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Om just missing  
in the 2016  
Breeders' Cup  
Turf Sprint

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**Mix of first-year  
stallions, veterans  
join 2020 ranks  
on West Coast**

BY EVAN HAMMONDS

**WHEN THE CALENDAR** flips to a new year, there is an air of anticipation at Thoroughbred breeding farms around the country. There is the expectation that the standard-bearers in the stallion barn will move forward, and there is plenty of hope for the new kids in the stalls. The on-track events last year in Southern California, however, have led to some trepidation among the state's breeders.

"During the summer I was worried," said Linda Madsen of Milky Way Farm. "I wasn't sure what was going to happen. I had a lot of local people say they weren't going to breed their mares this year until they knew what was going on. I was

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# BRILLIANT OM

## 14 TRIPLE DIGIT BEYERS!



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Defeated **AMERICAN PHAROAH** by 9 1/4 lengths while posting a 98 Beyer at 6 1/2 furlongs (1:15.75) in his second start at 2.

Won or placed in six graded stakes in 8 starts at 3 including wire-to-wire victories at 1 1/8 miles in the Del Mar and Twilight Derbies (**G2**) and a Mathis Brothers Mile (**G2**) score, running the final eighth in 11:72 as the 6-5 favorite.

Set **NCR** at Churchill (5.5f, 1:02.24) and **14 Triple Digit Beyers** - 13 in graded races at 5 furlongs to 1 1/16 miles including two seconds in the \$1 Million Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (**G1**) in 2016 and 2019.

**OM** is the leading money-winning son of **MUNNINGS**, sire of 11 stakes winners in 2019, 59 black-type stakes horses (14% from starters) and six-crop progeny earnings topping \$30 Million.

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## 2019 LEADING SIRE IN CALIFORNIA

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2020 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>STAY THIRSTY</b> (08, Bernardini), Lovacres Ranch	\$10,000	179/105	4/10	0/4	(Coal Front, \$1,348,000)	<b>\$6,357,416</b>	*462	7	1.31	1.42
2	<b>I'LL HAVE ANOTHER</b> (09, Flower Alley), Ballena Vista Farm	\$6,000	226/108	3/3	0/3	(Another Truth, \$389,203)	<b>\$4,604,351</b>	306	3	0.90	1.11
3	<b>GRAYDAR</b> (09, Unbridled's Song), Milky Way Farm	\$4,000	141/75	3/5	1/3	(Gray Magician, \$791,010)	<b>\$3,986,395</b>	*248	5	0.92	1.44
4	<b>SQUARE EDDIE</b> (06, Smart Strike), Ocean Breeze Ranch	\$25,000	86/43	4/7	1/4	(Eddie Haskell, \$318,104)	<b>\$3,352,766</b>	209	16	1.52	1.13
5	<b>SIR PRANCEALOT (IRE)</b> (10, Tamayuz), Rancho San Miguel	\$15,000	123/54	5/10	0/5	(Beau Recall, \$605,600)	<b>\$2,816,735</b>	226	7	1.21	0.97
6	<b>UNUSUAL HEAT</b> (90, Nureyev)	Died, 2017	77/38	6/7	4/6	(Apache Princess, \$224,662)	<b>\$2,735,444</b>	*828	49	1.87	1.17
7	<b>SMILING TIGER</b> (07, Hold That Tiger), Harris Farms	\$7,500	86/48	4/8	0/4	(Spiced Perfection, \$592,000)	<b>\$2,526,690</b>	163	6	1.15	1.00
8	<b>LUCKY PULPIT</b> (01, Pulpit)	Died, 2017	148/69	1/2	1/1	(Fashionably Fast, \$212,660)	<b>\$2,299,172</b>	*477	11	1.26	1.04
9	<b>GRAZEN</b> (06, Benchmark), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$6,000	46/25	5/9	2/5	(S Y Sky, \$355,620)	<b>\$2,097,253</b>	113	10	1.70	1.06
10	<b>MINISTERS WILD CAT</b> (00, Deputy Minister), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	104/55	2/2	0/2	(Royal Trump, \$144,671)	<b>\$1,824,822</b>	477	19	0.96	0.90
11	<b>JERSEY TOWN</b> (06, Speightstown), Daehling Ranch	\$3,000	91/52	1/1	0/1	(Shakopee Town, \$124,003)	<b>\$1,717,494</b>	*161	3	0.98	1.15
12	<b>VRONSKY</b> (99, Danzig), Harris Farms	\$4,500	76/46	0/0	0/0	(Poshsky, \$93,516)	<b>\$1,602,832</b>	262	10	1.28	1.07
13	<b>EMPIRE WAY</b> (09, Empire Maker), Heinz & Michelle Steinmann Farms	\$2,500	83/39	1/1	1/1	(Cholula Lips, \$159,250)	<b>\$1,249,383</b>	124	2	0.70	0.91
14	<b>ACCLAMATION</b> (06, Unusual Heat), Harris Farms	\$5,000	53/23	1/2	0/1	(Acclimate, \$329,182)	<b>\$1,089,385</b>	122	3	0.98	1.28
15	<b>SLEW'S TIZNOW</b> (05, Tiznow), Rancho San Miguel	\$3,000	47/28	4/4	1/4	(Summersimage, \$135,176)	<b>\$1,087,263</b>	125	6	0.96	1.03
16	<b>MISREMEMBERED</b> (06, Candy Ride), Barton Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	50/27	3/3	1/3	(Remember Daisy, \$85,770)	<b>\$1,062,089</b>	106	6	0.96	1.31
17	<b>U S RANGER</b> (04, Danzig), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,000	87/44	0/0	0/0	(Swing Thoughts, \$97,754)	<b>\$1,035,551</b>	*384	3	0.65	1.24
18	<b>CLUBHOUSE RIDE</b> (08, Candy Ride), Legacy Ranch	\$3,500	32/23	2/2	1/2	(Warren's Showtime, \$126,271)	<b>\$928,448</b>	59	2	1.02	0.89
19	<b>COIL</b> (08, Point Given)	N/A	48/19	0/0	0/0	(Principe Carlo, \$129,833)	<b>\$901,842</b>	148	0	0.67	1.17
20	<b>DESERT CODE</b> (04, E Dubai), Harris Farms	\$2,000	47/29	1/1	1/1	(Desert Law, \$125,382)	<b>\$803,757</b>	157	4	0.86	1.00
21	<b>CYCLOTRON</b> (00, Grand Slam), Old English Rancho	Private	43/23	0/0	0/0	(Dr Wysong, \$127,343)	<b>\$762,841</b>	148	2	0.99	1.18
22	<b>RICHARD'S KID</b> (05, Lemon Drop Kid), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	26/17	0/0	0/0	(Sedamar, \$136,804)	<b>\$702,742</b>	54	0	0.98	1.01
23	<b>COMIC STRIP</b> (95, Red Ransom)	Died, 2017	27/17	0/0	0/0	(Oh My Oh, \$73,914)	<b>\$687,535</b>	359	12	0.84	1.09
24	<b>CHAMP PEGASUS</b> (06, Fusaichi Pegasus), Barton Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	82/32	0/0	0/0	(Wild Bean, \$60,791)	<b>\$675,973</b>	162	0	0.31	1.03
25	<b>EDDINGTON</b> (01, Unbridled), Ballena Vista Farm	\$3,500	46/23	0/0	0/0	(Opus Won, \$111,600)	<b>\$673,259</b>	*455	11	1.14	1.37
26	<b>OLD TOPPER</b> (95, Gilded Time)	Pnsd	23/13	1/3	0/1	(Queen Bee to You, \$293,703)	<b>\$666,298</b>	558	20	0.94	0.82
27	<b>HEATSEEKER (IRE)</b> (03, Giant's Causeway)	Died, 2016	52/25	0/0	0/0	(Heatseeker Baby, \$66,292)	<b>\$622,463</b>	*230	8	0.96	1.21
28	<b>EINSTEIN (BRZ)</b> (02, Spend a Buck)	N/A	31/16	1/1	1/1	(Tap Back, \$182,100)	<b>\$562,792</b>	*194	3	0.66	0.95
29	<b>DECARCHY</b> (97, Distant View)	Died, 2017	51/19	0/0	0/0	(Ostini, \$68,501)	<b>\$545,362</b>	427	13	0.97	0.94
30	<b>INDIAN EVENING</b> (09, Indian Charlie)	N/A	16/7	1/1	1/1	(Sneaking Out, \$223,331)	<b>\$535,747</b>	51	3	1.05	1.08

hearing that a lot. We were wondering if they were going to put these new plans in play and how it was going to affect everybody. The television news is just horrible out here.”

Milky Way Farm, near Temecula, Calif., doesn't have a first-year stallion but does add seasoned Graydar to its roster as a fresh face in the Golden State.

The 11-year-old grade 1-winning son of Unbridled's Song stood for six seasons

at Taylor Made Stallions in Kentucky. At Milky Way he'll stand for \$4,000. He is joined in California by first-year stallions Om at Harris Farms and Rumpus Cat at Daehling Ranch. The Irish-bred Sir Prancealot, who has stood in Ireland and Australia, will stand at Rancho San Miguel. Also on the West Coast is the incoming Rise Up to Oakhurst Thoroughbreds in Oregon.

“In the last months, though, people have

become more positive,” said Madsen. “I don't think it's over—the danger—but people are starting to come back on board.”

### FIRST THINGS FIRST

Om, an 8-year-old son of Munnings—Rare Cat, by Tabasco Cat, should be more than familiar to breeders in California. The striking chestnut made 28 of his 32 starts in Southern California, racing over six seasons for the Sareen Family Trust.

With trainer Dan Hendricks, Om proved to be among the elite level 3-year-olds on turf in 2015, winning three stakes around two turns. He came to hand during the Del Mar stand by winning the nine-furlong Del Mar Derby (G2T) after a runner-up finish in the La Jolla Handicap (G3T). When the action moved to Santa Anita Park, he landed the Twilight Derby (G2T) at nine panels, then was third, beaten less than a length in Del Mar's Hollywood Derby (G1T). He wrapped the season with a strong score in the Mathis Brothers Mile Stakes (G2T) on Santa Anita's opening day.

“He's a very lightly raced horse,” Hendricks said at the time. “He's 3 years old; his joints are perfect; he's sound; he's happy and full of energy.”



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Rise Up, far right, winning the rich Delta Downs Jackpot



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PETER MOONEY

Sir Prancealot has sired Southern California graded stakes winners Beau Recall, Lady Prancealot, and Madam Dancealot

Although winless at 4 and 5, Om did make each and every start in graded stakes and competed in a pair of Breeders' Cup World Championships events. At Santa Anita in 2016, Om was last of 14 through the opening half-mile of the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1T) before a furious stretch run that got him within a nose of catching winner Obviously. That trip at about 6½ furlongs showed his versatility as he also had run second in the one-mile Del Mar Handicap (G2T) and City of Hope Mile Stakes (G2T).

A victory at age 6 came in the one-mile Thunder Road Stakes (G3T) at Santa Anita.

Moved to the barn of trainer Peter Miller in 2019, Om took to the road later in his career, running second to Eclipse Award finalist World of Trouble in last year's Jaipur Invitational Stakes (G1T) going six furlongs at Belmont Park. He later set a course record of 1:02.24 for 5½ furlongs in an allowance race at Churchill Downs. Another run at the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Santa Anita, this time at five furlongs, resulted in another runner-up effort behind stablemate Belvoir Bay.

For his career Om put together a 7-7-6 slate from those 32 starts with earnings of \$1,355,082.

Om brings good old-fashioned speed and turf ability to California breeders. His sire, Munnings, a grade 2-winning son of sprint champion Speightstown, is the sire of 41 stakes winners and stands at Ashford Stud in Central Kentucky for \$30,000. Picking up steam as a go-to sire, Munning saw his yearlings average \$77,929 in 2018 and \$69,986 in 2019.

Om is out of Rare Cat, a half sister to Rare Rock, winner of the Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup Sprint Championship Handicap (G3) and runner-up in Churchill Downs' Ack Ack Handicap (G3). The family includes the grade 1-winning Spellbound.

Rare Cat is also the dam of Twirling Tiger, second in Presque Isle's Fitz Dixon Jr. Memorial Juvenile Stakes.

Om, who has 4x3 inbreeding to Storm Cat, will stand for \$7,500.

Rumpus Cat made all 14 of his starts in California but has a pedigree that stands up to any other in North America. Bred in Kentucky by Pam and Marty Wygod, Rumpus Cat is by champion and classic winner Street Sense out of the Wygods' champion and grade 1 winner Sweet Catomine. Sweet Catomine, by Storm Cat, is out of the Wygods' Sweet Life, who was named 2009 Kentucky Broodmare of the

Year, based on the exploits of Sweet Catomine and her full sister Life Is Sweet, winner of that year's Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic (G1) and the stakes-winning Calimonco, a full brother to Sweet Catomine and Life Is Sweet.

The family's history runs deep. Sweet Life is a half sister to grade 1 winner and California champion Pirate's Revenge and two additional stakes winners.

Rumpus Cat was able to win going 1¼ miles on turf in his seventh start, but it wasn't for lack of trying. Among those he faced in maiden special weight company early in his 3-year-old season at Santa Anita was eventual grade 1 winner Mongolian Groom.

Street Sense became the first colt to complete the Breeders' Cup Juvenile/Kentucky Derby (both G1) double, a feat that has been matched only by Nyquist. Retired to Sheikh Mohammed's Darley operation near Lexington, Street Sense has sired 70 stakes winners (through Jan. 14) and ranks among the top 10 leading sires of 2019 by progeny earnings. His top runner last season was McKinzie, an earner of more than \$2.2 million, having notched the Whitney Stakes (G1) for his growing résumé. McKinzie is scheduled to start next in the \$20 million Saudi Cup.

Street Sense will stand the 2020 season for \$75,000. Rumpus Cat's initial fee is \$2,500.

Rise Up, a Kentucky-bred son of Rockport Harbor—Appenzell, by Johannesburg, was an iron horse on the track, making 49 starts, earning grade 3 status, and accumulating \$1,232,136 in his career. His pedigree received a huge update during the summer of 2019 when his half brother, Basin (by Liam's Map), scored in Saratoga's Runhappy Hopeful Stakes (G1).

Rise Up was precocious, breaking his maiden on the synthetic surface at Presque Isle Downs at five furlongs in June of

#### 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 December 31, 2019. As supplied to BloodHorse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., include adjusted money from Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Adjusted earnings are put on par with average North American earnings from the previous year. For example, the average North American purse in 2015 is \$21,782 or 50% of the 2015 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 17%; Singapore by 57%. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes winners worldwide and any S.H.-foaled horses that won a N.H. stakes. \*Fool counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A † indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race).

\*AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX and COMPARABLE INDEX: Lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00; COMPARABLE INDEX indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX higher than their mares' COMPARABLE INDEX.

his 2-year-old season in 2013. In his next start he won the six-furlong Mountaineer Juvenile Stakes on dirt in West Virginia. In November 2013 he added \$600,000 to his earnings with a sharp sixth-length score in Delta Downs' 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile Delta Downs Jackpot Stakes (G3). He criss-crossed the country throughout his racing career, placing in such stakes as the grade 3 Texas Mile Stakes at Lone Star Park.

Rockport Harbor, a grade 2-winning son of Unbridled's Song, is the sire of 37 stakes winners and has three other sons at stud in North America: Fighting Hussar, Majestic Harbor, and Pataky Kid.

By multiple champion Johannesburg, Appenzell is a half sister to the stakes-winning Bourbon County and stakes-placed Old Fashion Girl, the dam of stakes winner In the Rough, and to stakes-placed Chris Mars. Appenzell's second dam is Beal Street Blues, grade 1-placed and winner of the grade 2 Del Mar Debutante, and a full sister to grade 2 winner and sire Dixieland Brass.

Rise Up's initial fee is \$1,000.

## WESTWARD EXPANSION

California horsepeople should be pleased with a pair of stallions that bring solid credentials to the table for 2020.

Although Sir Prancealot is a new addi-

## 2019 CALIFORNIA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
I'll Have Another	226	108
Stay Thirsty	179	105
Graydar	141	75
Lucky Pulpit	148	69
Ministers Wild Cat	104	55
Sir Prancealot (IRE)	123	54
Jersey Town	91	52
Smiling Tiger	86	48
Vronsky	76	46
U S Ranger	87	44
Square Eddie	86	43
Empire Way	83	39
Unusual Heat	77	38
Champ Pegasus	82	32

tion to the state's stallion roster, his runners have preceded him. Lady Prancealot gave advance notice to her sire's potential with a major win on Santa Anita's opening day, Dec. 28, 2019, in the American Oaks (G1T). Other major winners by Sir Prancealot include Beau Recall, winner of last spring's Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile Stakes (G2T) and the Yellow Ribbon Handicap (G2T); and Madam Dancealot, a two-time graded winner on turf in Southern California.

Sir Prancealot, a group 2 winner before

being retired to Tally-Ho Stud in Ireland, drew international acclaim when he got 32 winners from his first crop. So far he has seven black-type stakes winners that have notched 15 grade/group wins. He shuttled to Cornerstone Stud in Australia for two seasons, covering books of 62 and 110 mares.

A sire of this caliber could have made his way to Kentucky, so it was a coup to land at Rancho San Miguel (for \$15,000).

Adrian Gonzalez of Checkmate Thoroughbreds helped put the deal together.

"It's amazing to think that this horse began his stud career in Europe, moved to Australia, and now his top runners are running in the U.S.," Gonzalez said. "With his statistics, he could arguably be the most useful stallion in the world. He's been the big fish I've been after my whole career, and I'm thrilled to syndicate him."

Sir Prancealot is by Tamayuz, a grandson of Gulch, out of the stakes-winning Mona Em, a granddaughter of Storm Cat.

The aforementioned Graydar has six stakes winners to his credit, including 2019 added-money winners Gray Attempt, Gray Magician, and Wondrshegotthundr.

Winner of the Donn Handicap (G1) in 2013, Graydar is out of the Dehere mare Sweetest Smile.

"It's exciting for us because he's just gone over so well for us here in California," Madsen said. "The people that have come in have been amazed by him, and we are getting bookings from people from a lot of states. We are getting horses from the Midwest and from Washington and Arizona.

"He's just a wonderful horse," she continued. "He's big, probably 17.1. He has just a wonderful disposition. He just moved in like he's lived here all of his life. We've had a lot of visitors, and he's just been a perfect gentleman.

"We've got more than 50 booked right now, and for California, that's huge. We just keep getting calls every day. That will give him a good sampling in California."

With these new bloodlines coming to the region, expect plenty of good runners for years to come. **BH**



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Graydar is the sire of three 2019 stakes winners