

# Party Animal

*Ebby Novak succeeds in horses and party merchandise*

BY STEVE HASKIN  
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**MANY RACING PEOPLE** might know the name Ebby Novak from his familiar New Farm purple silks and numerous stakes winners over the years. In business, Novak is known worldwide, playing a key role—at least indirectly—in making every youngster's birthday party and family get-together a success. Novak owns New Jersey-based company Unique Industries, the leading manufacturer and worldwide distributor of party paperware and accessories and holds the licensing rights to many of the world's most famous characters, including Batman, Spiderman, The Smurfs, Barney, Cabbage Patch Kids, Stuart Little, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and more recent crazes, Minions and Shopkins.

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Unique also handles Disney and has an exclusive deal with Universal. Three of Novak's four sons are involved in the company, and his second son is now president and CEO. But even at age 78, Novak comes to the office every day and still runs

his company like one big happy family.

In addition to his family, one could say Novak's life has been all about two things—fun and horses. The fun he's been giving to people of all ages; the horses he's been giving to himself since the 1960s, the result of having been in love with them since age 10.



Ebby Novak with one of his horses at his New Farm near Marlton, N.J.

Through his long association with the Perkins family, first with Ben Sr. and now with Ben Jr. as his trainers, Novak has enjoyed success with stakes winners such as Delaware Township, Forest Wildcat, Appealing Skier, Conveyor, Wildcat Heir, Meadow Monster, Confide, Acres, and Mass Market.

Novak, whose given name is Everett, was born in Philadelphia. His family then moved to Camden, N.J., when he was 6. When he was 1-year-old, a little girl who was a year or two older was unable to say Everett, so she kept calling him Ebby, and the name stuck, especially considering he never liked the name Everett.

"I became horse crazy at age 10," Novak said. "Whenever I got enough money to be able to rent a horse for an hour, I'd hitchhike or ride my bike out to a stable in Delaware Township (now Cherry Hill). I would ride for an hour or so and then hang around the barn and do whatever they would let me do. At age 13, my brother, who was in the Air Force, was sent to Texas and began riding and then was shipped to Cheyenne, (continued on page 34)

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2016 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>BIG BROWN</b> (05, Boundary), Dutchess Views Farm	\$10,000	163/73	4/8	0/4	(Dortmund, \$1,353,080)	<b>\$5,339,210</b>	*463	14	1.36	1.79
2	<b>FREUD</b> (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$10,000	176/87	5/7	4/5	(Lubash, \$346,650)	<b>\$5,137,763</b>	*919	41	1.64	1.29
3	<b>POSSE</b> (00, Silver Deputy), Rockridge Stud	\$5,000	179/80	4/6	4/4	(Royal Posse, \$304,610)	<b>\$4,296,483</b>	*647	30	1.36	1.35
4	<b>BELLAMY ROAD</b> (02, Concerto), Dutchess Views Farm	\$7,500	177/89	5/5	1/5	(Constellation, \$214,800)	<b>\$3,871,876</b>	*432	22	1.20	1.32
5	<b>HERE'S ZEALOUS</b> (97, Dehere), Kaz Hill Farm	\$1,000	58/37	1/2	0/1	(Green Gratto, \$480,550)	<b>\$1,893,227</b>	181	1	0.99	0.98
6	<b>FROST GIANT</b> (03, Giant's Causeway), Keane Stud Operations	\$7,500	61/26	2/4	2/2	(Frosty Margarita, \$285,800)	<b>\$1,743,744</b>	*154	6	1.70	1.17
7	<b>DISCO RICO</b> (97, Citidancer)	Died, 2014	50/22	0/0	0/0	(Goodtolook, \$201,032)	<b>\$1,711,215</b>	252	11	1.38	1.22
8	<b>STONESIDER</b> (03, Giant's Causeway), Keane Stud Operations	\$3,500	67/28	2/4	0/2	(Galiana, \$272,290)	<b>\$1,676,387</b>	*185	4	1.18	1.20
9	<b>BUSTIN STONES</b> (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$2,500	63/35	1/1	1/1	(Hot Stones, \$134,417)	<b>\$1,578,493</b>	115	2	1.30	1.46
10	<b>BOB AND JOHN</b> (03, Seeking the Gold), Korea	N/A	65/36	1/1	0/1	(Pain and Misery, \$259,150)	<b>\$1,461,353</b>	*192	9	0.99	1.33
11	<b>DESERT PARTY</b> (06, Street Cry), Sequel Stallions New York	\$4,000	71/32	2/2	2/2	(Desert Dynamo, \$174,150)	<b>\$1,450,131</b>	107	4	0.95	1.46
12	<b>NOBLE CAUSEWAY</b> (02, Giant's Causeway)	Died, 2014	85/43	3/3	1/3	(Noble and a Beauty, \$91,850)	<b>\$1,215,005</b>	233	7	0.82	1.10
13	<b>GIANT SURPRISE</b> (09, Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud	\$5,000	12/5	2/5	2/2	(Sudden Surprise, \$416,300)	<b>\$819,662</b>	26	2	3.10	1.25
14	<b>MR. SEKIGUCHI</b> (03, Storm Cat), Mole's Hill Farm	\$2,500	29/17	1/1	1/1	(Yourdreamsormine, \$165,870)	<b>\$762,609</b>	*89	2	0.96	1.24
15	<b>COSMONAUT</b> (02, Lemon Drop Kid), Keane Stud Operations	\$5,000	30/15	1/1	1/1	(Wonderment, \$111,000)	<b>\$760,376</b>	66	2	1.08	1.05
16	<b>GOLDEN MISSILE</b> (95, A.P. Indy), Milfer Farm	\$3,500	55/21	0/0	0/0	(Estrada's Girl, \$130,826)	<b>\$649,718</b>	*634	13	1.04	1.52
17	<b>CONGRESSIONALHONOR</b> (01, Forestry)	N/A	25/9	0/0	0/0	(Superling, \$128,850)	<b>\$525,036</b>	161	1	0.72	0.96
18	<b>TEUFLESBERG</b> (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga	\$5,000	30/15	0/0	0/0	(Dominic's Smile, \$101,300)	<b>\$489,995</b>	83	4	1.60	1.17
19	<b>THE CLIFF'S EDGE</b> (01, Gulch), McMahon of Saratoga	\$2,500	37/16	0/0	0/0	(Frazil, \$83,433)	<b>\$406,585</b>	235	4	0.82	1.18
20	<b>MIRACLE MAN</b> (02, Yankee Victor), Pucker Ridge Farm	Died, 2015	5/4	1/1	1/1	(Jc's Shooting Star, \$242,940)	<b>\$392,579</b>	8	1	1.94	1.59
21	<b>ALEX'S PAL</b> (99, Valid Expectations)	Died, 2015	16/9	0/0	0/0	(All About Abby, \$95,079)	<b>\$331,117</b>	102	2	1.25	0.93
22	<b>DUBLIN</b> (07, Afleet Alex), Keane Stud Operations	\$2,500	23/5	0/0	0/0	(Taoiseach, \$77,240)	<b>\$279,651</b>	55	0	0.69	1.26
23	<b>COURAGEOUS CAT</b> (06, Storm Cat), Questroyal North	\$6,000	14/3	1/1	1/1	(School Board Prez, \$182,690)	<b>\$268,016</b>	28	1	0.87	1.20
24	<b>SIR WHIMSEY</b> (04, Jump Start), Mill Creek Farm	\$2,500	6/3	1/1	1/1	(Take Issue, \$130,875)	<b>\$250,033</b>	8	1	1.41	0.94
25	<b>HERE COMES BEN</b> (06, Street Cry), McMahon of Saratoga	\$7,500	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Ben's Girl, \$34,810)	<b>\$205,969</b>	41	0	0.60	1.15
26	<b>D' FUNNYBONE</b> (07, D'wildcat), Rockridge Stud	\$2,500	15/6	0/0	0/0	(Uno Emayo, \$51,202)	<b>\$195,115</b>	*34	0	0.61	1.35
27	<b>ELTISH</b> (92, Cox's Ridge)	Died, 2012	18/5	0/0	0/0	(Eltish Charmer, \$22,308)	<b>\$155,817</b>	313	13	1.14	1.25
28	<b>RELATO DEL GATO</b> (01, Tale of the Cat)	Died, 2014	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Town Kitty, \$79,848)	<b>\$121,466</b>	12	0	0.97	0.75
29	<b>SMART ALERT</b> (96, Gold Alert)	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(True Shot, \$59,697)	<b>\$109,938</b>	13	0	0.53	0.36
30	<b>SAY FLORIDA SANDY</b> (94, Personal Flag)	Pnsd	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Say Mr. Sandman, \$20,200)	<b>\$109,803</b>	*189	1	0.78	1.10
31	<b>UNCLE CAMIE</b> (00, Abaginone)	Died, 2012	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Uncle Southern, \$86,360)	<b>\$104,912</b>	27	1	0.90	0.78
32	<b>GRIFFINITE</b> (98, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Miss Thang, \$33,265)	<b>\$101,913</b>	67	0	0.58	0.88
33	<b>BANK HEIST</b> (07, Maria's Mon), Kaz Hill Farm	\$10,000	2/1	1/1	1/1	(Behrnik's Bank, \$94,980)	<b>\$95,280</b>	10	1	2.26	1.45
34	<b>DR LARGE</b> (06, A.P. Indy), Oriskany Creek Farm	\$2,500	11/0	0/0	0/0	(Spooled, \$26,339)	<b>\$68,967</b>	20	1	0.78	0.71
35	<b>NORTHERN SPUR (IRE)</b> (91, Sadler's Wells)	Pnsd	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Chilton, \$18,207)	<b>\$67,858</b>	100	2	1.15	1.15
36	<b>WELL NOTED</b> (95, Notebook), Monhill Farm	\$2,000	3/2	0/0	0/0	(My Man Al, \$36,040)	<b>\$53,874</b>	*84	0	0.75	1.04
37	<b>HARLEM ROCKER</b> (05, Macho Uno)	Pnsd	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Liberty Island, \$31,420)	<b>\$53,823</b>	10	0	0.88	1.13
38	<b>SAY UNCLE</b> (94, Pine Bluff), Sky Band Farm	Private	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Ziwiye, \$25,066)	<b>\$51,228</b>	22	0	0.37	0.92
39	<b>MARSH SIDE</b> (03, Gone West), Dutchess Views Farm	\$2,500	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Shamaley, \$10,180)	<b>\$42,709</b>	*107	0	0.19	1.25
40	<b>MALIBU MOONSHINE</b> (02, Malibu Moon)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(We Miss Barbara, \$20,300)	<b>\$41,427</b>	16	0	0.25	1.35



From left, Ben Perkins Sr., farm manager Eugene Moore, and Novak with Rainbow Heir

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Wyo., where he bought a horse. He was being transferred to New York, so my father went to Wyoming to pick up his horse.

"The owner of the stable I was hanging around at the time had a big trailer and my father asked him if he could rent it and he said 'yes.' So my father, myself, my brother, and my brother's friend went to Cheyenne and picked up the horse and brought him back. Ended up my brother couldn't keep the horse, so he gave him to me. So at age 13, I had my first horse. Because my father was a truck driver and couldn't afford to pay to keep a horse, I worked at the stables doing whatever I could do to pay the board."

Novak continued to work at the stable in order to pay for his horse, and every day after school he would go to Garden State Park and give out tout sheets. He even tried his hand at rodeo riding but discovered he was not good enough to compete. At 14 he was told about a job by his uncle who worked for a toy distributor. He took

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Bellamy Road	177	89
Freud	176	87
Posse	179	80
Big Brown	163	73
Noble Causeway	85	43
Here's Zealous	58	37
Bob and John	65	36
Bustin Stones	63	35
Desert Party	71	32
Stonesider	67	28
Frost Giant	61	26
Disco Rico	50	22
Golden Missile	55	21
Mr. Sekiguchi	29	17
The Cliff's Edge	37	16
Cosmonaut	30	15
Teuflesberg	30	15
Congressionalhonor	25	9
Alex's Pal	16	9
Here Comes Ben	16	6
D' Funnybone	15	6
Dublin	23	5
Eltish	18	5
Say Florida Sandy	16	5
Giant Surprise	12	5
Marsh Side	14	4
Griffinite	12	4
Northern Spur (IRE)	8	4
Smart Alert	6	4
Miracle Man	5	4

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the job for 50 cents an hour, loading trucks and taking orders and packing them to be shipped the next day. Each day after school he would take the bus into Philadelphia and work until 8 o'clock at night, sometimes as late as 10 o'clock.

While he was at the farm where he boarded his horse, he met his wife-to-be, Nancy, who also was a horse nut and started coming to the farm every weekend. They were married a few years later and have now been married for 58 years and have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren with a third on the way.

Novak decided he wanted to own his own farm and become involved in the Thoroughbred breeding business. He and his wife bought a small farm in 1969 and he eventually began selling yearlings in Kentucky, while claiming a few horses on his own in the early '70s.

"We bought another 10-acre farm in 1985, and finally in 1987 I made the deal to buy New Farm," Novak said. "We had another farm near Mt. Laurel, N.J., and then bought this farm near Marlton. My sons would go out to the farm on the weekend and would say, 'Where are you going, the old farm or the new farm?' Plus, the farm was located on New Road, so that's how we came to name it New Farm. When we looked at it, there was no house on the farm; the old house had been torn down by the guy who was putting New Farm together. He got into financial difficulty and the bank, which was going to foreclose, called me and said we should come and

look at the farm.

"I went to look at it and we just fell in love with it. When I bought the farm, I was still only in the breeding business and selling yearlings in Kentucky, while involved with Taylor Made Farm. My wife had continued riding and showing. By this time I had gotten out of the racing end of it. When I bought the farm, it was 110 acres with a day camp and hunting lodge in the back of it. I bought that and turned the hunting lodge into a dormitory for the grooms. Then I bought the house of a fellow next

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Nancy Novak, Ebby's wife of 58 years, with some friends at New Farm

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							2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>JUMP START</b> (99, A.P. Indy), Northview PA	\$10,000	177/90	4/5	1/4	(Pants On Fire, \$204,040)	<b>\$4,810,006</b>	*1113	38	1.53	1.34
2	<b>ROCKPORT HARBOR</b> (02, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2013	191/111	6/6	3/6	(Majestic Harbor, \$230,740)	<b>\$4,512,779</b>	439	23	1.35	1.42
3	<b>CORINTHIAN</b> (03, Pulpit), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$4,000	197/87	3/4	1/3	(Cash Bonus, \$102,418)	<b>\$2,509,074</b>	*474	11	0.78	1.40
4	<b>FAIRBANKS</b> (03, Giant's Causeway), Northview PA	\$2,500	104/47	1/1	0/1	(One Go All Go, \$248,400)	<b>\$2,402,684</b>	197	3	1.10	1.28
5	<b>MEDALLIST</b> (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$2,000	58/39	0/0	0/0	(Love Came to Town, \$181,984)	<b>\$1,682,998</b>	186	5	1.29	1.41
6	<b>SILVER TRAIN</b> (02, Old Trieste)	Died, 2013	126/66	1/2	0/1	(Silver Ocean, \$90,051)	<b>\$1,677,509</b>	*438	10	0.98	1.29
7	<b>WEIGELIA</b> (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	\$3,500	40/19	1/1	1/1	(Pink Princess, \$182,020)	<b>\$1,163,980</b>	65	3	1.28	1.03
8	<b>TALENT SEARCH</b> (03, Catienus), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	47/28	1/1	1/1	(Pink for Me, \$100,385)	<b>\$1,146,243</b>	79	1	1.07	1.28
9	<b>LORD SHANAKILL</b> (06, Speightstown), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$5,000	63/29	1/2	0/1	(My Dream Boat, \$139,500)	<b>\$886,540</b>	93	1	0.88	0.94
10	<b>WISEMAN'S FERRY</b> (99, Hennessy)	Died, 2015	42/22	0/0	0/0	(Wise Mac, \$94,460)	<b>\$800,986</b>	*282	6	1.67	1.08



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Appealing Skier was a six-time stakes winner for New Farm

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door who had passed away and increased the size from 110 to 130 acres. Finally, I bought a farm on the other side of the road. I had learned that you don't want to keep broodmares in the same barn as racehorses, so I bought this farm across the road, which was another 80 acres. So all told we're about 210-220 acres."

The farm also had a small training track, which Novak expanded into a five-eighths-mile track. In 1992 Ben Perkins Sr., who had helped design New Farm, asked Novak if he could bring 10 2-year-olds to the farm and break them. Perkins had a great reputation in the industry, so Novak agreed to let him use the farm to break and train his babies. Just watching

them in the mornings, Novak began to get the urge to return to owning horses.

"Breeding horses is like watching grass grow," Novak said. "There's not a lot of excitement going on. Here you got these 2-year-olds and they're training every day, and you're watching all the riders, and it was great. Ben Sr. said, 'Why don't you go in the racing business?' I said I would if he would go exclusive with me. He said, 'OK, we can buy horses.' We made the deal, he started buying horses, and right away we hit it like crazy."

Novak started off with the proverbial bang. In February 1994 he purchased the well-seasoned 6-year-old Conveyor, who had already run 41 times for C B Farms and D. Wayne Lukas, having won

## 2015 WEST VIRGINIA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Limehouse	104	66
Windsor Castle	96	54
Brother Derek	74	44
Bop	71	37
Swiss Yodeler	68	37
Charitable Man	45	20
Luftikus	35	20
Fiber Sonde	29	20
Peak Dancer	35	19
Forest Grove	28	13
Denis of Cork	30	11
Reparations	24	7
Yarrow Brae	21	7
Pride of Burkaan	20	7
During	18	7
Real Estate	18	7
Ghostly Minister	17	7
Prospect Bay	16	7
Garnered	15	7
Ballado's Gold	15	6
Prized	15	6
Grand Reserve	20	5
Medford	20	5
Fear the Cape	10	5
Xchanger	17	4
Stored	8	4
Footnotes	6	4
Private Scandal	6	4

or placed in several stakes and having just finished second in the Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup Handicap (gr. II). The first three starts for Novak were a disaster, but the horse rounded back into form, winning that year's Alysheba Stakes at the Meadowlands by six lengths before capturing the grade I Meadowlands Cup Handicap at 24-1.

At the 1994 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.'s

### Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in the states featured in this section (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 December 31, 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.



August yearling sale, Perkins picked out a son of Baldski Novak named Appealing Skier, who went on to win six stakes and place in eight others, while setting two track records. Along the way, he competed in two Breeders' Cup events—the Juvenile and Sprint (both gr. I). His graded stakes wins included the grade II Kentucky Cup Sprint Stakes, Hutcheson Stakes, and Withers Stakes.

But the horse who made the biggest impact on Novak and New Farm was Forest Wildcat, whom Novak purchased as a 4-year-old at a dispersal of the late Israel Cohen's horses.

"Benny really liked him and we had bid on him as a 2-year-old," Novak recalled. "Benny turns to me and says, 'Ebby, all we're doing is wasting our time. The woman who buys for Izzy Cohen has unlimited money to spend and we should stop.' So we stopped (he sold for \$325,000). Two years later Izzy Cohen passes away and they're selling all his stock. We go to the sale, and there are a couple of horses Benny is interested in,



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Grade I winner Wildcat Heir

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# 2015 LEADING SIRES IN MARYLAND

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2016 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	<b>NOT FOR LOVE</b> (90, Mr. Prospector)	Pnsd	109/57	2/2	1/2	(Broad Lover, \$154,910)	<b>\$3,047,826</b>	926	77	1.70	1.45
2	<b>LION HEARTED</b> (96, Storm Cat)	Died, 2015	86/48	1/1	1/1	(Jar of Hearts, \$119,580)	<b>\$1,972,313</b>	*599	18	1.21	1.29
3	<b>ORIENTATE</b> (98, Mt. Livermore), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	103/56	1/1	1/1	(Oh Baby Oh Baby, \$126,787)	<b>\$1,808,949</b>	*751	33	1.28	1.71
4	<b>GREAT NOTION</b> (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,500	54/25	3/4	1/3	(Plash Phelps, \$165,512)	<b>\$1,338,289</b>	196	12	1.53	1.23
5	<b>LOUIS QUATORZE</b> (93, Sovereign Dancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	62/34	0/0	0/0	(Senor Louie, \$107,520)	<b>\$1,239,422</b>	*965	21	1.14	1.33
6	<b>PETIONVILLE</b> (92, Seeking the Gold), Murmur Farm	\$5,000	65/35	0/0	0/0	(Pesci to De Niro, \$56,415)	<b>\$973,672</b>	*690	41	1.31	1.28
7	<b>SCIPION</b> (02, A.P. Indy), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	47/22	0/0	0/0	(Grandiflora, \$69,537)	<b>\$894,832</b>	112	3	1.08	1.07
8	<b>ROCK SLIDE</b> (98, A.P. Indy), Shamrock Farm	\$2,000	40/17	0/0	0/0	(Aix En Provence, \$125,960)	<b>\$862,842</b>	261	8	1.02	1.20
9	<b>OUTFLANKER</b> (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$3,000	48/19	0/0	0/0	(Pinkout, \$89,230)	<b>\$858,460</b>	*522	21	1.37	1.14
10	<b>STREET MAGICIAN</b> (04, Street Cry), Heritage Stallions	\$3,000	32/19	0/0	0/0	(Blitzensmajikreign, \$80,840)	<b>\$838,322</b>	53	2	1.14	1.24
11	<b>TWO PUNCH</b> (83, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2011	40/25	0/0	0/0	(Jackson P, \$64,446)	<b>\$796,507</b>	*1104	56	1.41	1.39
12	<b>GATORS N BEARS</b> (00, Stormy Atlantic)	Died, 2012	30/11	0/0	0/0	(Thisdaneistaken, \$98,745)	<b>\$610,698</b>	151	5	1.04	1.20
13	<b>CHEROKEE'S BOY</b> (00, Citidancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,000	31/17	0/0	0/0	(Lunar Rock, \$69,941)	<b>\$588,602</b>	89	1	1.13	1.02
14	<b>¶ FRIESAN FIRE</b> (06, A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm	\$4,000	29/10	0/0	0/0	(Morning Fire, \$134,713)	<b>\$497,901</b>	59	0	0.87	1.32
15	<b>GO FOR GIN</b> (91, Cormorant)	Pnsd	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Shaunna Alexandra, \$216,172)	<b>\$367,992</b>	*401	12	1.24	1.39
16	<b>M EIGHTY</b> (99, Lite the Fuse)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Fran's Buckaroo, \$100,431)	<b>\$205,666</b>	14	0	1.41	0.91
17	<b>GREEK SUN</b> (01, Danzig), Marathon Farm	Private	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Greician Star, \$36,080)	<b>\$156,149</b>	32	0	0.96	1.16
18	<b>PLAN</b> (05, Storm Cat)	N/A	18/4	0/0	0/0	(Patsy's Star, \$24,051)	<b>\$125,473</b>	41	0	0.33	1.09
19	<b>MOJAVE MOON</b> (96, Mr. Prospector), Bonita Farm	Private	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Hideaway Moon, \$41,339)	<b>\$58,204</b>	188	2	0.83	1.15
20	<b>LA REINE'S TERMS</b> (95, Private Terms)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(La Reine's Gem, \$39,425)	<b>\$52,729</b>	23	0	0.55	1.27

including Forest Wildcat, who was then a 4-year-old racing mainly in allowance races. We buy him for \$57,000, and as I'm signing the ticket a cowboy wearing a great big cowboy hat taps me on the shoulder and says he's a Quarter Horse guy and when we're done with him he'll give us what we have invested in him.

"I told Benny we can't take a loss on this one. So Benny trains him in Florida, and tells me to come and clock him; he wants me to see how he's working. After he works, I look at my watch and tell Ben I must have screwed it up because I got him (six furlongs) in 1:10 flat. Benny says to me, 'You're right.'"

They brought him to Maryland, where he easily won a 5½-furlong allowance race in 1:02.76 before capturing the grade III Maryland Breeders' Cup Handicap in 1:09, equaling the track record. He would go on to win the Finger Lakes Breeders' Cup Stakes (gr. III), the Ben Cohen Stakes,

equaling his own track record, and concluded his career with a victory in the Phoenix Breeders' Cup Stakes in 1:09.57.

"We sold half of him for a lot of money, and he became a super stud. We bred to him and got Wildcat Heir (who won six of 12 starts, including the grade I Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash for Ben Jr.). We sold half of him to Taylor Made and Win-Star. Those two made us."

In 2001 Ben Sr. became too ill to train regularly and he asked Novak if he would give the horses to Ben Jr.

"Ben Sr. is so well-respected and liked in the industry," Novak said. "I owed it to him to do that. Ben Jr. works hard and is a very bright guy."

Another top horse Ben Sr. bought for Novak was Delaware Township, who won 11 of his 21 starts earning nearly \$1 million. The son of Notebook, who was a \$110,000 purchase at the OBS 2-year-olds in training sale, captured seven


## 2015 NEW JERSEY SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Don Six	29	18
Defrere	39	17
Hey Chub	14	8
Unbridled Jet	11	7
Mo Mon	19	6
Park Avenue Ball	12	5
Private Interview	13	4
Cable Boy	9	2

stakes, including the grade I Forego Handicap and Frank J. De Francis Memorial and the grade II Forest Hills Handicap twice.

Novak has cut way down on his operation, from a high of 80 horses and 18 broodmares to 18 at the track and six broodmares. He did buy three weanlings in Kentucky at the end of 2015. Novak admits he could never have a Kentucky Derby (gr. I) horse, because if he had a horse that good he definitely would sell him if any offers came in.

In 2013 Novak was named the recipient of the Virgil "Buddy" Raines Distinguished Achievement Award. He is proud of his success in the horse world and as the only major independent left in the toy world.

"I've been married to the same lady for 58 years. We've got four kids. We live on a beautiful farm and built a real neat house. Ben Sr. showed up and made New Farm successful. We have two nice barns with big stalls and our horses can train outdoors or indoors. My wife was as poor as I was when we started and we just enjoy our life. I'm a regular person who just got lucky." 



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