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The closing of Arlington International Racecourse has added another challenge for an already struggling breeding industry in Illinois

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ARLINGTON'S END ADDS ANOTHER DIFFICULTY FOR ALREADY STRUGGLING ILLINOIS BREEDING

By **BOB KIECKHEFER**

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2021 LEADING SIRE IN ILLINOIS



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB, Sire), Where Stands	2022 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	Ghaaleb (08, Unbridled's Song), Wildwood Farm	Private	36/23	1/1	1/1	(W W Cookie Monster, \$86,860)	\$941,748	52	1	0.99	1.12
2	Forest Attack (04, Forestry)	N/A	41/12	0/0	0/0	(Huey Attack, \$77,413)	\$513,900	108	0	0.43	0.99
3	Road Ruler (02, Unbridled's Song), JB Stables	\$1,000	17/8	0/0	0/0	(Sister Ruler, \$96,001)	\$276,762	131	0	0.75	0.71
4	Well Positioned (06, Awesome Again)	N/A	13/6	0/0	0/0	(W W Fitzy, \$126,755)	\$275,079	36	1	0.75	1.01
5	Three Hour Nap (02, Afternoon Deelites), Oak Tree Farm	\$1,000	13/5	1/2	1/1	(Cinco Star, \$150,575)	\$261,581	51	2	0.96	1.34
6	Indy Snow (GB) (01, A.P. Indy)	N/A	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Stopshoppingamy, \$114,007)	\$142,693	47	1	1.00	0.82
7	King's Empire (09, Empire Maker), Hondo Ranch	Private	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Stormy Empire, \$33,030)	\$109,585	11	0	0.49	0.56
8	Country Be Gold (97, Summer Squall), Cutsinger's Stallion Station	\$500	8/6	0/0	0/0	(Diamond Gucci, \$32,874)	\$98,941	88	0	0.57	0.92
9	Live From Appollo (04, Maria's Mon)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Willow Moon, \$80,014)	\$82,534	11	0	0.76	0.71
10	Brave 'n Away (00, Skip Away)	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Launch Away, \$37,826)	\$77,658	51	0	0.47	0.65
11	El Medwar (04, Elusive Quality), Hondo Ranch	Private	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Lake Mills, \$36,880)	\$72,500	24	0	0.81	1.13
12	Chosen Deputy (05, Deputy Minister), Legacy Farms	Private	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Andreas, \$45,640)	\$70,461	19	0	0.75	0.92
13	Mt Waverly (99, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Wave'ndumoni, \$38,150)	\$55,749	25	0	0.31	0.72
14	West Ranger (06, Vindication)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Creal Dreamer, \$33,393)	\$55,014	21	0	0.34	0.79
15	Devil Hunter (99, Pulpit)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Devil's Rule, \$27,143)	\$48,236	25	0	0.67	0.67

How's that working out?

Not very well.

"It's on life support. That's for sure," says Chris Block, president of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and the trainer for Team Block, one of the state's oldest and most dedicated breeding and racing families.

"The numbers have dwindled considerably over the last 10 years and more in the last five years."

Those numbers speak for themselves—a precipitous decline through the past few decades in Illinois-registered stallions, mares bred, and foals registered. There are too few state-bred horses to meet the statutory minimum number of daily and weekly restricted races. Illinois-bred stakes with vanishingly small fields are contested.

And with all of that, the exodus of breeders threatens to turn into a stampede with even the most determined, most highly respected, and most loyal now wondering whether Illinois has passed the point of no return.

Others hold out hope. But even the least pessimistic—there are no optimists—warn the window of opportunity is closing.

The Jockey Club reports the number of stallions based in Illinois declined from 137 in 2001 to 27 in 2020. The Illinois registered foal crop declined from 1,001 in 2001 to 142 in 2020.

The Illinois Racing Act mandates at least two Illinois-bred races per day at each track with a weekly minimum of six such races. But the law also provides a



Trainer Chris Block has seen Thoroughbred breeding in Illinois decline in the past decade

generous loophole that permits tracks to dodge that requirement for several reasons, chief among them, "When sufficient competition cannot be had."

As a result, in 2019, the last full pre-pandemic year, Hawthorne Race Course, Arlington International Racecourse, and Fairmount Park (now Fanduel Sportsbook and Horse Racing) ran a total of just 68 Illinois-restricted races, with Hawthorne and Fairmount in the vanguard.

"It's been a real struggle to get these races filled," Block said, adding the shortage of Illinois horses had a minor, unexpected benefit.

"Actually, this past season at Arlington was better than it was two or three years prior to that. I can remember a lot of Illinois-bred maidens in open races

because the Illinois maiden races just never got enough horses.

"And I can go back to the day that when you had an Illinois-bred and you were running in a first-level condition on the grass and you'd absolutely, positively have a chance of not getting in because they'd overfill."

Illinois-bred stakes also suffer from the dearth of horses. Hawthorne management soldiered on through 2021 with a state-bred stakes program but found just five takers for the \$56,000 Jim Edgar Illinois Futurity Stakes Dec. 11. And two of the five—first- and second-place finishers Fast Jack and Wildwood Sicilian—are both owned by Charles Ritter and trained by Scott Becker.

The rules concerning entries were changed years ago to provide maximum betting interests, so Fast Jack and Wildwood Sicilian ran uncoupled.

On the racing side, the state now faces a major change as Arlington was closed at the end of its 2021 season. Hawthorne's director of publicity, Jim Miller, said Hawthorne remains committed to Illinois-bred racing and to providing state-restricted stakes races to benefit both owners and breeders.

"We will likely have six Illinois stakes during the spring meeting," Miller said. "We don't know yet the dates or purses."

"Hawthorne is Illinois-bred friendly," Block said.

Purses for the 68 restricted races run in 2019 in Illinois totaled just \$1,419,100. That, of course, is not the entire incentive for owners and breeders of Illinois-breds. Through a series of formulas,

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2021 LEADING SIRES IN INDIANA



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 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	Unbridled Express (04, Unbridled's Song), Swifty Farms	Private	39/19	1/1	1/1	(Cash Logistics, \$215,074)	\$1,428,124	83	9	1.53	1.02
2	Harry's Holiday (11, Harlan's Holiday), Breakway Farm	\$7,500	23/13	2/4	2/2	(Hard Luck Justice, \$260,949)	\$1,133,058	36	2	1.64	0.78
3	Ready's Image (05, More Than Ready), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	33/14	2/3	1/2	(Chipofftheoldblock, \$217,221)	\$766,072	*405	9	0.82	1.06
4	Notional (04, In Excess)	N/A	41/17	0/0	0/0	(Justaboutright, \$76,698)	\$603,619	372	7	0.73	1.05
5	Skylord (08, Sky Mesa), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	22/14	0/0	0/0	(Double Tuff, \$84,180)	\$573,205	63	3	0.98	0.81
6	Fort Prado (01, El Prado)	Pnsd	25/15	0/0	0/0	(Wildcard Prado, \$90,450)	\$534,985	*209	3	0.72	1.25
7	Turbo Compressor (08, Halo's Image), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	20/12	2/2	2/2	(Bayou Cat, \$184,977)	\$491,515	56	4	0.81	1.01
8	Noble's Promise (07, Cuvee)	Died, 2018	12/8	1/1	1/1	(Fireball Baby, \$183,652)	\$428,177	36	3	1.16	0.97
9	Pass Rush (99, Crown Ambassador), Swifty Farms	\$1,500	15/9	1/1	0/1	(Completed Pass, \$99,700)	\$365,752	134	7	0.99	1.02
10	Deputy Storm (01, Forestry)	N/A	10/7	0/0	0/0	(Miss Deputy Star, \$93,731)	\$343,712	108	2	0.93	1.09
11	Victor's Cry (05, Street Cry), Holden Farm	\$25,000	29/7	0/0	0/0	(Spanish Ballerina, \$69,859)	\$330,205	133	2	0.91	1.12
12	Sangaree (05, Awesome Again)	Pnsd	15/9	0/0	0/0	(Valsheba, \$57,010)	\$323,480	50	1	1.00	0.75
13	What Now (07, Distorted Humor), R Star Stallions	Private	12/9	0/0	0/0	(Quick and Easy, \$93,405)	\$317,911	26	0	0.80	0.76
14	Pataky Kid (10, Rockport Harbor), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Hungarian Princess, \$196,870)	\$311,724	10	1	1.79	1.15
15	Elusive Bluff (06, Elusive Quality)	N/A	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Naughty Justice, \$60,327)	\$274,960	63	2	0.86	0.95

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals



An artist's rendering of a new Hawthorne Race Course that would include a casino provides a vision of how the Illinois industry could begin to rebound

COURTESY OF HAWTHORNE RACE COURSE

owners are eligible for bonuses when an Illinois-bred wins either an open or a restricted race.

Those bonuses amount to 11.5% of the winner's share of the base purse, which would be \$1,518 for the winner of a \$22,000 open allowance (11.5% of the \$13,200 winners' share).

One problem is, the awards are percentages of the purse. And as Illinois purse levels have plummeted through the decades, the 11.5% has been calculated against smaller starting figures. Purses fall. Awards fall. Horsemen flee.

Breeding declines.

And, while owners could return relatively quickly if Illinois suddenly were to become competitive, breeding operations, once gone, will be nearly impossible to resurrect. Thus, it was frightening to hear Block recount the mind-set of his father, David Block, patriarch of Team Block and one of the most dedicated, loyal, and determined breeders in Illinois. Most people in the industry would figure Block to be the one turning out the lights when the party's over.

"He has stayed the course and has

been criticized by some people for doing it," Chris Block said. "My dad is driving right now—I am not making this up—he's driving back from Ocala from his farm there where he went to look at his young horses. He's driving straight to Indiana to a farm to look at a stallion because he's strongly considering taking a small group of mares over there to breed to that stallion because he's so concerned about what's happening here.

"This is the first time in the last 15 years that he's shown any kind of weakness toward Illinois horse racing. That's

2021 LEADING SIRES IN IOWA



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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Anchor Down (11, Tapit), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$3,000	46/19	0/0	0/0	(Sea to Success, \$109,300)	\$1,146,570	78	0	0.97	1.12
2	Stroll (00, Pulpit), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$2,000	49/25	0/0	0/0	(Freedom Matters, \$101,860)	\$1,029,975	*357	17	1.01	1.20
3	Native Ruler (04, Elusive Quality)	N/A	23/14	0/0	0/0	(Scrutinizer, \$65,086)	\$545,914	80	1	0.90	0.76
4	Woke Up Dreamin (00, Holy Bull)	N/A	32/10	0/0	0/0	(Woke Up in Love, \$68,426)	\$459,507	204	5	0.75	0.87
5	Formidable (05, Sky Mesa)	N/A	12/5	1/1	1/1	(Demidanu, \$102,930)	\$339,597	20	1	0.97	0.70

2021 LEADING SIRES IN MICHIGAN

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 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	Unbridled Energy (02, Unbridled's Song), Hubel Farms	Private	20/12	0/0	0/0	(Vacation Secret, \$37,700)	\$344,162	*281	5	0.80	1.06
2	Elusive Hour (00, Elusive Quality)	N/A	9/4	1/1	0/1	(Timeless Bounty, \$195,914)	\$279,966	98	4	0.69	0.69
3	Zulu Magic (05, Johannesburg)	Died, 2017	9/6	0/0	0/0	(Mark of the Z, \$92,790)	\$176,422	31	0	0.64	0.50
4	Equality (99, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	6/5	0/0	0/0	(Carol's Royalty, \$15,593)	\$61,476	180	7	0.62	0.78
5	Gun Power (97, Unbridled)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Carolina's Thing, \$13,134)	\$17,583	60	0	0.46	0.68
6	Justice for Auston (99, Lit de Justice)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Natty Nora, \$1,764)	\$1,764	12	0	0.34	0.43

2021 LEADING SIRES IN MINNESOTA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 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	Kela (98, Numerous)	N/A	24/14	1/3	0/1	(Kela's Turn, \$233,951)	\$668,961	*298	4	0.91	0.89
2	Eye of the Leopard (06, A.P. Indy), Osborne Farm	\$1,500	10/6	1/1	0/1	(Eye of a Jedi, \$114,990)	\$257,348	52	1	0.59	1.74
3	Westover Wildcat (07, Forest Wildcat)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Celtics Wildcat, \$34,160)	\$123,407	18	0	0.56	0.57
4	Lovango (04, Capote)	Died, 2017	1/1	1/1	1/1	(Clickbait, \$119,300)	\$119,300	11	1	0.96	0.43
5	Matt's Broken Vow (05, Broken Vow), Dove Hill Farm	\$2,500	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Matchlock, \$25,373)	\$74,604	67	0	0.45	0.77
6	Timber Legend (99, Storm Cat)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Gabriel's Legend, \$29,537)	\$66,876	68	1	0.42	0.48
7	Ford Every Stream (99, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Dusty Ford, \$28,200)	\$49,210	158	1	0.53	0.78
8	Magic Cat (95, Storm Cat)	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Derbys Moneymaker, \$20,608)	\$43,537	282	10	0.61	0.87
9	Joey Franco (99, Avenue of Flags)	Died, 2018	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Orts Dream, \$5,899)	\$6,324	87	2	0.46	0.67
10	Classy Gent (01, Gone West)	N/A	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Classic Whiskey, \$4,662)	\$5,712	7	0	0.05	0.33
11	Royal Jabar (04, Aljabr)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Talent and Tricks, \$4,523)	\$4,873	18	0	0.28	1.57
12	Tahkodha Hills (97, Prospector's Halo)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Tahkodha Luv, \$1,060)	\$1,060	85	1	0.29	0.40
13	March Twelfth (06, Macho Uno)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Governor Goofy, \$175)	\$175	3	0	0.01	1.23

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

a powerful statement.”

Still, Chris Block and David McCaffrey, executive director of the ITHA, hold out hope.

“All is not lost. This thing can be turned around,” Block said.

But he cautions two things must happen to stop the exodus of horsemen and reverse the trend.

One is getting a casino up and running at Hawthorne. The other is building a new track for harness racing. Both were authorized by the gaming expansion bill signed into law by Gov. J.B. Pritzker in June 2019. Casino construction is on hold, although Hawthorne president Tim Carey maintains once the Illinois Gaming Board gives approval to modifications, it will be up and running in 2023. The harness track has vanished into the murkiest of Illinois political limbos.

Carey estimates an adjusted gross



“HAWTHORNE IS ILLINOIS-BRED FRIENDLY.”

—HORSEMAN CHRIS BLOCK ON HAWTHORNE'S WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT STATE-BRED RACING

casino revenue of as much as \$500 million a year, with as much as \$40 million going to the purse account. McCaffrey said even if the gross is half that expectation, the \$20 million or more going to Thoroughbred purses would roughly double the amount horsemen have been running for the past two years. (Double the purses, double the breeders' awards.)

“We're not to the point where we want just anything,” McCaffrey said. “That's still very significant. But it's not the home run that really, really changes the game. It's not as significant as we want it to be.”

The fly in that ointment is that with Arlington shuttered, Hawthorne is the only operating track in the Chicago area and is splitting its season between Thoroughbred and harness racing. That's expensive for the track and incredibly disruptive for horsemen in many ways.

“There's all kinds of fallout from a split

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 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	Court Vision (05, Gulch), Pryor Ranch	\$2,500	95/45	1/1	1/1	(Decision Maker, \$161,685)	\$1,960,899	*403	9	1.10	1.28
2	El Caballo (04, El Corredor)	N/A	10/7	0/0	0/0	(Hatties Jewel, \$65,855)	\$188,315	36	0	0.50	0.62
3	Cougar Cat (02, Storm Cat)	N/A	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Bartenders Mistake, \$24,234)	\$142,043	48	0	0.51	0.77
4	Shadow Hawk (99, Mr. Prospector), Rogers Ranch	\$1,250	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Super Charlie, \$28,931)	\$88,220	104	0	0.60	0.64
5	Gold Schleiger (06, Lemon Drop Kid), Pryor Ranch	\$500	5/2	0/0	0/0	(P R Odds Setter, \$29,412)	\$46,363	47	0	0.26	0.88
6	Sexy Cowboy (04, Orientate)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Want to Be Cowboy, \$9,680)	\$21,537	14	0	0.34	0.43
7	Loveofthegame (05, Sky Mesa)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Bumpy Game, \$6,400)	\$13,323	13	0	0.30	0.46
8	Indygo Mountain (06, A.P. Indy)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Got No Kash, \$3,305)	\$3,305	14	1	0.90	1.39
9	Sports Talk (11, Grand Slam), Cox Livestock	\$1,000	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Terrific Jo, \$1,034)	\$1,034	11	0	0.02	0.30

2021 LEADING SIRES IN OHIO

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 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	Dominus (08, Smart Strike), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$3,000	105/58	4/5	3/4	(Rustler, \$205,830)	\$3,034,469	245	11	1.17	1.07
2	Itsmyluckyday (10, Lawyer Ron), Maro Veterinary Services	\$2,000	80/50	0/0	0/0	(Contact Tracing, \$83,373)	\$1,793,190	187	2	0.94	1.06
3	Sky Kingdom (09, Empire Maker), Maro Veterinary Services	\$2,000	51/26	1/4	0/1	(Australasia, \$296,688)	\$1,339,679	89	1	0.95	0.88
4	Danza (11, Street Boss)	Died, 2021	77/32	0/0	0/0	(Rock N June Bug, \$103,556)	\$1,310,329	144	2	0.66	0.90
5	Mobil (00, Langfuhr), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	34/22	0/0	0/0	(Mobil Lady, \$133,820)	\$1,103,868	*218	6	1.27	1.25
6	Cowtown Cat (04, Distorted Humor), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	43/23	0/0	0/0	(Bossy Lady, \$90,195)	\$1,024,586	250	5	1.14	1.14
7	Fort Larned (08, E Dubai), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	62/29	0/0	0/0	(Fort Peck, \$108,511)	\$1,005,990	*195	2	0.84	1.20
8	Kiss the Kid (03, Lemon Drop Kid)	Died, 2020	12/9	1/1	0/1	(Extravagant Kid, \$751,923)	\$980,244	62	1	1.33	1.39
9	Drill (09, Lawyer Ron), Raimonde Farms	\$2,500	49/22	0/0	0/0	(Olive Kat, \$74,800)	\$719,864	105	1	0.83	1.00
10	Tidal Volume (06, Tapit), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	34/13	0/0	0/0	(Firsthand Justice, \$109,801)	\$560,979	89	0	0.58	0.80
11	Twinspired (08, Harlan's Holiday), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,500	15/10	1/3	1/1	(Thedayofthegrey, \$175,500)	\$549,336	36	3	1.27	0.75
12	Kettle Corn (07, Candy Ride)	N/A	29/14	0/0	0/0	(Corn Off the Cob, \$59,290)	\$526,987	73	0	0.86	1.11
13	Biondetti (08, Bernardini), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	39/17	1/1	1/1	(Get None, \$109,737)	\$493,885	149	2	0.73	1.20
14	Birdrun (06, Birdstone), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	12/6	0/0	0/0	(Big Truck, \$158,163)	\$386,757	30	2	1.18	0.74
15	Corfu (11, Malibu Moon), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	12/6	0/0	0/0	(Flashing Diamond, \$159,880)	\$378,098	40	0	1.04	0.87

2021 LEADING SIRES IN CANADA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 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	Fed Biz (09, Giant's Causeway), HIGHFIELD	\$4,500	214/114	5/9	2/5	(Zenden, \$920,250)	\$5,772,054	*385	11	1.00	1.28
2	Point of Entry (08, Dynaformer), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	149/68	4/6	0/4	(Lotus Land, \$356,156)	\$4,651,474	*319	14	1.23	1.63
3	Speightster (12, Speightstown), Northern Dawn Stables	\$6,500	143/71	3/4	2/3	(Door Buster, \$192,108)	\$4,282,760	217	5	1.07	1.18
4	Silent Name (JPN) (02, Sunday Silence), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	98/46	7/10	6/7	(Silent Poet, \$202,615)	\$2,585,297	*497	31	1.46	1.25
5	Souper Speedy (09, Indian Charlie), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$5,000	62/41	3/6	2/3	(Lorena, \$225,140)	\$2,096,900	121	9	1.83	1.46
6	Old Forester (01, Forestry), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$4,000	86/35	3/5	2/3	(Pink Lloyd, \$289,742)	\$1,972,383	515	22	1.42	1.39
7	Society's Chairman (03, Not Impossible), Shannondoe Farm	\$7,500	53/27	1/1	1/1	(Funiculi, \$86,708)	\$1,305,635	136	7	1.67	1.34
8	Town Prize (09, Speightstown)	N/A	7/5	2/2	1/2	(Town Cruise, \$704,953)	\$873,681	15	2	2.66	1.48
9	Reload (09, Hard Spun), Northern Dawn Stables	\$4,000	46/17	1/1	1/1	(Alpine Queen, \$70,795)	\$842,284	83	1	1.27	1.39
10	Signature Red (06, Bernstein), Adena Springs North	\$5,000	40/18	1/1	1/1	(Hit and Run, \$88,226)	\$714,834	102	6	1.34	1.01
11	Shaman Ghost (12, Ghostzapper), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	37/17	1/1	0/1	(Dendera, \$85,200)	\$708,612	59	1	0.82	1.17
12	Milwaukee Brew (97, Wild Again)	Pnsd	47/16	0/0	0/0	(Lady Moonshine, \$65,780)	\$589,764	*644	25	1.15	1.36
13	Silver Max (09, Badge of Silver)	Pnsd	28/9	0/0	0/0	(Thatsitthatsall, \$89,497)	\$586,873	60	0	1.08	1.61
14	Ami's Holiday (11, Harlan's Holiday), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$4,000	22/11	0/0	0/0	(H C Holiday, \$133,669)	\$576,986	39	0	1.16	1.17
15	Bakken (10, Distorted Humor), Stoneridge Farm	\$2,500	33/26	0/0	0/0	(Baktura, \$42,702)	\$555,615	59	4	0.81	0.93

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

of the racetrack,” Block said. “It’s no good. And this year, 2022, is going to be such a challenge for not only the Thoroughbred horsemen but also the harness horsemen that I worry, past 2022, you have to have another racetrack (for harness).”

But if the casino and the harness track are built, Block sees a path toward success.

“It will be a lucrative situation to own an Illinois-bred, in my opinion,” he said. “Not only from the standpoint of owners’ awards but also breeders’ awards and stakes races as well.”



“THAT’S STILL VERY SIGNIFICANT, BUT IT’S NOT THE HOME RUN THAT REALLY, REALLY CHANGES THE GAME.”

—ILLINOIS THOROUGHBRED HORSEMEN’S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DAVID McCAFFREY ON THE \$40 MILLION PURSE BOOST EXPECTED AT HAWTHORNE

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