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STELLAR *Stallion* ROSTER



Talking Stallions with Chris Knehr of Lane's End



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and Sales

1 What are the characteristics that Lane's End farm looks for in a young stallion prospect that gives them the best chance for success?

CK: I think we've developed a reputation for standing stallions that can get a classic distance when you look at the roster through the years: Fappiano, Kingmambo, Smart Strike, A.P. Indy, to Quality Road and Twirling Candy, we're a patient farm in allowing these stallions to let their progeny show their ability on the track. There's always a pressure to have precocious two-year-old speed because the market wants quick results, but two-year-old precociousness and classic distance don't always go hand in hand. If you look at the champion freshman sire and who is leading third-crop sire, it's the leading third-crop sires that seem to reach the elite level and establish themselves as premier stallions. They have speed but

can sustain it around two turns. We have a roster that is very versatile as well; several of our stallions have progeny that can run on all three surfaces, which I think will become an important factor over the next several years.

2 The current environment for obtaining stallion prospects is very competitive. At what stage in a prospect's career does Lane's End start to identify and recruit a prospect?

CK: It really starts early on, partly with our bloodstock team and the work they do in the sales, and partly with established relationships with our clientele that have been developed over the years. Flightline was an example of a horse that was noticed very early before he was a sales grad of our consignment, and he was bred by a long-time client in Summer Wind. The open market is so competitive for a potential stallion

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that relying on our bloodstock division and their expertise has helped us acquire horses like Catalina Cruiser, Gift Box, and Honor A.P. both in selection and developing them through their program.

3 Belladonna Racing has 2-year-old prospects sired by the following Lane's End stallions; City of Light, Game Winner, Quality Road, and Twirling Candy. Can you provide us with an update on the demand for their services in 2024 and what you feel are each of their strong points that attracts breeders to them?

CK: City of Light is Quality Road's most exciting son at stud. He has bucked the trend as one of the few stallions whose stud fee increased every year from the beginning. From the time he entered stud to his first yearlings sold, there's been a buzz about this horse. He throws such an impressive physical, it always felt like he was a can't-miss sire. His first crop showed his potential, but his second crop resulted in a champion two-year-old/Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Fierceness, while Conquest Warrior and Lightline look like they have the potential to break out for him this year as well. His stud fee this season has made him very popular and in demand.

Game Winner is just embarking on his career with his

first two-year-olds in 2024. He's a bit different than our other stallions in that he was a very fast two-year-old, undefeated at two, and a champion. He was able to stretch that speed out at three with two very close seconds in the Rebel and the Santa Anita Derby. I expect that his progeny will come to hand quickly based on their forward physicals and his precociousness. I'd expect his two-year-olds will be well received at the training sales this Spring; we're pretty high on his potential.

Quality Road has established himself as an elite-level stallion: Fifteen Grade 1 winners, three champions, and multiple seven-figure yearlings. His results speak for themselves, and this year he has National Treasure, Missed the Cut, Integration, Impel, and Track Phantom looking to add to those totals this season.

Twirling Candy is a stallion I can't say enough good things about. He's climbed the ladder from a very modest stud fee at the start to his current \$60,000 fee. Each crop has performed better as his stud fee has increased, and he can improve his mares no matter the quality. They can run on any surface, and his yearling average has increased over the past four years. He has eight G1 winners, a classic winner in Rombauer already, and I expect he'll continue to improve on that record. He had 26 two-year-old winners last year, and the recent debut maiden special weight winner Top Conor (a \$1,000,000

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two-year-old in training grad) looks to keep the momentum going.

4 How many stallions will Lane's End stand in 2024?

CK: We currently have 19 stallions standing at the farm ranging in stud fees from \$5,000 to \$200,000. Our youngest active stallion is four years old (Arcangelo), and our oldest active stallions are Candy Ride (Arg) and Mineshaft (both 25 years old).

5 What is the price range under current market conditions for a top Stallion prospect?

CK: This can really vary depending on the accomplishments of the stallion and the ownership. Mineshaft and Code of Honor were homebreds and raced in the Lane's End silks, so they both retired here to the farm. The more the horse accomplishes on the track and on what surface plays a role as well. The number of G1 wins the prospect has, the races that it wins, championships, what stallion they're by, physical and pedigree all come into play. The range can be anywhere from \$4 million to a horse like Justify, who was by Scat Daddy and a Triple Crown winner who was rumored to be purchased for \$70 million. It's an extremely competitive market for stallion prospects.

6 Lane's End will be standing two exciting first-year stallions in 2024, Arcangelo (\$35,000 LF fee), and Up to the Mark (\$25,000 LF fee). Please tell us the major attributes that attracted you to each of these prospects?

CK: They are unique prospects in that Arcangelo was a dirt and classic horse, while Up to the Mark broke his maiden on dirt but thrived on the turf. Arcangelo fits a pattern that has seen a lot of success here at the farm, having won the Peter Pan S.-G3, Belmont S.-G1 and Travers S.-G1: A.P. Indy won the Peter Pan and Belmont; Lemon Drop Kid was third in the Peter Pan but won the Belmont and Travers; Tonalist won the Peter Pan and Belmont and was third in the Travers. Arcangelo is by champion Arrogate and from the family of Broodmare of the Year Better Than Honour. Arrogate, a son of Unbridled's Song, has sired five G1 winners to date, but his stud career was cut short. We've also had a lot of success with Unbridled's Song line here, as we stand his successful son Liam's Map.

Up to the Mark is a son of up-and-coming sire Not This Time and was a \$450,000 yearling. He had a tremendous turn of foot when he ran and could close quickly because of it. At the time he was purchased for stud duty, he was already a dual G1 winner at 9 and 10 furlongs. After his purchase, he won the Coolmore Mile (G1) at Keeneland and finished the year an impressive second to Auguste Rodin in the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf. He ended his career with G1 wins at 8, 9, and 10 furlongs and a second in a G1 at 12 furlongs. Even though he preferred the turf, he has a dirt pedigree (out of a Ghostzapper mare and his granddam won the G1 Test). We feel he's the type of stallion whose progeny will perform on both surfaces and fits in our roster because of that potential versatility.



Up to the Mark



Twirling Candy



Arcangelo



Quality Road



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RECENT NEWS & NOTABLE DATES

Derby PREP RACE DATES IN MARCH

1st — Patton S.

European Road to the Kentucky Derby
DUN, 70500 (Euro), 8f

2nd — Fountain of Youth S.

Kentucky Derby Championship Series
GP, \$400k g, 8.5f

2nd — John Battaglia Memorial S.

Kentucky Derby Prep Season
TP, \$150k g, 8.5f

2nd — San Felipe S.

Kentucky Derby Championship Series
SA, \$400k g, 8.5f

2nd — Gotham S.

Kentucky Derby Championship Series
AQU, \$300k g, 8f

9th — Tampa Bay Derby

Kentucky Derby Championship Series
TAM, \$400k g, 8.5f

13th — Road to the KY Condition S.

European Road to the Kentucky Derby
KEM, \$69,440, 8f

23rd — Fukuryu S.

Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby
NAK, \$316,757, (about 1 1/8 miles)

23rd — Louisiana Derby

Kentucky Derby Championship Series
FG, \$1,000k g, 9.5f

23rd — Jeff Ruby Steaks

Kentucky Derby Championship Series
TP, \$700k g, 9f

30th — UAE Derby

Kentucky Derby Championship Series
MEY, \$2,000,000, 1,900 meters
(about 1 3/16 miles)

30th — Arkansas Derby

Kentucky Derby Championship Series
OP, \$1,500k g, 9f

30th — Florida Derby

Kentucky Derby Championship Series
GP, \$1,000k g, 9f

30th — Cardinal Condition S.

European Road to the Kentucky Derby
CHD, 8f

Trivia Question

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Q: What year did the Kentucky Derby "POINT SYSTEM" start?

Points are earned for the top finishers in a set list of stakes races to determine who qualifies to start in the Kentucky Derby.

BLOODHORSE



Construction continues on the new paddock at Churchill Downs which is scheduled to be completed in time for this year's Kentucky Derby week

Linda Doane Photo

BLOODHORSE DAILY

New Paddock for Churchill Downs on Schedule

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UPCOMING SALES DATES

OBS March Sale
2YOs in Training
March 12-14

Texas Tbred Assoc.
2YOs in Training
April 3

OBS Spring Sale
2YOs in Training
April 16-19

Keeneland April
Horse of Racing Age
April 26

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PARTNER *Spotlight*

MEGHAN SLANINA

What attracted you to the sport of Thoroughbred Racing?

My Dad took me to some local trotter/pacer races when I was young and let me bet \$2/race. I won on a 70-1 shot and was hooked. I've always loved horses and dreamed of owning a racehorse growing up. It's exciting to be more involved now!

How were you introduced to the Belladonna Racing Partnership?

I actually found Belladonna via the great photos and updates that Julia provides on the twitter account. Legalize had just won his first race so I reached out to David to see how I might be able to get involved.

What Belladonna Racing Partnerships are you involved in?

I am involved in three horses in the Belladonna VI partnership - the '22 Desert Isle colt, '22 Granny's Drink Colt and the '22 Lady Luck filly.

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

I've really enjoyed watching Vahva's races - as everyone has. Right now, I'm most excited about the Ghostzapper colt ('22 Desert Isle). I've liked the way he's progressed and am excited to see how he (they all) continue progressing!

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

I've really just started getting more involved in the past 2 years and I'm trying to learn as much as I can. I went to the July FT sale, the September Keeneland sale and the October FT yearling sale and enjoyed them all. I really like following workouts and the anticipation and preparation for a race - there's nothing quite as exciting. I'm really looking forward to learning more about the entire industry.



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MEGHAN SLANINA



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

I bought into my first two horses in a different partnership which I've enjoyed, but I really feel like Belladonna is providing an experience that is a cut above. I was so impressed with how welcoming everyone was at my first event in Ocala. The quality of the newsletters and the video updates is really wonderful. I would love to go see the horses on a regular basis, but the updates are the next best thing. I'm really looking forward to learning more and getting to know more partners, hopefully in the winner's circle!

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

I live in Cincinnati, OH with my Bernese Mountain dog and two Ragdoll cats (who also enjoy watching the races on occasion (pictured)). My extended family is in Toledo, OH and I have a niece that is obsessed with animals. I typically gift her horse camps for her birthday and am looking forward to bringing her to the races.



What is your daytime job?

I work as a veterinary neurologist. While I'm an expert on dog and cat gaits, I'm still working on my evaluation of horse gaits when it comes to race prospects.

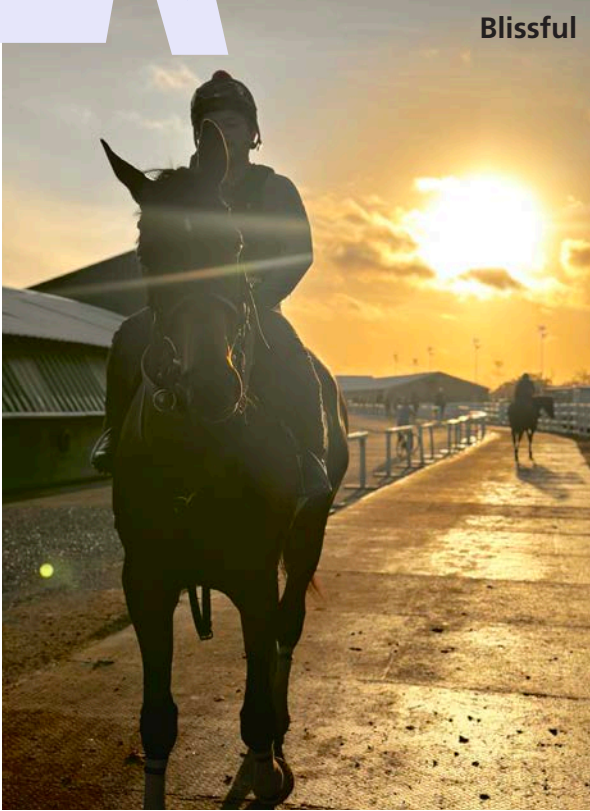


What hobbies or other activities do you enjoy when you have the time?

I really enjoy travel, trying new restaurants and wine tasting. I joke that I didn't have time for hobbies prior to completing my residency, so that's where horse racing comes in.

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Around THE TRACK



Blissful



Legalize



Seaport Lane



Polyrhythmic



Timekeeper (outside)
'22 Lady Luck



Prouver

Mural



Zverev

A: 2013 was the first year using the point system. Previously, horses had qualified for the KY Derby based off of earnings won in stakes races.

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Ahavah



Blissful



Polyrhythmic



Foxfire



Cromwell

Legalize



Commodore

Iseult

