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# Sunshine Western

*Stroud's Lane Farm boasts promising stallion roster*

BY JULIE HAZELWOOD CASTRO

“ **‘WILD BILL HICKOK,’** ‘The Sagebrush Trail...,’ ” real estate attorney Murray Stroud said. “There is not a Western that I haven’t seen.”

Stroud still has the programs from when Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, and their trusted sidekicks Trigger and Champion performed at Maple Leaf Gardens hockey arena. “I’ve loved horses since I was a little kid.”

Having grown up watching thundering horses and virtuous heroes on the silver screen, it is only fitting that Stroud has partnered with straight-shooter Ryan Barbazon in establishing a commercial breeding operation at his Stroud’s Lane Farm near Ocala, Fla.—now home to a treble of sire power in grade I winners Seek Again and Admiral Kitten and multiple group II winner Daddy Long Legs.

General manager and trainer Barbazon describes the recent acquisitions as “a hell of a stallion roster for Florida.”

All three are sired by trending stallions whose fees were set at \$100,000 for 2016.

## Starting Out

Murray Stroud Law Office in Pickering, Ontario, is located due north across Lake Ontario from Niagara Falls and 30 miles east of Woodbine, where up until a few years ago, Stroud raced his horses almost exclusively. He was first involved with show cattle. His Aberdeen-Angus took Supreme Champion Bull and Grand Champion Cow honors at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto in the 1980s. Through his association with cattle, he met Bob Anderson, who had a horse farm near London, Ontario. It was Anderson who put forward the idea of owning a racehorse.

“I bought a quarter-interest in a filly named Star Reputation,” Stroud said. The filly placed in the Star Shoot and Victoria stakes.

Stroud’s best horse to date is homebred Sovereign Award winner Youcan’tcatchme (The Daddy—Poppy’s Baby Girl, by Yankee Victor). Conditioned by a close friend, Sam DiPasquale, Youcan’tcatchme was Canada’s top female sprinter of 2013. She earned \$425,710 and was later sold to CandyLand Farm at the 2015 Keeneland January sale for \$225,000.

Barbazon was born into Ocala’s Thoroughbred business and set out to cultivate his own aspirations. At one point though, he sought a change after objecting to industry politics and what he called “sugar-coated” explanations from trainers whom he had employed. Fortunate enough to be financially stable, it seemed the perfect opportunity to



JOE DURANO

Murray Stroud, owner of the 140-acre Stroud’s Lane Farm near Ocala, Fla.

pursue a childhood dream of becoming a policeman. Barbazon served the city of Gainesville, Fla., in its police department for nearly four years and moved to the Marion County force. The time away made him realize how much he missed the horses.

“I knew what I wanted to do for the rest of my life,” he said.

The break made him a better person and more determined to produce a better horse. A man of integrity and faith, Barbazon believes “Everything happens for a reason.”

He spent five years at Forever Spring Farm near Danville, Ky., transforming from what appeared more of a cow pasture into a viable Thoroughbred nursery and equestrian center. From drilling the first fence post to building a substantial client base, the farm was on its feet within a year.

Like many native Floridians, however, he wasn’t built for the snow and chose to return to his roots, training for his family at Pleasant Acres Farm, where he and Stroud’s trails aligned.

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## 2016 LEADING SIRE IN FLORIDA

| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands                                  | 2016 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | Stakes Wnrs/ Wns | Rstrct SW/ BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings)       | 2016 Earnings    | Foals | Cumulative |            |           |
|------|--|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|------------|------------|-----------|
|      |  |               |            |                  |                  |                                |                  |       | A-E Index  | Comp Index | Stks Wnrs |
| 1    | <b>WILDCAT HEIR</b> (00, Forest Wildcat)   | Died, 2015    | 106/19     | 0/0              | 0/0              | (My Dear Venezuela, \$26,762)  | <b>\$526,343</b> | *596  | 26         | 1.44       | 1.43      |
| 2    | <b>KANTHAROS</b> (08, Lion Heart), Ocala Stud Farm                                   | \$5,000       | 33/12      | 2/3              | 1/2              | (X Y Jet, \$150,970)           | <b>\$510,195</b> | 108   | 6          | 1.81       | 1.26      |
| 3    | <b>AWESOME OF COURSE</b> (00, Awesome Again), Ocala Stud Farm                        | \$5,000       | 39/7       | 2/3              | 0/2              | (Awesome Banner, \$195,400)    | <b>\$473,908</b> | 156   | 10         | 2.11       | 1.44      |
| 4    | <b>WITH DISTINCTION</b> (01, Storm Cat), Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds              | \$7,500       | 76/19      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Too Clever by Half, \$43,860) | <b>\$434,871</b> | *455  | 10         | 1.12       | 1.21      |
| 5    | <b>IN SUMMATION</b> (03, Put It Back), Ocala Stud Farm                               | \$2,500       | 60/14      | 1/1              | 0/1              | (R Girls a Charmer, \$100,900) | <b>\$410,297</b> | 188   | 4          | 0.98       | 1.44      |
| 6    | <b>HIGH COTTON</b> (03, Dixie Union), Ocala Stud Farm                                | \$5,000       | 63/17      | 1/1              | 0/1              | (Karen's Silk, \$49,500)       | <b>\$357,197</b> | *300  | 6          | 0.98       | 1.29      |
| 7    | <b>FIRST DUDE</b> (07, Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm                        | \$7,500       | 35/8       | 1/1              | 0/1              | (Flora Dora, \$66,250)         | <b>\$292,374</b> | 143   | 1          | 1.16       | 1.42      |
| 8    | <b>TWO STEP SALSA</b> (05, Petionville), Get Away Farm                               | \$7,500       | 44/10      | 1/1              | 0/1              | (Two Step Time, \$71,500)      | <b>\$283,306</b> | 154   | 4          | 1.29       | 1.02      |
| 9    | <b>MONTBROOK</b> (90, Buckaroo)  | Died          | 42/12      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (A Colt Following, \$26,900)   | <b>\$218,813</b> | *892  | 47         | 1.48       | 1.51      |
| 10   | <b>EXCLUSIVE QUALITY</b> (03, Elusive Quality), Journeyman Stud                      | \$2,500       | 58/12      | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Dreaming of Neno, \$28,800)   | <b>\$217,828</b> | 261   | 7          | 1.06       | 1.12      |
| 11   | <b>GONE ASTRAY</b> (06, Dixie Union), Northwest Stud                                 | \$4,500       | 36/8       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Natalie La Rose, \$25,440)    | <b>\$196,901</b> | *107  | 2          | 0.80       | 1.20      |
| 12   | <b>GREATNESS</b> (99, Mr. Prospector), Prestige Stallions                            | \$6,000       | 29/7       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Cat Ten, \$30,000)            | <b>\$171,141</b> | *248  | 7          | 1.37       | 1.02      |
| 13   | <b>BIG DRAMA</b> (06, Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm                                    | \$15,000      | 30/2       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Instant Drama, \$33,945)      | <b>\$148,694</b> | 84    | 1          | 1.03       | 1.34      |
| 14   | <b>WEST ACRE</b> (95, Forty Niner)   | Died, 2012    | 13/2       | 1/1              | 0/1              | (Fast Flying Rumor, \$79,400)  | <b>\$119,035</b> | 335   | 15         | 1.39       | 1.19      |
| 15   | <b>COOL COAL MAN</b> (05, Mineshaft), Journeyman Stud                                | \$3,500       | 25/5       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Think, \$21,905)              | <b>\$102,671</b> | 61    | 1          | 0.79       | 1.09      |
| 16   | <b>VALUE PLUS</b> (01, Unbridled's Song), HallMarc Stallions at Stonewall Farm Ocala | \$4,500       | 31/3       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Valueable Charmer, \$34,100)  | <b>\$101,641</b> | *351  | 3          | 0.96       | 1.14      |
| 17   | <b>BURNING ROMA</b> (98, Rubiano)  | N/A           | 21/4       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Cho Time, \$28,890)           | <b>\$98,838</b>  | *179  | 5          | 0.97       | 1.16      |
| 18   | <b>HEAR NO EVIL</b> (00, Carson City), Ocala Stud Farm                               | \$2,500       | 13/3       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Ballet Diva, \$32,885)        | <b>\$88,226</b>  | 103   | 7          | 1.81       | 1.52      |
| 19   | <b>BENNY THE BULL</b> (03, Lucky Lionel), Bridlewood Farm                            | \$2,500       | 23/3       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Eila, \$27,600)               | <b>\$87,397</b>  | *190  | 2          | 0.98       | 1.00      |
| 20   | <b>SILVER TREE</b> (00, Hennessy), Vegso Racing Stable                               | \$2,500       | 14/3       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Cowgirl Tough, \$39,200)      | <b>\$85,918</b>  | 43    | 1          | 0.75       | 1.14      |
| 21   | <b>J P'S GUSTO</b> (08, Successful Appeal), Journeyman Stud                          | \$2,000       | 11/2       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Cali Cat, \$20,760)           | <b>\$81,768</b>  | 38    | 0          | 0.61       | 1.16      |
| 22   | <b>ADIOS CHARLIE</b> (08, Indian Charlie), Ocala Stud Farm                           | \$3,000       | 9/4        | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Hola Charlotte, \$31,000)     | <b>\$77,086</b>  | 51    | 0          | 0.98       | 1.33      |
| 23   | <b>FLASHSTORM</b> (04, Storm Cat), Northwest Stud                                    | \$2,500       | 17/3       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Flash Glory, \$26,144)        | <b>\$72,826</b>  | 54    | 1          | 1.09       | 1.00      |
| 24   | <b>SPELLBINDER</b> (01, Tale of the Cat)   | N/A           | 9/3        | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Inaswagger, \$23,039)         | <b>\$62,924</b>  | 35    | 1          | 1.03       | 1.16      |
| 25   | <b>WAGON LIMIT</b> (94, Conquistador Cielo), Bridlewood Farm                         | \$2,000       | 8/1        | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Sunday's Sun, \$26,820)       | <b>\$48,210</b>  | 192   | 6          | 1.30       | 1.11      |
| 26   | <b>CONCORDE'S TUNE</b> (89, Concorde Bound)  | Died, 2011    | 13/4       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Dance Caller, \$10,320)       | <b>\$39,993</b>  | 487   | 25         | 1.24       | 1.11      |
| 27   | <b>CROWN OF THORNS</b> (05, Repent), Woodford Thoroughbreds                          | \$2,000       | 11/1       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Locked Away, \$13,500)        | <b>\$38,460</b>  | 27    | 1          | 0.84       | 1.29      |
| 28   | <b>HELLO BROADWAY</b> (06, Broken Vow), Ups and Downs Farm                           | \$3,000       | 7/4        | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Trouble With Girls, \$9,780)  | <b>\$37,876</b>  | 19    | 1          | 0.98       | 0.88      |
| 29   | <b>ROCK HAMPTON</b> (04, Storm Cat)  | N/A           | 15/0       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Catira Rock, \$11,470)        | <b>\$35,111</b>  | 40    | 0          | 0.69       | 1.08      |
| 30   | <b>FACTUM</b> (08, Storm Cat), Stonehedge Farm South                                 | \$10,000      | 7/2        | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Lisa's Secret, \$14,060)      | <b>\$34,310</b>  | 40    | 0          | 0.29       | 1.48      |
| 31   | <b>TELLING</b> (04, A.P. Indy), Prestige Stallions                                   | \$10,000      | 7/2        | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Telling Tony, \$15,320)       | <b>\$31,815</b>  | 27    | 0          | 0.29       | 1.40      |
| 32   | <b>MACH RIDE</b> (03, Pentelicus), Bridlewood Farm                                   | \$2,000       | 7/2        | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Mach My Day, \$20,520)        | <b>\$31,562</b>  | 14    | 1          | 1.34       | 1.12      |
| 33   | <b>FORTY GRAMS</b> (04, Distorted Humor), Valdes Farm                                | \$2,500       | 5/1        | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Chloe's White Sox, \$17,460)  | <b>\$21,410</b>  | 20    | 0          | 0.95       | 1.08      |
| 34   | <b>UNITED STATES</b> (06, A.P. Indy), Northwest Stud                                 | \$2,500       | 11/1       | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Indy Artist, \$7,400)         | <b>\$21,228</b>  | 27    | 1          | 0.68       | 1.03      |
| 35   | <b>INDIAN EXPRESS</b> (00, Indian Charlie)   | N/A           | 7/1        | 0/0              | 0/0              | (Chica Fabulosa, \$19,010)     | <b>\$20,406</b>  | 37    | 1          | 0.85       | 0.65      |



Central Florida horsemen turn out for a stallion show at Stroud's Lane

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Stroud has bred Thoroughbreds in Florida for the last seven years. Squeezed in the recession, he weighed the success of Florida-bred Youcan'tcatchme and expensive land holdings that left him vulnerable in a plunging market. The experience taught him to find value and make improvements, which ultimately led to the purchase of his ideal property.

Stroud's Lane Farm sits on a majority portion of the original Marablu Farm, which was developed in the 1970s by A. Douglas Henderson. The restaurateur owned Proud Birdie, who won the 1977 Marlboro Cup Handicap (gr. I) and four other stakes before standing stud at the farm and siring 33 stakes winners including grade I stakes winner Birdonthewire. Forty Niner's son Tactical Advantage also stood at the farm.

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**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 2012 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through March 2, 2016. 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 2015 is \$21,782 or 50% of the 2015 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 50% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 17%; Singapore by 57%. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-black-type stakes results from all available countries. \*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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HIP 271: C. The Factor - Some Pretender

HIP 387: C. To Honor and Serve - Affirmed Dancer

HIP 417: C. Candy Ride - Aviva's Pride

HIP 427: F. Bernardini - Bear Now

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With splashes of Royal Canadian red yet keeping with a Western theme, Stroud himself transformed the farm office with red cedar paneling and lodging for guests. Outside, spanning 140 acres are 36 paddocks, five barns, round pens, and Eurocizers, plus three homes. The stallions reside in a concrete block barn beneath a latticework of post-and-beam construc-



Stroud transformed the farm office at Stroud's Lane with red cedar paneling

tion. Impressive cedar beams, originally constructed by Amish craftsmen in Connecticut, were reassembled on site during the Henderson years. Barbazon's crew retained the timber.

Having played a lot of hockey, Stroud emphasizes teamwork.

"The chain is only as strong as the weakest link," he said. "Whether it is the groom, the hotwalker, or the trainer; every single solitary person that is involved with a horse is important."

Stallion manager Harlan Appleby and his wife, Love, joined the staff after 15 years in Australia's Hunter Valley, living and working at Emirate's Park in Murrumbidgee, New South Wales. A hint of Aussie English is detectable when Appleby talks to Daddy Long Legs, who struts through the barn over the Tartan-like flooring. On this shift, Daddy Long Legs' mating is with a Smoke Glacken mare.

In the training barn and at 2-year-old sales, Barbazon's fiancé, Rebecca Hayden, serves as his assistant trainer and foreman. Under Barbazon's management, the plan is to work all aspects of the industry concentrating on quality, not quantity. Having the ability to know and touch each animal and oversee their individual care is vital in order to speak with clients open-

ly with updates, whether it's good news or bad. Having seen and heard it all on the beat, Barbazon readily admits that he can be somewhat blunt.

In an industry that can verge on romantic idealism, Barbazon takes a pragmatic approach to arm his clientele with facts and honest opinion so that they can make sound decisions regarding their horses and how they invest their money. The pro-

"She was born near dead," he explained. "I did CPR and chest compressions on her."

The seven-time stakes winner and TwinSpires.com Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (gr. IT) runner-up will face the boys again in the \$1 million Al Quoz Sprint (UAE-I) March 26 on the Dubai World Cup undercard.

### Stallion Lineup

Stroud enjoys the camaraderie and in-depth conversations that he and Barbazon share. He trusts Barbazon to run the show and credits him for bringing such high-caliber stallions to Florida through his established connections.

"We looked at the quality of these horses as opposed to the surfaces that they ran on," said Stroud in reference to the runners' grass careers.

Daddy Long Legs showed genuine quality in the Juddmonte Royal Lodge Stakes (Eng-II) at 2, and stayed 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  miles in the \$2 million U.A.E. Derby Sponsored by The Saeed & Mohammed Al Naboodah Group (UAE-II) on the all-weather Tapeta surface at Meydan. On three occasions he faced and outran Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (gr. IT) winner Wrote. At \$1,348,231, Daddy Long Legs reigns as the leading earner of one of the hottest sires in America today. His Northern Hemisphere breeding rights were secured just two days prior to the untimely death of his 11-year-old sire Scat Daddy.

From the first crop of Scat Daddy, he led the 2010 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July yearling sale for his sire at \$100,000. Out of stakes winner Dreamy Maiden, he is a half brother to multiple stakes winner Tres Dream. Daddy Long Legs' broodmare sire Meadowlake captured the Arlington-Washington Futurity (gr. I). Meadowlake is the broodmare sire of 79 stakes winners including multiple grade I winner Henny Hughes, sire of multiple champion Beholder.

Admiral Kitten broke his maiden around two turns on the synthetic Polytrack at Keeneland at 2, and captured the El Joven Stakes as a homebred for Ken and Sarah Ramsey and trainer Mike Maker. Earning his stripes at 3 in graded company, he won the Secretariat Stakes (gr. IT) and received high marks when runner-up to Canadian Horse of the Year Up With the Birds in the Jamaica Handicap (gr. IT) and to Seek Again in the Hollywood Derby (gr. IT). First or second in nine stakes races, Admiral Kitten earned \$792,394.

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gram works.

General a Rod, Discreet Marq, Youcan'tcatchme, Pure Sensation, and Lady Shipman are just a few that have left the farm and excelled.

"We receive a lot of rehab horses. If I don't see the probability of any particular horse recouping enough to return and win, I advise an owner not to. Some people can't take it," Barbazon said.

Barbazon has a soft spot for Lady Shipman.



Longtime Florida horseman Ryan Barbazon

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A strikingly handsome 16-hand bay, Admiral Kitten is the image of his brawny broodmare sire Grand Slam, who won the Moet Champagne Stakes (gr. I) and Futurity Stakes (gr. I), plus equaled Belmont Park's 5½-furlong mark on dirt in his first start at 2. Admiral Kitten's sire, Kitten's Joy, has dominated the turf rankings in recent years with more than \$52 million in progeny earnings. Kitten's Joy is a son

1¼ miles, notching both the Beverly Hills Handicap (gr. IIT) and the Yellow Ribbon Stakes (gr. IT).

A maiden winner at Newmarket by 2¼ lengths in his first outing at 2, the Juddmonte Farms' homebred was first or second in five of seven starts in England for trainer John Gosden. Seek Again brought a European flair for quickening off the final turn to the Hollywood Derby (gr. IT), in which he defeated two grade I winners



COURTESY STROUD'S LANE FARM

Stroud's Lane sits on a majority portion of the original Marablu Farm

of El Prado and a grandson of champion and leading sire Sadler's Wells. Barbazon said the familiarity of champion turf male Cozzene, half brother to third dam Mesabi, was a consideration for bringing Admiral Kitten to the Florida market. Also, as a racehorse, Admiral Kitten had that stealthy, fluid stride—a quality that is sought after at juvenile sales.

With regard to Seek Again, the combination of his sire—Speightstown—along with his first five dams—all black-type producers, leads Barbazon to believe he has the strongest pedigree of any horse standing in Florida. A proportionate physical type with good size, Seek Again bears a resemblance to his sire. Another Speightstown son at stud, Munnings, topped the 2015 second-crop sire list, suggesting the Eclipse Award-winning sprinter Speightstown is also on target to becoming a heralded sire of sires.

Seek Again's dam, grade I stakes winner Light Jig, is a daughter of Danehill, whose vast influence on the breed is legendary. Danehill holds 17 sire titles in five countries. Light Jig came within a nose of four consecutive wins in California. Trained by Hall of Famer Bobby Franke, she dominated the female ranks at

in a time of 2:00.60 for 10 furlongs.

Transferred to Bill Mott's barn and freshened five months, Seek Again took up the gauntlet at 4 in a defining challenge to Wise Dan's authority in the Woodford Reserve Turf Classic Stakes (gr. IT). Seek Again hit the front three-sixteenths of a mile from home and engaged in a battle with the two-time Horse of the Year every step to the wire. A hard fought head bob marked Wise Dan's 21st win; however, the tested mettle of Seek Again earned respect from the Kentucky Derby crowd.

At Saratoga, Seek Again showed fortitude and athleticism with his move along the hedge. After being checked mid-stretch, he burst through a hole to set a course record of 1:33.25 for a mile in the Fourstardave Handicap (gr. IIT). In all, Seek Again earned \$942,926 from 18 starts from 2 to 5.

Stroud speaks from personal experience when he said, "Horses that are supposed to win only on the grass will often win on other surfaces and vice versa."

A wide range of mares have been booked to Seek Again. Obvious nicking patterns that produced Speightstown's two-time Canadian champion Essence

## 2016 FLORIDA SIRES BY WINNERS

| Sire              | .Rnrs | Wnrs |
|-------------------|-------|------|
| Wildcat Heir      | 106   | 19   |
| With Distinction  | 76    | 19   |
| High Cotton       | 63    | 17   |
| In Summation      | 60    | 14   |
| Exclusive Quality | 58    | 12   |
| Montbrook         | 42    | 12   |
| Kantharos         | 33    | 12   |
| Two Step Salsa    | 44    | 10   |
| Gone Astray       | 36    | 8    |
| First Dude        | 35    | 8    |
| Awesome of Course | 39    | 7    |
| Greatness         | 29    | 7    |
| Cool Coal Man     | 25    | 5    |
| Burning Roma      | 21    | 4    |
| Concorde's Tune   | 13    | 4    |
| Adios Charlie     | 9     | 4    |
| Hello Broadway    | 7     | 4    |
| Value Plus        | 31    | 3    |
| Benny the Bull    | 23    | 3    |
| Flashstorm        | 17    | 3    |
| Silver Tree       | 14    | 3    |
| Hear No Evil      | 13    | 3    |
| Spellbinder       | 9     | 3    |
| Big Drama         | 30    | 2    |
| West Acre         | 13    | 2    |
| J P's Gusto       | 11    | 2    |
| Sarava            | 11    | 2    |
| Admiral's Cruise  | 7     | 2    |
| Factum            | 7     | 2    |
| Mach Ride         | 7     | 2    |
| Telling           | 7     | 2    |
| Weekend Cruise    | 7     | 2    |

Hit Man, and grade I winners Rock Fall and Jersey Town, would suggest mares sired by El Prado and his son Medaglia d'Oro are solid crosses. Other Northern Dancer lines—Sadler's Wells, Danzig, Deputy Minister, and Theatrical—have all proven to complement his male lineage. Several Florida bloodlines such as Holy Bull, Valid Appeal, and Meadowlake are also proven nicks.

The stallions are to shuttle to Argentina but will return to fully support Florida breeders. In keeping the team spirit, Stroud said, "I want everyone to be more successful than me, and I want to be successful." **BH**