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Alan Dean (right) and Rich Robertson (next to him) teamed 17 years ago to form Tri-Star Racing

## Love of the Game

**TRI-STAR RACING'S ROBERTSON, DEAN FIND SUCCESS  
IN LOUISIANA RACING, BREEDING**

By CHARLIE McCARTHY

**R**ICH ROBERTSON WAS TORN. The Tri-Star Racing co-owner didn't know whether his outfit should keep or sell the granddaughter of one of its most successful racehorses, Lovenotlost.

Michelle LaVoice, farm manager at Clear Creek Stud in Folsom, La., was taking a colt to the 2018 Equine Sales of Louisiana yearling sale and suggested client Robertson hold onto the striking filly Tri-Star Racing had bred.

"I told him, 'Mr. Rich, you have the prettiest Half Ours filly on the farm, and I've got the prettiest Half Ours colt on the farm,'" LaVoice recalled. "He kind of laughed and said, 'Let's just try and take her to the sale.'"

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# 2021 LEADING SIRES IN ARIZONA

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2021 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	BT SWnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2021 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Lotsa Mischief (11, Into Mischief), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	27/15	1/1	1/1	(Ima Trouble Maker, \$80,287)	\$419,195	46	1	0.53	0.67
2	Uh Oh Bango (07, Top Hit), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	24/14	0/0	0/0	(Beat the Heat, \$43,068)	\$408,414	40	1	0.77	0.97
3	Top Hit (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch	Died, 2021	20/12	0/0	0/0	(Two the Punch, \$51,319)	\$278,917	128	5	0.74	0.78
4	Rocky Bar (98, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	28/14	0/0	0/0	(Royal Privacy, \$53,704)	\$274,239	201	11	0.76	0.74
5	Ez Dreamer (05, In Excess)	Died, 2020	19/5	0/0	0/0	(Tactical Attack, \$63,310)	\$199,437	63	1	0.48	0.78
6	Ez Effort (09, In Excess), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	22/8	0/0	0/0	(Collusionist, \$52,000)	\$198,089	65	2	0.56	0.94
7	Margie's Wildcat (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Loud N Proud, \$34,214)	\$107,964	149	1	0.58	0.76
8	Distorted Reality (04, Distorted Humor)	N/A	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Shoe Game, \$29,049)	\$93,368	125	1	0.41	0.77
9	El Mirage (05, Cee's Tizzy), Weir Stables	Private	1/1	1/1	1/1	(Who B Dat, \$76,235)	\$76,235	11	2	0.51	0.48
10	Maybry's Boy (99, Broad Brush)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Robey's Boy, \$14,478)	\$15,278	34	1	0.99	1.39
11	Risque Remarque (06, Ellusive Quest), Colorworld Ranch	Private	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Mr Zydeco, \$7,278)	\$7,278	29	0	0.54	1.15
12	Red Sky's (96, Skywalker)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Montana Jack, \$3,037)	\$3,037	118	2	0.38	0.45
13	What a Laser (07, Lasersport), Jonelle Farms	Private	1/0	0/0	0/0	(What a Wind, \$125)	\$125	4	0	0.01	0.10

# 2021 LEADING SIRES IN ARKANSAS

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1	Mark Valeski (09, Proud Citizen), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,500	34/17	0/0	0/0	(Lady of Luxury, \$204,960)	\$1,017,161	80	2	1.08	1.16
2	Coil (08, Point Given), Charter Oak Farm	\$1,250	43/18	1/1	1/1	(One Fast Bro, \$114,560)	\$699,467	166	2	0.76	1.11
3	Hamazing Destiny (06, Salt Lake), Starfish Stallions	\$1,500	19/10	1/2	1/1	(Tempt Fate, \$314,880)	\$623,502	50	1	0.99	0.85
4	Laurie's Rocket (09, Bluegrass Cat), Witt Racing Stables	\$2,500	25/16	0/0	0/0	(Louemma, \$43,606)	\$425,694	51	0	0.75	1.12
5	Cyber Secret (09, Broken Vow), Horseplay Racing	\$1,000	20/11	0/0	0/0	(Mrs. Beans, \$37,469)	\$307,003	39	1	0.82	0.73
6	Double Irish (11, Tapit), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Turnstone, \$139,300)	\$273,346	47	1	1.08	1.02
7	Jonaboro (02, Sefapiano), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$500	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Miss Antioch, \$137,168)	\$270,904	95	3	0.76	0.74
8	Exhi (07, Maria's Mon), Big Oaks Farm	Private	31/15	0/0	0/0	(Oneofthegirls, \$53,509)	\$265,043	98	1	0.58	1.13
9	Moonshine Mullin (08, Albert the Great), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,000	16/8	0/0	0/0	(James's Moonshine, \$55,630)	\$255,023	44	0	0.45	0.74
10	Street Strategy (11, Street Sense), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,000	18/5	0/0	0/0	(Connie K, \$105,193)	\$227,203	44	0	0.51	0.79
11	Brahms (97, Danzig), Arkansas State University Equine Center	\$1,000	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Sir Brahms, \$46,820)	\$190,861	*701	13	1.03	1.10
12	Zong (05, Unbridled's Song), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	18/6	0/0	0/0	(Holy Song, \$45,900)	\$184,170	79	0	0.73	0.99
13	Mo for the Money (13, Uncle Mo), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Mo Betta, \$68,840)	\$176,457	32	0	0.53	1.15
14	Prom Shoes (04, Include), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	5/4	0/0	0/0	(Bebop Shoes, \$81,635)	\$160,096	18	0	0.90	0.57
15	Cinnamon Creek (95, Darn That Alarm)	Died, 2018	5/4	0/0	0/0	(Cinnamon Victory, \$77,692)	\$147,833	123	0	0.58	0.68



Half Ours, who died in July 2021 after a paddock accident at Clear Creek Stud, has topped the general sires list in Louisiana multiple times

While racing and selling have helped Tri-Star enjoy success, this time the sight of the filly at the sale in Opelousas, La. would change the minds of Robertson and Tri-Star co-owner Alan Dean. Their hearts sank at the prospect of parting ways.

"We saw that filly and she looked just like her grandmother," Dean said. "But it was, 'She's already in the catalog; everything's set. Oh, my God, what did we do?'"

"Richard and I were both sick. But as luck would have it, fillies were not selling well."

Tri-Star Racing bid \$16,000 to buy back the young filly. Dean and Robertson would soon realize just how lucky they had been to hold onto Our Lost Love.

"I'll be damned if she didn't win on the turf at Louisiana Downs [in :57.65] as a 2-year-old at first asking," Robertson said of Our Lost Love's September 2019 debut. The Half Ours—Lost Love Baby,

# TWO NEW REASONS TO CHOOSE VALOR FARM'S 2022 STALLION ROSTER



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## SHOPLIFTED

(Into Mischief—Shopit, by Yes It's True)

Stud Fee: \$5,000 Live Foal (payable August 1 of year bred)

Shoplifted is a son of one of the breed's all-time leading sires, INTO MISCHIEF, who is on his way to topping the North American general sire list for the third consecutive year. A \$525,000 yearling who sold for \$800,000 as a 2-year-old, Shoplifted earned nearly \$600,000 on the track while making six starts against Grade 1 competition for trainer Steve Asmussen.

In his first start, Shoplifted won by 4½ lengths going 5½ furlongs at Saratoga. Then, he hit the board in three Grade 1 races: he ran second in the Runhappy Hopeful Stakes (G1) in his second lifetime start and third in both the Woody Stephens Stakes (G1) and H. Allen Jerkins Stakes (G1). He also won the \$400,000 Springboard Mile Stakes at Remington Park, earning a 108 Equibase Speed Figure.

Shoplifted was retired from racing after finishing a close second to graded stakes winner DENNIS' MOMENT at Keeneland in October. The 4-year-old is out of the winning YES IT'S TRUE mare Shopit.

From the Storm Cat sire line of three-time leading sire INTO MISCHIEF, whose 113 stakes winners include 44 graded stakes winners and six champions. Among his sire sons are two-time Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) winner GOLDENCENTS and 2021's second-leading first-crop sire PRACTICAL JOKE.

Female family traces to LADY BE GOOD and includes top G1 stakes winners AWE INSPIRING, ZILZAL, CULTURE VULTURE, INTIKHAB, POLISH PRECEDENT, FINEST CITY, and BURNING ROMA.



## GOLD DOUBLE

(Medaglia d'Oro—Fiftyshadesofgold, by My Golden Song)

**Stud Fee: \$1,000 Live Foal** (payable August 1 of year bred)

One win and four placings from five starts. Won 1 1/16-mile maiden weight at Fair Grounds by one length, earning a 91 Equibase Speed Figure.

Son of the versatile sire **MEDAGLIA D'ORO**, sire of 167 career stakes winners and progeny whose earnings top \$167.6 million. His sire sons include 2018 leading second-crop sire **VIOLENCE**, sire of 35 stakes winners from his first five crops.

From the sire line of **UNBRIDLED'S SONG**, dam **FIFTYSHADESOFGOLD** earned \$420,521 with four wins and two placings from nine starts. Won Eight Belles Stakes (G3), Debutante Stakes at Churchill Downs, Two Altazano Stakes; second in the Fair Grounds Oaks (G2) and third in the Adirondack Stakes (G2) at Saratoga.

Fourth dam **ALYSBELLE** a grade 2-winning full sister to Kentucky Derby (G1)/Preakness Stakes (G1) winner **ALYSHEBA**, multiple champion and 1988 Horse of the Year.

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1	Save Big Money (03, Storm Cat), Winner-Maker Farms	\$1,000	19/8	0/0	0/0	(On the Bridge, \$36,526)	\$255,059	140	3	0.63	0.88
2	Zip Quik (07, City Zip)	N/A	13/8	0/0	0/0	(Quicktrip Van, \$45,616)	\$142,290	63	0	0.23	0.73
3	Grand Minstrel (05, Grand Slam)	N/A	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Red Wes, \$32,675)	\$113,037	105	0	0.31	0.58
4	Behold de Buy (08, E Dubai)	N/A	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Lil Miss de Buy, \$24,675)	\$90,872	33	0	0.29	0.94
5	Numaany (05, A.P. Indy), Stonedance Farm	Private	17/5	0/0	0/0	(Country Cowboy, \$13,512)	\$88,286	45	2	0.79	0.76
6	El Roblar (02, War Chant)	N/A	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Me, \$18,701)	\$44,394	63	1	0.35	0.53
7	Oliver's Twist (92, Horatius)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Seattle Twist, \$9,662)	\$33,471	276	2	0.50	0.71
8	Silver Saint (96, Silver Deputy)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Rockin O, \$14,820)	\$27,475	53	1	0.29	0.39
9	Laughing Charlie (07, Indian Charlie)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Perfect Lilcharlie, \$635)	\$797	12	0	0.18	0.18

## 2021 LEADING SIRES IN LOUISIANA

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							2021 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Gemologist (09, Tiznow), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$4,000	185/103	4/5	1/4	(Miss Bigly, \$282,220)	\$4,864,026	*737	17	1.08	1.26
2	Half Ours (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud	Died, 2021	91/50	1/2	1/1	(Standing Perfect, \$105,000)	\$1,895,659	*558	24	0.92	1.09
3	Star Guitar (05, Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud	\$7,500	95/39	0/0	0/0	(Ova Charged, \$114,600)	\$1,648,631	200	9	1.02	1.02
4	Custom for Carlos (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	110/48	0/0	0/0	(Tensas Thought, \$83,340)	\$1,490,402	324	6	0.73	1.03
5	Daaher (04, Awesome Again), Circle H Farms	\$3,000	58/37	0/0	0/0	(Easy Day, \$118,035)	\$1,453,012	189	11	1.22	1.14
6	Secret Circle (09, Eddington), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	34/21	1/1	0/1	(Our Secret Agent, \$167,913)	\$1,240,819	73	1	1.22	0.93
7	Country Day (06, Speightstown), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,500	49/32	1/1	1/1	(Tune In, \$153,400)	\$1,225,227	126	4	1.01	0.95
8	Astrology (08, A.P. Indy), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$2,500	78/37	1/1	0/1	(Dark Oak, \$79,254)	\$1,192,933	*333	6	0.83	1.12
9	Greeley's Galaxy (02, Mr. Greeley)	Died, 2017	43/29	1/1	1/1	(Bertie's Galaxy, \$118,900)	\$1,073,888	203	4	0.92	0.98
10	My Pal Charlie (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	42/19	0/0	0/0	(Madison's Place, \$110,120)	\$843,237	210	2	0.68	0.95
11	D'wildcat (98, Forest Wildcat), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$2,500	44/22	0/0	0/0	(That's D 'cat, \$57,490)	\$706,576	*507	16	1.17	1.16
12	Flashpoint (08, Pomeroy), Le Mesa Stallions	\$1,500	48/20	0/0	0/0	(Impressed, \$114,733)	\$669,001	102	0	0.63	0.74
13	Apriority (07, Grand Slam), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	43/22	1/1	1/1	(Snowball, \$94,180)	\$656,324	86	2	0.72	0.71
14	Guilt Trip (09, Pulpit), Red River Farms	\$2,000	41/19	0/0	0/0	(Isolation, \$76,720)	\$649,558	86	2	0.65	1.25
15	Closing Argument (02, Successful Appeal), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$3,000	30/15	1/1	1/1	(Quickfast N Ahurry, \$151,050)	\$613,635	*508	20	1.12	1.08



Our Lost Love, under Joel Dominguez, scores a four-length victory in the 2020 Take Charge Brandi Stakes at Delta Downs

by Private Vow filly proceeded to capture champion filly honors in Louisiana both as a 2-year-old and as a 3-year-old.

The dark bay filly compiled a 6-5-2 mark in 17 career starts before being sidelined in August with bone chips.

"If Our Lost Love doesn't come back following surgery ... which we think she will, we think she'll be fine ... then she'd be our fourth mare," Robertson said. "We're not going to let that bloodline get away from us."

That line derives from Lovenotlost, champion 3-year-old filly in Louisiana for 2011. A daughter of Lost Soldier out of Seattle Savoy (by Chief Seattle), Lovenotlost went 6-1-2 in 14 starts, including four stakes wins in 2011: the Crescent City Oaks and Sarah Lane's Oates Stakes at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, the Louisiana Cup Oaks at Louisiana Downs, and the Louisiana Showcase Mile Stakes at Evangeline Downs.

Trainer Wesley Hawley went to \$15,000 to land Lovenotlost for Tri-Star at the 2010 Fasig-Tipton Texas 2-year-olds sale, where she had been consigned

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1	Justin Phillip (08, First Samurai)	N/A	103/54	2/7	0/2	(Just Might, \$536,432)	\$2,262,520	222	8	0.99	1.08
2	Morning Line (07, Tiznow)	Died, 2019	66/27	2/2	1/2	(Mud Pie, \$129,040)	\$1,407,241	*214	9	1.04	1.15
3	Marking (12, Bernardini), A & A Ranch	\$3,500	27/13	4/6	4/4	(Slammed, \$237,605)	\$982,867	50	5	1.21	1.18
4	We Miss Artie (11, Artie Schiller), Red Feather Equine	\$1,000	35/12	3/4	1/3	(Artie's Storm, \$209,273)	\$754,539	76	4	0.99	1.28
5	Laugh Track (09, Distorted Humor)	N/A	41/18	0/0	0/0	(Our Time to Shine, \$54,071)	\$457,112	111	1	0.42	0.95
6	Abstraction (10, Pulpit), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	37/13	0/0	0/0	(Evacuee, \$52,860)	\$407,477	94	1	0.70	0.96
7	Read the Footnotes (01, Smoke Glacken)	N/A	17/10	1/1	1/1	(Readthecliffnotes, \$90,342)	\$333,481	*358	20	1.21	1.10
8	Quinton's Gold (97, Carson City)	N/A	22/10	0/0	0/0	(Golden Band, \$67,500)	\$316,601	163	10	1.06	0.80
9	Fusaichi Zenon (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence)	N/A	14/8	0/0	0/0	(Strawberry Whisky, \$63,027)	\$303,682	130	4	0.64	0.79
10	Indian Firewater (07, Indian Charlie)	Died, 2017	32/9	0/0	0/0	(On a Warpath, \$50,401)	\$296,362	105	4	0.57	1.00
11	Right Rigger (06, Unbridled's Song), Hunter Creek Farms	\$3,500	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Izeright, \$94,397)	\$287,382	45	4	1.26	0.62
12	Mr. Trieste (01, Old Trieste), Jenkins Farm	Private	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Jet N G, \$120,988)	\$279,901	61	1	0.67	0.76
13	Southwestern Heat (04, Gone West)	Died, 2017	22/9	0/0	0/0	(Short Pockets, \$31,250)	\$270,467	*121	6	0.72	0.93
14	Mr. Gold Mover (08, Mr. Greeley), Bar Y Equine	\$1,500	22/9	0/0	0/0	(Foxy Red, \$42,830)	\$261,357	80	2	0.60	0.86
15	Diabolical (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	25/5	1/2	0/1	(My Boanerges, \$121,030)	\$252,983	182	13	0.87	0.93

by Robert Brewer, agent. Some minor injuries saw her retired after that successful 3-year-old season. She died after producing one foal, Lost Love Baby; with Tri-Star as the breeder.

The first foal for unraced Lost Love Baby would be Our Lost Love.

Robertson, who has been in racing for 30 years, teamed with Dean 16 years ago. Although both men hail from Camden,

Ark., they didn't meet until crossing paths through community activities and business dealings.

"I kind of talked him into letting me get in the business," Dean said. "I told him, 'I think I want a horse,' and he said, 'Nah, you probably don't.'

"I went, 'Yeah, I really think I do.'"

When the partnership began under the name Queen City Racing Stable in 2005,

the two men focused on claiming and racing. Dean said they began with a horse named Let Us Rejoice, a Florida-bred gelded son of Wheaton. When he was claimed after just a few races, Dean said, "I just lost 30 grand. 'Maybe you're right; maybe I don't want to be in the horse racing business.'"

They then claimed a colt—Scat Cat Jamey, a Kentucky-bred son of Wild

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1	Flat Out (06, Flatter), Mighty Acres	\$3,000	214/123	6/7	2/6	(Pacific Gale, \$261,270)	\$5,863,658	453	12	1.09	1.14
2	Successful Appeal (96, Valid Appeal)	Pnsd	80/41	1/1	1/1	(Topless, \$108,012)	\$1,539,477	*844	57	1.58	1.39
3	Liaison (09, Indian Charlie), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	124/52	0/0	0/0	(Bronx Beauty, \$78,600)	\$1,513,186	310	3	0.68	1.12
4	Wilburn (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	68/31	0/0	0/0	(Free to Fly, \$201,620)	\$1,061,699	*349	9	0.75	1.07
5	Pollard's Vision (01, Carson City)	Pnsd	56/34	1/1	1/1	(Gotta See Red, \$88,470)	\$1,031,722	*806	21	1.12	1.15
6	Shakin It Up (10, Midnight Lute), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	58/29	0/0	0/0	(Front Circle, \$93,403)	\$967,702	*164	1	0.70	1.09
7	Atreides (11, Medaglia d'Oro), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	54/28	0/0	0/0	(To the Front, \$97,283)	\$947,652	123	3	0.84	1.30
8	Den's Legacy (10, Medaglia d'Oro), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	26/13	3/5	3/3	(Run Sleppy Run, \$156,352)	\$844,555	46	3	1.17	0.86
9	Euroears (04, Langfuhr), WestWin Farms	\$1,500	50/24	0/0	0/0	(Euro Me, \$92,497)	\$772,415	192	5	0.79	0.80
10	Magna Graduate (02, Honor Grades), Brewster Ranch	\$2,500	27/16	2/2	2/2	(She's All Wolfe, \$157,876)	\$676,922	*263	10	0.92	0.97
11	Caleb's Posse (08, Posse), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	33/14	0/0	0/0	(High Rolling Dude, \$64,184)	\$618,800	*125	3	1.08	1.08
12	Latent Heat (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	35/17	1/2	1/1	(Shannon C, \$140,168)	\$573,351	*377	8	0.84	1.06
13	Mr. Nightlinger (04, Indian Charlie)	Died, 2017	34/15	0/0	0/0	(Lingering Promise, \$60,703)	\$473,614	200	4	0.59	0.82
14	Blueskiesrainbows (09, English Channel), Sunlight Farm	\$2,500	22/11	0/0	0/0	(Cielo Blu, \$64,984)	\$397,522	34	0	0.71	1.30
15	Kipling (96, Gulch)	Died	15/10	0/0	0/0	(La Morena, \$47,056)	\$242,775	364	9	0.93	0.87

Rush, and enjoyed some success.

"We had this horse for a year, we made about \$150,000 with him," Dean remembered. "I said, 'Dang, maybe I do like horse racing.'"

After renaming the partnership Tri-Star Racing, Robertson and Dean would soon find some success at the highest level. Brown Almighty, a son of Big Brown, took them to the 2012 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1T) at Santa Anita Park after winning the Sunny's Halo and finishing second in the Sunday Silence stakes at Louisiana Downs. He entered the Breeders' Cup off a runner-up finish in the Bourbon Stakes (G3T) at Keeneland. In the Juvenile Turf, the chestnut ran ninth after leading at the quarter pole of the mile race.

Robertson, 72, and Dean, 58, have had occasional additional business partners through the years. They also currently own horses with trainers Jerry Hollendorfer and Joey Foster. As of late November, the Tri-Star Racing stable included about 20 runners—six or seven allowance runners with Hollendorfer, five or six with Foster, and three or four yearlings at Clear Creek Stud.

Tri-Star's broodmares include Our Slick Chick, Yankee'slildarling, and



**Rich Robertson also enjoys cheering for the Arkansas Razorbacks**

She's a Fine Dime.

Our Slick Chick, a 7-year-old daughter of Eskendereya; and She's a Fine Dime, 6-year-old daughter of Street Sense; are at the Bethany, La., farm owned by Loretta and Gerald Romero. Our Slick Chick is in foal to Star Guitar and She's a Fine Dime is in foal to Half Ours, a four-time Louisiana leading sire who was euthanized in July following a paddock accident at Clear Creek Stud.

Yankee'slildarling, a 10-year-old daughter of Yankee Gentleman, is in

foal to Custom for Carlos at Clear Creek Stud.

If, or rather when, Our Lost Love joins the broodmare mix, Roberson said she'll be sent to Kentucky to be bred.

"We've got some that are pretty regally bred, and I think we would be inclined to add a couple to that," Robertson said. "I really don't want to get over five broodmares. I think that takes the fun out of it. I kind of like where we are—if we throw quality.

"I'm more into quality than quantity. It's not how many we can get on the ground and throw out there. I like to breed to the good stallions, and I'm just into quality. And it's paid off for us."

While Kentucky is in the back of the mind, to date Tri-Star Racing has been successful focusing on Louisiana-breds.

"The Louisiana breeding has a lot of benefits," Robertson said. "There are a lot of tracks that you can run 12 months out of the year. We felt like that was a better deal."

While Robertson is nearing retirement—his AeroCare Home Medical was sold to Adapt Health—Dean planned to continue working in his heating and air-conditioning business.

"I gotta work to pay for horses," he says with a laugh.

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2021 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2021 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Competitive Edge (12, Super Saver), Valor Farm	\$5,000	94/57	3/4	0/3	(Edgeway, \$431,000)	\$3,724,215	*261	7	1.35	1.24
2	Too Much Bling (03, Rubiano), Valor Farm	\$5,000	89/49	1/2	1/1	(Direct Dial, \$156,334)	\$2,006,663	335	28	0.99	1.02
3	My Golden Song (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$4,000	38/20	2/4	2/2	(Sunlit Song, \$201,757)	\$944,405	192	16	0.93	0.99
4	Congaree (98, Arazi)	Died, 2020	24/11	0/0	0/0	(Runningwscissors, \$96,275)	\$540,388	*421	13	1.16	1.31
5	Aikenite (07, Yes It's True)	N/A	32/19	0/0	0/0	(Mt Suribachi, \$69,375)	\$528,469	78	0	0.89	1.08
6	Redeemed (08, Include), Century Acres Farm	\$2,000	21/11	1/1	1/1	(I Am Redeemed, \$143,300)	\$528,373	107	1	0.94	1.08
7	Moro Tap (10, Tapit), Double Infinity Ranch	\$1,000	36/17	0/0	0/0	(K C Tiz Moro, \$69,899)	\$516,046	*101	1	0.56	0.80
8	The Hunk (07, Speightstown), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	15/6	1/2	1/1	(Star of the North, \$219,050)	\$359,132	31	1	0.60	0.96
9	Grasshopper (04, Dixie Union)	Pnsd	27/8	0/0	0/0	(Set the Pace, \$74,300)	\$341,596	150	3	0.67	0.85
10	Bradester (10, Lion Heart), Valor Farm	\$3,000	27/6	0/0	0/0	(Give It Everything, \$72,553)	\$311,255	37	0	0.48	0.85
11	Early Flyer (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	Pnsd	19/11	0/0	0/0	(Pharme's Phaith, \$36,320)	\$277,009	320	19	0.73	0.88
12	Mr. Besilu (09, A.P. Indy), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Sailing Along, \$65,161)	\$268,335	43	0	0.61	0.82
13	Crossbow (08, Bernardini), Valor Farm	Pnsd	14/6	1/1	1/1	(Carbon Stryker, \$102,472)	\$248,759	44	3	0.51	1.01
14	Texas Bling (10, Too Much Bling)	N/A	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Texas Mama, \$36,394)	\$168,575	16	0	0.61	1.27
15	Keep Up (07, Unbridled's Song), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Passport, \$60,625)	\$147,626	41	0	0.57	1.39

Robertson expects to spend more time attending to his horses.

"We've really been blessed," he said. "We've actually made money in this game—which is hard to do—because we will sell horses if somebody comes with enough money. I sold one for half a million dollars, so I will sell one."

Financial gain, however, isn't the only

way in which Robertson feels fortunate.

"I think it's very unique in the horse business, which is so competitive and has a lot of egos," he says, "in all this time, Alan and I have never had a cross word."

He loves to win, but Robertson explained that just being involved in horse racing ... the events, the people ... is what

he enjoys most.

"Thoroughbred racing has taught me to accept defeat and handle it because anybody can handle being a winner," he said. "Everybody can't handle defeat. This game—winning at about 15% which is huge—you need to be able to handle that and turn the page and not relive it a thousand times." **BH**



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