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PICKING THE *Top Freshman Sire*

For horsemen, the month of April most likely ranks near the top as a favorite month on the calendar: longer days, warmer weather, foals romping in green fields...and Two-Year-Old racing begins in earnest! Each year, we look forward to the Keeneland Spring meet to unveil the newest members of racing, which oftentimes launches the careers of the freshman sires (stallions who have their first crop of 2YOs).

Across the U.S., conversations are ongoing about which stallion one thinks will be the next champion sire. It's not always a clear standout and it is interesting to see the varying opinions from top horsemen ([Click here](#) to read the TDN article with selections by professionals).

We encourage all Belladonna partners to join in on our own contest of selecting which stallion will produce the Top Progeny Earnings by year's end (Dec. 31, 2022). Provided below is an alphabetical chart of the freshman sires currently standing in Kentucky, including their sire, the number of foals in their first crop and yearling sales stats. If you feel that a sire standing outside of Kentucky



will be the Champion in 2022, you are welcome to send the name in as a Write-In. We will monitor the freshman class throughout the season and provide updates.

Just FYI, Belladonna IV has five 2YO fillies by first-year stallions: Bolt d'Oro, City of Light, Collected, and Justify (2).

Contest Winning Prize TBD. Send Paul an email or text with your ONE stallion selection (Deadline to enter is April 5th), and Best of Luck! Text 781-779-4149 or email pmanganaro@manganaro.com with your top pick. The winner will be drawn randomly from all correct answers.

• KY FRESHMAN SIRES FOR 2022 •

Sire	Sire of Sire	No. of 2YOs	Yearlings Sold	Yearling Avg	Top Price Sold
Accelerate	Lookin at Lucky	124	79	\$6,148	\$335,000
Always Dreaming	Bodemeister	121	82	\$36,543	\$240,000
Army Mule	Friesan Fire	101	78	\$82,026	\$400,000
Bee Jersey	Jersey Town	37	17	\$15,324	\$57,000
Bolt d'Oro	Medaglia d'Oro	167	105	\$145,757	\$1,400,000
City of Light	Quality Road	97	73	\$325,075	\$1,700,000
Cloud Computing	Maclean's Music	110	68	\$41,319	\$225,000
Collected	City Zip	117	85	\$4,067	\$320,000
Dolphus	Lookin at Lucky	3			
Free Drop Billy	Union Rags	50	24	\$34,404	\$180,000
Funtastic	More Than Ready	22	13	\$31,631	\$150,000
Good Magic	Curlin	132	101	\$144,614	\$775,000
Good Samaritan	Harlan's Holiday	106	83	\$33,825	\$310,000
Justify	Scat Daddy	160	81	\$351,531	\$1,815,520
McCraken	Ghostzapper	37	21	\$24,778	\$95,000
Mendelssohn	Scat Daddy	159	104	\$143,630	\$900,000
Mo Town	Uncle Mo	99	81	\$57,920	\$450,000
Mor Spirit	Eskendereya	106	63	\$39,931	\$240,000
Oscar Performance	Kitten's Joy	80	33	\$42,682	\$180,000
Ransom the Moon	Malibu Moon	68	8	\$11,222	\$23,730
Sharp Azteca	Freud	128	79	\$34,729	\$190,000
Tale of Verve	Tale of Ekati	11	9	\$14,611	\$40,000
Tapwrit	Tapit	101	76	\$50,546	\$200,000
West Coast	Flatter	119	77	\$60,838	\$00,000

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Top Reasons WHY BELLADONNA RACING CALLS Kentucky ITS HOME BASE

The Belladonna Racing entity is structured and equipped to race its Thoroughbreds anywhere in the world. So why did we decide to set up our home base in Kentucky? There are several good reasons; here are a few of the most important ones:

- History – Horse racing has a rich history in the beautiful state of Kentucky. Historians believe that horse racing came to Lexington in 1787 and have traced racing in Louisville, home to Churchill Downs and host of the Kentucky Derby, back to 1783. The first Kentucky Derby was held in 1875. Lexington is home to Keeneland, the world's largest Thoroughbred auction house. In 2021, the four Keeneland sales (held in January, April, September and November) grossed \$621,880,600 while selling just over a combined 6,300 head.

- Race Tracks- Kentucky provides many options for a horse to compete at a variety of tracks. The two best known are [Churchill Downs](#) and [Keeneland](#). Both of these tracks offer some of the strongest purses and premier stakes races in America. Kentucky also has Turfway Park in Florence, Kentucky Downs in Franklin, and Ellis Park in Henderson. These five tracks offer horses of all different ability levels the chance to find a spot where they can be most competitive.

- Kentucky is also located in an area that makes it easy to ship horses to neighboring states with racetracks like Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia. While New York, New Jersey and Maryland are a bit farther, it is still an easy van trip.

- Top Equine Medical Facilities – Kentucky is home to some of the most respected Equine Medical facilities and veterinarians in the world. Hagyard Equine Medical Institute and Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital are two of the most recognizable and well-respected equine facilities in the world.

- Horse Capital of the World- Lexington, Kentucky, is considered the “horse capital of the world” by many. The central region is home to about 450 horse farms, and the rolling hills of Kentucky are rich in calcium and limestone, which attribute to helping horses build strong bones.

- Also known for... Kentucky is historically known for its Coal, Tobacco, and Bourbon industries. But it's the latter that has made a full resurgence over the past decade, as the [Bourbon industry](#) is pouring \$9 Billion in Kentucky on a yearly basis. Bourbon tours, along with [Horse Country Tours](#) have made Kentucky a destination for a great vacation. And of course Kentucky has elite College Basketball Programs, especially at the University of Kentucky which is the home to 8 National Championship Teams - only UCLA has more with 11. There's a popular slogan “Kentucky: Fast Horses, Beautiful Women, and Strong Bourbon” in which the adjectives often get switched around.

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RECENT NEWS & NOTABLE DATES

Knocking on the door!



In a month's span, we had three Belladonna runners finish a hard-luck second in respective races:

Salvaje: second by 1 3/4 lengths in a Fair Grounds allowance on Feb. 24th

Postnup: second by 1/2 length in a Fair Grounds allowance on March 12th

Bout Time: (pictured) second by a head in a Fair Grounds allowance on March 24th



The Belladonna family has lost one of our original members, Lance Feldhun. Lance had a passion and love for the Thoroughbred game and life in general. His smile and positive approach to life were contagious. He was a proud Belladonna Racing member and a friend to everyone that was lucky enough to meet him. Please keep Lance and his family in your prayers.

Current Racing Meets

Belmont Park	April 28 - July 10
Charles Town	Jan. 6 - Dec. 18
Churchill Downs	April 30 - July 4
Golden Gate Fields	Dec. 26, 2021 - June 14, 2022
Gulfstream Park	Dec. 3, 2021 - April 3, 2022
Mahoning Valley	Jan. 1 - April 16
Keeneland	April 8 - 29
Oaklawn Racing	Dec. 3, 2021 - May 8, 2022
Parx Racing	Jan. 3 - Dec. 28
Penn National	Jan. 4 - Dec. 30
Pimlico Park	May 12 - 31
Sam Houston Race Park	Jan. 6 - April 9
Sunland Park	Jan. 1 - April 3
Tampa Bay Downs	Nov. 24, 2021 - May 7, 2022
Turf Paradise	Nov. 5, 2021 - May 7, 2022
Turfway Park	Jan. 1 - April 3

Trivia Question

What is the average weight of a Thoroughbred race horse?

Answer on page 5



2022 UPCOMING SALES DATES

TEXAS TBRED ASSOC.
2YO SALE
APRIL 6TH

OBS SPRING
2YO SALE
APRIL 19TH - 22ND

KEENELAND HORSES
OF RACING AGE SALE
APRIL 29TH

FASIG MIDLANTIC
2YOS IN TRAINING SALE
MAY 23RD - 24TH

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PARTNER *Spotlight*

NINA HAHN

What attracted you to the sport of Thoroughbred Racing?

I grew up as a horse-crazy kid in Montreal, Canada, and came to Kentucky because it was known as the Horse Capital of the World. I went to the track and became obsessed with racehorses.

How were you introduced to the Belladonna Racing Partnership?

I knew David and had watched him evolve from Walmac days.

What Belladonna Racing Partnerships are you involved in?

Belladonna 1 and 2

Do you have a favorite Belladonna Horse? If so, tell us why?

COASTANA. I loved her appearance and her eye, as well as her attitude. They made her what she is.

Do you have a favorite part of the Thoroughbred Racing game? Race Day? Sales? Other?

As I had a commercial farm (Lochness) for many years, I lean toward the sales and then the development of the graduates. Without the farm, I am now more of a race-day fan and still have a few of my own horses.

What features of the Belladonna Racing Partnerships do you like most?

Covid has restricted travel currently, so I like the mornings at Keeneland. Communication is well handled and financial information is easily analyzed.

Tell us a little about your family and where you call home?

Although born in Germany, I have dual citizenship as a Canadian and as an American. I own a condo in Niagara on the Lake about 40 minutes from Woodbine. Lexington has been home for many, many years.

What is your daytime job?

I am an associate of Sterling Thompson Insurance, who purchased my book of business in 2016.

What hobbies or other activities do you enjoy when you have the time?

Two replaced knees challenged my riding and I have replaced that with volunteer activities, especially CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children and Arbitration For the Better Business Bureau.



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Around THE TRACK



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