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On the RISE

New crop of horse people
make their way in Louisiana

BY CHRISTINE OSER



Beverly Burress

THE YOUNG horsemen and horsewomen of Louisiana agree: Once horse racing gets in your blood, you're in it for the long haul. For those who were raised in the game, whether they stuck with it from the start or returned to their roots, it's their passion for the horse that keeps them involved. Here's a look at some of the "young" stories coming out of the Pelican State.

FAMILY PATTERN

Beverly Burress followed a familiar pattern. Her dad, Bobby Burress, who passed away a year ago, was a jockey turned trainer, as was her uncle, Billy Burress. Her grandfather, Billy Burress Sr., 89, is another longtime participant in the game.

"My grandfather, finally, retired from training in September 2019, for the last time, hopefully," Burress said.

Burress, 34, was born in Shreveport, La., but grew up in Oklahoma, hanging around the racetracks when she wanted to spend time with her father. Though she started school to become a registered nurse, the racetrack pulled her back.

"When college came around and I had
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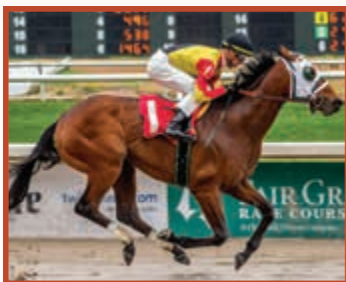
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1	GEMOLOGIST (09, Tiznow), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$4,500	201/115	6/9	3/6	(Horologist, \$329,270)	\$5,442,607	*550	12	1.10	1.29
2	COURT VISION (05, Gulch), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$3,500	115/67	2/2	0/2	(Storm the Court, \$1,172,951)	\$3,820,579	*335	7	1.14	1.37
3	DAAHER (04, Awesome Again), Circle H Farms	\$3,000	77/43	2/3	0/2	(Haikal, \$322,500)	\$2,282,536	157	11	1.28	1.21
4	STAR GUITAR (05, Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud	\$7,500	82/42	4/5	2/4	(Minit to Stardom, \$338,140)	\$2,165,091	129	9	1.17	1.08
5	ASTROLOGY (08, A.P. Indy), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$4,000	123/58	0/0	0/0	(Leah's Dream, \$133,979)	\$2,013,885	*259	4	0.87	1.19
6	COUNTRY DAY (06, Speightstown), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,000	63/43	2/6	0/2	(Break Even, \$474,900)	\$1,732,471	115	3	1.04	1.00
7	HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud	\$5,000	99/39	3/5	2/3	(Ours to Run, \$237,500)	\$1,672,566	*465	22	0.95	1.11
8	CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,500	108/53	1/1	1/1	(Monte Man, \$122,166)	\$1,663,287	227	6	0.82	1.03
9	GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley)	Died, 2017	60/30	1/2	0/1	(Mariah's Galaxy, \$151,855)	\$1,154,085	190	3	0.96	0.99
10	REDDING COLLIERY (06, Mineshaft)	Died, 2018	48/24	1/1	1/1	(Pound for Pound, \$147,820)	\$1,048,648	89	1	0.76	1.28
11	FLASHPOINT (08, Pomeroy), Le Mesa Stallions	\$1,500	48/28	0/0	0/0	(Big Em C, \$111,520)	\$1,039,962	83	0	0.68	0.78
12	D'WILDCAT (98, Forest Wildcat), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$2,500	71/31	0/0	0/0	(Saratoga Wildcat, \$79,204)	\$959,745	*493	16	1.22	1.19
13	MASS MEDIA (01, Touch Gold)	N/A	53/27	0/0	0/0	(Littlemissbusiness, \$63,880)	\$881,418	*237	5	0.99	1.04
14	MY PAL CHARLIE (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	64/25	0/0	0/0	(Lovely Charlie, \$127,820)	\$799,948	183	2	0.67	1.01
15	CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$3,000	54/29	0/0	0/0	(Paradise Garden, \$103,441)	\$799,113	*489	19	1.15	1.11
16	BIND (08, Pulpit), Red River Farms	\$1,500	47/27	0/0	0/0	(Outofmybind, \$51,200)	\$798,775	74	1	0.67	1.04
17	RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$1,500	39/20	2/2	2/2	(Wonder Run, \$129,550)	\$684,087	241	10	0.97	0.89
18	PEPPERED CAT (00, Tabasco Cat), Clear Creek Stud	\$1,500	42/29	0/0	0/0	(Starza, \$56,711)	\$645,666	110	1	0.79	0.62
19	GUILT TRIP (09, Pulpit), Red River Farms	\$2,000	39/14	2/2	2/2	(Goodprofit, \$103,997)	\$615,953	61	2	0.64	1.34
20	LEWIS MICHAEL (03, Rahy), Circle H Farms	\$2,500	28/13	1/1	0/1	(Lanier, \$132,050)	\$599,071	150	4	0.78	1.05
21	LION TAMER (00, Will's Way)	Pnsd	26/14	1/1	1/1	(Win Lion Win, \$112,900)	\$564,031	149	3	0.74	1.02
22	FOREFATHERS (04, Gone West)	N/A	42/12	0/0	0/0	(Whatelse Igot Todo, \$74,540)	\$555,238	188	1	0.57	1.01
23	DUE DATE (05, El Prado), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,000	34/15	1/1	1/1	(Pinch Assault, \$85,440)	\$476,855	90	2	0.57	0.77
24	CALIBRACHOA (07, Southern Image), Red River Farms	\$2,000	27/18	0/0	0/0	(Smart Prospector, \$82,461)	\$476,166	43	0	0.65	1.32
25	INTERACTIF (07, Broken Vow), Red River Farms	\$2,000	35/18	0/0	0/0	(Rocketringo, \$45,109)	\$462,614	87	1	0.67	1.01
26	SECRET CIRCLE (09, Eddington), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	23/10	0/0	0/0	(Secret Rules, \$64,300)	\$415,804	41	0	0.78	0.99
27	YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$2,500	48/15	0/0	0/0	(Snapper Bite, \$45,155)	\$412,916	*539	21	1.02	1.15
28	TIZ THE ONE (07, Tiznow)	N/A	34/16	0/0	0/0	(Tiz the Faith, \$61,060)	\$404,830	84	1	0.59	0.90
29	APRIORITY (07, Grand Slam), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	27/13	1/1	1/1	(Snowball, \$109,190)	\$393,965	45	2	0.61	0.77
30	TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	31/11	0/0	0/0	(Tenpins Tempo, \$106,980)	\$393,062	*387	8	0.84	1.00

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to pay for it, well, here we go to the race-track to gallop horses to make a living to pay for college," Burress said.

The gig stuck. She rode in races from

2005-13 and hung her tack up when she was four months pregnant with her son, Juan, or "LJ" for Little Juan, named after her husband, Juan Larrosa. She

took out her trainer's license and ran her first horse in 2016. Larrosa, also a former rider, now runs her Delta Downs string while Burress bases at Louisiana Downs.

"I'm glad I can raise my son in the sport," Burress said. "I'm glad he can see horses. He can look through my barn and name most of the horses in every stall. He can tell you, 'Hey, that's not how you put poultice on. This is how you do it. This is how you pick a foot.' He's learning responsibility, he's learning work ethic, and he's learning respect and how to be courteous to others."

Burress saddled her first stakes winner in January 2019 when A M Milky Way won the Sam's Town Stakes at Delta Downs, and her first black-type stakes win as a trainer came with Run Rocket in the A. L. (Red) Erwin Stakes at Louisiana Downs in September.

While Burress doesn't ride Thoroughbreds anymore, she's participated



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Sam's Town Stakes winner A M Milky Way

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1	MORNING LINE (07, Tiznow)	Died, 2019	83/43	3/6	0/3	(Stubbins, \$448,951)	\$2,670,569	*152	5	1.12	1.20
2	JUSTIN PHILLIP (08, First Samurai), The Quarter Company	\$5,000	90/54	2/3	0/2	(Lady T N T, \$239,150)	\$2,473,290	165	5	1.04	1.10
3	ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	95/55	4/5	4/4	(Flight Song, \$154,020)	\$2,280,685	284	20	1.06	0.81
4	DIABOLICAL (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	56/32	1/1	1/1	(Gunners One, \$153,615)	\$1,194,726	171	12	0.93	0.92
5	SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (04, Gone West)	Died, 2017	46/31	1/1	1/1	(Sunscreen, \$102,000)	\$911,987	*121	5	0.75	0.95
6	ABSTRACTION (10, Pulpit), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	39/17	1/1	0/1	(Hustle Up, \$284,000)	\$880,441	60	1	1.00	1.03
7	ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$2,500	34/19	1/1	1/1	(Hennessy Express, \$169,299)	\$814,653	183	12	0.94	0.95
8	INDIAN FIREWATER (07, Indian Charlie)	Died, 2017	50/23	1/1	1/1	(Deck Humor, \$89,115)	\$754,400	86	3	0.63	1.07
9	QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Graham Farms	Private	42/23	0/0	0/0	(Gold of Roses, \$86,603)	\$746,148	157	10	1.12	0.83
10	LAUGH TRACK (09, Distorted Humor), Double LL Farm	\$2,500	42/18	1/1	1/1	(Fritzi's Flame, \$64,915)	\$493,547	63	1	0.46	0.87
11	SONG OF NAVARONE (04, Sultry Song), Lucky Six Farm	Private	19/9	0/0	0/0	(Blazing Navarone, \$228,840)	\$493,309	42	1	0.86	0.75
12	READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), Creekside Farm	\$2,000	34/22	0/0	0/0	(Miss Orienta, \$49,138)	\$480,613	*348	19	1.24	1.13
13	MCKENNA'S JUSTICE (07, Medaglia d'Oro)	Died, 2017	16/10	0/0	0/0	(McWend, \$180,655)	\$438,067	26	0	0.84	0.63
14	SHAME ON CHARLIE (04, Indian Charlie)	N/A	10/8	2/2	2/2	(Shame On Powers, \$158,375)	\$394,102	29	4	1.24	0.66
15	MR. GOLD MOVER (08, Mr. Greeley), Bar Y Equine	\$1,500	22/11	0/0	0/0	(Que Pasa, \$47,705)	\$338,032	60	2	0.71	0.88
16	FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$2,000	26/12	0/0	0/0	(A Zenon Nite, \$43,163)	\$279,057	123	4	0.63	0.81
17	MR. TRIESTE (01, Old Trieste), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	12/7	0/0	0/0	(Jet N G, \$83,506)	\$274,372	53	1	0.65	0.82
18	THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway)	N/A	28/13	0/0	0/0	(Reback Home, \$65,088)	\$268,677	127	5	0.75	0.93
19	MONTEREY JAZZ (04, Thunderello), Sierra Blanca Equine	\$1,250	15/8	1/1	1/1	(Ancient Land, \$109,921)	\$256,859	33	1	0.52	0.66
20	RIGHT RIGGER (06, Unbridled's Song), Hunter Creek Farms	\$3,500	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Rig Time, \$140,504)	\$238,964	14	4	1.59	0.55
21	DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	11/7	0/0	0/0	(Dom Right, \$65,190)	\$197,152	117	2	0.80	0.61
22	DOME (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm	\$2,500	22/9	0/0	0/0	(Thunder Dome, \$61,510)	\$197,100	260	7	0.71	0.79
23	STELLAR RAIN (08, Storm Cat), TNL Farm	\$1,200	10/6	1/1	1/1	(Susans Violette, \$68,408)	\$191,820	28	1	0.85	0.91
24	DELHOMME (10, Dixie Union), A & A Ranch	\$1,500	9/6	0/0	0/0	(Delovely Hips, \$62,551)	\$156,375	19	0	0.70	0.97
25	SLEW'S POT OF GOLD (99, Slew's Royalty)	N/A	3/1	1/1	1/1	(Slewacide Squad, \$130,468)	\$150,808	14	1	0.69	0.74

in camel races six times—winning four times—and loves waving to the crowd and getting them pumped up for horse racing.

“Once you get in horse racing, it’s a life sentence,” she said. “But it’s not a bad sentence. We love it.”

RAISING THE STAKES

Brandon Adcock is carrying the torch at Red River Farms near Coushatta, La. The breeding operation was founded by his grandfather, major league baseball player Joe Adcock, and Brandon now helps his dad, Jay Adcock, run the business.

“We pretty much do everything out there—foaling, breeding, maintenance,” said Brandon Adcock, who grew up helping with farm chores before earning a degree in business at Northwestern State University. “Anything and everything that needs to be done out there, one of us will do it.”

Adcock, 29, is excited for three young stallions on the farm—Mo Tom, El Deal, and Takeover Target—whose first yearlings will be available at the sales this year. An El Deal colt bred by Jay Adcock and Montgomery Equine Center brought \$70,000 from Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt at this year’s Ocala Breeders’ Sales’ winter mixed auction.

“We sold a couple the other day at OBS,” Brandon said. “They sold pretty well, and we’re fortunate enough for that. We’re hoping to sell a pretty good crop of them at the Louisiana Equine Sales in Opelousas in September, so we’re hoping they get out and do good for us.”

Brandon Adcock had success breeding under his own name with Pacific Pink, an eight-time stakes winner and earner of \$731,170 raced by Keith Plaisance. After



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1	FLAT OUT (06, Flatter), Mighty Acres	\$3,000	183/112	4/5	2/4	(Forewarned, \$274,420)	\$5,191,365	301	6	1.07	1.18
2	SUCCESSFUL APPEAL (96, Valid Appeal)	Pnsd	110/62	3/3	2/3	(Peruvian Appeal, \$240,466)	\$2,955,398	*807	56	1.64	1.42
3	LIAISON (09, Indian Charlie), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	143/71	1/3	0/1	(Bronx Beauty, \$194,450)	\$2,302,364	233	3	0.78	1.18
4	WILBURN (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	118/59	1/1	0/1	(Zuzanna, \$143,851)	\$1,819,458	*314	8	0.78	1.08
5	CALEB'S POSSE (08, Posse), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	48/35	0/0	0/0	(Honor Way, \$164,532)	\$1,389,454	*108	2	1.12	1.15
6	SHAKIN IT UP (10, Midnight Lute), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	64/36	0/0	0/0	(Foggy Dreams, \$91,967)	\$1,167,742	*113	1	0.70	1.10
7	EUROEARS (04, Langfuhr), Dunn Ranch	\$1,500	55/28	2/2	1/2	(Three Chords, \$182,909)	\$1,128,874	142	5	0.85	0.90
8	ATREIDES (11, Medaglia d'Oro), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	55/23	0/0	0/0	(Sueno, \$240,000)	\$1,104,333	95	2	0.89	1.32
9	POLLARD'S VISION (01, Carson City)	Pnsd	55/27	0/0	0/0	(Eye Luv Lulu, \$137,633)	\$982,853	*757	20	1.15	1.17
10	MAGNA GRADUATE (02, Honor Grades), Brewster Ranch	\$2,500	53/28	1/1	0/1	(Magna Man, \$84,240)	\$898,197	*240	8	0.92	0.99
11	LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	51/25	1/1	0/1	(Rocket Heat, \$140,000)	\$843,375	*351	7	0.86	1.08
12	ORATORY (02, Pulpit)	Died, 2016	35/19	3/6	3/3	(Shes Our Fastest, \$129,760)	\$712,547	*225	7	1.09	1.12
13	MR. NIGHTLINGER (04, Indian Charlie)	Died	53/23	0/0	0/0	(No Lak of Speed, \$68,884)	\$688,498	187	4	0.60	0.84
14	CACTUS RIDGE (01, Hennessy)	Pnsd	34/17	0/0	0/0	(Calusa Ridge, \$76,100)	\$583,280	*457	23	1.21	1.02
15	THE VISUALISER (03, Giant's Causeway), Kirtan Farms	\$1,000	19/9	1/3	0/1	(Weider, \$338,242)	\$495,423	83	2	0.82	0.86
16	KIPLING (96, Gulch)	Pnsd	43/14	0/0	0/0	(Rare Poppy, \$48,129)	\$373,000	362	9	0.95	0.88
17	SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), River Oaks Farm	\$2,000	23/9	0/0	0/0	(No Deal, \$109,101)	\$367,116	186	4	0.59	0.64
18	CHITZO (05, Forest Wildcat), River Oaks Farms	\$1,500	19/8	1/1	1/1	(D Toz, \$64,337)	\$288,795	58	2	0.77	0.91
19	LIQUOR CABINET (IRE) (01, Hennessy), Oklahoma Equine	\$1,000	20/10	0/0	0/0	(Air Power, \$50,684)	\$253,999	91	1	0.57	0.83
20	MAIMONIDES (05, Vindication), Silver Star Breeding Center	\$1,500	13/8	0/0	0/0	(Maimo, \$58,235)	\$240,928	*106	1	0.75	1.80
21	DA STOOPS (03, Distorted Humor), Rockin BB Ranch	\$1,000	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Greg Rules Da, \$95,305)	\$211,032	*89	1	1.02	1.05
22	DRAMEDEY (09, Distorted Humor), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	8/4	1/1	1/1	(Southgate, \$77,515)	\$184,638	19	1	1.16	0.92
23	DOCTOR CHIT (09, War Front), Royal Vista Ranches	\$2,500	20/7	0/0	0/0	(Sedaris, \$60,621)	\$184,207	41	0	0.41	0.72
24	FOREIGN POLICY (02, Danzig), River Oaks Farms	\$1,250	18/8	0/0	0/0	(Soon to B, \$35,778)	\$183,484	48	1	0.90	0.86
25	AFFIRMATIF (06, Unbridled's Song), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	22/5	0/0	0/0	(Soaring Lil Sass, \$61,738)	\$159,255	85	1	0.44	0.75

her racing career, Phoenix Thoroughbreds III purchased the mare in foal to More Than Ready for \$300,000 at the 2019 Keeneland November sale.

"You always want to raise a good horse

like that," Adcock said. "My dad raised them, and my mom and my brother had a really good stakes horse. You always want your own, and I finally got one. All it did was give me the itch to raise another one."

HOMETOWN PRIDE

Ron Faucheu was around 15 when he knew he wanted to become a trainer. He grew up going to the track with his stepfather, owner and trainer Louie Roussel III, who campaigned 1988 Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes (both G1) winner Risen Star and owned Fair Grounds Race Course. The New Orleans native spent summers off from high school in New York working for Billy Badgett, who later helped Faucheu get a job with trainer Todd Pletcher.

At 37, Faucheu has already trained millionaire and Louisiana champion Sunbean, Smile Sprint Handicap (G2) winner Gantry, and 2018 Louisiana horse of the year Monte Man, who has returned to the winner's circle this year.

"All three of those horses, they've just been awesome. Basically to be a year-round Louisiana trainer and have quality stock like that has been a blessing," Faucheu said. "We always seem to have a big horse in the barn, so it's nice. Those are the kinds of horses you really enjoy working with."



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Ron Faucheux

Faucheux learned from each of the trainers he worked for and has formed his own successful stable at Fair Grounds. Through Feb. 3 he was tied with Brad Cox by number of wins at the current meet.

“With Pletcher, you’re around good horses, and you’re around a really good system. You learn a lot about organization,” Faucheux said. “With Steve Klesaris I learned horsemanship, more with how to claim horses, as well as working with (owner) Frank Calabrese. I got Steve Lev- ing, who worked for Calabrese as a racing manager at the time. He was influential toward my career as far as reading the Ragozin Sheets and looking for horses to claim. I was able really to take away from a lot of different types of trainers and develop my own system.”

Faucheux said he gets the best of both worlds in New Orleans. He’s there for his two children, Porter and Bricelynn, but also loves Fair Grounds and his hometown.

“We’re from Louisiana. We pride ourselves on being able to compete with any operation,” he said. “We’ll put our opera-

tion against anybody in the country; we’re so confident in what we do and the care that we give our horses.”

UPPING THE GAME

Trainer Jose Camejo had his best season in 2019 with his horses earning more than \$1.5 million and Brittlyn Stables’ Minit to Stardom winning the Honorable Miss Handicap (G2) at Saratoga Race Course.

Camejo, 42, remembers being 7 years old and going to the track in his native Venezuela with his dad, who worked as an assistant. He spent two years as a jockey in Mexico before moving to the U.S. and race riding on the Louisiana circuit. In 2011 Camejo broke his neck in a fall at Evangeline Downs. Though he came back to ride, he felt he was not the same and opened his stable in 2013.

The Saratoga win might not have been on the back of a horse, but it checked a box for Camejo.

“That was huge,” he said. “It’s every jockey’s dream to go to Saratoga. When you’re a jockey and you dream big, you want to be at one of the big racetracks.”

Camejo started training in Louisiana and got rolling at Suffolk Downs in Mas-

sachusetts, where he kicked off the 2013 meet by winning three straight races. He saddled his first stakes winner in early 2014, winning the Fair Grounds Handicap (G3T) with Potomac River, a horse now owned by his wife, Maggie, niece of Brittlyn Stables’ Evelyn Benoit.

Last spring and summer Camejo took horses up to Delaware Park and had success with Brittlyn runners. Wild About Star won The Very One Stakes on Preakness day at Pimlico Race Course, and about three weeks later Minit to Stardom won a turf allowance optional claiming race at Laurel Park before her 20-1 upset in the Honorable Miss.

“I know nobody was taking us serious (at Saratoga), because she’s a Louisiana-bred; she came from an allowance to one of the tough tracks in the country,” Camejo said. “I said, ‘Let’s be in the game.’ If we’re not in the game, we’re not going to find out. Next thing we know she wins the race, and it was super exciting. (It was the) first time

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2019 OKLAHOMA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	.Rnrs.	Wnrs
Flat Out	183	112
Liaison	143	71
Successful Appeal	110	62
Wilburn	118	59
Shakin It Up	64	36
Caleb’s Posse	48	35
Euroears	55	28
Magna Graduate	53	28
Pollard’s Vision	55	27
Latent Heat	51	25
Atreides	55	23
Mr. Nightlinger	53	23
Oratory	35	19
Cactus Ridge	34	17
Kipling	43	14
Liquor Cabinet (IRE)	20	10
Special Rate	23	9
The Visualiser	19	9



CADODY PHOTOGRAPHY

Jose Camejo

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 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. (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.

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for me as a trainer running at that track, and it was huge.”

Camejo approaches the horses in his care as if they are humans, putting himself in their shoes and asking what will make them feel better, or if there’s an issue with the bridle or soreness, what needs to be fixed.

“There are a lot of comments where people say, ‘I don’t see many jockeys being good as a trainer.’ When I took out my license, I said, ‘I know a lot of people say this and this, but I’m going to make a difference.’” Camejo said. “If I’m going to do this, I’m going to do this with my heart. I’m going to do it with love, I’m going to do it with passion, and that’s why I’m here.”

FULFILLING PROCESS

Lee Thomas got exposed to the Thoroughbred industry by attending the races with his mom, Michele Rodriguez, whose Elite Thoroughbreds Farm has grown into a full-scale breeding operation near Folsom, La.

Now with about a decade of training under his belt, Thomas, 35, is an integral part of Elite and oversees the horses at Fair Grounds and Delta Downs. His brother, Reece, is the operations manager.

“At this point looking back, it feels like it was inevitable that we were all going to be in this position,” Thomas said.



LINDA MCLELLAN

Lee Thomas saddled his first stakes winner in 2017

Thomas said after graduating college he ended up back at the farm first working with the mares and foals, then the stallion division, which recently added Xpressbet Breeders’ Cup Sprint (G1) winner Secret Circle to its roster.

Thomas also had the chance to help break horses on the farm, which led to Rodriguez’ giving him a few horses to learn with. With Elite’s former trainer Gary Husak Jr. retiring, Thomas had the opportunity to take over and pick up additional clients. His first stakes winner came in 2017 with True Emperor’s winning the Crescent City Derby at Fair Grounds.

“Working at the farm and watching the process from finding mares and picking stallions to go with them, watching these babies be born and grow and mature and develop; they come over to the stallion farm and they get broken; the whole process of getting them to the racetrack and learning what that’s about, and then watching these horses win races is probably the most fulfilling part of it,” Thomas said.

On a family note, Thomas said he has the support of his wife, Amy, and their children, William and Charlotte, who come to the track with him. He’s also grateful to trainer Al Stall Jr., who used to train for Rodriguez.

“Even to this day Al’s always been someone that has been available to me when I want to talk to him. He was always good with us when we were younger,” Thomas said. “That’s one aspect I’ve always really appreciated. To watch him go from a claiming trainer to working for Claiborne and winning the Breeders’ Cup (Classic, G1), I always felt that was something that hit home with me.”

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Valor Farm	\$5,000	73/43	2/2	1/2	(Bubba Bling, \$80,520)	\$1,326,920	269	28	1.05	1.04
2	MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$4,000	49/25	2/2	2/2	(Gold Buyer, \$82,826)	\$823,008	175	14	0.92	1.03
3	AIKENITE (07, Yes It's True), Leadem Farm	\$3,000	32/11	0/0	0/0	(Aikenetta, \$96,343)	\$468,686	57	0	0.90	1.19
4	EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,000	35/12	1/1	0/1	(It's My Money, \$88,408)	\$465,083	307	17	0.74	0.90
5	MORO TAP (10, Tapit), Double Infinity Ranch	\$3,500	23/13	1/1	1/1	(Moro Said Ready, \$92,849)	\$443,823	*50	1	0.66	0.89
6	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Valor Farm	\$2,500	30/11	0/0	0/0	(Jersey Joe B, \$102,020)	\$420,566	*403	13	1.19	1.35
7	LUNARPAL (02, Successful Appeal)	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Grizabella, \$193,489)	\$352,841	116	2	0.84	0.90
8	REVOLVING (09, A.P. Indy), Double S Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	25/7	0/0	0/0	(High Flying Guy, \$60,115)	\$268,335	46	0	0.61	1.41
9	UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo)	N/A	21/10	0/0	0/0	(Ibaka, \$48,190)	\$222,442	256	7	0.64	0.63
10	GRASSHOPPER (04, Dixie Union), Valor Farm	\$3,500	28/9	0/0	0/0	(T C's Image, \$26,094)	\$200,635	129	3	0.70	0.88
11	STONESIDER (03, Giant's Causeway), Valor Farm	\$1,500	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Caleb's a Survivor, \$44,382)	\$196,776	*210	4	1.01	1.15
12	BEHINDATTHEBAR (05, Forest Wildcat), John Tally Racing Stable	\$1,500	15/9	0/0	0/0	(River Bobcat, \$53,635)	\$191,054	104	0	0.53	0.78
13	WIMBLEDON (01, Wild Rush), Key Ranch	\$2,000	16/7	0/0	0/0	(Lucky Thief, \$38,017)	\$178,093	137	4	0.71	0.74
14	EATON'S GIFT (05, Johannesburg)	N/A	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Eaton's Memory, \$54,450)	\$162,021	58	0	0.38	0.58
15	MR. BESILU (09, A.P. Indy), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Luckenbacher, \$56,700)	\$156,889	22	0	0.73	0.87

oughbreds were something that piqued his interest. The chance to get involved came when his sister, Kristen, who rides barrel-racing horses, was given a Thoroughbred mare to retrain. The second performance career didn't come together, but the two bred the mare, and Comardelle used the opportunity to learn about the business, visit breeding farms in Kentucky, and talk to horsemen at the racetrack back home in Louisiana.

Comardelle, 29, worked with his dad, Ricky, in the gas and oil business after earning bachelor's and master's degrees in business. He traveled across the country before returning to Louisiana to focus on the horses. What started as the development of a small farm turned into a full-

scale Thoroughbred breeding and boarding operation, and Blue Star Racing, which Kristen is also involved in, opened its doors near Scott, La., in 2018.

"I had one Thoroughbred mare. We had the idea of just building a place here, have friends and family. It was just going to be a hobby, so to speak," Comardelle said. "What happened is we saw an opportunity on the Thoroughbred side and traveling up to Kentucky each year for breeding. We decided to really change the plans to develop a commercial facility and do the whole operation."

New to Blue Star's stallion roster this year is millionaire Breaking Lucky, who is a half brother to the dam of classic winner Country House and grade 3 winner Mitchell Road.



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“He had a huge boost to his female line, and I really think that a lot of our breeders in Louisiana and across the South would love to have a piece of that family,” Comardelle said. “We hope he’s able to throw size and durability and all the things that he was as a racehorse, along with that speed on his top and bottom side.”

With a background in hospitality management, Comardelle transitioned his work in customer service to Blue Star. From answering the phone to foaling out every mare, he is hands on in every aspect.

“Just like any industry you have to have a passion for it. Every aspect of this industry, no matter what part you’re in, it all starts with the love of the animals and your passion for being able to wake up every day and be around these magnificent creatures, these horses,” Comardelle said. “Watch them go from the moment they’re a baby all the way to the racetrack and have that sense of pride that you raised that animal from its start, and to see it find success on the racetrack, it’s a feeling that you can’t describe, that you can’t get out of any other industry.”

CLEAR CONNECTION

Michelle LaVoice and her brother, Dr. Jerold Murrell, grew up showing horses and team penning with their dad, Val Murrell. Now working full time, they’ve both found a way to channel that competitiveness and



Dr. Jerold Murrell is a vet for Deep South Veterinary Services

stay involved with horses. LaVoice is the general manager at Clear Creek Stud near Folsom, La., and Murrell is a veterinarian for Deep South Veterinary Services, with Clear Creek as a client.

“I think anyone in the horse business is just competitive by nature,” LaVoice said. “It’s the game as far as trying to get them in foal, get them to the races, get them in good hands, and being able to have them show out at the races. There’s nothing better than having one you raised do well at the races.”

Their father started at Clear Creek under

founder Jack Lohman and was allowed to research the mares for his graduate thesis while studying equine reproduction and nutrition. After the farm changed hands, Murrell purchased the operation.

LaVoice, 38, works mainly with the broodmares and yearlings while her father and Javier Diaz run the training barn. Her husband, Trey, “a ship-in from Arkansas,” is the operations manager. The farm is home to Star Guitar, a leading sire in Louisiana, and bred Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint (G2T) runner-up Chimney Rock with Stargazers.

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							2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	ROCKY BAR (98, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	34/21	1/1	0/1	(Lil Milo, \$139,625)	\$654,904	184	10	0.79	0.77
2	UH OH BANGO (07, Top Hit), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	20/11	1/1	1/1	(Ultimate Bango, \$129,371)	\$472,238	35	1	0.85	0.94
3	TOP HIT (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	34/21	0/0	0/0	(Raging Lady, \$46,921)	\$450,784	119	5	0.77	0.82
4	EZ EFFORT (09, In Excess), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	24/11	1/1	1/1	(Fortified Effort, \$90,962)	\$416,674	40	2	0.69	1.00
5	EZ DREAMER (05, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	25/12	0/0	0/0	(Dreamy Gal, \$63,853)	\$270,256	56	1	0.53	0.83
6	MARGIE'S WILDCAT (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	26/14	0/0	0/0	(Karsavina, \$42,950)	\$265,842	143	1	0.62	0.79



Michelle LaVoice

Murrell, 35, grew up helping with reproduction and also rode and broke young horses. The interest in reproduction stuck, and after graduating from St. George's veterinarian school and completing residencies in California and Kentucky, he received a job offer back near home.

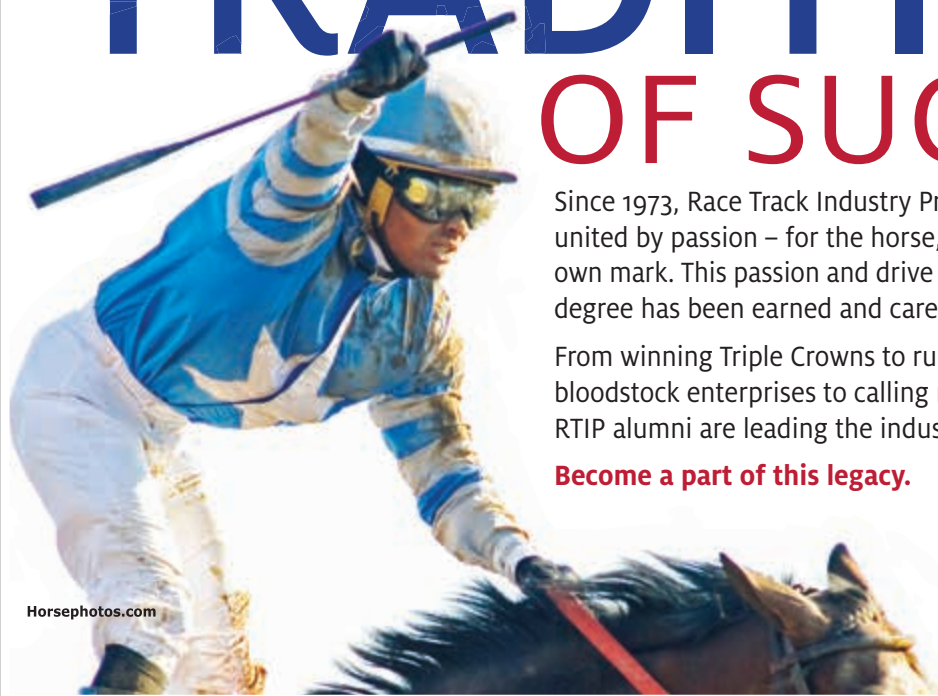
"You get to see actual results," Murrell said of working reproduction. "It's one of the nice things. You breed a mare, she ovulates, and then 14 days later you either have a baby or you don't. That's kind of nice. You can see fruits of your effort."

LaVoice came back to the farm after earning her master's degree from New Or-

leans University in 2005, but also experienced the media and communications side while working in the television room at Fair Grounds, editing the replay and handicapping shows. She currently serves on the board of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, working to stay on par with other regional markets and grow the business.

"I don't know if it's an addiction, or a passion, or as Dad calls it, a genetic flaw, but there's certainly a passion for this game," she said. "My biggest hope is to keep this industry alive and healthy and well for as long as possible." **BH**

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