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# Standing Tall

*Ivan Dalos improves the breed at Tall Oaks Farm*

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### IVAN DALOS HAS A KNACK for nicks.

The Toronto, Ontario, businessman will tell you his foray into Thoroughbred racing and breeding began purely by chance. He will tell you one of the first horses he bred, Victory Gallop—who stunned the racing world when he won the 1998 Belmont Stakes (G1)—was a “fluke.”

But there has been nothing accidental about the rise of Dalos’ self-made bloodlines, which have made his Tall Oaks Farm one of the most successful breeding and racing operations in Canadian history.

For four months each year, May to August, Dalos is immersed in pedigrees and stallion books, planning matings for his broodmare band come the following spring. He doesn’t own a farm, but his mares reside at Rene and Darlene Hunderup’s Norse Ridge Farms near King City, Ontario, and Nick Lotz’ Briarbrooke Farm near Paris, Ky.

The work has paid off. Dalos’ Tall Oaks homebreds have given him a dramatic rise to the top of the breeder and owner charts in the last five years. He has bred international stakes winners and several champions—including Victory Gallop—and at the 2016 Sovereign Awards, Tall Oaks was beaten a nose in the voting by the mighty Adena Springs.

All of this has taken place with an annual foal crop of less than two dozen.

Dalos is coming off his biggest year yet, highlighted by the exploits of his mare Ami’s Mesa, who looked a winner deep in the stretch run of the Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1) last Nov. 4 at Del Mar, only to be pipped at the wire by Chester and Mary Broman’s Bar of Gold.

Dalos watched that race from the Woodbine Club lounge with Michelle, one of his three daughters (Colleen, the middle



Ivan Dalos-bred runners earned more than \$2.3 million in 2017

daughter, attended the Breeders’ Cup on behalf of the family) as his wife, Irene, was at home due to illness.

“There was a lot of screaming in the lounge from everyone who was there. I thought for a second, ‘Look at this; this is the real thing.’ But, hey, there’s no shame in finishing second in a Breeders’ Cup race with a homebred,” said Dalos,

Dalos did not even know horse racing existed when he came to Canada from Hungary at about the same time E.P. Taylor opened the new Woodbine racetrack in 1956.

Dalos was busy putting together a flooring and construction business in Toronto and raising a family when, in the 1970s, an excited sub-contractor awaiting a check caught the attention of Dalos.

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	NOTIONAL (04, In Excess), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	103/54	1/1	1/1	(Cake Pop, \$189,040)	\$1,556,212	290	6	0.82	1.12
2	FORT PRADO (01, El Prado), Swifty Farms	\$1,000	80/37	1/1	1/1	(Prado's Sweet Ride, \$159,980)	\$1,113,518	*176	2	0.77	1.38
3	VICTOR'S CRY (05, Street Cry), Holden Farm	\$25,000	48/25	0/0	0/0	(Singandcryindubai, \$140,137)	\$969,378	77	1	1.12	1.23
4	PASS RUSH (99, Crown Ambassador), Swifty Farms	\$2,500	37/18	1/1	1/1	(Peyton's Pass, \$118,535)	\$866,600	116	6	1.02	1.03
5	LANTANA MOB (05, Posse), Southern Indiana Equine	\$2,500	28/15	1/1	1/1	(Supreme Justice, \$140,576)	\$579,158	49	3	1.03	1.09
6	STRONG HOPE (00, Grand Slam)	Died, 2017	25/4	1/1	1/1	(Defining Hope, \$146,509)	\$377,121	339	5	0.92	1.65
7	UNBRIDLED EXPRESS (04, Unbridled's Song), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	12/7	1/1	1/1	(Express Run, \$131,698)	\$368,099	24	4	1.64	1.28
8	MONBA (05, Maria's Mon), Nicks Farm	\$2,000	29/17	0/0	0/0	(Rolling Mo, \$54,471)	\$365,099	68	0	0.68	1.31
9	DEPUTY STORM (01, Forestry), R Star Stallions	\$1,500	20/9	0/0	0/0	(Jonah, \$71,045)	\$362,375	92	2	0.97	1.19
10	SKYLORD (08, Sky Mesa), Breakway Farm	Private	17/8	0/0	0/0	(Double Tuff, \$98,453)	\$359,319	26	0	0.95	0.84
11	CASHEL CASTLE (99, Silver Ghost), Swifty Farms	\$1,000	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Puntsville, \$128,725)	\$306,229	113	4	0.89	1.02
12	HUNT CROSSING (09, Corinthian), Indiana Stallion Station	\$1,000	38/8	0/0	0/0	(Monavista Crossing, \$66,390)	\$275,654	92	0	0.36	0.71
13	SANGAREE (05, Awesome Again)	Pnsd	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Lizzy's Lure, \$81,014)	\$274,179	28	0	0.79	0.86
14	COLONIAL COLONY (98, Pleasant Colony), Holden Farm	\$5,000	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Rhinstone Romeo, \$91,152)	\$270,242	74	0	0.45	0.51
15	DOMESTIC DISPUTE (00, Unbridled's Song), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	15/9	0/0	0/0	(Black Salt, \$87,990)	\$254,640	*333	2	0.84	1.15
16	SILVER MOUNTAIN (05, Victory Gallop), Nicks Farm	\$2,000	15/10	0/0	0/0	(She's Going Strong, \$49,386)	\$241,281	25	0	0.60	0.84
17	SWEET RETURN (GB) (00, Elmaamul), Nicks Farm	\$2,000	23/4	0/0	0/0	(Daddy's Boo, \$96,318)	\$223,106	107	0	0.63	0.85
18	SANTIVA (08, Giant's Causeway), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	8/6	0/0	0/0	(D C Nine, \$48,900)	\$204,427	12	0	0.89	1.00
19	DESERT WARRIOR (00, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2015	24/7	0/0	0/0	(Dave, \$28,133)	\$181,901	*291	1	0.80	0.95
20	VIBANK (03, Silver Deputy), Hidden Springs	\$1,000	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Villageofvibank, \$108,559)	\$179,370	101	0	0.84	1.20
21	BYE BYE CRAFTY (02, Crafty Prospector), Cloverhill Farm	\$1,000	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Crafty Spector, \$105,070)	\$178,465	24	0	0.53	0.81
22	MONDAVI (03, Maria's Mon), Breakway Farm	\$1,500	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Ron, \$76,122)	\$172,255	34	1	0.83	0.60
23	CHARGING INDIAN (02, Indian Charlie)	N/A	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Chargingonby, \$100,900)	\$168,686	20	0	0.70	0.84
24	NOBLE'S PROMISE (07, Cuvee), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Promising Drive, \$32,688)	\$148,118	16	1	0.85	0.94
25	BOB'S STAR (05, Storm Cat), Sorrell Farm	\$1,000	9/6	0/0	0/0	(Bob's Mistress, \$40,290)	\$138,423	15	0	0.58	0.76
26	ELITE SQUADRON (04, Officer), Indiana Stallion Station	\$1,500	17/5	0/0	0/0	(Shirota, \$32,981)	\$136,710	65	0	0.57	1.05
27	WHAT NOW (07, Distorted Humor), R Star Stallions	\$1,500	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Bar Rag, \$88,642)	\$135,396	11	0	0.86	0.62
28	IRISH ROAD (00, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Miso Bad, \$37,080)	\$114,384	91	0	0.73	0.82
29	† TURBO COMPRESSOR (08, Halo's Image), Breakway Farm	Private	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Picara, \$38,300)	\$111,690	22	0	0.49	1.35
30	OCEAN INDY (03, A.P. Indy)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(The Predictor, \$47,650)	\$107,641	62	1	0.51	0.93

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"The guy was really fidgety, so I asked him if he was in a hurry," said Dalos. "He said he had to get to the racetrack. I thought he meant dog racing, I had no idea they raced horses. The only time I ever saw a horse (as a child) was pulling the milk or ice wagons at home in Hungary."

Dalos tagged along with the man, Les Meszaros, and within a month he had put up about \$10,000 to claim a horse with his new friend.

"In the first race I was looking all around for this horse and couldn't find her; she was so far back in last place," remembered Dalos.



Presque Isle Downs Masters winner Ami's Mesa



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1	<b>ROAD RULER</b> (02, Unbridled's Song), JB Stables	\$2,000	41/21	0/0	0/0	(Flashdance Road, \$69,541)	<b>\$676,945</b>	106	0	0.85	0.74
2	<b>THREE HOUR NAP</b> (02, Afternoon Deelites), Oak Tree Farm	\$1,000	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Five Star Nap, \$79,640)	<b>\$297,231</b>	28	0	0.95	1.12
3	<b>BRAVE 'N AWAY</b> (00, Skip Away), Timothy Hughes	\$1,000	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Launch Away, \$58,119)	<b>\$199,306</b>	45	0	0.47	0.58
4	<b>FOREST ATTACK</b> (04, Forestry), McCrosky Farm	\$1,000	22/7	0/0	0/0	(She Is Gorgeous, \$33,900)	<b>\$160,739</b>	51	0	0.29	0.98
5	<b>WELL POSITIONED</b> (06, Awesome Again), Wildwood Stables	Private	13/9	0/0	0/0	(Royal's Position, \$36,513)	<b>\$151,991</b>	19	0	0.37	1.08
6	<b>CHOSEN DEPUTY</b> (05, Deputy Minister), Legacy Farms	\$1,000	9/8	0/0	0/0	(Andreas, \$31,840)	<b>\$151,667</b>	17	0	0.66	0.98
7	<b>GHAALEB</b> (08, Unbridled's Song), Wildwood Farm	Private	4/4	0/0	0/0	(Ghaaleb's Winner, \$53,202)	<b>\$142,837</b>	10	0	1.63	0.85
8	<b>EL MEDWAR</b> (04, Elusive Quality), Hondo Ranch	Private	8/6	0/0	0/0	(Enchanted Facts, \$66,600)	<b>\$138,219</b>	16	0	0.87	1.17
9	<b>BEN BULBEN</b> (02, Pioneering)	N/A	10/6	0/0	0/0	(President Elect, \$46,552)	<b>\$120,568</b>	46	0	0.72	0.84

That first experience did not deter him, however, as he was enamored by the beauty of the Thoroughbred.

"I started reading everything left, right, and center," said Dalos. "Every breeding book, system, and pedigree. I wanted to learn everything I could about it."

While he continued to dabble in the claiming game in the early 1980s with Meszaros; his brother-in-law; and trainer George Bankuti, Dalos was determined to buy a mare to begin breeding his own horses.

Silly Billie (Buckaroo—Catch Sunny, by Sunny Clime), who showed some ability on the track for owner George Ledson in 1988-89, was the first of two life-changing purchases by Dalos.

"She was a granddaughter of Buckpasser and I had read he was a top broodmare sire. Since I didn't have much money to spend and could not afford a Buckpasser mare, this seemed close enough," Dalos said.

From his hours of reading racing texts and periodicals, Dalos knew Buckpasser blood crossed well with the Northern Dancer line, so he chose the affordable Ontario sire Alwasmī, a son of Northern Dancer, for Silly Billie's first mating.

The resultant filly Dalos named Sybelle Ami, made up from the letters in the sire and dam's names.

A fast filly, Sybelle Ami was too quick for her legs; she fractured one knee and was operated on, then fractured the other one.

"I kept her and looked around for a Mr. Prospector-line stallion because he goes well with Northern Dancer. I found Secret Claim (at Windfields Farm) and the result was Secret Ami, the best horse I bred up to that point."

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Dalos with his wife, Irene

Secret Ami was stakes-placed at Woodbine in 1998-99 and earned more than \$120,000 before she entered Dalos' broodmare band.

At around the time that Silly Billie settled in as the first official Tall Oaks mare, Dalos went to the Woodbine yearling sale to shop for more broodmare prospects.

While watching the sale and chatting with other onlookers, Dalos noticed a daughter of premier Canadian sire Vice Regent in the ring. The stallion commanded a \$50,000 stud fee but the filly was not getting a lot of interest.

"She was going up in increments of \$1,000; up to \$22,000, 23, 24...I asked a guy beside me what was wrong with her," said Dalos. "He didn't know. So I put up my hand at \$25,000 and it stuck. A bit later someone walked up to me and told me the filly would never race because she was quite offset in her knees."

But Victorious Lil didn't know about her knees and went on to become a stakes winner of more than \$170,000. Upon her retire-



Dalos keeps his mares at Norse Ridge Farms near King City, Ont.

# 2017 LEADING SIRES IN MICHIGAN



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1	<b>UNBRIDLED ENERGY</b> (02, Unbridled's Song), Hubel Farms	Private	34/14	1/1	1/1	(Huntstown, \$109,567)	<b>\$434,152</b>	*243	5	0.83	1.12
2	<b>EQUALITY</b> (99, Mt. Livermore), Dickinson Farms	Private	29/10	0/0	0/0	(Boo Dutton, \$51,251)	<b>\$240,625</b>	166	7	0.64	0.78
3	<b>GUN POWER</b> (97, Unbridled), Campbell Stable	\$1,000	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Circle Can Win, \$39,235)	<b>\$149,180</b>	47	0	0.53	0.75
4	<b>BAPTISTRY</b> (01, Deputy Minister)	N/A	15/12	0/0	0/0	(Runnin Gun, \$23,396)	<b>\$148,417</b>	28	0	0.41	0.69
5	<b>ZULU MAGIC</b> (05, Johannesburg), Davidson's Tracks-N-Time	\$1,000	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Brother Z, \$46,259)	<b>\$121,369</b>	9	0	0.66	0.54

# 2017 LEADING SIRES IN IOWA



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1	<b>STROLL</b> (00, Pulpit), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$2,000	92/47	3/5	2/3	(Special Envoy, \$129,510)	<b>\$1,710,395</b>	*287	13	1.03	1.30
2	<b>SING BABY SING</b> (03, Unbridled's Song), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	53/26	0/0	0/0	(Kissthatbabygoodby, \$86,512)	<b>\$659,266</b>	81	2	0.67	0.86
3	<b>NATIVE RULER</b> (04, Elusive Quality), Abraham's Equine Clinic	\$2,000	23/13	0/0	0/0	(Zella Rose, \$116,922)	<b>\$623,595</b>	46	0	1.06	0.86
4	<b>WOKE UP DREAMIN</b> (00, Holy Bull), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	19/8	2/3	1/2	(Dreamin, \$208,013)	<b>\$524,015</b>	155	5	0.82	0.89
5	<b>SPANIARD</b> (06, Candy Ride), Bryant Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	19/8	0/0	0/0	(Spanish Hombre, \$111,445)	<b>\$378,988</b>	41	0	0.92	1.56

ment, she was bred to blue-collar stud Cryptoclearance, a long-winded racehorse who had finished second behind Bet Twice in the 1987 Belmont.

As Dalos' herd continued to grow, he began selling any colts his mares produced. When Victorious Lil produced a plain-looking bay colt, Dalos sent him to the 1996 Keeneland September yearling sale where he brought a modest \$25,000.

Purchased by Prestonwood Farm after the colt's first five starts, Victory Gallop went on to finish second in both the 1998 Kentucky Derby (G1) and Preakness Stakes (G1) behind Real Quiet before squashing that colt's Triple Crown bid by a nose in the Belmont.

"That horse, he was a fluke," said Dalos. "I thought he could be OK, but I never expected he would be that good."

Victory Gallop, who went on to win an Eclipse Award as the champion older male of 1999, is a member of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame and the sire of three of Dalos' best broodmares.

In 2001, Secret Ami was, naturally enough, bred to Victory Gallop, producing Victorious Ami. Dalos sent Secret Ami to the



Dalos with trainer Josie Carroll

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1	<b>COWTOWN CAT</b> (04, Distorted Humor), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	91/49	1/2	0/1	(Tiger Blood, \$141,100)	<b>\$2,009,800</b>	193	3	1.11	1.24
2	<b>CITY WEEKEND</b> (02, Carson City), Meadow Springs	\$2,000	40/24	0/0	0/0	(City Slammer, \$82,766)	<b>\$693,499</b>	104	1	0.76	0.90
3	<b>INDY WIND</b> (02, A.P. Indy), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	23/18	1/2	0/1	(Starship Jubilee, \$262,311)	<b>\$603,387</b>	75	2	1.14	1.04
4	<b>ALCINDOR</b> (07, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	11/9	0/0	0/0	(True Cinder, \$190,650)	<b>\$505,988</b>	15	0	1.80	1.19
5	<b>PARENTS' REWARD</b> (98, Mr. Prospector), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$1,500	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Leona's Reward, \$257,576)	<b>\$485,876</b>	59	3	1.06	0.81
6	<b>ADDED EDGE</b> (00, Smart Strike), Raimonde Farms	\$1,500	49/24	0/0	0/0	(Foxy Fleda, \$51,038)	<b>\$480,283</b>	172	7	0.69	0.77
7	<b>FACTUM</b> (08, Storm Cat), Poplar Creek Horse Center	Private	51/21	0/0	0/0	(Faithful Sue, \$34,390)	<b>\$458,160</b>	78	0	0.47	1.38
8	<b>KISS THE KID</b> (03, Lemon Drop Kid), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,500	19/12	0/0	0/0	(Extravagant Kid, \$119,940)	<b>\$426,708</b>	46	0	1.02	1.54
9	<b>MOBIL</b> (00, Langfuhr), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	35/10	1/1	1/1	(Mobil Solution, \$75,290)	<b>\$425,852</b>	*180	5	1.26	1.25
10	<b>AWESOME PATRIOT</b> (08, Awesome Again), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,500	17/7	0/0	0/0	(Waki Patriot, \$92,210)	<b>\$290,548</b>	*64	0	0.84	1.02
11	<b>MERCER MILL</b> (94, Forty Niner), Fair Winds Farm	Private	16/7	0/0	0/0	(Pyrite Mill, \$35,269)	<b>\$221,870</b>	231	15	0.70	0.90
12	<b>VAQUERO</b> (06, Orientate), Raimonde Farms	Private	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Blanconia, \$94,112)	<b>\$206,695</b>	13	1	1.06	0.81
13	<b>MIXMASTER</b> (06, Medaglia d'Oro), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Master Landon, \$67,535)	<b>\$168,526</b>	13	0	0.77	0.60
14	<b>INDIAN EXPRESS</b> (00, Indian Charlie)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Bold Envoy, \$46,890)	<b>\$141,912</b>	41	1	0.86	0.70
15	<b>KILLENAULE</b> (02, Fusaichi Pegasus)	N/A	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Angelnaule, \$40,352)	<b>\$120,930</b>	94	0	0.48	0.83
16	<b>BIG ATLANTIC</b> (02, Stormy Atlantic), Win Row Farm	\$1,000	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Jackstontown, \$42,290)	<b>\$117,804</b>	23	1	0.79	0.26
17	<b>TWINSPIRED</b> (08, Harlan's Holiday), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,500	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Pure Justice, \$66,580)	<b>\$84,927</b>	6	0	0.97	0.84
18	<b>SAINTS N' SINNERS</b> (00, Saint Ballado)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Seeking a Mile, \$71,046)	<b>\$77,861</b>	24	1	1.12	0.31
19	<b>KING OF THE ROXY</b> (04, Littleexpectations), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$1,000	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Shes My Girl, \$67,851)	<b>\$73,838</b>	12	0	0.42	0.77
20	<b>KENTUCKY DANE</b> (00, Danehill), McFadden Farm	Private	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Mom Genes, \$29,761)	<b>\$73,168</b>	26	2	1.21	0.61

stallion again in 2005 and got Galloping Ami.

Victorious Ami won the 2004 Princess Elizabeth Stakes, the biggest race for 2-year-old Canadian-bred fillies, and went on to produce the 2011 Breeders' Stakes winner Ami's Holiday (by Harlan's Holiday), the first classic winner kept and raced by Dalos.

Ami's Mesa, a 2013 foal by Sky Mesa—Victorious Ami, was a Woodbine stakes winner at 2 and then had her breakout year in 2017, winning the Presque Isle Downs Masters Stakes (G2) before her brilliant Breeders' Cup run.

Galloping Ami, who never raced, is the dam of stakes winner Aragorn Ami (by Aragorn), graded stakes winner Ami's Flatter (by Flatter), and 2016 graded stakes winner Amis Gizmo to the cover of Ontario sire Giant Gizmo. Amis Gizmo and Galloping Ami earned Dalos' first ever Sovereign Awards for champion

3-year-old male and outstanding broodmare, respectively.

Dalos has started working on other lines of breeding as well. Keen Victory, another unraced daughter of Victory Gallop, is off to a profitable start as a broodmare. Her first foal Keen Gizmo (by Giant Gizmo) has won more than \$340,000 while her 2013 colt, Conquest Enforcer (by Into Mischief), sold by Dalos for \$210,000 at auction, was named Canada's 2016 champion grass horse.

Even Dalos' daughter Colleen got in on the fun when she purchased Gambling Girl, a daughter of Secret Claim, as a yearling in 1994. She won more than \$200,000 and was a stakes winner before Dalos bought her from his daughter. Gambling Girl is the dam of the family's graded stakes winner Gamble's Ghost (by Ghostzapper), a top mare in 2017.

Following the 2016 Sovereign Awards, in which 11 Dalos horses were up for awards, his breeding program will be well represented at the 2017 awards ceremony April 19 at Woodbine Racetrack.

Ami's Mesa is a shoo-in for champion female sprinter and likely champion older female, and she will battle Pink Lloyd for Horse of the Year honors.

Channel Maker, an English Channel 3-year-old out of the now-deceased In Return (by Horse Chestnut), sold as a yearling by Dalos, could be named the year's best sophomore male as well as champion turf male. His full brother, Johnny Bear, the 2012 sales-topper at Woodbine at \$325,000, won the Northern Dancer Turf Stakes (G1T) at Woodbine in 2017 and is also up for champion turf male.

Dalos could very well win his first Sovereign for outstanding breeder as he bred the earners of more than \$2.3 million on the year.

Dalos' own runners won 17 races in 2017, more than any other year, and earned nearly \$1.3 million.



Dalos with Richard Hogan at the '15 Canadian Premier yearling sale



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<b>BUCK POND FARM</b>		MR. Z	NG	<b>DARBY DAN FARM</b>	
CONVEYANCE	NG	MUSKETIER (GER)	NG	PROTONICO	NG
NIAGARA CAUSEWAY	NG	OPTIMIZER	NG	RUN AWAY AND HIDE	NG
V.E. DAY	NG	PRODUCER (GB)	NG	SKY KINGDOM	NG
WILCAT RED	NG	RAISON D'ETAT	NG	TALE OF EKATI	NG
<b>CALUMET FARM</b>		READY'S IMAGE	NG	<b>SPENDTHRIFT FARM</b>	
AIKENITE	NG	RED ROCKS (IRE)	NG	SHAKIN IT IP	NG
AMERICAIN	NG	SLUMBER (GB)	NG	<b>WINSTAR</b>	
BEHESHT (FR)	NG	SMARTY JONES	NG	GEMOLOGIST	NG
EYE OF THE LEOPARD	NG	SNAPY HALO (ARG)	NG	COMMISSIONER	NG
GREY SWALLOW (IRE)	NG	WAR CORRESPONDENT	NG	REVOLUTIONARY	NG

**OHIO**


<b>BLAZING MEADOWS FARM</b>		CITY WEEKEND	LF	VERTIFORMER	LF
ITSTHESAMEOLDSONG		<b>OLD SCHOOL THOROUGHBREDS, LLC</b>		ZIMMER	LF
<b>DIAMOND EYES FARM</b>		INDIAN EXPRESS	LF	<b>RAIMONDE FARMS</b>	
WILLIAM'S KITTEN	LF	<b>POPLAR CREEK HORSE CENTER, LLC</b>		ADDED EDGE	LF
<b>DUNCAN FARMS</b>		AENEAS	LF	HOSTILE TAKEOVER	LF
ANIMO DE VALEROSO	LF	BIRD RUN	LF	KENNEDY	LF
<b>FAIR WINDS FARM</b>		DAVID COPPERFIELD	LF	QUICK CHANGE	
KETTLE CORN	LF	FACTUM	LF	TROPICAL STORM	LF
MERCER MILL	LF	INDY WIND	LF	VAQUERO	LF
<b>MAPLETON THOROUGHBRED FARM</b>		KING OF THE ROXY	LF	<b>R.C. CLINE THOROUGHBRED FARM</b>	
AWESOME PATRIOT	LF	KISS THE GHOST	LF	WESTERN PRIDE	LF
COWTOWN CAT	LF	KISS THE KID	LF	<b>WIN ROW FARM</b>	
MOBILE	LF	LOUIE VILLAIN	LF	BIG ATLANTIC	LF
<b>McFADDEN FARM</b>		MIXMASTER	LF	MUSIC CITY	LF
KENTUCKY DANE	LF	PARENTS' REWARD	LF	SAME AS	
<b>MEADOW SPRINGS FARM</b>		TIDAL VOLUME	LF	STATE LINE	
		TWINSPIRED	LF		

**INDIANA**

<b>BREAKWAY FARM</b>		<b>INDIANA STALLION STATION</b>		VENTANA	NG
MONDAVI		ELITE SQUADRON	NG	INVASUS	NG
NOBLE'S PROMISE		DOMESTIC DISPUTE	NG	<b>R STAR STALLIONS</b>	
RIVER DANCER		HEAT SHIMMER	NG	CSABA	
SKYLORD		MUSTANFAR	NG	DEPUTY STORM	
TIMERAKER		ELNAAWI	NG	PRAYER FOR RELIEF	
TURBO COMPRESSOR		LENTENOR	NG	TAPRIZE	
<b>HIDDEN SPRINGS FARM</b>		SANTIVA	NG	WHAT NOW	
GENERAL A ROD		HUNT CROSSING	NG		

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## 2017 LEADING SIRES IN CANADA



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2018 Stud Fee Can\$	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2017 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>OLD FORESTER</b> (01, Forestry), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$4,000	117/69	3/10	2/3	(Pink Lloyd, \$512,636)	<b>\$3,511,214</b>	369	16	1.47	1.49
2	<b>SILENT NAME (JPN)</b> (02, Sunday Silence), Adena Springs North	\$10,000	107/53	6/8	5/6	(San Nicola Thunder, \$213,897)	<b>\$2,997,592</b>	*357	20	1.43	1.24
3	<b>MILWAUKEE BREW</b> (97, Wild Again), Adena Springs North	\$4,000	76/39	3/4	2/3	(Lilly's Goldie, \$148,788)	<b>\$1,859,452</b>	*547	24	1.19	1.44
4	<b>GIANT GIZMO</b> (04, Giant's Causeway), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	73/34	1/1	1/1	(Cooler Mike, \$99,148)	<b>\$1,510,473</b>	138	8	1.75	1.53
5	<b>SLIGO BAY (IRE)</b> (98, Sadler's Wells), Adena Springs North	\$4,000	48/22	1/2	0/1	(Gran Will, \$870,177)	<b>\$1,467,581</b>	*392	12	1.18	1.38
6	<b>WHERE'S THE RING</b> (99, Seeking the Gold), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,000	69/36	0/0	0/0	(Crumlin Queen, \$87,457)	<b>\$1,321,426</b>	333	9	1.31	1.35
7	<b>IMPERIALISM</b> (01, Langfuhr), Esquirol Farms	\$2,500	45/19	1/4	0/1	(Imperial Hint, \$660,350)	<b>\$1,247,417</b>	229	5	0.83	1.00
8	<b>WILKO</b> (02, Awesome Again)	N/A	71/32	2/5	0/2	(Melmich, \$313,755)	<b>\$1,207,572</b>	*236	6	1.04	1.19
9	<b>JERSEY TOWN</b> (06, Speightstown), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	48/24	1/2	1/1	(Jersey Justice, \$140,376)	<b>\$1,160,448</b>	*84	1	0.89	1.21
10	<b>ROSBERG</b> (01, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2014	48/30	3/4	1/3	(Anstrum, \$92,398)	<b>\$749,221</b>	86	10	0.86	0.85
11	<b>VALUE PLUS</b> (01, Unbridled's Song), Strideaway Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	27/17	0/0	0/0	(Long On Value, \$302,225)	<b>\$687,041</b>	*358	3	0.94	1.11
12	<b>SIGNATURE RED</b> (06, Bernstein), Adena Springs North	\$3,000	17/14	1/1	1/1	(Red Explosion, \$109,131)	<b>\$650,417</b>	43	2	1.98	1.13
13	<b>KENTUCKY BEAR</b> (05, Mr. Greeley), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	Private	35/22	0/0	0/0	(Nupogodi, \$69,602)	<b>\$573,724</b>	69	2	1.17	1.27
14	<b>SECOND IN COMMAND</b> (00, Silver Deputy), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	51/26	1/1	1/1	(Morning Blurs, \$62,194)	<b>\$531,516</b>	112	6	0.71	0.79
15	<b>STORM VICTORY</b> (00, Storm Cat), Klimes Farm	\$2,000	47/28	1/1	1/1	(Power Corrupt, \$68,664)	<b>\$531,348</b>	223	7	0.54	0.63

## IVAN DALOS – OWNER STATISTICS since 2000

Year	Starts	Wins	Earnings
2017	99	17	\$1,296,660
2016	89	14	1,345,524
2015	87	16	\$1,217,797
2014	84	15	\$1,136,120
2013	46	8	\$450,730
2012	41	7	\$324,081
2011	66	7	\$307,668
2010	107	13	\$463,947
2009	116	16	\$391,453
2008	60	10	\$214,847
2007	64	9	\$198,809
2006	30	4	\$185,507
2005	54	8	\$232,884
2004	93	13	\$466,158
2003	85	8	\$351,673
2002	62	7	\$325,770
2001	65	6	\$311,463
2000	46	5	\$548,067

(Courtesy Equibase)

"I try to breed every horse to the best of my ability and by what I can afford," said Dalos, 76. "I breed every horse as if I am going to race it, too. But I have to sell some."

Dalos has 20 mares this year plus 14 juveniles in training. Josie Carroll, trainer of Ami's Mesa, is his main conditioner. Mike DePaulo also trained for him in 2017.

Ami's Mesa has returned to training in Florida and will be pointed toward another run at the Breeders' Cup, this year to be held at Churchill Downs.

A devoted family man, Dalos is hoping Irene will be well enough

## IVAN DALOS BREEDERS' STATISTICS since 2014

Year	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2017	234	36	33	23	\$2,371,746
2016	212	32	27	29	\$2,181,103
2015	193	28	25	28	\$1,675,751
2014	182	29	24	19	\$1,384,122

(Jockey Club Information Systems)



Norse Ridge Farms' Darlene and Rene Hunderup

to attend the awards ceremony in April. Irene suffered a stroke in mid-January and Dalos has put everything horse-related on hold while he stays with his wife through rehabilitation.

"I love the sport, and I love the animals; that's why I am in the business," said Dalos. "But my wife is my focus right now. I started Tall Oaks for her and my daughters."

Jennifer Morrison is the Canadian correspondent for BloodHorse.

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\*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.