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Shortleaf Stable's John Ed Anthony (second from left) and son Ed (far left) celebrate a victory at Oaklawn Park in February 2022. The win labeled Anthony as the track's all-time leading owner in races won

For the Love of Arkansas

JOHN ED ANTHONY REMAINS STEADFAST IN HIS SUPPORT OF RACING IN HIS HOME STATE

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J OHN ED ANTHONY'S STABLE has seen some iterations since he entered horse racing as an owner in the early 1970s, but one thing has remained constant: his unwavering support and love for Arkansas racing.

As the winningest owner at Oaklawn Park, the 84-year-old native of Arkansas is looking forward to another season of racing at the Hot Springs track, which opened Dec. 8 for its traditional winter-spring meet. The largest purse increase in Oaklawn Park's 119-year history occurs during the 2023-24 season, with a purse distribution of \$60 million. A record 47 stakes races, with a record \$16.2 million

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							2023 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Lotsa Mischief (11, Into Mischief), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	46/23	0/0	0/0	(Arizona Andrew, \$112,390)	\$660,786	101	1	0.57	0.61
2	Rocky Bar (98, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	21/18	0/0	0/0	(Katar, \$59,162)	\$360,978	206	11	0.74	0.73
3	Uh Oh Bango (07, Top Hit), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	17/9	0/0	0/0	(Ramblin' Man, \$72,732)	\$333,633	47	2	0.84	1.02
4	Ez Effort (09, In Excess), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	21/9	0/0	0/0	(Collusionist, \$59,139)	\$259,103	93	2	0.51	0.87
5	Top Hit (98, Twining)	Died, 2021	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Jake the Great, \$16,996)	\$79,195	132	5	0.71	0.78
6	Ez Dreamer (05, In Excess)	Died, 2020	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Tactical Attack, \$33,829)	\$58,935	65	1	0.46	0.78
7	Margie's Wildcat (01, Storm Cat)	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Hink's Paladin, \$18,439)	\$48,318	152	1	0.57	0.75
8	Distorted Reality (04, Distorted Humor), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Shoe Game, \$14,658)	\$14,868	126	1	0.40	0.75
9	Bocephus (15, Medaglia d'Oro)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Don Juan Bubba, \$6,672)	\$6,672	7	0	0.11	0.90

2023 LEADING SIRES IN ARKANSAS

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1	American Freedom (13, Pulpit), Leadem Farm	\$3,500	135/67	0/0	0/0	(Risk Free, \$189,800)	\$3,811,701	207	1	0.86	1.19
2	The Big Beast (11, Yes It's True), McDowell Farm	\$2,000	111/60	1/1	0/1	(Big and Classy, \$271,800)	\$2,728,583	239	6	1.01	1.15
3	Mark Valeski (09, Proud Citizen), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,500	32/22	2/2	0/2	(Isolate, \$660,000)	\$1,931,048	122	4	1.18	1.12
4	Cinco Charlie (12, Indian Charlie), Leadem Farm	\$3,000	70/40	2/2	1/2	(Jose Patio, \$125,475)	\$1,850,120	171	3	0.80	0.91
5	Street Strategy (11, Street Sense), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,500	37/11	0/0	0/0	(Kantex, \$165,525)	\$900,010	72	2	0.90	0.82
6	Mo for the Money (13, Uncle Mo), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	30/19	1/1	1/1	(King Peanut, \$136,050)	\$692,784	56	1	0.70	1.04
7	Double Irish (11, Tapit), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	31/14	0/0	0/0	(Gramercy Park, \$121,300)	\$665,414	100	1	0.87	0.94
8	Laurie's Rocket (09, Bluegrass Cat), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,000	27/17	0/0	0/0	(Lochmoor, \$107,640)	\$628,964	64	0	0.75	1.07
9	Gentlemen's Bet (09, Half Ours), McDowell Farm	\$1,250	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Bohemian Bo, \$134,850)	\$422,458	34	0	1.47	0.92
10	Zong (05, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	23/10	0/0	0/0	(Heza Sexy Zong, \$102,180)	\$399,509	104	0	0.64	0.97
11	Macho Rocket (09, Macho Uno)	N/A	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Bellamys Roan, \$87,990)	\$272,812	54	0	0.61	0.98
12	Coil (08, Point Given)	N/A	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Candy's Clone, \$79,222)	\$254,437	168	2	0.75	1.07
13	Tekton (12, Bernardini)	Pnsd	5/3	1/1	1/1	(Gar Hole, \$180,200)	\$248,261	14	1	1.28	1.21
14	Cyber Secret (09, Broken Vow), Horseplay Racing	\$1,500	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Mrs. Beans, \$116,735)	\$244,840	43	1	0.84	0.69
15	Aikenite (07, Yes It's True), Leadem Farm	Died, 2023	19/9	0/0	0/0	(Pink Ace, \$77,300)	\$244,717	84	0	0.83	1.02
16	Just a Coincidence (06, Forestry)	Died, 2020	15/5	0/0	0/0	(Timbavati, \$55,030)	\$210,819	41	0	0.54	0.95
17	Jonesboro (02, Sefapiano), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,000	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Allo Enry, \$116,571)	\$209,707	102	3	0.74	0.75
18	Ordained (08, Pulpit), Starfish Stallions	\$1,500	22/8	0/0	0/0	(Debater, \$37,163)	\$192,462	82	1	0.43	0.78
19	Moonshine Mullin (08, Albert the Great)	N/A	18/9	0/0	0/0	(Queen of the Moon, \$44,000)	\$176,744	59	0	0.41	0.76
20	Prom Shoes (04, Include)	N/A	6/5	0/0	0/0	(Promising Shoes, \$63,713)	\$172,444	22	0	0.83	0.63

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals



Anthony and his wife, Isabel, known for their philanthropic work in Arkansas, are regular attendees at the Hot Springs track

in purses, will be on offer during the 66-day season that runs through May 4, with three days of racing each week for much of the season, with some exceptions.

Only recently, in 2021, Oaklawn added racing to its December calendar, which Anthony said was smart and practical.

“I’m very pleased that Oaklawn has modified its schedule the way it has,” Anthony said. “Having December racing certainly opens the door for days that had previously been dark in racing for those in the Midwest. It makes for a good move for stables to gather in a central spot at Hot Springs for a considerable period, all the way through May.

“Having been raised in the southern part of Arkansas, Hot Springs was the vacation land of a large part of our communities. The racing is a recreation that most people in the state enjoy and keeping in mind there is no major league baseball, there is no NFL team, just the

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1	Numaany (05, A.P. Indy)	N/A	26/15	0/0	0/0	(Indyetta, \$36,119)	\$282,002	67	2	0.65	0.74
2	Zip Quik (07, City Zip)	N/A	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Wheeler Dealer, \$25,353)	\$91,030	73	0	0.26	0.74
3	Save Big Money (03, Storm Cat), Winner-Maker Farms	\$1,000	16/4	0/0	0/0	(Prairie Dollar, \$13,580)	\$77,418	159	3	0.60	0.84
4	Grand Minstrel (05, Grand Slam)	N/A	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Respond, \$29,050)	\$49,038	110	0	0.31	0.57
5	Behold de Buy (08, E Dubai)	N/A	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Lil Miss de Buy, \$16,560)	\$38,888	33	0	0.28	0.77
6	Elmazed (11, Bernardini)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Miss You No More, \$8,933)	\$23,840	3	0	0.21	0.33
7	Silver Saint (96, Silver Deputy)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Deputy's Dancer, \$16,872)	\$16,872	54	1	0.30	0.39
8	Laughing Charlie (07, Indian Charlie)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Ima Happy Dancer, \$6,728)	\$13,260	18	0	0.16	0.20
9	El Roblar (02, War Chant)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Big Time Rob, \$4,801)	\$9,348	65	1	0.34	0.53

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Exaggerator (13, Curlin), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	203/80	4/5	1/4	(Skippylongstocking, \$816,375)	\$4,727,326	*582	10	0.77	1.42
2	Carpe Diem (12, Giant's Causeway), LACER @ Aztec Equine	\$3,500	172/91	2/3	1/2	(Seize the Night, \$188,714)	\$4,156,147	*415	10	1.00	1.61
3	Unified (13, Candy Ride), LACER @ Aztec Equine	\$3,500	145/70	1/1	0/1	(Unified Alliance, \$171,500)	\$3,772,906	227	4	0.93	1.13
4	Gormley (14, Malibu Moon), Red River Farms	N/A	131/68	3/4	2/3	(Moody Woman, \$199,200)	\$3,127,190	221	5	0.85	1.10
5	Star Guitar (05, Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud	\$7,500	108/50	3/8	2/3	(Touchuponastar, \$365,000)	\$2,539,164	285	13	0.97	0.98
6	Custom for Carlos (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,000	109/44	0/0	0/0	(Marks Promise, \$84,353)	\$1,629,091	383	7	0.69	0.99
7	Half Ours (03, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2021	88/41	0/0	0/0	(Hooray Austin, \$82,425)	\$1,567,667	*609	25	0.87	1.05
8	Mo Tom (13, Uncle Mo), Red River Farms	\$2,000	43/25	1/2	1/1	(Mangum, \$216,850)	\$1,231,194	70	3	0.86	1.05
9	El Deal (12, Munnings), Red River Farms	\$2,500	49/25	2/7	2/2	(Free Like a Girl, \$303,450)	\$1,193,528	81	4	1.07	0.90
10	Secret Circle (09, Edgington), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	37/19	1/1	0/1	(Secret Rules, \$131,350)	\$1,077,344	105	4	1.14	0.92
11	Daaher (04, Awesome Again), Blue Ridge Farm	\$3,000	39/19	0/0	0/0	(Saheel, \$188,150)	\$1,055,770	212	11	1.19	1.07
12	Country Day (06, Speightstown), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,500	50/23	0/0	0/0	(Loyal Louie, \$72,020)	\$981,021	179	4	0.91	0.87
13	Apriority (07, Grand Slam), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	45/20	1/1	1/1	(Snowball, \$92,030)	\$710,598	123	2	0.68	0.75
14	My Pal Charlie (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	32/16	0/0	0/0	(Charlie T, \$96,430)	\$680,360	227	2	0.70	0.91
15	Iron Fist (12, Tapit), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$5,000	30/13	0/0	0/0	(Home Visit, \$72,175)	\$651,855	46	3	0.85	0.81

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Razorbacks (college football). That is the reason our racing crowds are so good, because people enjoy attending a show like Oaklawn puts on.

“The track itself is a welcoming place. There are often days at Oaklawn where there’s more people attending than all the racetracks in America combined. They must be doing something right.”

If Anthony sounds like a member of the chamber of commerce when he speaks of his home track, it’s completely understandable, as the businessman has deep roots in the racing community and the state. His family’s name has been associated with lumber and timber in south Arkansas for more than a century, and Anthony himself has been a vital part of that for several decades as a past president and now current chairman of the board of Anthony Timberlands, the largest independent owner of timberland in the state.

His racing pursuits at Oaklawn Park are well-documented: First with the start of Loblolly Stable in the early 1970s and now with his Shortleaf Stable. Under the Loblolly banner, which ended in the

1990s with a dispersal, partly due to his divorce, Anthony raced three champions: Temperence Hill and homebreds Vanlandingham and Prairie Bayou. Temperence Hill and Prairie Bayou earned 3-year-old championships and were winners of Triple Crown races, the Belmont Stakes (G1) and Preakness Stakes (G1), respectively. Loblolly’s first prominent horse, Cox’s Ridge, came along in the late 1970s. A top handicap runner and grade 1 winner, the son of Best Turn later became Anthony’s first horse he stood at stud, at Claiborne Farm in Paris, Ky.

Prairie Bayou was a bittersweet story. He entered the 1993 Belmont Stakes as the favorite, but suffered an injury during the 1½-mile race and was euthanized. Anthony said he was crestfallen and, as a result, scaled back his participation in racing for a short while.

“He broke down in the Belmont, unexpectedly...the colt had never taken a bad step in his life. He had no medications of any kind; he never had a problem in his life. Going down the backside of one of the safest racetracks in America, he went

down,” Anthony recalled. “He had a compound fracture of his front leg. That was a really, really big downer, as it is for anyone. It took the wind out of our sails and we kind of dropped back in racing.”

But not long after, Anthony felt the pull to become more involved again and launched Shortleaf Stable. In the early years of Shortleaf, horses were bought at sales, but today the stable features mainly homebreds. Anthony plans matings with his 56-year-old son, Ed, a pedigree expert. His oldest son, Steven, is an appointed member of the Arkansas Racing Commission.

In 2022, Shortleaf Stable enjoyed its finest year with more than \$2.5 million in earnings while ranking 28th among owners in North America.

Anthony is bullish on the Arkansas-bred program and supports it with breeding and foaling mares in the state and standing stallions there. High North, a stakes-winning, multiple grade 3-placed Kentucky-bred son of Midnight Lute raced by Shortleaf, entered stud in 2021 at Bill McDowell’s McDowell Farm,



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1	Marking (12, Bernardini), A & A Ranch	\$6,000	72/43	2/2	2/2	(Sambas Mark, \$172,731)	\$2,363,093	107	9	1.26	1.12
2	Attila's Storm (02, Forest Wildcat)	Died, 2021	79/28	0/0	0/0	(Thruthestorm, \$141,000)	\$1,665,599	382	27	0.97	0.79
3	We Miss Artie (11, Artie Schiller)	N/A	33/22	2/2	0/2	(Artie's Storm, \$167,701)	\$1,086,999	84	4	1.14	1.27
4	Justin Phillip (08, First Samurai)	N/A	46/26	0/0	0/0	(Just Might, \$64,145)	\$879,495	225	8	0.93	1.04
5	Diabolical (03, Artax)	Pnsd	17/11	3/4	3/3	(Community Leader, \$287,107)	\$821,512	189	16	0.89	0.94
6	Sway Away (08, Afleet Alex)	N/A	17/7	1/1	1/1	(Let Him Be, \$196,580)	\$728,219	46	2	0.84	0.76
7	Abstraction (10, Pulpit), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	44/20	0/0	0/0	(Evacuee, \$109,985)	\$709,122	125	1	0.63	0.93
8	Shame On Charlie (04, Indian Charlie)	N/A	22/8	1/1	1/1	(Milk It, \$182,067)	\$702,010	69	8	1.08	0.66
9	Mr. Trieste (01, Old Trieste), Jenkins Farm	Private	12/7	0/0	0/0	(Corrina Corrina, \$398,000)	\$669,713	65	1	0.83	0.73
10	Morning Line (07, Tiznow)	Died, 2019	33/13	0/0	0/0	(Hoku, \$76,889)	\$478,047	*215	9	0.93	1.34
11	Laugh Track (09, Distorted Humor)	N/A	43/17	0/0	0/0	(American Solo, \$58,949)	\$464,042	150	1	0.44	0.96
12	Comfort (12, Indian Charlie), Double Tree Farm	\$3,000	19/6	0/0	0/0	(Valentino Who, \$166,616)	\$444,306	45	0	0.70	0.65
13	Punctuate (12, Distorted Humor), Marr's Breeding Farm	Private	19/8	0/0	0/0	(Tiz a Journey, \$104,525)	\$373,779	40	0	0.56	0.90
14	Conquest Mo Money (14, Uncle Mo), McKenna Thoroughbreds	Private	10/4	1/1	1/1	(Crafty Money, \$178,458)	\$368,076	30	1	1.20	0.70
15	Mr. Gold Mover (08, Mr. Greeley), Bar Y Equine	\$1,500	18/9	1/1	1/1	(Quatro, \$89,890)	\$362,531	86	4	0.64	0.90

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perennially among the leading breeders in Arkansas. Soon to join High North at McDowell Farm, located in Sparkman, is homebred Caddo River, a Kentucky-bred son of Hard Spun. A stakes winner and runner-up of both the 2021 Arkansas Derby (G1) and 2023 Oaklawn Mile Stakes (G3), Caddo River is tentatively scheduled to enter stud in 2024 but still had some racing to do at

Oaklawn in December.

In Kentucky, Anthony stands his millionaire son of Flatter, Plainsman, a graded stakes winner in Arkansas, Kentucky, and New York, who entered stud in 2023 at Buck Pond Farm in Versailles, Ky.

With about two dozen mares boarded at both McDowell Farm and Arthur Hancock's Stone Farm in Paris, Ky., Ed Anthony said a lot of thought and

planning goes into who will be bred to whom and where the mares will foal. The Anthony family is keen on supporting their stallions but also breeds to other sires standing in Kentucky, and some of the resulting foals will be born in Arkansas. When that occurs, the mare must be bred back to an Arkansas stallion to qualify the foal as a registered Arkansas-bred. "It's a complicated project, going back

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1	Flat Out (06, Flatter), Mighty Acres	\$3,000	165/94	6/6	3/6	(Dicey, \$144,291)	\$4,424,823	526	18	1.07	1.08
2	Cowtown Cat (04, Distorted Humor), Kirton Farms	\$1,500	38/20	0/0	0/0	(Dr. Zarnett, \$110,434)	\$991,880	275	6	1.12	1.12
3	Atreides (11, Medaglia d'Oro), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	35/18	1/1	0/1	(Tilted Towers, \$182,434)	\$941,768	141	4	0.87	1.23
4	Successful Appeal (96, Valid Appeal)	Pnsd	40/26	0/0	0/0	(Appeal Denied, \$128,159)	\$901,398	*855	57	1.54	1.36
5	Caleb's Posse (08, Posse), River Oaks Farms	\$1,000	44/20	1/1	1/1	(Rebel Posse, \$111,582)	\$857,328	*177	4	0.97	0.98
6	Den's Legacy (10, Medaglia d'Oro), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	52/25	1/2	1/1	(Run Slewy Run, \$89,845)	\$765,202	87	3	0.81	0.85
7	Euroears (04, Langfuhr)	N/A	34/16	1/3	1/1	(Fly to the Bank, \$162,217)	\$632,984	210	5	0.75	0.79
8	Shakin It Up (10, Midnight Lute), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,500	43/17	0/0	0/0	(Shakin It Up Larry, \$76,310)	\$603,048	*182	2	0.68	1.05
9	Wilburn (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	38/20	0/0	0/0	(Birdie Be Gone, \$58,766)	\$544,303	*373	9	0.72	1.03
10	Pollard's Vision (01, Carson City)	Pnsd	31/12	1/1	1/1	(Gotta See Red, \$59,594)	\$438,335	*807	22	1.09	1.12
11	Magna Graduate (02, Honor Grades)	N/A	29/16	0/0	0/0	(Juliard Honor, \$40,728)	\$424,647	*283	11	0.89	0.95
12	Code West (10, Lemon Drop Kid), WestWin Farms	\$2,000	20/9	1/2	1/1	(Miss Code West, \$95,694)	\$343,621	35	1	0.62	0.68
13	Excaper (09, Exchange Rate), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	22/9	0/0	0/0	(True Blue Sky, \$69,795)	\$340,059	56	0	0.42	0.87
14	Blueskiesnrainbows (09, English Channel), Sunlight Farm	\$2,500	21/9	0/0	0/0	(Rainbows Are Free, \$56,596)	\$290,012	45	0	0.56	1.20
15	Da Stoops (03, Distorted Humor), Laura Atkinson	\$1,250	16/7	0/0	0/0	(Champagne Stoooper, \$67,427)	\$222,765	*127	1	0.92	0.99

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At left, with his deep love for bloodlines, Ed Anthony uses his pedigree expertise to help plan matings for his father's broodmare band; center, Anthony with John Gasper, who serves as a stable advisor for Shortleaf Stable, at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale; at right, Anthony joined by Gasper and Bill McDowell (center) of McDowell Farm, where Shortleaf boards mares and stands stallions in Sparkman, Ark.

and forth, and figuring out who is going to breed to who, especially when you have some home stallions...that just adds another dimension to the complexity of it," Ed Anthony said.

"We're in the process of selling a few mares to keep the numbers under control, which you always try to do, especially when you have a stable; you always have fillies in the pipeline as well to retire into the broodmare band. You have to make room."

The Anthonys hit a home run at November's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Mixed Sale when homebred Bubble Rock

sold for \$1.5 million. The Kentucky-bred daughter of More Than Ready was a multiple graded stakes winner for Shortleaf and earned \$712,943 during her career. Consigned by John Gasper of Gasper Bloodstock, an advisor to Shortleaf, she sold to Kia Ora Stud in Australia.

"Bubble Rock is the first horse that I sold since the Loblolly dispersal in the 90s. She was such a fine racemare, and so desirable, she may have been too valuable for me to breed. I'm getting kind of old and not sure if I have time to benefit as much as I otherwise might," John Ed Anthony said with a chuckle.

Ed Anthony, an author of two pedigree books and a disciple of renowned pedigree expert Bill Oppenheim, said it's essential to support Plainsman with Shortleaf broodmares in his early years at stud, with an eye on getting the stallion some notice with his initial crops. To that end, the Anthonys have strategically planned matings with him that, in some cases, will result in mares dropping foals in Arkansas and racing at Oaklawn.

"We have a couple of mares who have some speed in their pedigree. Plainsman is a pretty big horse and was more of a mile-and-a-sixteenth horse, and the

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BEHEMAH STAR Star Guitar - Saintly Joan

Breeder: Brittlyn, Inc. Owner: Brittlyn Stable, Inc. Trainer: Shane Wilson Jockey: J.A. Guerrero

\$100,000 LOUISIANA CHAMPIONS DAY LADIES DISTAFF

FREE LIKE A GIRL El Deal - Flashy Prize

Breeder: Kim Renee Stover & Lisa Osborne Owner: Gerald Bruno Jr., Chasey Deville Pomier & Jerry Caroom Trainer: Chasey Deville Pomier Jockey: Vicente Del-Cid

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MANGUM Mo Tom - Bovell Road

Breeder: Adcock's Red River Farm, LLC & J. Adcock Owner: Set-Hut LLC Trainer: Jeff Delhomme Jockey: Corey Lanerie

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Breeder: Brittlyn, Inc. Owner: Brittlyn Stable, Inc., Trainer: Shane Wilson Jockey: J.A. Guerrero

\$100,000 LOUISIANA CHAMPIONS DAY JUVENILE

GOOD AND STOUT Coal Front - Ready Witted

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Breeder: Brad King & Todd Fincher Owner: Valene Farms LLC Trainer: Dallas Stewart Jockey: Brian Hernandez, Jr.

\$50,000 LOUISIANA CHAMPIONS DAY LADIES STARTER

SERAPE Cinco Charlie - Panna Maria

Breeder: Spanish Cross Stables, LLC Owner: Brett A. Brinkman Trainer: Brett A. Brinkman Jockey: Thomas Pompell

\$50,000 LOUISIANA CHAMPIONS DAY STARTER

BOOTSIE'S GALAXY Greeley's Galaxy - Ide Better Run

Breeder: Lorlow Stables, LLC Owner: End Zone Athletics, Inc. Trainer: Karl Broberg Jockey: Reylu Gutierrez



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2023 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2023 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Competitive Edge (12, Super Saver), Valor Farm	\$5,000	85/42	3/6	0/3	(Ryvit, \$624,109)	\$3,151,276	*354	10	1.29	1.15
2	Mr Speaker (11, Pulpit), Forks of the Paluxy	\$5,000	84/35	4/5	3/4	(Three Technique, \$330,876)	\$2,476,255	*364	11	0.98	1.21
3	Too Much Bling (03, Rubiano), Valor Farm	Pnsd	77/40	2/2	2/2	(Bling Bling Bling, \$128,031)	\$1,610,889	389	31	0.93	0.99
4	Poseidon's Warrior (08, Speightstown), Equine Partners Veterinary Services	\$2,500	65/34	2/2	1/2	(Splicethemainbrace, \$142,936)	\$1,504,289	*266	5	0.96	1.02
5	My Golden Song (03, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2022	35/12	4/8	3/4	(Sunlit Song, \$227,192)	\$1,085,945	220	19	0.91	0.95
6	Moro Tap (10, Tapit), Double Infinity Ranch	\$1,000	46/21	1/1	1/1	(Stormie's Blue, \$96,262)	\$761,981	*135	2	0.56	0.79
7	Bradester (10, Lion Heart), Valor Farm	\$2,000	36/18	1/1	1/1	(I'm a Cowboy, \$85,767)	\$760,316	81	2	0.65	0.77
8	Congaree (98, Arazi)	Died, 2020	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Runningwscissors, \$191,055)	\$285,277	*427	14	1.15	1.28
9	Latent Heat (03, Maria's Mon), Eureka Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	27/10	0/0	0/0	(Wranglered, \$40,231)	\$282,519	*394	8	0.82	1.03
10	The Hunk (07, Speightstown), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	16/7	0/0	0/0	(Waving Bye, \$78,076)	\$232,948	41	1	0.55	0.85
11	Redeemed (08, Include)	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Going to the Lead, \$116,670)	\$216,418	115	2	0.96	1.10
12	Uncle Vinny (13, Uncle Mo), Solitude Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Jack's Yacht Queen, \$53,036)	\$204,484	19	0	0.67	0.86
13	Grasshopper (04, Dixie Union)	Pnsd	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Show Me Grace, \$27,835)	\$149,814	154	3	0.64	0.84
14	Crossbow (08, Bernardini)	Pnsd	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Carbon Stryker, \$70,056)	\$122,810	46	3	0.50	0.91
15	Early Flyer (98, Gilded Time)	Pnsd	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Pharme's Phaith, \$32,107)	\$122,098	332	19	0.71	0.86

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

Arkansas (racing) program is more geared to sprinters and milers, so we try to put a little bit of speed on the bottom side with mares," the younger Anthony explained. "We have mares in foal to Plainsman who are by Quiet American and Tale of the Cat and mares like that who have a little more speed, and they are going to foal in Arkansas. It's a relief from foaling in Kentucky, where you're going to have to run against the Into Mischiefs and Tapits.

"People are always looking for a little regional relief for their sires to get them out of the gate and to win some races and just get a little notice."

One of Shortleaf Stable's most notable Arkansas-bred winners in 2023 was homebred Whelen Springs, who is expected to race in 2024 as a 5-year-old. The son of Street Sense became a graded winner in the Philip H. Iselin Stakes (G3) at Monmouth Park. Among the horses he defeated that day was the heavy favorite, the stakes-winning Zozos, who brought a three-race winning streak into the Iselin. Before that race, Whelen Springs finished second in the Monmouth Cup Stakes (G3) to Proxy, a grade 1 winner who later finished third in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1). The Shortleaf runner also excelled at Oaklawn Park in 2022, winning two listed stakes, and was part of the success that led Shortleaf to be recognized



Whelen Springs, who is expected to race in 2024, has been a very productive member of the Shortleaf Stable, with earnings topping \$500,000



An Arkansas-bred Shortleaf yearling by Anthony's stallion, High North, who stands at McDowell Farm. This homebred colt was produced out of Sekani, a stakes-winning homebred for Shortleaf

that year as Arkansas Breeder of the Year by the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association.

An inductee in the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame and Arkansas Business Hall of Fame, and a member of The Jockey

Club and TOBA, John Ed Anthony is also known for his philanthropic endeavors. In 2022, he and his wife, Isabel, contributed \$2.5 million to the University of Arkansas, of which he is an alumnus, to support the future naming of a fabrication space within the Anthony Timberlands Center for Design and Materials Innovation in honor of Peter MacKeith, dean of the Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design.

To say Arkansas takes up a considerable amount of real estate in Anthony's heart would be an understatement.

"I think probably (Oaklawn Park and Hot Springs) are overlooked. Hot Springs has been a resort center for, gosh, 200 years. With their hot baths and national park now, surrounded by a huge national forest with abundant outdoor recreation, aside from the racing opportunities... with the lakes, the hills, and downtown, which is a vacation land, there is plenty to do here," he said. "It's a very popular spot, particularly in the Southwest. People from Memphis, St. Louis, Dallas, and Oklahoma all love to come to Hot Springs. The state of Arkansas is sparsely populated, and there is a lot of outdoor activity to be enjoyed. We're proud to have Oaklawn in our community."

And the residents of Arkansas must be tremendously proud to have Anthony in their midst. [EH](#)

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