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Kela Keeps Minnesota Breeding Sound

Sire thrives at Stillwater Equine

BY BOB KIECKHEFER

IT'S A LONG way and a long time from a second-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (gr. I) at Lone Star Park in 2004 to the Stillwater Equine Clinic in Minnesota.

Yet Kela, a largely unsung leader among Midwestern sires, has made just that journey, albeit with a couple detours along the way.

Now 16, Kela stands at the Equine Clinic—an unusual spot for a stallion but only the latest chapter in a somewhat unusual saga for the horse.

The bay son of Numerous, out of the Sovereign Dancer mare Bolshoi Comedy, was bred in Kentucky by Cypress Farms 1991, whose principals, Jerry Bailey and Ken Ellenberg, both have Minnesota roots. He spent virtually all his racing career in California, mostly picking up small checks from big races through most of 2002, 2003, 2004, and early 2005.

In September of 2003, Jay Manoogian purchased Kela from Aaron Jones in a private transaction and, after some time off, the colt's fortunes improved significantly in 2004.

After a fifth-place finish in the San Bernardino Handicap (gr. III) at Santa Anita, Manoogian and trainer Mike Mitchell shipped Kela to Lone Star for the Texas Mile Stakes (gr. III). He won that race, finished a respectable fourth in the subsequent

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Kela, with Steve Erban (left) and Dr. Terry Arnesen at the Stillwater Equine Clinic

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	WILKO (02, Awesome Again), Highfield Stock Farm	\$2,000	39/13	0/0	0/0	(Sheza Smoke Show, \$69,978)	\$419,941	*144	2	1.02	1.29
2	MILWAUKEE BREW (97, Wild Again), Adena Springs Canada	\$7,500	52/13	1/1	0/1	(Hometown Gossip, \$35,610)	\$336,470	*481	22	1.18	1.60
3	BADGE OF SILVER (00, Silver Deputy), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$7,500	45/14	0/0	0/0	(Tetradrachm, \$55,000)	\$254,047	*273	9	1.27	1.43
4	GOTTTCHA GOLD (03, Coronado's Quest), Strideaway Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	33/8	0/0	0/0	(Making Havoc, \$51,805)	\$217,484	*70	0	0.93	1.57
5	SILENT NAME (JPN) (02, Sunday Silence), Adena Springs Canada	\$7,500	23/3	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Online, \$44,550)	\$166,229	*214	8	1.45	1.23
6	OLMODAVOR (99, A.P. Indy), Dunroven Farm	\$1,250	30/10	0/0	0/0	(Cuppy Cake, \$26,350)	\$147,969	*250	9	0.86	1.34
7	SLIGO BAY (IRE) (98, Sadler's Wells), Adena Springs Canada	\$5,000	30/5	0/0	0/0	(Irish Beau, \$26,970)	\$120,959	*341	10	1.15	1.47
8	QUEST (99, Seeking the Gold), Dunroven Farm	\$1,000	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Greengrassofyoming, \$28,970)	\$100,804	93	2	0.83	1.42
9	FORMAL GOLD (93, Black Tie Affair), Esquirol Farms	\$2,500	23/5	0/0	0/0	(Coranto, \$20,734)	\$79,665	494	19	1.09	1.30
10	BOLD N' FLASHY (89, Bold Ruckus), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$2,500	4/1	1/1	0/1	(Bold Thunder, \$72,600)	\$77,642	328	17	1.32	1.23
11	FINALITY (99, Dehere), Red Rock Farm	\$2,500	11/5	0/0	0/0	(What Goes Around, \$29,400)	\$70,718	216	15	0.66	0.77
12	GILDED TIME (90, Timeless Moment)	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Bedazzle Seattle, \$30,040)	\$69,216	*1250	54	1.34	1.59
13	WHERE'S THE RING (99, Seeking the Gold), Mapleville Farms	\$4,000	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Sir Travis, \$21,470)	\$63,094	276	9	1.45	1.42
14	WHISKEY WISDOM (93, Wild Again), Esquirol Farms	N/A	3/3	0/0	0/0	(Drunken Love, \$43,435)	\$61,953	358	19	1.48	1.45
15	BOLD EXECUTIVE (84, Bold Ruckus)	Died, 2011	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Very Dry Dancer, \$22,140)	\$59,539	800	48	1.64	1.29
16	SKIMMING (96, Nureyev), Pacific Stud	\$2,000	14/2	1/1	0/1	(Senator Bob, \$16,730)	\$56,001	323	16	0.77	1.03
17	BEST OF THE BESTS (IRE) (97, Machiavellian), Peaceful Valley Farms	\$2,000	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Amico Mio, \$22,326)	\$44,862	289	3	0.74	0.96
18	SECOND IN COMMAND (00, Silver Deputy), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Hollywood Miss, \$23,520)	\$40,796	64	3	0.88	0.81
19	SWAIN (IRE) (92, Nashwan)	Pnsd	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Minnie Bear, \$14,700)	\$37,105	*331	13	1.05	1.72
20	GOLD LEGEND (90, Seattle Slew)	Died	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Gold Element, \$13,800)	\$36,472	415	23	1.22	1.14
21	MARCAVELLY (04, Johannesburg), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$2,000	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Killin Me Smalls, \$11,380)	\$32,016	62	0	0.59	1.12
22	SINGING SAINT (04, El Prado), Adena Springs Canada	\$2,500	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Tairneach, \$12,025)	\$30,361	*34	0	0.38	1.14
23	WAKE AT NOON (97, Cure the Blues)	Died, 2010	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Awake At T Wire, \$30,124)	\$30,124	18	0	0.53	0.77
24	BEAR'S KID (03, Lemon Drop Kid), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$2,500	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Asserting Bear, \$29,500)	\$29,500	10	1	3.88	1.36
25	MR. JESTER (01, Silver Deputy), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$2,000	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Clowns to the Left, \$9,780)	\$24,688	88	1	0.81	1.23
26	ROSBERG (01, A.P. Indy), Canmor Farms	\$3,000	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Ros's Girl, \$6,820)	\$24,405	49	2	0.62	0.92
27	PEAKS AND VALLEYS (92, Mt. Livermore)	Died, 2012	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Officeinthevalley, \$13,442)	\$21,932	557	35	1.25	1.41
28	TEMPERED APPEAL (97, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2011	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Portofappeal, \$12,139)	\$21,879	98	11	0.70	0.71
29	SMOOTH BID (02, Rubiano), Fieldstone Farms	N/A	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Impel, \$8,960)	\$21,310	24	0	0.96	0.96
30	TEJANO RUN (92, Tejano)	Died, 2011	5/2	0/0	0/0	(We'll Talk, \$10,370)	\$21,284	283	12	1.27	1.14
31	KISSIN KRIS (90, Kris S.), Esquirol Farms	\$3,000	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Kiss My Kriss, \$20,230)	\$21,205	510	18	1.07	1.17
32	GIANT GIZMO (04, Giant's Causeway), Adena Springs Canada	\$5,000	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Doughmaker, \$14,250)	\$21,190	59	1	1.41	1.51
33	WANDO (00, Langfuhr), Schonberg Farm	Died, 2014	13/0	0/0	0/0	(Franz, \$4,120)	\$19,674	*137	2	1.21	1.17
34	ALUMNI HALL (99, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2011	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Student Union, \$7,980)	\$15,550	44	0	0.43	1.71
35	ONE WAY LOVE (95, Regal Classic), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$1,000	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Bear and Rod, \$7,490)	\$13,995	325	3	0.94	1.32

2014 Canada Sires by Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Badge of Silver	45	14
Milwaukee Brew	52	13
Wilko	39	13
Olmodavor	30	10
Gottcha Gold	33	8
Sligo Bay (IRE)	30	5
Formal Gold	23	5
Bold Executive	12	5
Finality	11	5
Where's the Ring	12	4
Quest	10	4
Gilded Time	6	4
Silent Name (JPN)	23	3
Marcavelly	9	3
Gold Legend	7	3
Whiskey Wisdom	3	3



Steve and Dorothy Erban

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For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in North America (stallions exported prior to the 2010 breeding season are excluded), and have runners in North America. All available statistics listed for the Northern Hemisphere through March 24, 2014. 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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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2014 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2014 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	KELA (98, Numerous), Stillwater Equine Clinic	N/A	28/9	1/1	0/1	(Moonshine Bay, \$46,650)	\$267,535	*220	4	1.01	0.99
2	DONERAILE COURT (96, Seattle Slew), Dove Hill Farm	\$2,000	32/11	0/0	0/0	(Prior Restraint, \$25,830)	\$166,939	*672	25	1.05	1.34
3	FORD EVERY STREAM (99, Seeking the Gold), Nightmare Stables	\$1,000	17/5	0/0	0/0	(Aunt Lois, \$37,194)	\$134,791	132	1	0.57	0.84
4	JOEY FRANCO (99, Avenue of Flags), Osborne Farm	\$1,800	5/3	1/1	0/1	(Bobby Handy, \$23,835)	\$41,320	65	2	0.54	0.76
5	MAGIC CAT (95, Storm Cat), Benz Lake Farm	\$1,250	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Switchen Er Up, \$25,740)	\$36,025	226	11	0.68	0.92

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Lone Star Park Handicap (gr. III), and then returned to the Golden State, where he reeled off back-to-back wins in the Bing Crosby Breeders' Cup Handicap (gr. I) and the Pat O'Brien Breeders' Cup Handicap (gr. II) at Del Mar.

Back at Lone Star for the Breeders' Cup World Championships, Kela broke slowly under jockey Jerry Bailey, was forced seven-wide into the stretch, and came up 1½ lengths short of eventual sprint champion Speightstown at the wire.

"For only my fourth year as an owner, I could not ask for a better year," Manoo-gian told *The Blood-Horse* before the Breeders' Cup.

Kela was retired after a third-place finish in the Deputy Minister Handicap (gr. III) at Gulfstream Park the following February, wrapping up his career with eight wins from 26 starts and earnings of \$1,022,527.

Kela started his career at stud in Kentucky, then moved briefly to Indiana before he was acquired by Steve Erban and brought to Minnesota.

"Kentucky and Indiana just didn't work for Kela," Erban said.

At the time, Erban was looking for help in upgrading the Minnesota breeding scene and viewed Kela as a prime prospect.

"The stallions in Minnesota didn't have the record indicating you could go out into open company and be successful," he said.

"If you're going to set up a state breeding program, the first thing you want is soundness. In Minnesota, we've got 'sons of so-and-so' and 'sons of so-and-so.' Here was a legitimate racehorse. He was proving he could breed soundness."

Erban said he had watched Kela throughout his racing career, "bet him in the Breeders' Cup with the idea our paths might cross later," and tracked the difficult early years at stud. "It was obvi-

ous that he was a tremendous racehorse. When he became available, it didn't take any coaxing. There was no salesmanship involved. We were very fortunate. We were just at the right place at the right



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Kela won eight of 26 starts and earned \$1,022,527



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Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Doneraile Court	32	11
Kela	28	9
Ford Every Stream	17	5
Joey Franco	5	3
Magic Cat	9	2

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	LUNARPAL (02, Successful Appeal), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	23/5	0/0	0/0	(Jias Pal, \$20,880)	\$129,003	100	2	0.90	1.03
2	TROPICAL STORM (00, Storm Cat), Raimonde Farms	\$1,500	12/4	0/0	0/0	(My Storm Trooper, \$31,200)	\$61,400	*91	0	0.64	0.79
3	WESTERN PRIDE (98, Way West), R.C. Cline Farm	N/A	16/2	0/0	0/0	(Old Man D, \$6,300)	\$40,734	97	1	0.57	0.95
4	AENEAS (99, Capote), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$1,000	15/3	0/0	0/0	(Capote's Charm, \$7,232)	\$23,707	84	0	0.31	0.85
5	A GIANT VALENTINE (03, Giant's Causeway), Raimonde Farms	\$1,500	2/1	0/0	0/0	(B. A. Love, \$22,182)	\$22,978	7	0	0.50	0.64
6	MERCER MILL (94, Forty Niner), Fair Winds Farm	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Geppetto, \$16,381)	\$18,435	216	15	0.69	0.90
7	COMPETITOR (98, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Much, \$7,946)	\$14,661	7	0	0.25	0.73
8	KENTUCKY DANE (00, Danehill)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Chug, \$6,323)	\$12,703	18	2	0.53	0.51
9	RAY OF GOLD (93, Strike Gold)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Lilly of Gold, \$7,945)	\$11,335	10	0	0.46	0.42
10	MOBIL (00, Langfuhr), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Oilton, \$9,450)	\$11,011	*152	5	1.39	1.41

time.”

Back home, “I called around to people that were breeding in Minnesota and told them that we had an opportunity to breed quality horses in the state.”

About 15 people responded to syndicate Kela under the banner of Premier Stallions of Minnesota.

“The plan is simple,” says the “How to be Involved” section of the syndicate website. “A new purse structure was signed into contract in 2012 at Canterbury Park. Kela is syndicated in Minnesota for a very reasonable share price...”

The syndicate buy-in, Erban said, is \$1,500. For that, a member receives between two and four seasons to Kela, depending on the number of mares booked to him. Members control the seasons they are assigned.

With the horse in hand and the syndicate coming together, the next step was to find a place to stand his star. Erban turned quickly to the Stillwater Clinic, with which he was well familiar. An ar-

chitect, Erban had designed the main building—a switch from his more common practice as a church architect. He contributed his architectural expertise in designing a fixture Canterbury Park's backstretch—a chapel that's named for the late rider Dean Kutz.

“We didn't know if we wanted to do this,” said Dr. Terry Arnesen of the Stillwater Equine Clinic. “We have 32 stalls at the clinic. When we have all these broodmares come in in the spring, it takes a lot of space.”

That's doubly true, he said, because the brutal Minnesota winters constrict the breeding season.

“Minnesota is slow,” Arnesen said. “We don't get started until the snow goes away. It kind of condenses the season.”

When Erban asked about standing Kela at the clinic, Arnesen said, there was understandable hesitation.

“We had all the medical facilities we needed, but we didn't have the experience,” he said. “The first year, it took a lit-

2014 Ohio Sires by Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Lunarpal	23	5
Tropical Storm	12	4
Aeneas	15	3
Western Pride	16	2
Competitor	2	2

tle getting used to him. He was kind of a slow breeder. This year and last, he's been very good. It's an art and we've got this boy down. He's going really slick now.”

Arnesen said Kela is housed in a central spot on the 10-acre grounds about four miles outside Stillwater, where he can survey the goings on at the clinic.

“Now, any time he sees a mare walking to the breeding shed, he knows it's his time of day,” Arnesen said.

Erban said the arrangement with Stillwater Equine is “unusual to say the least” but perfect for the syndicate's needs and business model.



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By housing and standing Kela at the clinic, he said, "You've got everything you need right there. Expenses are minimized. If you're monitoring your mares correctly, you have them in and out."

"I've enjoyed it," Arnesen said of the experience of standing a stallion. "There's an art to it, particularly when you get crazy mares from North Dakota who seemingly have never been touched by a human being. But we've learned as we've gone along, we're doing a good job, and we're enjoying having Kela here."

This year—once the snow melts—will be Kela's fourth season in Minnesota and Erban said he's already proved his worth.

"Seventy-seven percent of his foals who made it to the races are winners," he said. "In 2013 he was the Midwest's (outside Kentucky) leading sire by earnings."

Erban points out Kela's progeny have won in open company on various surfaces at tracks around the country, with his Average Earnings Index outperforming the Comparable Index of mares he has covered. The Jockey Club Information System figures show only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AEI higher than their mares' CI.

Moonshine Bay, a 2008 foal out of the Langfuhr mare Long For, is Kela's poster boy. Moonshine Bay is stakes-placed at Golden Gate Fields, Santa Anita Park, and Santa Rosa. Still running regularly at age 6, the gelding was third in the Palos Verdes Stakes (gr. II) at Santa Anita in February and recently finished second in a six-furlong allow-



Kela is among the 32% of sires that have a lifetime AEI higher than their mares' CI

ance race at Golden Gate Fields. That was his 32nd in-the-money finish from 39 career starts. He has earnings of more than \$320,000.

Ricspretentiousgal, a 2009 filly out of the Batonnier mare Enduring Charm, is a stakes winner at Turf Paradise, and other sons and daughters are stakes-placed at such far-flung venues as Del Mar, Zia Park, and the Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races.

Erban said the success of Kela's progeny should be no surprise, given the horse's record of both soundness and success during his racing career, culminating in that Breeders' Cup in Texas.

"With an opening, he would have won that race and he would have been the Eclipse Award sprinter of the year," said Erban. He noted Kela earned Beyer Speed Figures of 100 or more in half his 26 starts.

Erban is an enthusiastic promoter of his stallion and optimistic about the future of Minnesota racing. He noted earnings opportunities in Minnesota have soared in the past two years thanks to some innovative cross-promotion and marketing. The key factor was the 2012 agreement between Canterbury Park and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, operators of the Mys-



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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	CHEROKEE RAP (01, Cherokee Run)	Died, 2012	19/7	0/0	0/0	(Gita's Mahal, \$41,400)	\$150,942	68	5	1.10	1.13
2	CASH EL CASTLE (99, Silver Ghost), Hill 'N Dale Farm	\$1,000	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Misty Castle, \$26,310)	\$70,687	89	1	0.89	0.99
3	INDY SNOW (GB) (01, A.P. Indy), Hondo Ranch	N/A	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Rancho Viejo, \$8,220)	\$41,680	36	1	1.24	0.86
4	BATTLE STAR (02, Seeking the Gold), Hondo Ranch	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Distant Mesa, \$23,200)	\$25,440	23	0	0.90	1.47
5	WILD GAMBLER (93, Wild Again), Indian Hills Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Gambler Five, \$24,800)	\$24,910	30	2	0.94	0.85
6	ELHAYQ (IRE) (95, Nashwan), JB Stables	\$1,000	3/2	0/0	0/0	(No Crime, \$13,800)	\$23,159	54	0	0.35	1.19
7	STRAIGHT LINE (02, Boundary), Fairberry Farm	\$1,500	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Mr. McGrew, \$11,520)	\$20,650	37	0	0.55	1.30
8	ALLUVIAL (02, Forestry), Casey Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	14/3	0/0	0/0	(La Sorta, \$5,100)	\$20,378	121	0	0.49	0.84
9	LEELANAU (99, Carson City), Indian Hills Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Showersofblessings, \$16,780)	\$19,278	131	0	0.42	0.84
10	ROAD RULER (02, Unbridled's Song), JB Stables	\$2,000	6/1	0/0	0/0	(C F's Ruler, \$7,300)	\$19,028	60	0	1.07	0.82
11	SWEEP AWAY (06, Belong to Me)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Catherine Eugenia, \$16,745)	\$16,745	11	0	0.46	0.66
12	POWERFUL GOER (94, Easy Goer), Fairberry Farm	\$1,000	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Swarm, \$8,590)	\$15,790	58	1	0.64	0.97
13	CHICAGO SIX (95, Wild Again), Hill 'N Dale Farm	\$1,000	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Lavender Dan, \$5,246)	\$14,814	*103	1	0.57	0.71
14	BRAVE 'N AWAY (00, Skip Away), Timothy Hughes	\$1,000	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Yuruma, \$9,490)	\$13,520	33	1	0.47	0.61
15	DENOUNCER (90, Tsunami Slew)	Died	7/0	0/0	0/0	(Last Nouncer, \$2,900)	\$10,545	83	2	0.88	0.90

2014 Leading Sires in Michigan

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2014 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2014 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	UNBRIDLED ENERGY (02, Unbridled's Song), Hubel Farms	N/A	49/7	0/0	0/0	(Geothermal, \$50,400)	\$285,310	*214	4	0.93	1.20
2	FAVORITE EXPRESS (98, Momsfurrari)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Hooched Express, \$16,254)	\$16,254	13	0	0.66	0.66
3	FIRE BLITZ (99, Storm Cat)	Died, 2012	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Bubba Blitz, \$9,745)	\$16,000	56	3	0.62	0.72
4	GNEISS (91, Diesis)	Died, 2011	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Dorsey's Dream, \$13,030)	\$15,728	62	1	0.70	0.82
5	SYNCLINE (97, Danzig)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Bee Line's Edge, \$13,465)	\$13,665	105	2	0.93	0.94

2014 Leading Sires in Iowa

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2014 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2014 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	SHORE BREEZE (98, Danzig), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$1,000	42/8	0/0	0/0	(Van Demon, \$19,444)	\$139,781	163	1	0.86	0.76
2	ADDED EDGE (00, Smart Strike), Special K Stables	\$2,000	14/5	0/0	0/0	(Added Sparkle, \$14,915)	\$50,301	131	5	0.90	0.86
3	WOKE UP DREAMIN (00, Holy Bull), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Daybreak Dreamer, \$11,100)	\$39,772	122	6	0.75	0.96
4	WILD GOLD (90, Wild Again)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Lostinthismoment, \$4,069)	\$11,520	239	4	0.78	0.86
5	AUTONOMY (IRE) (97, Doyoun)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Kims Star, \$3,980)	\$3,980	9	0	0.36	0.02

tic Lake Casino, located four miles from the track, which resulted in substantial purse increases at Canterbury.

“One of our key objectives has been supporting and growing Minnesota’s horse industry,” Canterbury president and CEO

Randy Sampson said at the time.

In February 2014 Canterbury and local horsemen reached an agreement with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to allow simulcast wagering at the LLBO’s Northern Lights Casino, with added revenue

accruing to the track and purse account. Sampson noted that agreement impacts northern Minnesota, “which has a long history of supporting breeding, farming, and other industries that make the Minnesota horse industry thrive.”

Canterbury and Prairie Meadows, in neighboring Iowa, recently announced a reciprocal agreement that essentially extends the state-bred racing season through both tracks’ meets.

Erban, who also runs a travel/tour business, said the purse enhancements provide excellent opportunities for Min-



Kela has found a home with the Erbanes in Minnesota

2014 Illinois Sires by Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Cherokee Rap	19	7
Alluvial	14	3
Cashel Castle	12	3
Indy Snow (GB)	10	2
Chicago Six	6	2
Straight Line	6	2
Elhayq (IRE)	3	2

2014 Leading Sires in Indiana

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2014 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2014 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	DOMESTIC DISPUTE (00, Unbridled's Song), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	24/7	0/0	0/0	(Gypsy Heart, \$43,134)	\$150,530	*312	4	0.91	1.22
2	STRONG HOPE (00, Grand Slam), Midwest Equine & Veterinary Hospital	\$1,800	25/7	0/0	0/0	(Hattaash, \$19,200)	\$103,714	302	5	0.97	1.76
3	DEPUTY STORM (01, Forestry), R Star Stallions at RichWine Farm	\$1,500	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Olde Bay, \$15,600)	\$72,928	67	2	1.13	1.30
4	ELITE SQUADRON (04, Officer), Swiftly Farms	\$2,500	14/5	0/0	0/0	(Ginger Stone, \$15,650)	\$72,171	43	0	0.44	1.16
5	GOLDEN SLEW (99, Seattle Slew)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Golden Grammar, \$38,750)	\$51,499	61	0	0.34	0.57
6	DREWMAN (98, Unbridled), Breakway Farm	\$1,500	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Very Playful, \$37,415)	\$47,772	213	4	0.80	1.24
7	WILD ZONE (90, Wild Again)	Pnsd	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Te Rapa, \$24,730)	\$44,114	*482	14	0.80	1.07
8	INAMORATO (00, Tale of the Cat)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Lt. Bickett, \$12,136)	\$38,336	76	0	0.26	0.41
9	HEART OF THE STORM (04, Storm Cat), Southern Indiana Equine	\$5,000	15/3	0/0	0/0	(Heart of Class, \$8,580)	\$31,897	39	0	0.50	0.93
10	DESERT WARRIOR (00, Deputy Minister)	N/A	12/1	0/0	0/0	(Signora Sofia, \$10,284)	\$31,884	*247	0	0.88	1.00

2014 Indiana Sires by Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Strong Hope	25	7
Domestic Dispute	24	7
Elite Squadron	14	5
Deputy Storm	14	4
Heart of the Storm	15	3
Wild Zone	7	3
Inamorato	6	3
Drewman	4	3
Drinkwiththedevil	10	2
Golden Slew	5	2
Mustanfar	3	2

nesota-breds who, like Kela's progeny, are equipped to take on open company at Canterbury.

"Canterbury's leadership and continued improvement in the quality of Minnesota horse racing has provided this," he said.

When the Mystic Lake agreement was announced, Erban said he expected Kela's book of mares to increase by about 25%, which proved about right. He now breeds about 40 mares per season.

Erban also noted the improvement in racing and promotion has resulted in an influx of new, younger fans who not only socialize at Canterbury but also take an active role in the sport—something of a Holy Grail for most racing venues.

"You see 20- and 25-year-olds out there who are reading the *Racing Form* and betting intelligently on the races," he said. A fixture in Minnesota racing, Erban has been deeply involved here as an owner and former trainer. As a trainer from 1986 through 2010, he recorded 97 wins from 1,164 starts and earnings of just over \$780,000. From the changes he sees today, Erban is optimistic that better times are ahead for Minnesota.

"The relationship that Canterbury has with Native Americans is a high-quality relationship that is just at its beginning," Erban said. **BH**

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