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KEN CARSON RETIRES (MOSTLY) AFTER NEARLY THREE DECADES AT VALOR FARM

By DENIS BLAKE

THE RACING AND BREEDING landscape of the Lone Star State has changed dramatically over the past 30 years.

In 1987 the state's horsemen celebrated the re-legalization of pari-mutuel wagering after a 50-year hiatus, and by the early 1990s many predicted Texas would be the next "big thing" in racing. But peaks and valleys were to come as several early tracks struggled and closed; then the Breeders' Cup came to Lone Star Park in 2004 before breeding activity and purses sank as neighboring states used revenues from added gaming to boost purses

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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)	2022 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Lotsa Mischief (11, Into Mischief), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	44/22	0/0	0/0	(Arizona Kalei, \$111,328)	\$779,415	69	1	0.59	0.61
2	Uh Oh Bango (07, Top Hit), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	16/13	1/1	0/1	(Ramblin' Man, \$143,656)	\$607,018	44	2	0.86	1.03
3	Rocky Bar (98, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	24/19	0/0	0/0	(Maius, \$51,840)	\$367,173	205	11	0.74	0.74
4	Ez Effort (09, In Excess), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	24/10	0/0	0/0	(Collusionist, \$96,252)	\$297,441	81	2	0.52	0.89
5	Top Hit (98, Twining)	Died, 2021	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Foundation, \$39,360)	\$168,325	131	5	0.72	0.78
6	Ez Dreamer (05, In Excess)	Died, 2020	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Hey Pilgrim, \$22,284)	\$85,626	64	1	0.46	0.78
7	Margie's Wildcat (01, Storm Cat)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Diva's Diva, \$21,894)	\$68,524	150	1	0.58	0.76
8	Distorted Reality (04, Distorted Humor), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Mystic Reality, \$22,737)	\$55,694	126	1	0.40	0.77
9	Red Sky's (96, Skywalker)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Montana Jack, \$13,049)	\$13,049	118	2	0.38	0.45
10	El Mirage (05, Cee's Tizzy), Weir Stables	Private	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Who B Dat, \$11,709)	\$12,357	11	2	0.50	0.52
11	Maybry's Boy (99, Broad Brush)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Robey's Boy, \$11,974)	\$11,974	34	1	0.96	1.34
12	Risque Remarque (06, Ellusive Quest)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Mr Zydeco, \$9,240)	\$9,240	30	0	0.52	1.11
13	¶ Bocephus (15, Medaglia d'Oro), Bar Diamond Ranch	Private	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Call Em Callum, \$208)	\$208	2	0	0.01	0.98

2022 LEADING SIRES IN ARKANSAS

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2022 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
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1	The Big Beast (11, Yes It's True), McDowell Farm	\$2,000	81/43	1/1	0/1	(Yes I'm a Beast, \$134,760)	\$2,111,465	184	5	1.08	1.19
2	Mark Valeski (09, Proud Citizen), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,500	35/21	1/2	1/1	(Isolate, \$201,400)	\$1,135,691	95	3	1.07	1.14
3	Cinco Charlie (12, Indian Charlie), Leadem Farm	\$3,500	52/30	0/0	0/0	(Five Dreams, \$124,677)	\$1,131,918	126	1	0.75	0.94
4	Street Strategy (11, Street Sense), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,000	23/14	2/2	2/2	(Connie K, \$226,332)	\$913,693	59	2	0.95	0.81
5	Laurie's Rocket (09, Bluegrass Cat), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,000	23/10	0/0	0/0	(Topf Road Rules, \$93,543)	\$540,937	63	0	0.73	1.09
6	Hamazing Destiny (06, Salt Lake), Starfish Stallions	\$1,500	18/10	0/0	0/0	(My Dams Attitude, \$134,560)	\$538,378	52	1	1.01	0.83
7	Coil (08, Point Given), Charter Oak Farm	\$1,250	24/12	0/0	0/0	(Principe Carlo, \$126,300)	\$471,025	166	2	0.76	1.08
8	Aikenite (07, Yes It's True), Leadem Farm	\$1,500	25/12	0/0	0/0	(Nashvegas, \$84,072)	\$457,507	80	0	0.87	1.04
9	Cyber Secret (09, Broken Vow), Horseplay Racing	\$1,500	17/8	0/0	0/0	(Mrs. Beans, \$215,838)	\$411,128	41	1	0.81	0.71
10	Mo for the Money (13, Uncle Mo), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	20/7	0/0	0/0	(Bettys Cash, \$104,700)	\$371,664	43	0	0.61	1.07
11	Tekton (12, Bernardini)	Pnsd	6/3	1/1	1/1	(Gar Hole, \$230,000)	\$286,862	13	1	1.24	0.94
12	Double Irish (11, Tapit), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	17/7	0/0	0/0	(Dutch Treat, \$67,087)	\$273,124	71	1	0.95	0.97
13	Zong (05, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	21/7	0/0	0/0	(Cryptozonic, \$64,880)	\$268,720	92	0	0.66	0.99
14	Ordained (08, Pulpit), Starfish Stallions	\$1,500	23/8	0/0	0/0	(Richness, \$86,500)	\$257,642	76	1	0.47	0.82
15	Moonshine Mullin (08, Albert the Great), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,000	20/8	0/0	0/0	(Smokin Boots, \$68,500)	\$250,285	55	0	0.43	0.71
16	Macho Rocket (09, Macho Uno), Arkansas State University Equine Center	\$1,000	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Bellamys Roan, \$100,735)	\$211,667	52	0	0.54	0.93
17	Gentlemen's Bet (09, Half Ours), McDowell Farm	\$1,250	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Pattern Bet, \$97,800)	\$199,499	16	0	1.37	0.90
18	Exhi (07, Maria's Mon), Big Oaks Farm	Private	19/7	1/1	0/1	(Oneofthemgirls, \$73,926)	\$198,305	103	2	0.57	1.10
19	Just a Coincidence (06, Forestry)	Died, 2020	15/8	0/0	0/0	(Justa Streak, \$44,512)	\$197,440	36	0	0.62	0.96
20	Jonesboro (02, Sefapiano), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,000	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Allo Enry, \$53,315)	\$167,788	100	3	0.73	0.74

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals



Clarence and Dorothy Scharbauer built their dream farm, Valor Farm, on Texas soil

and incentives at their tracks.

Legislation passed in 2019 has given the Texas industry a boost, but a stand-off between the Texas Racing Commission and the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Alliance has cast uncertainty going forward.

The one constant throughout has been the state's flagship breeding operation, Valor Farm outside of Dallas-Fort Worth, and its general manager, Ken Carson. But when foaling season rolls around this spring, it will be the first time since 1994 that Carson is not there to greet a new crop of Texas-breds.

"I've been with a very nice lady from New Orleans for several years, and she would come to Texas and stay, and we would go back and forth, but it was just time," said Carson, a Texas native and Texas A&M University graduate, about

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1	Save Big Money (03, Storm Cat), Winner-Maker Farms	\$1,000	17/10	0/0	0/0	(She's Shiney, \$51,868)	\$234,696	149	3	0.62	0.85
2	Numaany (05, A.P. Indy)	N/A	23/8	0/0	0/0	(Wisely Played, \$23,801)	\$151,944	61	2	0.68	0.75
3	Zip Quik (07, City Zip)	N/A	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Wheeler Dealer, \$38,977)	\$136,980	72	0	0.25	0.74
4	Grand Minstrel (05, Grand Slam)	N/A	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Luna Rose, \$21,557)	\$98,043	108	0	0.31	0.58
5	Behold de Buy (08, E Dubai)	N/A	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Lil Miss de Buy, \$25,506)	\$66,113	33	0	0.28	0.81
6	Oliver's Twist (92, Horatius)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Starlight Twist, \$18,956)	\$45,340	276	2	0.50	0.71
7	Silver Saint (96, Silver Deputy)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Silvers Bling, \$21,666)	\$40,678	54	1	0.30	0.39
8	El Roblar (02, War Chant)	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Outlaw Queen, \$17,136)	\$36,533	65	1	0.35	0.54
9	Laughing Charlie (07, Indian Charlie)	N/A	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Ima Hot Tottie, \$2,072)	\$4,050	18	0	0.15	0.19
10	Elmazeed (11, Bernardini)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Bigparty Nowhiskey, \$822)	\$822	2	0	0.03	0.37

2022 LEADING SIRES IN LOUISIANA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
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1	Carpe Diem (12, Giant's Causeway), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$3,500	193/100	3/3	1/3	(Fingal's Cave, \$315,500)	\$5,518,552	*389	8	1.02	1.68
2	Exaggerator (13, Curlin), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	212/107	4/4	1/4	(SkippyLongstocking, \$634,100)	\$5,502,861	*395	7	0.75	1.49
3	Custom for Carlos (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,000	112/59	1/3	0/1	(Janet Is Ready, \$191,900)	\$2,081,839	361	7	0.72	1.01
4	Star Guitar (05, Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud	\$7,500	91/48	2/3	2/2	(Spirited Beauty, \$130,470)	\$2,017,565	244	11	0.98	0.99
5	Half Ours (03, Unbridled's Song)	Died	101/50	1/1	1/1	(Sign of War, \$78,816)	\$1,639,569	*589	25	0.89	1.07
6	Daaher (04, Awesome Again), Blue Ridge Farm	\$3,000	48/29	0/0	0/0	(Styner, \$141,525)	\$1,467,996	196	11	1.21	1.09
7	Secret Circle (09, Eddington), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	44/25	3/3	1/3	(Howbeit, \$135,530)	\$1,302,647	88	3	1.18	0.94
8	Mo Tom (13, Uncle Mo), Red River Farms	\$2,000	42/22	1/1	1/1	(Wholelottamo, \$97,750)	\$968,210	62	2	0.76	1.07
9	My Pal Charlie (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	41/27	0/0	0/0	(Creole Charlie, \$120,360)	\$965,003	215	2	0.69	0.93
10	El Deal (12, Munnings), Red River Farms	\$2,500	29/17	2/6	2/2	(Free Like a Girl, \$381,655)	\$960,249	50	3	1.28	0.91
11	Apriority (07, Grand Slam), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	45/24	0/0	0/0	(Prado's Priority, \$94,630)	\$823,398	105	2	0.70	0.75
12	Country Day (06, Speightstown), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,500	44/22	0/0	0/0	(My Golden Day, \$91,299)	\$782,274	145	4	0.96	0.93
13	Iron Fist (12, Tapit), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$6,500	26/14	1/1	1/1	(Brian's Iron Mike, \$125,320)	\$589,920	34	3	0.90	0.85
14	Guilt Trip (09, Pulpit), Red River Farms	\$2,000	36/16	0/0	0/0	(Tripper John, \$69,110)	\$512,590	100	2	0.63	1.21
15	Time Bandit (96, Time for a Change), Averett Farm	\$1,000	26/13	0/0	0/0	(Galaxy Builder, \$75,810)	\$492,331	326	4	0.82	0.86
16	D'wildcat (98, Forest Wildcat)	Died, 2021	34/15	0/0	0/0	(She's Gone d'Wild, \$70,750)	\$479,263	*509	16	1.15	1.15
17	Yankee Gentleman (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$2,500	24/11	1/1	1/1	(Yankee Seven, \$130,080)	\$452,429	*561	22	1.00	1.12
18	Flashpoint (08, Pomeroy)	N/A	36/12	0/0	0/0	(Flashy Meg, \$50,030)	\$423,741	106	0	0.59	0.74
19	Awesome Bet (08, Awesome Again), Peach Lane Farms	\$1,500	16/10	1/4	0/1	(Net a Bear, \$228,900)	\$411,616	23	1	1.10	0.82
20	Takeover Target (12, Harlan's Holiday), Red River Farms	\$2,000	33/16	0/0	0/0	(Monarch's Mischief, \$54,740)	\$366,473	50	0	0.35	1.14

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals



Alysheba helped put the Scharbauers on the map and now his likeness is a landmark at Lone Star Park

his decision to retire earlier this year and move to Louisiana. "I just turned 70, so it was time to do it."

Valor Farm was founded by legendary Texas horseman Clarence Scharbauer Jr. and his wife, Dorothy, and is now owned by the late couple's son Douglas. The Scharbauer name is best known nationally for the great Alysheba, and in the Southwest it's synonymous with success in the Texas-bred program. While Carson is not one to claim credit for those achievements, he has played a major role in the accomplishments of the Scharbauers and Valor Farm.

IT ALL STARTED WITH ONE YEARLING

Carson's professional relationship with the Scharbauer family predates Valor Farm by a decade and began with a single yearling purchase in 1984. That horse was not particularly noteworthy,

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1	Marking (12, Bernardini), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	48/24	4/4	3/4	(Slammed, \$319,425)	\$1,859,483	81	7	1.27	1.12
2	Justin Phillip (08, First Samurai), The Quarter Company	\$3,000	77/45	1/1	0/1	(Just Might, \$145,686)	\$1,647,216	222	8	0.96	1.06
3	We Miss Artie (11, Artie Schiller), Red Feather Equine	\$1,000	38/23	4/5	0/4	(Artie's Princess, \$297,872)	\$1,202,180	81	4	1.09	1.25
4	Morning Line (07, Tiznow)	Died, 2019	62/24	0/0	0/0	(Cap de Fuego, \$81,122)	\$1,130,684	*214	9	0.97	1.27
5	Shame On Charlie (04, Indian Charlie), The Quarter Company	\$2,500	20/13	2/2	1/2	(Shugs Charlie, \$151,081)	\$715,683	52	7	1.08	0.63
6	Laugh Track (09, Distorted Humor), Double LL Farm	\$2,500	47/18	0/0	0/0	(Our Time to Shine, \$123,640)	\$687,295	132	1	0.44	0.96
7	Abstraction (10, Pulpit), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	42/15	0/0	0/0	(George Who, \$54,961)	\$594,962	118	1	0.66	0.93
8	Sway Away (08, Afleet Alex), The Quarter Company	\$1,500	16/11	1/1	1/1	(Massive Roar, \$167,765)	\$528,369	40	1	0.68	0.78
9	Mr. Trieste (01, Old Trieste), Jenkins Farm	Private	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Corrina Corrina, \$309,020)	\$513,974	63	1	0.73	0.73
10	Diabolical (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	Pnsd	19/13	0/0	0/0	(Diabolical Ruler, \$99,023)	\$484,082	187	13	0.87	0.94
11	Mr. Gold Mover (08, Mr. Greeley), Bar Y Equine	\$1,500	20/12	1/1	1/1	(Lemon Drop Gold, \$157,452)	\$410,705	82	3	0.62	0.92
12	Read the Footnotes (01, Smoke Glacken)	N/A	16/9	1/1	1/1	(That's Something, \$172,003)	\$403,672	*360	21	1.20	1.09
13	Fusaichi Zenon (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence)	N/A	11/5	1/1	1/1	(Strawberry Whisky, \$157,938)	\$343,046	135	5	0.65	0.77
14	Right Rigger (06, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	20/9	0/0	0/0	(Right for You, \$83,100)	\$319,517	53	4	1.08	0.61
15	Roll Hennessy Roll (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	Pnsd	12/6	0/0	0/0	(Hollywood Henry, \$108,330)	\$310,125	190	12	0.89	0.92
16	Quinton's Gold (97, Carson City)	N/A	17/10	0/0	0/0	(Golden Merger, \$29,429)	\$237,951	166	10	1.03	0.80
17	McKenna's Justice (07, Medaglia d'Oro)	Died, 2017	7/5	0/0	0/0	(McThanks, \$79,655)	\$192,647	27	0	0.71	0.59
18	Proceed (11, Desert God), A & A Ranch	\$1,500	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Desert Spirit, \$130,580)	\$188,148	13	0	0.52	1.49
19	Comfort (12, Indian Charlie), Double Tree Farm	\$3,000	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Lonzo Who, \$39,331)	\$176,711	30	0	0.53	0.68
20	Musaiteer (10, Medaglia d'Oro)	N/A	16/4	0/0	0/0	(Kiss Me D Oro, \$55,863)	\$169,510	58	0	0.26	0.61
21	Latigo Shore (07, Malibu Moon), Tucumcari Thoroughbreds	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Danz At Colfax, \$62,288)	\$161,566	23	0	0.62	0.55
22	Monterey Jazz (04, Thunderello)	Died, 2020	23/7	0/0	0/0	(Smooth Blues, \$28,243)	\$159,529	70	1	0.38	0.64
23	Dome (98, Storm Cat)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Thunder Dome, \$107,660)	\$157,772	269	7	0.70	0.78
24	Stellar Rain (08, Storm Cat), TNL Farm	\$1,200	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Tutta Terlingua, \$68,366)	\$145,850	42	1	0.64	0.76
25	Silver Wagon (01, Wagon Limit)	N/A	7/5	0/0	0/0	(All Chrome, \$81,389)	\$143,035	108	1	0.63	1.05

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals



Fiftyshadesofgold won the 2013 Debutante Stakes at Churchill Downs (above) and returned there in 2014 to win the grade 3 Eight Belles Stakes



Gold Double, a Doug Scharbauer homebred son of Medaglia d'Oro—Fiftyshadesofgold, by My Golden Song, stood his first season at Valor Farm in 2022

but the following year Carson helped Clarence select Alysheba from the Keeneland July Select Yearling Sale. The Jack Van Berg trainee went on to earn a then-record \$6,679,242 during a Hall of Fame career that included wins in the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes, and Breeders' Cup Classic (all G1).

"The whole thing with Alysheba was just a dream for three years. It was



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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)	2022 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Flat Out (06, Flatter), Mighty Acres	\$3,000	187/106	3/3	1/3	(Heart Rhythm, \$290,860)	\$5,534,446	485	15	1.09	1.10
2	Liaison (09, Indian Charlie), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	85/45	0/0	0/0	(Rad Paisley, \$91,690)	\$1,517,201	351	3	0.68	1.10
3	Successful Appeal (96, Valid Appeal)	Pnsd	51/37	0/0	0/0	(Big Success, \$87,834)	\$1,362,704	*850	57	1.56	1.37
4	Atreides (11, Medaglia d'Oro), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	39/24	0/0	0/0	(League of Legends, \$136,360)	\$1,143,696	133	3	0.87	1.25
5	Den's Legacy (10, Medaglia d'Oro), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	43/25	2/3	1/2	(Hits Pricey Legacy, \$188,580)	\$929,430	70	3	0.97	0.86
6	Shakin It Up (10, Midnight Lute), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,500	48/25	1/1	0/1	(Shake Em Loose, \$108,060)	\$873,152	*177	2	0.70	1.08
7	Pollard's Vision (01, Carson City)	Pnsd	48/23	1/1	1/1	(Plenty of Vision, \$154,905)	\$827,284	*807	22	1.10	1.13
8	Magna Graduate (02, Honor Grades), Brewster Ranch	Private	31/14	2/4	1/2	(She's All Wolfe, \$357,899)	\$812,946	*274	11	0.91	0.96
9	Euroears (04, Langfuhr), WestWin Farms	\$1,500	43/17	1/2	1/1	(Fly to the Bank, \$186,297)	\$740,002	203	5	0.76	0.79
10	Wilburn (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	51/23	0/0	0/0	(Free to Fly, \$98,375)	\$687,719	*363	9	0.73	1.05
11	Caleb's Posse (08, Posse), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	29/18	0/0	0/0	(Eakly, \$65,249)	\$496,619	*151	3	1.03	1.02
12	Blueskiesrainbows (09, English Channel), Sunlight Farm	\$2,500	24/6	0/0	0/0	(Everything's Rosy, \$60,701)	\$299,589	43	0	0.59	1.24
13	Excaper (09, Exchange Rate), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	23/8	0/0	0/0	(Laridae, \$39,321)	\$268,295	49	0	0.38	0.92
14	Da Stoops (03, Distorted Humor)	N/A	17/9	0/0	0/0	(Ev's Sherman, \$72,750)	\$250,797	*119	1	0.94	1.00
15	Mister Lucky Cat (08, Storm Cat), WestWin Farms	\$1,000	9/4	1/1	1/1	(Ragan's Jet, \$153,920)	\$232,666	43	2	0.75	0.87
16	Maimonides (05, Vindication), Silver Star Breeding Center	\$1,500	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Rosie's Outlaw, \$94,224)	\$227,506	*136	1	0.72	1.56
17	Special Rate (00, Pulpit)	Pnsd	10/4	1/1	1/1	(Lucky's Special, \$91,426)	\$205,147	202	5	0.59	0.63
18	Foreign Policy (02, Danzig)	N/A	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Kaleo, \$61,112)	\$178,115	70	1	0.77	0.83
19	Backstabber (06, Elusive Quality), M. Gerald Ball	\$1,000	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Dixieland Quality, \$33,125)	\$140,214	32	1	0.77	0.38
20	Doctor Chit (09, War Front)	N/A	11/7	0/0	0/0	(Cherokee Cowgirl, \$38,318)	\$138,761	58	0	0.43	0.73
21	Home of the Brave (13, Tiznow)	N/A	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Country Brave, \$46,601)	\$133,905	51	0	0.20	0.84
22	I Spent It (12, Super Saver)	N/A	11/5	0/0	0/0	(I Kickin', \$41,904)	\$113,180	44	0	0.55	1.06
23	Chitoz (05, Forest Wildcat), River Oaks Farms	\$1,500	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Smokin' Okie, \$63,836)	\$110,475	73	2	0.75	0.83
24	Silver Haze (02, Silver Deputy)	N/A	5/4	0/0	0/0	(Pomeroy Haze, \$48,114)	\$107,697	32	0	0.45	0.30
25	Xixixi (11, Maimonides), Silver Star Breeding Center	\$1,250	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Aliferous, \$69,284)	\$105,875	26	0	0.63	0.76
26	Twice as Bad (01, Stormy Atlantic), Smith Ranch	\$250	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Mister Wayside, \$80,697)	\$103,706	39	0	0.30	0.47

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incredible," said Carson about the horse who ran in the name of Dorothy and the Scharbauers' daughter, Pamela. "We went to all the races, and it was the ride of a lifetime for me; there was nothing like it."

The son of Alydar proved to be well worth his \$500,000 price tag.

"We all liked him from the start, but very early on Jack said he'd be one of the greatest horses who ever ran," said Carson. "He was convinced he'd be the best horse he ever had his hands on. Jack was one of the best horsemen ever, so we knew we had something special when he said that."

It's now been 34 years since Alysheba closed his career with a victory in the Breeders' Cup Classic at Churchill Downs. Carson got to relive that moment when he ran into rider Chris McCarron at this year's Breeders' Cup at Keeneland.

"It was great to catch up with him," said

Carson. "It feels like the time has gone by very fast. I still remember everything about all the great days with Alysheba, and it's still very fresh in my mind."

Alysheba never ran in Texas as he retired well before any major tracks opened, but he still has a presence at Lone Star Park, a statue by artist Lisa Perry outside the front gates. The bronze was placed there in 2004, just before racing's biggest event came to the track.

"We had meetings at Lone Star with Clarence and Dorothy and we had about 10 different sculptors that presented what their pieces would look like," remembered Carson. "(Perry's) was just a knockout, but we changed the number on it. She used a photograph of him with McCarron on him and the saddle cloth number was 3 or something like that, but Clarence's brand for his cattle was a figure 5, so he said, 'Let's put a 5 on there,' so we did."

HEADING HOME TO TEXAS

After working in Kentucky for *The Thoroughbred Record* and Three Chimneys Farm, Carson moved back to his home state when the Scharbauers decided in the early 1990s to open Valor Farm, a nearly 400-acre facility that would not look out of place among the showpiece farms in Kentucky.

"The Scharbauers had a farm in Oklahoma before, called Oklahoma Stud, and Clarence and Dorothy were talking one time and they said the only thing wrong with Oklahoma Stud is that it's north of the Red River, so they found property in Texas and bought it and transferred everything to Texas," Carson recalled. "Clarence and Dorothy were both Texan to the core. When they moved it to Texas, they were much happier to have the farm on Texas soil. They didn't spare any expense anywhere."

Over the years at Valor Farm, the Scharbauers bred numerous graded

stakes winners in a state where such elite racehorses are rare. And the state's leading sires list is perennially dominated by Valor Farm residents, from current stallions Competitive Edge and Too Much Bling, to Hadif, who was one of the foundation sires in the 1990s when the Texas-bred program ramped up as pari-mutuel racing returned.

"One of the proudest things for me was Hadif," said Carson. "He was at Oklahoma Stud first and then at Valor. He was a phenomenal stallion. His foals all looked alike; they couldn't go very far, but he really put an engine in them. His foals always came out ready to roll, so I'm proud of everything we accomplished with him.

"And I'm also proud of My Golden Song. For him to get a Texas-bred (Fifty-shadesofgold) out of a Hadif mare to win a graded stakes at Churchill was really memorable. We raised horses with our own stallions that could compete in Kentucky or anywhere else, and Clar-

ence always loved to run them in Texas, too."

The family tradition for stallions continues at Valor as Gold Double, a son of Medaglia d'Oro out of Fifty-shadesofgold, is part of the 2023 roster along with Bradester, Competitive Edge, Eagle, Shoplifted, and Too Much Bling.

A FAMILY BUSINESS IN EVERY SENSE

Valor Farm stands out in Texas, not just for the longevity of the farm itself but for the tenure of its core employees. The remaining staff—office manager Deborah Goin, operations manager Shanna Sjogren, and now general manager Donny Denton—all have 20-plus years of service.

"I started here when I was 23, so I've been here half my life and Ken's been my only boss," said Sjogren, whose 22 years trails the 27 logged by both Goin and Denton. "He was also a mentor and

another father figure and somebody to look to in a working environment who everyone in the industry respects.

"I was sad that he left, but I'm glad that he gets to enjoy what's out there," she added. "He was always here in the morning when I got here and he was here when I left every day, so he spent a lot of time here."

Valor Farm might be different without Carson there on a daily basis, but with so many longtime employees, it is also very much the same.

"Things haven't really changed a whole lot," said Sjogren. "We've all done our jobs for so long together, there's just that missing piece now. So we just need to fill in for that. We know how to run the place, but it's not quite the same now."

While Carson is officially retired and taking the time to travel the world with trips planned for Greece and Japan, he's not quite done with the horse business or Valor Farm.

"Doug and I have been friends for 30

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- Sire of HITS PRICEY LEGACY (won G3 Remington Park Oaks on 9/23)

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1	Competitive Edge (12, Super Saver), Valor Farm	\$5,000	89/44	4/10	0/4	(Miles Ahead, \$320,978)	\$3,008,400	*318	9	1.30	1.20
2	Mr Speaker (11, Pulpit), Forks of the Paluxy	\$5,000	81/34	6/8	2/6	(Ironstone, \$225,133)	\$2,604,971	*309	9	1.00	1.26
3	Poseidon's Warrior (08, Speightstown), Century Acres Farm	\$3,500	74/43	1/1	0/1	(Boo Boo Kitty, \$136,250)	\$2,017,624	*256	4	0.97	1.03
4	Too Much Bling (03, Rubiano), Valor Farm	\$5,000	88/45	1/1	1/1	(Ima Bling Cat, \$163,945)	\$1,823,910	357	29	0.96	1.00
5	My Golden Song (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	Died, 2022	38/15	0/0	0/0	(Gold Pilot, \$92,844)	\$776,506	204	16	0.90	0.98
6	Bradester (10, Lion Heart), Valor Farm	\$2,000	33/19	1/1	1/1	(Texas Thunder, \$98,890)	\$762,236	59	1	0.62	0.78
7	Moro Tap (10, Tapit), Double Infinity Ranch	\$1,000	46/20	0/0	0/0	(Tap the Dot, \$101,826)	\$729,964	*124	1	0.56	0.79
8	Redeemed (08, Include), Century Acres Farm	\$2,000	14/9	1/1	1/1	(Going to the Lead, \$157,826)	\$466,269	110	2	0.97	1.11
9	Congaree (98, Arazi)	Died, 2020	18/8	1/1	1/1	(Runningwscissors, \$121,493)	\$424,867	*424	14	1.15	1.30
10	Uncle Vinny (13, Uncle Mo), Solitude Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	12/10	0/0	0/0	(Judge Judith, \$63,180)	\$379,713	16	0	0.69	0.92
11	Latent Heat (03, Maria's Mon), Eureka Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	25/11	1/1	1/1	(Shannon C, \$75,902)	\$358,744	*388	8	0.83	1.05
12	The Hunk (07, Speightstown), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	19/9	0/0	0/0	(A Roze and Wine, \$76,845)	\$280,483	39	1	0.58	0.90
13	Grasshopper (04, Dixie Union)	Pnsd	20/8	0/0	0/0	(Show Me Grace, \$48,546)	\$246,233	154	3	0.65	0.85
14	Airoforce (13, Colonel John), Solitude Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Aeroballistic, \$86,800)	\$233,333	11	0	0.81	0.73
15	Early Flyer (98, Gilded Time)	Pnsd	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Miss M J, \$44,902)	\$231,471	325	19	0.72	0.87
16	Mr. Besilu (09, A.P. Indy)	N/A	19/9	0/0	0/0	(Sailing Along, \$40,793)	\$210,401	47	0	0.53	0.86
17	Texas Bling (10, Too Much Bling)	N/A	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Nightblinger, \$42,801)	\$166,302	18	0	0.63	1.21
18	Eagle (12, Candy Ride), Valor Farm	\$2,500	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Eagle Express, \$38,670)	\$121,057	22	1	0.54	0.99
19	Crossbow (08, Bernardini)	Pnsd	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Carbon Stryker, \$39,623)	\$110,147	45	3	0.49	1.00
20	Behindatthebar (05, Forest Wildcat), John Tally Racing Stable	\$1,500	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Fort Polk, \$95,560)	\$103,867	114	1	0.54	0.73

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or so years, so I'm still going to be involved," he said. "I'll help them decide what to keep and what to sell; I just won't be there day-to-day. I have some other friends and clients that I'll still keep working with."

Carson still communicates with Scharbauer about his broodmares on a regular basis, and the two plan to continue to attend sales in the future.

"I am very glad he's willing to continue to advise me," said Scharbauer. "His pedigree knowledge is remarkable, and I have the utmost respect for Ken. He's one of the most knowledgeable people in the business, so I very much value his opinion. He was a big reason we enjoyed so much success."

Carson can also rest easy knowing that Valor is in good hands with his former staff and longtime farm manager Denton stepping into the top role.

"Ken's just a great person, very knowledgeable in the business," Denton said about his former boss. "He's one of those guys that lets you do your job and is easy to work with. I was very blessed to spend all those years with him."

Like Carson, Denton has a relationship that goes way back with the Scharbauers.

"I knew the Scharbauers back in the 1970s at Ruidoso," he said about Clar-



(Left to right): Former bloodstock and racing manager for Stonerside Stable John Adger, Carson, and Valor Farm owner Doug Scharbauer

ence and Dorothy, who also found great success in American Quarter Horse racing and breeding.

While the Scharbauer ownership has changed generations and there's a new general manager, one thing remains the same at Valor. "We've always prided ourselves on being honest with our clients," said Denton. "If they had questions, we had an open door. If you are a beginner in the horse business, we'll walk you through it. Or if you've been in the business for 20 years, we'll

sit down and take the time to help with anything we can.

"We've had a great family behind us with the Scharbauers," he added. "They always let us do our jobs. And Ken always let me do my job. We are one big family. In this day and age we are truly blessed to have worked for the Scharbauer family for as long as we have."

Family is perhaps what Carson will miss most about being at Valor Farm every day.

"We had so many clients who became friends and part of the family, so that was one of the things I liked the most," he said. "They were clients, but they were also like family. I'm also proud that we became good friends with people such as Patrick Madden and his family and a couple of his kids went to (Texas Christian University in nearby Fort Worth), and then people such as Robert Clay and his son Case, whose daughter also went to TCU.

"I had two of my kids there, and everyone's kids knew each other," he added about working with the Valor staff. "I still talk to everyone there regularly. That was the hardest part of leaving. I'm going to miss that, and of course being around the horses. I lived on a hill on the back of the farm, and I saw the horses every day of my life. But the people were really the substance of it." **BH**

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