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Rising Champ

Dick Barton expands his racing/breeding outfit with skilled people, business savvy, and luck

BY ERIC MITCHELL

RICHARD "DICK" BARTON is cruising well below the radar through California's racing scene, but in a couple of years, with some luck, he may become one of the state's leading owner/breeders.

A self-described "normal guy," Barton has been a fan of horse racing since attending his first race at Del Mar, cashing a \$60 daily double. Barton was a Riverside, Calif., high school student at the time and a talented basketball player, who would later be drafted by the NBA Atlanta Hawks. The magnetic athleticism of Thoroughbreds kept him coming back to the races.

During college and beyond, Barton dabbled in stallion shares and inexpensive broodmares and racehorses. His wife, Beth, and their four children—Paul, Mark, Derek, and Kate—have all embraced the thrill and excitement of racing, but always at a modest level. The Barton Thoroughbred operation is a blue-collar, pay-as-you-go outfit more interested in working to create opportunities than in trying to buy its way to the top.

Recently, however, Barton stepped up his involvement in both breeding and racing because he smelled one of those opportunities. Earlier this year the family wholly acquired grade I winner Champ Pegasus and will stand him at Legacy Ranch near Clements, Calif. Champ Pegasus is the family's third stallion, following grade II winner Prime Timber, who was acquired in 2010 when
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Dick Barton and his daughter Kate (inset); Champ Pegasus

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Ranked in the Top Ten Active Sires by 2013 Cal-Bred Earnings

MARINO MARINI Storm Cat – Halo America, by Waquoit/ **\$2,500 LF**

- Outstanding 2013 season with SIX Stakes performers, and one being the 3YO star **SWEET MARINI** (\$255,760), a 5¼-length Maiden Special winner in open company in only start at two, 4¾-length winner of the \$200,000 Fleet Treat S. over **Grade 2** Hollywood Oaks SW **DOINGHARDTIMEAGAIN**, plus placed in **Grade 3** Rancho Bernardo H. and \$250,000 Melair S.
- Sire of **11% Stakes Horses**, including 2013 Stakes Winner **GREGOR** (\$116,276).
- Sire of **10% \$100K+ earners** in his first four crops like 2012 SWs **STAR-LIGHT MAGIC** (\$334,900) and **SHUDACUDAWUDYA** (\$329,629).

California's #5 Active Sire by Average Earnings Index (AEI)

SOUTHERN IMAGE Halo's Image – Pleasant Dixie, by Dixieland Band/ **\$2,500 LF**

- First California-sired 2YOs are off to the races with SW **BETTER BET**, winner of the \$200,000 Golden State Juvenile S. on Breeders' Cup day at Santa Anita; **GLAMSQUAD**, 4½-length winner at Golden Gate first time out in open company; **YODELMESOMEMAGIC**, 2nd by a nose in open company to a Stakes filly; & **ZOOKS**, a little more than a length off the winner in a \$30,000 Stakes.
- His first crop, now matured to six, has average earnings over \$71,000 and has produced 10% \$100K+ earners, like **Grade 1** SW **SOUTHERN SPEED** (winner of \$2.9 Million and who has won or placed in **FIVE Grade 1** events) and **Grade 1**-placed **CALIBRACHOA** (5-time NYRA Graded winner of \$666,040).
- 2013 winners include **WINNING IMAGE** (\$530,137), now with 7 wins in East Coast Stakes and 11 career wins by nearly 40 combined lengths; SW **HIP FOUR SIXTYNINE**, with 3 straight wins including a 3¾-length victory in the \$75k Sam's Town S.



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- Won on dirt and synthetic, including Del Mar's El Cajon S. at one mile by 3 lengths and Hollywood Park's War Chant S. at 1 1/16 miles in a **record 1:40.34**.
- Saratoga maiden winner and 2nd in Keeneland's **G1** Breeders' Futurity at two.
- In his final start, posted a **102 Beyer** in Hollywood Park's G2 Californian S.
- Full brother to Multiple Graded stakes winner **SLEW'S TIZZY** and 3/4-brother to the dam of 2012 **Group 1** Winner **THE HANGMAN**.
- First crop will be yearlings in 2014.



Among California's Leading Sophomore Sires

STORM WOLF Stormin Fever – Exclusive Rosette, by Ecliptical/ **\$2,000 LF**

- Graded SW full brother to **G1**-performing GSW **MISTY ROSETTE**.
- Won 3 of 5 starts, including the **G2** Lazaro Barrera Memorial S. by 6L in **1:22 1/5**.
- Posted a **104 Beyer** breaking his maiden at Santa Anita and a **101 Beyer** winning an allowance there in 1:09 flat.
- 2013 juveniles sold for **\$95,000** at the Barretts March sale.
- Solid 89% of runners are hitting the board with big-time wins like 5½-length winner **I'LL RUN THE SHOW**, 5-length winner **SEVEN STORMS**, 4-length winner **SWAYZE ROAD**, and 4-length winner **PIRATA LOBO**

Top TEN National Freshman Yearling Sire in 2013!

THE PAMPLEMOUSSE Kafwain – Comfort Zone, by Rubiano/ **\$2,500 LF**

- Sire of **\$160,000 BARRETTS SALES TOPPING YEARLING** in his First Crop!
- The #1 Freshman Sire outside of Kentucky, ranked among the Top Ten nationally with a seven yearling average over \$53,000.
- Santa Anita Graded stakes-winning miler by 2012 Top-3 California Sire **KAFWAIN**.
- Won 3 of 5 starts, including the **G3** Sham S. by 6L (**107 Beyer**) and **G3** San Rafael S. at one mile.
- Out of a half-sister to the dam of 2YO **G1 SW STORMELLO** (\$700,100) and **2012 G2 Del Mar Derby SW MY BEST BROTHER** (\$346,090).
- Precocious female family of **G2** Arlington-Washington Lassie S. winner **SPECIAL WARMTH**.



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2013 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA



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	UNUSUAL HEAT (90, Nureyev), Harris Farms	\$20,000	122/62	9/12	6/9	(Unusual Way, \$404,750)	\$4,601,583	*626	43	2.13	1.27
2	TRIBAL RULE (96, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$6,500	200/102	7/9	2/7	(Ethnic Dance, \$249,500)	\$4,427,842	530	34	1.34	1.17
3	EDDINGTON (01, Unbridled), Ballena Vista Farm	\$3,500	128/80	1/1	0/1	(Secret Circle, \$859,800)	\$3,564,610	*327	5	1.29	1.59
4	MINISTERS WILD CAT (00, Deputy Minister), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	N/A	119/79	6/10	2/6	(Tiz a Minister, \$405,000)	\$3,296,258	242	14	1.09	0.97
5	BENCHMARK (91, Alydar), Ballena Vista Farm	\$5,000	116/63	8/12	1/8	(Points Offthebench, \$434,780)	\$2,669,413	685	41	1.24	1.13
6	KAFWAIN (00, Cherokee Run), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	119/69	5/7	1/5	(Raging Daoust, \$203,300)	\$2,461,360	*453	21	1.15	1.28
7	BERTRANDO (89, Skywalker)	Pnsd	103/49	4/7	2/4	(Tamarando, \$355,120)	\$2,204,899	1043	58	1.35	1.51
8	OLD TOPPER (95, Gilded Time), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	102/62	3/4	1/3	(Hail Mary, \$198,288)	\$1,967,553	498	22	0.96	0.86
9	SOUTHERN IMAGE (00, Halo's Image), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	85/55	3/5	2/3	(Better Bet, \$190,380)	\$1,785,154	*414	7	1.22	1.32
10	GOOD JOURNEY (96, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$5,000	62/29	2/4	0/2	(Dancingtothestars, \$142,816)	\$1,559,867	*377	4	1.53	1.02
11	TIZBUD (99, Cee's Tizzy), Harris Farms	\$1,500	50/25	1/4	0/1	(Tiz Flirtatious, \$505,000)	\$1,558,030	146	4	1.18	0.93
12	DECARCHY (97, Distant View), Magali Farms	\$3,000	93/41	1/1	0/1	(Love de Car, \$91,700)	\$1,543,472	297	8	0.94	0.98
13	HEATSEEKER (IRE) (03, Giant's Causeway), Harris Farms	\$5,000	57/30	2/2	1/2	(Surtsey, \$113,418)	\$1,366,441	*91	2	1.10	1.54
14	SALT LAKE (89, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2010	59/37	4/6	1/4	(Teddy's Promise, \$337,416)	\$1,274,046	*1224	58	1.41	1.40
15	UNBRIDLED ENERGY (02, Unbridled's Song), Golden Eagle Farm	\$2,500	92/49	0/0	0/0	(Double the Energy, \$97,034)	\$1,216,587	*206	4	0.94	1.19
16	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), Lovacres Ranch	\$3,000	88/44	2/3	1/2	(Swiss Lake Yodeler, \$125,600)	\$1,139,369	712	28	1.02	1.08
17	IN EXCESS (IRE) (87, Siberian Express)	Died, 2013	86/45	1/2	0/1	(Dixieland Blues, \$124,854)	\$1,112,178	986	63	1.57	1.40
18	MARINO MARINI (00, Storm Cat), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	83/41	2/2	1/2	(Sweet Marini, \$219,100)	\$1,104,165	263	7	0.91	1.00
19	VRONSKY (99, Danzig), Old English Rancho	\$3,500	42/20	1/1	1/1	(Somethings Unusual, \$107,976)	\$1,100,265	114	4	1.53	1.15
20	LUCKY PULPIT (01, Pulpit), Harris Farms	\$2,500	45/25	3/3	2/3	(Rousing Sermon, \$200,342)	\$1,022,709	92	4	1.51	1.25
21	STORMIN FEVER (94, Storm Cat), Golden Eagle Farm	\$3,500	72/28	0/0	0/0	(Kitty Marie, \$95,515)	\$957,723	*679	27	1.18	1.40
22	ROCKY BAR (98, In Excess)	N/A	56/31	5/8	4/5	(Lazy Daisy May, \$117,921)	\$877,375	102	14	1.02	0.84
23	CINDAGO (03, Indian Charlie)	Died	32/21	0/0	0/0	(My Cinsation, \$117,480)	\$817,487	64	2	1.47	1.39
24	ATTICUS (92, Nureyev), Magali Farms	N/A	42/19	1/1	0/1	(Atta Girl Alma, \$139,570)	\$772,453	445	14	1.06	1.45
25	AFFIRMATIVE (99, Unbridled)	N/A	30/12	1/2	1/1	(Warren's Veneda, \$282,064)	\$733,786	86	2	1.14	0.78
26	GAME PLAN (93, Danzig), E. A. Ranches	\$2,500	38/22	0/0	0/0	(Mel's Game, \$126,426)	\$727,513	424	23	0.85	0.80
27	SUANCES (GB) (97, Most Welcome), Rancho Temescal	\$1,500	29/16	0/0	0/0	(Sassy Suances, \$99,658)	\$685,495	110	1	1.03	1.11
28	TERRELL (00, Distorted Humor), Shalem Farm	Died	58/29	0/0	0/0	(Hanserella, \$59,600)	\$623,963	159	3	0.58	0.92
29	AWESOME GAMBLER (04, Coronado's Quest), Lovacres Ranch	\$5,000	43/14	1/1	0/1	(Willie B Awesome, \$82,412)	\$622,138	94	2	1.17	0.75
30	GLOBALIZE (97, Summer Squall), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	31/15	1/1	0/1	(Life Is a Stone, \$125,306)	\$562,694	159	5	0.80	0.78
31	PERFECT MANDATE (96, Gone West)	Died, 2012	35/20	1/1	0/1	(Kilat, \$88,120)	\$545,680	298	12	0.91	1.23
32	POPULAR (99, Saint Ballado), Cottonwood Creek Ranch	N/A	28/14	1/2	0/1	(Halo Dolly, \$234,360)	\$496,583	76	2	1.06	0.95
33	SEA OF SECRETS (95, Storm Cat), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	73/26	1/1	0/1	(Lil Cheyenne, \$35,690)	\$491,982	*447	21	0.89	1.09
34	CEE'S TIZZY (87, Relaunch)	Pnsd	39/21	0/0	0/0	(Tiz a Kiss, \$69,400)	\$490,358	733	39	1.62	1.15
35	PRIME TIMBER (96, Sultry Song), Legacy Ranch	\$3,500	33/16	0/0	0/0	(Prime Mistress, \$61,444)	\$483,242	224	5	1.11	1.25
36	LUCKY J. H. (02, Cee's Tizzy), Harris Farms	\$1,500	16/8	1/1	0/1	(Alpine Luck, \$162,284)	\$424,476	41	1	1.19	1.34
37	HIGH BRITE (84, Best Turn)	Died, 2010	46/20	0/0	0/0	(Real Bright Boots, \$31,700)	\$406,764	*935	46	1.03	1.17
38	TANNERSMYMAN (98, Lord Carson), Woodbridge Farm	N/A	43/25	1/1	0/1	(Prime Issue, \$60,635)	\$404,093	134	3	0.65	0.79
39	CYCLOTRON (00, Grand Slam), Old English Rancho	N/A	15/11	0/0	0/0	(Cyclometer, \$96,160)	\$399,409	40	1	1.81	1.46
40	DON'TSELLMESHORT (01, Benchmark), Running Luck Ranch	\$2,000	30/18	1/1	1/1	(Jedi Mind Trick, \$142,078)	\$391,498	72	1	0.63	0.72
41	¶ DIXIE CHATTER (05, Dixie Union), Ballena Vista Farm	\$5,000	26/10	2/4	1/2	(Architecture, \$134,269)	\$381,140	43	2	0.77	1.02
42	GREY MEMO (97, Memo), Ridgeley Farm	N/A	28/13	0/0	0/0	(Adelicate Miss, \$96,130)	\$380,310	75	0	0.74	0.72
43	PEPPERED CAT (00, Tabasco Cat)	N/A	19/11	0/0	0/0	(Pepnic, \$96,946)	\$377,357	30	0	1.22	0.75
44	¶ SQUARE EDDIE (06, Smart Strike), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$5,000	10/4	1/2	0/1	(Sprouts, \$149,490)	\$370,815	24	1	1.92	0.96
45	STORMY JACK (97, Bertrando), Brazeau Thoroughbred Farms	\$1,500	53/25	0/0	0/0	(Quinnette, \$30,576)	\$359,019	174	3	0.62	0.75
46	TEN MOST WANTED (00, Deputy Commander)	Died, 2013	34/12	0/0	0/0	(Lady On the Run, \$66,250)	\$358,241	170	2	0.68	1.19
47	MOMENTUM (98, Nureyev)	N/A	34/16	0/0	0/0	(Goldilocks Planet, \$49,460)	\$348,437	185	1	0.57	1.04
48	LIGHTNIN N THUNDER (01, Storm Cat), Fruitful Acres Farm	\$3,000	21/15	1/1	1/1	(Super Jetset, \$54,953)	\$325,123	178	8	0.89	1.12
49	SILIC (FR) (95, Sillery), Pacific Coast Thoroughbreds	Died, 2013	22/9	0/0	0/0	(Wild in the Saddle, \$92,398)	\$319,139	*159	2	0.97	0.92
50	IRON CAT (95, Storm Cat), Geocel Ranch	Died, 2013	22/14	0/0	0/0	(J and S Express, \$87,084)	\$318,146	144	6	0.85	0.97

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Sez Who Thoroughbreds North closed its breeding operation in New York; and grade I winner Atticus, who was acquired in 2012.

The family now owns a band of 80 broodmares, most of which are boarded in California while some are kept on the family's 160-acre ranch in northern Utah. The Bartons also have a mix of about 30 weanlings and yearlings, and another 27 horses either racing under the care of trainer Mike Machowsky or being readied for the track by John Golightly.

"I only met Dick for the first time this year through Mike Machowsky, who I've known for years," said Pete Parrella, who owns Legacy Ranch with his wife, Evelyn. "I had no idea that he was as strong into the horses as he is. I think he will be one of the largest owners of Cal-breds in the next few years, if he stays the course."

Champ Pegasus, a distance-loving grass horse, may not seem the ideal fit for speed-favoring California breeders, but Barton said he looks at the success of leading Golden State sire Unusual Heat and sees potential. Unusual Heat, who is now 23,

had many of his top runners excel at two turns on the grass.

"You'll have a field of seven horses out here, and three will be by Unusual Heat," Barton said. "He is the only one getting a mile and an eighth on the turf, while a lot of horses can run six furlongs on the dirt. It indicates to me that there is a place for others.

"(Champ Pegasus) ran well in the Breeders' Cup (Emirates Airline Turf, gr. IT), he won over \$1 million, and he's got the pedigree," Barton continued. "If someone offers you this horse and you

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 2, 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.

know he's got a shot, then you've got to take your shot. I feel like we've got five of the six numbers in the lottery and we're just waiting for the last number."

The fifth number, Barton said, lies with the mares he's acquired to breed to Champ Pegasus, including Tizalovelylady, a stakes-placed half sister to grade I winner Paynter; Tiz a Mistress, the dam of graded stakes winner Tiz a Minister; and Broadway Hooper, the dam of two-time grade III winner Broadway Empire.

What is surprising is that Barton paid a total of \$5,200 for these three mares.

"We just do the best we can with what we can afford," Barton said. "I'm watching the sales and people are spending \$300,000 to \$400,000 for a mare. Yeah, we are not those people. We work hard, and, hopefully, we'll get lucky and one of our horses will get lucky."

Whether it is due to instinct or timing, Barton has already enjoyed much good fortune. He bought Tizalovelylady for \$1,200 and Tiz a Minister for \$1,000, both out of the 2011 Barretts January mixed sale. The following year Paynter won the Haskell Invitational Stakes (gr. I). During his career he placed in four other graded stakes and banked more than \$1.1 million in earnings. Then in 2013 Tiz a Minister, the third foal and third winner produced by Tiz a Mistress, won the grade III Affirmed Handicap and placed second in the Swaps Stakes (gr. II). Barton bought Broadway Hooper for \$3,000 out of the 2012 Keeneland November sale because her first foal, Cinderella's Dream, was a stakes winner by Prime Timber. In 2006 the mare by Belong to Me had sold for \$400,000. Nine months after Barton bought her the gelding Broadway Empire (Empire Maker—Broadway Hooper) won the Canadian Derby (Can-III) and the Oklahoma Derby (gr. III) in back-to-back starts.

"Dick is an incredibly nice man who really cares about his horses," said Tom Hudson, general manager for Magali Farms, where Atticus stands and where Barton keeps some weanlings and yearlings. "He does buy cheap mares, but he has his reasons for each of them. I wondered why he bought some of them at the time, but they had nice foals.

"As much as I've questioned what he does, he has been remarkably lucky," Hudson said.

And the luck hasn't stopped there. A month ago Barton was given at no cost an Irish-bred mare named Kalanetta, a daughter of Kalanisi, in foal to The Pamplemousse. She came in a package with her weanling and yearling, both by The Pamplemousse. The previous owner had decided to get out of the business and

2013 California Sires by Stakes Winners

Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Unusual Heat	9	12
Benchmark	8	12
Tribal Rule	7	9
Ministers Wild Cat	6	10
Rocky Bar	5	8
Kafwain	5	7
Bertrando	4	7
Salt Lake	4	6
Southern Image	3	5
Old Topper	3	4
Lucky Pulpit	3	3
Dixie Chatter	2	4
For Really	2	4
Swiss Yodeler	2	3
Good Journey	2	2
Heatseeker (IRE)	2	2
Marino Marini	2	2
Muqtarib	2	2

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COURTESY DICK BARTON

The Barton family has a 160-acre ranch in northern Utah

needed to find a new home for his horses. Then Barton was given the Chilean mare Dreams, a stakes winner of more than \$300,000 also in foal to The Pamplemousse.

“Six months ago we were being given a mare every couple of weeks,” Barton said. “If you live a good life, pay your bills and take care of your horses, then people call you.”

Hard work and sharp eyes

Barton grew up in a poor family, so he respects the value of a dollar.

Some days when he attended the races, Barton said he would have just enough money to get in the gate. Then he would stand along the rail and watch the horses.

“If you are an athlete and you believe in training and you like the horses, you can just appreciate them,” he said. “I would go

watch them and see how they were being trained. It would be like sizing up basketball players.”

During these sessions at the rail, Barton developed an eye for spotting a Thoroughbred athlete. He also knew well enough that horses would never be his livelihood because of what he still had to learn.

After high school he studied engineering at Claremont College and later transferred to the University of California-Riverside, where he played basketball. Barton got drafted by the Atlanta Hawks in 1969, but the Vietnam War derailed his professional sports career. The Hawks wanted him to play for an affiliate team in Milan, Italy, for a year before joining them. That presented a problem for Barton because he had registered for the draft and could not leave his region, plus travel overseas had been restricted.

Barton ended up getting a job at Bourns Electronic making parts for Claymore mines while he waited on his number in the draft to be drawn. When the military tapped Barton for duty, he stayed state-side because Bourns wrote a letter on his behalf saying he was more valuable to the war effort as an engineer than he would have been as a serviceman.

In 1976 he went out on his own and formed a cardboard box manufacturing company called California Packaging. The company makes folding cartons primarily for orange growers and other food products and now grosses about \$90 million annually.

Throughout college and during the development of his company, Barton was never far from the horses. The first horse he ever bought was a mare he owned in partnership with one of his college professors and his brothers. He bought stallion shares here and there and acquired the occasional racehorse. One of his early



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The Barton's trainer Mike Machowsky with jockey Joe Talamo

2013 California Sires by Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Tribal Rule	200	102
Eddington	128	80
Ministers Wild Cat	119	79
Kafwain	119	69
Benchmark	116	63
Unusual Heat	122	62
Old Topper	102	62
Southern Image	85	55
Bertrando	103	49
Unbridled Energy	92	49
In Excess (IRE)	86	45
Swiss Yodeler	88	44
Decarchy	93	41
Marino Marini	83	41
Salt Lake	59	37
Redattore (BRZ)	69	36
Rocky Bar	56	31
Heatseeker (IRE)	57	30
Good Journey	62	29
Terrell	58	29
Stormin Fever	72	28
Sea of Secrets	73	26
Stormy Jack	53	25
Tizbud	50	25
Lucky Pulpit	45	25
Tannersmyman	43	25
Freespool	42	24
Game Plan	38	22
Cee's Tizzy	39	21
Cindago	32	21
High Brite	46	20
Vronsky	42	20
Perfect Mandate	35	20
Atticus	42	19
Don'tsellmehshort	30	18
Roar	30	18
Momentum	34	16
Prime Timber	33	16
Flame Thrower	30	16
Suances (GB)	29	16
McCann's Mojave	32	15
Globalize	31	15
Comic Strip	29	15
Lightnin N Thunder	21	15
Awesome Gambler	43	14
Popular	28	14
Iron Cat	22	14
Souvenir Copy	43	13
Deputy Commander	32	13
Grey Memo	28	13

runners was a gelding by Key to the Kingdom named Big Barton, whom he bought for \$19,000 and who earned more than \$120,000.

His children all work for the packaging company and have been equally involved in the horses. Barton's sons found an eye-catching undeveloped 60 acres about 30 minutes southeast of Salt Lake City. They bought it, built a large house and barn on the property, then expanded the ranch to 220 acres. The ranch, near Duchesne, is home for some of the Bartons' broodmares.

Today Barton is focusing his operation solely on California.

“You know, you read that breeding is down in California 2-3%,” he said. “We are moving our breeding operation to California for the incentives, to try to capitalize on

the opportunity to race in Cal-bred races.”

While the homebreds are growing up, Barton has been purchasing other Cal-breds to race. He has two promising 2-year-olds with Machowsky this year—stakes-placed Gangnam Guy, a gelding by Roi Charmant, who placed second in the I’m Smokin’ Stakes and third in the Graduation Stakes at Del Mar; and Lucky Views, a gelding by Lucky Pulpit who won his first time out Nov. 17 in a maiden special weight at Betfair Hollywood Park.

Machowsky, who has been training for Barton about three years, has convinced his client to spend a bit more on his stock. Barton paid \$10,000 for Lucky Views at the Barretts October yearling sale.

“Last year and this year we’ve bought some Cal-bred yearlings and have developed a pretty good stable,” said Machowsky. “If I really like a horse and push him, he’ll try to get it. But he really looks at the numbers.”

Barton said he’s cost-conscious because he treats his racing and breeding operations as businesses.

“I like to set up a good ‘get-out’ strategy,” he said. “I don’t go into a deal looking for a ‘get-out’ strategy, but I want to know where the exits are.”

Once horses are in Barton’s care, how-



Lucky Views breaking his maiden Nov. 17 at Belfair Hollywood Park

ever, he spends whatever is required to keep it sound and healthy.

“We’re surrounded by good people in Machowsky, Magali, and Legacy, and we don’t cut any corners,” Barton said. “Right now my daughter is really into the horses and taking over a lot of the operations. We try to give every horse an opportunity. We take care of the horses and treat them right.”

Machowsky said Barton’s thorough understanding of horse racing’s pitfalls and his willingness to ride out the tough times with a positive attitude will serve him well as he grows his operation and his stable.

“What’s good about Dick is that you never worry about contacting him with bad news,” Machowsky said. “He lets you do what’s right for the horse, and that will be the big part of his success.” **BH**

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