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It continues to be a learning curve for owner/breeder Dan Kjorsvik who is a new stallion owner, following his purchase last fall of Nebraska-based Favorable Outcome



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OWNER/BREEDER DAN KJORSVIK STEPS UP WITH PURCHASE OF NEBRASKA-BASED STALLION

By JOE PEREZ

THE FIRST TIME Dan Kjorsvik stepped foot at a racetrack he had little idea of how that experience would influence his future.

Having grown up on a farm in North Dakota, Kjorsvik was accustomed to being around animals—just not horses. After graduating from the University of North Dakota, Kjorsvik moved to Minneapolis. Living with his brother and another roommate, Casey, who worked at Canterbury Park, Kjorsvik paid a visit to the track.

“I was just blown away. ... I looked at the Racing Form. It looks like a

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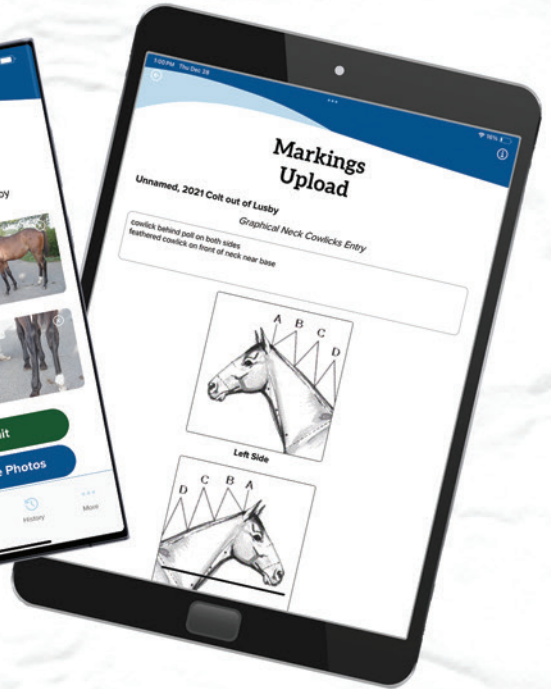
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2023 LEADING SIRES IN ILLINOIS

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOBB,Sire), Where Stands	2023 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2023 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Ghaaleb (08, Unbridled's Song), Wildwood Farm	Private	33/27	0/0	0/0	(W W Hotshot, \$142,970)	\$996,125	67	2	1.10	1.04
2	Forest Attack (04, Forestry)	N/A	36/15	0/0	0/0	(Man On Attack, \$64,671)	\$580,010	127	1	0.46	0.99
3	Three Hour Nap (02, Afternoon Deelites), Oak Tree Farm	\$1,000	18/10	0/0	0/0	(Tahoe Run, \$158,403)	\$420,861	70	2	0.89	1.29
4	King's Empire (09, Empire Maker)	Died, 2021	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Rainy Mountain, \$66,600)	\$169,902	15	0	0.75	0.53
5	Well Positioned (06, Awesome Again)	N/A	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Positiondumoni, \$48,100)	\$159,001	38	1	0.78	0.92
6	Country Be Gold (97, Summer Squall)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Principants, \$116,137)	\$116,901	89	0	0.56	0.91
7	Road Ruler (02, Unbridled's Song), JB Stables	\$1,000	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Jolie Ruler, \$42,498)	\$109,366	135	0	0.74	0.69
8	El Medwar (04, Elusive Quality)	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(The Last Fact, \$42,521)	\$106,495	24	0	0.78	1.13
9	Risk and Return (11, Kitten's Joy)	N/A	3/0	0/0	0/0	(A P Blazing Green, \$49,220)	\$60,519	9	0	0.35	0.23
10	Drill Sergeant (09, Awesome Again), Cahokia Farm(708)	\$1,500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Miss Mia, \$26,916)	\$40,836	4	0	0.49	0.23

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals



Favorable Outcome won the grade 2 Swale Stakes as part of his 28-race career, which yielded eight wins and \$522,818 in earnings



A son of Flatter, Favorable Outcome entered stud in 2022 at F4 Farms in Ashland, Neb., and Kjorsvik has opted to keep the 10-year-old there for the 2024 breeding season

foreign language, you know, just trying to figure it out. A claiming race? I go to my buddy, "What does that mean?" He said, "Well, you could buy a horse. These horses are for sale."

Casey introduced Kjorsvik to Jamie Ness, who was training horses with his father. Over the next year and a half, Kjorsvik bought half of two horses from Ness.

That's how he got hooked.

Since he didn't grow up in the sport, there was definitely an adjustment period. But one of the lessons he learned early on is to not get too comfortable.

"It definitely does take a while because you know, it was a lot easier back then," he said. "You know expenses were way less. Probably a third of what we're paying now, close to it. There's kind of more tracks to run at.

"I think I picked it up within a few

months as far as figuring out the conditions and whatnot. But still, we never figure it out because things are constantly evolving in this game. Once you think you've figured it out it's pretty easy to get arrogant and then it turns into ignorance pretty quick."

Initially, Kjorsvik was just claiming horses; he hadn't gotten into sales or breeding yet. He relied on Ness to help him get his bearings in the claiming world.

"When we first started at Canterbury, we're both both kind of greenhorns," Ness said. "I guess we didn't really know what we're doing. I just got my license. ... He really wanted to get into the game—limited money, a young guy. So we got together, claimed a horse or two, and then we got a couple more, more, and more and we actually for a while had quite a few horses with partnerships."

Ness added, "It wasn't like he had a lot of money behind him; he was very blue collar-ish. We had to do good or it was never going to work."

Ness wasn't the only one there to guide him.

When Kjorsvik got involved in yearling sales, he turned to bloodstock agents John Fahey and Jeff Mackor. Kjorsvik said that before he met them, he would "just aimlessly walk around the sales grounds with no really clear process or system.

"They both let me tag along with them and showed me the basics on how to first address the sales. Then it progressed to defining what my goals were, then developing a list of horses that were perceived to be in my budget and then narrowing that list even further. They introduced me to consignors and vets, which helped greatly to maximize

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2023 LEADING SIRES IN INDIANA



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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)	Cumulative				
							2023 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Mor Spirit (13, Eskendereya), Swifty Farms	\$5,000	129/49	1/1	1/1	(Velocitor, \$223,936)	\$2,711,727	*182	1	0.77	1.00
2	Unbridled Express (04, Unbridled's Song), Swifty Farms	\$1,500	33/18	0/0	0/0	(Corona Grande, \$129,735)	\$821,584	110	10	1.34	0.94
3	Harry's Holiday (11, Harlan's Holiday), Breakway Farm	\$7,500	36/19	0/0	0/0	(Wildcatjustice, \$110,950)	\$804,701	60	2	1.09	0.85
4	Ready's Image (05, More Than Ready)	Died, 2022	30/14	1/1	0/1	(Shasta Star, \$147,100)	\$781,948	*427	10	0.82	1.03
5	Forever d'Oro (13, Medaglia d'Oro), Breakway Farm	\$2,000	19/13	0/0	0/0	(Itzforever, \$244,150)	\$774,967	21	1	1.11	0.88
6	Lantana Mob (05, Posse), Breakway Farm	\$1,500	20/10	0/0	0/0	(Doubledogjustice, \$239,480)	\$646,152	90	5	0.93	1.07
7	Skylord (08, Sky Mesa), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	28/11	0/0	0/0	(Zappinit, \$107,410)	\$596,748	88	3	0.86	0.82
8	Prayer for Relief (08, Jump Start), R Star Stallions	\$3,000	21/11	0/0	0/0	(Berea, \$56,315)	\$412,655	37	0	0.70	1.02
9	Turbo Compressor (08, Halo's Image), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	16/7	0/0	0/0	(Mr Chaos, \$120,980)	\$312,563	65	4	0.84	0.97
10	Ice Box (07, Pulpit), Indiana Stallion Station	\$1,000	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Cool Quartet, \$125,965)	\$302,681	302	2	0.61	0.93
11	Baryshnikov (06, Empire Maker), Davidson Farm	N/A	12/7	0/0	0/0	(Second Exchange, \$57,311)	\$268,350	32	1	0.76	0.73
12	Victor's Cry (05, Street Cry), Holden Farm	\$25,000	19/8	0/0	0/0	(Lilmiss Sassy pants, \$39,742)	\$244,585	147	2	0.85	1.10
13	Csaba (09, Kitten's Joy)	N/A	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Riveting Spirit, \$95,160)	\$241,911	50	0	0.41	0.95
14	General a Rod (11, Roman Ruler)	N/A	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Hobnobin General, \$76,560)	\$218,899	10	0	0.86	1.01
15	Dowsing (JPN) (13, Deep Impact), Holden Farm	\$25,000	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Sargent Hulka, \$76,841)	\$218,849	36	0	0.46	0.57
16	Pataky Kid (10, Rockport Harbor), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	4/3	1/1	1/1	(The Kid Pataky, \$87,410)	\$216,930	15	2	1.76	1.04
17	Elnaawi (10, Street Sense), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,500	14/5	0/0	0/0	(Juancho, \$45,565)	\$205,083	24	0	0.40	0.50
18	Taprise (13, Tapit)	N/A	15/3	1/1	1/1	(Cringe, \$89,005)	\$200,199	35	1	0.30	0.95
19	Santiva (08, Giant's Causeway), Indiana Stallion Station	Private	12/6	0/0	0/0	(Jeopardy Theory, \$82,120)	\$190,991	30	1	0.91	1.14
20	Storm's Eye (06, Storm Cat)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(C. J.'s Storm, \$76,542)	\$166,161	21	0	0.77	0.83
21	Sahara Sky (08, Pleasant Tap), R Star Stallions	\$3,000	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Pickle Feet, \$59,380)	\$163,544	16	0	1.06	0.88
22	Hunt Crossing (09, Corinthian)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Marched, \$91,481)	\$146,656	133	0	0.38	0.70
23	Holiday Promise (09, Harlan's Holiday), Arrowhead Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Jova, \$57,982)	\$146,595	27	1	1.03	0.90
24	What Now (07, Distorted Humor), R Star Stallions	Private	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Quick and Easy, \$86,220)	\$134,018	28	0	0.74	0.72
25	Neck 'n Neck (09, Flower Alley)	Died, 2019	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Evil Intentions, \$102,500)	\$122,155	12	0	0.53	1.29
26	Monba (05, Maria's Mon)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Goody Four Shoes, \$59,455)	\$119,479	92	0	0.58	1.18
27	¶ Qurbaan (13, Speightstown), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,500	7/1	1/2	0/1	(Charlene's Dream, \$99,800)	\$113,885	12	1	0.59	0.83
28	Domestic Dispute (00, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Botox Katie, \$66,050)	\$97,324	*339	3	0.85	1.12
29	¶ Shagaf (13, Bernardini), Indiana Stallion Station	Died, 2023	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Dattis Life, \$48,671)	\$90,834	7	0	1.00	0.63
30	Sky Fire (12, Sky Mesa), Sorrell Farm	\$1,500	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Dash of Fire, \$51,454)	\$86,419	14	0	0.75	0.55

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

efficiencies of your time while you are at the sale,” Kjorsvik said.

Kjorsvik worked with the late Mike Recio for booking his mares, something that Mackor has since helped with. When it comes to boarding mares, getting them in foal, and sales prep, Kjorsvik turns to Jerry Cummins at Equus Farm and Mike Heitzmann at Stone Bridge Farm. Gene Recio is relied upon for helping find yearling prospects to pinhook in the 2-year-old sales.

But the financial advisor by trade who owns and breeds horses, because he loves the game, is not just hoping to keep horse racing alive in smaller markets in the Midwest; he's hoping to help rejuvenate it.

However, it's not an easy task. His day job also taught him a great deal of patience. Just as with financial investments, horse racing requires patience and withstanding some turbulence.

“It's very difficult here in the Midwest, especially in Minnesota,” he said.

He points to the relationship between Canterbury Park and Mystic Lake Casino, in which the casino would provide funding for purses at Canterbury in



In Kjorsvik's early days as an owner, he turned to trainer Jamie Ness for help deciphering the claiming aspect of the business

exchange for Canterbury not pursuing additional gaming revenue streams such as slot machines.

Kjorsvik said that at the time, Mystic Lake was “funding about 50% of the purse money” at Canterbury.

“You can breed a horse knowing that you're going to have roughly about

\$16 million in purses for around 65 live racing days, 66, if you went to the sale.”

He said, “The bad thing with the regional market, you're kind of capped at the top value. If you have a nice Minnesota-bred, you're probably \$50,000 to 60,000 in what you can expect for selling that yearling although

2023 LEADING SIRES IN IOWA

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	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Anchor Down (11, Tapit), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$3,000	68/33	1/1	0/1	(Ibn Toulon, \$264,000)	\$2,075,356	122	1	0.98	1.06
2	Free Drop Billy (15, Union Rags), Iowa State University	N/A	64/21	1/1	1/1	(Free and Humble, \$102,880)	\$972,577	98	1	0.59	1.11
3	Stroll (00, Pulpit), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$2,000	47/19	0/0	0/0	(Inca Stroll, \$57,651)	\$795,279	*397	18	0.97	1.18
4	Native Ruler (04, Elusive Quality)	N/A	20/9	0/0	0/0	(Leapin Ty Man, \$53,089)	\$431,420	85	1	0.86	0.76
5	Woke Up Dreamin (00, Holy Bull)	N/A	22/10	0/0	0/0	(Dot Com Dreamin, \$58,061)	\$356,701	220	5	0.72	0.85
6	Formidable (05, Sky Mesa)	Died, 2020	13/8	0/0	0/0	(Demidanu, \$136,830)	\$332,632	27	1	0.87	0.71
7	Sing Baby Sing (03, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Angel's Melody, \$55,253)	\$238,795	121	4	0.59	0.82
8	Spaniard (06, Candy Ride), Bryant Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	6/6	0/0	0/0	(Gimbala, \$32,413)	\$123,245	58	0	0.81	1.31
9	Kirkendahl (02, Menifee)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Nummy Num, \$13,626)	\$17,386	34	0	0.19	0.44
10	D Mac (06, More Than Ready)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Two Socks Mac, \$7,191)	\$7,191	3	0	0.20	0.40

2023 LEADING SIRES IN MICHIGAN

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	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Unbridled Energy (02, Unbridled's Song), Hubel Farms	Private	30/13	0/0	0/0	(S S Spartan Energy, \$50,037)	\$395,497	*302	5	0.77	1.04
2	Elusive Hour (00, Elusive Quality)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Turning Pages, \$63,586)	\$124,946	103	4	0.68	0.72
3	Gun Power (97, Unbridled)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Peach Bellini, \$1,409)	\$1,409	60	0	0.45	0.68

2023 LEADING SIRES IN MINNESOTA

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	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Liaison (09, Indian Charlie), Boehlke Farm	\$1,000	74/33	0/0	0/0	(Alliaceous, \$76,370)	\$1,183,851	368	3	0.68	1.07
2	Kela (98, Numerous)	N/A	14/9	0/0	0/0	(Lila's Lucky Lady, \$47,893)	\$226,747	*298	4	0.90	0.89
3	Sam Lord's Castle (98, Carson City)	Pnsd	2/2	1/1	1/1	(Sir Sterling, \$90,425)	\$117,915	52	1	0.61	0.75
4	Westover Wildcat (07, Forest Wildcat)	N/A	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Westons Wildcat, \$39,765)	\$83,119	27	0	0.43	0.54
5	Eye of the Leopard (06, A.P. Indy)	Pnsd	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Eye of the Panther, \$22,870)	\$72,096	61	1	0.54	1.62
6	Matt's Broken Vow (05, Broken Vow)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Broken Promises, \$27,206)	\$53,896	70	0	0.44	0.71
7	Ford Every Stream (99, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Sunshine Fever, \$27,740)	\$27,740	159	1	0.53	0.77
8	Timber Legend (99, Storm Cat)	Died, 2023	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Gabriel's Legend, \$8,118)	\$13,798	73	1	0.41	0.45
9	Magic Cat (95, Storm Cat)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(She Glitters, \$3,477)	\$6,017	282	10	0.60	0.87
10	Classy Gent (01, Gone West)	N/A	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Fly With Class, \$3,050)	\$5,967	11	0	0.06	0.26

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

there have been a couple of them sold for more than that. But if it's gonna be a Minnesota buyer, that was kind of the cap."

The arrangement with Mystic Lake expired last year and was not renewed. As a result, Kjorsvik said purses at Canterbury dropped about 35%. In 2022, the final year of the agreement between Canterbury Park and Mystic Lake, \$7.2 million of the \$16 million in total purse money was provided by the casino. In 2023, with the deal no longer in place, Canterbury's total purse money dropped to \$11 million. This total includes monies for Quarter Horses, which accounts for a little more than \$1.5 million.

As a result of the decline in purse money, Canterbury dropped from 64 race days in 2022 to 53 in 2023. It will run 54 days in 2024.

"For the Midwest as far as breeding, economically, it's getting more difficult. If

you figure you have a super nice yearling prospect, do you think you can get over six figures? You'd be better off foaling in Kentucky right now. The (Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund) is kind of where it's at in the market," Kjorsvik said.

He added, "You can easily over breed your mare, if you're going to foal in the regionals like in Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, but the good news is you could breed to those unfashionable sires in Kentucky and do okay. There's Midshipman's here selling for \$50,000, 60,000; Dialed In, Goldencents who's kind of dead at the sales, Tapiture. ... Those types of sires will hold value here in the Midwest, as opposed to Kentucky."

If conditions for sustainable Thoroughbred racing are in decline, markets such as Minnesota will need some sort of lifeline.

That's where sports gambling can come

in handy. A bill introduced in January 2024 would not only allow betting at race tracks, but funnel tax revenue to help the sport.

Without that support, Kjorsvik said it would be a "nail in the coffin" for the horse racing in the state.

Another state close to Kjorsvik's heart is Nebraska, and the Cornhusker State is in a similar situation as Minnesota. The difference is that in Nebraska there is a growing desire to build racetrack/casinos, or racinos.

There are six tracks in the state that are allowed to also house a casino and with construction underway, most, if not all of them, will have their casinos running by 2029.

However, a concern is that in a smaller market, such as Nebraska, it would have difficulty sustaining the sport with additional tracks.

2023 LEADING SIRES IN NEBRASKA



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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Court Vision (05, Gulch), Pryor Ranch	\$2,500	76/29	0/0	0/0	(Wise Verdict, \$78,720)	\$1,261,406	*421	9	1.07	1.21
2	Global Power (08, Pulpit), Morningstar Stables	Private	18/10	0/0	0/0	(Oklahoma Joe, \$118,172)	\$581,640	29	1	0.82	0.88
3	El Caballo (04, El Corredor), Rogers Ranch	Private	8/6	0/0	0/0	(Rainbow Dash, \$66,848)	\$214,746	40	0	0.54	0.61
4	Shadow Hawk (99, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	9/4	0/0	0/0	(R Voo's Taboo, \$38,759)	\$111,324	112	0	0.58	0.63
5	Gold Schleiger (06, Lemon Drop Kid)	N/A	6/5	0/0	0/0	(P R Odds Setter, \$31,665)	\$103,388	50	0	0.29	0.76
6	Loveofthegame (05, Sky Mesa)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Yayasgotmoregame, \$22,072)	\$42,876	21	0	0.27	0.43
7	Sports Talk (11, Grand Slam), Cox Livestock	\$1,000	2/1	0/0	0/0	(J Ps Harley Glider, \$20,813)	\$20,813	16	0	0.09	0.26
8	Sexy Cowboy (04, Orientate)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Want to Be Cowboy, \$3,641)	\$3,641	14	0	0.31	0.41

2023 LEADING SIRES IN OHIO

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	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Dominus (08, Smart Strike), Duncan Farms	Private	81/45	4/5	2/4	(Candlelight Hours, \$237,590)	\$2,457,290	282	13	1.16	1.06
2	Sky Kingdom (09, Empire Maker)	N/A	59/37	0/0	0/0	(Doctor Abbie, \$147,026)	\$1,962,573	135	1	0.98	0.87
3	National Flag (15, Speightstown), Blazing Meadows Farm	\$1,500	28/25	1/1	1/1	(Shadowy, \$155,700)	\$1,279,103	34	1	1.21	1.04
4	Mobil (00, Langfuhr), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	37/19	1/1	1/1	(Mobil Chic, \$118,994)	\$967,168	*237	8	1.24	1.21
5	Texas Red (12, Afleet Alex), Buckeye Stallion Station	\$3,000	66/26	0/0	0/0	(Red Hot Lass, \$99,046)	\$957,198	128	1	0.61	1.00
6	Danza (11, Street Boss)	Died, 2021	51/25	0/0	0/0	(Steely Danza, \$90,090)	\$907,446	178	2	0.66	0.88
7	Fort Larned (08, E Dubai), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	48/20	0/0	0/0	(Indy Again, \$77,520)	\$846,446	*223	3	0.80	1.14
8	Itsmyluckyday (10, Lawyer Ron), Maro Veterinary Services	\$2,000	53/27	0/0	0/0	(Lucky Streak, \$58,529)	\$742,410	217	3	0.87	1.01
9	Drill (09, Lawyer Ron), Raimonde Farms	\$2,000	34/15	0/0	0/0	(Dancing On My Own, \$107,494)	\$559,004	132	1	0.77	0.98
10	Corfu (11, Malibu Moon), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Flashing Diamond, \$118,440)	\$538,823	58	0	1.05	0.84
11	Tidal Volume (06, Tapit), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	22/11	0/0	0/0	(Dew It With Style, \$53,242)	\$472,319	97	0	0.65	0.79
12	William's Kitten (07, Kitten's Joy), Diamond Eyes Farm	Private	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Perfectingtheview, \$50,718)	\$330,207	34	1	0.83	0.75
13	Twinspired (08, Harlan's Holiday), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,500	12/9	0/0	0/0	(Nebulosa, \$61,687)	\$326,367	48	4	1.10	0.71
14	Dark Kestrel (03, Stormy Atlantic), Dave Treharne Training Center	Private	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Kichi Kitsu, \$149,324)	\$324,428	36	1	1.46	1.46
15	City Weekend (02, Carson City)	Pnsd	14/8	0/0	0/0	(Smoocher, \$54,834)	\$321,276	133	2	0.72	0.94
16	Western Pride (98, Way West)	Died, 2020	14/8	0/0	0/0	(Shanghai Prince, \$55,850)	\$293,602	147	0	0.59	0.98
17	Biondetti (08, Bernardini), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	15/8	1/1	1/1	(Twisted Justice, \$79,621)	\$291,407	159	3	0.71	1.16
18	Notional (04, In Excess), White Farms	\$1,250	23/7	0/0	0/0	(Smart N Intuitive, \$61,409)	\$272,331	386	7	0.72	1.03
19	Kiss the Kid (03, Lemon Drop Kid)	Died, 2020	8/6	0/0	0/0	(Susie's Kid, \$61,824)	\$226,815	66	1	1.25	1.34
20	Kentucky Dane (00, Danehill)	Died, 2020	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Lucky Penny Rose, \$101,944)	\$223,668	48	3	1.01	0.69
21	Rivers Run Deep (11, Ready's Image), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	10/5	0/0	0/0	(In Troubled Waters, \$66,798)	\$223,661	19	0	0.70	0.75
22	Birdrun (06, Birdstone)	Died, 2021	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Larsa, \$56,170)	\$177,121	36	2	1.09	0.76
23	Isthesameoldsong (11, Unbridled's Song), Strike Plate	Private	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Pressley Ridge, \$41,606)	\$176,484	20	0	0.85	0.61
24	Indy Wind (02, A.P. Indy), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Indy Carr, \$62,750)	\$142,051	102	2	1.41	0.95
25	Kiss the Ghost (14, Ghostzapper), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$1,500	6/4	0/0	0/0	(R Three Angels, \$71,715)	\$138,812	8	1	1.35	0.81
26	Hostile Takeover (04, Dixie Union)	N/A	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Not a Wild Brat, \$44,635)	\$137,460	36	0	0.52	0.74
27	Animo de Valeroso (02, Pulpit)	Died, 2019	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Animo Roberto, \$55,781)	\$119,212	90	1	0.55	0.79
28	Music City (06, City Zip)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Sarah Jane, \$54,860)	\$107,252	32	0	0.53	0.53
29	Factum (08, Storm Cat)	N/A	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Factum's Star, \$28,161)	\$103,264	124	1	0.51	1.22
30	Dynamic Racer (16, Run Away and Hide), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Oh Glorious Day, \$54,617)	\$91,415	10	0	0.61	1.00

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After a contract between Canterbury Park and Mystic Lake Casino expired in 2023, purses and race days are in decline at the Minnesota track

“That’s always a concern, that there’s only so much to go around,” Kjorsvik said. “But on the flip side, I guess I’d rather have that problem to worry about as opposed to not having the casinos there to help subsidize the purses.”

The Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission called for an economic study to investigate whether additional racinos could exist without damaging those already operating.

Having hired New Orleans-based The Innovation Group to conduct the study, the commission at its January 2024 meeting determined that it needed more information as The Innovation Group failed to

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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	Foals	Cumulative			
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index	
1	Speightster (12, Speightstown)	Died	249/127	4/5	1/4	(Hot and Sultry, \$428,500)	\$7,560,853	407	12	1.09	1.14	
2	Point of Entry (08, Dynaformer), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	111/57	1/2	0/1	(Highestdistinction, \$305,340)	\$3,620,042	*378	17	1.25	1.50	
3	Souper Speedy (09, Indian Charlie), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$5,000	107/59	5/5	4/5	(Rapid Test, \$142,231)	\$3,197,895	243	12	1.58	1.37	
4	Fed Biz (09, Giant's Causeway), HIGHFIELD	\$4,500	147/71	2/2	0/2	(Front Run the Fed, \$174,223)	\$3,124,433	*420	13	0.95	1.18	
5	Mohaymen (13, Tapit), Northern Dawn Stables	\$5,000	99/50	2/4	0/2	(Elm Drive, \$288,500)	\$2,821,891	*140	3	0.98	1.16	
6	Silent Name (JPN) (02, Sunday Silence), Adena Springs North	\$10,000	83/41	3/5	3/3	(Fashionably Fab, \$196,420)	\$2,517,777	*547	37	1.46	1.23	
7	Reload (09, Hard Spun), Northern Dawn Stables	\$4,000	74/44	4/6	2/4	(Patches O'Houlihan, \$301,882)	\$2,454,244	139	5	1.42	1.31	
8	Shaman Ghost (12, Ghostzapper), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	87/43	2/2	2/2	(Ghost Hero, \$217,778)	\$1,968,957	132	4	0.92	1.09	
9	Society's Chairman (03, Not Impossible), Shannondoe Farm	\$4,000	57/33	2/3	2/2	(Paramount Prince, \$566,568)	\$1,902,360	177	9	1.51	1.29	
10	Old Forester (01, Forestry), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$4,000	75/40	2/2	2/2	(Ol' Blondie, \$116,880)	\$1,704,434	559	24	1.37	1.36	
11	Frac Daddy (10, Scat Daddy), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,000	61/25	3/3	2/3	(Daddysruby, \$352,014)	\$1,670,429	132	5	1.21	1.17	
12	Tamarkuz (10, Speightstown), Ballycroy Bloodstock	\$4,000	65/28	1/1	0/1	(Two Rivers Over, \$301,950)	\$1,533,218	*114	2	0.78	1.04	
13	Big Screen (09, Speightstown), Spring Farm	\$3,000	36/18	0/0	0/0	(Cruden Bay, \$184,032)	\$1,004,143	83	3	0.99	1.26	
14	Ami's Holiday (11, Harlan's Holiday), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$4,000	37/21	1/1	1/1	(Lantana Lady, \$141,369)	\$872,328	71	2	1.03	1.12	
15	Signature Red (06, Bernstein), Adena Springs North	\$5,000	25/14	0/0	0/0	(Cara Cara, \$98,095)	\$609,893	123	9	1.32	1.05	
16	Bakken (10, Distorted Humor), Stoneridge Farm	\$2,500	39/22	1/2	0/1	(Floral, \$57,639)	\$578,449	82	4	0.77	0.91	
17	Gamble's Exchange (11, Exchange Rate), Shady Maple Stables	Private	10/8	0/0	0/0	(Mason's Gamble, \$111,915)	\$486,694	16	2	1.91	0.97	
18	Sungold (02, A.P. Indy), Flying Horse Farm	\$2,500	22/13	2/5	0/2	(Infinite Patience, \$126,027)	\$443,438	110	11	0.84	1.00	
19	Danish Dynaformer (12, Dynaformer), Humber Stables	\$2,500	17/8	1/1	1/1	(War Painter, \$110,689)	\$423,531	34	1	1.17	0.68	
20	Milwaukee Brew (97, Wild Again)	Pnsd	20/10	0/0	0/0	(Lady Moonshine, \$71,044)	\$402,707	*651	25	1.14	1.34	
21	Not Bourbon (05, Not Impossible), Flying Horse Farm	\$2,500	22/8	0/0	0/0	(Hemlo Gold, \$69,524)	\$397,081	144	2	0.98	1.21	
22	Amis Gizmo (13, Giant Gizmo), T.C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$4,000	15/9	1/1	1/1	(Zippy Gizmo, \$80,915)	\$386,091	20	1	1.08	1.46	
23	Counterforce (13, Smart Strike), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	16/10	1/2	0/1	(Air Force, \$97,921)	\$374,553	24	2	0.97	0.74	
24	Lent (10, Pulpit), Emerald Acres	\$2,000	25/10	2/3	1/2	(Lizzie's Rayne, \$92,749)	\$356,698	65	5	0.69	0.69	
25	Perfect Timber (09, Perfect Soul), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$2,500	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Talk to Ya Later, \$77,926)	\$325,622	25	1	1.43	1.50	
26	Rookie Sensation (10, Unbridled's Song)	Pnsd	14/6	0/0	0/0	(There's No Joe, \$96,917)	\$316,451	44	0	0.86	1.21	
27	Silver Max (09, Badge of Silver)	Pnsd	18/8	0/0	0/0	(Lois, \$41,872)	\$316,297	64	0	1.09	1.52	
28	Where's the Ring (99, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	20/10	0/0	0/0	(One More Ring, \$55,652)	\$290,629	385	9	1.22	1.28	
29	Ami's Flatter (12, Flatter), T.C. Westmeath Stud Farm	Private	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Rockin Roller, \$115,058)	\$275,317	15	0	1.17	0.99	
30	Seattle Serenade (12, Smart Strike), Winview Farms	\$3,000	26/5	0/0	0/0	(Serenade At Sea, \$42,268)	\$251,104	61	0	0.44	1.36	

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

provide enough detail for an informed decision.

The committee is now reviewing whether to add to the data in the study or to call for a new study altogether.

Why does Nebraska matter to Kjorsvik?

He recently purchased Favorable Outcome whose previous owners had decided to get out of the stallion business. Standing at F4 Farms in Ashland, Neb., since 2022, the early reception to the son of Flatter has been positive.

"I got two new partners on the horse which is going to help. It's so difficult doing stallions. There's a lot of people that have lost a small fortune trying to promote their sire. So, it's good to see a couple of guys come in to spread the risk. There is some interest but there are people that kind of sit and wait back until things really, really happen. So I think the



Despite the challenges, Kjorsvik remains faithful to the regional breeding markets in Nebraska and Minnesota, while continuing to add to his broodmare band

earliest things will really pop up will be two to three years."

He also tries to buy a yearling to pinhook at the 2-year-old sales. Last year, he bought an Echo Town filly and a Minnesota-bred Midshipman mare that

he bought two years ago. He also has a 2-year-old Nebraska-bred filly by Midnight Lute who is a May 30 foal. Because of that, Kjorsvik is preparing her for a 3-year-old campaign.

At the Keeneland January Sale, he purchased a 9-year-old Liaison mare, Glitzy Lady, in foal to Mind Control. After she foals in Minnesota, Kjorsvik plans to breed her to Favorable Outcome. He also has a Union Rags mare in foal to Dialed In that he purchased in November 2023. He will then breed her to his Nebraska stallion.

Kjorsvik believes that if the number of racinos increases and with the likes of Favorable Outcome leading the way in the breeding shed, Nebraska's fortunes hold a lot of promise.

"If it is going to be a huge success, the time to get in is now," he said. [BH](#)

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