent, \$13,800) | \$49,214 | *109 | 1 | 1.02 | 1.28 |
| 5 | HESABULL (93, Dispersal), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates | \$500 | 16/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Terre Noire, \$18,510) | \$47,895 | 171 | 5 | 0.96 | 1.08 |
| 6 | TOP VENTURE (99, Storm Cat), Lost Lake Ranch | N/A | 9/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Soldier's Courage, \$14,400) | \$47,153 | 90 | 0 | 0.71 | 0.91 |
| 7 | PRIMARY SUSPECT (01, Hennessy), McDowell Farm | \$1,000 | 15/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Indulge Me, \$11,400) | \$46,187 | 73 | 3 | 0.57 | 1.17 |
| 8 | CINNAMON CREEK (95, Darn That Alarm), Three Boys Stables, LLC | \$500 | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Bikini Bella, \$32,400) | \$43,770 | 95 | 1 | 0.56 | 0.67 |
| 9 | SOUTHERN FOREST (92, Seeking the Gold), Anderson Farms | \$1,000 | 4/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (A J's Forest Ring, \$15,000) | \$28,237 | 81 | 1 | 0.49 | 0.74 |
| 10 | PROUDEST ROMEO (90, Proud Truth) | Died, 2009 | 8/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Proud Mandy, \$10,050) | \$22,851 | 183 | 7 | 0.95 | 1.13 |



ANNE M. EBENHARDT

Wasted Tears got Evans to the winner's circle after graded stakes wins from Del Mar to Keeneland

cism, and brains," Evans continued. "They can be in full flight in one direction and then have to go the other way. Now, you can't equate polo pony speed to racehorse speed because the stride is different, but the polo ponies get knocked sideways so hard they'd give a jockey days if he knocked into a racehorse that way. And they come back to compete three times a week, where we have to wait five weeks to run a racehorse. They're incredible athletes, the real top ones."

Polo ponies can be out on the field for up

to seven minutes of running without getting a break, so conditioning is important in the sport just as it is in racing. They have some of the same soundness issues, but as they are older horses, polo ponies as a rule don't have the shin problems prevalent in younger racers. Plus, they always compete on grass.

Even while he was active playing on the polo circuit, Evans would have a couple of yearlings each year he'd break and develop for the racetrack.

"The main enjoyment I get out of the

trainer Mandella.

"Bart is a terrific all-around horseman," Mandella offered. "He's a bit of a character, but he is as astute as anyone in the world when it comes to horses. Very few people could claim to know as much about horses or handle them as well as he can."

When he realized he couldn't compete anymore at the top level of polo playing, Evans retired and began raising and developing more horses, both polo ponies and racehorses.

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| 1 | DEVON LANE (93, Storm Cat) | Died, 2012 | 16/5 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Devons Ca Ching, \$51,000) | \$100,902 | 415 | 19 | 0.82 | 0.83 |
| 2 | ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch | \$3,500 | 18/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (El Gran Cognac, \$21,600) | \$90,062 | 104 | 7 | 1.08 | 1.07 |
| 3 | DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano), A & A Ranch | N/A | 25/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Our Choice, \$20,700) | \$87,231 | 244 | 24 | 1.51 | 0.72 |
| 4 | PREMEDITATION (99, Afternoon Deelites), A & A Ranch | \$2,500 | 14/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Mr. Wizard, \$23,522) | \$79,634 | 69 | 4 | 1.19 | 0.80 |
| 5 | GHOSTLY MOVES (92, Silver Ghost) | N/A | 32/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Me Catchum, \$20,160) | \$78,770 | 228 | 22 | 1.11 | 1.06 |
| 6 | TO TERAS (00, Unbridled's Song), New Mexico State University | \$2,500 | 9/1 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Tyger Teras, \$51,000) | \$57,091 | 67 | 1 | 0.82 | 0.65 |
| 7 | ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch | \$2,500 | 15/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Thermal, \$17,000) | \$48,777 | 67 | 5 | 1.54 | 0.95 |
| 8 | GOLD CASE (94, Forty Niner), Mesa Vista Stud | \$5,000 | 21/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Victoria's Case, \$9,840) | \$45,954 | *568 | 21 | 1.08 | 1.12 |
| 9 | LE GRANDE DANSEUR (98, Citidancer), Doubletree Farm | \$2,500 | 5/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Le Grande's Spirit, \$18,006) | \$44,988 | 80 | 3 | 0.83 | 0.87 |
| 10 | YOUR EMINENCE (01, Saint Ballado) | Died, 2012 | 13/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dance With Trixie, \$16,080) | \$40,621 | 139 | 3 | 0.69 | 0.77 |
| 11 | PRO PRADO (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm | \$2,000 | 7/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Vinton Row, \$20,160) | \$39,701 | 28 | 0 | 0.99 | 1.09 |
| 12 | PROUD IRISH (86, Irish River), Tricar Stables | \$4,000 | 11/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Big Blaze, \$12,840) | \$32,465 | 283 | 10 | 0.91 | 0.82 |
| 13 | DOME (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm | \$2,000 | 10/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Gossip Dome, \$19,560) | \$31,473 | 190 | 5 | 0.78 | 0.77 |
| 14 | MINISTER ERIC (01, Old Trieste) | N/A | 15/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cuzin Eric, \$9,000) | \$30,389 | 80 | 0 | 0.49 | 0.92 |
| 15 | SUPER QUERCUS (FR) (96, Hero's Honor) | Died | 9/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Super Seaman, \$16,248) | \$29,821 | 38 | 1 | 0.47 | 1.02 |
| 16 | SILVER SEASON (96, Silver Ghost) | N/A | 6/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Silver Chunkus, \$11,700) | \$23,176 | 74 | 5 | 1.06 | 0.94 |
| 17 | LESTERS BOY (96, Cee's Tizzy) | Died, 2012 | 8/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Affluent Boy, \$12,840) | \$23,165 | 62 | 4 | 1.23 | 0.63 |
| 18 | DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat), McKenna Thoroughbreds | \$2,500 | 12/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (D Cat's Trip, \$7,560) | \$21,708 | 84 | 3 | 0.85 | 0.63 |
| 19 | QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm | \$3,500 | 13/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cooper Canyon, \$5,494) | \$21,229 | 72 | 5 | 1.86 | 0.88 |
| 20 | COPELAN'S PACHE (95, Copelan) | N/A | 6/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (A Pache Rojo, \$6,488) | \$19,489 | 105 | 1 | 0.61 | 0.91 |
| 21 | PRECOCITY (94, Aferd), Mesa Vista Stud | \$4,000 | 8/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Stone Cold Rock, \$7,440) | \$19,013 | 183 | 6 | 0.90 | 0.89 |
| 22 | REUBEN (97, Rubiano), TNL Farm, Inc. | \$1,200 | 6/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Reubens Watch, \$9,840) | \$18,816 | 35 | 0 | 0.65 | 0.47 |
| 23 | AWESOME DIVIDEND (00, Awesome Again), Ozhan Farm | N/A | 7/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Awesome in Action, \$16,292) | \$17,545 | 29 | 0 | 0.22 | 1.14 |
| 24 | K. O. PUNCH (95, Two Punch), McKenna Thoroughbreds | \$1,500 | 6/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (May Weather, \$13,944) | \$16,197 | *245 | 4 | 0.71 | 0.87 |
| 25 | SUAVE PROSPECT (92, Fortunate Prospect), Doubletree Farm | \$2,500 | 13/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Gold Strike Begins, \$5,400) | \$15,217 | 388 | 17 | 1.11 | 1.04 |

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| | | | | | | | 2013 Earnings | Foals | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | |
| 1 | SONGANDAPRAYER (98, Unbridled's Song), The Stallion Station @ Copper Crowne | \$5,000 | 97/14 | 2/2 | 1/2 | (Celtic Chant, \$71,790) | \$430,369 | *771 | 30 | 1.25 | 1.64 |
| 2 | CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Louisiana Stallion Station North | \$7,500 | 49/9 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Determinato, \$71,300) | \$257,261 | *318 | 14 | 1.28 | 1.29 |
| 3 | LEESTOWN (94, Seattle Slew) | Died, 2008 | 61/9 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Hit the Road Lee, \$67,800) | \$231,612 | 575 | 19 | 0.86 | 0.98 |
| 4 | GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley), Averett Farm | \$2,500 | 11/2 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Cluster of Stars, \$91,200) | \$172,957 | 74 | 1 | 0.86 | 1.22 |
| 5 | D'WILDCAT (98, Forest Wildcat), Louisiana Stallion Station South | \$4,500 | 45/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Wildcat Moon, \$20,000) | \$156,116 | *307 | 11 | 1.47 | 1.35 |
| 6 | WIRE ME COLLECT (93, Clever Trick), Traders Rest Farm | \$1,500 | 11/2 | 2/2 | 2/2 | (Wire Me Bessie, \$84,600) | \$145,770 | 162 | 6 | 0.80 | 0.76 |
| 7 | TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$3,500 | 45/9 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Easy Strike, \$23,400) | \$145,550 | *286 | 8 | 1.01 | 1.13 |
| 8 | LION TAMER (00, Will's Way), Clear Creek Stud, LLC | \$2,500 | 22/1 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Heavy On Themister, \$120,000) | \$128,276 | 82 | 1 | 0.92 | 1.20 |
| 9 | IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud, LLC | \$2,500 | 39/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sweet Ide, \$23,400) | \$122,110 | 524 | 16 | 1.17 | 1.10 |
| 10 | GOOD AND TOUGH (95, Carson City) | Died, 2012 | 33/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Say Somethin Good, \$29,600) | \$103,645 | *419 | 16 | 1.20 | 1.16 |
| 11 | SEFAPIANO (89, Fappiano) | Died, 2010 | 16/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Esther Carl, \$30,000) | \$102,572 | 336 | 23 | 1.31 | 0.93 |
| 12 | PRIVATE VOW (03, Broken Vow), Red River Farms | \$2,000 | 27/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Skinny, \$23,400) | \$101,970 | 86 | 0 | 0.55 | 1.43 |
| 13 | PLACID FUND (92, Dixieland Band), The Stock Exchange | \$750 | 10/3 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Drinking Fund, \$57,900) | \$95,256 | 135 | 4 | 0.89 | 0.80 |
| 14 | YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions | \$5,000 | 25/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Miss Julia, \$16,320) | \$92,717 | *354 | 16 | 1.39 | 1.32 |
| 15 | GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms | \$2,000 | 29/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (It's Goldie Rocks, \$11,100) | \$89,271 | *449 | 11 | 1.00 | 1.12 |
| 16 | SUN KING (02, Charismatic), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$3,500 | 23/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Big Chief Deke, \$19,685) | \$79,949 | 192 | 0 | 0.77 | 1.09 |
| 17 | WILDCAT SHOES (01, Forest Wildcat) | Died, 2009 | 25/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sir Trent, \$24,000) | \$78,055 | 101 | 2 | 0.84 | 0.97 |
| 18 | EASYFROMTHEGITGO (99, Dehere), Ryder River Ridge Farm | \$2,000 | 13/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Easy Jazz, \$36,000) | \$77,263 | 147 | 2 | 0.71 | 1.00 |
| 19 | TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Heritage Stud LLC | \$1,000 | 16/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Awesome Bandit, \$24,600) | \$70,010 | 228 | 3 | 0.87 | 0.94 |
| 20 | RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Louisiana Stallion Station South | \$3,500 | 24/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (She Loves Runnin', \$30,850) | \$69,628 | 87 | 6 | 1.54 | 1.09 |
| 21 | MY FRIEND MAX (92, Danzig) | N/A | 23/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (My Genius Friend, \$17,900) | \$67,460 | 201 | 10 | 1.08 | 0.92 |
| 22 | BIG TOP CAT (02, Storm Cat) | Died, 2012 | 11/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Midnight Heist, \$36,600) | \$66,740 | 91 | 1 | 0.93 | 0.87 |
| 23 | HUFF (93, Strawberry Road) | N/A | 8/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (My Red Girl, \$27,735) | \$66,330 | 97 | 1 | 0.86 | 0.47 |
| 24 | SALUTE THE SARGE (05, Forest Wildcat), Red River Farms | \$2,500 | 12/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cubicle Queen, \$36,000) | \$59,615 | *70 | 1 | 0.96 | 1.41 |
| 25 | HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud, LLC | \$4,000 | 19/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Wellingtons Appeal, \$18,960) | \$54,850 | *162 | 2 | 0.92 | 1.42 |
| 26 | GRAND APPOINTMENT (98, Unbridled), Fallen Oaks Farm | \$1,500 | 10/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Little Ms Veta, \$27,100) | \$54,439 | 53 | 1 | 1.04 | 0.97 |
| 27 | OSIDY (02, Storm Cat), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$2,000 | 19/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Boucherie, \$17,400) | \$53,020 | 95 | 1 | 0.75 | 0.89 |
| 28 | OLE REBEL (99, Carson City), Clear Creek Stud, LLC | \$1,500 | 12/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Petite Rebel, \$12,100) | \$49,220 | 51 | 0 | 0.70 | 0.87 |
| 29 | HIGH CASCADE (98, Woodman), Becky Bynum, DVM | \$1,000 | 20/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (A Tad High, \$17,400) | \$48,457 | *152 | 1 | 0.53 | 0.63 |
| 30 | TETON FOREST (01, Forestry), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$2,500 | 16/2 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Forest Mouse, \$30,250) | \$47,477 | *199 | 3 | 0.87 | 1.05 |
| 31 | BAY HEAD KING (98, Saint Ballado) | N/A | 7/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (D E Sweet Tease, \$36,240) | \$46,844 | 108 | 0 | 0.48 | 0.79 |
| 32 | SCREEN IDOL (99, Zarbyev) | Died, 2011 | 4/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (A Runnin Dream, \$17,400) | \$44,500 | 10 | 1 | 2.38 | 1.54 |
| 33 | PROMISSORY (02, A.P. Indy), Camelot Farm | \$500 | 5/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Promisetomake It, \$24,600) | \$42,960 | 47 | 0 | 0.52 | 0.70 |
| 34 | IN A WALK (89, Chief's Crown), Averett Farm | \$750 | 10/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Stroll the River, \$15,000) | \$42,535 | 246 | 4 | 0.71 | 0.77 |
| 35 | ART MUSEUM (03, Storm Cat) | N/A | 10/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lover of Art, \$15,000) | \$41,135 | 39 | 0 | 0.36 | 1.21 |

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"I had started breeding polo ponies," Evans noted, "which are basically Thoroughbreds who weren't big—15 hands or 15.2 hands. One stallion I used was a son of Mr. Prospector, and another was a son of Storm Bird."

Evans' biggest success to date as a breeder of racehorses came mostly by chance as he was cruising the barn area at the 1992 Keeneland September yearling sale, looking to buy a couple of youngsters.

"I was walking between barns and there was a yearling being walked," Evans remembered. "A piece of paper blew by her and she jumped, and then jumped right back and went to walking. She made such an athletic move that it caught my eye. It was like polo and changing directions. I didn't have her earmarked to look at, but I figured I'd look at her for the hell of it."

Evans bought the filly by Greinton—Anniversary Wish for \$20,000 after realizing in an ironic twist that Mandella had trained Anniversary Wish.

"So I took her home, broke her, took her

to Florida, got her ready to run, and sent her to my friend Jeff Williams. She had a lot of ability."

Named Wishes and Roses, the filly won half of her six starts including the 1993 Breeders' Cup Rascal Stakes at River Downs before a fractured knee ended her racing career. As a broodmare, Wishes and Roses outperformed all expectations. Her son Wishngitwas, an Evans homebred whom he also trained, was a three-time stakes winner. The hard-knocking son of Sandpit lit up the board in 24 of his 39 starts, winning six and \$273,870. Wishes and Roses' next runner was Almost Certain, by Favorite Trick, who won the 2005 Ketel One El Joven Stakes at Retama Park and ran up \$210,385 as another Evans homebred and trainee. Wasted Tears, a Najran filly,



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|------|--|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farm, Inc. | \$3,500 | 25/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Readthesmokesignal, \$55,200) | \$275,884 | *237 | 9 | 1.38 | 1.21 |
| 2 | LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farm, Inc. | \$3,500 | 36/12 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Never the End, \$25,200) | \$205,807 | *172 | 2 | 1.00 | 1.06 |
| 3 | TOCCE (00, Awesome Again), Mighty Acres | \$2,500 | 36/10 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (English Manor, \$14,800) | \$109,821 | *294 | 13 | 1.19 | 1.27 |
| 4 | DON'T GET MAD (02, Stephen Got Even), Rockin Z Ranch | \$2,000 | 22/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Don't Be Mad, \$24,600) | \$109,371 | *113 | 2 | 1.21 | 0.95 |
| 5 | SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Caines Stallion Station | \$1,000 | 9/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Service for Ten, \$25,650) | \$72,617 | 356 | 18 | 1.20 | 1.05 |
| 6 | OMEGA CODE (00, Elusive Quality), Rockin Z Ranch | \$2,000 | 27/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Fashion Bee, \$8,590) | \$44,621 | 275 | 7 | 0.72 | 1.28 |
| 7 | STATE CITY (99, Carson City), Caines Stallion Station | \$1,000 | 11/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Strong Response, \$15,000) | \$33,907 | *226 | 1 | 0.70 | 1.02 |
| 8 | MONSIEUR CAT (98, Tabasco Cat), Legend Farm | \$1,500 | 3/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Alley Oop Oop, \$17,760) | \$33,590 | 53 | 1 | 0.93 | 1.82 |
| 9 | TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Diamond G Ranch | \$1,000 | 7/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Wishful Tomcat, \$15,360) | \$30,460 | 504 | 24 | 1.09 | 1.29 |
| 10 | KIPLING (96, Gulch), Mighty Acres | \$2,500 | 18/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Kiptastic, \$7,800) | \$24,442 | 264 | 8 | 1.25 | 0.90 |
| 11 | WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Kirton Farms | \$1,500 | 9/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Aunt Topsy, \$10,400) | \$22,302 | *304 | 5 | 1.15 | 1.32 |
| 12 | EVANSVILLE SLEW (92, Slew City Stew) | Died, 2012 | 11/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (El Otro, \$9,540) | \$22,131 | *497 | 34 | 1.13 | 0.93 |
| 13 | DIAMOND (95, Mr. Prospector), Oklahoma Equine | \$2,500 | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Diamond Disco, \$6,844) | \$17,708 | 281 | 6 | 1.10 | 1.06 |
| 14 | ARTAX (95, Marquetry) | Died, 2012 | 11/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Brush On By, \$4,400) | \$16,730 | *428 | 6 | 1.03 | 1.32 |
| 15 | RUBIYAT (95, Rubiano), Spears Racing | \$1,000 | 4/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Danny Newman, \$10,850) | \$14,310 | 70 | 0 | 0.75 | 0.88 |

became Wishes and Roses' third stakes winner. Wishes and Roses died after a difficult pregnancy in 2011.

"How good was she?" Evans asked rhetorically of Wishes and Roses before

turning self-deprecating. "Look at this brilliant guy and what I bred that mare to. Sandpit, Favorite Trick, Najran. Nobody who set the world on fire. So how good was she? Thunder Gulch was the

best horse I bred her to, but we didn't get a foal. Then we had her in foal to Elusive Quality when she got one of those exotic Kentucky diseases you can't pronounce, and we had to put her down after the foal died inside her."

Wasted Tears represents the zenith of Evans' accomplishments with racehorses. Besides breeding, owning, and training her, Evans personally vanned her around the country. At age 4 in 2009 she won the Ouija Board Distaff Handicap (gr. IIIT) at Lone Star Park. The following season began with an allowance/optional claiming victory and a win in the Honey Fox Stakes (gr. IIIT) at Gulfstream Park, followed by consecutive victories in the Jenny Wiley Stakes (gr. IIT) at Keeneland, a repeat in the Ouija Board, and a trip to Del Mar to win the John C. Mabee Stakes (gr. IIT). In 2011 she won her third straight Ouija Board.

"That wasn't Tex Sutton flying her around," said Evans. "I drove her from Texas to Florida and up to Keeneland and back to Texas and she won a graded stakes everywhere I drove her.

"Her brain especially stood out. When I graze my horses in the afternoon, the one that does the most crying when I approach the barn gets to graze first. She



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|------|---|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | 2013 Earnings | Foals | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | DEPUTY WILD CAT (99, Deputy Minister) | Died, 2012 | 10/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Defense Mode, \$19,040) | \$58,785 | 120 | 2 | 0.94 | 1.04 |
| 2 | MILLENNIUM WIND (98, Cryptoclearance) | Died, 2012 | 6/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Barely Nothing, \$16,800) | \$36,097 | *246 | 3 | 0.57 | 1.26 |
| 3 | MARGIE'S WILDCAT (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm | N/A | 11/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Deputy Innovator, \$5,261) | \$22,771 | 82 | 0 | 0.74 | 0.99 |
| 4 | TOP HIT (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch | N/A | 11/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sallyana, \$5,400) | \$19,466 | 70 | 8 | 1.15 | 0.94 |
| 5 | GOLDEN GEAR (91, Gulch) | Died, 2009 | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Golden Playmate, \$11,200) | \$15,208 | 323 | 11 | 0.97 | 1.27 |

would start when she saw me drive up. At Del Mar there is no grass to graze on. She dragged me over to within 10 feet of the outside rail when a race was about to start, and people were talking about how we were going to have an incident and everything else. Well, the field broke and went right by her and she stood right there, still looking at something in the infield. She never moved. She never acknowledged the existence of another horse.

"She was sound as could be; never, ever had a needle in a joint. All the mistakes she ever made, I made for her. It took me awhile to figure out she was grass. She did not like her feet slipping. I was the dumb ass."

Colby Marks, who manages Stovehaven Steadings, the former Saxony Farm in Lexington, disagrees. He now cares for Wasted Tears and her new foal. He has been raising Evans' stock for decades.

"You wouldn't know it, but he's a wonderful guy," said Marks, pointing Evans' brand of humor back at him. "Bart is an accomplished horseman who was one of the top polo players in the world and had the best horses of anyone. He'd keep the good ones and breed them and also train them. He knows everything about a horse."

Wasted Tears' first foal is the product of a foal-sharing deal Evans is doing with Stonehaven Steadings, which has made a splash as the breeder of 2012 champion 2-year-old male Shanghai Bobby. The foal will probably be offered at auction.

"Do you know how tough it is to make money with a racehorse?" Evans asked. "I love when people say at the sales 'I sold that yearling for only \$200,000.' Do you realize how difficult it is to raise a horse and make that kind of cash at the racetrack? Yearlings are like getting into a taxi cab—the meter starts and it don't ever stop."

From just a handful of mares, Evans has enjoyed success in two disciplines—sometimes with the same mare. His mare Bad Habit had produced some stellar polo ponies, then got a colt that was too big for polo, so Evans sent it to the racetrack. Ikickedthehabit won the 1995 Second Wind Stakes at River Downs as an Evans homebred.

Evans has cut back some on his numbers, foaling out up to 10 mares per year with an eye on racing. He has about a dozen horses of racing age in active training and will condition the occasional horse for an outside client. On his ranch in Midland, Evans breaks yearlings in the fall, turns them out for a few months, then takes them to the racetrack to train when the calendar turns.

Ask him the difference between riding polo ponies and training racehorses and a bit of frustration leaks out concerning the latter.

"You're not as in charge of your fate in racing as you are in polo," he stated. "Once I throw that rider up there, that's it, and so many things can happen. In polo, if the horse gets sick, you turn him out a little bit and then get him on the field. You can play them for a chukker (period) and then jump off after a few minutes. You get a racehorse with a cold and it takes them forever to get over it. You can't jump off a horse at the eighth pole and jump on another one to finish the race.

"A racehorse is like flying an airplane. You have to go over the checklist and make sure everything's right and then hope for the best. You do your job and then turn it over to the jockey, and who

knows what happens then. Charlie Whittingham said you don't have to tell a good rider what to do, and you're wasting your time talking to the rest."

From the Evans ranch it's about 300 miles to Lone Star Park, 300 to Retama Park, 500 to Sam Houston, and 300 to Sunland Park in New Mexico, hence Midland's name as midway among a lot of points. Evans' pickup truck has 570,000 miles and counting on it. With the TV commercial showing one pickup towing the space shuttle through Los Angeles, Evans said he's available to do his own spot.

"I've gone through a few tires," he noted.

With all those miles in the rearview mirror, Evans can't help thinking about guys such as Whittingham and Jerkens. Jerkens is now going through what the late Whittingham experienced, struggling to get horses to train.

"Jerkens has taken horses without pedigrees and turned them into racehorses," said Evans. "He's still as sharp as anyone could be. Hell, he's got shoes older than some of these guys that are getting all the horses. You don't forget about how to train a horse as you get older."

Evans then carved out an exception for himself. "Me, I peaked in my teens and have gotten dumber ever since." **BH**

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