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Robbins' Starfish Stable

BY ROBERT YATES



Dr. Linda Robbins
at Oaklawn Park

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THOROUGHbred RACING in America is about turning left, and when Dr. Linda Robbins came to a turning point in her life approximately 10 years ago, the choice also involved direction.

Robbins could continue working as an established Central Kentucky equine veterinarian, specializing in reproduction and pediatrics, or make a risky career U-turn and try to build a breeding/racing operation in Arkansas from scratch.

Robbins rolled the dice in 2010, and her dream for Starfish Stable was born on picturesque land just southwest of Hot Springs, Ark., about 20 minutes from Oaklawn Park.

Robbins said her vision then was simply not to go broke. Today, it's trying to produce top-quality horses in Arkansas that can win the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1) or the Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1).

"I was old enough to take a little chance," Robbins, 63, said. "I kind of looked at it like, 'If you're ever going to do it, you'd better do it. Don't wait 10 more years and do it. If you ever want to do something, go do it.'"

Located on some 140 acres of heavily wooded, rolling terrain, Robbins' farm,

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1	GEMOLOGIST (09, Tiznow), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$4,500	114/43	0/0	0/0	(Esperanza Diamond, \$61,000)	\$1,081,793	*615	12	1.10	1.29
2	STAR GUITAR (05, Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud	\$7,500	57/20	1/1	1/1	(Minit to Stardom, \$60,000)	\$683,601	140	9	1.18	1.07
3	CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,500	75/18	1/1	1/1	(Monte Man, \$75,530)	\$575,156	268	6	0.82	1.04
4	DAHER (04, Awesome Again), Circle H Farms	\$3,000	38/15	0/0	0/0	(Gypsy Janie, \$85,732)	\$496,115	169	11	1.28	1.21
5	HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud	\$5,000	58/16	0/0	0/0	(Our Lost Love, \$67,000)	\$423,831	*510	22	0.95	1.11
6	ASTROLOGY (08, A.P. Indy), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$4,000	48/16	0/0	0/0	(Horoscope, \$47,282)	\$337,477	*286	4	0.87	1.17
7	REDDING COLLIERY (06, Mineshaft)	Died, 2018	31/9	0/0	0/0	(My Pepper Ann, \$43,000)	\$302,065	100	1	0.77	1.27
8	COURT VISION (05, Gulch), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$3,500	34/6	0/0	0/0	(Storm the Court, \$60,000)	\$250,008	*367	7	1.13	1.35
9	MY PAL CHARLIE (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	36/7	0/0	0/0	(Palvera, \$41,750)	\$244,472	205	2	0.67	1.01
10	GUILT TRIP (09, Pulpit), Red River Farms	\$2,000	31/6	0/0	0/0	(Freedomfi, \$48,100)	\$240,932	74	2	0.67	1.32
11	FLASHPOINT (08, Pomeroy), Le Mesa Stallions	\$1,500	34/8	0/0	0/0	(Flashyboy's Lisis, \$35,600)	\$235,110	93	0	0.69	0.76
12	COUNTRY DAY (06, Speightstown), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,500	36/8	1/1	0/1	(Play On, \$60,000)	\$234,890	121	3	1.02	1.00
13	MASS MEDIA (01, Touch Gold)	N/A	28/10	0/0	0/0	(Mediamaker, \$36,000)	\$228,884	*240	5	0.99	1.04
14	GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley)	Died, 2017	42/5	1/1	1/1	(Mariah's Galaxy, \$75,000)	\$203,602	200	3	0.95	0.99
15	CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$3,000	27/6	0/0	0/0	(Quikfast N Ahurry, \$50,000)	\$199,500	*504	19	1.15	1.11
16	SECRET CIRCLE (09, Eddington), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	17/5	0/0	0/0	(Secret Rules, \$59,500)	\$194,020	53	0	0.84	0.99
17	DUE DATE (05, El Prado), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,000	20/9	0/0	0/0	(Pinch Assault, \$38,970)	\$190,335	94	2	0.58	0.83
18	BIND (08, Pulpit), Red River Farms	\$1,500	25/8	0/0	0/0	(Unrestricted, \$42,970)	\$186,947	92	1	0.67	1.02
19	D'WILDCAT (98, Forest Wildcat), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$2,500	42/8	0/0	0/0	(That's D 'cat, \$18,900)	\$186,540	*501	16	1.21	1.19
20	YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$2,500	21/7	0/0	0/0	(Yankee Seven, \$41,730)	\$184,932	*544	21	1.02	1.15
21	RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$1,500	19/6	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Production, \$36,750)	\$184,097	252	10	0.97	0.89
22	APRIORITY (07, Grand Slam), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	20/7	0/0	0/0	(Silver Squall, \$26,670)	\$171,610	68	2	0.65	0.77
23	INTERACTIF (07, Broken Vow), Red River Farms	\$2,000	25/6	0/0	0/0	(Two Utes, \$36,000)	\$140,503	92	1	0.67	0.99
24	TIZ THE ONE (07, Tiznow)	N/A	20/4	0/0	0/0	(Tiz the Time, \$36,975)	\$114,954	84	1	0.59	0.90
25	FOREFATHERS (04, Gone West)	N/A	23/6	0/0	0/0	(Whatelse Igot Todo, \$23,040)	\$103,761	193	1	0.56	1.01

Starfish Stallions, is home to approximately 80 horses, including 13 broodmares and three stallions she owns and broodmares she boards and foals for outside clients.

Robbins' broodmare band includes two-time stakes winner Ministry—the best horse Starfish has raced to date—Ministry's dam, Heated Debate; and Senockian Storm, a 13-year-old daughter of

Storm Cat who has produced two grade 3 winners.

Robbins stands Ordained—Starfish's first stallion and sire of Ministry—as well as grade 3 winner Hamazing Destiny, two-time grade 3 winner Five Iron, and a fourth stallion, multiple stakes winner Icon Ike, through a lease agreement with Fletcher and Carolyn Gray (Grayson Farms). All four stallions stand for \$1,500.

Starfish has 10 horses in training, including five at Oaklawn. A handful of 2-year-olds are at Starfish and nearby Step Ahead Farm & Training Center, which is owned by Robbins' mentor, equine veterinarian Dr. David Jolly. Trainer Jaime Gonzalez has been with Starfish since its inception.

High, an aptly named daughter of Cape Canaveral bred by Robbins and her ex-husband, F. Gill Aulick, represented Starfish's first starter, Jan. 23, 2010, at Oaklawn.

"As long as racing's here, I'm here," Robbins said. "Here, people that are breeders, they race. My thought is you can raise a good horse here. It does take luck."



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Starfish Stable's Ministry winning the Rainbow Miss Stakes in 2017

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2019 Louisiana Horse of the Year, Chimney Rock pictured winning the 2019 Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile at Fair Grounds. Hodges photo.

2-Year-Old Accredited Louisiana Bred Filly

OUR LOST LOVE (Half Ours-Lost Love Baby)

Breeder/Owner: Tri Star Racing (Richard Robertson, Alan Dean and Mike Nash)

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CHIMNEY ROCK (Artie Schiller-What's Your Point)

Breeder: Stargazers LLC & Clear Creek Stud LLC

Owner: Three Diamonds Farm

Trainer: Michael Maker

3-Year-Old Accredited Louisiana Bred Filly

NET A BEAR (Awesome Bet-Edacious Reality)

Breeder: Lora Pitre & Elaine Carroll

Owner: Maximo Lamarche & Federico Deltoro

Trainer: Allen Landry

3-Year-Old Accredited Louisiana Bred Colt or Gelding

SHANG (Shanghai Bobby-Humble Janet)

Breeder: Cloyce C. Clark Jr.

Owner: William & Corrine Heiligbrodt

Trainer: Steve Asmussen

4-Year-Old & Up Accredited Louisiana Bred Filly or Mare

MINIT TO STARDOM (Star Guitar-Wild About Marie)

Breeder/Owner: Brittlyn Stable Inc.

Owner: Brittlyn Stable Inc.

Trainer: Jose Camejo

4-Year-Old & Up Accredited Louisiana Bred Male

LAUGHINGSAINTSSONG

(Songandaprayer-Laughing Saint)

Breeder: J.E. & Bunny Jumonville

Owner: Rodney J. Verret

Trainer: Allen Landry

Louisiana Broodmare of the Year

WILD ABOUT MARIE

(Wildcat Heir-Joyful Wager by Valid Wager)

Owner: Brittlyn Stable Inc.

Andrew L. "Red" Erwin Stallion of the Year

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1	FLAT OUT (06, Flatter), Mighty Acres	\$3,000	111/31	0/0	0/0	(Threes Over Deuces, \$79,870)	\$1,175,399	376	6	1.08	1.17
2	SUCCESSFUL APPEAL (96, Valid Appeal)	Pnsd	55/20	0/0	0/0	(Sonny Smack, \$99,850)	\$614,559	*826	56	1.63	1.42
3	LIAISON (09, Indian Charlie), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	75/17	0/0	0/0	(Southern Liaison, \$54,600)	\$457,904	284	3	0.77	1.18
4	CALEB'S POSSE (08, Posse), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	31/5	1/1	0/1	(Girls Know Best, \$72,975)	\$273,326	*116	2	1.12	1.15
5	WILBURN (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	46/13	0/0	0/0	(Dancing Willard, \$36,867)	\$216,952	*335	8	0.78	1.08
6	ATREIDES (11, Medaglia d'Oro), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	32/10	0/0	0/0	(Elusive Rose, \$17,820)	\$182,366	108	2	0.87	1.30
7	SHAKIN IT UP (10, Midnight Lute), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	39/6	0/0	0/0	(Sunflower Rose, \$25,520)	\$155,625	*134	1	0.68	1.10
8	EUROEARS (04, Langfuhr), Dunn Ranch	\$1,500	38/5	0/0	0/0	(Euro Me, \$33,600)	\$140,031	171	5	0.83	0.86
9	POLLARD'S VISION (01, Carson City)	Pnsd	32/6	0/0	0/0	(Truly Hot, \$23,988)	\$136,350	*783	20	1.15	1.16
10	MAGNA GRADUATE (02, Honor Grades), Brewster Ranch	\$2,500	22/4	0/0	0/0	(Magna Man, \$46,400)	\$133,360	*242	8	0.92	0.99
11	ORATORY (02, Pulpit)	Died, 2016	19/4	0/0	0/0	(Shes Our Fastest, \$48,500)	\$130,095	*225	7	1.09	1.12
12	SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), River Oaks Farm	\$2,000	17/5	0/0	0/0	(No Deal, \$34,400)	\$88,147	193	4	0.59	0.64
13	MR. NIGHTLINGER (04, Indian Charlie)	Died	20/2	0/0	0/0	(Michelle's Grace, \$21,471)	\$82,643	199	4	0.60	0.84
14	LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	19/5	0/0	0/0	(Dapper Jack, \$19,282)	\$59,040	*364	7	0.85	1.08
15	KIPLING (96, Gulch)	Died, 2019	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Morhawk, \$13,238)	\$52,409	362	9	0.94	0.88
16	DOCTOR CHIT (09, War Front), Royal Vista Ranches	\$2,500	14/1	0/0	0/0	(Nurse List, \$13,902)	\$48,484	49	0	0.41	0.71
17	DA STOOPS (03, Distorted Humor), Rockin BB Ranch	\$1,000	3/3	0/0	0/0	(Greg Rules Da, \$30,100)	\$47,619	*98	1	1.02	1.03
18	DIAMOND (95, Mr. Prospector), Oklahoma Equine	\$1,000	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Josie the E F Five, \$29,088)	\$33,482	308	5	1.02	1.01
19	MISTER LUCKY CAT (08, Storm Cat), WestWin Farms	\$1,000	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Contraband, \$12,100)	\$32,978	25	1	0.84	1.11
20	BRICKTOWN CAT (04, Tale of the Cat), Dusty Rose Ranch	\$650	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Docs Lucky Jax, \$16,651)	\$31,088	10	0	0.79	0.33

Building blocks for Starfish's foundation have come through circuitous fortune or tedious reclamation projects such as Ordained, who was given to Robbins after suffering a severe tendon injury in early 2012 at Oaklawn.

Ordained was campaigned by Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas and owners Joe and Scott Ford (Westrock Stables),

former executives of Little Rock, Ark.-based telecommunications giant Alltel who had purchased the high-strung son of Pulpit for \$250,000 at the 2009 Keeneland September yearling sale.

"He was a very expensive horse, and they expected him to go the Derby, I'm sure, and it didn't work out," Robbins said. "He was injured so badly, they said, 'Yeah,

just come on and get him.' I went and picked him up at Oaklawn."

After Robbins nursed Ordained to health, he entered stud in 2012 and sired Ministry, the first stakes winner for Starfish's racing side in 2017.

Westrock, in partnership, campaigned Hamazing Destiny, purchasing an interest in the son of Salt Lake following a dazzling 10½-length debut victory in 2009 at Oaklawn. Transferred to Lukas, Hamazing Destiny ran second in the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) in 2010 and amassed \$853,008 in a 33-race career.

"If anything, I would like to add a proven sire, a proven sire of racehorses that liked Oaklawn," Robbins said. "The main thing is like Hamazing Destiny—he liked Oaklawn and is a leading sire in Arkansas now."

Born in Berkeley, Calif., Robbins has been around horses most of her life. As a small child, she moved to Arkansas with her family, settling on the undeveloped western outskirts of Little Rock. Robbins said her father headed exports for northern California-based Jacuzzi Brothers, a renowned name in hydrotherapy (whirlpool baths and hot tubs) that had moved its international headquarters to Arkansas.



LINDA ROBBINS

Starfish Stallions' Ordained, a son of Pulpit

“My dad really embraced Arkansas,” Robbins said. “He was a farm boy at heart. We had a little tiny farm. We had a couple of cows, a couple of pigs, ponies for us to ride.”

Growing up, Robbins said she showed horses and participated in rodeo. Robbins was scheduled to graduate from Joe T. Robinson High School in 1974, but rewarded for good grades, she graduated a year early and enrolled in what is now Arkansas State University-Beebe, which had a rodeo team.

Robbins spent one year at ASU-Beebe, but transferred to Oklahoma State University to continue undergraduate work. After two years at Oklahoma State, Robbins enrolled in vet school at Kansas State University and graduated in 1980.

Robbins then began a one-year internship at what is now Hagyard Equine Medical Institute in Lexington. Robbins was hired full-time and spent 10 years there before starting her own practice. Clients she acquired at Hagyard included John



DAVID CORBELL

Robbins' farm in Arkansas started with 47 acres

Mayer (Nursery Place), Maurice Miller (Deer Lawn Farm), and Bill Graham (Windhaven Farms).

“They weren't huge like Spendthrift Farm,” Robbins said. “The huge farms had resident vets and then the big guys at Hagyard's. I started out with the smaller clients because I was a young veterinarian.

As they grew, my practice grew. It was perfect. I was like a family member.”

Robbins married Aulick in December 1984 and they operated Cedar Point Farm near Paris, Ky., a 300-acre spread where broodmares, including some for the couple, were boarded seasonally and year-round. Along with selling yearlings

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2	TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Valor Farm	\$5,000	52/14	0/0	0/0	(Cowboy Bling, \$43,580)	\$479,357	308	28	1.05	1.03
2	MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$4,000	40/10	0/0	0/0	(Gold Pilot, \$65,400)	\$388,587	175	14	0.93	1.02
3	EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,000	18/3	1/1	1/1	(Dust a Flying, \$48,905)	\$167,390	316	18	0.74	0.89
4	AIKENITE (07, Yes It's True), Leadem Farm	\$3,000	16/4	0/0	0/0	(Irish Silver, \$24,693)	\$113,418	65	0	0.89	1.18
5	MORO TAP (10, Tapit), Double Infinity Ranch	\$2,500	17/3	0/0	0/0	(Moro Cool, \$29,693)	\$95,325	*67	1	0.67	0.88
6	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Valor Farm	\$2,500	14/2	0/0	0/0	(Jersey Joe B, \$17,960)	\$68,100	*410	13	1.19	1.35
7	LIGHT UP THE SCORE (08, Even the Score), EZ Thoroughbred Station	\$500	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Light Up the Devil, \$27,512)	\$62,600	6	0	0.63	1.53
8	GRASSHOPPER (04, Dixie Union), Valor Farm	\$3,500	14/3	0/0	0/0	(Ciao Ciao, \$21,640)	\$51,121	143	3	0.70	0.88
9	BEHINDATTHEBAR (05, Forest Wildcat), John Tally Racing Stable	\$1,500	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Fort Polk, \$40,470)	\$46,273	107	0	0.53	0.78
10	STONESIDER (03, Giant's Causeway), Valor Farm	\$1,500	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Its a Chance, \$20,316)	\$41,416	*218	4	1.01	1.14
11	REVOLVING (09, A.P. Indy), Double S Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	10/3	0/0	0/0	(High Flying Guy, \$14,282)	\$38,838	47	0	0.61	1.39
12	JOE'S SON JOEY (98, Fast Play), Averett Farm	\$1,000	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Release the Beast, \$28,980)	\$34,150	31	0	0.94	0.93
13	INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Stillatune, \$20,400)	\$28,310	213	6	0.54	0.72
14	PREFERRED ISSUE (07, Giant's Causeway), GEH Race Horses	\$1,200	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Preferred Prospect, \$26,495)	\$26,595	18	0	0.37	1.02
15	STREET MOVE (06, Street Cry)	N/A	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Lethal Move, \$11,740)	\$25,036	11	0	0.90	1.36

and weanlings commercially and racing select homebreds, Robbins continued her vet practice before reaching that turning point—her divorce from Aulick, which was finalized in September 2010.

Robbins opted for a fresh start and returned to Arkansas in June 2011 to chase her breed-to-race dream.

“Saying goodbye to loyal farm clients, managers, veterinarians, and friends developed over 30 years of farm practice in Central Kentucky was not an easy life decision to make,” Robbins said. “Nevertheless, after completing the 2011 breeding season, the move was made. Almost 10 years later I’m sure that I’m where I’m meant to be—living the dream.”

Robbins initially leased, then purchased, 47 acres of land developed for Thoroughbreds in the 1980s by K.K. and

Devi Jayaraman, who bred and owned 2009 champion 3-year-old male Summer Bird. The Jayaramans, who eventually moved their operation to Florida, dominated the owner standings at Oaklawn in the late 1990s and early 2000s, primarily with Arkansas-breds they raised. Robbins purchased an additional 90 acres of adjacent land in 2016.

“It’s different,” Robbins said, when asked to compare Starfish to an A-list Kentucky farm. “It’s a little more rustic; Kentucky, it’s so manicured and everything’s like oh-so-perfect. This is a really interesting farm for Arkansas.”

Robbins said it was Jolly who encouraged her to settle in the Hot Springs area and develop a farm geared toward the evolving Arkansas-bred program. Jolly had been her family’s vet, and Robbins

grew up riding on calls with him before attending vet school.

“The breeding program was in its infancy,” Jolly said. “Now she can run a horse for \$80,000 or \$90,000, and she won one of those races. Those are high-priced races, and with horses that she bred herself. She’s got one of the most successful breeding farms here in the state. That’s a result of bringing in the quality of work she was doing in Kentucky for 30 years and putting it into effect down here. She bought a nice farm that had been set up by a horseman, as well.”

The unquestioned face of Robbins’ racing operation is Ministry, who compiled a 5-2-2 record from 12 lifetime starts and earned \$303,315. All five victories came against Arkansas-bred competition at Oaklawn, including the \$100,000 Rainbow Miss Stakes in 2017 and the \$100,000 Downthedustyroad Breeders’ Stakes in 2018. Ministry also finished fourth in the Hilliard Lyons Doubledogdare Stakes (G3) in 2018 at Keeneland.

“Ministry, that was quite a ride,” Robbins said. “We do enough business for the farm to take care of itself, but she meant an extra \$150,000 for a couple of years. So, what are you going to do? Pay taxes or build fences? We built fences and upgraded vehicles.”

Robbins planned to race Ministry at 6 in 2020 but retired her last fall because of a lingering tendon injury. Now a promising broodmare prospect for Starfish, Ministry is in foal to another multiple Oaklawn stakes winner, Alternation, who stands for \$10,000 at Josephine Aber-



COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

Honey Bunny, out of Sennockian Storm, winning last year's grade 3 Winning Colors

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1	HAMAZING DESTINY (06, Salt Lake), Starfish Stallions	\$1,500	18/8	0/0	0/0	(Destiny Way, \$75,080)	\$369,731	42	0	0.74	0.96
2	DOUBLE IRISH (11, Tapit), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Turnstone, \$69,100)	\$221,528	32	0	1.11	1.08
3	LAURIE'S ROCKET (09, Bluegrass Cat), Witt Racing Stables	\$2,500	13/2	0/0	0/0	(Proud Victoria, \$57,850)	\$145,057	40	0	1.11	1.21
4	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Arkansas State University Equine Center	\$1,000	23/4	0/0	0/0	(Joan's Delight, \$36,600)	\$112,705	*698	13	1.04	1.11
5	MARK VALESKI (09, Proud Citizen), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,500	18/3	0/0	0/0	(Valid Quest, \$30,610)	\$110,532	66	1	0.90	1.22
6	ORDAINED (08, Pulpit), Starfish Stallions	\$1,500	13/2	0/0	0/0	(Sunday Sermon, \$60,700)	\$110,174	55	1	0.55	0.91
7	PORTOBELLO ROAD (04, Storm Cat)	Died	18/4	0/0	0/0	(Souixper Charger, \$28,780)	\$106,918	150	1	0.71	0.88
8	JONESBORO (02, Sefapiano), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$500	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Hoonani Road, \$27,500)	\$92,810	89	3	0.80	0.76
9	COMMANDER'S SHOES (03, Deputy Commander), Rafter R Ranch	\$1,500	22/1	0/0	0/0	(Babadook, \$20,161)	\$55,634	91	0	0.59	0.82
10	MOONSHINE MULLIN (08, Albert the Great), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,000	12/1	0/0	0/0	(Moonshine Miss, \$17,172)	\$51,847	29	0	0.26	0.80
11	MACHO ROCKET (09, Macho Uno), Arkansas State University Equine Center	\$1,000	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Onetwomanyrockets, \$22,930)	\$46,857	41	0	0.52	0.81
12	STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat)	Died	9/0	0/0	0/0	(J. E.'s Handmedown, \$26,070)	\$39,189	458	20	0.76	0.93
13	ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev)	Died, 2017	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Whatdatpay Ray, \$34,690)	\$36,145	*376	13	1.02	0.81
14	EXHI (07, Maria's Mon), Big Oaks Farm	Private	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Golden Pearl, \$15,591)	\$34,608	91	1	0.61	1.19
15	PROM SHOES (04, Include), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Promising Shoes, \$19,197)	\$33,610	16	0	0.83	0.53

crombie's Pin Oak Stud near Versailles, Ky. Alternation won three stakes in 2012 at Oaklawn for Pin Oak and trainer Donnie K. Von Hemel, notably the Oaklawn Handicap (G2). Alternation's second crop includes Serengeti Empress, a 2019 Eclipse Award finalist for champion 3-year-old filly after winning the Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs.

Robbins also considered breeding Ministry to unbeaten grade 3 winner Algorithms, but Alternation checked all the boxes.

"Alternation loved Oaklawn," Robbins said. "He had a filly that won the Oaks last year, so he can throw something good. I had to find a stallion that I could afford to breed to because we're just a little farm,

so I can't go to one of these \$20,000, \$40,000, \$50,000 stallions. He's a great sire for people that breed to race, which there aren't very many of us anymore."

Although Ministry was sent to a Kentucky stallion in March, she quickly returned home and will foal in Arkansas, Robbins said.

"I was hoping I didn't make an expensive mistake, but I really wanted her to be here," Robbins said. "I don't like to send my kids away. She came right back, which is not really how you do it in Kentucky, usually, but I lived there 30 years and had some friends that would put up with me doing that."

Robbins said Ministry will be bred back to a Starfish stallion.

Robbins has Heated Argument, a 2-year-old filly out of Heated Debate, who is by another millionaire Oaklawn stakes winner, Tapiture. Heated Debate foaled a full brother to Ministry, March 22. Heated Debate is also the dam of multiple Oaklawn winner and \$100,000-plus earner Hamazing Vision, a 5-year-old gelding who lost his right eye because of an injury shortly after birth.

Robbins acquired Heated Debate after her final career start, March 22, 2013, at Oaklawn, when she was claimed for \$7,500. Robbins said she was given the daughter of 2005 Kentucky Derby runner-up Closing Argument after she returned lame.

Robbins sent Heated Debate to

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							2020 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	JUSTIN PHILLIP (08, First Samurai), The Quarter Company	\$5,000	54/19	1/1	0/1	(Just Might, \$92,800)	\$523,385	188	6	1.04	1.10
2	MORNING LINE (07, Tiznow)	Died, 2019	45/16	0/0	0/0	(Rowdy Yates, \$102,520)	\$443,805	*175	5	1.12	1.19
3	ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	58/11	1/1	1/1	(Two Stepper, \$70,000)	\$390,614	309	21	1.05	0.81
4	ABSTRACTION (10, Pulpit), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	26/12	0/0	0/0	(Evacuee, \$26,120)	\$228,227	79	1	0.99	1.02
5	SHAME ON CHARLIE (04, Indian Charlie)	N/A	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Effort N Results, \$63,060)	\$159,447	35	4	1.29	0.63
6	SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (04, Gone West)	Died, 2017	29/7	0/0	0/0	(Del Mar Summer, \$26,480)	\$143,165	*121	5	0.74	0.95
7	QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Graham Farms	Private	19/7	0/0	0/0	(Orogrande, \$47,680)	\$142,489	162	10	1.12	0.83
8	DIABOLICAL (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	25/8	0/0	0/0	(Cherry Way, \$20,040)	\$118,775	176	12	0.93	0.92
9	INDIAN FIREWATER (07, Indian Charlie)	Died, 2017	29/6	0/0	0/0	(Movin On, \$25,500)	\$115,103	104	3	0.63	1.07
10	MCKENNA'S JUSTICE (07, Medaglia d'Oro)	Died, 2017	13/5	0/0	0/0	(McGlorious, \$42,800)	\$97,407	27	0	0.84	0.63
11	STELLAR RAIN (08, Storm Cat), TNL Farm	\$1,200	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Susans Violette, \$60,000)	\$84,072	33	1	0.90	0.91
12	RIGHT RIGGER (06, Unbridled's Song), Hunter Creek Farms	\$3,500	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Rig Time, \$80,000)	\$83,655	23	4	1.59	0.54
13	FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$2,000	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Specialykindacrazy, \$9,999)	\$81,762	125	4	0.63	0.81
14	LAUGH TRACK (09, Distorted Humor), Double LL Farm	\$2,500	20/3	0/0	0/0	(Go Now Go, \$18,360)	\$81,259	86	1	0.46	0.87
15	MONTEREY JAZZ (04, Thunderello), Sierra Blanca Equine	\$1,250	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Ancient Land, \$62,000)	\$78,159	47	1	0.53	0.64
16	SONG OF NAVARONE (04, Sultry Song), Lucky Six Farm	Private	14/1	0/0	0/0	(Blazing Navarone, \$60,000)	\$77,184	44	1	0.86	0.75
17	MR. TRIESTE (01, Old Trieste), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Jet N G, \$40,700)	\$75,238	56	1	0.66	0.79
18	EXCESSIVE PASSION (07, Vronsky)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Chary Ride, \$63,660)	\$71,968	15	0	0.56	0.71
19	MR. GOLD MOVER (08, Mr. Greeley), Bar Y Equine	\$1,500	12/2	0/0	0/0	(M G M Spring, \$20,190)	\$60,454	70	2	0.70	0.88
20	DELHOMME (10, Dixie Union), A & A Ranch	\$1,500	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Deleterious, \$23,820)	\$47,601	21	0	0.70	0.92

Ordained before selling the mare, in foal, for \$2,500 to longtime Arkansas breeder Art Hall. Robbins, after foaling what would be Ministry, sent her and Heated Debate back to Hall, who then decided he didn't want to race the then-weanling.

"I think I bought Ministry back for \$1,500," Robbins said. "In the meantime, they had bred Heated Debate back to Hamazing Destiny. She goes and stays pregnant at his farm with what turned out to be Hamazing Vision. Sends her back and I foal Hamazing Vision. Sent Hamazing Vision and Heated Debate back to Art when he was maybe five days old. Somewhere around three weeks of age, he hurt that eye."

Robbins said she treated Hamazing Vision, but soon realized she couldn't save his eye. Believing they were "snake bit," Hall and his partner, Frank Newman, decided to give Heated Debate back to Robbins, she said, along with Hamazing Vision.

"That mare has been amazing," Robbins said.

Robbins said she's "very excited" about Sennockian Storm, whose first two foals, the still-active Dr. Edgar (by Lookin At Lucky), and Honey Bunny, were grade 3 winners in 2019. Robbins said she received Sennockian Storm from Michigan breeder Frederick M. Allor, a friend and Cedar Point client, after he became distraught over the mare's not foaling in 2015 and 2016 and, thus, sapping her commercial appeal.

Allor bred and raced Five Iron and planned to send Sennockian Storm to the son of Sharp Humor before changing his mind and giving her and another mare, stakes winner Unbridled Praise, to Robbins around 2016, the Starfish owner said.

Sennockian Storm has a 2-year-old filly by Ordained, Stormy Sermon, and had another filly by Ordained March 13. Robbins sent Sennockian Storm back to 2012

Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) winner Tapizar—the sire of Honey Bunny—earlier this month. Tapizar, second to Alternation in the Razorback Handicap (G3) in 2012 at Oaklawn, stands at Gainesway Farm near Lexington. His fee is \$10,000.

"I've been offered quite a bit of money for her, which I turned down and now the market's kind of gone, anyway," Robbins said. "I just like having her. It's exciting."

Honey Bunny's full sibling, like all other Starfish runners, will be an Arkansas-bred because of the state's attractive financial incentives for breeders, Robbins said. Honey Bunny's biggest career victory came in the Winning Colors Stakes (G3) last May at Churchill Downs.

"I want to win in Kentucky," Robbins said. "I want to win in the big places. It's not just mass production of Arkie-breeds." 

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