

Classic-placed Destin stands at Sequel Stallions New York

# EAST COAST SWING

## *Plenty of new stallions stand in the Northeast for 2019*

BY EVAN HAMMONDS

**PURSES AT NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION** tracks continue to climb and a recent plan to increase maiden special weight and allowance purses 40-50% at Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack certainly gives breeders in New York hope for the future. The Maryland and Pennsylvania Thoroughbred communities have seen sizable increases in purses and breeders incentives as well, painting a rosier picture for those breeding and racing in both the Keystone and Free states.

So, it's little wonder that both states have several new stallions joining the ranks for 2019 (those standing for a minimum of \$2,000 are considered here).

In 2018 there was an onslaught of nine newcomers to Maryland. Two enter the marketplace this year, with three more in neighboring Pennsylvania.

"I'm very optimistic about Maryland," said Louis Merryman of Anchor & Hope Farm. "Some of the national numbers give me pause. The mares bred number is way down (see chart), and the national

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# Young *Proven* Sires with Value in New York

## CENTRAL BANKER

\$7,500 LF

- Nationally ranked 4th among NA's Leading First Crop Sires, dominates NY freshmen
- Ahead of Will Take Charge (\$30,000 fee), Noble Mission (\$15,000), Fed Biz (\$10,000), Verrazano (\$15,000), Mucho Macho Man (\$10,000)
- Sire of stakes winners **BANKIT** (\$330,625) and **SASSY AGNES** (\$198,782)



## FORTY TALES

\$3,000 LF

- Northeast Leading Second Crop Sire
- Sire of Jan. 27th 3yo Aqueduct MdSpWt winner **ABRAXAN** (\$68,440)
- Leading money winner, stakes-placed **TRANSISTOR** (\$172,911), 3-length winner at Gulfstream Feb. 3rd



## TEUFLESBERG

\$5,000 LF

- \$60,465 Average Earnings Per Starter
- Sire of an Eclipse Champion & BC Winner from his first crop
- 9% Stakes Horses, including **GOOD BYE GREG** (\$330,526), **LOGAN'S PEAK** (\$265,399), **MISS MYSTIQUE** (\$181,650), **GIRL CODE** (\$180,500), etc.



# 2019 LEADING SIRES IN NEW YORK



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1	<b>BELLAMY ROAD</b> (02, Concerto), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$5,000	47/7	0/0	0/0	(Not Leaving, \$39,600)	<b>\$199,588</b>	*643	31	1.20	1.27
2	<b>BUSTIN STONES</b> (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$5,000	20/5	0/0	0/0	(Tribeca, \$50,501)	<b>\$180,734</b>	199	7	1.31	1.38
3	<b>FREUD</b> (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	28/2	0/0	0/0	(Our Braintrust, \$30,000)	<b>\$161,293</b>	*1244	51	1.55	1.24
4	<b>BIG BROWN</b> (05, Boundary), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$5,000	39/5	0/0	0/0	(Adore, \$48,000)	<b>\$137,214</b>	*756	22	1.07	1.52
5	<b>MISSION IMPAZIBLE</b> (07, Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	30/2	0/0	0/0	(Who's Driving, \$20,400)	<b>\$116,930</b>	175	5	1.28	1.09
6	<b>FROST GIANT</b> (03, Giant's Causeway), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$2,500	39/3	0/0	0/0	(Kadens Courage, \$21,000)	<b>\$109,984</b>	*418	13	1.20	1.17
7	<b>COURAGEOUS CAT</b> (06, Storm Cat), Questroyal North	\$2,500	28/5	0/0	0/0	(Carrera Cat, \$37,840)	<b>\$99,144</b>	208	5	0.99	1.12
8	<b>CENTRAL BANKER</b> (10, Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$7,500	18/1	0/0	0/0	(Intoxicologist, \$33,000)	<b>\$84,258</b>	100	2	1.22	1.25
9	<b>FORTY TALES</b> (10, Tale of the Cat), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	10/1	0/0	0/0	(Abraxan, \$33,000)	<b>\$69,158</b>	*62	0	0.95	1.18
10	<b>DESERT PARTY</b> (06, Street Cry), Irish Hill Century Farm	\$3,000	26/2	0/0	0/0	(Bringyourownsand, \$8,760)	<b>\$59,369</b>	235	6	0.94	1.36
11	<b>BOYS AT TOSCONOVA</b> (08, Officer), Questroyal North	\$2,500	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Playinwiththeboys, \$21,000)	<b>\$57,122</b>	68	2	1.30	1.22
12	<b>ALPHA</b> (09, Bernardini), Sequel Stallions New York	\$5,000	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Rouxhere, \$19,250)	<b>\$53,408</b>	*58	0	0.50	1.60
13	<b>MIRACLE MAN</b> (02, Yankee Victor)	Died, 2015	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Jc's Shooting Star, \$47,300)	<b>\$47,900</b>	11	1	2.11	1.55
14	<b>SOARING EMPIRE</b> (07, Empire Maker)	Died, 2018	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Dark Empress, \$14,340)	<b>\$41,528</b>	63	0	0.95	1.11
15	<b>HONORABLE DILLON</b> (10, Tapit), Rockridge Stud	\$4,000	8/1	0/0	0/0	(London House, \$33,000)	<b>\$37,432</b>	88	0	0.51	1.14
16	<b>BANK HEIST</b> (07, Maria's Mon)	N/A	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Nice Bank, \$16,260)	<b>\$36,136</b>	69	1	0.94	1.32
17	<b>D' FUNNYBONE</b> (07, D'wildcat)	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Oh K Funnybone, \$19,250)	<b>\$29,169</b>	*85	2	1.08	1.25
18	<b>POLAR COORDINATE</b> (09, North Light)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Needs No Ice, \$18,150)	<b>\$18,150</b>	4	0	0.23	0.80
19	<b>TEUFLESBERG</b> (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	11/0	0/0	0/0	(Trufflesberg, \$5,160)	<b>\$16,965</b>	140	4	1.29	1.10
20	<b>HEAVY BREATHING</b> (09, Giant's Causeway)	N/A	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Ragnar Lothbrok, \$7,560)	<b>\$16,099</b>	41	0	0.46	1.60
21	<b>DISCO RICO</b> (97, Citedancer)	Died, 2014	6/0	0/0	0/0	(Captain Gaughen, \$5,200)	<b>\$10,902</b>	268	12	1.40	1.20
22	<b>GIANT SURPRISE</b> (09, Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud	\$3,500	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Cause for Surprise, \$5,200)	<b>\$9,740</b>	78	2	1.72	1.25
23	<b>GRIFFINITE</b> (98, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Drive At Nite, \$8,550)	<b>\$9,555</b>	69	1	0.62	0.90
24	<b>MIDAS TOUCH (GB)</b> (07, Galileo)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Tyler's Tek, \$5,165)	<b>\$9,185</b>	*58	1	0.45	0.89
25	<b>MR. SEKIGUCHI</b> (03, Storm Cat)	N/A	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Little Snip, \$4,200)	<b>\$9,084</b>	*98	2	0.96	1.16



ADAM COGLIANESE/NYRA

Camelot Kitten is the first son of Kitten's Joy to stand in New York

foal crop is way down. The numbers that we've all seen suggest a relatively small, select group of stallions is getting the lion's share of mares. That's concerning in the long run. There are some people up here that are breeding and buying to race, and the Maryland stallion farms need to focus on those people.

"It's really tough for a Maryland farm to come up with a bang-up commercial sire," he said. "We can't afford the horses that have done it all; we try to find the horses that had legitimate grade 1 talent, but weren't able to get that grade 1 win."

That's the plan for every other state outside Kentucky. New York, which had only two new stallions for 2018, has seven stallions at the price point, including the late addition of Camelot Kitten Jan. 15 to Questroyal North.

## THE JOCKEY CLUB'S REPORT OF MARES BRED

NATIONAL		MARYLAND		NEW JERSEY		NEW YORK		PENNSYLVANIA		VIRGINIA		WEST VIRGINIA	
Year	Mares Bred	Year	Mares Bred	Year	Mares Bred	Year	Mares Bred	Year	Mares Bred	Year	Mares Bred	Year	Mares Bred
2013	34,145	2013	643	2013	71	2013	1,620	2013	971	2013	57	2013	724
2014	35,501	2014	778	2014	67	2014	1,674	2014	905	2014	43	2014	734
2015	35,104	2015	799	2015	46	2015	1,596	2015	707	2015	47	2015	690
2016	33,604	2016	923	2016	32	2016	1,522	2016	529	2016	43	2016	443
2017	31,359	2017	775	2017	20	2017	1,333	2017	625	2017	28	2017	459



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# 2019 LEADING SIRES IN PENNSYLVANIA



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1	<b>JUMP START</b> (99, A.P. Indy), Northview PA	\$10,000	53/3	0/0	0/0	(Jump for Alex, \$38,640)	\$216,778	*1404	47	1.43	1.29
2	<b>WARRIOR'S REWARD</b> (06, Medaglia d'Oro), WynOaks Farm	\$4,500	70/9	0/0	0/0	(Shelley Ann, \$35,200)	\$216,227	*497	16	1.08	1.37
3	<b>SMARTY JONES</b> (01, Elusive Quality), Equistar Training and Breeding	\$3,500	18/5	1/1	0/1	(Ujjayi, \$55,000)	\$139,984	*745	27	1.43	1.77
4	<b>EL PADRINO</b> (09, Pulpit)	Died, 2017	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Eidora, \$37,800)	\$136,067	139	1	1.38	1.27
5	<b>FLASHBACK</b> (10, Tapit), Diamond B Farm	\$3,500	18/5	0/0	0/0	(Poker Game, \$26,250)	\$103,098	131	0	0.81	1.32
6	<b>MAD FLATTER</b> (05, Flatter)	Died, 2016	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Glowing Star, \$36,120)	\$81,267	48	0	0.82	1.34
7	<b>DUBLIN</b> (07, Afleet Alex), Mohns Hill Farm	Private	20/4	0/0	0/0	(Gypsy Mama, \$19,250)	\$76,783	174	2	1.06	1.18
8	<b>WEIGELIA</b> (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	\$3,500	19/2	0/0	0/0	(Chasing My Halo, \$23,400)	\$75,198	*125	7	1.50	1.02
9	<b>CROWN OF THORNS</b> (05, Repent), Equistar Training and Breeding	\$2,000	13/2	0/0	0/0	(Thank You Ricketts, \$16,200)	\$44,920	55	1	0.86	1.07
10	<b>CAL NATION</b> (08, Distorted Humor), Kingfisher Lane Farm	\$2,500	12/1	0/0	0/0	(Bro Your Killingme, \$13,680)	\$38,222	49	0	1.02	1.19
11	<b>UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN</b> (07, Limehouse), Diamond B Farm	\$4,500	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Midnightcharly, \$24,600)	\$37,906	38	2	2.14	0.78
12	<b>FAIRBANKS</b> (03, Giant's Causeway)	Pnsd	17/2	0/0	0/0	(Jeezum Jim, \$21,000)	\$36,660	229	3	1.05	1.21
13	<b>TALENT SEARCH</b> (03, Catienus), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	19/2	0/0	0/0	(Ironbound, \$7,330)	\$31,180	*157	2	1.01	1.20
14	<b>LORD SHANAKILL</b> (06, Speightstown), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	17/3	0/0	0/0	(Giacas, \$9,749)	\$29,709	200	3	1.13	0.92
15	<b>IL VILLANO</b> (09, Pollard's Vision), Xanthus Farms	\$1,500	2/1	0/0	0/0	(G Double, \$20,160)	\$24,106	5	0	0.47	0.48
16	<b>BULLSBAY</b> (04, Tiznow), Northview PA	\$3,000	12/0	0/0	0/0	(Paula's Dream, \$4,126)	\$23,722	84	3	1.29	1.22
17	<b>RIMROD</b> (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Cheverie, \$11,760)	\$21,029	112	2	1.27	1.14
18	<b>POWER BY FAR</b> (95, Power of Mind), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Not in the Mood, \$20,440)	\$20,440	114	2	1.26	1.16
19	<b>ALBERT THE GREAT</b> (97, Go for Gin)	Pnsd	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Manahawkin, \$7,200)	\$17,984	*411	9	1.11	1.11
20	<b>REFLECT TIMES (JPN)</b> (05, French Deputy)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Attentively, \$9,843)	\$17,189	26	0	0.78	0.30
21	<b>WELL SPELLED</b> (09, Spellbinder), Godstone Farm	\$1,500	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Fish to Fry, \$11,664)	\$11,664	24	1	0.59	0.99
22	<b>WINCHILL</b> (08, Tapit)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(You Must Chill, \$10,240)	\$10,240	20	0	0.24	1.34
23	<b>MEDALLIST</b> (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$2,000	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Winning the Medal, \$7,238)	\$9,958	204	7	1.26	1.33
24	<b>CITY SHARPSTER</b> (99, Carson City), Woodvale Farm	\$500	9/0	0/0	0/0	(Vasca Linda, \$3,100)	\$9,010	66	0	0.73	0.71
25	<b>ANDIRON</b> (06, A.P. Indy), Xanthus Farms	\$2,000	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Lady in Pursuit, \$3,340)	\$8,185	48	1	0.89	0.66

## NEW YORK

All of the arrows remain in an upward position in the Empire State, where purses arc higher with the influx of money from alternative gaming. The state-bred program continues to see record purses, and record prices for New York-bred yearlings. With additional money on the line for New York-sired New York-breds, the stallion market has heated up.

**Destin** (Giant's Causeway—Dream of Summer, by Siberian Summer) is the high-ticket new stallion, commanding \$6,500, at Sequel Stallions New York.

A full brother to hot sire Creative Cause, Destin is also a son of the full brother to Freud, who has led the New York sires list in four of the last five years.

Destin's top effort resulted in defeat. He fell a

nose shy of Creator in the 2016 Belmont Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G1). He did win five of 15 starts, with scores in the Sam F. Davis Stakes (G3), Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby (G2), and Marathon Stakes Presented by TTA (G2) for Twin Creeks Racing Stables and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners.

Gainesway Farm joins in on Destin's stallion career with Twin Creeks, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, and Becky Thomas' Sequel Stallions. Twin Creeks and Sequel combined to get Mission Impazible off to a hot start two years ago.

"Having participated in the New York program for a while now, and having

learned what works, I believe Destin is the perfect fit," said Twin Creeks' Randy Gullatt. "Destin's beautiful body, great bone, and ability to go a distance of ground will be an easy match for much of the mare population. New York is a perfect fit, based on the influence Giant's Causeway has had on both turf and dirt."

Late-arriving **Camelot Kitten** (Kitten's Joy—Celestial Woods, by For-



**Redesdale is out of a full sister to the breed-shaping Danehill**

### 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 2015 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through January 27, 2019. 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 2018 is \$23,755 or 50% of the 2018 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 50% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 15%; Singapore by 66%. 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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1	<b>GREAT NOTION</b> (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	28/7	0/0	0/0	(Anna's Bandit, \$26,790)	<b>\$183,359</b>	326	21	1.53	1.22
2	<b>REDEEMED</b> (08, Include), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Saint Main Event, \$39,480)	<b>\$109,567</b>	90	0	1.05	1.06
3	<b>FRIESAN FIRE</b> (06, A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm	\$4,000	33/3	0/0	0/0	(Shoe Loves Shoe, \$16,941)	<b>\$98,558</b>	212	5	1.22	1.26
4	<b>NOT FOR LOVE</b> (90, Mr. Prospector)	Died	23/3	0/0	0/0	(Sunshine Dandy, \$15,120)	<b>\$95,385</b>	975	81	1.65	1.43
5	<b>OUTFLANKER</b> (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$3,000	14/3	0/0	0/0	(Crouchelli, \$19,950)	<b>\$81,680</b>	*565	21	1.33	1.12
6	<b>FREEDOM CHILD</b> (10, Malibu Moon), Country Life Farm	\$2,500	13/1	0/0	0/0	(Bullets Child, \$25,935)	<b>\$72,471</b>	62	2	1.41	1.37
7	<b>BANDBOX</b> (08, Tapit), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	6/2	0/0	0/0	(He's Not Curly, \$20,748)	<b>\$64,507</b>	49	1	1.14	1.28
8	<b>ORIENTATE</b> (98, Mt. Livermore)	Pnsd	15/3	0/0	0/0	(Bobcat, \$17,100)	<b>\$59,738</b>	*842	32	1.23	1.58
9	<b>LOUIS QUATORZE</b> (93, Sovereign Dancer)	Pnsd	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Kosher Kontract, \$20,007)	<b>\$52,872</b>	*991	21	1.14	1.30
10	<b>LION HEARTED</b> (96, Storm Cat)	Died	10/1	0/0	0/0	(Tricky Lion, \$33,345)	<b>\$49,868</b>	*624	18	1.17	1.26
11	<b>SUPER NINETY NINE</b> (10, Pulpit), Country Life Farm	\$3,000	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Little Miss Raelyn, \$23,712)	<b>\$41,757</b>	52	0	0.49	1.40
12	<b>STREET MAGICIAN</b> (04, Street Cry), Legacy Farm Stallions Standing at Roland Farm	\$3,000	13/1	0/0	0/0	(Admiral's Row, \$14,424)	<b>\$39,937</b>	133	3	1.13	1.30
13	<b>BUFFUM</b> (08, Bernardini), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Stormin Hongkong, \$22,428)	<b>\$38,730</b>	21	2	1.72	1.09
14	<b>ETCHED</b> (05, Forestry)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Tattooed, \$21,489)	<b>\$38,407</b>	49	1	0.89	1.04
15	<b>DESPITE THE ODDS</b> (06, Speightstown)	N/A	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Bagels and Lox, \$13,338)	<b>\$37,471</b>	57	0	0.94	1.25
16	<b>PETIONVILLE</b> (92, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Island Ice, \$11,328)	<b>\$35,519</b>	*748	42	1.26	1.26
17	<b>SCRIPION</b> (02, A.P. Indy), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	5/1	0/0	0/0	(In Arrears, \$19,950)	<b>\$34,759</b>	145	3	1.05	1.05
18	<b>SEVILLE (GER)</b> (08, Galileo)	Died	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Las Setas, \$29,640)	<b>\$34,395</b>	*123	0	0.41	1.28
19	<b>NICANOR</b> (06, Dynaformer)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Lngtermrelationship, \$20,660)	<b>\$33,091</b>	44	0	0.50	1.03
20	<b>TRITAP</b> (09, Tapit)	Died, 2016	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Trion Wings, \$13,338)	<b>\$31,638</b>	38	1	1.47	1.46
21	<b>GANDHI</b> (09, A.P. Indy)	N/A	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Sterling Queen, \$13,680)	<b>\$18,946</b>	29	0	0.30	0.89
22	<b>CHEROKEE'S BOY</b> (00, Citidancer)	Pnsd	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Joshu the Monk, \$7,080)	<b>\$13,214</b>	104	1	0.97	0.98
23	<b>ROCK SLIDE</b> (98, A.P. Indy)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Nicaradalic Rocks, \$6,600)	<b>\$11,350</b>	282	11	1.00	1.15
24	<b>BALTIMORE BOB</b> (05, Malibu Moon), Shamrock Farm	\$2,500	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Dundalk, \$9,000)	<b>\$11,000</b>	27	0	1.28	1.10
25	<b>ADMIRAL ALEX</b> (07, Afleet Alex)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Admiral Blue, \$9,546)	<b>\$9,546</b>	19	0	0.82	0.82

etry) will stand at Questroyal North near Stillwater, N.Y., for \$5,000. Bred and raced by Ken and Sarah Ramsey, Camelot Kitten won five black-type stakes, including the American Turf Stakes (G2T), National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Stakes (G2T), Hill Prince Stakes (G3T), and Pennine Ridge Stakes (G3T). The earner of \$1,069,477 will be the first son of two-time leading sire Kitten's Joy to stand in the Empire State.

"He's a nice, tall horse; 16.1. He's got great bone, good conformation. He's got nice, short cannon bones and a beautiful top line," said Questroyal general manager Bill Allen. "He was just running a few weeks ago, so he has some filling out to do, but he's got a nice shoulder on him and a really pretty head. He's as smart of a horse as I've been around in awhile, and that counts for a lot in my book.

"People are impressed with his size. He's got a kind eye and the things people look for."

Camelot Kitten's prowess on turf is not lost on the Questroyal team.

"All three New York Racing Association tracks have two turf courses, and they



**Weekend Hideaway, by Speightstown, went 13-7-10 in 49 starts**

card a ton of turf races in New York," Allen said. "I came up here (to New York) 15 years ago from the Ocala area, and it was tough to sell a horse pegged as a 'turf sire.' This horse doesn't have your typical turf foot, and if you look at his pedigree a little deeper, you'll see he might be able to throw a little bit of everything."

**Frank Conversation** (Quality Road—Rushen Heat, by Unusual Heat) makes his way from a racing career in California to

Rockridge Stud near Hudson, N.Y., where he'll stand for \$5,000.

Few sires are as hot as Quality Road (the sire of City of Light, winner of the \$9 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes, G1, Jan. 26 at Gulfstream Park), who was responsible for 20 stakes winners in 2018. He was ranked seventh by progeny earnings.

Frank Conversation was precocious enough to place at the grade 3 level at 2 and win at the grade 2 level at nine furlongs at 3 on both dirt and synthetic. As an older horse, Frank Conversation placed three times in graded stakes at 10 furlongs.

His stakes-placed dam is a full sister to a pair of grade 1 winners: millionaire Unusual Suspect and the group-producing Golden Doc A.

**Redesdale** (Speightstown—Harpia, by Danzig) is a product of Juddmonte Farms' brilliant operation. He'll stand as property of Hidden Lake Farm at Questroyal North near Stillwater, N.Y., for \$5,000.

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was his last race: a fifth-place effort while injuring himself in Keeneland's Commonwealth Stakes (G3) in spring 2017.

By the champion sprinter of 2004, Redesdale is out of grade 3 winner Harpia, a full sister to the breed-shaping stallion Danehill (Danzig—Razyana, by His Majesty). Perhaps the most prolific stallion in the history of the sport, Danehill sired 354 stakes winners while serving in both hemispheres.

"Redesdale offers every element for what I look for in a stallion," said Chris Bernhard of Hidden Lake Farm. "Speed, looks, and pedigree. His family is second to none. How often can you get Danehill under the second dam?"

**The Lieutenant** (Street Sense—Stage Magic, by Ghostzapper) brings a lot of things to the table in New York for 2019. The grade 3 winner is a half brother to Triple Crown winner Justify and will stand at Sequel Stallions New York for \$5,000. Sequel Stallions is the home of Freud, a full brother to Giant's Causeway, so principal Becky Thomas knows a thing or two about sibling rivalry.

"Justify is a very special horse. When the opportunity presented itself to stand his brother in New York, I just couldn't pass it up," Thomas said. "Standing brothers of famous horses has served me very well."

Like his famous half brother, The Lieutenant was unraced at 2. He was able to break his maiden going two turns at 3 and was a two-time winner at a mile at 4. At 5 he won Golden Gate Fields' All American Stakes (G3) and was second to Diversify (defeating Hoppertunity) in the Suburban Stakes (G2) at Belmont. Both he and Justify were best going a route of ground but their third dam is the speedy Voodoo Lily.

**Weekend Hideaway** (Speights-town—Apocalyptical, by Wiseman's Ferry) will stand at Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions near Stillwater, N.Y., for \$2,500. The 9-year-old was quick enough to be named champion New York-bred 2-year-old male and durable enough to go 13-7-10 in 49 starts, winning nine stakes and placing in the grade 1 Vosburgh Stakes.



COURTESY NORTHVIEW STALLIONS/LOUISE REINAGEL

**Irish War Cry, by Curlin, won the grade 2 Holy Bull and Wood Memorial**

"If you look at Speightstown, you're looking at Weekend Hideaway. They're very similar," said Bill Leak, stallion manager for Irish Hill Century Farm. "One of Weekend Hideaway's best assets is his motor; it's just tremendous. He's a good-legged horse, being as sound as he was."

Speightstown, the sire of 107 stakes winners, stands for \$80,000 at WinStar Farm in Kentucky and his son, Central Banker, was the leading first-crop sire and leading sire of 2-year-olds in New York for 2018.

"Weekend Hideaway is not this big, commercial horse, and we've priced him to reflect that," Leak said. "But he was so speedy, so precocious...that's what people want to see. He's not only just speed; he was competitive at a mile, beating Diversify at a mile (in the 2017 Commentator Stakes), and had longevity."

**Green Gratto** (Here's Zealous—Starship Smokester, by Smokester), was sound, having made 65 starts in six campaigns and earning \$1,149,202. He'll stand for \$2,000 at Total Bloodstock Farm. A three-time graded stakes winner, he came up with his best score in the 2017 Carter Handicap (G1) at Aqueduct. He was also second in the 2015 Carter.

## MARYLAND

Maryland, which has seen sizable growth in the breeding population with the addition of gaming-enhanced purses, had a tremendous influx of new stallions

in 2018. For this year there are only two above the price threshold, and both pack considerable punch.

**Irish War Cry** (Curlin—Irish Sovereign, by Polish Numbers) commands a \$6,500 fee at Richard Golden's Northview Stallion Station. One of the top runners of his crop, the Isabelle de Tomaso-bred and -raced colt was an outstanding two-turn 3-year-old. Winner of the 2017 Lambholm South Holy Bull Stakes (G2) and Wood Memorial Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G2), Irish War Cry was the second choice for the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) and ran second in the Belmont Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G1) behind Tapwrit.

As an older horse, he won last year's Pimlico Special Stakes (G3) and was second in Gulfstream Park's Hal's Hope Stakes (G3) for trainer Graham Motion.

"He's 16.2 hands; very well-balanced," said David Wade, general manager for Northview Stallion Station in Maryland and Northview PA. "He's a horse that Graham had bragged to me about several times in the past while he was training him, and Fair Hill (Training Center) is just up the road so I had seen him several times. He's a horse we had our eye on."

He was originally slated to stand in Kentucky, but a deal was worked out to get him to Maryland where he should get his chance to stand out.

Curlin, a two-time Horse of the Year, has excelled as a sire, seeing his fee rise



# *Dolphus*

*Lookin At Lucky - Lotta Kim, by Roar*

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from \$35,000 in 2015 to \$175,000 for 2019. The sire of classic winners Palace Malice and Exaggerator and champion Good Magic has only one other son standing in the Northeast (Union Jackson in New York) for 2019.

**Long River** (A.P. Indy—Round Pond, by Awesome Again) will stand for \$5,000 at Anchor & Hope Farm near Port Deposit, Md.

“I absolutely love him,” said Louis Merryman. “He’s 16.2 and correct. He has a powder keg for a hind end, and when you can get an A.P. Indy who is built like that, you’ve got something.

“He ran a 124 Equibase Speed Figure on dirt; the highest of any stallion in the state of Maryland. I have a very well-bred, very attractive, very sound stallion. He didn’t win a grade 1 in North America—he was third in a grade 1 behind Tonalist—but he won one in Dubai.”

Long River made 27 starts from ages 2 to 8, winning three stakes and placing in four (all grade/group outings) while racing for Sheikh Mohammed’s Darley and Godolphin Racing, along with Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum. At 4 he was third in the stallion-defining Jockey Club Gold Cup Stakes (G1) and the grade 2 Hagyard Fayette Stakes at Keeneland. At 7 Long River added the 10-furlong Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 Sponsored by Emirates Airline (G1) at Meydan.

Long River is one of 164 stakes winners for the legendary A.P. Indy, a two-time leading sire. Round Pond, the dam of Long River, won the 2006 Emirates Airline Breeders’ Cup Distaff (G1) and was sold to Sheikh Mohammed’s bloodstock agent John Ferguson for \$5.75 million at the 2007 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale.

“We had four groups come here last weekend, and they were blown away with the horse,” Merryman said. “They were very complimentary of his appearance

and conformation and were complimentary of his talent and soundness.”

## PENNSYLVANIA

The key player in the Keystone State for 2019 is fan favorite **Hoppertunity** (Any Given Saturday—Refugee, by Unaccounted For). He is at Northview PA pegged with a 2019 fee of \$5,000.

“We hadn’t heard anything about him becoming available, but Dan Hall (Hidden Brook) checked into him and found out he was,” Wade said. “I flew out to California to take a look at him, and I couldn’t believe



**Dolphus is a half brother to 2009 Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra**

ELAINE ADAMS

how good-looking he was and how clean-legged he was. We worked a deal.

“He’s also 16.2 or a touch over that and is just a gorgeous horse.”

Breeders should be well aware of Hoppertunity’s abilities and soundness. Racing for Karl Watson, Paul Weitman, and Mike Pegram and trained by Bob Baffert, Hoppertunity was a top 3-year-old, winning the Rebel Stakes (G2) and finishing second to California Chrome in the Santa Anita Derby (G1). An injury prevented a run at the Triple Crown races, but he returned to win the Clark Handicap (G1) later in the season. From ages 4-7, he won six graded stakes, including the Jockey Club Gold Cup and Brooklyn Invitational Stakes (G2). Hoppertunity earned \$4,712,626 in 34 starts.

At Cabin Creek Farm near Bernville, Pa., grade 3-placed **Dolphus** will stand

for \$2,500. The son of two-time champion Lookin At Lucky (sire of 46 stakes winners, including 2018 champion older male Accelerate) is out of Lotta Kim, by Roar, making him a half brother to 2009 Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra.

“He’s a very attractive horse. He’s very correct and has good bone and substance. He’s nice to be around, and he’s been very well received here,” said Cabin Creek’s Maria Vorhauer. “People have been impressed with him and his size and demeanor, and of course, his pedigree. He’s got a quality pedigree for Pennsylvania.

“Rachel Alexandra was my all-time favorite horse, and I was super excited when they called about standing him here. Sometimes I have to pinch myself. I never would have thought I’d have the opportunity to have her half brother here. It’s such a deep and active family.”

A homebred for Dr. Dede McGehee’s Heaven Trees Farm, and trained by Joe Sharp and James Jerkens, Dolphus was a first-out winner at 2 in 2017 and finished his career with four victories from 12 starts. At 4 he ran second to Shaman Ghost in the 2017 Pimlico Special Handicap

at Pimlico.

“We’ve had interest in him from New York, Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland,” Vorhauer said. “We want to concentrate on giving him every opportunity to succeed, and we’re focusing on quality mares over quantity.

“There are a lot of new stallions here, which is making it difficult for people to make up their mind who to breed to.”

Graded stakes-placed **Eastwood**, a son of Speightstown, will stand at Diamond B Farm near Mohrsville, Pa., for \$2,500.

A \$240,000 Keeneland November sale weanling, Eastwood also sold to Town & Country Farms for \$800,000 at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky sale of Horses of Racing Age. Eastwood is out of the Deputy Minister mare Fifth Avenue Ball, a daughter of Our Shopping Spree, a seven-time stakes winner in New York. **BH**