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# Rising Star

*Dr. Linda Robbins grows  
Starfish Stallions near Hot Springs*

BY EVAN HAMMONDS

**DR. LINDA ROBBINS** didn't return to Arkansas to start a new stallion operation; getting more involved on the racing side had been the plan. But the veterinarian and life-long horseperson is heading into the 2014 breeding season with three well-bred but unproven stallions.

The Ford family of Little Rock pushed Robbins in this direction in January 2012 when it asked her to manage the stud career of Ordained, their injured son of Pulpit.

"He bowed a tendon," said John McKay, who works at Westrock Stables in Arkansas. "Linda talked to the Fords, and she really loved the pedigree. We kept some breeding rights but pretty much let her take over his stallion career."

Now she's all-in with a growing stallion station named Starfish Stallions.

Robbins' goal and expectations are simple: Breed an Arkansas-bred that can be competitive in open company.

"To stand out, you just can't have an Arkansas-bred that wins Arkansas-bred races,"  
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Dr. Linda Robbins, owner of Starfish Stallions, with Bobo, left, and Ivan

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**GENTLEMEN'S BET** (5-5-0-3, \$416,700) Multiple G1 placed in '13 including Xpressbet Breeders' Cup Sprint. Won Iowa Sprint S.

and 2013 Juvenile Stakes Winners

**ALL WOMAN** (6-3-3-0) Won Louisiana Jewel, 2nd Louisiana Champions Day Classic

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

**THE TOP SIRE BY TOTAL** at Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana 2013 Yearling sale Yearlings selling for \$50,000, \$45,000, \$42,000, \$35,000 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 Meadowlark

**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 **MIM'S BLING**



**2014 Fee: \$3,000 Live Foal, payable September 1st of year bred or**

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Nominated to Breeders' Cup Series

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- 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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2013 LEADING SIRE OF SOUTH REGION\* BREDS by earnings  
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 by earnings Ranked #1 four of the past five years

## Ide

Forty Niner-Maytide, by Naskra

**\$23.5 MILLION LIFETIME PROGENY EARNINGS!**

**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 1:28.9f

**SHEZACRAZYGIRL**, winner of four stakes races and \$256,800

**IDE BE COOL**, 2012 winner of the Louisiana Legacy S. and Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile. **UNDEFEATED!**

**Glamoride**, 2012 juvenile stakes placed winner, 2nd \$100,000 Louisiana Jewel Stakes, 3rd Louisiana Champions Day Lassie

**Shezacrazylilsis**, 2012 stakes placed winner

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The South Region is composed of Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas

LEADING SIRE OF LOUISIANA-BREDS  
 HIS 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD CROPS!

## Lion Tamer

Will's Way-Tippence Creeke, by Olympic

Sire of:

**HEAVY ON THEMISTER**, 2012 SW Won 12 Evangeline Mile H. in track record time! (1 Mi. in 1:26.25), as well as a 6 furlong track record (1:08.52) to his credit at Evangeline Downs.

**SOUTHERN DUDE**, 2012 SW and G2 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 furlongs) at Belmont. At 3, won the G2 Hutcheson S. in 1:22 2/5. Won the G1 Cigar Mile H. in 1:22 1/5 (111 Beyers); etc

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Nominated to Breeders' Cup Series

## B.J.'s Mark

Sheikh Al-Badrus-Cent's For Julie, by Diamond Prospect

17%

**STAKES**

**HORSES**

**\$44,000 AVE/**

**EARNINGS**

**67%**

**WINNERS**



Stakes horses include:

2012 Elze Raspberry winner, **KISSES FOR**

**CARROTS**, **HUD'S FIAYMATE** (\$165,254),

**MAID IN CHINA** (\$55,000), **Convincable**

(\$125,555), **Warren's Mark** (\$122,252), and

**Gracie's Gem** (\$126,000).

**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 2012 STAKES HORSES**

**HUD'S REBELLION**, winner of the 2012

Louisiana Champions Day Turf Classic! 2nd

Louisiana Legends Classic and Louisiana Cup

Turf Classic. Earnings of \$226,256.

**Warren's Rebel**, (7-2-2-2) placed in the Ragin

Cajun S.

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**\$1,500 Live Foal**,

payable when foal stands and nurses

Nominated to Breeders' Cup Series

## G.W.'s Skippie

Skip Away-optical Reascrip, by Lord Avie

**STAKES**

**WINNER**

**AT 2 AND 3**

**Eye Champion**

**C1SW and**

**multi million-**

**aire SKIP**

**AWAY**, out of a

winning

daughter of LORD AVIE.

**75% Winners**

Sire of 2012 LaBred SW **SKIP THE FINCH**, 1st

Louisiana Cup Derby, placed in Louisiana

Legends Mile, Louisiana Champions Day

Classic

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|------|---|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|
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| 1    | SONGANDAPRAYER (98, Unbridled's Song), The Stallion Station @ Copper Crowne | \$5,000       | 246/152    | 9/12             | 2/9              | (Dan the Tin Man, \$182,321)    | \$5,433,334   | *781  | 34        | 1.23      | 1.59       |
| 2    | D'WILDCAT (98, Forest Wildcat), Louisiana Stallion Station South            | \$4,500       | 128/71     | 1/2              | 0/1              | (Wildcat Lily, \$367,285)       | \$3,147,675   | *335  | 12        | 1.43      | 1.33       |
| 3    | CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), LA Stallion Station North         | \$5,000       | 129/78     | 5/7              | 1/5              | (Determinato, \$204,270)        | \$2,998,669   | *329  | 16        | 1.27      | 1.26       |
| 4    | EL CORREDOR (97, Mr. Greeley), The Stallion Station @ Copper Crowne         | \$3,500       | 166/73     | 4/6              | 2/4              | (Little Ms Protocol, \$207,500) | \$2,682,881   | *920  | 34        | 1.23      | 1.53       |
| 5    | HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud                          | \$5,000       | 82/44      | 3/3              | 2/3              | (Gentlemen's Bet, \$392,400)    | \$1,976,299   | *170  | 5         | 1.07      | 1.33       |
| 6    | TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds                             | \$3,500       | 108/61     | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Coco's Sweetie, \$126,330)     | \$1,888,254   | *288  | 9         | 0.99      | 1.10       |
| 7    | YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions                         | \$5,000       | 109/51     | 2/2              | 1/2              | (Ive Struck a Nerve, \$248,000) | \$1,799,650   | *366  | 18        | 1.30      | 1.29       |
| 8    | SUN KING (02, Charismatic), Elite Thoroughbreds                             | \$3,500       | 115/55     | 2/2              | 1/2              | (Will to Shine, \$125,525)      | \$1,656,283   | 201   | 2         | 0.76      | 1.07       |
| 9    | GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley), Averett Farm                            | \$2,500       | 39/21      | 1/4              | 0/1              | (Cluster of Stars, \$519,600)   | \$1,479,201   | 76    | 1         | 1.13      | 1.21       |
| 10   | IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud                                     | \$2,500       | 85/40      | 1/2              | 1/1              | (Ide Be Cool, \$189,600)        | \$1,226,792   | 529   | 17        | 1.14      | 1.09       |
| 11   | LEESTOWN (94, Seattle Slew)   | Died, 2008    | 89/38      | 2/3              | 1/2              | (Hit the Road Lee, \$152,980)   | \$1,159,343   | 576   | 19        | 0.85      | 0.96       |
| 12   | MASS MEDIA (01, Touch Gold), Red River Farms                                | \$1,500       | 52/34      | 1/1              | 0/1              | (Chance Encounter, \$107,220)   | \$1,114,217   | *91   | 4         | 1.24      | 1.10       |
| 13   | PRIVATE VOW (03, Broken Vow), Red River Farms                               | \$2,000       | 63/30      | 2/2              | 2/2              | (Tensas Harbor, \$125,850)      | \$1,046,075   | 95    | 2         | 0.71      | 1.35       |
| 14   | GOOD AND TOUGH (95, Carson City)  | Died, 2012    | 69/38      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Sister City, \$62,420)         | \$1,017,938   | *422  | 16        | 1.17      | 1.16       |
| 15   | LION TAMER (00, Will's Way), Clear Creek Stud                               | \$2,500       | 56/23      | 2/2              | 2/2              | (Heavy On Themister, \$153,600) | \$826,172     | 88    | 2         | 0.84      | 1.12       |
| 16   | GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms                          | \$2,000       | 64/29      | 1/1              | 1/1              | (Well's Gold, \$102,970)        | \$779,116     | *451  | 11        | 0.97      | 1.10       |
| 17   | RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Louisiana Stallion Station South        | \$3,500       | 38/19      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (My Star Runner, \$127,152)     | \$755,654     | 92    | 6         | 1.44      | 1.05       |
| 18   | AFTERNOON DEELITES (92, Private Terms)                                      | Pnsd          | 56/27      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Afternoon Tango, \$81,800)     | \$707,368     | *599  | 25        | 1.12      | 1.36       |
| 19   | OSIDY (02, Storm Cat), Elite Thoroughbreds                                  | \$2,000       | 44/25      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Archie Will'm, \$59,724)       | \$675,317     | 95    | 1         | 0.76      | 0.93       |
| 20   | MY FRIEND MAX (92, Danzig)  | N/A           | 45/24      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Sir Maxwell, \$64,810)         | \$675,013     | 202   | 10        | 1.03      | 0.92       |
| 21   | WILDCAT SHOES (01, Forest Wildcat)  | Died, 2009    | 41/26      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Fabulous Shoes, \$50,652)      | \$666,522     | 101   | 2         | 0.83      | 0.95       |
| 22   | BIG TOP CAT (02, Storm Cat)   | Died, 2012    | 48/20      | 1/1              | 1/1              | (Lexi's Love, \$100,650)        | \$650,609     | 100   | 2         | 0.82      | 0.86       |
| 23   | SMOOTH JAZZ (99, Storm Boot)  | N/A           | 32/16      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Smooth Bert, \$120,194)        | \$643,236     | 121   | 3         | 1.18      | 1.06       |
| 24   | TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Heritage Stud                          | \$1,000       | 39/20      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Awesome Bandit, \$72,200)      | \$590,516     | 230   | 3         | 0.86      | 0.92       |
| 25   | TETON FOREST (01, Forestry), Elite Thoroughbreds                            | \$2,500       | 56/23      | 1/2              | 0/1              | (Forest Mouse, \$81,250)        | \$575,377     | *201  | 3         | 0.82      | 1.06       |

(continued from page 50) she said. "You have to win in open company. And that's my goal. The goal is to breed a really nice horse and have a nice life."

The farm name—Starfish Stallions—ties in with the "have a nice life" part. "I've always enjoyed going to the beach," Robbins said.

She's expecting plenty of sunshine from her triffecta of promising young stallions. Besides Ordained, she is standing Macho Rocket, a son of Macho Uno who was an \$825,000 sale 2-year-old; and, grade III winner Hamazing Destiny, a son of Salt Lake who ran second in the 2010 Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Sprint (gr. I).

"We need more people like her here to boost the breeding business in the state," said Bill McDowell, president of the Arkansas Thoroughbred Breeders' and Horsemen's Association. "I know she'll do a good job; it shows with the quality of her stallions."

Robbins will do it all this year from her 47-acre farm outside Hot Springs, which she purchased in 2011. Her spread is part of the farm developed originally by Drs. Kalarikkal K. and Vilasini Devi Jayaraman—the breeders and owners of 2009 3-year-old champion male Summer Bird—and is right across the road from a



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Starfish Stallions, a portion of a farm originally developed by the Drs. Jayaraman, is 47 acres

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 31, 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.



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## 2013 LEADING SIRES IN TEXAS



| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands                 | 2014 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | Stakes Wnrs/ Wns | Rstrct SW/ BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings)      | Cumulative         |       |           |           |            |
|------|---|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|
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| 1    | <b>TOO MUCH BLING</b> (03, Rubiano), Lane's End Texas               | \$4,000       | 65/36      | 4/4              | 4/4              | (He Has Bling, \$92,981)      | <b>\$1,300,356</b> | 104   | 11        | 1.29      | 1.19       |
| 2    | <b>EARLY FLYER</b> (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm                    | \$3,500       | 72/41      | 4/5              | 4/4              | (Solid Sender, \$116,055)     | <b>\$1,095,588</b> | 196   | 15        | 0.87      | 0.89       |
| 3    | <b>ORATORY</b> (02, Pulpit), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm               | \$3,500       | 47/17      | 2/2              | 2/2              | (Monster Sleeping, \$193,700) | <b>\$1,042,612</b> | *150  | 3         | 1.27      | 1.18       |
| 4    | <b>VALID EXPECTATIONS</b> (93, Valid Appeal), Lane's End Texas      | Pnsd          | 66/34      | 1/1              | 1/1              | (Bakken Baby, \$85,287)       | <b>\$1,013,195</b> | 614   | 43        | 1.24      | 1.17       |
| 5    | <b>MY GOLDEN SONG</b> (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm            | \$4,000       | 41/24      | 6/6              | 4/6              | (Triumph and Song, \$120,840) | <b>\$843,315</b>   | 64    | 7         | 1.02      | 1.11       |
| 6    | <b>SCRIMSHAW</b> (00, Gulch), R&S Stables                           | \$1,500       | 38/18      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Frisco Exsective, \$55,219)  | <b>\$488,153</b>   | *168  | 3         | 1.04      | 0.92       |
| 7    | <b>LITTLEEXPECTATIONS</b> (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center | \$1,500       | 34/17      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Expecting Cash, \$121,680)   | <b>\$460,785</b>   | 180   | 4         | 0.79      | 1.02       |
| 8    | <b>WIMBLETON</b> (01, Wild Rush), Valor Farm                        | \$2,000       | 28/14      | 1/3              | 0/1              | (Worldventurer, \$135,750)    | <b>\$442,670</b>   | 100   | 4         | 0.78      | 0.77       |
| 9    | <b>SPECIAL RATE</b> (00, Pulpit), Stoneview Farm                    | \$3,000       | 41/17      | 1/1              | 1/1              | (Shezararebird, \$62,785)     | <b>\$427,107</b>   | 111   | 2         | 0.62      | 0.50       |
| 10   | <b>UNCLE ABBIE</b> (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch                       | \$2,000       | 32/17      | 1/1              | 1/1              | (Lillie Abbie, \$52,161)      | <b>\$424,674</b>   | 194   | 6         | 0.66      | 0.66       |

## 2013 LEADING SIRES IN ARKANSAS

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| 1    | <b>BRAHMS</b> (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center                | \$2,000       | 99/41      | 2/5              | 2/2              | (Sunbean, \$307,731)         | <b>\$1,530,295</b> | *608  | 16        | 1.09      | 1.20       |
| 2    | <b>THE DADDY</b> (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center | \$1,500       | 61/39      | 2/4              | 0/2              | (Youcan'tcatchme, \$249,259) | <b>\$1,213,613</b> | *117  | 3         | 1.04      | 1.26       |
| 3    | <b>STORM AND A HALF</b> (97, Storm Cat), McDowell Farm                 | \$1,500       | 75/34      | 3/3              | 2/3              | (All About Allie, \$56,167)  | <b>\$840,325</b>   | 398   | 19        | 0.81      | 0.96       |
| 4    | <b>PRIMARY SUSPECT</b> (01, Hennessy), McDowell Farm                   | \$1,000       | 35/22      | 1/1              | 1/1              | (Gloria Victoria, \$95,458)  | <b>\$597,587</b>   | 76    | 3         | 0.71      | 1.15       |
| 5    | <b>HIGH CASCADE</b> (98, Woodman), Becky Bynum, DVM                    | \$1,000       | 43/14      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Arctic Thunder, \$63,500)   | <b>\$407,083</b>   | *155  | 1         | 0.52      | 0.63       |

training center run by David Whited, a perennial leading trainer at Oaklawn Park, Arkansas' only racetrack.

Also on the farm, but soon to be offered for sale at the Feb. 10 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky winter mixed sale, is Flamin Josie, an unraced 4-year-old filly by High Cotton—Rehocracy, by Adhocracy. Flamin Josie is a younger half sister to Egg Drop, the 5-year-old Alphabet Soup mare who finished last year with three successive graded stakes wins in Southern California in the Yellow Ribbon Handicap (gr. IIT), the Goldikova Stakes (gr. IIT), and the Matriarch Stakes (gr. IT).

As in most cases, the real story is not in the final destination, but the journey, and Robbins' journey to Arkansas is a beauty.

Born in California, Robbins moved with her family to the Little Rock, Ark., area when she was 6. She grew up on a small farm,



DAVID CORRELL

Robbins with Flamin Josie, a half sister to grade I winner Egg Drop

riding ponies in a running club and doing some barrel racing.

"I was really fortunate that I knew by the time I was really small that I wanted to be a veterinarian," Robbins said. "My father, who was not a vet, had always wanted to be one, so that stuck in my head."

Following undergraduate work at Arkansas State University and Oklahoma State University, Robbins went to vet school at Kansas State University. It was there she picked up her first copies of *The Blood-Horse* and *Thoroughbred Record*.

"I realized I needed to go to Central Kentucky," she said.

Traveling to Lexington during her summer time away from school, she had the good fortune of securing an internship at Hagyard-Davidson-McGee, where she worked with Dr. Jim Smith.

"When I went to vet school, there weren't too many girls," Robbins said. "Now there are more women than men. It was incredible for a girl from Arkansas to do that. It was a big deal and I would have done it for free and forever, but they gave me an opportunity to learn a lot and they paid me pretty well, too."

Robbins wound up staying in Kentucky, working for Hagyard-Davidson-McGee before opening her own practice. It was in Kentucky that she married third-generation horseman Gill Aulick.

"He taught me more about horses and management and the practical approach to the horse business than anybody," Robbins said of her ex-husband.

The pair operated Cedar Point Farm near Paris, Ky.

"We were always active in the commercial business, selling less-expensive weanlings and yearlings," Robbins said. "We had a lot of fun doing it and met a lot of nice people while boarding and selling horses. As that part of the commercial business declined, we had to pull out of that."

Looking for a new direction, Robbins got more involved on the racing end of the business and headed back to Arkansas.

"It was encouraging to me to go in this direction because there are a lot more people here in Arkansas that do it themselves. They are very involved with their horses; it's more down-home. I could never really afford to turn my horses over to a big-time trainer, and I wanted to groom them every day and see them go every day.

"I haven't come up with the big horse yet, but I've got the



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|------|--|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|      |  |               |            |                  |                  |                                | 2013 Earnings      | Foals | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1    | <b>READ THE FOOTNOTES</b> (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farm       | \$3,500       | 88/53      | 4/5              | 4/4              | (Readtheprospectus, \$268,667) | <b>\$2,594,205</b> | *246  | 13        | 1.42      | 1.20       |
| 2    | <b>LATENT HEAT</b> (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farm                | \$3,500       | 106/50     | 1/2              | 0/1              | (Lattin Devil, \$102,350)      | <b>\$1,870,985</b> | *191  | 3         | 0.98      | 1.08       |
| 3    | <b>KIPLING</b> (96, Gulch), Mighty Acres                             | \$2,500       | 97/54      | 2/3              | 2/2              | (Big Sugarush, \$131,726)      | <b>\$1,577,087</b> | 276   | 10        | 1.16      | 0.89       |
| 4    | <b>DON'T GET MAD</b> (02, Stephen Got Even), Rockin Z Ranch          | Died          | 57/39      | 4/4              | 3/4              | (Yeardeley, \$140,558)         | <b>\$1,486,978</b> | *118  | 4         | 1.26      | 0.92       |
| 5    | <b>TOCSET</b> (00, Awesome Again), Mighty Acres                      | \$2,500       | 93/51      | 2/3              | 0/2              | (Wardelle, \$110,010)          | <b>\$1,407,156</b> | *300  | 14        | 1.12      | 1.25       |
| 6    | <b>EVANSVILLE SLEW</b> (92, Slew City Slew)                          | Died, 2012    | 71/36      | 1/1              | 1/1              | (Chuck, \$102,535)             | <b>\$1,058,190</b> | *499  | 34        | 1.10      | 0.92       |
| 7    | <b>TACTICAL CAT</b> (96, Storm Cat), Raywood Farm                    | \$1,000       | 61/31      | 2/2              | 2/2              | (Tactical Gift, \$111,910)     | <b>\$931,109</b>   | 511   | 26        | 1.07      | 1.26       |
| 8    | <b>SERVICE STRIPE</b> (91, Deputy Minister), Caines Stallion Station | \$1,000       | 46/22      | 2/3              | 1/2              | (Service for Ten, \$158,150)   | <b>\$809,832</b>   | 359   | 20        | 1.18      | 1.03       |
| 9    | <b>OMEGA CODE</b> (00, Elusive Quality), Rockin Z Ranch              | \$2,000       | 60/23      | 1/1              | 1/1              | (Alpha and Omega, \$77,217)    | <b>\$683,656</b>   | 277   | 8         | 0.70      | 1.29       |
| 10   | <b>WESTERN EXPRESSION</b> (96, Gone West), Kirton Farms              | \$1,500       | 37/20      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Courageous Karen, \$65,380)   | <b>\$552,761</b>   | *308  | 5         | 1.13      | 1.32       |

dream," she said.

The dream is coming closer to reality now that she has acquired her three stallions, two of which have come from the Ford family's Westrock Stables.

Out of the grade III stakes-winning Meadowlake mare People's Princess, Ordained is the only son of Pulpit standing in Arkansas. His dam is a full sister to grade II winner and sire Meadow Flight. His fee for 2014 is \$1,000.

The 6-year-old bay horse was a \$250,000 Keeneland September yearling graduate in 2009 and raced for Westrock under the care of Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas.

"Ordained's first foals came this past year, and they are phenomenal," said Robbins. His registered foal crop numbers seven. "There aren't very many of them, so my goal is to get them into good hands—to a good trainer. This time next year, if they are impressive enough when the trainers come to town, I'm hoping there will be a niche for them."

Macho Rocket (Macho Uno—La Defense, by Wild Again) will stand for \$1,000 as well in 2014.

The grey/roan colt made only one start but made it a good one at Hollywood Park in late November 2011, winning wire to wire for Hall of Famer Bob Baffert.

Macho Rocket, bred in Florida by Haras Santa Maria de Araras, was a \$22,000 sale yearling at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.'s January sale in 2010 but bloomed into an \$825,000 juvenile at OBS in April 2012.

Frank Fletcher, an automobile dealer and businessman in Little Rock, owned Macho Rocket. He asked Robbins to stand him, and she obliged.

"At the time everybody said, 'Why do you want a son of Macho Uno?' " Robbins said. "Well, now, Mucho Macho Man won the Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I), so I say, 'yeah?'"

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|------|---|---------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|      |   |               |               |                        |                        |                                 | 2013 Earnings      | Foals | Stks<br>Wnrs | A-E<br>Index | Comp<br>Index |
| 1    | <b>DESERT GOD</b> (91, Fappiano), A & A Ranch                       | Pnsd          | 54/31         | 4/7                    | 4/4                    | (Rose's Desert, \$205,210)      | <b>\$1,513,591</b> | 244   | 25           | 1.50         | 0.74          |
| 2    | <b>ATTILA'S STORM</b> (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch             | \$3,000       | 38/21         | 4/6                    | 4/4                    | (Reaper, \$200,730)             | <b>\$1,191,972</b> | 68    | 9            | 1.56         | 0.88          |
| 3    | <b>WEATHER WARNING</b> (04, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm              | \$3,000       | 46/20         | 2/3                    | 0/2                    | (Rootham Triple E's, \$175,585) | <b>\$1,032,379</b> | *70   | 3            | 1.50         | 1.10          |
| 4    | <b>QUINTON'S GOLD</b> (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm            | \$3,500       | 38/18         | 3/5                    | 3/3                    | (Lady Genius, \$270,036)        | <b>\$858,040</b>   | 73    | 7            | 1.65         | 0.88          |
| 5    | <b>ROLL HENNESSY ROLL</b> (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch               | \$3,500       | 36/18         | 4/5                    | 4/4                    | (Roll Out the Band, \$148,758)  | <b>\$821,573</b>   | 104   | 9            | 1.09         | 1.08          |
| 6    | <b>YOUR EMINENCE</b> (01, Saint Ballado)                            | Died, 2012    | 41/19         | 0/0                    | 0/0                    | (Blameshifter, \$115,428)       | <b>\$639,734</b>   | 139   | 3            | 0.71         | 0.77          |
| 7    | <b>PREMEDITATION</b> (99, Afternoon Deelites)                       | N/A           | 29/15         | 2/3                    | 2/2                    | (Mr. Wizard, \$263,051)         | <b>\$629,774</b>   | 69    | 6            | 1.16         | 0.87          |
| 8    | <b>DIABOLICAL</b> (03, Artax), A & A Ranch                          | \$3,500       | 31/14         | 1/2                    | 1/1                    | (That's the Idea, \$225,535)    | <b>\$621,319</b>   | 43    | 1            | 1.00         | 1.12          |
| 9    | <b>GHOSTLY MOVES</b> (92, Silver Ghost)                             | N/A           | 53/23         | 0/0                    | 0/0                    | (Worry This, \$43,143)          | <b>\$548,646</b>   | 229   | 22           | 1.06         | 1.05          |
| 10   | <b>SILVER WAGON</b> (01, Wagon Limit), McCallum View Farm           | \$2,500       | 24/13         | 0/0                    | 0/0                    | (The Big Deluxe, \$142,640)     | <b>\$505,187</b>   | 40    | 1            | 1.24         | 1.20          |
| 11   | <b>DEVON LANE</b> (93, Storm Cat)                                   | Died, 2012    | 47/18         | 1/2                    | 1/1                    | (Devons Ca Ching, \$104,691)    | <b>\$464,496</b>   | 416   | 19           | 0.79         | 0.81          |
| 12   | <b>THE WAY HOME</b> (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm         | \$3,500       | 23/15         | 1/1                    | 1/1                    | (Way to Go Gerda, \$151,070)    | <b>\$459,453</b>   | 51    | 3            | 1.21         | 0.98          |
| 13   | <b>TO TERAS</b> (00, Unbridled's Song), New Mexico State University | \$1,500       | 22/12         | 1/2                    | 1/1                    | (Tyger Teras, \$144,409)        | <b>\$437,063</b>   | 67    | 1            | 0.85         | 0.64          |
| 14   | <b>IRISH ROAD</b> (00, Unbridled's Song), Cedar Creek Ranch         | N/A           | 14/8          | 0/0                    | 0/0                    | (Major Highway, \$208,842)      | <b>\$396,551</b>   | 51    | 0            | 0.90         | 0.91          |
| 15   | <b>GOLD CASE</b> (94, Forty Niner), Mesa Vista Stud                 | \$2,500       | 50/18         | 0/0                    | 0/0                    | (Itzacoldcase, \$57,356)        | <b>\$281,743</b>   | *568  | 21           | 1.04         | 1.11          |

According to Robbins, Macho Rocket covered 16 mares in 2013 and got them all in foal.

The big horse in the barn for 2014 is 8-year-old Hamazing Destiny (Salt Lake—Ms Proud Destiny, by Artax), who will also stand for \$1,000. He won five of 33 starts, placing another 12 times, and earned \$853,008 in five years on the track while racing for Westrock Stables and Barry Butzow. In addition to his placing behind Big Drama in the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Churchill Downs, Hamazing Destiny won the Maryland Sprint Handicap (gr. III) and ran second in the Forego Stakes (gr. I) to Emcee while defeating multiple grade I winner Jersey Town, Caixa Eletronica, Isn't He Perfect, and Jackson Bend.

While he is an exciting prospect, getting mares in Arkansas is an issue.

"She's standing him (Hamazing Destiny) at a reasonable price where people can justify breeding to him," McDowell said. "There were about 250 foals raised in Arkansas last year, so there are probably 450 mares in the state. That's the problem here—getting the numbers here on a stallion of this quality, but I think she'll get it done."

Three things will help Robbins and her stallions "get it done": the emergence of Hot Springs as a destination, the growth in the Arkansas breeding program, and a new attitude toward Arkansas-bred horses.

"The Hot Springs area is becoming more and more of a destination for trainers," Robbins said. "It always has had a good meet, but it's getting hotter. It's a nice place in the country; it's beautiful. You have lakes and things to do, but it's a smaller town. I think the place is getting ready to 'pop.' They are getting more gambling at Oaklawn (additional Instant Racing machines) and expanding. The money they'll have to give away will be more."

The money from the Arkansas program is substantial. Breeders awards ran to more than 13% in 2013, and that was on all purses earned in North America at any level.

"That is a strong incentive for me," Robbins said. "They also have stallion awards, which are closer to 5%, and they also have owners awards for Arkansas-breds running at Oaklawn Park."



Hamazing Destiny's 2014 fee is \$1,000

Another incentive, according to McDowell, is that some maiden special weight races at Oaklawn are worth \$55,000.

The 57-day Oaklawn meet opened Jan. 10 and runs through April 12.

Arkansas-breds don't have to be by Arkansas-based stallions. Mares can be in foal to out-of-state stallions, but they have to drop their foals in the state and be bred back to Arkansas-based sires.

As for the stigma of being an Arkansas-bred runner: "You can sell an Arkansas-bred in other states easier now," McDowell said. "It used to be hard to sell one in Kentucky or Florida, but now it doesn't matter."

Making the move to Arkansas and starting up a new stallion business are brave new ventures for Robbins, but she certainly seems up to the challenge.

"I'm excited about it," she said. "It was a time in my life to make a lot of changes, and it has been fun. It's always scary to make a move, but I kind of thought to go ahead and do it while I still want to work and can work. This is home." **BH**