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Double Barrel

Texan Wes Melcher aims high with his Double Infinity Ranch

BY EVAN HAMMONDS

WHILE NEW STALLION operations and training centers are popping up in hot-bed regional markets such as New York and Maryland, who would think to aim high and go all-in on a full-service Thoroughbred operation outside of Dallas, Texas? Well, the forward-thinking Wes Melcher, for one.

The 35-year-old entrepreneur with a deep-seated passion for racing—and the future of the sport—had a vision for a facility built on Kentucky standards and furthered by the legacy of great horsemanship in the Lone Star State. As he has done in his professional life, Melcher dove in head first, purchasing a commercial horse operation outside Sulfur Springs last summer and turning it into Double Infinity Ranch.

The spread, about 80 miles east of Dallas, is well on its way to being a full-service operation, offering breaking and training for young horses and great lay-up care for horses of racing age in need of a rest or time to mend a nagging injury. The first crop of foals will arrive early next year at Double Infinity out of broodmares Melcher has purchased. Sales prep is a niche in which Melcher wants to excel. Who knows, Double Infinity may one day stand stallions.

Melcher, a single dad, lives on the ranch and has entrusted Clifford Bailey as the man in charge of the horses at Double Infinity. Bailey's daughter, Brooke, runs the administrative end of the business.

"Clifford's been doing this longer than I've been alive," Melcher said.

Bailey used to run the 400-acre Rafter L Ranch, the largest horse facility in the area. His wife, Julie, also works with the horses at Double



Double Infinity Ranch's Wes Melcher at the farm's grand opening in October

RUBIANO - ROSE COLORED LADY, BY FORMAL DINNER

TOO MUCH BLING

LEADING SIRE IN TEXAS

28% STAKES HORSES / STARTERS

14% STAKES WINNERS / STARTERS

9% STAKES WINNERS / FOALS OF RACING AGE

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2014 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstret SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2013 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Lane's End Texas	\$4,000	65/35	4/4	4/4	(He Has Bling, \$92,981)	\$1,234,592	104	11	1.30	1.19
2	EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$3,500	72/41	3/4	3/3	(Solid Sender, \$116,055)	\$1,018,017	196	14	0.86	0.88
3	ORATORY (02, Pulpit), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm	\$3,500	45/17	2/2	2/2	(Monster Sleeping, \$193,700)	\$1,002,607	*150	3	1.28	1.19
4	VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal), Lane's End Texas	Pnsd	65/33	1/1	1/1	(Rock City Roadhog, \$82,780)	\$950,882	614	43	1.24	1.18
5	MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$4,000	40/23	6/6	4/6	(Fiftyshadesofgold, \$97,790)	\$771,878	64	7	1.01	1.12
6	SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), R&S Stables	\$1,500	34/16	0/0	0/0	(Frisco Exsective, \$54,904)	\$443,542	*168	3	1.05	0.92
7	LITTLEEXPECTATIONS (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	32/16	0/0	0/0	(Expecting Cash, \$120,930)	\$435,995	180	4	0.80	1.03
8	WIMBLETON (01, Wild Rush), Valor Farm	\$2,000	28/14	1/3	0/1	(Worldventurer, \$135,750)	\$422,035	100	4	0.78	0.77
9	SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit)	N/A	40/16	1/1	1/1	(Shezararebird, \$62,785)	\$396,920	111	2	0.63	0.50
10	UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch	\$2,500	32/16	1/1	1/1	(Lillie Abbie, \$52,161)	\$385,915	194	6	0.66	0.66
11	CAPTAIN COUNTDOWN (96, Relaunch), Double S Thoroughbred Farm	\$500	37/14	1/1	0/1	(Wampas Kitty, \$30,448)	\$275,283	169	2	0.54	0.68
12	TOUCH TONE (98, Pick up the Phone)	N/A	24/13	0/0	0/0	(More Than That, \$32,398)	\$255,667	107	2	0.66	0.70
13	SUPREME CAT (00, Hennessy), Lane's End Texas	\$1,000	34/16	1/2	0/1	(Digital Dirt, \$33,576)	\$255,659	83	4	0.81	0.86
14	DAY OF THE CAT (01, Storm Cat), Bradford Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	22/10	0/0	0/0	(Cat's Classy Rider, \$58,237)	\$232,112	59	0	0.58	0.76
15	SEEKING A HOME (98, Seeking the Gold), Rolling Oaks Farm	N/A	23/14	1/1	0/1	(Sonny's Memory, \$50,435)	\$226,598	118	5	0.79	0.81
16	HUMMING (96, Summer Squall)	N/A	14/5	1/1	1/1	(You Funny Man, \$118,071)	\$212,354	80	2	0.64	0.78
17	CITY STREET (99, Carson City), Bullard Farms	\$1,500	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Last Wager, \$50,940)	\$211,346	127	3	0.62	0.83
18	INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	40/11	0/0	0/0	(Western Rock, \$24,000)	\$205,379	105	5	0.74	0.80
19	GOT THE GOODS (01, Pulpit), R&R Farms	\$1,500	17/6	1/1	1/1	(Goods Gone West, \$104,490)	\$203,414	38	1	0.54	0.51
20	GAFF (02, Maria's Mon), Seguin Horse Center	\$1,500	16/10	0/0	0/0	(Bloody Smart, \$31,996)	\$172,952	26	0	0.62	1.10
21	DIXIELAND HEAT (90, Dixieland Band)	Pnsd	17/7	0/0	0/0	(Shannon' Phavorite, \$50,961)	\$168,511	*288	9	1.06	0.97
22	PINE BLUFF (89, Danzig)	N/A	15/6	0/0	0/0	(Up and Out of Site, \$53,592)	\$166,754	*579	35	1.51	1.61
23	LEXICON (95, Conquistador Cielo)	N/A	16/9	0/0	0/0	(Lex's Shadow, \$22,379)	\$130,111	152	1	0.45	0.97
24	EVIL MINISTER (02, Deputy Minister), Eddie George Ranch	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Dread the Pirate, \$71,193)	\$129,466	12	1	1.34	0.43
25	HABAYEB (00, Storm Cat), Fairytail Farms	\$1,500	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Derby Day Storm, \$22,586)	\$104,533	38	4	0.51	0.62
26	RARE BRICK (83, Rare Performer)	N/A	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Ginger Brick Road, \$22,044)	\$103,097	486	30	0.95	0.99
27	SENECA JONES (90, Alydar)	Died	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Jones Way, \$30,006)	\$99,922	233	11	0.93	0.85
28	PRIMAL STORM (02, Storm Boot), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	23/5	0/0	0/0	(Primed and Ready, \$38,060)	\$98,493	56	1	0.39	0.94
29	GRAVE DIGGER (01, Red Ransom), Just C Farm	\$1,000	6/4	1/1	1/1	(Vilao, \$40,000)	\$95,796	37	1	0.41	0.85
30	LIL'S LAD (95, Pine Bluff), Key Ranch	\$2,000	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Two Taverns, \$29,430)	\$93,202	*230	7	0.82	1.14
31	KING TUTTA (00, A.P. Indy)	N/A	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Culpepper Creek, \$31,439)	\$92,374	53	0	0.43	0.67
32	SILENT PICTURE (01, Grand Slam), Key to the Hills Farm	\$1,500	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Quiet Acceleration, \$29,194)	\$88,995	36	0	0.52	0.62
33	ONCE A SAILOR (92, Vice Regent)	Pnsd	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Sand Dusty, \$29,896)	\$74,179	70	0	0.56	0.82
34	SAFADO (02, Fusaichi Pegasus)	Died, 2013	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Abelha Maestra, \$31,248)	\$70,165	65	1	0.46	1.59
35	OLMOS (94, Carson City)	N/A	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Kogi, \$23,331)	\$69,668	57	1	0.58	0.59
36	SERAZZO (96, Kris S.)	Died, 2009	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Aire of Victory, \$26,207)	\$67,177	16	0	0.63	0.64
37	NIAGARA CAUSEWAY (03, Giant's Causeway), La Bahia Stud	\$2,500	9/4	0/0	0/0	(As Good as Gold, \$22,220)	\$66,358	27	0	0.29	1.28
38	RIVER SQUALL (94, Summer Squall), Cedar Creek Farm	\$1,500	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Allie's Mr. Bob, \$26,025)	\$66,035	85	3	0.57	0.73
39	TRULUCK (95, Conquistador Cielo)	N/A	17/2	0/0	0/0	(Lucky A. C., \$19,843)	\$64,267	175	4	0.69	0.71
40	SAND RIDGE (95, Known Fact)	Died, 2008	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Ridgeofstone, \$32,035)	\$53,666	44	1	0.32	0.45



COURTESY OF DOUBLE INFINITY RANCH

Working over the new training track at Double Infinity Ranch

Infinity. A world-champion barrel racer in her day, Julie does a lot of the hands-on work with the young horses in the round pen and in the initial stages of the breaking process.

"I call her the 'horse whisperer,'" Melcher said. "I'm lucky to have them."

Melcher, who would make his own luck early in his business career, grew up in West Texas while summering at a family cabin near Ruidoso, N.M. His family would spend time watching Quarter Horse racing at Ruidoso Downs.

"My dad had his own business, so we didn't do a lot of vacationing," Melcher said. "That was our summer getaway. I loved being around the horses as a kid. It was one of my fondest memories growing up."

In 2005 he helped start World Ventures, a Dallas-based company of which he's still a co-owner. Melcher notes it is the world's largest travel club and has locations in 25 countries. People pay a membership fee to join the club to gain access to

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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 December 1, 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.

MY GOLDEN SONG

MY GOLDEN SONG IS SIRING AN INCREDIBLE 13% STAKES WINNERS!



His runners go short or two turns, on the dirt or the turf. He was Texas' leading freshman sire in 2011 and the leading second-crop sire last year. He is from female family #4-m, one of the soundest and most prolific in the stud book. This family is known for producing the top sires **COZZENE, DUBAI MILLENNIUM, DIXIE UNION, HARLAN'S HOLIDAY, BERNARDINI** and **UNBRIDLED'S SONG**.

2014 FEE: \$4,000

MY GOLDEN SONG › UNBRIDLED'S SONG – GOLDEN PAR, BY GOLD MERIDIAN



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TRIUMPH AND SONG

Winner of the Premiere Stakes with a 99 Beyer



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COWGIRL N UP

A stakes winner at ages 2, 3 and 4 with earnings of \$204,966



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PLATINUM SONG

Last year's Texas Champion 2YO Filly and a two-time stakes winner



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FIFTYSHADES OF GOLD

Grade 2-placed and eight-length winner of Debutante Stakes at Churchill Downs



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SMILES GOLDEN SONG

Winner of the Fiesta Mile Stakes two years in a row



Lou Hodges

THE GIRL IN THAT SONG

Won \$100,000 Happy Ticket Stakes on turf at Louisiana Downs

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Sprint!



A TOP 20 LEADING NATIONAL THIRD CROP SIRE
THE LEADING LOUISIANA 3RD CROP SIRE BY EARNINGS
SIRE OF

GENTLEMEN'S BET (9-5-0-3, \$416,700) Placed in 2013 G1 Xpressbet Breeders' Cup Sprint. Won Iowa Sprint S., and placed in the G1 Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. and G3 Count Fleet H.,

and 2013 Juvenile Stakes Winners

ALL WOMAN (5-3-2-0) Won Louisiana Jewel

LE GRIS (6-2-0-2) Won D. S. "Shine" Young Memorial F.

75% WINNERS FROM STARTERS

THE TOP SIRE BY TOTAL at Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana 2013 Yearling sale Yearlings selling for \$50,000, \$45,000, \$42,000, \$39,000 etc.

RECORD SETTING GRADED STAKES WINNER. Undefeated at two. Broke maiden by 10 3/4 at KEE. Won the \$120,000 Three Chimneys Juv. S. at Churchill setting a **NEW STAKES RECORD.**

2014 Fee: \$4,500 Live Foal, payable September 1st of year bred or **\$5,000 Live Foal**, payable when foal stands and nurses • Nominated to Breeders' Cup

Custom For Carlos

More Than Ready-Meadow Oaks, by Meadowlake

First Foals
are
impressive!

GRADED STAKES WINNER at 3 and 4

EARNED TRIPLE DIGIT BEYERS FIVE 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 MIMI'S BLING



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Star Guitar

Quiet American-Minit Towinit, by Malagra

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EARNED \$1.75 MILLION • 24 WINS FROM 30 STARTS

- A Stakes Winner every year from ages two to seven
- Set **New Track Record** at Evangeline Downs in final start - 1 1/16 miles in 1:43.71
- **Won 22 stakes:** Won Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile at 2; Louisiana Champions Day Sprint at 3, Louisiana Champions Day Classic at 4, 5, and 6; Won Louisiana Premier Night Championship S. at 4, 5, 6, and 7; Won the Evangeline Mile at 4, 5, and 6, etc.; placed in the **G3 Alysheba S.**
- Pedigree includes **DR. FAGER** on the top and **DAMASCUS** on the bottom, making him a powerful cross to two legends, archrivals and Hall of Famers

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AVERAGE/STARTER over \$54,000

72% WINNERS/STARTERS

29% 2YO WINNERS/STARTERS

Sire of

IDEFROMTHEBAYOU, set NCR winning Louisiana Showcase Starter S., @7.5 f. T in 1:28.90

SHEZACRAZYGIRL, winner of four stakes races and \$396,800

IDE BE COOL, 2013 winner of the \$150,000 Louisiana Legacy Stakes

Glamoride, 2013 juvenile stakes placed winner, 2nd \$150,000 Louisiana Jewel Stakes

Shezacrazylilsis, 2013 stakes placed winner

2014 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

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, 2013 SW. Won 12 Evangeline Mile H. in track record time! (1 Mi. in 1:36.38), as well as a 6 furlong track record (1:08.93) to his credit at Evangeline Downs.

SOUTHERN DUDE, 2013 SW and G3 placed, earned triple digit Beyers in his first start.

Lion Warrior, juvenile stakes placed

MILLIONAIRE G1 WINNING Sprinter/Miler

TRIPLE DIGIT BEYERS 9 TIMES

Broke his maiden at 2 (6 f:1:08 3/5 at Belmont). At 3, won the G2 Hutcheson S. in

1:22 3/5. Won the G1 Cigar Mile H. in 1:32 1/5 (111 Beyer); etc

2014 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

17%

**STAKES
HORSES**

**\$44,000 AVE/
EARNINGS**

67%

WINNERS



Stakes horses include

2013 Elge Raspberry winner, **KISSES FOR CARROTS**, **HUD'S PLAYMATE** (\$185,294), **MAID IN CHINA** (\$95,000), **Convinceable** (\$153,958), **Warren's Mark** (\$152,282), and **Gracie'sGem** (\$126,030).

2014 Fee: \$1,000 Live Foal, September 1st 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!**



SIRE OF TWO 2013 STAKES HORSES

Hud's Rebellion 2nd Louisiana Legends Classic and Louisiana Cup Turf Classic. Earnings of \$176,356.

Warren's Rebel, (7-2-2-3) placed in the Ragin Cajun S.

2014 Fee: \$1,000 Live Foal, September 1st or **\$1,500 Live Foal**,

payable when foal stands and nurses
Nominated to Breeders' Cup Series



2 stakes horses
on Delta Jackpot Day!
IDE BE COOL
won \$150,000 Louisiana Legacy S.
Glamoride
2nd in \$150,000
Louisiana Jewel S.



G.W.'s Skippie

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75% Winners

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1	SONGANDPRAYER (98, Unbridled's Song), The Stallion Stn @ Copper Crowne	\$5,000	245/150	8/11	2/8	(Dan the Tin Man, \$182,321)	\$5,136,291	*781	33	1.23	1.59
2	D'WILDCAT (98, Forest Wildcat), Louisiana Stallion Station South	\$4,500	127/68	1/2	0/1	(Wildcat Lily, \$367,285)	\$2,937,726	*335	12	1.43	1.34
3	CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Louisiana Stallion Stn North	\$5,000	127/76	5/7	1/5	(Determinato, \$204,270)	\$2,816,282	*329	16	1.27	1.27
4	EL CORREDOR (97, Mr. Greeley), The Stallion Stn @ Copper Crowne	\$3,500	164/70	4/6	2/4	(Little Ms Protocol, \$204,500)	\$2,555,782	*919	34	1.23	1.53
5	HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud	\$4,000	77/43	3/3	2/3	(Gentlemen's Bet, \$392,400)	\$1,866,948	*170	5	1.08	1.34
6	TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	106/61	0/0	0/0	(Coco's Sweetie, \$125,830)	\$1,790,367	*288	9	0.99	1.10
7	YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$5,000	105/49	2/2	1/2	(Ive Struck a Nerve, \$248,000)	\$1,722,668	*366	18	1.32	1.29
8	SUN KING (02, Charismatic), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	112/54	2/2	1/2	(Will to Shine, \$97,925)	\$1,561,043	201	2	0.76	1.07
9	GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley), Averett Farm	\$2,500	39/19	1/4	0/1	(Cluster of Stars, \$519,600)	\$1,418,054	76	1	1.11	1.21
10	IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	83/39	1/1	1/1	(Ide Be Cool, \$129,600)	\$1,113,727	528	17	1.14	1.09
11	LEESTOWN (94, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2008	88/37	2/3	1/2	(Hit the Road Lee, \$126,580)	\$1,076,957	576	19	0.85	0.96
12	GOOD AND TOUGH (95, Carson City)	Died, 2012	68/37	0/0	0/0	(Sister City, \$60,260)	\$975,513	*422	16	1.17	1.15
13	PRIVATE VOW (03, Broken Vow), Red River Farms	\$2,000	60/29	1/1	1/1	(Tensas Harbor, \$105,850)	\$914,102	94	1	0.68	1.37
14	RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Louisiana Stallion Stn South	\$3,500	38/19	0/0	0/0	(My Star Runner, \$127,152)	\$708,439	92	6	1.45	1.05
15	GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms	\$2,000	62/27	1/1	1/1	(Well's Gold, \$92,170)	\$706,526	*451	11	0.97	1.10
16	LION TAMER (00, Will's Way), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	56/22	2/2	2/2	(Heavy On Themister, \$124,800)	\$689,562	88	2	0.80	1.12
17	AFTERNOON DEELITES (92, Private Terms)	Pnsd	55/26	0/0	0/0	(Afternoon Tango, \$61,800)	\$650,196	*599	25	1.12	1.36
18	MY FRIEND MAX (92, Danzig)	N/A	43/24	0/0	0/0	(Sir Maxwell, \$61,730)	\$648,388	202	10	1.04	0.91
19	SMOOTH JAZZ (99, Storm Boot)	N/A	32/16	0/0	0/0	(Smooth Bert, \$120,194)	\$631,261	121	3	1.19	1.06
20	WILDCAT SHOES (01, Forest Wildcat)	Died, 2009	41/25	0/0	0/0	(Gato Bravo, \$50,322)	\$626,827	101	2	0.83	0.95
21	OSIDY (02, Storm Cat), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	44/24	0/0	0/0	(Cavalero, \$58,070)	\$624,383	95	1	0.75	0.93
22	TETON FOREST (01, Forestry), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	55/23	1/2	0/1	(Forest Mouse, \$81,250)	\$558,947	*201	3	0.82	1.06
23	BIG TOP CAT (02, Storm Cat)	Died, 2012	43/20	0/0	0/0	(Midnight Heist, \$69,730)	\$536,109	100	1	0.82	0.86
24	TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Heritage Stud	\$1,000	39/19	0/0	0/0	(Pocket Time, \$70,070)	\$532,688	230	3	0.85	0.92
25	SNUCK IN (97, Montbrook), Matthews Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	43/18	0/0	0/0	(Hula Pie, \$50,666)	\$503,951	*293	5	0.88	0.95
26	MR. LIVINGSTON (97, El Prado)	Died, 2011	39/19	0/0	0/0	(Sweet Rocket Man, \$79,840)	\$495,480	*157	1	0.62	1.03
27	PORTO FORICOS (95, Mr. Prospector), Clear Creek Stud	Died, 2013	45/17	0/0	0/0	(Hickissippi, \$88,400)	\$471,639	213	5	1.10	1.16
28	CANADIAN FRONTIER (99, Gone West), Le Mesa Stallions	\$2,500	41/20	0/0	0/0	(Buy Out, \$39,990)	\$471,193	150	7	1.25	1.45
29	SEFAPIANO (89, Fappiano)	Died, 2010	31/12	0/0	0/0	(Esther Carl, \$79,020)	\$462,710	337	23	1.29	0.93
30	WIRE ME COLLECT (93, Clever Trick), Traders Rest Farm	\$1,500	21/7	2/2	2/2	(Wire Me Bessie, \$135,680)	\$421,597	162	6	0.81	0.75
31	EASYFROMTHEGITGO (99, Dehere)	N/A	34/15	0/0	0/0	(Easy Jazz, \$163,666)	\$408,585	151	2	0.69	0.96
32	OLE REBEL (99, Carson City), Clear Creek Stud	\$1,500	20/8	0/0	0/0	(Hud's Rebellion, \$116,600)	\$382,570	53	0	0.77	0.87
33	GRAND APPOINTMENT (98, Unbridled), Fallen Oaks Farm	\$1,500	21/10	0/0	0/0	(Amanda Michelle, \$93,100)	\$381,649	53	1	1.00	0.95
34	RAINMAKER (99, Storm Cat), All Star Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	36/14	0/0	0/0	(Money in Motion, \$53,269)	\$364,290	*177	0	0.58	0.82
35	PULLING PUNCHES (96, Two Punch), Red River Farms	\$1,000	11/8	1/2	1/1	(Lasting Bubbles, \$143,566)	\$332,864	141	3	0.77	0.68
36	LONE STAR SKY (00, Conquistador Cielo)	N/A	27/12	0/0	0/0	(Rocket to the Sky, \$56,370)	\$326,643	70	1	0.89	0.90
37	MAUK FOUR (00, Boston Harbor), Holly Hill Farm	\$1,500	19/8	0/0	0/0	(Jettin Jana, \$77,675)	\$321,854	32	0	0.94	0.97
38	RULER'S COURT (01, Doneraile Court), Holly Hill Farm	\$1,000	34/13	0/0	0/0	(Classy Ruler, \$38,173)	\$305,246	94	1	0.55	0.84
39	SORCERER'S STONE (03, Gulch), Louisiana Stallion Stn North	\$750	29/13	0/0	0/0	(Lively Stone, \$48,295)	\$298,672	65	0	0.43	0.59
40	PROUD AND TRUE (94, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	20/9	0/0	0/0	(Acopandproudoft, \$98,140)	\$288,944	228	4	1.06	0.99



Farm trainer Clifford Bailey



Brooke Bailey

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That success allowed Melcher to risk some capital in the horse business. He sought out a contemporary—trainer Bret Calhoun—and claimed his first horse in July 2011 at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas, for \$12,500. They ran him back three weeks later for \$20,000 and he won and got claimed.

That was a lit match to gasoline for the energetic Melcher. He and Calhoun claimed a few more and then started buying yearlings at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale, the Fasig-Tipton Texas sale, and at Keeneland that September.

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,000	94/40	2/4	2/2	(Sunbean, \$217,731)	\$1,371,522	*606	16	1.09	1.20
2	THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center	\$1,500	59/37	2/4	0/2	(Youcan'tcatchme, \$249,259)	\$1,143,678	*117	3	1.05	1.27
3	STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat), McDowell Farm	\$1,500	75/34	3/3	2/3	(All About Allie, \$56,167)	\$820,923	398	19	0.81	0.97
4	PRIMARY SUSPECT (01, Hennessy), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	33/22	1/1	1/1	(Sashabye, \$69,440)	\$556,477	76	3	0.71	1.15
5	HESABULL (93, Dispersal)	N/A	39/16	0/0	0/0	(Tour de Rock, \$37,491)	\$371,331	176	5	0.90	1.08
6	HIGH CASCADE (98, Woodman), Becky Bynum, DVM	\$1,000	43/14	0/0	0/0	(Cupid's Hit, \$52,860)	\$340,345	*155	1	0.51	0.63
7	PRODEST ROMEO (90, Proud Truth)	Died, 2009	24/12	0/0	0/0	(Proud Mandy, \$26,184)	\$276,222	183	7	0.94	1.11
8	MIDWAY ROAD (00, Jade Hunter), Trophy Club Training Center	\$750	25/15	1/1	0/1	(Midway Mine, \$40,990)	\$275,495	77	2	0.62	1.07
9	PORTOBELLO ROAD (04, Storm Cat), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Just a Wildflower, \$70,435)	\$234,410	47	0	0.64	1.10
10	RICHTER SCALE (94, Habitony), Chad White	\$1,500	40/12	0/0	0/0	(Waldo Girl, \$32,100)	\$233,034	356	9	0.77	1.24
11	ILE ST. LOUIS (CHI) (97, Hussonet)	N/A	10/5	1/2	0/1	(Ile St. Molly, \$154,130)	\$214,287	57	2	0.83	0.90
12	FATHER STEVE (99, Pulpit)	Died, 2012	31/11	0/0	0/0	(T. Thomas, \$21,670)	\$198,560	108	0	0.52	0.73
13	TOP VENTURE (99, Storm Cat), Lost Lake Ranch	N/A	18/6	0/0	0/0	(A Vanilla Venture, \$37,180)	\$190,599	90	0	0.69	0.89
14	MORLUC (96, Housebuster)	Died	15/6	0/0	0/0	(Paris Luc, \$41,447)	\$184,044	69	1	0.57	0.81
15	CINNAMON CREEK (95, Darn That Alarm), Three Boys Stables	\$500	12/6	1/1	0/1	(Bikini Bella, \$60,105)	\$165,273	95	2	0.56	0.70
16	HARPERSTOWN (86, Devil's Bag)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Merry Mittens, \$89,910)	\$160,728	103	2	0.78	0.61
17	SOUTHERN FOREST (92, Seeking the Gold), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Bullero, \$39,150)	\$155,782	81	1	0.51	0.73
18	ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev), Chad White	\$1,500	17/5	0/0	0/0	(Eighth At Citypark, \$51,292)	\$141,826	*309	15	1.11	0.86
19	COMMANDER'S SHOES (03, Deputy Commander), Lake Hamilton Equine Assoc	\$500	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Valentine Shoes, \$24,636)	\$100,807	29	0	0.43	0.67
20	BRASSY WELLS (96, Dixie Brass), Roberts Racing Stable	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Brassy's Blessing, \$21,909)	\$68,647	25	1	0.81	0.69

2013 LEADING SIRES IN ARIZONA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2014 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2013 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	MARGIE'S WILDCAT (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	37/21	0/0	0/0	(Hadfunlastnight, \$72,320)	\$481,874	82	0	0.72	0.97
2	DEPUTY WILD CAT (99, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2012	33/15	0/0	0/0	(Bim Bam, \$93,117)	\$419,894	121	2	0.90	1.04
3	TOP HIT (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch	N/A	29/15	1/1	0/1	(Sallyana, \$71,240)	\$393,270	72	9	1.04	0.92
4	RED SKY'S (96, Skywalker), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	19/9	2/5	2/2	(Red Zeus, \$127,450)	\$249,237	108	4	0.41	0.47
5	CHELOKEE (04, Cherokee Run), University of Arizona Horse Center	\$1,500	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Beat of the Drum, \$45,176)	\$187,484	28	0	0.74	0.85
6	DISTORTED REALITY (04, Distorted Humor), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	21/8	0/0	0/0	(Tavern Time, \$68,577)	\$182,714	48	0	0.36	0.79
7	BENTON CREEK (93, Septieme Ciel), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	23/9	0/0	0/0	(Maria Lake, \$24,230)	\$141,082	308	19	0.54	0.57
8	MILLENNIUM WIND (98, Cryptoclearance)	Died, 2012	19/5	0/0	0/0	(Windafull, \$39,020)	\$119,114	*246	3	0.56	1.24
9	DEPOSIT TICKET (88, Northern Baby)	N/A	7/4	1/1	1/1	(F D Icy, \$24,480)	\$57,640	469	14	0.83	1.24
10	HIDDEN CITY (96, Carson City), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	5/3	1/1	0/1	(Earl's Girl, \$38,760)	\$53,980	51	5	0.61	0.59

"We need more people like Wes in the business," said Calhoun. "He's young, he's aggressive, and he loves the game. He's had a lot of success in business and he's not afraid to fail. He took the bit and ran with it. "At one of the first sales we ever went to,

I was the one trying to slow him down but he was ready to fire," Calhoun said with a laugh. "Wes has seen both sides of it, and he understands; but he's still learning as he goes."

At the Fasig-Tipton Texas yearling sale

in 2011, Melcher purchased a son of Wimbledon—Better Than Most, by Elusive Quality, for \$14,000. Bred in the Lone Star State by Texas icon Clarence Scharbauer Jr., the horse would be named Worldventurer and give Melcher a quick rush into the racing game.

Worldventurer would win the TTA Sales Futurity at Lone Star in his third start and later that year offer a sniff of Derby fever. Last November he ran second in the El Joven Stakes at Retama, getting beat 1½ lengths by eventual grade I winner Admiral Kitten. He then ran third behind Texas Bling in the Dec. 9 Remington Springboard Mile Stakes at Remington Park. Second in that race was Willis Horton's Will Take Charge, the 2013 Travers Stakes (gr. I) and Clark Handicap (gr. I) winner and Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) runner-up who is a contender for an Eclipse Award as top 3-year-old male. Earlier this year Worldventurer was third behind grade I winner Departing in the Texas Heritage Stakes at Sam Houston Race Park.

"He won \$240,000 in his first 11 races and then I supplemented him to the Fasig-Tipton Texas 2-year-olds in training sale in April and sold him for \$150,000," said Melcher of Worldventurer, who was among the first horses of racing age of-



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2013 LEADING SIRES OKLAHOMA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2014 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2013 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Siks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farm	\$3,500	86/52	4/5	4/4	(Readtheprospectus, \$268,667)	\$2,433,624	*246	13	1.40	1.20
2	LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farm	\$3,500	106/45	1/2	0/1	(Lattin Devil, \$102,350)	\$1,696,288	*189	3	0.96	1.07
3	KIPLING (96, Gulch), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	94/53	2/2	2/2	(Big Sugarush, \$101,726)	\$1,467,633	276	10	1.17	0.89
4	DON'T GET MAD (02, Stephen Got Even), Rockin Z Ranch	Died	56/36	4/4	3/4	(Yearley, \$140,558)	\$1,360,643	*118	4	1.24	0.92
5	TOCCE (00, Awesome Again), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	92/48	2/2	1/2	(Wardelle, \$110,010)	\$1,276,585	*300	14	1.13	1.25
6	EVANSVILLE SLEW (92, Slew City Slew)	Died, 2012	71/33	1/1	1/1	(Chuck, \$99,535)	\$976,248	*499	34	1.10	0.92
7	TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Diamond G Ranch	\$1,000	57/28	2/2	2/2	(Tactical Gift, \$106,250)	\$806,616	511	26	1.08	1.27
8	SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	46/22	2/3	1/2	(Service for Ten, \$158,150)	\$781,937	359	20	1.18	1.03
9	OMEGA CODE (00, Elusive Quality), Rockin Z Ranch	\$2,000	59/23	1/1	1/1	(Alpha and Omega, \$77,217)	\$650,272	277	8	0.70	1.29
10	WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Kirton Farms	\$1,500	37/19	0/0	0/0	(Courageous Karen, \$65,380)	\$512,058	*308	5	1.13	1.32
11	ARTAX (95, Marquetry)	Died, 2012	41/17	0/0	0/0	(Gimme Credit, \$124,945)	\$510,822	*448	6	1.00	1.29
12	LUCKY LIONEL (93, Mt. Livermore), Diamond G Ranch	\$1,000	42/24	0/0	0/0	(Yukonrun, \$42,179)	\$455,627	330	14	1.17	1.24
13	FREEFOURINTERNET (98, Tabasco Cat)	N/A	30/15	0/0	0/0	(Princess Freebie, \$43,600)	\$408,579	84	1	0.85	0.97
14	DIAMOND (95, Mr. Prospector), Oklahoma Equine	\$2,500	29/14	0/0	0/0	(Diamond Disco, \$46,093)	\$327,884	284	6	1.08	1.05
15	STATE CITY (99, Carson City), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	24/14	0/0	0/0	(What Now, \$66,608)	\$293,155	*226	1	0.69	0.99
16	KING OF SCAT (96, Eastern Echo), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	20/12	0/0	0/0	(Scat 'n Go, \$59,688)	\$280,602	190	12	0.72	0.76
17	DANCE MASTER (97, Gone West), JEH Stallion Station	\$1,000	33/13	0/0	0/0	(Look At Me Dance, \$41,550)	\$278,323	243	8	0.83	1.06
18	RA RA SUPERSTAR (00, Deputy Minister)	N/A	17/10	1/1	1/1	(Sooner Superstar, \$89,001)	\$264,086	52	1	0.56	0.88
19	RUBIYAT (95, Rubiano)	N/A	14/5	0/0	0/0	(Danny Newman, \$96,695)	\$245,528	70	0	0.77	0.87
20	MALABAR GOLD (97, Unbridled)	N/A	22/6	1/2	0/1	(Gallant Son, \$108,000)	\$228,875	*249	4	0.66	1.09
21	BURBANK (93, Wild Again), Boyd Caster	\$1,000	24/11	0/0	0/0	(Ahsoburbank, \$35,404)	\$223,202	133	3	0.79	0.72
22	SASHA'S PROSPECT (96, Mr. Prospector), Charlton Ranch	\$1,200	26/8	1/1	1/1	(Polka Joke, \$58,959)	\$217,098	*104	2	0.77	0.79
23	SEEKING GREATNESS (99, Seeking the Gold)	Died, 2011	12/6	0/0	0/0	(Rapid Roni, \$82,091)	\$187,450	*85	0	0.40	0.74
24	NATIONAL SAINT (96, Saint Ballado)	N/A	13/6	1/1	1/1	(Tulsa Moon, \$48,972)	\$176,984	57	2	0.64	0.85
25	MONSIEUR CAT (98, Tabasco Cat)	N/A	4/3	1/1	1/1	(Alley Oop Oop, \$135,370)	\$176,452	53	2	0.97	1.81

ferred at this sale. "We bought him for \$14,000; that was a good turn."

That turn put Melcher on the fast track to go for Double Infinity. He felt it was time to expand, but his business sense told him he also had his Thoroughbred holdings

scattered around.

"I was looking to cut costs on some things, and I was looking for a place to keep my mares and do lay-ups," Melcher said. "I saw this place and I fell in love and it was just laid out in a way we could turn it

into a commercial operation.

"I haven't really done anything small in my life, so I figured this was a sign."

Another sign is the warming of the Texas legislature to gaming legislation. Melcher has met with congressmen and

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	CRAFTY SHAW (98, Crafty Prospector), Menoken Farms	\$2,000	26/13	2/2	2/2	(Divya's Diamond, \$96,157)	\$491,186	*72	3	0.72	1.14
2	OLIVER'S TWIST (92, Horatius), Menoken Farms	\$1,000	33/11	2/2	2/2	(Magical Twist, \$64,920)	\$273,553	243	13	0.54	0.77
3	1 GRAND MINSTREL (05, Grand Slam), Menoken Farms	\$1,500	15/4	2/3	1/2	(Fast Puff, \$56,647)	\$123,639	20	2	0.43	0.53
4	CRYSTAL CLASS (00, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	18/6	1/1	1/1	(Finewineatnine, \$35,535)	\$112,635	56	4	0.32	0.51
5	MAJORBIGTIMESHEET (95, Carson City)	Died, 2009	9/3	1/1	1/1	(Sweet Dixie Van, \$35,167)	\$58,434	53	3	0.54	0.52

2013 LEADING SIRES IN KANSAS

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2014 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2013 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	FISTFITE (98, Two Punch)	Died, 2009	13/8	0/0	0/0	(Finalfite, \$19,587)	\$124,339	70	6	1.00	0.77
2	COCKY (97, Valiant Nature), Rocking G Stallions @ Foal House Farm	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Wise Jane, \$74,468)	\$84,833	25	0	0.78	0.79
3	RED'S HONOR (98, Glitterman)	N/A	13/2	0/0	0/0	(Ego and Honor, \$12,156)	\$44,829	36	0	0.39	0.50
4	GRAND ON DAVE (95, Meadowlake)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Man Chester Man, \$7,566)	\$24,932	31	2	0.57	0.61
5	SMOKIN' JOHN (99, Smoke Glacken)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Smokin Ali, \$19,699)	\$19,963	14	0	0.48	0.52

senators in the capitol at Austin and feels the politicians are much more receptive than they have been in years past.

"I know people have said this for years, but we're in a good place," he said. "Now that there is a budget deficit, they are looking for more revenue streams. People are more open than ever before. For the first time ever people are not afraid of the voter fallout from the small, conservative factions that have been against gambling in the past."

Melcher is interested in the future of Double Infinity and the future of racing on a local and national scale.

"I want to have a world-class facility," he said of Double Infinity, which just had its open house in early October. "I had a vision to have a place that was on par with what people expect in Kentucky but have stopped expecting in this area."

Two new 30-stall barns have been built to go along with the 16-stall barn that was already there. An equine swimming pool

is being constructed.

With the breaking and training aspect, the goal is to help outside clients take their equine investment to the next level. A four-stall starting gate is on the new five-eighths-mile track with a safe sand and dirt composition. Training is overseen by Clifford Bailey. Bailey gives the horses plenty of time in the round pen before moving on to the covered arena. The arena is so large it houses a 60-foot EuroSizer and the round pen, which allows for continued training in inclement weather.

"It's big enough to barrel-race in," Bailey said of the arena. "It helps us with a controlled environment, and we don't have to worry about a horse getting loose and hurting itself."

A large staff, which includes two full-time riders, has plenty of experience. Melcher notes the ranch has about a 4:1 ratio of horses to staff.

"We put the proper foundation under them to make them winners," said Brooke

Bailey. And she was speaking of the breaking aspect of the ranch along with the sales prep they provide. The Baileys pride themselves in making sure horses are in good condition and appearance and are taught proper sales etiquette.

"I've seen a few of the horses they've prepared there and they looked like they did a very good job," Calhoun said. "The horses came back ready. The horses they've prepped for sales in Louisiana and Kentucky came well-prepared."

Melcher oversees his team from his home on the farm.

"I've been a city boy for a while, and it is good to get back to my roots," he said. "Being able to wake up in the morning and see the horses working is great. I don't think people in this sport get the chance to be that close to their horses."

It's that morning view that also gives Melcher a vision for the future beyond the new fence posts at Double Infinity.

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2013 LEADING SIRE IN NEW MEXICO

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2014 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2013 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano), A & A Ranch	Pnsd	53/29	3/5	3/3	(Attitude E Racer, \$161,975)	\$1,307,471	244	24	1.49	0.74
2	ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	\$3,000	37/20	4/5	4/4	(Reaper, \$192,230)	\$1,057,330	68	9	1.53	0.88
3	WEATHER WARNING (04, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm	\$3,000	45/20	2/3	0/2	(Rootham Triple E's, \$175,585)	\$1,003,712	*69	3	1.53	1.08
4	QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	33/16	3/5	3/3	(Lady Genius, \$251,336)	\$803,995	73	7	1.72	0.88
5	ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$3,500	36/18	4/5	4/4	(Roll Out the Band, \$148,758)	\$773,910	104	9	1.08	1.08
6	YOUR EMINENCE (01, Saint Ballado)	Died, 2012	41/19	0/0	0/0	(Blameshifter, \$114,178)	\$600,202	139	3	0.71	0.76
7	DIABOLICAL (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	\$3,500	31/13	1/2	1/1	(That's the Idea, \$222,135)	\$585,693	43	1	0.98	1.12
8	PREMEDITATION (99, Afternoon Deelites)	N/A	29/15	2/2	2/2	(Mr. Wizard, \$211,971)	\$562,196	69	6	1.15	0.86
9	GHOSTLY MOVES (92, Silver Ghost)	N/A	53/21	0/0	0/0	(Worry This, \$43,143)	\$478,133	229	22	1.06	1.05
10	THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	23/15	1/1	1/1	(Way to Go Gerda, \$149,180)	\$444,464	51	3	1.22	0.97
11	SILVER WAGON (01, Wagon Limit), McCallum View Farm	\$2,500	24/13	0/0	0/0	(The Big Deluxe, \$76,640)	\$438,332	40	1	1.20	1.19
12	DEVON LANE (93, Storm Cat)	Died, 2012	43/17	1/2	1/1	(Devons Ca Ching, \$101,291)	\$402,227	416	19	0.80	0.81
13	IRISH ROAD (00, Unbridled's Song), Cedar Creek Ranch	N/A	14/8	0/0	0/0	(Major Highway, \$208,842)	\$392,976	51	0	0.90	0.94
14	TO TERAS (00, Unbridled's Song), New Mexico State University	\$1,500	20/11	1/2	1/1	(Tyger Teras, \$142,629)	\$390,058	67	1	0.85	0.64
15	GOLD CASE (94, Forty Niner), Mesa Vista Stud	\$2,500	48/18	0/0	0/0	(Itzacoldcase, \$54,556)	\$275,751	*568	21	1.05	1.11
16	DOME (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm	\$2,500	23/6	1/1	1/1	(Gossip Dome, \$88,008)	\$257,283	191	6	0.77	0.76
17	DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Yangela, \$56,889)	\$240,482	84	3	0.85	0.63
18	SILVER SEASON (96, Silver Ghost)	Died, 2013	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Silver Streakn Gal, \$58,531)	\$205,831	74	5	1.04	0.93
19	STORM OF GOSHEN (01, Storm Cat), Freda's Farm	\$1,500	12/7	0/0	0/0	(Naughty Storm, \$69,456)	\$160,830	50	0	0.72	0.86
20	PRECOGITY (94, Aferd), Mesa Vista Stud	\$2,000	22/9	0/0	0/0	(Notaprettypicture, \$19,147)	\$160,129	183	6	0.88	0.87
21	ANZIYAN (93, Danzig)	Died, 2011	13/3	1/2	1/1	(Anzaki, \$106,461)	\$155,187	*350	7	0.76	1.07
22	PROUD IRISH (86, Irish River)	N/A	21/7	0/0	0/0	(Big Blaze, \$40,892)	\$139,811	283	10	0.89	0.82
23	SOURCE (98, Montbrook), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$1,000	19/8	0/0	0/0	(Chasing Our Dreams, \$33,442)	\$136,745	45	0	0.52	0.69
24	VALET MAN (98, Carson City), Gallegos del Norte	\$1,000	13/6	2/2	2/2	(Sapello Cantador, \$34,807)	\$133,988	53	4	0.83	0.79
25	CARACAL (96, Red Ransom), Weatherly Horse Farms	Died	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Cowboy's Rule, \$58,181)	\$132,174	68	0	0.73	0.58
26	FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$2,000	9/5	1/1	1/1	(Park Lane Lass, \$61,350)	\$127,226	52	3	0.82	0.97
27	LE GRANDE DANSEUR (98, Citidancer), Doubletree Farm	\$2,500	12/6	0/0	0/0	(Grand Flame, \$34,777)	\$124,408	80	3	0.80	0.84
28	PROUD TOWER TOO (02, Proud Irish), Tricar Stables	N/A	25/6	0/0	0/0	(Danny's Memory, \$29,020)	\$119,869	46	0	0.26	0.72
29	VULCAN'S PULPIT (01, Pulpit)	N/A	15/5	0/0	0/0	(Lady French, \$22,609)	\$114,682	41	0	0.40	0.45
30	SCATMANDU (95, Storm Cat)	N/A	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Scatter Doodle, \$22,522)	\$112,049	*247	5	0.71	0.96
31	LESTERS BOY (96, Cee's Tizzy)	Died, 2012	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Nita La Rue, \$19,111)	\$109,669	64	4	1.15	0.61
32	REAL DANDY (02, Yankee Victor), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$1,500	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Dandy Guy, \$33,308)	\$108,133	20	1	0.74	1.34
33	KING BULL (01, Holy Bull), Tucumcari Thoroughbreds	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(K B 's Princess, \$49,250)	\$105,597	9	2	2.35	0.43
34	COPELAN'S CACHE (95, Copelan), Doug Lee Farm	N/A	23/5	0/0	0/0	(Wicked Felina, \$18,466)	\$103,682	105	1	0.57	0.90
35	TRICKY CREEK (86, Clever Trick)	N/A	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Tricky Linda, \$22,852)	\$99,228	407	19	0.95	0.95
36	PHONE HOME (04, Phone Trick), Lambert Horse Farm	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(C L Phone Home, \$37,480)	\$97,892	8	0	0.73	1.40
37	REUBEN (97, Rubiano)	N/A	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Funnycouldask, \$28,856)	\$93,467	35	0	0.58	0.47
38	PRO PRADO (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$2,000	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Pro Tractor, \$22,746)	\$88,401	29	0	0.73	0.98
39	INDIAN TERRITORY (98, Carson City), BR Homestead Ranch	N/A	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Indian Artifact, \$31,323)	\$82,184	69	0	0.62	0.87
40	K. O. PUNCH (95, Two Punch), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	11/3	0/0	0/0	(May Weather, \$49,749)	\$79,059	*245	4	0.70	0.86
41	ABAJU (96, Robyn Dancer)	N/A	20/5	0/0	0/0	(Our Flying Angel, \$21,285)	\$74,126	178	2	0.47	0.88
42	FIREJACK (02, Dixieland Band)	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Jacks Party, \$34,194)	\$73,334	43	0	0.28	0.87
43	COMIC GENIUS (98, Unbridled), Mark McCarthy	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Lota Talent, \$33,452)	\$71,850	104	3	0.68	0.76
44	AVENUE OF FLAGS (88, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2010	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Flags Journey, \$20,619)	\$69,858	490	26	1.40	1.23
45	RUN LIKE FIRE (05, Premeditation)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Run Like an Outlaw, \$39,052)	\$69,780	3	0	0.88	0.00
46	DRY GULCH (90, Gulch)	Died, 2012	2/2	0/0	0/0	(T Nell T, \$48,208)	\$68,544	30	3	2.10	1.05
47	MR. TRIESTE (01, Old Trieste), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Numberoneson, \$37,046)	\$64,759	23	1	0.61	0.94
48	SUPER QUERCUS (FR) (96, Hero's Honor)	Died	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Super Seaman, \$17,624)	\$64,646	38	1	0.44	1.00
49	HIGH OCTANE (02, A.P. Indy), SW Cattle Company	N/A	12/1	0/0	0/0	(High Test Gal, \$40,680)	\$61,694	17	0	0.27	0.41
50	SQUALL (97, Summer Squall), SW Cattle Company	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Squall Wilfly, \$20,325)	\$61,646	38	2	1.31	1.28

the Texas Thoroughbred Association and a member of the Vision 20/20 group in Central Kentucky of young horse professionals, one of Melcher's initiatives is to get more young people involved in the sport.

"Anytime I take people to the races for the first time, they have an incredible experience," he said. "I pride myself on getting as many young people to the races as I can. I've done things a little different because I come from a marketing, sales, and branding world. At our grand opening we had a match race and tried to do something different and make it fun.

"Cot Campbell really started all this back in the day; letting the people see the horses and be around them. We want to be the evolution of that."

Melcher is also a big proponent of social media and the campaign provided this year by America's Best Racing.

"The more information, the closer you feel to the sport," he said. "One thing tracks have actually done well, but unfortunately it doesn't get out to the mainstream, is doing the backside breakfast and giving people access to places like Clocker's Corner (at Santa Anita Park) and having jockeys giving

their goggles to the kids. The problem is getting people to the track. Once they get there they can have those experiences.

"As far as professional sports go, you can't get any closer to the experience than you can at a racetrack. Going on the backside; shaking hands with jockeys; mixing and mingling with owners? You can't do that at any other sport. We just have to get them out to the races."

And once people get out to the track, perhaps they'll see a horse racing under Melcher's silks, or a horse foaled or prepped in Texas at Double Infinity Ranch. **EH**