

NORTHEAST/MID-ATLANTIC

Big East

Nine new stallions to call Maryland home; two to New York

BY EVAN HAMMONDS



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Dortmund, left, and Alliance will stand their first seasons at stud at Bill Boniface's Bonita Farm in Maryland

WHILE THE NEW STALLIONS that have made their way to Kentucky for the 2018 breeding season might get the most ink, those entering stud in Maryland and New York this year deserve a closer look. Rising purses in New York are nothing new, and a competitive market awaits. In Maryland, the revenue flowing to purses, bonuses, and incentives from slot machines in the Free State is relatively new and with initiatives that promote Maryland-sired horses, this is the season Maryland has seen a huge influx of new bloodlines.

"We have an upswing in Maryland with The Stronach Group spending a lot of money on improvements, such as enlarging the turf course at Laurel," said Marylander Bill Boniface of Bonita Farm. "Pound for pound we have a very good program compared to other states. We're looking for a big year.

"We have a governor who is pro-horse racing, and I think he'll get re-elected. The Maryland Million had a great day last year and the Maryland stakes have been opened up to Maryland-bred or -sired horses, which is something new. We think we can draw mares out of

Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey."

"There's something regenerative about having a new stallion in the barn," said Josh Pons of Country Life Farm near Bel Air, Md. "It's a path to the future."

Business remains robust in New York. According to Becky Thomas of Sequel Stallions New York, "New York resonates with the rest of the industry. The New York program single-handedly made every payment on the farm that we have. It's just a brilliant program, but we're going to have to work hard every day to maintain that."

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Stephen Foster H.-**G1** placed

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7 starts, incl. 4 **G1** wins



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1	FRIESAN FIRE (06, A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm	\$4,000	101/54	1/1	0/1	(Fire Key, \$280,245)	\$2,684,511	145	2	1.15	1.27
2	NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2016	95/55	1/1	1/1	(Clubman, \$160,755)	\$2,676,849	974	81	1.67	1.44
3	GREAT NOTION (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	81/49	3/4	3/3	(Crabcakes, \$216,442)	\$2,669,887	281	15	1.51	1.22
4	STREET MAGICIAN (04, Street Cry), Legacy Farm Stallions Standing at Roland Farm	\$3,000	57/34	2/4	1/2	(My Magician, \$251,861)	\$1,655,634	99	3	1.17	1.32
5	ORIENTATE (98, Mt. Livermore), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	81/36	0/0	0/0	(The Great Provider, \$117,723)	\$1,392,414	*810	32	1.24	1.61
6	PETIONVILLE (92, Seeking the Gold), Murmur Farm	\$4,000	63/29	0/0	0/0	(Heatherly, \$124,260)	\$1,184,657	*728	42	1.28	1.26
7	LOUIS QUATORZE (93, Sovereign Dancer)	Pnsd	36/16	0/0	0/0	(Miss Nosy, \$126,728)	\$892,663	*983	21	1.14	1.30
8	LION HEARTED (96, Storm Cat)	Died, 2015	50/26	0/0	0/0	(Willie B Mine, \$79,910)	\$865,203	*616	18	1.18	1.27
9	REDEEMED (08, Include), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	31/12	0/0	0/0	(Saint Main Event, \$120,729)	\$796,903	61	0	0.99	1.05
10	ROCK SLIDE (98, A.P. Indy)	N/A	30/17	1/1	0/1	(Nickyrocksforpops, \$65,842)	\$637,589	278	10	1.02	1.16
11	SCIPION (02, A.P. Indy), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	35/14	0/0	0/0	(In Arrears, \$81,050)	\$616,502	137	3	1.06	1.05
12	¶ FREEDOM CHILD (10, Malibu Moon), Country Life Farm	\$3,000	17/8	1/2	1/1	(Limited View, \$177,096)	\$538,051	33	1	1.44	1.47
13	OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$3,000	28/9	0/0	0/0	(Pinkout, \$54,770)	\$442,908	*548	21	1.34	1.13
14	ETCHED (05, Forestry), Bonita Farm	\$2,000	17/6	1/1	1/1	(My Sistersledge, \$123,621)	\$317,980	38	1	0.66	1.05
15	BALTIMORE BOB (05, Malibu Moon), Shamrock Farm	\$2,500	5/4	0/0	0/0	(Baltimore Street, \$92,482)	\$265,481	14	0	1.73	1.07
16	CHEROKEE'S BOY (00, Citidancer)	Pnsd	23/6	0/0	0/0	(Dr Bolt, \$73,606)	\$260,032	103	1	1.00	0.99
17	CUBA (01, Not For Love)	N/A	6/1	1/1	1/1	(Laki, \$113,655)	\$155,004	13	1	0.88	0.50
18	ADMIRAL ALEX (07, Afleet Alex)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Distorted Admiral, \$52,220)	\$135,639	14	0	0.76	0.86
19	¶ BUFFUM (08, Bernardini), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	3/3	1/1	1/1	(Clever Mind, \$65,900)	\$119,830	6	1	1.82	0.79
20	ETERNAL STAR (04, Five Star Day)	Died, 2013	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Sippin'onbubbles, \$42,375)	\$103,694	14	0	0.45	0.65

The following stallions are standing for fees of at least \$3,000:

MARYLAND

Bonita Farm, near Darlington, Md., takes the lead role for 2018 introducing a trifecta of new stallions to the Midatlantic marketplace.

The oversized **Dortmund** (\$7,500), a son of Big Brown—Our Josephina, by Tale of the Cat, was second only to stablemate American Pharoah leading up to the 2015 classics and ran third in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) to the eventual Triple Crown winner. Winner of both the grade 1 Los Alamitos Futurity and Santa Anita Derby, Dortmund raced on to an 8-2-2 mark and earned \$1,987,505.

“When I looked at that horse out in California I told my wife, ‘He’s the best looking BIG horse that I’ve seen since Forego,’” said Boniface. “He’s so balanced that you stop thinking about his size. He makes such an appearance and he has ‘that eye.’ He’s sound; has good bone; he’s just an exceptionally well-proportioned horse.”

Our Josephina, a stakes winner and grade 3-placed, is a granddaughter of Lakeville Miss, champion 2-year-old filly of 1977 and

dam of grade 1 winner Mogambo.

Bonita also will be standing **Alliance** (\$4,000) and Kobe’s Back (\$3,000).

Bred by LNJ Foxwoods, Alliance is an unraced son of Harlan’s Holiday out of Life Happened, by Stravinsky. The late Harlan’s Holiday is the sire of 102 stakes winners and of rising sons Into Mischief, Majesticperfection, and Shanghai Bobby.

Life Happened was sold in 2014 for \$750,000 and is the dam of champion Tepin, who sold for \$8 million at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale.

Life Happened is also the dam of Vyjack, a multiple grade 2 winner of \$1,427,600.

Boniface notes Alliance “has a lot of family” and that the Roth family (LNJ Foxwoods) is a partner and they plan to support the horse.

“He’s a very Northern Dancer-type,” Boniface said. “He has those Northern Dancer ears and the same balance from his side view.”

Kobe’s Back (Flatter—Well, by Well Decorated) made 24 of his 26 starts in graded stakes from ages 2-6, and four of his five stakes wins came in graded company. Three stakes-placings came in grade 1 races while racing for Lee and Susan Searing’s C R K Stable. A sprint specialist, he started at distances less than a mile in all but three races.

“He’s stylish and big-boned,” Boniface said. “He’s big, too. He measures 16.3 hands.”

Northview Stallion Station showcases **Madefromlucky** (\$5,000) for 2018. A chestnut son of two-time champion Lookin At Lucky out of Home From Oz, a full sister to Tapit, Madefromlucky was second to American Pharoah in the 2015 Rebel Stakes (G2) in March of his 3-year-old year, then came back to score in the Peter Pan Stakes (G2) and the West Virginia Derby (G2). Starring around two turns later in his career, he finished 2017 with back-to-back stakes wins in the grade 3 Greenwood Cup Stakes (1½ miles) and the 1⅞-mile Temperence Hill Invitational Stakes at Belmont Park for Cheyenne Stables and Mac Nichol and trainer Todd Pletcher.

Home From Oz’ more well-known brother, of course, has led



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Kobe’s Back is a four-time graded stakes winner

Dortmund

Undefeated Grade 1-winning
track record-setter at 2.

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Earned
\$1,987,505

Won his first three starts at 3 including the Grade 1 Santa Anita Derby, and entered the Kentucky Derby undefeated, finishing third behind stablemate American Pharoah. Returned to win his final two starts at 3. At 4, placed in three Graded stakes before finishing fourth in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1.

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1	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	187/94	4/10	1/4	(Sharp Azteca, \$1,390,490)	\$6,320,911	*1175	46	1.57	1.26
2	BELLAMY ROAD (02, Concerto), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$6,000	178/101	1/3	0/1	(Diversify, \$690,825)	\$4,750,493	*567	27	1.20	1.29
3	BIG BROWN (05, Boundary), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$6,000	152/79	4/5	1/4	(Hard Study, \$227,000)	\$3,320,006	*626	20	1.15	1.57
4	HOLD ME BACK (06, Giant's Causeway)	N/A	142/74	1/1	1/1	(Black Tide, \$297,894)	\$2,785,904	257	7	1.07	1.15
5	FROST GIANT (03, Giant's Causeway), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$5,000	124/53	3/4	1/3	(Giant Expectations, \$410,000)	\$2,622,838	*363	10	1.18	1.18
6	BUSTIN STONES (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$5,000	75/51	2/2	2/2	(Bustin It, \$145,917)	\$2,138,323	165	6	1.35	1.39
7	DUBLIN (07, Afleet Alex), Keane Stud	\$2,500	81/41	2/3	2/2	(Celtic Chaos, \$236,400)	\$1,852,376	150	2	1.03	1.20
8	MISSION IMPAZIBLE (07, Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	70/25	1/2	0/1	(Pure Silver, \$286,367)	\$1,787,446	111	2	1.22	1.15
9	DESERT PARTY (06, Street Cry), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$2,500	103/40	2/2	1/2	(Aunt Babe, \$127,500)	\$1,644,242	205	5	0.93	1.40
10	DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer) Died, 2014		32/18	1/4	0/1	(Disco Partner, \$547,000)	\$1,538,074	268	12	1.39	1.20
11	COURAGEOUS CAT (06, Storm Cat), Questroyal North	\$6,000	73/30	1/1	1/1	(Lady Joan, \$150,300)	\$1,514,705	131	2	1.00	1.13
12	HERE'S ZEALOUS (97, Dehere), Kaz Hill Farm	\$1,000	29/21	1/2	0/1	(Green Gratto, \$351,834)	\$1,103,130	192	1	1.06	0.97
13	D' FUNNYBONE (07, D'wildcat), Rockridge Stud	\$2,500	38/22	0/0	0/0	(D'funnything, \$127,954)	\$1,016,182	*60	2	1.13	1.30
14	GIANT SURPRISE (09, Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud	\$4,000	23/13	1/1	1/1	(Sudden Surprise, \$157,044)	\$747,430	45	2	1.92	1.25
15	COSMONAUT (02, Lemon Drop Kid) Pnsd		35/17	1/2	1/1	(Wonderment, \$124,610)	\$641,466	92	2	1.04	1.03
16	TEUFLESBERG (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	28/14	0/0	0/0	(Good Bye Greg, \$100,660)	\$597,001	108	4	1.40	1.14
17	BOYS AT TOSCONOVA (08, Officer), Questroyal North	\$2,500	21/12	0/0	0/0	(My Boy Tate, \$132,300)	\$544,187	41	0	1.02	1.27
18	NOBLE CAUSEWAY (02, Giant's Causeway) Died, 2014		48/21	0/0	0/0	(Altissimo, \$92,293)	\$496,469	244	8	0.78	1.06
19	SOARING EMPIRE (07, Empire Maker), Rockridge Stud	\$2,500	21/9	0/0	0/0	(For Pops, \$82,868)	\$449,227	38	0	0.84	1.10
20	MIRACLE MAN (02, Yankee Victor) Died, 2015		5/4	0/0	0/0	(Jc's Shooting Star, \$117,825)	\$319,438	10	1	2.23	1.56

the general sires list three times.

Divining Rod (\$5,000) is a late arrival at the Pons family's Country Life Farm. Bred and raced by Roy and Gretchen Jackson's Lael Stables, the son of Tapit was third behind American Pharoah in the Xpressbet.com Preakness Stakes (G1) and missed by a head to Connect in the 2016 Cigar Mile Handicap (G1). A steady campaigner, Divining Rod went 5-4-5 in 17 starts and earned \$882,604.

"Were it not for some foolishness in the stretch of the Cigar Mile, he wouldn't have been on our radar because he would be a grade 1 winner by Tapit out of a \$2-million-earning sister to Kitten's Joy," said Pons. "He's a beautiful horse to look at. He reminds me of Citi-dancer; he has that kind of balance. He has that same perfect dimension and proportion."

The dark bay colt is out of grade 1 winner Precious Kitten, by Catienus, a half sister to leading turf sire Kitten's Joy and to Justenuffheart, the dam of champion filly, Breeders' Cup winner, and grade 3 producer Dreaming of Anna and of grade 2 winner Lewis Michael.

"We think he'll have a long-term arc to his career," Pons said. "We've never had a successful stallion that didn't have a good

dam. That's a big deal and a separator. She's just a cut behind Serena Williams at Wimbledon."

The new Anchor & Hope Farm introduces **Holy Boss** (\$4,000). The 6-year-old was kept to one-turn races and was a commanding winner of Saratoga's Amsterdam Stakes (G2) in the summer of 2015 before running a good fourth behind champion Runhappy in that year's TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1). He made the majority of his starts for Jerry Durant prior to being transferred to Louis Merryman, who runs Anchor & Hope near Port Deposit, Md.

By multiple grade 1-winning sprinter Street Boss out of the Holy Bull mare Holy Grace, Holy Boss is a half brother to Holy Helena, winner of the 2017 Queen's Plate and Woodbine Oaks Presented by Budweiser.

"He's 16.2½; he's tall and he's long," said Merryman. "He looks more like a two-turn horse than a sprinter. I can't find a flaw in him.

"His True North (Stakes, G2) in 2016 sold me on the horse," he said. "He was third by a length but he stumbled really badly at the start and they went in 1:08 flat (1:08.18), and I consider that effort to be a grade 1-winning effort all the time.



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Divining Rod earned \$882,604



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Holy Boss debuts at the new Anchor & Hope Farm in Maryland

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1	JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy), Northview PA	\$10,000	166/100	2/2	0/2	(Prayer for Relief, \$250,000)	\$5,418,742	*1301	41	1.45	1.30
2	ROCKPORT HARBOR (02, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2013	117/55	2/2	0/2	(Weast Hill, \$125,262)	\$2,346,266	470	26	1.33	1.42
3	SILVER TRAIN (02, Old Trieste)	Died, 2013	97/52	1/1	1/1	(Extrasexyexotkminx, \$157,964)	\$2,226,775	*532	12	1.03	1.28
4	TALENT SEARCH (03, Catienus), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	59/39	0/0	0/0	(Tipyourwaiterwell, \$149,576)	\$1,482,928	*131	2	1.04	1.22
5	WEIGELIA (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	\$3,500	36/23	1/1	0/1	(Risques's Diamond, \$174,186)	\$1,179,424	*89	5	1.40	1.02
6	CORINTHIAN (03, Pulpit)	N/A	68/31	1/1	1/1	(Prince Lucky, \$132,690)	\$843,742	*506	12	0.74	1.38
7	LORD SHANAKILL (06, Speightstown), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	76/32	1/1	0/1	(Time Shanakill, \$111,078)	\$841,077	171	2	1.14	0.91
8	MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$2,000	28/14	1/1	1/1	(Flashy Kyem, \$157,880)	\$796,484	194	7	1.28	1.36
9	BULLSBAY (04, Tiznow), Northview PA	\$3,000	31/16	1/2	1/1	(Unrideabull, \$82,722)	\$668,603	55	3	1.38	1.27
10	CAL NATION (08, Distorted Humor), Kingfisher Lane Farm	\$2,500	20/8	0/0	0/0	(Faze the Nation, \$150,368)	\$606,933	32	0	1.08	1.20
11	GOT THE LAST LAUGH (04, Distorted Humor), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	17/14	0/0	0/0	(Dixie's Last Laugh, \$112,416)	\$553,169	48	0	1.21	1.14
12	ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin)	Pnsd	28/16	0/0	0/0	(Ginner, \$76,365)	\$505,799	*387	8	1.12	1.12
13	RIMROD (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	25/14	0/0	0/0	(Checkbouncin Billy, \$101,410)	\$481,213	105	2	1.27	1.16
14	EL PADRINO (09, Pulpit), Northview PA	Died, 2017	17/11	0/0	0/0	(Whereshetoldmetogo, \$92,250)	\$450,129	48	0	1.21	1.31
15	UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN (07, Limehouse), Diamond B Farm	\$1,500	9/7	0/0	0/0	(Midtowncharlybrown, \$172,138)	\$411,401	16	0	1.71	0.81

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1	HEY CHUB (00, Carson City)	N/A	20/16	1/2	0/1	(Chublicious, \$230,560)	\$846,283	31	2	1.79	1.48
2	DON SIX (00, Wild Escapade), Greenfields Farm	Private	19/12	0/0	0/0	(Don's Marsh, \$52,030)	\$419,906	82	3	1.18	1.29
3	DEFERERE (92, Deputy Minister)	N/A	22/9	0/0	0/0	(Oak Bluffs, \$81,100)	\$349,281	*590	22	1.20	1.18
4	CABLE BOY (04, Jump Start)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Liz's Cable Girl, \$148,120)	\$309,581	20	1	1.38	0.95
5	IL POSTINO (06, Distorted Humor), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Postino's Champion, \$87,261)	\$179,064	13	0	0.89	0.89

"The horse's conformation and appearance are what I find most attractive about him. I really do like his pedigree; it is a great, old-fashion foundation family."

With the loss of classic winner Louis Quatorze, Audrey Murray was looking for a replacement at her Murmur Farm near Darlington, Md., and found three-time grade 2 winner **Blofeld** (\$4,000). Racing for Glencrest Farm and JSM Equine, the gray/roan won Belmont's Futurity Stakes (G2) and the Nashua Stakes (G2) at 2. At 4 he landed the Gulfstream Park Handicap (G2).

Bred in Kentucky by Keats Grove Farm, Blofeld is a son of Quality Road, who has risen through the stallion ranks quickly. Tenth on the general sires list for 2017, Quality Road was the leading third-crop sire of 2016, among the top five second-crop sires of 2015, and the leading first-crop sire of 2014. His fee for 2018 has been raised to \$70,000. Blofeld is out of the stakes-winning Storm Minstrel, a Storm Cat daughter of the late Edward P. Evans' grade 2 winner Colonial Minstrel.

"He's very correct; he's very kind and easy to work with," Murray said. "He's about 16.1 hands and nice-sized.

"I've sold several shares and we're getting a lot of interest from several states

including Kentucky. I think he's one of the first Quality Roads to go to stud, and Quality Road couldn't be any hotter right now."

Editorial made only two starts, breaking his maiden at Gulfstream Park last year in a 7½-furlong race, but he has a high-end pedigree to make it as a sire. He will stand at Roland Farm near Warwick, Md., for \$3,500. The 4-year-old bay is a son of War Front, a perennial leading sire of sale yearlings and sire of 69 stakes winners, out of Playa Maya, by Arch, which makes him a half brother to champion and sensational sire Uncle Mo. Uncle Mo, the runaway leading first-crop sire and juvenile sire of 2015, has 38 stakes winners in his first three crops.

NEW YORK

The Empire State will only have a pair of new stallions for 2018, but both appear to have the backing and commitment to give them their best shot at success.

At Sequel, **Union Jackson** will stand for \$5,000. The Stonestreet Stables-raced son of Curlin—Hot Dixie Chick, by Dixie Union, is a 50-50 partnership between Sequel and Stonestreet. Trained by Steve Asmussen, he won six of 11 starts and earned \$273,874.

Hot Dixie Chick was an exceptional 2-year-old, shattering the five-furlong track mark at Churchill Downs when she broke her maiden, and later winning Saratoga's Schuylerville Stakes (G3) and Spinaway Stakes (G1). Out of the graded stakes-winning and grade 1-placed In Excess mare Above Perfection, Hot Dixie Chick is a half sister to Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) winner Always Dreaming.

A maiden winner at Keeneland going six furlongs in October 2015, Union Jackson was a good third in Churchill's Aristides Stakes (G3) the following June and later won the Iowa Sprint Handicap at Prairie Meadows in July 2017.

"He's got a great hip and shoulder, and he looks really fast," said Becky Thomas.

"I talked to John Moynihan (agent for Stonestreet), and he said, 'Just go look at the horse,'" Thomas said. "He was stunningly beautiful. The main thing is I talked to Steve and his quote was, 'Becky, he's so brilliant. I had his mother and Curlin; they're all brilliant. All three of them.' Then he told me to call him back.

"He said, 'Becky, there's not a better horse than Curlin. He's a great horse. He (Union Jackson) was a brilliant horse out

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$2,000	102/68	2/3	2/2	(Bound to Windsor, \$118,601)	\$2,133,754	315	12	1.03	1.00
2	LIMEHOUSE (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,500	85/46	0/0	0/0	(Karla With a K, \$134,582)	\$1,712,456	*418	21	1.20	1.16
3	FIBER SONDE (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	70/51	1/3	1/1	(Moonlit Song, \$234,140)	\$1,620,758	173	8	1.21	0.80
4	CHARITABLE MAN (06, Lemon Drop Kid)	Died, 2016	79/39	1/1	1/1	(Charitable Annuity, \$197,085)	\$1,368,586	138	2	0.99	1.06
5	DENIS OF CORK (05, Harlan's Holiday), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$750	63/28	1/1	1/1	(Romantic Cork, \$92,860)	\$790,631	*117	4	0.69	1.09
6	MR. SIDNEY (04, Storm Cat), Beau Ridge Farm	\$6,500	40/23	0/0	0/0	(Pascasha d'Or, \$70,888)	\$734,500	109	0	0.93	1.87
7	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,000	47/25	0/0	0/0	(Nebikon, \$38,180)	\$532,245	769	15	0.99	1.03
8	PEAK DANCER (97, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	28/19	0/0	0/0	(Sweet Lady Sue, \$47,790)	\$382,241	91	4	0.86	0.83
9	DURING (00, Cherokee Run), O'Sullivan Farms	\$750	25/11	1/1	0/1	(Lucy N Ethel, \$72,000)	\$281,847	204	4	0.81	1.07
10	OFFICER ROCKET (GB) (04, Officer)	N/A	16/10	0/0	0/0	(Rocket Thunder, \$32,935)	\$225,916	20	0	0.86	0.67

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	REBELLION (GB) (03, Mozart)	N/A	16/8	1/1	1/1	(Ratface Macdougall, \$126,113)	\$410,893	*42	2	1.20	1.26
2	COSA VERA (05, Dynaformer)	N/A	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Zebennie, \$50,034)	\$206,849	28	0	0.58	1.37
3	FRIEND OR FOE (07, Friends Lake)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Buff, \$105,910)	\$203,884	8	0	1.91	1.60

of a brilliant horse by a great horse.”

Market Rally (\$3,000) will set up shop at Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions (standing at Irish Hill Century Farm) near Stillwater, N.Y. For trainer Wayne Catalano and Gary and Mary West, Market Rally won his debut in August 2015 and was sold to Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

“He really ‘wowed’ the right people, and they went ahead and acquired him and took him to Dubai,” said stallion manager Bill Leak.

In Dubai he landed last year’s UAE Two Thousand Guineas Sponsored by Gulf News (G3) and later added the Al Bastakiya

Sponsored by Emirates Skywards. In all, Market Rally won three of four starts and earned \$324,270.

“He’s a great-looking chestnut son of Unbridled’s Song,” Leak said. “He’s the miler type. His motor is fantastic, and he stands over a lot of ground. He moves so well...out in the field he’s great to see.”

A half brother to stakes winner Watchyourownbobber, Market Rally is out of black-type-placed Boodles, by Mr. Greeley, whose dam is a Phone Trick half sister to Canadian champion A Fleets Dancer.

“We have had a few people coming by looking at stallions,” Leak said, “and we bring him out and they are very impressed.”

WEST VIRGINIA

Making his way to O’Sullivan Farms near Charles Town, W.Va., is **Aldrin** (\$4,000), a Malibu Moon three-quarter brother to three-time leading sire Tapit. The 6-year-old ridgling raced 14 times from New York to California, breaking his maiden on the turf going two turns at Tampa Bay Downs while under the care of Chad Brown for Mt. Brilliant Farm, Gainesway Stable, and Robert LaPenta. He later made seven starts for Altamira Racing Stable and trainer Peter Miller. Aldrin was bred in Kentucky by Barouche Stud and was a \$1 million sale 2-year-old at Keeneland in April 2014, consigned by Niall Brennan.

Malibu Moon is a son of A.P. Indy while Tapit is a son of A.P. Indy’s grade 2-winning son Pulpit. A perennial leading sire who has 116 stakes winners on his ledger, Malibu Moon stands at Spendthrift Farm near Lexington for \$75,000. **BT**



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Curlin’s son Union Jackson will stand at Sequel Stallions New York

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 December 31, 2017. As supplied to *BloodHorse* by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., lists 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 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 Northern Hemisphere black-type stakes results from all available countries. *Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners include 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.