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# Blue Bayou

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BY GARY McMILLEN / PHOTOS BY MARSHALL BLEVINS



**Dex Comardelle and his sister Kristen own and operate Blue Star Racing**

**IT'S LATE AFTERNOON** on the bayou in Lafourche Parish, La. Wet burlap sacks of raw oysters piled up on the patio to be shucked. Seventy-five pounds of crawfish are reaching a peak cayenne-pepper boil. Spicy crabs and steaming shrimp spread out on the picnic table next to a pot of red beans and rice. Take your pick between platters of barbeque ribs and potato salad or a bowl of etouffee. Ice chests stocked with cold beer and soft drinks under the shade of the magnolia

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Sire of '18 Stakes Horses OURS TO RUN, Won Louisiana Premier Night Matron! and INVENIAM VIAM, (\$358,589) placed in Marie G. Krantz Memorial S.,

Sire of GENTLEMEN'S BET (\$744,155) G1 Xpressbet Breeders' Cup Sprint placed SW.

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## STAR GUITAR

Quiet American-Minit Towinit

### #2 LOUISIANA SIRE

Ranked 13th in N.A. Among 3rd Crop Sires

Givemeaminit, ran 3rd in the G1 HOPEFUL STAKES at Saratoga in his 2nd start at 2

#1-2017 2ND CROP SIRE IN LOUISIANA by earnings, winners and Stakes Winners!

\*Among Stallions that stood in Louisiana for 2017

#1- 2017 JUVENILE SIRE IN LOUISIANA

17% stakes runners ~ Already 3 stakes horses in 2018; TESTING ONE TWO, Won Take Charge Brandi S.; Double Star, placed in Big Drama S.; Shamrock Star, placed in Louisiana Premier Night Matron.

Fee: \$6,500 Live Foal, 9-1 or \$7,500 LFSN • Nominated to Breeders' Cup Enrolled in eNicks, G1 Goldmine Stallion Match and TrueNicks



## CUSTOM FOR CARLOS

More Than Ready-Meadow Oaks

### #3 LOUISIANA SIRE

Ranked 9th in N.A. Among 4th Crop Sires

Sire of BIG WORLD G1 LaTroienne Winner, '17 Louisiana Bred Champion Older Filly or Mare & '16 Louisiana Bred Champion 3YO filly At 2, won the \$200K G3 Tempted Stakes.

LA LEADING 1ST 2ND & 3RD CROP SIRE

Sire of '18 Stakes horses MONTE MAN, Won Louisiana Premier Night Sprint, READY PROSPECTOR, 2nd Louisiana Premier Night Prince. Tensas Secret, 3rd G3 Clasico Jorge Washington S., Gracida, 3rd Crescent City Derby.

2YO Full Brother to GSW BIG WORLD sold for \$400,000 at FTFB17

2yos have sold for \$160K, \$125K, \$80K, \$75K, \$55K, \$50K, etc.

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**b.f. by Majesticperfection-Star Celebrity** By MAJESTICPERFECTIO, G1SW. Proven G1 sire. Out of a stakes placed winning and producing LOUIS QUATORZE mare (a half-sister to G1 placed Givemeaminit). Dam of French Celebrity. From a black type female family.

**ch.f. by Songandaprayer-Those Lion Eyes** By SONGANDAPRAYER, G1SW. Graded Stakes Sire. Sire of 38 Black Type Winners. Out of a stakes placed winning LION HEART mare. From a black type female family

**b.c. by Star Guitar-Tonight's Wager** By STAR GUITAR. All time leading Louisiana-bred earner. G1 Stakes Sire. #2 Leading Louisiana Sire. Out of a Champion stakes winning and producing VALID WAGER mare. Dam of 7 starters, all winners including stakes placed Zippy Wager, Hello From Heaven, etc. From a black type female family.



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## 2018 LEADING SIRES IN LOUISIANA



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2018 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wns	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2018 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>HALF OURS</b> (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud	\$5,000	69/25	1/1	1/1	(Ours to Run, \$99,500)	<b>\$752,602</b>	*415	20	1.02	1.17
2	<b>STAR GUITAR</b> (05, Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud	\$7,500	43/14	1/2	0/1	(Testing One Two, \$85,000)	<b>\$587,656</b>	94	5	1.15	1.15
3	<b>CUSTOM FOR CARLOS</b> (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,500	57/15	1/2	1/1	(Monte Man, \$135,000)	<b>\$526,783</b>	174	5	0.93	1.01
4	<b>ASTROLOGY</b> (08, A.P. Indy), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$4,000	52/16	0/0	0/0	(Heartfullofstars, \$75,640)	<b>\$477,581</b>	*182	2	0.89	1.26
5	<b>D'WILDCAT</b> (98, Forest Wildcat), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$2,500	51/14	0/0	0/0	(Guns Loaded, \$81,733)	<b>\$404,441</b>	*470	16	1.30	1.22
6	<b>REDDING COLLIERY</b> (06, Mineshaft), Red River Farms	\$2,000	38/9	0/0	0/0	(Red Wined Up, \$41,220)	<b>\$355,637</b>	75	1	0.72	1.39
7	<b>YANKEE GENTLEMAN</b> (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$2,500	47/9	0/0	0/0	(Adios Yankee, \$66,400)	<b>\$322,235</b>	*525	21	1.07	1.18
8	<b>FOREFATHERS</b> (04, Gone West)	N/A	48/10	0/0	0/0	(Overthegardengate, \$65,600)	<b>\$313,729</b>	179	1	0.60	1.07
9	<b>MY PAL CHARLIE</b> (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	47/10	0/0	0/0	(Tammany Parkway, \$32,430)	<b>\$308,316</b>	168	2	0.74	1.07
10	<b>MASS MEDIA</b> (01, Touch Gold), Red River Farms	\$1,500	42/8	0/0	0/0	(Yes Gorgeous, \$57,400)	<b>\$292,956</b>	*232	4	1.05	1.03
11	<b>RUN PRODUCTION</b> (00, Saint Ballado), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$1,500	38/8	0/0	0/0	(Bill's Production, \$29,040)	<b>\$278,638</b>	231	8	1.03	0.93
12	<b>GREELEY'S GALAXY</b> (02, Mr. Greeley)	Died	36/9	0/0	0/0	(Mariah's Galaxy, \$54,200)	<b>\$273,757</b>	167	2	1.04	1.03
13	<b>INTERACTIF</b> (07, Broken Vow), Red River Farms	\$2,000	24/8	0/0	0/0	(Miss Sid N Say, \$36,650)	<b>\$231,572</b>	72	1	0.75	1.08
14	<b>LINE OF DAVID</b> (07, Lion Heart), Red River Farms	\$2,500	43/9	0/0	0/0	(Line Drive, \$45,591)	<b>\$230,569</b>	232	3	0.99	1.10
15	<b>LION TAMER</b> (00, Will's Way)	Pnsd	29/6	0/0	0/0	(Fame Feather, \$40,800)	<b>\$206,938</b>	148	2	0.74	1.04
16	<b>DUE DATE</b> (05, El Prado), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,000	21/7	1/1	1/1	(Gladiousawme, \$72,000)	<b>\$197,425</b>	83	1	0.60	0.76
17	<b>TENPINS</b> (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	27/8	0/0	0/0	(Queeten, \$40,840)	<b>\$186,188</b>	*379	8	0.86	1.03
18	<b>CLOSING ARGUMENT</b> (02, Successful Appeal), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$3,000	27/10	0/0	0/0	(Argumentally Elle, \$24,130)	<b>\$180,733</b>	*468	18	1.21	1.14
19	<b>BIND</b> (08, Pulpit), Red River Farms	\$1,500	15/4	1/1	1/1	(La Mistake, \$72,000)	<b>\$168,990</b>	51	1	0.77	1.03
20	<b>LONE STAR SPECIAL</b> (05, Malabar Gold), Horse of Course	\$2,500	11/1	1/2	1/1	(Mobile Bay, \$147,000)	<b>\$164,075</b>	59	3	1.52	1.11
21	<b>TIZ THE ONE</b> (07, Tiznow)	N/A	23/5	0/0	0/0	(Blessed Song, \$34,830)	<b>\$153,758</b>	79	1	0.65	0.94
22	<b>COURT VISION</b> (05, Gulch), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$3,500	25/8	0/0	0/0	(Courtmeewithcarats, \$20,530)	<b>\$152,052</b>	*249	6	1.09	1.50
23	<b>HONEST MAN</b> (04, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	22/6	0/0	0/0	(Honest Tina, \$46,200)	<b>\$150,157</b>	68	0	0.37	1.22
24	<b>SAINT AFLEET</b> (01, Northern Afleet), Landlock Equine	\$1,500	20/6	0/0	0/0	(County Coroner, \$25,200)	<b>\$137,357</b>	105	3	0.68	0.86
25	<b>TIME BANDIT</b> (96, Time for a Change), Averett Farm	\$1,000	23/3	0/0	0/0	(King Bandit, \$28,410)	<b>\$119,841</b>	287	4	0.85	0.89
26	<b>BEHINDATTHEBAR</b> (05, Forest Wildcat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$2,000	19/4	0/0	0/0	(River Bobcat, \$57,600)	<b>\$112,242</b>	103	0	0.57	0.83
27	<b>SMOOTH AIR</b> (05, Smooth Jazz), Gulf Coast Equine	\$2,500	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Miso Smooth, \$24,800)	<b>\$110,122</b>	63	0	0.52	0.74
28	<b>MAUK FOUR</b> (00, Boston Harbor)	N/A	16/4	0/0	0/0	(Doc's Rocket, \$34,480)	<b>\$98,421</b>	76	0	0.63	0.83
29	<b>ZONG</b> (05, Unbridled's Song), Indian Creek Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Zyanara, \$55,400)	<b>\$91,830</b>	35	0	0.95	0.91
30	<b>SUN KING</b> (02, Charismatic)	N/A	22/4	0/0	0/0	(King Sniper, \$26,550)	<b>\$90,392</b>	277	2	0.69	0.98
31	<b>LEWIS MICHAEL</b> (03, Rahy), Circle H Farms	\$2,500	15/4	0/0	0/0	(My Belle Michelle, \$35,900)	<b>\$89,215</b>	128	3	0.78	1.09
32	<b>PROUDINSKY (GER)</b> (03, Silvano), All Star Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Proud Italian, \$18,389)	<b>\$84,784</b>	41	0	0.41	0.78
33	<b>GOLD TRIBUTE</b> (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms	\$2,000	14/2	0/0	0/0	(Tortuga Rio, \$27,750)	<b>\$79,905</b>	*492	14	0.96	1.05
34	<b>IDE</b> (93, Forty Niner)	Pnsd	19/4	0/0	0/0	(Ide Stang You, \$24,400)	<b>\$77,775</b>	589	15	1.05	1.04
35	<b>TETON FOREST</b> (01, Forestry), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Forest Mouse, \$16,300)	<b>\$66,650</b>	*236	3	0.78	1.00
36	<b>CHOOSING CHOICE</b> (93, Unreal Zeal)	N/A	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Vastjesus, \$58,200)	<b>\$66,210</b>	153	0	0.55	0.53
37	<b>FLASHPOINT</b> (08, Pomeroy), Le Mesa Stallions	\$1,500	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Suckerforagrey, \$11,660)	<b>\$64,182</b>	53	0	0.43	0.83
38	<b>SILENT PLEASURE</b> (03, Real Quiet)	N/A	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Deep End, \$18,300)	<b>\$60,940</b>	39	0	0.39	0.59
39	<b>RULER'S COURT</b> (01, Doneraile Court), Holly Hill Farm	\$1,000	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Ms Sassy Butclassy, \$18,800)	<b>\$58,090</b>	131	0	0.57	0.72
40	<b>JOE'S SON JOEY</b> (98, Fast Play), Averett Farm	\$1,000	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Why Joey Why, \$37,800)	<b>\$54,240</b>	31	0	0.99	0.96
41	<b>CALIBRACHOA</b> (07, Southern Image), Red River Farms	\$2,000	12/0	0/0	0/0	(Jalen Hurts, \$15,270)	<b>\$53,910</b>	37	0	0.57	1.39
42	<b>ROYAL STRAND (IRE)</b> (94, Royal Academy)	N/A	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Lurey An, \$38,000)	<b>\$52,550</b>	108	2	0.80	0.79
43	<b>GIGAWATT</b> (00, Wild Again)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Shea's Lil Shug, \$28,050)	<b>\$45,684</b>	44	0	0.44	0.66
44	<b>ETBAUER</b> (96, Silver Deputy), Averett Farm	\$1,000	7/0	0/0	0/0	(Glitz N Glam, \$19,620)	<b>\$44,560</b>	135	4	0.70	0.75
45	<b>FLASHY WISE CAT</b> (05, Catastrophe), Le Mesa Stallions	Private	5/1	0/0	0/0	(My Wise Cat, \$25,200)	<b>\$44,035</b>	14	0	0.49	0.78
46	<b>ORTHODOX</b> (06, Pulpit), Peach Lane Farms	\$1,000	17/1	0/0	0/0	(Black Justice, \$13,280)	<b>\$41,060</b>	83	0	0.34	0.62
47	<b>CLEVER CRY</b> (06, Street Cry)	Died	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Clever Racer, \$16,420)	<b>\$40,860</b>	52	1	0.44	0.76
48	<b>CRIDER</b> (07, Closing Argument), Sebastien Farm	Private	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Hawaiian Appeal, \$32,000)	<b>\$32,000</b>	14	0	0.87	0.74
49	<b>GRAND APPOINTMENT</b> (98, Unbridled)	Died, 2015	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Gotta Go First, \$9,430)	<b>\$27,950</b>	85	2	0.88	0.83
50	<b>SORCERER'S STONE</b> (03, Gulch)	N/A	9/0	0/0	0/0	(Ben's Magic Stone, \$9,130)	<b>\$27,294</b>	81	0	0.41	0.63

tree. It's just an informal get-together for members of a hunting and fishing club and their families. In the backyard, all of the boys are playing football.

All of the boys except one. On this

first Saturday in May, 13-year-old Dex Comardelle is alone in the living room glued to the television and watching live coverage of the 2004 Kentucky Derby (G1).

"To this day I can't tell you how or why, but

as I listened to the announcers talk about all the different horses, it was Smarty Jones that grabbed my attention. There was so much energy around that race. I became a horse racing fan in that moment."

### 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 2014 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through April 15, 2018. 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 2017 is \$22,593 or 47% of the 2017 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 47% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 15%; Singapore by 68%. 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.

\*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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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2018 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2018 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>WILBURN</b> (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$3,500	84/19	1/2	0/1	(Afleet Willy, \$120,000)	<b>\$489,577</b>	*290	6	0.80	1.11
2	<b>POLLARD'S VISION</b> (01, Carson City), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	39/13	1/1	0/1	(Vision Perfect, \$53,385)	<b>\$379,893</b>	*711	19	1.21	1.19
3	<b>AMERICAN LION</b> (07, Tiznow), River Oaks Farms	\$1,000	37/13	0/0	0/0	(Maria Rose, \$30,400)	<b>\$273,883</b>	*181	1	0.72	1.06
4	<b>MAGNA GRADUATE</b> (02, Honor Grades), Brewster Ranch	\$2,500	31/7	0/0	0/0	(Bellarmine, \$73,484)	<b>\$228,161</b>	*223	6	0.96	1.03
5	<b>LATENT HEAT</b> (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farms	\$1,500	40/9	0/0	0/0	(Rocket Heat, \$46,845)	<b>\$215,518</b>	*339	5	0.88	1.09
6	<b>ORATORY</b> (02, Pulpit)	Died, 2016	24/7	0/0	0/0	(Preacher Time, \$22,500)	<b>\$206,089</b>	*222	5	1.14	1.14
7	<b>EUROEARS</b> (04, Langfuhr), J & M Equine Reproduction Center	\$1,500	29/9	0/0	0/0	(Three Chords, \$39,911)	<b>\$180,048</b>	109	3	0.95	0.94
8	<b>MR. NIGHTLINGER</b> (04, Indian Charlie)	Died	32/9	0/0	0/0	(Michelle's Grace, \$31,421)	<b>\$171,657</b>	175	4	0.63	0.86
9	<b>READ THE FOOTNOTES</b> (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farms	\$1,000	20/6	0/0	0/0	(Proletariat, \$32,328)	<b>\$123,167</b>	*334	19	1.30	1.16
10	<b>CHIT0Z</b> (05, Forest Wildcat), River Oaks Farms	\$1,500	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Okie Diva, \$50,750)	<b>\$120,126</b>	45	1	0.73	0.95
11	<b>SPECIAL RATE</b> (00, Pulpit), Glasses Creek Ranch	\$2,000	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Patrona Margarita, \$58,000)	<b>\$112,190</b>	174	4	0.57	0.65
12	<b>CACTUS RIDGE</b> (01, Hennessy)	Pnsd	26/4	0/0	0/0	(Smack Ridge, \$25,142)	<b>\$108,363</b>	*457	23	1.24	1.03
13	<b>KIPLING</b> (96, Gulch)	Pnsd	32/5	0/0	0/0	(Dubdubwatson, \$13,860)	<b>\$103,131</b>	356	9	0.98	0.89
14	<b>LIQUOR CABINET (IRE)</b> (01, Hennessy), Oklahoma Equine	\$1,000	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Only Liquor, \$45,700)	<b>\$99,282</b>	90	1	0.57	0.88
15	<b>SAVE BIG MONEY</b> (03, Storm Cat), Mighty Acres	\$1,500	25/5	0/0	0/0	(Inagoodway, \$19,250)	<b>\$91,910</b>	117	2	0.72	0.97
16	<b>MAIMONIDES</b> (05, Vindication), J&M Equine Reproduction Center	\$1,500	18/4	0/0	0/0	(Sailer's Companion, \$15,670)	<b>\$73,932</b>	*106	1	0.73	2.04
17	<b>DA STOOPS</b> (03, Distorted Humor), Rockin BB Ranch	\$1,000	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Da Wildcat Girl, \$27,700)	<b>\$64,068</b>	*89	1	1.05	1.04
18	<b>TACTICAL CAT</b> (96, Storm Cat), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	18/5	0/0	0/0	(Dazzling Okie, \$21,620)	<b>\$60,425</b>	615	24	1.00	1.18
19	<b>AFFIRMATIF</b> (06, Unbridled's Song), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	16/2	0/0	0/0	(Affirming, \$32,453)	<b>\$59,825</b>	73	1	0.50	0.81
20	<b>BURBANK</b> (93, Wild Again)	N/A	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Crossingtherubicon, \$9,448)	<b>\$34,796</b>	183	3	0.68	0.73
21	<b>SERVICE STRIPE</b> (91, Deputy Minister)	Died	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Smooth Service, \$10,368)	<b>\$27,734</b>	394	19	1.15	0.99
22	<b>THE VISUALISER</b> (03, Giant's Causeway), Mighty Acres	\$1,500	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Dreamers Vision, \$16,433)	<b>\$26,624</b>	68	2	0.68	0.85
23	<b>KENNEDY</b> (08, A.P. Indy)	N/A	13/1	0/0	0/0	(K Kash, \$5,902)	<b>\$20,875</b>	42	0	0.62	1.16
24	<b>WESTERN EXPRESSION</b> (96, Gone West), Kirton Farms	\$1,500	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Western Tryst, \$6,039)	<b>\$17,711</b>	*374	4	1.06	1.25
25	<b>FOREIGN POLICY</b> (02, Danzig), River Oaks Farms, Inc.	\$1,250	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Cheyenne Blues, \$12,192)	<b>\$17,637</b>	40	1	0.99	0.83
26	<b>WAUPACA</b> (00, Forest Wildcat), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Linda's Victory, \$9,644)	<b>\$16,503</b>	44	0	0.23	0.96
27	<b>RAGE</b> (93, Gulch)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Tequila Rage, \$15,238)	<b>\$15,238</b>	98	0	0.62	0.90
28	<b>FIVE STAR PROSPECT</b> (08, Five Star Day)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Five Star Kip, \$15,023)	<b>\$15,023</b>	2	0	0.42	0.00
29	<b>GOING WILD</b> (02, Golden Missile)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(J P Gluxx, \$10,105)	<b>\$11,743</b>	37	1	0.61	0.69
30	<b>DOCTOR CHIT</b> (09, War Front), Royal Vista Ranches LLC	\$2,500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Booneville Chapel, \$9,450)	<b>\$10,435</b>	24	0	0.07	0.69

With the spark of inspiration lit, the teenage Comardelle (born and raised in Raceland, La.) took the bit and followed the career of Smarty Jones. "At that time it was 26 years that we did not have a Triple

Crown winner," Comardelle remembered. "I could feel the excitement grow race by race. Through the instant infatuation I had for that one horse, I got to experience the ups and downs of the industry. I was

hooked. I had no idea where it would lead, but I knew horse racing would be a big part of my life."

Once an imagination is captured, passion is difficult to extinguish. Comardelle



Multiple grade 1 winner Real Solution stands at Blue Star; right, in front of the farm's main barn



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2018 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2018 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	PRIMARY SUSPECT (01, Hennessy)	N/A	39/11	0/0	0/0	(K J's Nobility, \$102,332)	\$408,232	171	4	0.75	1.16
2	PORTOBELLO ROAD (04, Storm Cat)	Died	25/11	0/0	0/0	(Fetch's Mon, \$47,795)	\$307,754	150	1	0.76	0.90
3	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,000	32/9	0/0	0/0	(Zack Ridge Road, \$38,000)	\$263,167	*670	13	1.06	1.14
4	JONESBORO (02, Sefapiano), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$500	25/8	0/0	0/0	(Hoonani Road, \$119,400)	\$259,025	79	2	0.75	0.77
5	STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat), Tommy Ives Thoroughbreds	Private	16/3	1/1	1/1	(J. E.'s Handmedown, \$125,500)	\$239,125	452	20	0.76	0.93
6	ORDAINED (08, Pulpit), Starfish Stallions	\$1,000	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Ministry, \$156,000)	\$181,646	40	1	0.67	0.75
7	MACHO ROCKET (09, Macho Uno), Starfish Stallions	\$1,000	5/4	0/0	0/0	(Firewater Rocket, \$88,800)	\$144,278	26	0	0.61	0.84
8	DOUBLE IRISH (11, Tapit), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Dutch Treat, \$107,250)	\$141,815	16	0	0.78	0.94
9	CINNAMON CREEK (95, Darn That Alarm), Three Boys Stables	\$500	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Acumen, \$56,239)	\$112,544	116	0	0.59	0.68
10	ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev)	Died, 2017	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Zarb's Gift, \$42,220)	\$93,066	*376	13	1.05	0.82
11	SPOTSGONE (03, Bright Launch)	N/A	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Spotitude, \$50,294)	\$84,501	28	0	0.32	0.75
12	COMMANDER'S SHOES (03, Deputy Commander), Rafter R Ranch	\$1,500	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Guska Mon Shoes, \$38,900)	\$77,291	68	0	0.60	0.81
13	THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center	\$1,500	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Macandales, \$23,915)	\$74,023	*161	5	1.02	1.14
14	STRYKER (04, Mr. Greeley)	N/A	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Stryker Man, \$22,900)	\$71,541	27	0	0.33	0.75
15	HAMAZING DESTINY (06, Salt Lake), Starfish Stallions	\$1,000	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Reef's Destiny, \$25,660)	\$69,709	23	0	0.54	0.89
16	SEA PRINCE (05, Storm Cat)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Kauai Nana, \$43,850)	\$67,164	33	0	0.35	0.65
17	SONNY DOM'S DAY (03, T. G. Dewey), Crystal Creek Equine	Private	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Midnight Ruler, \$65,100)	\$65,100	6	0	0.99	2.57
18	HIGH CASCADE (98, Woodman), Cornerstone Farms	\$500	10/1	0/0	0/0	(Red Kingdom Star, \$13,800)	\$39,122	*178	1	0.49	0.63
19	GLORIOUS BID (98, Honour and Glory)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Light Bound Bid, \$24,903)	\$27,963	50	0	0.33	0.38
20	MYKINDACANDY (07, Candy Ride), Robert's Racing Stable	\$500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Smellin Candy, \$25,012)	\$25,317	25	0	0.23	0.53
21	POMATINI (05, Lemon Drop Kid), Matthews Farm	Private	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Picking Roses, \$15,670)	\$22,118	27	0	0.29	0.25
22	G. W.'S SKIPPIE (00, Skip Away), Wolfe Farm	\$1,000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Skip the Pinot, \$14,200)	\$19,590	15	1	1.10	1.08

went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in business with a concentration in hospitality management from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. His higher education was capped with an MBA from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. With his educational foundation in place, Dex and his father, Ricky, began a unique business venture called Go-Motel, which provided portable housing, services, and luxury-level accommodations for oil field workers and staff in the Gulf of Mexico.

Comardelle was living the life of coats and ties in the corporate boardroom, but the horses were tugging at his sleeve to re-

turn to the tack room. His sister Kristen was given a Thoroughbred mare to train as a barrel racer.

"Funny how things work out," Comardelle said. "With that mare we started developing a small ranch. It made sense. Our family had pleasure horses our whole lives. The farm would be a place for friends and family to keep and enjoy time with their horses. It was as simple as that."

Two paths emerged in the woods for Comardelle, and he decided to take both of them. Putting it all together, a career background in the hospitality business merged and blended with his passion for horses.

"A vision developed," Comardelle said. "My heart started pumping with possibilities. I got the adrenaline to take it a step further and get into commercial breeding. I spent a year looking at bloodlines, visiting farms in Ocala and Lexington for inspiration and layout ideas, and then finally going out and around to purchase some broodmares."

On a secluded and shaded country road outside of Scott, La., the end result of Comardelle's singular drive has evolved into Louisiana's latest Thoroughbred breeding farm. Blue Star Racing is a diamond in the rough. You might need to pinch yourself

## 2018 OKLAHOMA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Wilburn	84	19
Pollard's Vision	39	13
American Lion	37	13
Latent Heat	40	9
Mr. Nightlinger	32	9
Euroears	29	9
Magna Graduate	31	7
Oratory	24	7
Read the Footnotes	20	6
Kipling	32	5
Save Big Money	25	5
Tactical Cat	18	5
Cactus Ridge	26	4
Maimonides	18	4
Chitoz	14	4
Special Rate	14	4
Burbank	16	3
Liquor Cabinet (IRE)	16	3



The Comardelles lead broodmares out to their paddock



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2018 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2018 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>EZ EFFORT</b> (09, In Excess), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Fortified Effort, \$20,160)	<b>\$86,329</b>	25	1	0.96	1.08
2	<b>DISTORTED REALITY</b> (04, Distorted Humor), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	18/6	0/0	0/0	(Dances for Kamia, \$13,310)	<b>\$69,814</b>	122	1	0.41	0.83
3	<b>TOP HIT</b> (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	24/5	0/0	0/0	(Top Tizzy, \$19,600)	<b>\$66,804</b>	115	5	0.83	0.86
4	<b>MARGIE'S WILDCAT</b> (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	18/5	0/0	0/0	(Mintenzed, \$10,408)	<b>\$50,599</b>	139	0	0.65	0.82
5	<b>EZ DREAMER</b> (05, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	16/2	0/0	0/0	(Dreamy Gal, \$12,665)	<b>\$41,413</b>	44	1	0.55	0.86
6	<b>SUPAH BLITZ</b> (00, Mecke)	Died, 2017	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Moblidixie, \$10,486)	<b>\$31,088</b>	65	0	0.42	0.74
7	<b>CHELOKEE</b> (04, Cherokee Run)	Died, 2014	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Hawkeye Gold, \$7,453)	<b>\$21,603</b>	49	0	0.44	0.78
8	<b>RED SKY'S</b> (96, Skywalker)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Vermilion Sky's, \$6,110)	<b>\$10,280</b>	118	2	0.40	0.46

upon arrival at the spacious and immaculate property. The overall design of the layout, modern barns, and 100 acres of lush grass with a lake is a bit startling.

Don't fence me in. Each of the 10 paddocks at Blue Star is the size of a rugby field. Lay-ups, mare care, and foal-outs are

## 2018 LOUISIANA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Half Ours	69	25
Astrology	52	16
Custom for Carlos	57	15
D'wildcat	51	14
Star Guitar	43	14
Forefathers	48	10
My Pal Charlie	47	10
Closing Argument	27	10
Yankee Gentleman	47	9
Line of David	43	9
Redding Colliery	38	9
Greeley's Galaxy	36	9
Mass Media	42	8
Run Production	38	8
Tenpins	27	8
Court Vision	25	8
Interactif	24	8
Due Date	21	7
Lion Tamer	29	6
Honest Man	22	6
Saint Afleet	20	6
Smooth Air	17	6
Tiz the One	23	5
Sun King	22	4
Behindatthebar	19	4
Ide	19	4
Mauk Four	16	4
Bind	15	4
Lewis Michael	15	4
Proudinsky (GER)	12	4
Time Bandit	23	3
Flashpoint	16	3
Silent Pleasure	11	3
Teton Forest	9	3



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by A.P. Indy)  
*Sire of two-time 2017  
SW INAGOODWAY (\$234,487)*  
2018 FEE: \$1,500



**THE VISUALISER**  
(Giant's Causeway-Smokey Mirage,  
by Holy Bull)  
*Sire of two-time WRD  
Horse of the Meet WELDER (\$308,901)*  
2018 FEE: \$1,500



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							2018 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>ATTILA'S STORM</b> (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	60/19	0/0	0/0	(Tilla Cat, \$68,000)	<b>\$457,759</b>	242	17	1.15	0.82
2	<b>ROLL HENNESSY ROLL</b> (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$2,500	35/11	0/0	0/0	(Hennessy Express, \$111,963)	<b>\$333,739</b>	180	10	0.94	0.97
3	<b>DIABOLICAL</b> (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	50/18	0/0	0/0	(Diabolical Gator, \$40,020)	<b>\$300,247</b>	165	10	0.96	0.92
4	<b>QUINTON'S GOLD</b> (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm	\$5,000	35/13	0/0	0/0	(He's Another Who, \$33,100)	<b>\$270,144</b>	149	10	1.23	0.87
5	<b>SOUTHWESTERN HEAT</b> (04, Gone West)	Died, 2017	33/11	0/0	0/0	(Stealing Home, \$37,921)	<b>\$220,380</b>	*112	3	0.67	0.94
6	<b>INDIAN FIREWATER</b> (07, Indian Charlie)	Died, 2017	31/8	0/0	0/0	(Movin On, \$40,850)	<b>\$208,540</b>	64	2	0.71	1.20
7	<b>FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN)</b> (97, Sunday Silence), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$2,000	26/9	0/0	0/0	(Sunday Rose, \$39,200)	<b>\$206,979</b>	118	4	0.68	0.84
8	<b>SONG OF NAVARONE</b> (04, Sultry Song)	N/A	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Blazing Navarone, \$111,000)	<b>\$164,620</b>	33	0	0.80	0.88
9	<b>DOME</b> (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm	\$2,500	23/5	0/0	0/0	(Thunder Dome, \$68,880)	<b>\$135,782</b>	254	7	0.73	0.79
10	<b>PRO PRADO</b> (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$2,000	17/5	0/0	0/0	(Citizen Geller, \$51,740)	<b>\$131,621</b>	95	2	0.74	0.82
11	<b>ROMAN EMPEROR</b> (05, Empire Maker)	N/A	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Scarlet Streak, \$30,990)	<b>\$118,136</b>	22	1	0.55	0.84
12	<b>WEATHER WARNING</b> (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	20/4	0/0	0/0	(Western Warning, \$21,710)	<b>\$117,889</b>	*144	4	0.97	1.00
13	<b>MCKENNA'S JUSTICE</b> (07, Medaglia d'Oro), McKenna Thoroughbreds	Died, 2017	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Mc Miracle, \$37,020)	<b>\$112,183</b>	22	0	0.69	0.64
14	<b>MR. GOLD MOVER</b> (08, Mr. Greeley), Bar Y Equine	N/A	17/6	0/0	0/0	(M G Ms Golden Girl, \$20,720)	<b>\$111,540</b>	48	2	0.81	0.88
15	<b>DOMINIQUE'S CAT</b> (97, Storm Cat), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Skippity Do Dom, \$17,280)	<b>\$87,293</b>	111	2	0.80	0.61
16	<b>¶ ABSTRACTION</b> (10, Pulpit), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	3/1	1/1	1/1	(Hustle Up, \$86,793)	<b>\$86,971</b>	29	1	2.79	1.23
17	<b>SWISSLE STICK</b> (02, Swiss Yodeler), MJ Farms	\$1,500	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Sippin, \$74,880)	<b>\$80,756</b>	28	1	0.76	0.80
18	<b>SOURCE</b> (98, Montbrook)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Shining Source, \$71,000)	<b>\$78,140</b>	51	0	0.64	0.69
19	<b>THE WAY HOME</b> (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm	\$2,500	24/3	0/0	0/0	(Mo Ed Who, \$12,090)	<b>\$74,739</b>	124	5	0.80	0.97
20	<b>GOLDEN RANSOM</b> (99, Hennessy)	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(War Wounds, \$21,640)	<b>\$56,680</b>	119	0	0.49	0.83
21	<b>EVERYDAY HEROES</b> (06, Awesome Again)	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(La Jaquesita, \$21,290)	<b>\$53,562</b>	51	0	0.27	0.84
22	<b>KING BULL</b> (01, Holy Bull), Tucumcari Thoroughbreds	Private	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Unbelievabull, \$26,100)	<b>\$50,631</b>	28	3	1.25	0.60
23	<b>RIGHT RIGGER</b> (06, Unbridled's Song), Hunter Creek Farms	\$3,500	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Rig Time, \$20,140)	<b>\$44,831</b>	12	3	1.81	0.84
24	<b>NACIMIENTO</b> (05, Gone West), Crozier Farm	Private	3/1	0/0	0/0	(To Satisfy You, \$42,850)	<b>\$44,801</b>	26	0	0.66	0.82
25	<b>WESTERN GAMBLER</b> (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Roller, \$12,870)	<b>\$43,187</b>	43	1	0.84	1.52
26	<b>DELHOMME</b> (10, Dixie Union)	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Delovely Hips, \$14,320)	<b>\$39,435</b>	13	0	0.73	1.07
27	<b>MONTEREY JAZZ</b> (04, Thunderello)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Fastinating Allie, \$18,428)	<b>\$39,295</b>	25	0	0.40	0.59
28	<b>MR. TRIESTE</b> (01, Old Trieste), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Bad Rabbit, \$18,255)	<b>\$38,961</b>	51	1	0.60	0.86
29	<b>TO TERAS</b> (00, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Whatakiss, \$20,102)	<b>\$37,304</b>	83	1	0.80	0.58
30	<b>SILVER WAGON</b> (01, Wagon Limit)	N/A	17/2	0/0	0/0	(Jaspers Luck, \$9,100)	<b>\$37,100</b>	92	1	0.83	1.18

services provided by Comardelle and his sister.

Comardelle has been methodical and patient as well as a keen listener as he implements the phases of his master plan.

"I started off slow with one broodmare," he said. "We foaled out the baby and more followed. I needed to get my feet wet in the job before we started to go full throttle into commercial breeding. All the while, I have been learning from mentors. A lot of people have helped me out along the way when I was getting started. People around this part of the country are eager to help. It's in their nature."

Like time-lapse photography, the evolution and growth of Blue Star Racing has been dramatic. The blueprints needed continual revision as the seed sprouted into a plant.

"From what we originally had in mind, the plan kept changing," Comardelle explained. "The barns got bigger. The paddocks got bigger. The arena got bigger.



**Mr. Ken works with the Comardelles grooming and handling the horses**

Expansion became the word of the day."

Don't let the fancy wrapping around Blue Star fool you. First-class quality and environmental aesthetics are important to Comardelle, but the connecting thread

### 2018 NEW MEXICO SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Attila's Storm	60	19
Diabolical	50	18
Quinton's Gold	35	13
Roll Hennessy Roll	35	11
Southwestern Heat	33	11
Fusaichi Zenon (JPN)	26	9
Indian Firewater	31	8
Mr. Gold Mover	17	6
Dome	23	5
Pro Prado	17	5
Roman Emperor	10	5
Weather Warning	20	4
Song of Navarone	14	4
McKenna's Justice	9	4
The Way Home	24	3
Dominique's Cat	10	3
Everyday Heroes	10	3
Delhomme	5	3
Golden Ransom	5	3
Right Rigger	5	3
King Bull	4	3



Blue Star Farm is in a beautiful, secluded area outside Scott, La.

of the fabric is dedication to customer service.

“I’ve spent my whole life in business and hospitality,” Comardelle said. “I’ve learned that your customers have certain expectations. First and foremost, our clients love their horses. So whether it is the service

you provide or the quality of the facility or any number of factors, if and when you exceed those expectations they will be loyal, and you get repeat business.”

Leading with character, Comardelle has a management style that holds to the long view. “When we went to designing the type

of facility we wanted to create,” he said, “we wanted a place that would be first and foremost good for the animals. First-class care and attention. That is why we are in this business in the first place—because of our love for animals.”

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## ABSTRACTION, by Pulpit

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB, Sire), Where Stands	2018 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2018 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>TOO MUCH BLING</b> (03, Rubiano), Valor Farm	\$6,500	49/24	2/2	2/2	(Direct Dial, \$61,500)	<b>\$499,734</b>	241	26	1.14	1.06
2	<b>MY GOLDEN SONG</b> (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$5,000	29/11	3/3	3/3	(Howbouthiscowgirl, \$49,000)	<b>\$249,968</b>	144	12	1.01	1.06
3	<b>GRASSHOPPER</b> (04, Dixie Union), Valor Farm	\$3,500	35/6	0/0	0/0	(Delicious, \$18,000)	<b>\$124,350</b>	111	2	0.83	0.93
4	<b>LUNARPAL</b> (02, Successful Appeal)	N/A	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Mygirlfriday, \$31,127)	<b>\$108,650</b>	112	2	0.81	0.92
5	<b>STONESIDER</b> (03, Giant's Causeway), Valor Farm	\$2,000	10/4	0/0	0/0	(My Last Million, \$36,530)	<b>\$105,309</b>	*207	4	1.05	1.19
6	<b>CONGAREE</b> (98, Arazi), Valor Farm	\$3,000	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Howbouthemcowboys, \$18,826)	<b>\$97,972</b>	*384	13	1.24	1.37
7	<b>REVOLVING</b> (09, A.P. Indy), Double S Thoroughbreds	N/A	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Revolving Storm, \$31,540)	<b>\$96,109</b>	30	0	0.58	1.43
8	<b>LITTLEEXPECTATIONS</b> (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Daryl's Little Engine, \$33,033)	<b>\$72,551</b>	217	5	0.75	0.98
9	<b>EARLY FLYER</b> (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,500	24/3	0/0	0/0	(Sillis, \$11,559)	<b>\$68,921</b>	288	16	0.76	0.91
10	<b>INTIMIDATOR</b> (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	18/5	0/0	0/0	(Roundabout Robbie, \$21,730)	<b>\$65,691</b>	204	6	0.57	0.75
11	<b>DRUMS OF THUNDER</b> (04, Concerto)	N/A	7/2	1/1	1/1	(Witt's Town, \$34,488)	<b>\$54,743</b>	35	2	0.55	0.34
12	<b>FEARLESS EAGLE</b> (04, Invisible Ink)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Fearless Alex, \$25,144)	<b>\$51,678</b>	19	0	0.54	0.25
13	<b>EATON'S GIFT</b> (05, Johannesburg)	N/A	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Ramblin Fever, \$17,147)	<b>\$47,992</b>	58	0	0.44	0.59
14	<b>GAFF</b> (02, Maria's Mon)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Hook, \$21,100)	<b>\$44,848</b>	95	0	0.60	0.99
15	<b>RIVER SQUALL</b> (94, Summer Squall), Cedar Creek Farm	\$1,500	3/2	0/0	0/0	(River Miss, \$17,630)	<b>\$41,961</b>	90	3	0.58	0.72
16	<b>TOTAL COMMAND</b> (01, Forestry)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Back Stage Boy, \$32,576)	<b>\$36,914</b>	36	0	0.33	0.74
17	<b>UNBRIDLED'S HEART</b> (05, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2015	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Loaded Dynamite, \$17,770)	<b>\$35,686</b>	30	0	0.48	0.50
18	<b>STREET MOVE</b> (06, Street Cry)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Level Temper, \$16,180)	<b>\$34,329</b>	9	0	0.83	1.26
19	<b>CROSSBOW</b> (08, Bernardini), Valor Farm	\$2,000	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Pink Adobe, \$11,622)	<b>\$33,006</b>	33	1	0.56	1.14
20	<b>LIGHT UP THE SCORE</b> (08, Even the Score)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Light Up the Devil, \$22,960)	<b>\$32,919</b>	5	0	0.37	1.12
21	<b>UNCLE ABBIE</b> (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch	\$2,000	12/1	0/0	0/0	(Stillwater R., \$12,180)	<b>\$31,676</b>	250	7	0.65	0.64
22	<b>SCRIMSHAW</b> (00, Gulch)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Daggy, \$18,235)	<b>\$30,516</b>	*199	3	0.97	0.90
23	<b>WIMBLEDON</b> (01, Wild Rush), Key Ranch	\$2,000	8/1	0/0	0/0	(South Wimbledon, \$14,185)	<b>\$27,395</b>	135	4	0.74	0.76
24	<b>SPELLBINDER</b> (01, Tale of the Cat), Ivy Rose Equestrian Center	\$1,200	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Black Pearl, \$11,260)	<b>\$25,751</b>	37	1	0.98	1.16
25	<b>DAY OF THE CAT</b> (01, Storm Cat)	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Dia Del Cerdo, \$9,911)	<b>\$21,017</b>	66	0	0.57	0.68
26	<b>C'MON TIGER</b> (03, Storm Cat), Seven S Farms	\$800	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Don't Call Me Dude, \$15,700)	<b>\$20,805</b>	59	0	0.38	0.69
27	<b>SHERMANESQUE</b> (04, Fusaichi Pegasus), Broughton Farm	\$1,500	9/0	0/0	0/0	(Star Countess, \$5,700)	<b>\$16,810</b>	82	0	0.35	0.72
28	<b>CHIEF THREE SOX</b> (95, Chief Honcho)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Awesome J T, \$15,590)	<b>\$15,830</b>	46	2	0.61	0.72
29	<b>MULA GULA</b> (96, Lil E. Tee), Midas Hill Farm	Private	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Mula Mano, \$11,760)	<b>\$13,189</b>	41	0	0.41	0.54
30	<b>JET PHONE</b> (01, Phone Trick)	Died, 2016	3/2	0/0	0/0	(K C's Call, \$5,362)	<b>\$10,942</b>	42	3	0.91	1.10

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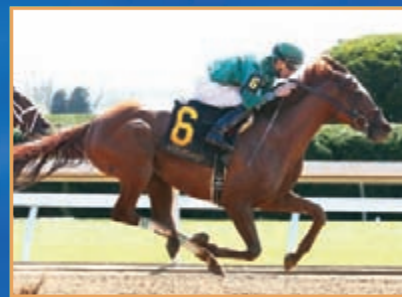
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First-class care and attention are hallmarks of Blue Star

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It's not all profit-driven. An example of Comardelle's core interest in caring for horses is the palomino rescue horse named Eclipse.

"He was in a real bad situation when we took him in, but he is safe and looks beautiful now."

The bright cherry on top of the Blue Star Racing pie is the stallion Real Solution.

Leased from Calumet Farm, the multiple grade 1 winner stands at Blue Star Racing for a stud fee of \$5,000. Muscular, tall, and handsome, 9-year-old Real Solution is a nationally recognized stallion who earned \$1,374,175 on the racetrack and retired sound. He won the Arlington Million Stakes (G1T) at 4 and the Knob Creek Manhattan Stakes (G1T) at 5. The son of Kitten's Joy placed in three more grade 1 events.

"Most of all, I was impressed with his looks," Comardelle recalled of the decision to secure Real Solution as a regional sire. "His conformation is excellent, and I knew he had the record to back him up. The (Ken and Sarah) Ramseys (who bred and raced Real Solution) had done a remarkable job with him throughout his career. Timing is everything, and now is the right time to bring him to Louisiana."

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Broodmare and foal go out for exercise

program was the March Ocala Breeders' Sales 2-year-olds in training sale. A pair of colts sired by Real Solution sold for a combined \$1 million.

With the die cast of having Real Solution standing in Louisiana, Comardelle is optimistic about the future.

"I'm convinced he is going to throw horses than can run on multiple surfaces and at multiple distances," the 28-year-old Comardelle said. "For a stallion, 'Real' (Real Solution's nickname) has the perfect attitude. He's a pleasure to have around on

the farm. He works well with the groom and believe me, he knows his job. In the breeding shed he's all business."

Comardelle's days of wearing a coat and tie are things of the past. His briefcase has been replaced with a pitchfork. It has taken 3½ years to develop the property that is Blue Star Racing. A flannel pullover speckled with strands of hay is now part of his daily wardrobe.

"There is no such thing as a typical day," Comardelle said, laughing. "It's sunrise to sunset. Every day is different and comes

with new challenges. That's one of the things about this industry. There is never a dull moment. You never know what's coming next."

At Blue Star Racing the phrase "all hands on deck" translates to a team of three. Twenty-three-year-old Kristen has a degree in equine management. Mr. Ken is the full-time groom and handler. Everyone involved brings a pleasant attitude, enthusiasm, and an infectious smile to the daily tasks.

"We are hands-on here and wear a lot of hats. The Cajuns say that you never work a

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1	<b>CRAFTY SHAW</b> (98, Crafty Prospector)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Ms Wild Rush, \$4,378)	<b>\$7,735</b>	*111	3	0.85	0.94
2	<b>EL ROBLAR</b> (02, War Chant), Winner-Maker Farm	\$1,500	7/0	0/0	0/0	(Robthequeen, \$4,070)	<b>\$7,182</b>	47	1	0.51	0.55
3	<b>GRAND MINSTREL</b> (05, Grand Slam), Menoken Farms	\$1,500	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Maximus the Great, \$2,280)	<b>\$6,053</b>	93	0	0.33	0.64

day in your life if you enjoy what you do,” Comardelle offered. “I’ve been a part of multiple industries and taken the same attitude and approach to each type of job. If you keep putting in the hard work and don’t complain, then at the end of the day you should get good results.”

All will be eventually forgiven, but the back story behind the naming of Blue Star Racing triggers an embarrassed laugh from Comardelle.

“We have always been big Dallas Cowboys fans in our family,” Comardelle admitted. “One of our business ventures has been a wine bar in Cowboy Stadium. I’ve been a fan for as long as I can remember.”

Dex Comardelle might be from the other side of the bayou, but he has enjoyed a welcome acceptance from the horsemen and Cajun community around Lafayette, La. Don Stemmans owns and operates a feed and tack shop in nearby Carencro and is a legendary fixture around southwest Louisiana.

“He’s a sharp kid,” Stemmans said. “And he’s pretty knowledgeable on pedigree. He’s got grit, that’s for sure. Just when everybody is going out of business, he is going into it.”

If Comardelle is intimidated or stressed over his bold venture into the breeding industry, he doesn’t appear to be losing any sleep.

“Especially in this part of the country there are plenty of people with solid experience and information that are willing to help,” he said. “Cajuns are a tight-knit group, and hospitality is their second nature. If you don’t know the answer, then all you have to do is ask the question and not put on any airs. Even though it is competitive on the racetrack, everybody in this neck of the woods wants to see the other person succeed in whatever they are trying to do.”



Comardelle has a background in hospitality

He might be the new kid on the block but Comardelle is aware of the decades of tradition that surround him.

“I’m proud to be in this part of Louisiana,” he said, sitting on an upturned feed bucket.



A yearling turned out in a spacious Blue Star paddock

“The people here have a different accent, but everybody gets along. The history and culture here are unique and all about horses. I love to go around and listen to the old-timers tell their stories about the bush tracks and the match races. With these Cajuns you got to be careful. Once you start talking, the next thing you know it’s past lunch time and you don’t get any work done.”

If anything, Comardelle’s vision of the future is not short-sighted or limited by geographic boundaries. He sees Blue Star Racing as a potential attraction for breeders from Texas, Arkansas, Florida, and Oklahoma. The blueprints for a new stallion barn are already tucked away. There are plans to stock the lake with bass so families can come out to relax and fish. He talks about construction of an entertainment building where groups can have events and host parties.

“Of course, the farm is concentrated around the horses, but with an emphasis on being a full-service facility to the community,” Comardelle explained. “Our gates are always open. We want to create an atmosphere that is opening and welcoming to our clients. Not just a place to drop off your mare but a way to create future fans. Let the kids see for themselves what goes on at a horse farm. After all, it’s the future generations that will keep the industry alive.”

Listening between the lines, one wonders if in Comardelle’s cheerful optimism he may be trying to pick up where Smarty Jones left off. Just a big maybe. Get the crawfish pots ready. Put in an order for 10 sacks of oysters. There might be a Kentucky Derby party at Blue Star Racing’s farm in the years ahead. **BH**