

SOUTHWEST

# Big Arm in the Barn

*Former NFL quarterback Jake Delhomme loves his horses*



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BY GARY McMILLEN

**IT'S 5:30 A.M.** on a foggy morning in Breaux Bridge, La.—the crawfish capital of the world—and Jake Delhomme is listening to sports talk radio on his way to the Evangeline Downs Training Center to check on the eight Thoroughbred horses in his stable. Rolled up on the front seat of his truck is a bracket for a girl's basketball tournament. The former NFL quarterback, who led the Carolina Panthers to Super Bowl XXXVIII, is an assistant coach for the Acadiana Bidy All Stars. *(continued on page 42)*

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**GENTLEMEN'S BET** (12-6-0-4, \$486,200) 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. **Won 2015 Hot Springs S.**

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# Custom For Carlos

More Than Ready-Meadow Oaks, by Meadowlake

**GRADED STAKES WINNER at 3 and 4 • Earned TRIPLE DIGIT BEYERS 5 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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- 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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# Lion Tamer

Will's Way-Tippecanoe Creek, by Olympio

Sire of:

**HEAVY ON THEMISTER**, (\$548,770) Won Evangeline Mile H. in track record time! (1 Mi. in 1:36.38), and set a 6 furlong track record (1:08.93) at EVD. Still winning at 7 with an alw win at FG (1-15-15). Placed in the 2015 Dixie Poker Ace S.

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

**Win Lion Win**, 2015 Costa Rising S. S. placed

**Pitcher**, 2014 juvenile stakes placed

**Escalady**, 2014 juvenile MSW winner, and 2014 juvenile winners **All About Diva**,

**Promise Tender**, etc.

On the track,, Lion Tamer broke his maiden at 2 (6 f1:08 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 2/5 (111 Beyer); etc

**2015 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



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**67% WINNERS**

Stakes horses include

**HUD'S PLAYMATE** (\$185,294), **KISSES FOR CARROTS** (\$99,700), **Convinceable** (\$153,958), **Warren's Mark** (\$152,282), and 2014 Stakes Placed Winner **Another Pinot**, etc.

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## G.W.'s Skippie

Skip Away-Logical Reasoning, by Lord Avie



**STAKES WINNER AT 2 AND 3** By Champion GISW **SKIP AWAY**, out of a winning daughter of **LORD AVIE**.

**67% WINNERS**  
**\$73,000 AVE/STARTER**

Sire of SW **SKIP THE PINOT** (\$220,200) twice stakes placed at 4.

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## Ole Rebel

Carson City-Velvet Tulip, by Valid Appeal



**Multiple SW Sprint Specialist**  
**TRIPLE DIGIT BEYERS 4 TIMES!**

Sire of two 2014 stakes horses

**Jazzy Rebel** 2nd Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile  
**HUD'S REBELLION** 2nd Star Guitar S.

**2015 Fee: \$1,000 Live Foal**, 9-1 or **\$1,500 LFSN**  
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## G. W.'s D'Oro

Medaglia d'Oro-Sarah Lane's Oates, by Sunshine Forever



Son of **MEDAGLIA D'ORO** a 2014 top 10 Leading Sire.  
**Out of SARAH LANE'S OATES**

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## 2015 LEADING SIRE IN LOUISIANA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2015 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>HALF OURS</b> (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud	\$5,000	77/23	1/1	0/1	(Gentlemen's Bet, \$69,500)	<b>\$828,827</b>	*300	7	1.07	1.29
2	<b>E DUBAI</b> (98, Mr. Prospector), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	78/26	0/0	0/0	(Brass Pear, \$51,050)	<b>\$560,923</b>	*952	26	1.32	1.22
3	<b>D'WILDCAT</b> (98, Forest Wildcat), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$3,500	67/19	2/2	1/2	(Amelia's Wild Ride, \$59,690)	<b>\$547,400</b>	*373	14	1.41	1.29
4	<b>SONGANDAPRAYER</b> (98, Unbridled's Song), The Stallion Station @ Copper Crowne	\$4,500	90/23	0/0	0/0	(Had It All, \$50,607)	<b>\$538,366</b>	*845	33	1.19	1.52
5	<b>YANKEE GENTLEMAN</b> (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$3,500	74/16	0/0	0/0	(Prissy Bele, \$31,400)	<b>\$422,945</b>	*464	17	1.21	1.24
6	<b>MY PAL CHARLIE</b> (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	43/15	0/0	0/0	(Harbour Island, \$45,750)	<b>\$397,275</b>	85	1	0.92	1.23
7	<b>MASS MEDIA</b> (01, Touch Gold), Red River Farms	\$1,500	64/17	0/0	0/0	(Masster Chief Ron, \$25,875)	<b>\$363,122</b>	*170	4	1.14	1.07
8	<b>FOREFATHERS</b> (04, Gone West), Red River Farms	\$2,000	36/14	1/1	1/1	(Mr. L. S. Shoe, \$75,000)	<b>\$362,357</b>	103	1	0.72	1.19
9	<b>CLOSING ARGUMENT</b> (02, Successful Appeal), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$4,000	47/14	0/0	0/0	(Persuasive Devil, \$60,000)	<b>\$343,668</b>	*402	14	1.26	1.22
10	<b>GOOD AND TOUGH</b> (95, Carson City)	Died, 2012	42/14	0/0	0/0	(Grande Basin, \$43,520)	<b>\$334,739</b>	*461	13	1.12	1.13
11	<b>SUN KING</b> (02, Charismatic), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	48/13	0/0	0/0	(Bold Cait, \$40,266)	<b>\$327,579</b>	251	1	0.70	1.04
12	<b>TENPINS</b> (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	53/11	0/0	0/0	(Kate Is a Ten, \$70,800)	<b>\$310,613</b>	*335	7	0.94	1.09
13	<b>IDE</b> (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	53/10	0/0	0/0	(Ide Be Cool, \$57,300)	<b>\$305,575</b>	565	15	1.11	1.08
14	<b>LION TAMER</b> (00, Will's Way), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	36/10	0/0	0/0	(Heavy On Themister, \$63,000)	<b>\$284,179</b>	119	2	0.81	1.09
15	<b>AFTERNOON DEELITES</b> (92, Private Terms)	Pnsd	30/10	1/1	1/1	(Fist Full, \$61,190)	<b>\$281,331</b>	*602	25	1.11	1.34
16	<b>MY FRIEND MAX</b> (92, Danzig)	N/A	29/11	0/0	0/0	(Queen Peso, \$38,975)	<b>\$268,208</b>	215	3	1.00	0.92
17	<b>GOLD TRIBUTE</b> (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms	\$2,000	22/6	0/0	0/0	(Where's Cain, \$43,595)	<b>\$259,143</b>	*474	10	0.95	1.09
18	<b>ELUSIVE BLUFF</b> (06, Elusive Quality)	N/A	12/5	2/2	1/2	(C. Zee, \$131,620)	<b>\$239,007</b>	33	2	1.65	0.93
19	<b>RUN PRODUCTION</b> (00, Saint Ballado), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$2,500	32/8	0/0	0/0	(Run Margarita, \$33,220)	<b>\$234,207</b>	159	7	1.28	1.04
20	<b>TIME BANDIT</b> (96, Time for a Change), Heritage Stud	\$1,000	23/6	0/0	0/0	(Ty's Bandit, \$66,900)	<b>\$193,474</b>	258	3	0.86	0.92
21	<b>OLE REBEL</b> (99, Carson City), Clear Creek Stud	\$1,500	27/5	0/0	0/0	(Gayle's Rebel, \$24,510)	<b>\$176,592</b>	82	1	0.75	0.85
22	<b>BIG TOP CAT</b> (02, Storm Cat)	Died, 2012	34/7	0/0	0/0	(Top Figure, \$26,772)	<b>\$175,856</b>	147	2	0.79	0.88
23	<b>BEHINDATHEBAR</b> (05, Forest Wildcat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$1,500	20/5	0/0	0/0	(Gampys Poker Money, \$37,770)	<b>\$148,778</b>	67	0	0.57	0.93
24	<b>GREELEY'S GALAXY</b> (02, Mr. Greeley), Averett Farm	\$3,500	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Masterpiece, \$50,280)	<b>\$144,521</b>	91	1	1.18	1.17
25	<b>CHATAIN</b> (03, Forest Wildcat), Chad & Pat White Farms	\$1,000	22/3	0/0	0/0	(Etta J, \$18,040)	<b>\$127,928</b>	59	0	0.60	0.96
26	<b>SORCERER'S STONE</b> (03, Gulch), Louisiana Stallion Station North	\$500	21/6	0/0	0/0	(Ben's Magic Stone, \$40,200)	<b>\$125,512</b>	75	0	0.44	0.63
27	<b>GRAND APPOINTMENT</b> (98, Unbridled), Fallen Oaks Farm	\$1,500	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Jsllookovrurshoulda, \$88,500)	<b>\$123,614</b>	75	2	1.04	0.90
28	<b>PORTO FORICOS</b> (95, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2013	34/5	0/0	0/0	(Francesca Del Port, \$16,000)	<b>\$123,595</b>	237	5	0.98	1.16
29	<b>EASYFROMTHEGITGO</b> (99, Dehere)	N/A	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Babefromthegitgo, \$33,660)	<b>\$95,230</b>	168	2	0.66	0.91
30	<b>ROYAL STRAND (IRE)</b> (94, Royal Academy), Double Dam Farm	\$750	18/4	0/0	0/0	(Long Lost Friend, \$37,860)	<b>\$90,130</b>	91	2	0.93	0.76
31	<b>PLANET EARTH</b> (93, Conquistador Cielo)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Silver Planet, \$58,450)	<b>\$89,580</b>	51	0	0.65	0.66
32	<b>HARBORAGE</b> (03, Monarchos), Kraft Farm	\$1,000	15/3	0/0	0/0	(Off Cycle, \$33,600)	<b>\$86,450</b>	50	1	0.78	0.86
33	<b>RULER'S KING</b> (01, Doneraile Court), Holly Hill Farm	\$1,000	17/4	0/0	0/0	(Stella's Ruler, \$24,000)	<b>\$77,865</b>	111	0	0.58	0.80
34	<b>CROWNED KING</b> (00, Barkerville), McKeever Racing Stable	\$1,500	1/1	1/1	0/1	(String King, \$75,000)	<b>\$75,000</b>	31	1	1.41	0.66

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"I'm in charge of pony tails, tying shoes, and wrist bands," Delhomme said, finishing his cup of coffee.

When you are 6'2" tall, it's hard to fly under the radar, but Delhomme has mastered the art of invisibility. Arriving at Barn N, the owner of Set-Hut Stables blends into the environment like just another employee. Delhomme's father, Jerry, and his older brother, Jeff, are already on the job. It's time to get down and dirty: Check temperatures, check the feed buckets, unload a shipment of wood shavings, and call the vet about the filly with a rash. Rakes and pitchforks fit everyone's hands on the Delhomme team. Together they converse about the day's

activities while looking in at each stall.

"I don't enjoy this work," Jake Delhomme said. "I love it. I was raised being around horses. I just love to be at the barn. It is easy for me to get up in the morning and do this. You don't sleep through an alarm when you love what you are doing."

There are no job titles, organizational chart, or mission statement for Set-Hut Stables—it's just three guys pulling on the same rope. Jerry rode his first match race when he was 8-years-old on the bush tracks and was dieting in high school so he could continue to ride on Sunday afternoons after church. He trained Quarter Horses until gravitating to Thoroughbreds in 1993 and is the first

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Delhomme at Barn N at Evangeline Downs

**Special Note For Sire Lists:**

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in New York (stallions that are dead or exported prior to 2011 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through April 12, 2015. As supplied to Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., include adjusted money from Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Adjusted earnings are put on par with average North American earnings from the previous year. For example, the average North American purse in 2014 is \$21,617 or 45% of the 2014 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 45% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 19%; Singapore by 54%. 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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							2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>NOTIONAL</b> (04, In Excess), Rockin' Z Ranch	\$2,000	67/19	1/2	0/1	(Far Right, \$470,000)	<b>\$823,133</b>	233	5	0.91	1.18
2	<b>READ THE FOOTNOTES</b> (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farm	\$3,500	35/7	0/0	0/0	(Between the Lines, \$79,200)	<b>\$407,457</b>	*301	15	1.40	1.18
3	<b>LATENT HEAT</b> (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farm	\$3,500	73/19	0/0	0/0	(Nejma, \$33,100)	<b>\$384,883</b>	*285	4	0.93	1.08
4	<b>CACTUS RIDGE</b> (01, Hennessy), Royal Vista Ranches	\$5,000	36/10	0/0	0/0	(Steel Cut, \$75,450)	<b>\$372,776</b>	*423	19	1.28	1.05
5	<b>TOCCET</b> (00, Awesome Again), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	32/10	1/1	0/1	(Ring It Up, \$51,900)	<b>\$270,950</b>	*335	14	1.09	1.22
6	<b>TACTICAL CAT</b> (96, Storm Cat), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	32/12	0/0	0/0	(Heykittykittykitty, \$111,600)	<b>\$267,876</b>	571	24	1.05	1.23
7	<b>KIPLING</b> (96, Gulch), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	50/13	0/0	0/0	(Dariel, \$27,600)	<b>\$200,859</b>	308	9	1.08	0.88
8	<b>DON'T GET MAD</b> (02, Stephen Got Even)	Died, 2013	19/8	0/0	0/0	(Populist Politics, \$41,800)	<b>\$170,062</b>	*156	4	1.23	0.96
9	<b>MR. NIGHTLINGER</b> (04, Indian Charlie), JEH Stallion Station	\$2,500	25/10	0/0	0/0	(Misterbulltoyou, \$18,492)	<b>\$144,869</b>	107	1	0.57	0.89
10	<b>OMEGA CODE</b> (00, Elusive Quality), Rockin' Z Ranch	\$2,000	34/10	0/0	0/0	(Omeatron, \$16,970)	<b>\$141,110</b>	305	8	0.69	1.26
11	<b>ORATORY</b> (02, Pulpit), River Oaks Farm	\$3,500	24/5	0/0	0/0	(Wild Oration, \$36,600)	<b>\$136,419</b>	*173	3	1.24	1.16
12	<b>FREEFOURINTERNET</b> (98, Tabasco Cat)	N/A	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Princess Freebie, \$60,555)	<b>\$111,281</b>	85	1	0.87	0.94
13	<b>LUCKY LIONEL</b> (93, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	17/7	0/0	0/0	(Plucky, \$18,045)	<b>\$110,903</b>	354	9	1.14	1.22
14	<b>FOREIGN POLICY</b> (02, Danzig), River Oaks Farm	\$1,250	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Ribbon of Darkness, \$82,810)	<b>\$98,848</b>	26	1	0.77	0.90
15	<b>EVANSVILLE SLEW</b> (92, Slew City Slew)	Died, 2012	24/8	0/0	0/0	(Maybelle Slew, \$17,000)	<b>\$92,044</b>	*519	25	1.07	0.91
16	<b>KING OF SCAT</b> (96, Eastern Echo), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	9/6	0/0	0/0	(Princess Annie, \$17,588)	<b>\$60,654</b>	210	6	0.71	0.75
17	<b>TALES NOT TOLD</b> (02, Tale of the Cat), Legend Farm	Private	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Bristol's Tale, \$21,777)	<b>\$57,305</b>	56	0	0.41	1.07
18	<b>SERVICE STRIPE</b> (91, Deputy Minister), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Cluain Meala, \$17,000)	<b>\$54,172</b>	374	18	1.17	1.02
19	<b>SAVE BIG MONEY</b> (03, Storm Cat), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Big Money Speaks, \$25,621)	<b>\$50,046</b>	60	1	0.67	1.06
20	<b>FOR GLORY</b> (04, Honour and Glory)	Died, 2011	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Rage Riot, \$30,656)	<b>\$45,038</b>	3	0	2.55	0.39
21	<b>LIQUOR CABINET (IRE)</b> (01, Hennessy), Oklahoma Equine	\$1,000	13/1	0/0	0/0	(Shut the Gate, \$13,156)	<b>\$42,534</b>	66	1	0.52	0.89
22	<b>WAUPACA</b> (00, Forest Wildcat), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Holiday Clover, \$16,360)	<b>\$39,657</b>	29	0	0.29	1.06
23	<b>SCOTTISH HALO</b> (97, Jolie's Halo), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Booleanna, \$18,060)	<b>\$39,598</b>	26	0	0.81	0.82
24	<b>BURBANK</b> (93, Wild Again), Boyd Caster	\$1,000	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Heisenberg, \$13,963)	<b>\$39,245</b>	161	3	0.75	0.72

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Forest Lake winning last year's Evangeline Downs Starlet Stakes

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one to arrive at the barn each morning.

When Jerry speaks, which is seldom, it pays to listen. For Jerry, the barn is his "middle of the world" and the 69-year-old stays back when Jake and Jeff go off to sales.

Older brother Jeff was a starting wide receiver for McNeese State University with 4.37 speed in the 40-yard dash. Stepping back from the spotlight even more than his father, Jeff is saturated with confidence and enthusiasm along with a skillful knowledge of breeding.

"It's good when we have three minds, three sets of eyes, and three different points of view to address any issues," Jake Delhomme said of the team. "More than that it is comforting to work with somebody you can trust."

Absent from the barn but with her presence felt, Marcia Delhomme keeps the books and ledgers for Set-Hut Stables. Wife to Jerry and mother to Jake and Jeff, Marcia has a reputation for sending out checks on the same day that a bill arrives.

"We all answer to her," Jake admitted with a laugh. "Mom makes us look like we know what we are doing."

The majority of the Delhommes' horses have football-related names. A chestnut gelding named Woozy started the trend. With



Jeff Delhomme played football for McNeese State University

the score tied and less than two minutes left in a Panthers game against the Detroit Lions, Delhomme's head had hit the turf and he was knocked unconscious.

"Things got real quiet," Jake Delhomme remembered. "I was out on the field for about five minutes. On the sidelines the doctor kept giving me the same word to remember."

The next day Jeff called to discuss a name for a yearling he had purchased for \$6,700. Woozy would go on in 2006 to win the \$150,000 D.S. Shine Young Memorial Futurity at Evangeline Downs.

Seventy Two Reno was named after a pass play where Delhomme threw for a touchdown in his first game with the Panthers.

"It sets up with five receivers. I've got options all over the field," Delhomme said. Z Smoke is another horse named after a pass play.

Born on a Sunday morning in Delhomme's backyard, Forest Lake is the current stable bread winner. Coming off a third-place finish in the \$75,000 Crescent City Oaks March 28 at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, Forest Lake is a grinder that is stakes-placed four times and won the Evangeline Downs Starlet Stakes last year. The 3-year-old daughter of Forestry is being pointed toward Legends Night May 30 at Evangeline Downs.

"Look what we got here," Jake Delhomme said, rubbing Forest

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Lake's nose. "I'm not sure if I would have bought her at a yearling sale. But you lead her over there and she is going to give you everything she has in the tank. I think the majority of the time it is the drive inside a horse that makes the good ones. You can't always see that in the pedigree."

You can see the contentment in Delhomme's face. After his 13 years in the NFL, the bright lights and big cities are in his rearview mirror. Fame can destroy a man, and Barn N at the Evangeline Downs Training Center is Delhomme's place of refuge. A flock of sparrows flutters and chatter in the old wooden rafters. Six cats without names take naps after a night of stalking mice. An exercise rider nicknamed "Fish" swats mosquito hawks with his whip. Three mismatched folding chairs that look like they belong in a bingo parlor are arranged outside a tack room that hasn't seen a broom since Christmas.

"This is a horse barn," Jerry Delhomme said, spitting into the dirt. "We're not about form and fashion."

The longest pass play in Super Bowl history was 85 yards authored by Delhomme to Muhsin Muhammad, which is about the same distance from his barn to the half-mile pole of the training center. Life goes full circle when Delhomme makes the short walk to watch his horses train.

"This track is full of memories," Jake Delhomme said. "Saturday night at the old Evangeline Downs was when the families hung out in the parking lot. As kids we competed all night long, running races with the horses along the fence. Look at the winner's circle photos at racetracks in this part of the country. It's hard to find the owner and trainer because of all the kids, nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts, and uncles getting their picture taken."

The seeds of competition were planted early in Delhomme. As the youngest of 21 grandchildren from the legendary Sand-

ers Delhomme side of the family, Jake was always trying to keep up with the older kids.

"I didn't have a choice. I was the baby that always wanted to be part of what was happening," Delhomme remembered. "You weren't pampered in our house. Jeff wouldn't play catch with me if I didn't throw the ball the right way."

When left behind by the older kids, little Delhomme put on a riding helmet, grabbed a whip, and threw an exercise

saddle on the back of the living room sofa to ride—hell bent for leather—imaginary horses.

Twenty-five years later and the Delhomme clan still lives on the same street in Breaux Bridge.

"We're so close together it's like a hornet's nest," the father said. "Swat the nest with a stick and we would all come swarming out."

A common denominator of the Delhomme family is athletics. Jake's wife,

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							2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>DESERT GOD</b> (91, Fappiano)	Pnsd	30/14	2/2	1/2	(Proceed, \$96,000)	\$410,877	259	25	1.51	0.74
2	<b>ATTILA'S STORM</b> (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	\$3,000	33/16	1/1	1/1	(Lonnie Ton, \$61,720)	\$380,186	116	10	1.41	0.82
3	<b>DIABOLICAL</b> (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	Private	39/12	0/0	0/0	(She Devil, \$21,620)	\$240,282	101	6	1.00	1.01
4	<b>THE WAY HOME</b> (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	31/8	0/0	0/0	(Marty Who, \$22,540)	\$157,033	95	4	1.02	0.97
5	<b>QUINTON'S GOLD</b> (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm	\$5,000	24/7	0/0	0/0	(Quinton's Doll Who, \$24,596)	\$149,590	106	7	1.54	0.87
6	<b>FIREJACK</b> (02, Dixieland Band), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$650	8/6	1/1	1/1	(Miss E Bar, \$73,000)	\$149,261	65	1	0.55	0.85
7	<b>SOUTHWESTERN HEAT</b> (04, Gone West), A & A Ranch	\$2,500	16/4	1/1	1/1	(Southern Fire, \$56,310)	\$130,850	*44	1	0.66	0.98
8	<b>DEVON LANE</b> (93, Storm Cat)	Died, 2012	19/6	0/0	0/0	(Snowbound Jones, \$23,516)	\$123,837	439	14	0.78	0.80
9	<b>ROLL HENNESSY ROLL</b> (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$3,500	21/5	0/0	0/0	(Kiss My Hennessy, \$15,150)	\$119,263	119	10	1.08	1.05
10	<b>KING BULL</b> (01, Holy Bull), Tucumcari Thoroughbreds	Private	4/2	1/1	1/1	(Infinite Bull, \$90,060)	\$112,627	16	3	2.01	0.55
11	<b>DOMINIQUE'S CAT</b> (97, Storm Cat), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	15/5	0/0	0/0	(D Cat's Trip, \$28,466)	\$111,454	100	2	0.85	0.63
12	<b>YOUR EMINENCE</b> (01, Saint Ballado)	Died, 2012	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Gnacarano, \$38,780)	\$102,003	165	2	0.69	0.74
13	<b>GHOSTLY MOVES</b> (92, Silver Ghost)	N/A	18/4	0/0	0/0	(Dont Ask Ghost, \$23,230)	\$98,989	229	21	1.03	1.03
14	<b>WEATHER WARNING</b> (04, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm	\$3,000	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Weather Dodger, \$77,060)	\$97,894	*125	3	1.25	1.07
15	<b>SILVER WAGON</b> (01, Wagon Limit), McCallum View Farm	\$2,500	11/5	0/0	0/0	(John Silver, \$30,500)	\$86,125	58	1	1.13	1.33
16	<b>PREMEDITATION</b> (99, Afternoon Deelites), A & A Ranch	\$2,500	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Beau Wizer, \$20,350)	\$85,035	75	6	1.08	0.87
17	<b>ELUSIVE JAZZ</b> (01, Elusive Quality)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(My Bikini Fell Off, \$69,584)	\$76,472	20	0	0.63	0.84
18	<b>TO TERAS</b> (00, Unbridled's Song), New Mexico State University	\$1,500	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Morning Monster, \$16,570)	\$75,731	71	1	0.83	0.61
19	<b>REUBEN</b> (97, Rubiano)	N/A	3/2	1/1	1/1	(Funnycouldask, \$52,508)	\$67,401	40	1	0.61	0.50
20	<b>RIGHT RIGGER</b> (06, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Tea Light, \$38,560)	\$59,810	6	0	1.28	0.54
21	<b>REAL DANDY</b> (02, Yankee Victor)	N/A	15/3	0/0	0/0	(Another Dandy, \$18,996)	\$59,734	35	1	0.63	1.22
22	<b>PRO PRADO</b> (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$2,000	12/1	0/0	0/0	(Vinton Row, \$32,700)	\$58,393	61	0	0.59	0.90
23	<b>GOLDEN RANSOM</b> (99, Hennessy)	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Dr. Jessop, \$16,260)	\$51,230	108	0	0.49	0.83
24	<b>SURVIVOR SLEW</b> (00, Seattle Slew), Double LL Farm	Private	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Applelina, \$23,040)	\$50,899	17	0	0.76	0.74
25	<b>DOME</b> (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm	\$2,500	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Desert Cat, \$13,530)	\$48,459	209	5	0.74	0.84

## 2015 LEADING SIRES IN COLORADO

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1	<b>CRAFTY SHAW</b> (98, Crafty Prospector), Menoken Farms	\$2,000	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Diva's Diamond, \$138,500)	\$187,086	*79	3	0.90	1.08
2	<b>OLIVER'S TWIST</b> (92, Horatius), Menoken Farms	\$1,000	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Rogue Twister, \$11,043)	\$21,432	259	2	0.54	0.76
3	<b>SILVER SAINT</b> (96, Silver Deputy), Owl Canyon Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Dancing for Silver, \$7,840)	\$11,512	37	1	0.32	0.35
4	<b>GRAND MINSTREL</b> (05, Grand Slam), Menoken Farms	\$1,500	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Slam a Cocktail, \$4,182)	\$8,697	65	0	0.36	0.59

Keri, played four years of varsity-level volleyball, tennis, and softball for Teurlings Catholic High School. Married for 15 years, the two began dating in their high school freshman year.

"On our first date I didn't even have a driver's license," Delhomme said.

Their oldest daughter—12-year-old Lauren—plays on a sixth



Heading for a morning work at Evangeline Downs

grade girls' basketball team that finished the season with a 14-4 record. Eight-year-old Lindsey is right behind her sister, traveling to Bidy Basketball tournaments with her dad.

"Sports teach us a lot about life," Delhomme insisted. "We are not going to experience success all the time, so it's how you respond to failure. Get back up and get back at it. The big thing is that when you lose you hope that it is not from lack of trying. You don't need talent to hustle. The biggest thing with kids and maybe even horses is you don't want to break their spirit. If you are out there worrying about making a mistake, you can't play your best."

Horses and animals are the other connecting tissue of the Delhomme family. Jeff's wife, Cole, is a licensed veterinarian who runs a small animal clinic.

"Jake was glad that I married her because it cut back on the vet bills," Jeff said, getting in a friendly dig. Both wives know when Set-Hut Stables horses are entered to run and schedule family outings around those events.

The holder of the Carolina Panthers franchise record for most career fourth-quarter comeback wins (17), Delhomme brings the same determination to his stable. The outward ease and relaxation mask his inner drive to get to the wire first. As a quarterback or owner of racehorses, calling an audible at the line of scrimmage can be the best play.

# 2015 LEADING SIRES IN TEXAS

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2015 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2015 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>VALID EXPECTATIONS</b> (93, Valid Appeal)	Pnsd	41/18	3/3	2/3	(Ivan Fallunovalot, \$177,200)	<b>\$554,617</b>	642	40	1.22	1.16
2	<b>TOO MUCH BLING</b> (03, Rubiano), Lane's End Texas	\$4,000	49/15	1/1	1/1	(He's a Bling, \$49,814)	<b>\$419,880</b>	149	14	1.27	1.15
3	<b>EARLY FLYER</b> (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,500	36/11	2/2	2/2	(Solid Sender, \$55,300)	<b>\$372,786</b>	241	14	0.83	0.90
4	<b>MY GOLDEN SONG</b> (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$4,000	19/5	2/2	1/2	(Thegirlinthatssong, \$192,000)	<b>\$331,584</b>	78	7	1.16	1.08
5	<b>SILVER CITY</b> (06, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$3,500	11/2	1/3	0/1	(Promise Me Silver, \$165,000)	<b>\$211,437</b>	31	1	1.33	0.96
6	<b>INTIMIDATOR</b> (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	49/9	0/0	0/0	(Fearless Factorcat, \$30,500)	<b>\$197,002</b>	180	5	0.63	0.79
7	<b>SING BABY SING</b> (03, Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Texas	\$2,500	16/6	0/0	0/0	(The Lone Roo, \$45,855)	<b>\$158,203</b>	44	0	0.44	0.86
8	<b>SPECIAL RATE</b> (00, Pulpit), Stoneview Farm	\$3,000	24/8	0/0	0/0	(Bucking Thunder, \$23,916)	<b>\$136,071</b>	135	2	0.59	0.49
9	<b>GRASSHOPPER</b> (04, Dixie Union), Lane's End Texas	\$3,500	16/4	1/1	1/1	(Supermason, \$60,000)	<b>\$114,573</b>	44	1	0.51	1.02
10	<b>UNCLE ABBIE</b> (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch	\$2,000	24/3	1/1	1/1	(F J Uncle Vic, \$39,000)	<b>\$109,389</b>	220	6	0.67	0.64
11	<b>LITTLEEXPECTATIONS</b> (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	18/4	0/0	0/0	(Marry Me Kate, \$33,900)	<b>\$98,817</b>	194	4	0.77	1.00
12	<b>SCRIMSHAW</b> (00, Gulch), Keen Farms	\$1,500	18/5	0/0	0/0	(Shyloh's Friend, \$21,405)	<b>\$86,822</b>	*185	3	1.00	0.92
13	<b>CAPTAIN COUNTDOWN</b> (96, Relaunch), Double S Thoroughbred Farm	\$500	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Our Romeo, \$16,516)	<b>\$62,532</b>	181	2	0.51	0.67
14	<b>WIMBLEDON</b> (01, Wild Rush), Key Ranch	\$2,000	6/5	0/0	0/0	(Pukwudgie, \$13,290)	<b>\$58,270</b>	106	4	0.76	0.76
15	<b>DRUMS OF THUNDER</b> (04, Concerto), Witt Racing	\$1,500	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Witt's Tax Day, \$22,947)	<b>\$54,695</b>	28	0	0.46	0.36
16	<b>SENECA JONES</b> (90, Alydar)	Died	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Air Ride Jones, \$14,110)	<b>\$52,958</b>	239	9	0.92	0.84
17	<b>TOTAL COMMAND</b> (01, Forestry), Double S Thoroughbred Farm	Private	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Back Stage Bonita, \$22,130)	<b>\$44,868</b>	27	0	0.29	0.80
18	<b>GAFF</b> (02, Maria's Mon), Seguin Horse Center	\$2,000	19/2	0/0	0/0	(Wee Mon, \$10,100)	<b>\$44,710</b>	60	0	0.63	1.02
19	<b>FINAL ROW (GB)</b> (97, Indian Ridge)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Sassy Badger, \$16,099)	<b>\$36,078</b>	14	0	0.28	0.67
20	<b>MULA GULA</b> (96, Lil E. Tee), Midas Hill Farm	Private	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Mula Dawn, \$15,384)	<b>\$34,497</b>	37	0	0.42	0.56
21	<b>SWAMP</b> (96, Slew City Stew)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Swamped, \$32,000)	<b>\$32,100</b>	38	1	0.96	0.93
22	<b>SILENT PICTURE</b> (01, Grand Slam), Key to the Hills Farm	\$1,500	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Cash's Gal, \$12,347)	<b>\$31,415</b>	52	1	0.51	0.59
23	<b>DAY OF THE CAT</b> (01, Storm Cat), Bradford Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Cat's Classy Rider, \$17,751)	<b>\$30,829</b>	60	0	0.57	0.73
24	<b>TOUCH TONE</b> (98, Pick Up the Phone)	N/A	6/0	0/0	0/0	(Turn Up the Lights, \$12,836)	<b>\$30,430</b>	107	2	0.65	0.71
25	<b>EATON'S GIFT</b> (05, Johannesburg), Key Ranch	\$2,000	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Topara, \$30,400)	<b>\$30,400</b>	21	0	0.91	0.68
26	<b>BYARS</b> (93, Deputy Minister), Crooks Cherokee Farms	\$500	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Hoodatcrook, \$19,200)	<b>\$27,417</b>	120	1	0.69	0.96
27	<b>JET PHONE</b> (01, Phone Trick), Valor Farm	\$2,000	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Jet Trick, \$13,850)	<b>\$26,941</b>	31	3	1.41	1.22
28	<b>DIXIELAND HEAT</b> (90, Dixieland Band)	Pnsd	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Peggy Joe, \$10,572)	<b>\$25,945</b>	*293	6	1.03	0.97
29	<b>TRULUCK</b> (95, Conquistador Cielo)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Lucky A. C., \$10,935)	<b>\$23,293</b>	178	3	0.68	0.69
30	<b>KING TUTTA</b> (00, A.P. Indy)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Henyetta, \$12,500)	<b>\$20,590</b>	54	0	0.44	0.65
31	<b>CITY STREET</b> (99, Carson City)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Como Se Llama, \$14,500)	<b>\$20,178</b>	127	2	0.65	0.79

"I just plain love working with the horses," said the 40-year-old. "It's such a short- and long-term challenge to figure out what I can do in each specific case to get that particular horse to move up or win their next race. When things don't go as expected, that is when I really look forward to going to work the next day. The obstacles and difficulty are what drive me. There is no formula. You have to figure it out for yourself."

Shifting his attention from two horses on the walking wheel, Jerry closes his eyes and nods in agreement.

"Our attitude in this barn is to fly low," he said. "When you think you know it all about the horses, it is time to quit and hurry up and get out. The game changes every day, and you better change with it."

Jake Delhomme believes his horses do better in the summer months when they can run locally off the Evangeline Downs Training Center.

"You lose two lengths when you ship a horse over a long distance," Delhomme said. "The other thing we do with older horses is to keep them fresh with longer intervals of rest."

Jake and Jeff attend sales together to acquire young horses.

"We are looking for the biggest, best-looking athlete that shows balance," Delhomme explained. "I like to see a kind and quiet eye in a horse and how their body

flows when they walk. The other thing is we check our ego at the door of the pavilion. I'm not there to outbid somebody just to satisfy my ego."

Giving credit to his father, Delhomme stands tall for his reputation on the racing side of the game.

"We won't cut any corners," Delhomme said. "We treat people with respect, and

our stable has never been fined or suspended. I'm proud to say we have run a lot of horses and never had a bad test. All of that comes from Dad's work ethic and attention to detail. For my part, I'm a strong believer in enthusiasm but no bragging. I can admit when I get my butt whipped and make no excuses."

For Delhomme the financial ground is

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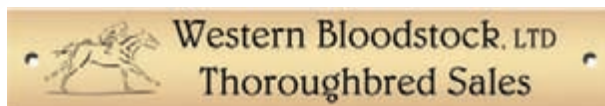
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## 2015 LEADING SIRES IN ARKANSAS

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	PORTOBELLO ROAD (04, Storm Cat), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	33/14	1/1	1/1	(Pistolpackinpenny, \$75,850)	\$481,739	100	1	0.82	1.03
2	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,000	43/12	0/0	0/0	(Over a Barrel, \$68,900)	\$377,369	*626	13	1.09	1.18
3	THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center	\$1,500	29/9	1/1	1/1	(Manchurian High, \$73,920)	\$219,878	*134	4	1.02	1.22
4	PRIMARY SUSPECT (01, Hennessy), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	24/7	0/0	0/0	(Bud Ro, \$38,550)	\$185,012	119	3	0.77	1.14
5	HESABULL (93, Dispersal)	N/A	26/5	0/0	0/0	(Impetuous Bay, \$28,700)	\$165,452	181	6	0.85	1.06
6	ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev), Chad White	\$1,500	18/6	0/0	0/0	(Ringneckdove, \$32,010)	\$150,147	*353	13	1.09	0.85
7	HIGH CASCADE (98, Woodman), Cornerstone Farms	\$500	24/6	0/0	0/0	(Cupid's Hit, \$44,550)	\$142,048	*178	1	0.51	0.63
8	HARPERTOWN (86, Devil's Bag)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Trace Creek, \$84,650)	\$112,730	103	2	0.83	0.61
9	RICHTER SCALE (94, Habitony), Chad White	\$1,500	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Farmerville, \$55,400)	\$102,480	377	7	0.75	1.23
10	COMMANDER'S SHOES (03, Deputy Commander), Rafter R Ranch	\$1,500	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Easter Shoes, \$43,800)	\$86,986	42	0	0.62	0.72
11	A. P. MILLION (00, A.P. Indy), Royal Court Equine Center	\$750	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Easter Indy, \$55,065)	\$83,648	33	0	0.41	0.65
12	JONESBORO (02, Sefapiano), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$500	13/2	0/0	0/0	(J P of Galilee, \$21,352)	\$74,461	39	0	0.34	0.79
13	CINNAMON CREEK (95, Darn That Alarm), Three Boys Stables	\$500	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Cinnamonsbirdie, \$21,775)	\$73,899	107	0	0.56	0.69
14	ILE ST. LOUIS (CHI) (97, Hussonet)	N/A	7/0	0/0	0/0	(My Bello Vita, \$27,780)	\$57,623	61	2	0.79	0.85
15	RUMORS OF PEACE (04, Deputy Minister), Lost Lake Ranch	Private	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Red Deputy's Girl, \$18,840)	\$47,973	6	0	1.10	0.00
16	LAFFER (93, Afleet), Hale Thoroughbred Farm	Private	5/2	0/0	0/0	(R Nanalee, \$20,966)	\$46,939	24	0	0.34	0.28
17	POMATINI (05, Lemon Drop Kid), Matthews Farm	Private	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Hicks Honey, \$42,480)	\$42,538	19	0	0.40	0.27
18	EXPLOSIVE TRUTH (99, Proudest Romeo), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	4/3	0/0	0/0	(She's Red Hot, \$18,045)	\$42,338	25	0	0.60	1.05

## 2015 LEADING SIRES IN ARIZONA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2015 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2015 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	TOP HIT (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	24/11	0/0	0/0	(Top Estate, \$22,120)	\$111,474	86	5	1.00	0.91
2	MARGIE'S WILDCAT (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Silky Sami, \$29,260)	\$78,768	95	0	0.72	0.91
3	DISTORTED REALITY (04, Distorted Humor), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	25/8	0/0	0/0	(Worthy Grapes, \$8,732)	\$67,862	91	0	0.30	0.81
4	RED SKY'S (96, Skywalker), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Red Zeus, \$25,094)	\$54,967	112	2	0.42	0.48
5	CHESTERTOWN SLEW (02, Seattle Slew)	N/A	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Chessie Slew, \$16,220)	\$49,310	24	0	0.53	2.71
6	DEPUTY WILD CAT (99, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2012	13/1	0/0	0/0	(Deputy Wild Kate, \$12,720)	\$23,514	138	2	0.86	1.00
7	CHELOKEE (04, Cherokee Run), University of Arizona Horse Center	Died, 2014	12/1	0/0	0/0	(Hawkeye Gold, \$6,588)	\$23,434	46	0	0.57	0.82
8	MAYBRY'S BOY (99, Broad Brush), O'Brien Farm	Private	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Maybrys Challenge, \$15,480)	\$23,425	23	1	1.48	1.58
9	BENTON CREEK (93, Septieme Ciel)	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Prospector's Blues, \$12,281)	\$17,575	320	13	0.53	0.57
10	MILLENNIUM WIND (98, Cryptoclearance)	Died, 2012	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Third Strike, \$9,420)	\$15,018	*252	2	0.55	1.22

## 2015 LEADING SIRES IN KANSAS

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2015 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2015 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	GRAND ON DAVE (95, Meadowlake)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Rumorsrover, \$7,254)	\$9,706	32	1	0.53	0.81
2	RED'S HONOR (98, Glitterman)	N/A	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Starting Bell, \$4,358)	\$4,752	41	0	0.37	0.51

firm enough to take Set-Hut Stables up to a bigger game, but that's an invitation he finds easy to decline.

"If I am going to play at that level, it would mean not being able to come in here to the barn every morning and be with my father and brother," Delhomme said with an air of finality. "My life revolves around this barn, this community, and my wife and chil-



All of the Delhommes have a good eye for a horse

dren. Those are things that I don't want to miss."

Delhomme has never been to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I). The dates of the NFL draft and mandatory training camps always created a scheduling conflict. This year will mark another that Delhomme doesn't make it to Louisville. First things first: His daughter Lauren has her first church communion on the first Sunday in May.

Delhomme was born and raised in the flatlands of Louisiana's rice and sugar cane country, and his Cajun heritage leaks out in ways that are not so obvious. The drinking, gambling, hunting, and fishing stereotype does not apply in his case.

"For me the essence of Cajun tradition is the importance of family and appreciation for life, especially the outdoors," Delhomme said.

He took that lifestyle on the road with him to Charlotte, N.C. Living in a gated neighborhood, Jake and Keri shook up the sedate routine by having 400 pounds of live crawfish shipped up from Louisiana. The hesitant neighbors were invited over for a crawfish boil, cocktails, and backyard barbeque.

"At first the parents were looking sideways," said Delhomme, "but before long the kids were having crawfish races on the driveway."