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Leading Northeast sire Central Banker
at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds

It All Adds Up

IN NEW YORK, CENTRAL BANKER BUILDS ON SUCCESS

By **TERESA GENARO**

ON A CHILLY DECEMBER afternoon at Aqueduct Racetrack, breeders Anne and Joe McMahon, along with their daughter Jane, brave the conditions for trips to the paddock.

They make this trek to Queens, N.Y., on the last Saturday of racing before a holiday break to watch a race

day that features their New York breeding stamp. The card includes horses they bred, horses they own, and perhaps most significantly, progeny of the stallion they brought to the state in 2015: Central Banker.

Joe McMahon purchased the son of Speightstown for \$400,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November sale

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"Simply put, the Central Bankers go out there and make money.

His average progeny earnings of \$76,574 puts him in the top 10 among all North American stallions standing for \$20,000 or less in 2023.

At least 12 runners that have cleared \$250,000 or more, and almost all of them are black type earners at New York tracks.

Bankit, his top earner at over \$1.2 million, is Grade 3-placed in New Jersey and Arkansas. Morning Matcha is a stakes winner in Pennsylvania, and she finished second in the G1 Cotillion Stakes, while Bank on Shea won the listed Pelican Stakes earlier this year at Tampa Bay Downs.

A son of Speightstown: All power, from the way his neck ties into his body to the way his strong rump leads into an ample leg with plenty of bone. A Grade 2-winning sprinter during his time on the racetrack, and he looks like it."

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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		
									BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Indian Ocean (02, Stormy Atlantic)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Zeena's Rush, \$5,779)	\$8,997	*267	6	0.74	1.17
2	Dr. Rockett (99, Regal Classic)	Died, 2018	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Casper Joe, \$3,352)	\$5,222	14	0	0.50	0.62
3	Silk Broker (96, Pentelicus)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Big Stock Winner, \$1,608)	\$1,608	34	3	0.63	0.45

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals



Jane McMahon greets Central Banker at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds near Stillwater, N.Y.



From left, Ralph D'Alessandro, Joe, Jane, and Anne McMahon, jockey Eric Cancel, and trainer James Ferraro celebrate General Banker's victory in the Fifth Avenue Division of the New York Stallion Series Stakes Dec. 17 at Aqueduct

of breeding stock, syndicating him with a number of partners while sharing majority ownership with Chester Broman, a perennial leading breeder in New York. By 2019, Central Banker had cracked the top three in progeny earnings in the state, and he has locked up the top spot in New York and the Northeast Region for 2022—his second straight year at these summits.

On their Dec. 17 visit to Aqueduct, the McMahons would see Central Banker wrap up his 2022 titles. General Banker, a juvenile son of the sire, won the \$500,000 New York Stallion Series Stakes Fifth Avenue Division—the final stakes race of the year in the state's lucrative racing program for horses bred or sired in the Empire State. General Banker reached the wire 8½ lengths in front of Ramblin' Wreck, sired by another McMahon stallion son of Speightstown, Redesdale, whose juvenile filly Midtown Lights had finished second in the filly division of the Stallion Series two races earlier.

A week earlier the McMahons hosted an open house at their Saratoga Springs farm to showcase the four stallions they stand: Central Banker, Redesdale, Solomini, and their newest stud, Snapper Sinclair, who earned more than \$1.8 million and placed in multiple graded stakes, including a runner-up finish in the 2020 Cigar Mile Handicap (G1).


Sitting in his stable office amid dozens of visitors enjoying a spread of chili, warm beverages, and holiday cookies, McMahon reflected on Central Banker's success.

"He's very popular," he said. "He's gotten tons and tons of inquiries. The word is finally out that he's for real: three graded stakes-placed horses now, one of them in a grade 1.

"He's going in the right direction and

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							2022 Earnings	Foals	BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Central Banker (10, Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$7,500	133/72	7/11	4/7	(Morning Matcha, \$406,000)	\$5,391,160	308	11	1.39	1.17
2	Tourist (11, Tiznow), Rockridge Stud	\$3,500	111/52	3/3	1/3	(I Can Run, \$171,590)	\$2,992,934	*272	4	0.92	1.18
3	War Dancer (10, War Front), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$7,500	87/39	2/2	1/2	(Dancing Buck, \$271,020)	\$2,873,810	159	3	1.01	1.12
4	Big Brown (05, Boundary), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$5,000	89/37	2/3	1/2	(Somelikeithotbrown, \$496,680)	\$2,213,586	*870	29	1.03	1.38
5	Freud (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	Private	82/32	2/3	2/2	(Dakota Gold, \$205,075)	\$1,987,781	*1410	59	1.43	1.20
6	Mission Impazible (07, Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York	Private	70/35	1/1	1/1	(Colormepazzi, \$133,505)	\$1,797,377	292	8	1.01	1.17
7	Bustin Stones (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$2,500	55/29	2/2	1/2	(Bustin Bay, \$159,120)	\$1,575,457	280	13	1.29	1.21
8	Bellamy Road (02, Concerto)	Pnsd	75/27	0/0	0/0	(Road to Remember, \$131,828)	\$1,373,088	*745	32	1.09	1.20
9	Union Jackson (12, Curlin), Sequel Stallions New York	Pnsd	41/24	2/2	1/2	(Unique Unions, \$138,850)	\$1,131,930	63	2	0.81	1.03
10	Frost Giant (03, Giant's Causeway)	Died, 2022	38/21	1/1	1/1	(Smithwick's Spice, \$178,832)	\$984,410	*468	16	1.09	1.09
11	Slumber (GB) (08, Cacique), Rockridge Stud	\$7,500	12/7	1/1	0/1	(Sy Dog, \$387,400)	\$926,175	22	2	2.10	0.81
12	Micromanager (10, Medaglia d'Oro)	Pnsd	35/19	0/0	0/0	(One Time Willard, \$94,000)	\$852,593	82	0	0.73	1.18
13	Majestic City (09, City Zip)	Died, 2022	45/21	0/0	0/0	(Dee Bo, \$97,940)	\$780,360	103	1	0.63	0.99
14	Giant Surprise (09, Giant's Causeway)	Pnsd	31/12	1/2	1/1	(Galaxina, \$216,250)	\$762,023	136	4	1.17	1.18
15	Courageous Cat (06, Storm Cat), Questroyal North	\$2,500	32/15	0/0	0/0	(Driftwood, \$85,560)	\$652,761	234	8	0.86	1.03
16	Teuflesberg (04, Johannesburg)	N/A	25/11	0/0	0/0	(Smiling Teufles, \$124,970)	\$595,898	183	4	1.09	1.04
17	Bank Heist (07, Maria's Mon), Kaz Hill Farm	\$1,000	24/10	1/1	1/1	(Kazmike, \$143,000)	\$509,668	104	2	0.75	1.20
18	Honorable Dillon (10, Tapit)	N/A	23/12	0/0	0/0	(Little Linzee, \$110,350)	\$508,083	122	1	0.64	1.05
19	¶ Redesdale (13, Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Ramblin' Wreck, \$158,210)	\$455,463	36	0	1.07	0.90
20	Soaring Empire (07, Empire Maker)	Died, 2018	17/10	1/1	1/1	(Ohana Empire, \$87,606)	\$423,984	79	1	0.86	1.05
21	Golden Ticket (09, Speightstown)	Pnsd	14/8	0/0	0/0	(Lady's Golden Guy, \$75,280)	\$317,646	53	1	0.51	0.78
22	Hangover Kid (08, Lemon Drop Kid), Majestic View Farms International	\$2,500	6/4	1/2	0/1	(Miss J McKay, \$151,420)	\$311,384	13	1	1.41	0.92
23	¶ The Lieutenant (13, Street Sense)	Died, 2019	13/3	1/1	0/1	(Vacation Dance, \$134,900)	\$292,816	26	1	0.79	1.11
24	Encaustic (04, Broad Brush)	Died, 2022	16/7	0/0	0/0	(It's Your Call, \$68,509)	\$265,272	57	0	0.51	0.73
25	Al Khali (06, Medaglia d'Oro), Rockridge Stud	\$2,500	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Khali Magic, \$176,010)	\$261,344	17	0	1.11	1.11
26	A Shin Forward (05, Forest Wildcat), Rockridge Stud	\$2,500	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Shinfull, \$105,750)	\$234,341	46	0	0.56	0.82
27	Zivo (09, True Direction)	Pnsd	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Mani Pedi, \$49,400)	\$166,499	34	0	0.55	0.78
28	Beautyintheulpit (08, Pulpit)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Lemon Creek Louie, \$75,663)	\$135,650	24	0	0.53	0.85
29	Here's Zealous (97, Dehere)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Madame Rose, \$40,365)	\$69,190	199	1	1.00	0.88
30	¶ Frank Conversation (13, Quality Road), Rockridge Stud	Private	15/0	0/0	0/0	(Four Eyes, \$11,832)	\$50,596	38	0	0.12	0.98

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

he keeps getting runners, and fortunately, he's got big books. The lowest he's ever bred is about 62 mares, and in the last three years he's been up to 100. The future should be bright for him."

That grade 1-placing came courtesy of Pennsylvania-bred Morning Matcha in the Cotillion Stakes at Parx Racing in September, which the 3-year-old filly followed with a third-place finish in the Comely Stakes (G3) at Aqueduct in early December. Purchased for \$18,000 at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton Eastern Fall yearling sale from the consignment of Inspire Thoroughbreds, LC Racing owns the filly who has earned more than \$650,000 in partnership with Cash is King and Gary Barber.

Morning Matcha's breeder of record is Crane Thoroughbred Services. Clovis Crane purchased Home Ice (by Iam the Iceman) in foal with the filly at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale, paying \$3,500. While Central Banker's first foal crop would not reach the track until 2019, Crane thought the mating had potential.

"Home Ice was a big strong mare with

"WE WERE IN FROM THE BEGINNING. THE NEW YORK PROGRAM IS GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME, AND WE'VE DONE A LOT OF BUSINESS WITH JOE AND [HIS SON] MIKE. THE HORSE IS BY SPEIGHTSTOWN, WHICH WE LIKED, AND WE LIKE CENTRAL BANKER PHYSICALLY."

—HIDDEN BROOK'S DAN HALL ON CENTRAL BANKER

a beautiful shoulder, and I had seen a lot of Central Banker weanlings and yearlings that I liked quite a bit," said Crane. "I kind of projected that he was going to be a very nice stallion based on how his babies looked, so it was a logical pick to buy a big, strong, pretty mare in foal to a horse I liked, and I paid less than the stud fee."

"We love Central Banker, and he interested us a lot because he's by Speights-town," said Cash is King's Chuck Zacney. "She's New York-sired and Pennsylvania-bred, and that's quite a combo. She was the steal of the sale."

In early December, Crane bought another Central Banker filly, this one a private purchase after the yearling failed to meet her reserve at the Wanamaker's online sale of Pennsylvania-breds.

"I saw a picture of her, no scope, no vetting," Crane said. "I took a gamble, and I was right. She's much better than advertised. Central Banker is a big, beautiful horse, and he throws a big, strong, leggy horse."

Crane expects to offer the filly, who is out of the Temple City mare Sacrifice and named Escrow Account, at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale of 2-year-



Seacoast Thoroughbreds of New England homebred General Banker entered the Fifth Avenue as a maiden before romping to his first win and first stakes win

olds in training in May.

Central Banker's first millionaire is the appropriately named Bankit, who was bred by Hidden Brook Farm and Blue Devil Racing, the former of which is also an investor in the stallion.

"We were in from the beginning," said Hidden Brook's Dan Hall. "The New York program is getting better all the time, and we've done a lot of business with Joe and [his son] Mike. The horse is by Speightstown, which we liked, and we like Central Banker physically."

Hidden Brook consigned Bankit, who is out of the Colonel John mare Sister in Arms, at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale of preferred New York-breds. The colt sold for \$85,000 to SGV Thoroughbreds, who pinhooked him for \$260,000 at the 2018 Ocala Breeders' Sales' March sale of 2-year-olds in training. Bankit was purchased by Winchell Thoroughbreds and Willis Horton Racing.

With a record of 8-11-5 from 36 starts, including two graded-stakes placings, and earnings of nearly \$1.3 million, Bankit tops Central Banker's progeny by earnings. Bankit closed his 6-year-old season with a win in early December in a \$125,000 New York Stallion Series Stakes at Aqueduct.

Though both Hidden Brook and the McMahons typically breed to sell, they ended up as partners on McMahon-bred Bank Sting, most recently second in

the Go for Wand Stakes (G3) at Aqueduct. That effort boosted her earnings to \$652,050. Out of Bee in a Bonnet (by Precise End), she's won eight times from 14 starts with three seconds.

"We bought half of her and we were intending to go to a 2-year-old sale with her," said Hall. "That didn't work, and thankfully it didn't."

McMahon sold about 20 shares in Central Banker, and he says that the syndicate members have enthusiastically

supported the stallion. He also made the decision, in keeping with a practice he started about 20 years ago, that individual breeders would get the full stallion awards.

"Most stallion awards are pooled [among syndicate members]," he said. "The money comes into one pot and then gets divided up. We don't do that, with the idea that we'll get the individual to breed a better mare if he's going to get all the money."

In 2022 Central Banker led all other sires in the Northeast region with 71 winners. He also led in black-type stakes winners, with seven, and in black-type stakes horses, with 10. Among those 71 winners from 132 starters are 10 winning juveniles from 30 starters. That performance has attracted interest in farms outside of New York and outside of the United States, particularly Asia. But Joe McMahon says that Central Banker isn't going anywhere.

"He's popular," McMahon said. "We turned down \$4 million for him four years ago. Chester and I control the syndicate. It's that simple. I had an agent call me a month ago and ask, 'Why isn't this horse standing in Kentucky?' I said, 'I don't know, but he's not leaving.'" **BH**



Anne and Joe McMahon believe their approach on stallion awards has helped attract some better mares for Central Banker

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