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Warren J. Harang III

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Warren J. Harang III grows horses and sugar in Cajun Country

BY GARY McMILLEN / MARSHALL BLEVINS PHOTOS

A SHARED CHARACTERISTIC of farmers, ranchers, and horsemen is they don't like to waste time. The clock is always ticking, and there is always something to do. One of the first people to arrive in the winner's circle after Hail to the Nile won the \$100,000 Louisiana Champions Day Turf Stakes Dec. 10 at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots was the breeder Warren J. Harang III, who fits the profile of all three occupations.

A sugar cane farmer, a cattle rancher, and a breeder of Thoroughbreds, Harang was in the spotlight as he held the trophy. Hail to the Nile's victory had pushed the horse near the \$250,000 mark in earnings.

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							2017 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index	
1	WILBURN (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	77/18	1/1	1/1	(Wilburnmoney, \$65,700)	\$549,884	*237	4	0.74	1.13	
2	POLLARD'S VISION (01, Carson City), Mighty Acres	\$3,000	43/11	0/0	0/0	(Moon Vision, \$61,902)	\$332,018	*696	18	1.28	1.20	
3	READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	19/5	0/0	0/0	(Bee Noteworthy, \$57,400)	\$236,357	*326	17	1.34	1.18	
4	MAGNA GRADUATE (02, Honor Grades)	N/A	40/8	1/1	1/1	(Magna Breeze, \$36,700)	\$214,700	*210	6	0.98	1.07	
5	CACTUS RIDGE (01, Hennessy)	Pnsd	37/8	0/0	0/0	(Steel Cut, \$31,020)	\$187,188	*457	23	1.26	1.05	
6	LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	34/9	0/0	0/0	(Colorado Grandslam, \$19,980)	\$157,280	*326	5	0.91	1.10	
7	EUROEARS (04, Langfuhr), J&M Equine Reproduction Center	\$1,500	18/6	0/0	0/0	(Eurodevilwoman, \$89,614)	\$156,140		83	2	1.00	0.88
8	ORATORY (02, Pulpit)	Died, 2016	22/6	0/0	0/0	(T. J. Goodie, \$35,004)	\$134,565	*206	4	1.17	1.13	
9	MAIMONIDES (05, Vindication), J&M Equine Reproduction Center	\$1,500	27/6	0/0	0/0	(Pocketfullofgreen, \$20,380)	\$134,371	*103	1	0.71	2.17	
10	DA STOOPS (03, Distorted Humor), Rockin BB Ranch	\$1,000	15/5	1/1	0/1	(Redneck Humor, \$45,000)	\$123,427	*87	1	1.05	1.07	
11	MR. NIGHTLINGER (04, Indian Charlie), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	29/4	0/0	0/0	(Mr. N, \$30,080)	\$94,682	158	2	0.59	0.87	
12	WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Kirton Farms	\$1,500	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Chosen One Elijah, \$60,000)	\$77,840	*363	4	1.07	1.26	
13	AMERICAN LION (07, Tiznow), River Oaks Farms	\$1,000	30/4	0/0	0/0	(Aztec Lion, \$16,600)	\$77,088	*153	1	0.71	1.10	
14	KIPLING (96, Gulch), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	29/2	0/0	0/0	(Seeyouatthedisco, \$21,600)	\$75,353	341	9	1.02	0.90	
15	TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	19/3	0/0	0/0	(Checkmate Charlie, \$43,446)	\$71,339	601	24	1.01	1.19	
16	LIQUOR CABINET (IRE) (01, Hennessy), Oklahoma Equine	\$1,000	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Shut the Gate, \$22,500)	\$66,843	82	1	0.62	0.90	
17	LUCKY LIONEL (93, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Quick Sand, \$19,100)	\$66,016	360	9	1.12	1.19	
18	SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), Glasses Creek Ranch	\$3,000	17/3	0/0	0/0	(Mighty Ferrari, \$17,940)	\$64,629	164	2	0.55	0.63	
19	SAVE BIG MONEY (03, Storm Cat), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	19/4	0/0	0/0	(Easy Money Man, \$13,571)	\$52,120	104	1	0.73	0.99	
20	THE VISUALISER (03, Giant's Causeway), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Welder, \$19,154)	\$41,061	56	2	0.66	0.86	
21	BURBANK (93, Wild Again)	N/A	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Konawa Kween, \$16,206)	\$28,585	181	3	0.71	0.74	
22	AFFIRMATIF (06, Unbridled's Song), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	17/2	0/0	0/0	(Red Neck Okie, \$12,040)	\$28,527	62	1	0.46	0.83	
23	KENNEDY (08, A.P. Indy), River Oaks Farms	\$1,250	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Little Dixie K, \$8,704)	\$21,671	36	0	0.50	1.15	
24	GRUFF (01, Good and Tough)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(My Coyn, \$14,508)	\$16,912	16	0	0.26	0.73	
25	SASHA'S PROSPECT (96, Mr. Prospector), Charlton Ranch	\$1,000	9/0	0/0	0/0	(Dakamo Smoke, \$5,775)	\$15,309	*127	1	0.65	0.77	

“These moments are the ultimate reward of hard work and effort,” Harang offered. “On a beautiful day along with family and friends to see your horse win in front of a big crowd—that’s what it’s all about.”

The winner’s circle moment offered a

flashback from childhood time spent with Harang’s grandfather.

“The Fair Grounds in New Orleans was my first childhood memory of a racetrack,” Harang said. “My grandfather would take me to the clubhouse on Saturdays. He always owned a few horses, and he would

2017 OKLAHOMA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Wilburn	77	18
Pollard's Vision	43	11
Latent Heat	34	9
Magna Graduate	40	8
Cactus Ridge	37	8
Maimonides	27	6
Oratory	22	6
Euroears	18	6
Lucky Lionel	14	6
Read the Footnotes	19	5
Da Stoops	15	5
American Lion	30	4
Mr. Nightlinger	29	4
Save Big Money	19	4
Liquor Cabinet (IRE)	10	4
Tactical Cat	19	3
Special Rate	17	3
The Visualiser	5	3
Western Expression	4	3
Kipling	29	2
Affirmatif	17	2
Burbank	11	2
Kennedy	9	2



Harang on horseback at his B & W Farms near Donaldsonville, La.

give me a dollar for every \$2 if I promised to bet on his horse. That was the deal.”

Tradition and bloodlines are sacred to Harang. He grew up in the small town of Thibodaux, La., the oldest boy and one of nine children in a devout Catholic family. Rules and discipline, such as assigned seating at the dinner table, were an accepted pattern of daily living.

“My father was the judge of the family, and my mother was the jury. I guess you could say we had two branches of government presiding at the supper table.”

Respect for elders, dependability, and sticking to the schedule were conditioning factors to Harang’s personality. He learned the importance of listening, and he knew where to go when he needed help.

“In those days teachers and coaches were the bonding fabric of society,” Harang explained. “If there was any trouble at school or playing ball, your mother and father knew it long before you got home that night. You could play sports and do anything else with your time, but you had to be at the supper table at 6:30. That’s where all business was conducted, and everyone had their own place around the table. Those things and patterns of family life were always present as part of growing up.”

Youthful distractions were few and far between. Harang’s interests and hobbies



Harang, in his office at B & W Farms, does a lot of outreach to the local youth community

in school centered around the 4-H program and the basic care of farm animals.

“There were no cell phones and no laptop computers,” Harang remembered. “For Christmas we either got a horse or a heifer.”

The daily routines of a child on a farm can forge simple but strong character traits into adulthood.

“You get up every morning and go to work and accept that no two days are ever the same. You can get the wind taken out of your sails very easily, but you have to

adapt to conditions, stay calm, and do the best you can,” Harang noted.

Identifying his first memory of a horse is a challenge for Harang. “I can’t remember not being on a horse,” the 69-year-old said. “There were always things to do with a horse whether it was riding or taking care of them. It was pretty basic. In this part of the country you begin riding when you are a little bitty thing. It’s not some kind of special event.”

The young Harang absorbed the lessons of competition when he showed animals at

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Valor Farm	\$4,500	57/10	2/4	1/2	(Rumpole, \$72,000)	\$338,995	199	23	1.16	1.11
2	GRASSHOPPER (04, Dixie Union), Valor Farm	\$3,500	32/12	0/0	0/0	(Carradine, \$60,200)	\$230,415	93	2	1.00	0.96
3	VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2015	27/7	0/0	0/0	(Ivan Fallunovalot, \$31,250)	\$170,722	657	41	1.21	1.14
4	MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$4,000	22/9	1/1	1/1	(Zippit E, \$30,000)	\$168,231	119	9	1.07	1.07
5	EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,500	29/6	1/1	1/1	(Bravura, \$40,000)	\$130,958	274	16	0.79	0.92
6	INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	27/7	0/0	0/0	(Lady Emily Sage, \$30,000)	\$118,725	194	6	0.58	0.77
7	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Valor Farm	\$3,000	25/5	0/0	0/0	(No Tanx Blue Chip, \$30,600)	\$110,720	*374	13	1.29	1.41
8	DRUMS OF THUNDER (04, Concerto)	N/A	12/6	1/1	1/1	(Witt Six, \$30,000)	\$87,886	35	1	0.53	0.37
9	LUNARPAL (02, Successful Appeal), Lone Star Farms/Rafter S Ranch	Private	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Lunar Folly, \$22,741)	\$69,225	112	2	0.82	0.94
10	SPELLBINDER (01, Tale of the Cat), Ivy Rose Equestrian Center	\$1,200	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Inaswagger, \$23,450)	\$55,605	36	1	1.02	1.19
11	STONESIDER (03, Giant's Causeway), Valor Farm	\$3,000	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Toohottoevenspeak, \$14,800)	\$46,459	*201	4	1.10	1.20
12	GAFF (02, Maria's Mon), Seguin Horse Center	\$1,500	17/2	0/0	0/0	(Captain Tyree, \$17,880)	\$46,155	92	0	0.66	1.01
13	UNBRIDLED'S HEART (05, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2015	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Big Hearted Gal, \$11,160)	\$45,928	20	0	0.33	0.50
14	EATON'S GIFT (05, Johannesburg)	N/A	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Celebrity's Gift, \$17,135)	\$45,064	45	0	0.44	0.56
15	JET PHONE (01, Phone Trick), Valor Farm	Died, 2016	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Jet Over, \$19,308)	\$39,115	37	3	1.00	1.17
16	WIMBLETON (01, Wild Rush)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Game Set Aggies, \$14,848)	\$31,379	119	4	0.75	0.78
17	LITTLEEXPECTATIONS (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Expect Royal, \$16,600)	\$29,002	206	5	0.76	0.98
18	SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), R&S Racing	\$1,500	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Sharon's Boy, \$8,575)	\$27,171	*197	3	0.99	0.90
19	UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch	\$2,000	14/0	0/0	0/0	(J J Jesse, \$4,924)	\$22,749	237	6	0.66	0.64
20	GOT THE GOODS (01, Pulpit)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Goods Gone West, \$19,314)	\$20,792	52	1	0.46	0.71
21	SEEKING A HOME (98, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Rooster Ray, \$11,380)	\$20,439	144	4	0.70	0.88
22	CROSSBOW (08, Bernardini), Valor Farm	\$2,000	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Magic Bow, \$11,220)	\$18,711	20	0	0.69	1.21
23	FEARLESS EAGLE (04, Invisible Ink)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Jim's Eagle, \$18,378)	\$18,578	15	0	0.38	0.25
24	CITY STREET (99, Carson City)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Como Se Llama, \$10,125)	\$17,525	132	2	0.64	0.78
25	MULA GULA (96, Lil E. Tee), Midas Hill Farm	Private	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Mula Dawn, \$8,080)	\$14,808	41	0	0.42	0.56
26	HAND OVER HAND (06, Grand Slam), Shumake Farm	\$500	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Geris Hand, \$13,940)	\$13,940	11	0	0.20	0.31
27	EXCLUSIVE ZONE (90, Waquoit)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Spirit of Royalty, \$13,164)	\$13,164	38	0	0.29	0.47
28	TRANCUS (94, Seattle Slew)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Shiloh County, \$11,784)	\$12,256	71	0	0.29	0.37
29	EL CAMPO (03, Forest Camp), Cedar Creek Farm	\$1,000	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Ima Frayed Knot, \$11,340)	\$11,590	12	0	0.49	0.54
30	COMMITMENT (95, Relaunch)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Gentle Commitment, \$9,700)	\$11,485	125	0	0.23	0.54

fairs and livestock shows. Making excuses for losing did not earn him any points at the dinner table.

"When I got beat, I told my dad I wanted

to get a better-quality horse. His response was that I wasn't brushing hard enough."

Harang's grandfather had a more indirect method of teaching Harang about

persistence. Day after day, week after week, Harang pestered his grandfather about buying a racehorse but was getting nowhere.

"I carried the sales catalog over to his house every day and showed him everything about the horse, but all I got was the cold shoulder," Harang remembered.

A month went by before the phone rang and Harang's grandfather explained that he was traveling to the sale in Houston and needed somebody to carry his suitcases.

"That episode taught me to keep coming back and maybe some good things would happen."

Before the trip to that sale, Harang's grandfather, who liked to do things with flair, pointed to all the 4-H ribbons and trophies that Harang had collected.

"He told me that all the ribbons were pretty, but that we couldn't borrow any money on that stuff and that we needed to



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Hail to the Nile winning the Louisiana Champions Day Turf Stakes at Fair Grounds

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 2013 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through March 19, 2017. As supplied to BloodHorse 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 per starter in 2016 is \$22,141 or 45% of the 2016 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 17%; Singapore by 65%. 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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*Bernardini – Forest Heiress,
by Forest Wildcat*

2017 FEE: \$2,000

EARLY FLYER

Gilded Time – Bistra, by Classic Go Go

2017 FEE: \$2,500



GRASSHOPPER

*Dixie Union – Grass Skirt,
by Mr. Prospector*

2017 FEE: \$3,500

MY GOLDEN SONG

*Unbridled's Song –
Golden Par, by Gold Meridian*

2017 FEE: \$4,000



Billy Miller



Bee Silva

STONESIDER

*Giant's Causeway –
Added Gold, by Gilded Time*

2017 FEE: \$3,000

TOO MUCH BLING

*Rubiano – Rose Colored Lady,
by Formal Dinner*

2017 FEE: \$4,500



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rethink our program.”

As it turned out, the horse they bought couldn't outrun a fat man wearing waders, but it was the pivotal transition for Harang (and his grandfather) to enter into owning and breeding Thoroughbreds.

Harang went forward to finish high school in Thibodaux and completed his education at the University of Southwest Louisiana, majoring in animal science.

Situated on the outskirts of Donaldsonville, La., in Ascencion Parish, is Harang's B & W Farms. It is a vast flatland of lush rye grass and sugar cane fields that stretch from horizon to horizon. B & W Farms is (since 1973) where Harang has raised his family, harvests 5,000 acres of sugar cane yearly, maintains 200 head of beef cattle, and breeds a handful of Thoroughbreds. The "B" stands for Harang's wife, Becky.

"Becky is always first and I'm second," Harang insisted when explaining the name of the farm.

From atop a levee on a sweeping turn of the Mississippi River, Harang takes a reflective view of his operation.

"I'm a fifth-generation sugar cane farmer," Harang explained. "Some people call it green gold. I've got sugar in my blood. I was brought here initially as an overseer to turn a failing business around. My ground

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2017 LOUISIANA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Half Ours	81	23
Songandaprayer	84	22
Yankee Gentleman	52	16
Closing Argument	35	16
Run Production	39	14
D'wildcat	51	13
Custom for Carlos	45	13
Mass Media	43	13
My Pal Charlie	46	10
Forefathers	56	9
Greeley's Galaxy	34	7
Interactif	26	7
Sun King	26	7
Star Guitar	18	7
Tenpins	41	6
Lion Tamer	29	6
Behindatthebar	22	6
Lewis Michael	19	6
Ide	25	5
Tiz the One	22	5
Court Vision	21	5
Saint Afleet	18	5
Line of David	27	4
Time Bandit	17	4
Due Date	22	3
Gold Tribute	19	3
Chatain	15	3
Harborage	15	3
Mauk Four	13	3
Porto Foricos	13	3
Etbauer	9	3
Redding Colliery	18	2
Honest Man	17	2
Ole Rebel	14	2
Orthodox	12	2
Proudinsky (GER)	12	2
Smooth Air	12	2
Sorcerer's Stone	10	2
In a Walk	8	2
Crowned King	4	2
Esplanade Ridge	4	2
Zong	4	2
Gigawatt	3	2
Crider	2	2
Matzoh Toga	2	2

2017 LEADING SIRE IN ARKANSAS



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1	PRIMARY SUSPECT (01, Hennessy)	N/A	34/11	0/0	0/0	(Fastanista, \$45,500)	\$330,217	159	4	0.76	1.17
2	JONESBORO (02, Sefapiano), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$500	29/8	1/1	1/1	(Racer, \$84,300)	\$293,354	72	2	0.77	0.79
3	STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat), Tommy Ives Thoroughbreds	Private	21/5	0/0	0/0	(Detroit Cowboy, \$51,700)	\$155,374	452	19	0.76	0.94
4	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,000	32/4	0/0	0/0	(Forgotten, \$14,600)	\$129,665	*664	13	1.07	1.15
5	PORTOBELLO ROAD (04, Storm Cat), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	26/4	0/0	0/0	(Quik Way Road, \$36,000)	\$122,226	130	1	0.78	0.98
6	A. P. MILLION (00, A.P. Indy), Royal Court Equine Center	\$750	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Easter Indy, \$112,500)	\$113,882	40	1	0.51	0.71
7	ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev)	N/A	18/3	0/0	0/0	(I Hope, \$37,200)	\$104,445	*371	13	1.06	0.83
8	ORDAINED (08, Pulpit), Starfish Stallions	\$1,000	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Ministry, \$64,800)	\$90,625	29	0	0.38	0.89
9	HIGHTAIL (10, Mineshaft), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,500	1/1	1/1	1/1	(Dynatail, \$79,640)	\$79,640	3	1	2.47	0.75
10	THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center	\$1,500	23/4	0/0	0/0	(Avery Lynn, \$16,580)	\$79,444	*156	5	1.03	1.15
11	EXPLOSIVE TRUTH (99, Proudest Romeo), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Explosive Candy, \$30,850)	\$71,465	28	0	0.63	1.10
12	A. P. DELTA (97, A.P. Indy)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(U R My Last Chance, \$57,200)	\$64,034	126	3	0.66	0.85
13	HIGH CASCADE (98, Woodman), Cornerstone Farms	\$500	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Lil Becky, \$9,900)	\$48,655	*178	1	0.49	0.62
14	SHADY GROVE (05, Two Punch), Three Boys Stables	\$500	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Stellastellastella, \$18,400)	\$43,310	24	0	0.46	0.85
15	CINNAMON CREEK (95, Darn That Alarm), Three Boys Stables	\$500	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Miss Barham, \$21,460)	\$40,206	113	0	0.58	0.68
16	PROM SHOES (04, Include), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Shoe Money, \$21,900)	\$37,122	11	0	0.35	0.48
17	HESABULL (93, Dispersal)	N/A	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Sarah's Swingtown, \$14,619)	\$32,534	181	6	0.80	1.07
18	COMMANDER'S SHOES (03, Deputy Commander), Rafter R Ranch	\$1,500	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Guska Mon Shoes, \$17,550)	\$29,884	52	0	0.60	0.83
19	RICHTER SCALE (94, Habitony)	N/A	10/1	0/0	0/0	(Miss Pat's Girl, \$9,600)	\$22,705	393	6	0.74	1.19
20	LAFFER (93, Afleet)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Goingtogue'emhale, \$15,164)	\$20,975	26	0	0.35	0.28
21	MACHO ROCKET (09, Macho Uno)	N/A	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Alvin's Touch, \$14,400)	\$20,671	17	0	0.35	0.92
22	POMATINI (05, Lemon Drop Kid), Matthews Farm	Private	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Prospector Fever, \$15,960)	\$20,124	25	0	0.30	0.25

rules were simple and immediate—to show a profit without spending any extra money. Now, those were contradictory statements, but the idea was to save the farm, and we did that.”

“Economy of scale” is a term that Harang uses with frequency. The meaning or business application is to get the most out of what you have. Stay within your comfort zone. Harang keeps a limited number of broodmares under his immediate eye, holding travel and upkeep expenses to a minimum. He stands no

stallions by choice.

“There are people that stand stallions that do a whole lot better job,” he explained.

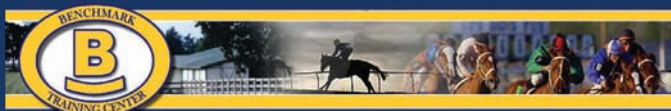
Purchasing older mares in foal to quality stallions has been a recent Harang strategy at the sales. He has a Pollard's Vision mare in foal to the Florida stallion Exclusive Quality currently at B & W Farms. When mares are ready to foal, Harang sends them to Clear Creek Stud near Folsom, La. Having a handful of broodmares on a mega sugar cane farm is an example

of Harang's “economy of scale” theory.

“We have plenty of room and natural space, so the horses are a kind of natural fix for us,” Harang said. “Breeding racehorses and when the mare foals is the part of the business that I enjoy the most. Putting them in good hands once they are foaled and then seeing them win, now that is priceless.”

Harang's outreach to the local youth community is to give tours of B & W Farms. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4 H groups are invited for field trip lessons

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1	HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud	\$5,000	81/23	1/2	0/1	(Partly Mocha, \$75,000)	\$715,641	*373	17	1.04	1.20
2	SONGANDAPRAYER (98, Unbridled's Song), The Stallion Station @ Copper Crowne	\$4,500	84/22	1/1	0/1	(Abbaa, \$85,575)	\$604,309	*961	35	1.14	1.45
3	YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$3,500	52/16	1/1	1/1	(Snapper Bite, \$65,400)	\$433,799	*508	20	1.11	1.20
4	CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,500	45/13	1/1	1/1	(Big World, \$60,000)	\$382,379	126	3	0.94	1.08
5	RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$1,500	39/14	1/1	1/1	(Freakonthelead, \$61,000)	\$336,404	211	8	1.08	0.97
6	CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$3,000	35/16	0/0	0/0	(Smack Smack, \$40,000)	\$307,536	*442	17	1.23	1.16
7	MASS MEDIA (01, Touch Gold), Red River Farms	\$1,500	43/13	0/0	0/0	(Littlemissbusiness, \$36,870)	\$252,622	*212	4	1.07	1.03
8	D'WILDCAT (98, Forest Wildcat), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$2,500	51/13	0/0	0/0	(Mama Splash, \$29,800)	\$245,869	*439	15	1.35	1.24
9	FOREFATHERS (04, Gone West), Red River Farms	\$2,000	56/9	0/0	0/0	(Overthegardengate, \$46,800)	\$224,179	167	1	0.62	1.11
10	STAR GUITAR (05, Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud	\$4,000	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Stars R Out, \$31,420)	\$206,645	59	0	0.54	1.21
11	MY PAL CHARLIE (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	46/10	0/0	0/0	(Big Maurice, \$23,800)	\$203,655	145	2	0.80	1.11
12	TIZ THE ONE (07, Tiznow)	N/A	22/5	0/0	0/0	(Tiz Cherry Wine, \$56,400)	\$195,385	71	0	0.61	0.99
13	GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley), Averett Farm	\$3,500	34/7	0/0	0/0	(Greeley's Wish, \$38,200)	\$192,950	140	2	1.10	1.05
14	INTERACTIF (07, Broken Vow), Red River Farms	\$2,000	26/7	0/0	0/0	(Promise Me Tiz, \$36,430)	\$191,692	61	1	0.65	1.13
15	TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Averett Farm	\$1,000	17/4	0/0	0/0	(Flit N Time, \$60,800)	\$168,420	281	3	0.85	0.90
16	LONE STAR SPECIAL (05, Malabar Gold), Horse of Course	\$2,500	13/1	1/1	1/1	(Mobile Bay, \$90,000)	\$161,367	51	3	1.61	1.11
17	LION TAMER (00, Will's Way)	N/A	29/6	0/0	0/0	(Heavy On Themister, \$44,000)	\$153,579	144	2	0.75	1.06
18	TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	41/6	0/0	0/0	(Who Datawaki, \$39,600)	\$147,864	*370	8	0.88	1.05
19	LINE OF DAVID (07, Lion Heart), Red River Farms	\$2,500	27/4	0/0	0/0	(Carolina Jasmine, \$41,400)	\$145,778	155	3	1.17	1.16
20	BEHINDATTHEBAR (05, Forest Wildcat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$2,000	22/6	0/0	0/0	(Purple Parrot, \$27,000)	\$131,441	95	0	0.59	0.85

about agriculture. They take place during the height of harvest season, and kids are given turns riding in the cabs of giant combines.

"Youth education has long-range importance," Harang said. "I will do everything to promote it. Some of those kids could be future horsemen or farmers. We want them to have a hands-on experience to see where the food comes from."

Sugar cane roots are only inches deep, but Harang's family tree has a lineage of

influential horsemen who have motivated and supported him over the years. First cousin Donald Peltier stood the sire Colonel Power at his farm. Colonel Power was a son of Diplomat Way. Both horses were household names on the racetrack, and Harang fed off the energy.

"I always admired Don's patience and passion," Harang remembered. "Even though he was laid back in his personal life, he was passionate about improving racing in Louisiana. He had done his in-

ternship up in Kentucky, so he had been exposed to horse racing at the highest levels."

After Diplomat Way won the 1967 Blue Grass Stakes, Harang (at the age of 15) was off on a family junket to witness his first Kentucky Derby. Following proper protocol and demeanor were not strong points for the raucous group. Wearing lapel pins that said "All the Way With Diplomat Way," the gang of 50+ made an impression in the sedate clubhouse.

"When you get a bunch of Cajuns all together at a racetrack, they don't think their horse can be beaten," Harang recalled with a grin. "My grandmother carried a new pair of stockings in her purse, expecting to change for the winner's circle."

Diplomat Way finished ninth.

The cousins keep coming. It was cousins Drew and Allen Peltier along with Harang's brother Bryan that formed the syndicate that brought grade 1 winner and millionaire Lion Tamer (Will's Way—Tippecanoe Creek, by Olympio) to stand stud in Louisiana. The same select circle of relatives had previously syndicated the stallion Ide (Forty Niner—Maytide, by Naskra) and brought him to stand in Louisiana. Ide delivered 17 stakes winners dur-



Harang is a fifth-generation sugar cane farmer: "I've got sugar in my blood"

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1	DIABOLICAL (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	\$6,000	47/17	1/1	0/1	(Back Seat Thrills, \$42,650)	\$362,403	147	8	0.94	0.94
2	ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	46/11	0/0	0/0	(Hit a Lick, \$68,660)	\$348,358	194	16	1.24	0.80
3	QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm	\$5,000	25/9	0/0	0/0	(He's Another Who, \$59,500)	\$170,183	133	10	1.31	0.87
4	WEATHER WARNING (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	22/4	0/0	0/0	(Weather Dodger, \$53,476)	\$166,434	*140	4	1.00	1.01
5	ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$3,500	23/8	0/0	0/0	(Rolling Star, \$24,670)	\$159,108	165	10	0.97	0.98
6	FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$2,000	19/5	0/0	0/0	(Not My Note, \$51,000)	\$148,115	111	4	0.77	0.85
7	THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm	\$2,500	26/5	0/0	0/0	(Way Nifty, \$41,488)	\$138,029	117	5	0.87	0.99
8	SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (04, Gone West), A & A Ranch	Died, 2017	24/7	0/0	0/0	(Bryn's Fancy Pants, \$44,016)	\$137,452	*93	2	0.73	0.92
9	DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano)	Pnsd	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Desert Mystery, \$46,572)	\$115,262	259	25	1.47	0.75
10	WESTERN GAMBLER (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Hute, \$51,000)	\$79,611	38	1	0.64	1.51
11	TO TERAS (00, Unbridled's Song), New Mexico State University	\$1,500	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Whatakiss, \$39,652)	\$73,984	77	1	0.80	0.58
12	DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat)	N/A	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Dom Strait, \$35,738)	\$68,048	106	2	0.83	0.62
13	SWISSE STICK (02, Swiss Yodeler)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Sippin, \$58,500)	\$66,888	26	1	0.73	0.85
14	SOURCE (98, Montbrook)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Shining Source, \$63,380)	\$66,128	51	0	0.56	0.68
15	MR. GOLD MOVER (08, Mr. Greeley), Bar Y Equine	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Que Pasa, \$28,928)	\$51,468	34	0	0.67	0.85
16	GOLDEN RANSOM (99, Hennessy)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Dr. Jessop, \$13,080)	\$46,284	119	0	0.49	0.84
17	HOME (98, Storm Cat)	N/A	15/1	0/0	0/0	(Raskateer, \$7,771)	\$42,392	246	6	0.73	0.81
18	RIGHT RIGGER (06, Unbridled's Song), Hunter Creek Farms	\$3,500	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Dust Alert, \$19,324)	\$41,842	9	3	2.32	0.88
19	PRO PRADO (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$2,000	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Sleepin Pro, \$10,332)	\$41,758	89	1	0.71	0.85
20	MCKENNA'S JUSTICE (07, Medaglia d'Oro)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(McEve, \$19,304)	\$38,490	13	0	0.68	0.67
21	JEFFRIES BAY (01, Gone West), Young Farm	Private	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Risk It All, \$20,272)	\$36,341	73	0	0.18	0.49
22	REUBEN (97, Rubiano)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Me Darlin Rod, \$33,240)	\$33,564	42	1	0.59	0.51
23	KING BULL (01, Holy Bull), Tucumcari Thoroughbreds	Private	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Hunka Bull, \$21,070)	\$31,576	23	3	1.48	0.61
24	INDIAN FIREWATER (07, Indian Charlie), Doubletree Farm	\$3,000	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Foxy Indian Who, \$7,620)	\$30,837	50	0	0.61	1.29
25	MR. TRIESTE (01, Old Trieste), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Go Gotta Go, \$18,540)	\$29,010	46	1	0.58	0.87
26	PRINCE OF FAME (86, Fappiano)	Died, 2013	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Prince Bob, \$13,660)	\$27,846	*224	1	0.53	0.87
27	REAL DANDY (02, Yankee Victor)	N/A	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Another Dandy, \$8,844)	\$27,094	39	1	0.58	1.11
28	INDIAN TERRITORY (98, Carson City)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(C U Tiger, \$26,000)	\$26,262	74	1	0.68	0.81
29	SPANKEY COME HOME (04, Came Home)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Come On Spanky, \$17,184)	\$22,385	27	0	0.48	0.36
30	INDY EXPRESS (06, A.P. Indy), Double Eagle Ranch	\$2,000	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Westbound Express, \$8,520)	\$22,256	33	0	0.65	0.49

ing his tenure and was a leading sire in the state.

Bryan Harang, who describes horses as his "drug of choice," is also a sugar cane farmer. He describes obtaining Lion Tamer (winner of the 2004 Cigar Mile Handicap, G1) as a significant coup for the breeding industry in Louisiana.

"Lion Tamer was the heir apparent to Ide," Bryan, who owns Georgia Farms, recalled. "He was not a blue-blood, but he was one tough sucker as a racehorse. He had some pretty good runners, especially out of his first crop. I think he triggered a following of better stallions to come down to Louisiana."

Sugar may be in Warren Harang's blood, but overseeing projects and organizations is his true nature. Harang is currently president of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association with management and oversight responsibility for the breeding industry in the state.



Racing is a part of life for Harang's family

He faces the tough assignment with a calm and realistic optimism.

"Balance the budget. That's always the first and most important thing," Harang said of his task list. "We are going through some trying times that require serious attention. Our economy is heavily dependent on oil and gas revenues, and many people from those industries are typically the owners of horses that fill our races. It's that simple."

Harang admits to being a leader that sometimes likes to have things go his way. Experience has taught him that approach does not always lead to the most skillful solution.

"The way to really learn about something is to listen to what other people have to say. There are some very good ideas out there, and the breakthroughs are when you put all that together."

The finance committee of the LTBA has Harang's undivided attention.

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1	DISTORTED REALITY (04, Distorted Humor), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	25/6	0/0	0/0	(J R Jellybean, \$26,800)	\$91,761	119	0	0.41	0.86
2	TOP HIT (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	20/5	0/0	0/0	(Maid Easy, \$11,516)	\$52,313	106	5	0.88	0.88
3	MARGIE'S WILDCAT (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Timetogivein, \$8,124)	\$42,700	126	0	0.68	0.84
4	EZ DREAMER (05, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Carlson, \$15,050)	\$34,696	35	1	0.72	0.89
5	SUPAH BLITZ (00, Mecke)	N/A	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Supah Spirit, \$7,598)	\$19,049	59	0	0.48	0.76
6	MAYBRY'S BOY (99, Broad Brush)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Robey's Boy, \$15,390)	\$17,670	30	1	1.17	1.57
7	RED SKY'S (96, Skywalker)	N/A	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Red Zeus, \$11,812)	\$14,873	118	2	0.42	0.47
8	CHELOKEE (04, Cherokee Run)	Died, 2014	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Chelokee's Legacy, \$7,166)	\$13,376	49	0	0.47	0.80

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1	BUSHWACKER (02, Outflanker)	N/A	13/2	0/0	0/0	(Pop Pop's Pizza, \$8,345)	\$39,430	76	0	0.56	0.92
2	GRAND MINSTREL (05, Grand Slam)	N/A	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Grand and Great, \$7,070)	\$15,781	90	0	0.33	0.64

"We don't like to make cuts, but it's a necessary evil if we are going to keep the doors open," he said.

On the flip side of balancing budget numbers, Harang reserves space for the human side of any issue. His positive encouragement comes not from financial

forecasts but from his network of friends and associates in racing.

"The reason we think our program is on firm ground is the people in our organization are here because they want to be here," Harang said. "A characteristic of our people in Louisiana is that we have proved

to be resilient and survive hard times. We just don't spit the bit when things get tough. From my view that means that there is a brighter day on the horizon." **BH**

Gary McMillen is the Louisiana correspondent for BloodHorse.

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